



ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
“The American Scholar”

They're Back AKMu Regional Meetings!!

In March and April, Alpha Kappa Mu ushered in the return of its regional meetings. National President, Veronica Yon, Ph.D., noted that “in earlier years, these gatherings were a means by which members could stay connected between biennial conventions” (President’s Message, Feb. 2022). She adds, “It is so important that we reintroduce these mini-conferences to build community and continuity within the society.”

Regional meetings provide additional leadership, networking, and educational opportunities. In addition, video conferencing platforms, like Zoom, make it easier for directors and advisors to reinitiate the time-honored tradition.

Thank you to all directors, advisors, and members who facilitated and/or participated in our regional events. We are off to a great start!

Hats off to the following regions!

Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, & Georgia (See pages 3,4, & 6)



Plan Now to Attend the 2023 National Convention Hosted by Albany State University

Even though the details are not finalized, your chapter can plan now to attend the 2023 convention. Some items to consider...

- Chapter Registration - Each chapter is asked to remit the registration fee, even if no delegates attend.
- Individual Registration - All attendees, including advisors, will need to pay the member registration fee. The 2023 fee will be announced in the fall.
- Delegate Selection - Each chapter should begin polling its membership to see who is interested in attending the convention. We need to have fuller representation, so please bring as many members as possible.
- Funding Sources - Other convention costs include rooms, transportation, and meals. Some meals will be covered through the hotel and convention registration fees. Please consider fundraising activities and financial support from your university (ex. Academic Affairs, Student Activities) as viable options for offsetting convention costs.

The key is to start planning now!



Alpha Upsilon's 2021-2022 Activities

Submitted by Dr. Norman Golar, co-advisor, Stillman College

Sunday, November 14, 2021, the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society held an induction ceremony for ten new members:

- o Roulan Abunahla (major: Business Administration)
- o Jamar Chandler (major: Business Administration)
- o Brittany Christopher (major: Psychology)
- o Jakeela Davis (major: Physical Education)
- o Jamarcus Jones (major: Criminal Justice)
- o Melissa Mason (major: Chemistry)
- o Olivia Mosley (major: Biology)
- o Lakeymeshia Townsend (major: Elementary Education)
- o Jada Watts (major: Criminal Justice)
- o Krislan Witherspoon (major: Biology)



In December of 2021, Alpha Upsilon Chapter donated blankets and toiletries to the Forest Manor Nursing Home and Hospice of West Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Pictured are chapter members Miss Kennedy-MyCal Davis, Mr. Anthony McMullen, and Ms. Jalyn Dantzler. Miss Dantzler, a senior biology major, expressed, "I am glad to be a member of such a prestigious honor society and blessed to be able to put a smile on someone else's face and warm their hearts. The masks hid the smiles, but it shined in their eyes. I was able to write a note in honor of all the patients in hospice and put it on the Christmas tree."

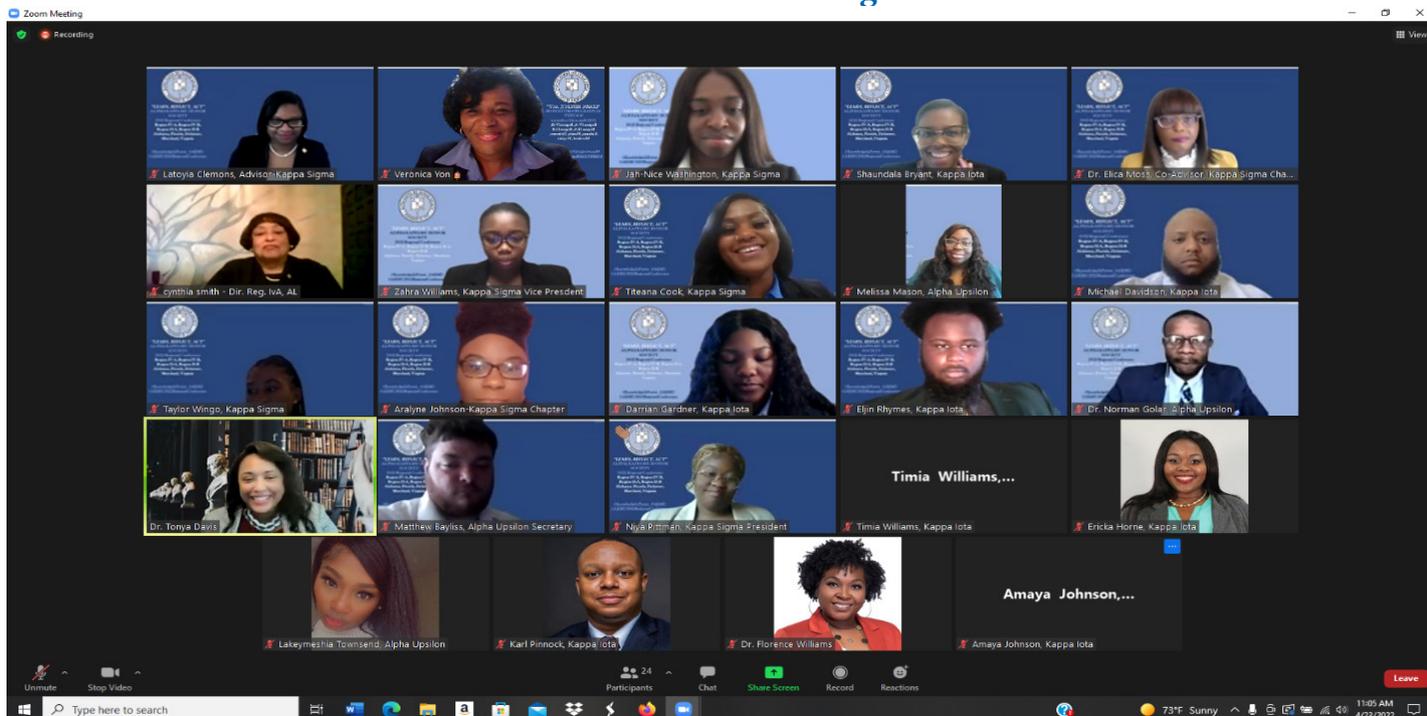
During the week of February 21-25, 2022, in preparation for Mid-Semester Examinations (February 28-March 4, 2022), the Alpha Upsilon Chapter offered tutoring services at the college's Academic Success Center. AKMu members provided tutoring services in music, mathematics, writing, and accounting to their fellow Stillmanites as part of the chapter's effort to assist with study week.

