

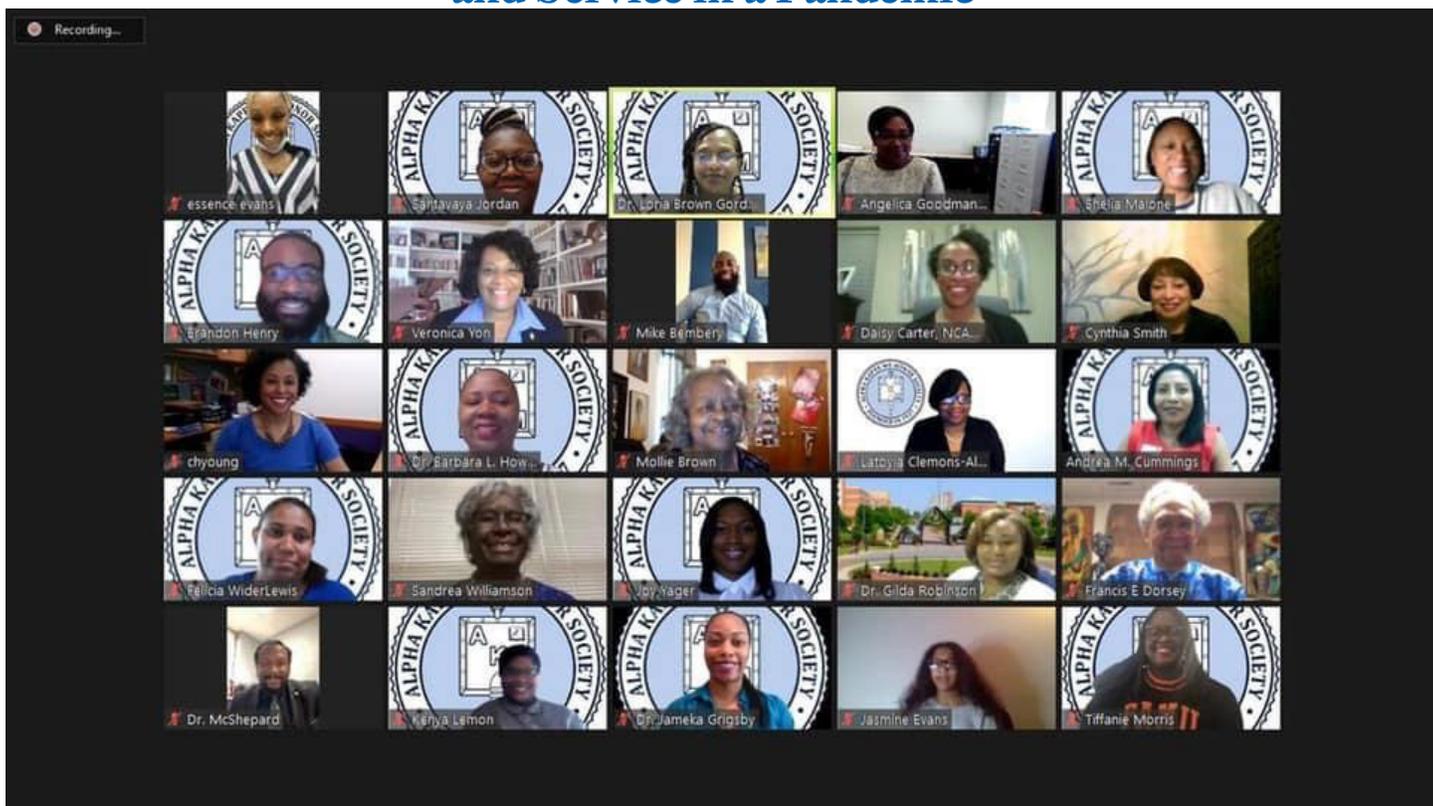


ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

“The scholar...in the right state,
is MAN THINKING.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
“The American Scholar”

Convention Reflections 66th National Convention ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY (17th Biennial Meeting) March 25 -26, 2021 Theme: “Mask Up:’ Leadership, Scholarship, and Service in a Pandemic”



*Thank you to everyone who made our
66th National (17th Biennial, 1st Virtual) Convention
a Success! And a special thank you to all of the
members of Kappa Phi Chapter, Jackson State University,
the Administration, alumni of Jackson State for sharing with us.
What a time, what a time, what a time!!*

APPRECIATION AWARD AND 2021 ADVISOR/REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF YEAR



Dr. Loria Brown Gordon

In appreciation for your leadership in hosting a most successful 66th National Convention, 17th Biennial Convention and the First Virtual Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Incorporated --We thank you--

Gordon and Jordan also received the Alpha Kappa Mu Advisor of the Year Award, and Dr. Gordon received the Alpha Kappa Mu Regional Director of the Year Award! Congratulations, and thank you for your outstanding service to AKMu!



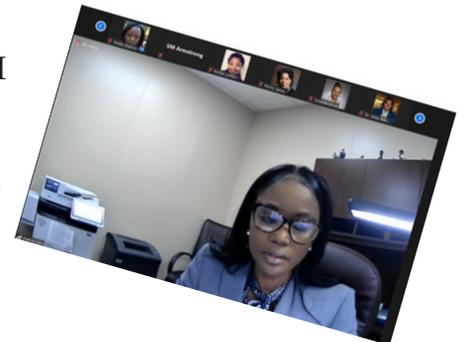
Ms. Santavaya Jordan

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAPTERS REPRESENTED AT THE 66TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

We wanted to take this time to congratulate and thank the following chapters for their attendance and participation in the 66th National Convention:

- Alabama A&M University, Normal, AL
- *Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS
- *Bennett College, Greensboro, NC
- *Central State University, Wilberforce, OH
- *Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC
- *Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, FL
- *Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL
- *Hampton University, Hampton, VA
- *Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
- Kent State University, Kent, OH
- Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC
- *North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC
- *Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX
- Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS
- Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA
- West Virginia State University, Institute, WV

*Remitted Chapter Registration



President’s Report, March 24, 2021 (excerpt)

*Honoring the Past While Preparing the Future:
Reflection, Mentorship, and Student Engagement*

Indeed, it has been an honor to serve as the 23rd National President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. During the first two years of my tenure, I have made efforts to build a stronger sense of community within the society and have offered myself (even more so) as a resource to new and veteran advisors as we navigate through procedures and best practices in the midst of uncertain times.

Perhaps, the three most evident aspects of this communal goal have been exemplified through my establishment of 1. regular Advisor Meetings (fall and spring) and 2. a special Advisor Resource/Documents Page (on the National website), along with 3. more frequent distribution of President’s Messages.