Stay well and blessed,

Norman Golar, M.F.A., Ph.D., ACUE | Dean
 School of Arts and Sciences
 & Associate Professor of English Co-Advisor, Alpha Upsilon Chapter
 Stillman College



AKMu Regional Meetings Alabama and Florida Regions



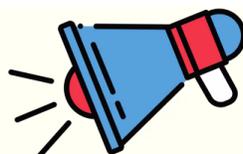
On April 23, 2022, Alabama (Region IV-A) invited Florida (Region IV-B), as well as Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia (Region II) for a joint conference. Hosted by the Kappa Sigma Chapter of Alabama A&M University and themed “Learn, Reflect, Act,” the meeting was called to order by Ms. Nija Pittman, host chapter president. Host Advisor Ms. Latoyia Clemons, National President Dr. Veronica Yon, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Mollie Brown, all provided greetings. Dr. Cynthia Smith gave the Alabama Regional Director’s Address.

The Kappa Iota (Florida A&M University) Chapter led an ice breaker activity, and the Kappa Sigma (Alabama A&M University) Chapter opened the floor for a campus relations conversation, moderated by Zahra Williams (vice president) and Taylor Wingo.

The first workshop, “Leadership and Social Media,” was facilitated by Dr. Florence O. Williams, Manager of STEM Partnerships and Solutions for the National Math and Science Institute. The second presentation, titled “Emotional Intelligence and Self Care as a Leader,” was delivered by Dr. Tonya Davis, Assistant Professor and Director of Psychology and Counseling at Alabama A&M University.

The conference concluded with remarks and door prizes for the first to register (Darrien Gardner, FAMU), the first to log in (Karl Pinnock, FAMU), and the first to share AKMu’s date of incorporation (Michael Davidson, FAMU).

Your Personal Brand **MATTERS**

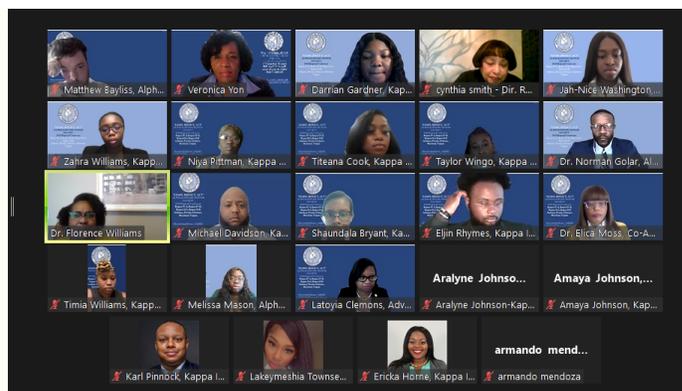


What is a "personal brand"?