In addition, I have routinely conversed with students and advisors via email and phone regarding membership and induction procedures and have attended/participated in a number of installations and induction ceremonies, especially given the Zoom culture that the Covid-19 pandemic has mandated.

These two years have been quite eventful and rewarding, and I look forward to the next two years of “Honoring the Past While Preparing the Future: Reflection, Mentorship, and Student Engagement.”

Sincerely,

Veronica A. Yon

Veronica Adams Yon, Ph.D.
President



Kappa Phi (JSU) Chapter Black History Month Service Project

By: Torrey Robinson, Chapter President

In February 2021, the Jackson State University Kappa Phi chapter donated many PPE products to Pecan Park Elementary School in Jackson, Mississippi, as well as Famous Black History figure bookmarks for the students. The purpose of this project was to keep the students safe



during the pandemic, and also inform the students about important black history figures. The project received 250 masks, 54 individual hand sanitizers, 4 large hand sanitizers, and a \$100.00 gift card donated by two local Walmarts. The chapter came together to purchase the bookmarks for all 262 students. Overall, this project was a

huge success and impacted the community while putting Alpha Kappa Mu on the map.



Pictured: Lakatta Carey, Communications Director (Left)
Torrey Robinson, President (Right)

66TH NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: The **66th National Convention and the First Virtual Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Incorporated** (AKM) convened on March 25 – March 26, 2021 at Jackson State University (JSU), Jackson, Mississippi, promoting the theme: “**MASK UP: Leadership, Scholarship, & Service In A Pandemic**”; and

Whereas: **Jackson State University**, home of the **Kappa Phi Chapter**, partnered with the award-winning event and conference app, **Whova**, organized by **Dr. Loria Brown Gordon**, Associate Dean, DuBois–Harvey Honors College & Advisor, Kappa Phi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Mu, Jackson State University (JSU) & **Santavaya Jordan**, Coordinator, McNair Scholars Program & Co-Advisor Kappa Phi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Mu, Jackson State University, created the First Virtual Convention that was timely, constructive, exciting and rewarding; and

Whereas: **Dr. Veronica Yon**, President of Alpha Kappa Mu, **Dr. Mollie Brown**, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Alpha Kappa Mu, **Dr. Loria Brown Gordon** & **Ms. Santavaya Jordan**, Hosts, and the National Executive Council have worked tirelessly to ensure that the First Virtual Convention would be memorable, productive, stimulating, and educational; and

Whereas: Jackson State University brought Words of Inspiration by **Minister Vince Gordon** and warm greetings by **Thomas K. Hudson**, Esq., 12th President, Jackson State University, **Jacori Daniels**, President, SGA, (JSU), **Kijana Roberts**, Mister JSU, **Daisia Davis**, Miss JSU, **Torrey Robinson**, President, Kappa Phi Chapter, AKM and Mrs. **Joy Jefferson Yager**, National Vice President, AKM; and serenaded throughout the Convention by soloist **Erin Anderson**, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi; and

Whereas: At the opening of **General Session I**, **Kathy Times**, President, Yellow Brick Media Concepts, Emmy Award winning journalist, Former Chief Communications Officer of Florida A&M University and past president of the National Association of Black Journalists delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking message reflecting the convention’s theme and speaking emphatically on how to Pivot during rough times, urging us to think of self-reflecting questions, how to effect change and how are we going to reach the next level of success; and

Whereas: The Panel Discussion “**COVID 19 Experiences/Responses – AKMu Professionals**” discussed Lessons Learned in a Pandemic hosted by Jackson State University with **Michael Bembery**, Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Investigation; **Daisy Carter**, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the Central Mississippi Area, Mississippi; and **Tanisha Hinton**, Instructor, Hinds Community College Vicksburg, Mississippi; was an engaging conversation filled with words of wisdom from the speakers and responses from Alpha Kappa Muans; and

Whereas: The concurrent sessions on **Leadership in a Pandemic**, coordinator **Shakira Cain**, Hinds Community College; **Scholarship in a Pandemic**, coordinator, **Barbara Howard**, Assistant Professor, Jackson State University; and **Service in a Pandemic**, coordinator, **Bernice G. McKenny**, Instructor, Jackson State University; provided thought-provoking questions to student participants who responded with numerous constructive, imaginative, creative, and inspiring ways that they were able to handle Leadership, Scholarship, and Service during the Pandemic; and

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Whereas: The session on **Using Storytelling and Spoken Word to Cope During COVID - 19** with presenter Dr. **Linda Holloway**, Associate Professor, Author, Counselor, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama, was an enjoyable and fun program for children and adults that focused on black images and hair; and

Whereas: The session on **Leading Through Crisis/Leading Through Change** presented by **Tina Grimes**, TINA Enterprises, Coach, Trainer – Certified John Maxwell Team, ED, St. Louis, MO, under the title “Mastering the Pivot” focused on the role of leadership advising us that “People who succeed get the right information and utilize it to resolve problems/conflicts; and

Whereas: The **Essay/Research Contest - Scholarship in the Pandemic** with student participants, **Jada Hoyle-Gardner**, **Cedrita Demus**, **Aaliyah Brown**, **Inia Barker** - (Florida A&M University); **Essence Evans** - (Alcorn State University); **Jhana Boston** - (North Carolina Central University); **Elijah Brown** (Albany State University) presented 15-20 minutes papers on varied research and essay topics concluded in an interactive question-answer session with members of the review panel; and

Whereas: The presentation of **The Lifetime Achievement Award** to Jackson State University President Emeritus, Dr. **John A. Peoples, Jr.**, who was inducted into AKM in 1939, was an inspirational and historic event; and

Whereas: The presentation by **Dr. Mark Henderson**, Associate Professor, Founder/Artistic Director **MADDRAMA**, JSU, a Loder-Riley Cultural Event, was a video performance, “The Creation of the HBCU,” inspired by a James Weldon Johnson poem, and a riveting video performance called “Emmett Till” based on the real-life incident of a Chicago teen who was brutally beaten to death in Money, Mississippi in 1955; and

Whereas: The event, **Let’s Get Creative in This Pandemic** illustrating **Masks and Creative Works** by students, featuring **Ryia Steps** (Alcorn State University), **Timia Williams** (Florida A&M University), **Torrey Robinson** (Jackson State University), **Joy Jefferson-Yager** (Florida A&M University), **Lydia Makondo** (Hampton University); and

Whereas: **General Session II** set the tone for the second day of the convention with greetings from Provost **Alisa Mosley**, JSU who stated that we should be grounded in our own purpose of Alpha Kappa Mu; and words of wisdom from Rev. Dr. **Karl Hodges**, Pastor, Central Baptist Inst. Church, Jacksonville, MS., that “Success is when preparation and opportunity meets; serenaded by the lovely voice of **Erin Anderson**; and keynote speaker **Abe M. Hudson, Jr.** a 2017 AKM inductee, Mississippi House of Representatives, Shelby, MS, who in the true sense of being an AKMuan, declared that we must “Push yourself by example,” and we must “walk in your power” and “create an environment for continuous learning;” and

Whereas: The session on **COVID-19 Experiences/ Response – Students** under the moderation of Dr. **Loria Brown Gordon**, JSU and undergraduate students **Aaliyah Brown**, **Timia Issacs**- (Florida A&M University), **Essence Evans**, **Jalesa Jones** - (Alcorn State University), **Isabella Ruiz** (Bridge Valley Community & Technical College), and **Devin Dunigan** (Jackson State University) engaged in responding to a series of questions on students and the pandemic providing constructive and varied responses based on their personal and professional experiences; and

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Whereas: The **Chapter Showcase/Hymn ReMix** featured the artistic talents of **Jada Hoyle-Gardner** (FAMU) with a well-organized/structured slide presentation on FAMU and **Timia Williams** (FAMU) with a hip-hop remix of the AKM hymn, was a well-developed youthful musical/rap presentation; and

Whereas: The **Alpha Kappa Mu Awards/Recognitions & Business Meetings** was conducted by Dr. **Veronica Yon** (National AKM President, FAMU), Dr. **Mollie Brown** (National Executive Secretary-Treasurer), **Joy Jefferson-Yager** (National AKM Vice President of FAMU); **Sandra Williamson**, (Director, Region I); Dr. **Fran Dorsey** (Director Region VIII); and Dr. **Cynthia Smith** (Director, Region IV-A) and discussed as well as gave reports from the following committees: Constitution and Bylaws, Evaluation, Nominating, Recommendations, Resolutions, and Time and Place, preceded by a Necrology ceremony memorializing deceased members (**Alisha Tiarra Hickinbottom**-JSU, **Truby Bernard** Clayton-Wiley College, and **Edward W. Crosby**-Kent State University); and recognition of awards and winners of our Mask Contest, Essay/Research Contest, and Scholarship recipients; and installation of Officers (**Tiffanie Morris** (Director, Region IV), **Ayanna Campbell** (Student Representative, Region I); and

Whereas: The final program, **Duplicate, Imitate, Replicate in a Pandemic** was a Tick Tock Dance Skills participatory program that was energetic, “skillful,” “youthful,” and fun bringing all ages and positions together on the same “BEAT;” and

Whereas: As part of this convention’s top participants as indicated by the Whova app on Leaderboard were Dr. **Gerard Mc Shepard** (1st Place) Associate Professor & Assistant Dean, Graduate Programs Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA; **Diana Varela** (2nd Place) Research Assistant Prairie View A&M University, Magnolia, TX; and **Sonja Elise Freeman** (3rd Place) Student Leadership Covid-19 Health Services Assistant Prairie View A &M University, Houston, TX;

Be it resolved that appropriate congratulatory expressions be sent to Dr. **Loria Brown Gordon**, Associate Dean, DuBois-Harvey Honors College & Advisor, Kappa Phi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Mu, JSU, **Santavaya Jordan**, Coordinator, McNair Scholars Program & Co-Advisor Kappa Phi Chapter, JSU, Provost **Alisa Mosley**, JSU, **Thomas K. Hudson**, Esq., 12th President, JSU and all others herein mentioned, acknowledging their achievements, and expressing our sincere appreciation, gratitude, and pride; and

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution becomes an official part of the proceedings of the **66th National Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Incorporated** hosted by Kappa Phi Chapter, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, March 25 -26, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. **Francis E. Dorsey**, Chairman; Retired Associate Professor, Kent State University; Director, Region VIII—Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West, Virginia.

Aaliyah Brown, Kappa Iota Chapter at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Sonja Elise Freeman, Alpha Pi Mu Chapter, Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View Texas.

The committee met on March 26, 2021.

GEORGE W. GORE/THOMAS J. CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!



Jorge Del'Angel

We are proud to announce the George W. Gore/Thomas J. Crawford scholars for the academic year 2021-2022. Each scholar receives a \$2000 scholarship to assist in attendance in graduate or professional school. This is a competitive scholarship named in the honor of our founder and first executive secretary treasurer, Dr. George W. Gore, Jr. and Thomas J. Crawford, second executive secretary-treasurer. Dr. Gore served as president of Florida A&M University and Tennessee State University. Mr. Crawford was a retiree of South Carolina State University.

Congratulations!!

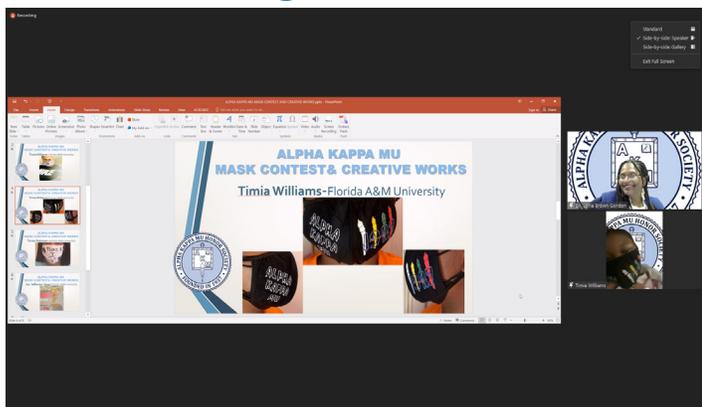


Torrey Robinson

Jorge Del'Angel was inducted into the Kappa Iota (FAMU) chapter in the summer of 2019 and has served in leadership roles ever since. As the 2019-2020 vice president and the current president, he has guided members through inductions and facilitated interest meetings (even during the pandemic) while maintaining a 3.63 GPA in a challenging Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering curriculum. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in Civil Engineering at Howard University or the University of Florida.

Torrey Robinson is a full-time transfer student from Madison, Mississippi. She served as the Kappa Phi (JSU) Chapter President for the 2020-2021 term. During her time on campus, she has served in many other student organizations. Ms. Robinson graduated this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders. She was accepted into Jackson State University's Communicative Disorders Master's program with classes beginning Fall 2021.

Congratulations to our Convention Contest Winners



Mask Contest:

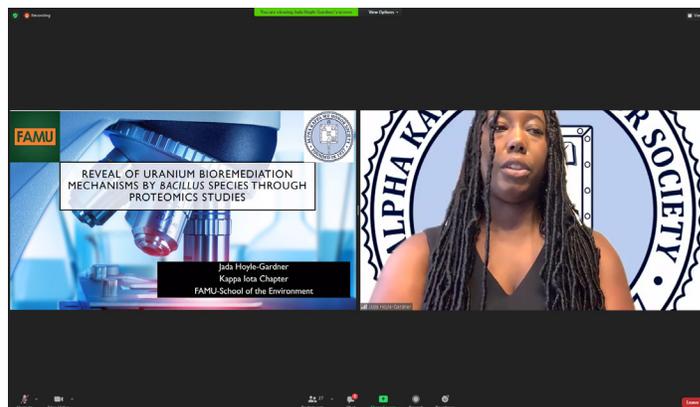
- 1st - Timia Williams, Florida A&M University
- 2nd -Torrey Robinson, Jackson State University
- 3rd - Ryia Steps, Alcorn State University

Creative Works Contest:

- 1st - Timia Williams, Florida A&M University
- 2nd - Joy Jefferson-Yager, Florida A&M University
- 3rd - Lydia Makondo, Hampton University

Essay Contest:

Winner - Elijah Brown, Albany State University



Research Contest:

- 1st - Jada Hoyle-Gardner, Florida A&M University
- 2nd- Cedrita Demus, Florida A&M University

AKM Hymn Remix:

Timia Williams, Florida A&M University

Chapter Showcase:

Kappa Iota Chapter, Florida A&M University
(Presenter, Jada Hoyle-Gardner)

Top 5 Most Active Convention Attendees by Whova App Actions

- 1st –Dr. Gerard McShepard, Virginia Union University, 758
- 2nd –Diana Varela, Prairie View A&M University, 439
- 3rd –Shimarie Starks, Hampton University, 396
- 4th –Alathka Ambrose, Florida A&M University, 335
- 5th –Dr. Andrea Cummings, Edward Waters College, 314



Welcome and Congratulations to our Newly Installed Officers

Tiffanie Morris is a graduate of Florida A&M University where she was inducted into the Kappa Iota Chapter in 2012. She is currently a flight attendant for a major airline and serves on the Board of Elections for Transport Workers Union 556 in Dallas, TX. “My career allows me to take high school students and other future coeds who may have never traveled, to visit the campuses of HBCU’s,” says Morris.



(l) Tiffanie Morris, Director, Region IV-B (Florida) and (r) Ayanna Campbell, Student Representative, Executive Council

Regarding her new position within AKMu, she states, “I am excited about the present and future of AKM, especially after attending the wonderful 66th virtual convention. Serving as IV-B regional director, I look forward to engaging with, encouraging, and supporting fellow AKMuans as well as future members not just of IV-B but worldwide.”

Ayanna Campbell is a senior theatre major at Bennett College, where she is a member of the Bennett College Choir and the College Ministries’ Spirit of David Dance

Ministry, as well as Alpha Kappa Mu. She is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, the E. Gwynn Dance Company at North Carolina A&T State University, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and the NAACP. As an outstanding scholar, she has been on the honor and dean’s lists all four years of her college career.

Ms. Campbell states, “I am so excited for this amazing opportunity; I cannot wait to get started and to grow more into my purpose as a young leader working for and with this organization.”

AKMu Advisor Co-Authors Chapters in Two Books

Monica Valentine, PhD, MPA, MA-TESOL
Kentucky State University, Kappa Mu Chapter

Shut’em Down: Black Women, Racism & Corporate America. Chapter 2: “Departure: We Don’t Get Angry, We Get Equal,” Monica Valentine. Editor: Dr. Carey Yazeed. Shero Productions, LLC. Nov 2020.

Black Women for too long have refrained from talking about the racial trauma we endure in the workplace. Instead, we suppress our feelings and struggle to silently work through the pain and humiliation. This book offers raw, unapologetic perspectives from 23 women about what it’s like to be a Black woman working in predominantly white spaces. After the historic Vice Presidential Election of Kamala Harris, women everywhere have been stepping over the shattered glass ceiling that finally crashing down. Not to take away from this victorious feat, but Black Women saw long ago through that glass ceiling a thick layer of concrete that lies beneath. This is why our story had to be told. Join us in this movement to eradicate systemic racism from the workplace. Treat us right or Shut’em Down!

From Discord to Harmony: Making the Workplace Hum. Chapter 4: “Restorative Justice: Principles and Inclusive Applications in Organizations,” Nancy Geist Giacomini and Monica Valentine. Editors: LaVena Wilkin & Tony Belak. Information Age Publishing, Inc. (IAP), Jan 2020.

This chapter draws on higher education, conflict management, human resources, and diversity management perspectives to advocate for the use of restorative principles and practices in education and business to help better manage and resolve disputes.

Reflections: My Time as an Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Member

By: Joy Jefferson-Yager
National Vice President

My journey as an Alpha Kappa Mu member began November 4, 2016. I was inducted into the Kappa Iota Chapter on the campus of Florida A&M University, in Tallahassee, Florida.

I was not aware of this illustrious honor society upon starting school. There was not any type of paraphernalia worn by the scholarly students that would readily set them apart from other students on campus. I became aware of Alpha Kappa Mu via email invitation to join. I was honored and elated as I considered the thought of what it would mean to join. After joining, I made it a priority to be as active as my schedule would allow. I graduated shortly after my induction but reenrolled for grad school two semesters later. I kept my membership active and began increasing my involvement. As an Alpha Kappa Mu member, service and leadership are important and are key components of our organization. In 2017 I served as the Kappa Iota chapter's Vice President, in 2018 I served as the Kappa Iota chapter's President, and currently serves as the National Vice President for Alpha Kappa Mu.



Leadership is good, but service is a must! Being active in my community has always been a priority. Acts of service and giving back to those in need has always been a passion of mine. Being able to serve alongside of my fellow AKMuan has been one of my greatest joys. During my time as an Alpha Kappa Mu member, I have had the pleasure to serve our community by packaging food for the less fortunate via Second Harvest, hosted bingo night at Miracle Years Nursing Home for the elderly population,

participate in arts and literacy with FAMU Child Care Development Center on campus, serve the participants for the "Go Pink Lemonade Day" Breast Cancer Awareness campaign, gather materials for hurricane relief for those impacted most, March of Dimes annual walk to raise money for research, Florida A&M Annual STEM day for students in our community, and more

The day I joined Alpha Kappa Mu I gained a network of like-minded scholars to collaborate with, and to serve my community with. This has been one of my best collegiate experiences to date.

Belated Birthday Wishes to the Third National Executive Secretary-Treasurer of AKMu DR. ANN WATTS MORRIS

Dr. Ann Watts Morris, the third National Executive Secretary-Treasurer for Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society celebrated her 90th Birthday recently. Her family arranged a surprise Zoom Birthday Party in Greenwood, SC, with relatives arriving with dinner and a cake.

Dr. Morris retired from Norfolk State University in 2001 as Director of Graduate Studies after 37 years. She then served as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Livingstone College.

She served as advisor to Nu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society for many, many years and began serving as National Executive Secretary-Treasurer in 1998 and retired in 2008.

A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Links, and Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenwood, S. C., she now spends her time doing water aerobics.



A DJ Saved My Life: Doing Honors with a Twist in COVID Times

By: Dr. Karen Keaton Jackson
North Carolina Central University

When I resurrected the AKMu chapter at North Carolina Central University on March 1, 2020, after over ten years of inactivity, I could not have imagined the entire world would be shutting down just two weeks later. And so, I was left with the daunting questions of, “How do I ‘do honors’ in a pandemic? How do I engage AKMu students in high-impact practices in a fully virtual space?”

As I assessed the landscape around me, I knew the fall semester needed to focus primarily on self-care. I also acknowledged that I needed to extend that same self-care and grace to myself. Rather than operating our University Honors Program (for which I am the director) and Alpha Kappa Mu separately, I decided that for 2020-21, all activities would be open to both groups, for which, naturally, there is much overlap in membership. During the fall semester, I held virtual check-ins and our most highly attended workshop, “The Perfectionist Trap,” where one of our NCCU Counseling Center colleagues encouraged our honors students, those who usually “have it all together” and are used to thriving without much assistance, to seek out help and become comfortable with not having all of the answers. The breakthrough experienced by many of the students was powerful and so real.

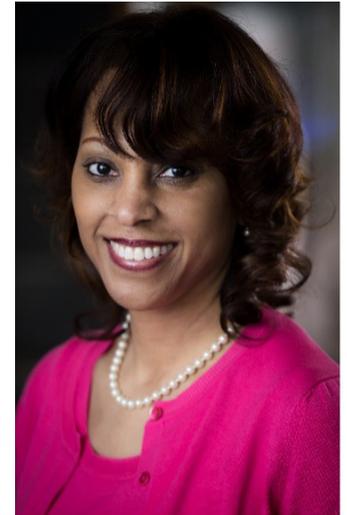
After a full semester of metaphorical hugs and cheerleading sessions, I admit that I felt some students were starting to get stuck, a bit paralyzed in this space of the academic-COVID unknown. So, at our virtual January 2021 retreat, I intentionally shifted gears to a theme of “grit and resilience.” While the pandemic indeed had (and still has) real effects, I needed the students to know that tapping out is not an option – that the competitive scholarships, fellowships, and employment opportunities they were seeking would not except less than excellence.

So, how did I engage students for four hours – yes, four hours—on Zoom? I confirmed a dynamic keynote speaker, Hampton University alum and current educator Dr. Shaun Woodly, who gifted us with a blended academic, emotional, and spiritual message, a student-led NCCU Jeopardy game, and ended with our “From NCCU to Ivy League” alumni panel, which featured five NCCU African American male graduates who all went on to receive graduate degrees from Ivy League institutions.

Perhaps most importantly, the unsung hero who kept us all together was DJ Double AA, a recent NCCU alum who kept us hyped up and engaged with music throughout the entire day. He did not merely play songs during our transition times and lunch break. He literally became a part of the retreat experience, playing songs that mirrored the themes of the speakers and music that gave us a vibe of hope and excellence. The addition of the DJ was a fairly last-minute decision; but, my hope was that if the DJ was playing good music throughout the day, students would get caught up in their favorite jams, rather than logging off during the “dead space” that naturally occurs in the virtual environment. I was right. Comments in the chat were to the effect of, “I meant to go grab some lunch, but I got busy dancing in my room!”

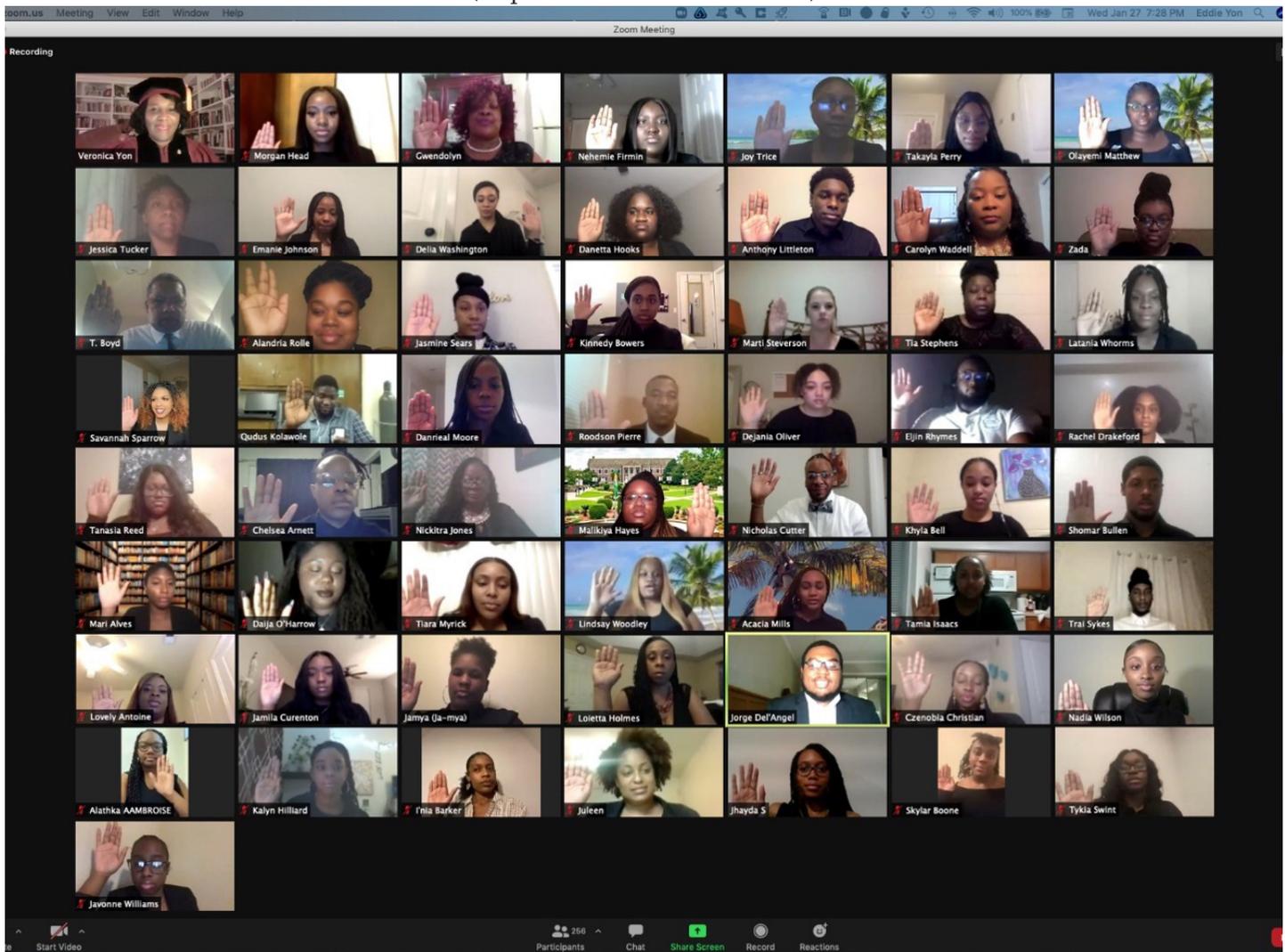
It was the perfect way to engage us all during the middle of the cold winter when there essentially was nothing else for the students to do. Perhaps some of our attendees were there by default, or out of sheer boredom. But whatever the reason, we had over 125 students present --and engaged--- for four hours – in our Zoom room.

The feedback from the student surveys was overwhelmingly positive. Students said it was even better than our in-person retreat the previous year. It was an awesome feeling to know that I was able to bring them quality programming that touched their minds and their souls. But truthfully, that is the balance I aim to strike with all of my programming, pandemic or not – for my students to feel valued first as people, which hopefully then translates into how I value them as high-achievers whom I know will go on to change the world.



SPRING 2021 INDUCTIONS

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Inducts 60 FAMU Scholars
(Reprinted from *FAMU News*)



Sixty Florida A&M University (FAMU) scholars joined the fellowship of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society.

Chapter Advisor and National President Veronica Yon, Ph.D., presided over the virtual program on January 27 with the assistance of the following student officers: Jorge Del'Angel, president of Orrville, Alabama; Timia Williams, vice president of Atlanta; Hashanna Jallow, secretary of Tallahassee; Jada Hoyle-Gardner, public relations liaison of Irvington, N.J.; and Maya Hughes, assistant public relations liaison.

More than 300 family, friends, faculty, and staff logged on to celebrate the chapter's newest members, who include 15 graduate students, 23 seniors, and 22 juniors of varying majors.

During his remarks, Theophilus Boyd IV, a former president of the society's Kappa Iota (FAMU) chapter and 1993 business administration alumnus, referred to Alpha Kappa Mu as a "real beacon."

"It was the most prestigious honor society on Florida A&M's campus when I was at FAMU, and it continues to be," said Boyd, who works for Newport Healthcare in Tennessee. He offered appreciation and encouragement. "Thank you so much for your service. Thank you so much for your scholarship. Bigger and even better things await you once you go past the doors of Florida A&M, and it only gets better from here."

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SPRING 2021 INDUCTIONS (cont.)

Alcorn State Induction
Submitted by Dr. Shavonda Jackson, co-advisor

Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society held its virtual Spring 2021 Induction Ceremony on March 1st at noon and lasted to approximately 1:00 pm. Co-Advisors Dr. Shavonda Jackson and Dr. Jameka Grigsby inducted 19 new members. The new inductees and their majors are as follows:

Lawford Domineck –Criminal Justice, Essence Evans –Elementary Education, Jada Gilmore – Agriculture, Gianna Hobson –Biology/Health Science, Tierney Holmes –Biology/Nursing, Alexandria Johnson –Biology, Jalesa Jones –Agribusiness Management, Seghen Kinney–Biology/Nursing, Desirea Lindsey–Criminal Justice, Patresa Myles–Biology, Kameran Proby– Nursing, Laura Reed–Mass Communications, Hailey Shelton–Biology, Ryia Steps–Psychology, Carman Thornton–English Literature, Jillian Washington–Biology, Patrice Wilson– Public Health, Portia Wilson –Biology, and Benjamin Youngblood –Computer Science,



The Kappa Epsilon (Alcorn State) elected officers for 2021-2022:
President-Lawford Domineck; Vice- President- Essence Evans; Secretary- Portia Wilson; and Treasurer- Ryia Steps

Advisors Dr. Shavonda Jackson and Dr. Jameka Grigsby, along with student members, attended the 66th Annual National Convention and participated in various sessions, ranging from undergraduate discussion panels, research essays, and face-mask design. Essence Evans of Education presented a research paper and participated in an undergraduate discussion panel. Ryia Steps of Psychology participated in a face-mask contest and won 3rd place.

Dr. G. Jahwara Giddings (advisor) and the Kappa Tau (Central State) Chapter held a successful Spring Induction Ceremony on April 16, 2021.

Welcome to the following Inductees: Faith Bazilio, Ayanna Clay, Deja D. Campbell, Esther D. Cartwright, Robert E. Christman, Tayjha Deleveaux, Nathan Duncobe, Taylor Elliott, O'Landrea J. Flowers, Imani Green, Lovie-Afi Greene, Taylor C. Hoskins, Destiny K. Jackson, Ashley N. Kohnhorst, Essynce L Mackey, Kierra M Page, Danyelle J. Smith, Lendeic J. Smith, Prinika A. Smith, Jazlyn S. Visor, and Kentin D. Wallace



Mrs. Penny Speas (advisor) inducted 33 Bennett Belles into the Alpha Epsilon Chapter on April 18, 2021.

Welcome to the following Inductees:

Camryne Adams, Taylor Adkins, Jazmyn Anglin, Marcia Bailey, Carmesha Blackmon, Zamora Bonner, Makala Brent, Carmyn Brown, Karizmah Caldwell, Ayanna Campbell, Myrackle Clark, Gabrielle Crockett, Jasmine Evans, Sydnee Evans, Danielle Farmer, Meagyn Ferguson, Jade Hope,

Aariella Houston, Breyana Howell, Shakur Kemp, Ashley King, Brianna King, Brittany King, Ashlynn Lee, Camille Lee, Iyanna Morrison, Nzinga Muhammad, Ashley Robinson, Hannah Ross, Jaisha Smalls, Anaya Wells, Ajanay Wells-Daniels, and Michaela Zeno.



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SPRING 2021 INDUCTIONS (cont.)

Mu Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society at Voorhees College had the honor and the pleasure of welcoming nineteen inductees into full membership of the Society. Had the times been normal, a public induction ceremony would have been organized and led by the three chapter officers: Ms. DeAngela LaRose Fuller, the President, an Organizational Management major; Ms. Tymia Tanaya Exum, the Vice President, a Computer Science Major; and Ms. Kimberly Denise Eagle, the Secretary, an Emergency Management major. Unfortunately, this year, like last year, the preventive measure taken as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic precluded the sort of ceremony that would otherwise have been organized. Nevertheless, Voorhees College is proud to recognize nineteen new members of Alpha Kappa Mu among its students. The list of their names, their class levels, and their majors follows:

Latravia Chontell Adkins	Junior	Criminal Justice
Kelvin Lemund Callaway	Junior	Organizational Management
Steven Ryan Cook	Senior	Theological Studies
Bradford Jamil Curry	Junior	Organizational Management
Alasia Imani Duncan	Senior	Accounting
Lisa Faye Gandy	Senior	Organizational Management
Joshua Emmanuel Trevor Gayle	Junior	Business Administration
Nyrea Shanques Hicks	Senior	Business Administration
Brianna Nysheema Holmes	Junior	Biology
Tionne Evette Jamison	Senior	Child Development
Raven Akira Jones	Junior	Biology
Donald John Lauer IV	Junior	Computer Science and Cyber Security
Keyonna Sharell McClurkin	Junior	Psychology
Jenesis Aliyah Priester	Senior	Psychology
Cherrish Keona Richards	Junior	Psychology
William Gabrael Robinson	Senior	Psychology
Chinesa Yvonne MonCheri Steward	Junior	Accounting
Shavondiya Walker	Junior	Child Development
Malachi Jerome Young	Junior	Business Administration

Submitted by:

Dr. Leland C. Barrows
 Professor of History Emeritus
 Faculty Advisor
 Mu Epsilon Chapter



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- \$10 yearly for undergraduates
- \$15 yearly for graduate students and alumni
- \$300 for life members (which can be paid in three annual installments of \$100)



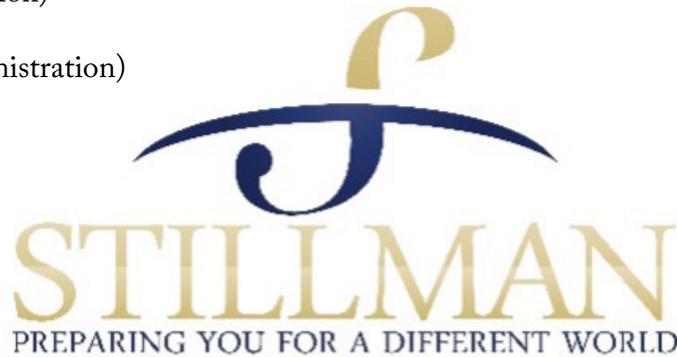
To remit payment, currently enrolled students should contact their advisors, and alumni should pay online at <https://portal.icheckgateway.com/AlphaKappaMuHonor/>. Please include your induction year and institution.

SPRING 2021 INDUCTIONS (cont.)

Alpha Upsilon's Virtual Chapter Induction
Submitted by Dr. Norman Golar, co-advisor

CONGRATULATIONS to the following fifteen students who were inducted on April 18, 2021, as members of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter (Stillman College):

- Matthew Bayliss (Collaborative Special Education)
- Andrea Burnett (Childhood Education and Instructional Development)
- Kennita Calhoun (Business Administration)
- Jalyn Dantzler (Biology)
- Kennedy-MyCal Davis (Business Administration)
- Dominique Delco (Biology)
- Ma'Quita Jackson (Mathematics)
- Alexis Love (Biology)
- Aneya Magee (Psychology)
- Anthony McMullen (History)
- Peyton Patrick (Psychology)
- LaDarren Ranchar (Mathematics)
- Harry Seawright (Religion)
- Gabrielle Williams (Biology)
- Chioma Wokukwu (Biology)



Due to the challenges of COVID-19, Stillman College's chapter held its spring 2021 induction ceremony virtually via Google Meet. Thank you, Dr. Cynthia Warrick (President of Stillman College) for supporting the induction of our newest honor society members. Also, thank you to the advisor of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Rev. Dr. Debra Bass, and the co-advisor, Dr. Norman Golar (Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences), for the support and encouragement to welcome the cohort of society members.

FAMU Spring 2021 Inductees

Mari Alves
Alathka Ambroise
Lovely Antoine
Chelsea Arnett
Inia Barker
Khyla Bell
Skylar Boone
Kinnedy Bowers
Shomar Bullen
Czenobia Christian
Jamila Curenton
Nicholas Cutter
Jamyia Dassaw
Cedrita Demus
Rachel Drakeford
Nehemie Firmin
Ja'wan Footman
Malikiya Hayes
Morgan Head
Kalyn Hilliard

Jordan Hines
Loietta Holmes
Danetta Hooks
Tamia Isaacs
Juleen Jean-Charles
Emanie Johnson
Nickitra Jones
Paula Joseph
Qudus Kolawole
Anthony Littleton
Olayemi Matthew
Gwendolyn McGee
Acacia Mills
Danrieal Moore
Tiara Myrick
Daija O'Harrow
Dejana Oliver
Takayla Perry
Roodson Pierre
Tanasia Reed

Eljin Rhymes
Alandria Rolle
Jasmine Sears
Savannah Sparrow
Meghan Spencer
Tia Stephens
Martina Steverson
Jhayda Sykes
Trai'Von Sykes
Tykia Swint
Joy Trice
Jessica Tucker
Carolyn Waddell
Alexis Walker
Delia Washington
Zada Washington
Latania Whorms
Javonne Williams
Nadia Wilson
Lindsay Woodley

LONGEVITY AWARDS/CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Presented to the following individuals in recognition of Contribution to the Development of the Society and as a Token of Appreciation for continued interest in, and loyalty to, the organization of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

Thirteen Years of Service:

- Dr. Veronica Adams Yon, Florida A&M University
Kappa Iota Chapter
- Dr. Samuel Hoff, Delaware State University
Mu Alpha Chapter

Fifteen Years of Service:

- Dr. Sonya Armstrong, West Virginia State University
Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter
- Mrs. Penny H. Speas, Bennett College
Alpha Epsilon Chapter

Twenty Years of Service:

- Mrs. Suprena Duncan, Rust College
Mu Theta Chapter
- Mrs. Sandra Williamson, Retiree: North Carolina A&T
State University
Gamma Tau Chapter

Twenty-Four Years of Service:

- Dr. Milford A. Jeremiah, Morgan State University Pi
Lambda Psi Chapter

Twenty-Five Years of Service:

- Dr. Ruby Broadway, Dillard University
Delta Eta Sigma Chapter
- Dr. Joan S. Langdon, Bowie State University
Mu Gamma Chapter

Twenty-Six Years of Service:

- Dr. Cynthia Smith, Retiree Alabama A&M University
Kappa Sigma Chapter

Thirty-Five Years of Service:

- Dr. Mollie B. Brown, Retiree, Albany State University
Alpha Iota Chapter

Thirty-Six Years of Service:

- Mrs. Marlene Robinson, Retiree, Xavier University
Zeta Phi Rho Chapter
- Dr. Fran Dorsey, Retiree, Kent State University
Mu Mu Chapter



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INDUCTIONS REPORT

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2020 INDUCTIONS (MAY 17 – DECEMBER)
TOTAL INDUCTIONS: 191

REGION IV-A (ALABAMA) DR. CYNTHIA SMITH, DIRECTOR Beta Tau Upsilon, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL Dr. Cassandra Thomas, Advisor October 29, 2020	31
REGION VI-B (MISSISSIPPI) DR. LORIA BROWN GORDON, DIRECTOR Kappa Phi, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS Dr. Loria Brown Gordon, Advisor Ms. Santavaya Jordan, Co-Advisor October 26, 2020	36
REGION VII (OKLAHOMA, TEXAS) DR. SONYA ARMSTRONG, DIRECTOR Alpha Pi Mu, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX Dr. Quincy Moore, Advisor Ms. Kim Ingram, Co-Advisor November 20, 2020	103
REGION VIII (IOWA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, MICHIGAN) DR. FRAN DORSEY, DIRECTOR Mu Upsilon, Grand View University, Des Moines, IA Dr. Andrea Wilson, Advisor November 17, 2020 (Chartered)	11
REGION IV-B (FLORIDA) DR. MAKISHA CHEEKS, DIRECTOR Mu Phi, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, FL Dr. Andrea M. Cummings, Co-Advisor Dr. Felicia Wider Lewis, Co-Advisor December 07, 2020 (Installed/Chartered)	10
LIFE MEMBERS 2020 Dr. Veronica Adams Yon – Kappa Iota, Florida A&M University Dr. Kenya Lemon – Alpha Iota, Albany State University Brandon Henry – Alpha Iota, Albany State University	

2021 INDUCTIONS (JANUARY – MAY 5)
TOTAL INDUCTIONS: 359

REGION II -B VIRGINIA) DR. GERARD MCSHEPARD, DIRECTOR Kappa Delta, University, Hampton, VA Dr. Karima Jeffrey, Advisor January 26, 2021	13
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REGION VI-B (MISSISSIPPI) DR. LORIA BROWN GORDON, DIRECTOR Kappa Phi, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS Dr. Loria Brown Gordon, Advisor Ms. Santavaya Jordan, Co-Advisor March 22, 2021	8	2 Honorary
REGION I (NORTH CAROLINA) MRS. SANDREA WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR Kappa Gamma, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC Dr. Karen Keaton Jackson, Advisor March 7, 2021	83	
REGION II-A (DELAWARE AND MARYLAND) DR. GERARD MCSHEPARD, DIRECTOR Mu Alpha, Delaware State University, Dover, Delaware Dr. Samuel Hoff, Advisor April 16, 2021	2	
REGION VIII (IOWA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, MICHIGAN) DR. FRAN DORSEY, DIRECTOR Alpha Delta Sigma, Institute, WV Dr. Sonya Armstrong, Advisor March 13, 2021	10	
REGION V-B (SOUTH CAROLINA) DR. CAROLETTA SHULER IVEY, DIRECTOR Mu Epsilon, Voorhees College, Denmark, SC Dr. Leland C. Barrows, Advisor April 12, 2021	19	
REGION VIII (IOWA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, MICHIGAN) DR. FRAN DORSEY, DIRECTOR Kappa Tau, Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio Dr. G. Jahwara Giddings, Advisor April 16, 2021	21	
REGION IV-A (ALABAMA) DR. CYNTHIA SMITH, DIRECTOR Alpha Upsilon, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL Dr. Norman Golar, Advisor Dr. Debra Bass, Co-Advisor April 11, 2021	15	
REGION V-B (SOUTH CAROLINA) DR. CAROLETTA SHULER IVEY, DIRECTOR Alpha Theta, Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC Dr. Caroletta S. Shuler Ivey, Advisor April 16, 2021	31	
REGION I (NORTH CAROLINA) MRS. SANDREA WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR Alpha Epsilon, Bennett College, Greensboro, NC Mrs. Penny H. Speas, Advisor April 18, 2021	34	

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Mu Beta, Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD
Ms. De Chelle L. Forbes, Advisor
Paul Gass, Co-Advisot
May 5, 2021 9

REGION III-A (ARKANSAS) MRS. SHANNON CLOWNEY JOHNSON, DIRECTOR
Alpha Beta Tau, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Mrs. Annette Williams-Fields, Advisor
April 27, 2021 13

REGION V-B (GEORGIA) BRANDON HENRY, DIRECTOR
Alpha Iota, Albany State University
Dr. Kenya Lemon, Advisor
Brandon Henry, Co-Advisor
March 3, 2021 19

LIFE MEMBERS 2021
Horace Alexander Young, Alpha Beta , Texas Southern University
Peggy A. Johnson, Kappa Mu, Wiley College
Dr. Phaedra Thomas, Alpha Iota, Albany State University

HONORARY MEMBERS 2021
Dr. Loria Brown Gordon, Kappa Phi, Jackson State University
Ms. Santavaya Jordan, Kappa Phi, Jackson State University

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IN MEMORIAM

*We pay tribute to fellow Alpha Kappa Muans who have passed away.
Each Muon was memorialized at our 66th National Convention.*

Ms. Alisha Tiarra Hickenbottom, Jackson State University

September 30, 1995~ November 23, 2019

Alisha attended Lafayette High School and graduated with the class of 2014. While in high school, she was a member of the ROTC, and member of the track team, band, flag team and participated in numerous other school activities. After graduation, she transitioned into the United States Army Reserve as a Private First Class officer. Alisha attended Holmes Community College where she received an Associated of Arts Degree and was currently a senior at Jackson State University where she was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. She was currently employed as a teacher's assistant in Jackson Public School System.



Dr. Truby Bernard Clayton, Wiley College

October 30, 1945 –April 1, 2020

During his 42-year tenure at Wiley College, Dr. Clayton held many positions, which include chairperson of music education. Dr. Clayton served on many committees including Religious Emphasis Week Committee, Founder's Committee, Baccalaureate Committee, and Commencement Committee. He also served as Regional Director VII of Alpha Kappa Mu and Chapter Advisor. We will forever cherish the occasions on which he beautifully played and sang our national hymn.



Dr. Edward W. Crosby, Kent State University

November 4, 1932 –Feb. 10, 2021

During his 25 years at Kent, Dr. Crosby organized the world's first Black History Month celebration and engaged in a number of other educational innovations, including curricular holism, the use of cable and closed circuit TV in the classroom and the use of desktop computers in the office and the classroom before any other departments at Kent and many other Black Studies departments nationwide. He served as Chapter Advisor from 1985-86.



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