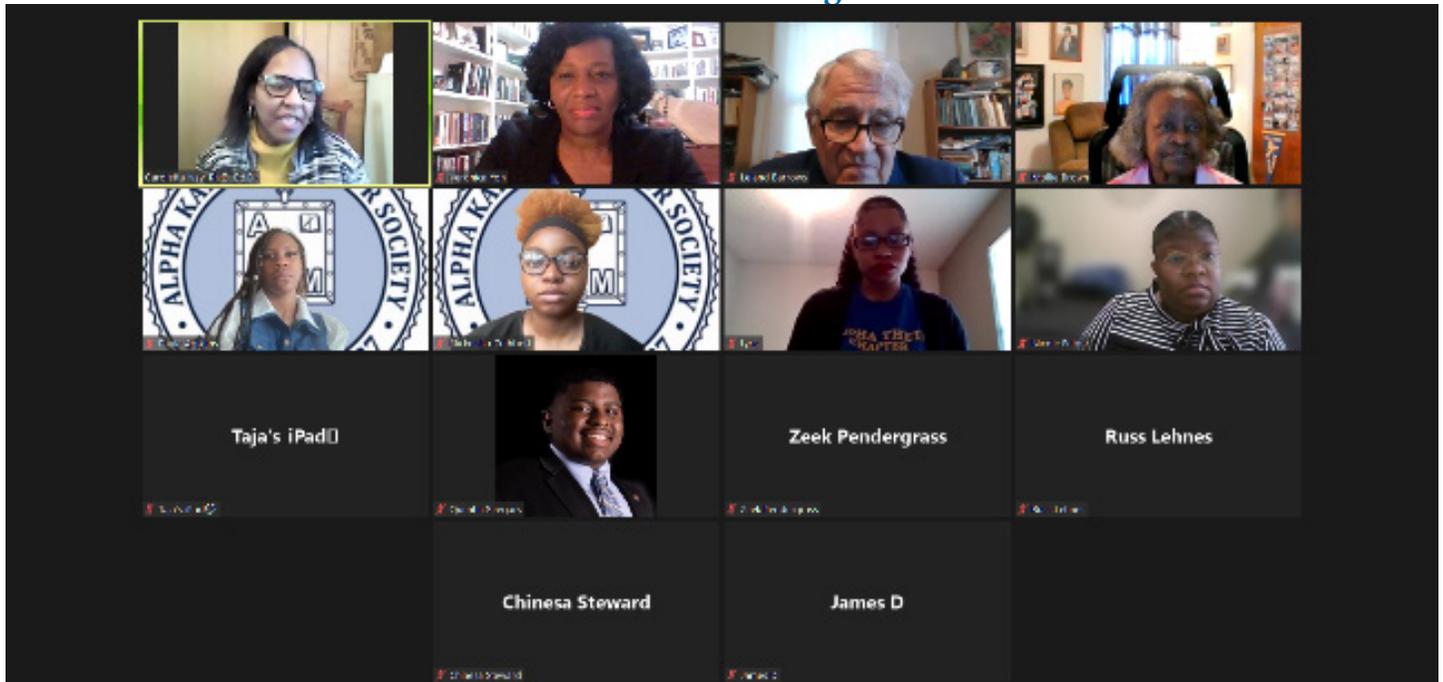
- the expertise, experience, and personality that you want everyone else to see about you

Why is your personal brand important?

- emphasize your strengths and passions to help set you apart from everyone else



AKMu Regional Meetings South Carolina Region



On March 26, 2022, South Carolina (Region V-B) held its biennial meeting. The event was hosted by the Alpha Theta Chapter, Clafin University, and included greetings by host chapter president, Ms. Paula Abrams and a “State of the Region” address by Dr. Caroletta Ivey, regional director.

Guest speakers, FBI Supervisory Special Agents James DeLoatch and Russell Lehnes (Columbia, SC), shared engaging presentations on civil rights and domestic terrorism, respectively. Other sessions, led by Alpha Theta alums (Nicole Felder and Lyric Darcus), addressed “Undergraduate Partnerships across Campuses” and “Life after Graduation – The Forming of Alumni Circles.” Felder and Darcus both served as chapter vice presidents during their times at Clafin.

Dr. Ivey concluded the meeting with announcements and remarks.



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date on all things AKM!**

**Thank you, Ms. Ayanna Campbell,
Social Media Coordinator
and Student Representative
(Bennett College) to the
AKM Executive Council,
for moving us forward!**

AKMuans selected as ColorComm Next Gen HBCU Fellows

Two AKUans from Florida A&M University were selected to participate in the 2022 ColorComm Next Gen HBCU Fellows Program. The students are Alea Mexile, a senior broadcast journalism major from McDonough, GA, and Tanasia Reed, a senior public relations major from Tampa, FL

“The ColorComm NextGen HBCU Fellowship is a one-of-a-kind virtual recruiting event with the purpose to connect the best and the brightest HBCU students with Fortune 500 companies in the marketing, advertising, communications, media, digital, broadcast, journalism and public relations industry. This virtual recruiting event will bring together an exclusive group of Next Generation HBCU student leaders with the goal to educate and recruit for internships and full-time employment” (colorcommhbcufellows.com).

According to Mexile, “Being selected as a ColorComm NextGen HBCU Fellow for the 2022 school year has been one of the highlights of my academic career. I’m so excited to learn from other like-minded women who are entering the realm of media and professional development.”



Alea Mexile

“The 5th Annual ColorComm NextGen Fellows program, is a one-year program that provides mentorship, training, and professional development. Students will be connected to the most promising HBCU students across the nation and will begin to develop a network of peers who are pursuing similar paths. Additionally, students will be connected to previous ColorComm NextGen Fellows classes for opportunities to build relationships, resources, and further learning” (colorcommhbcufellows.com).



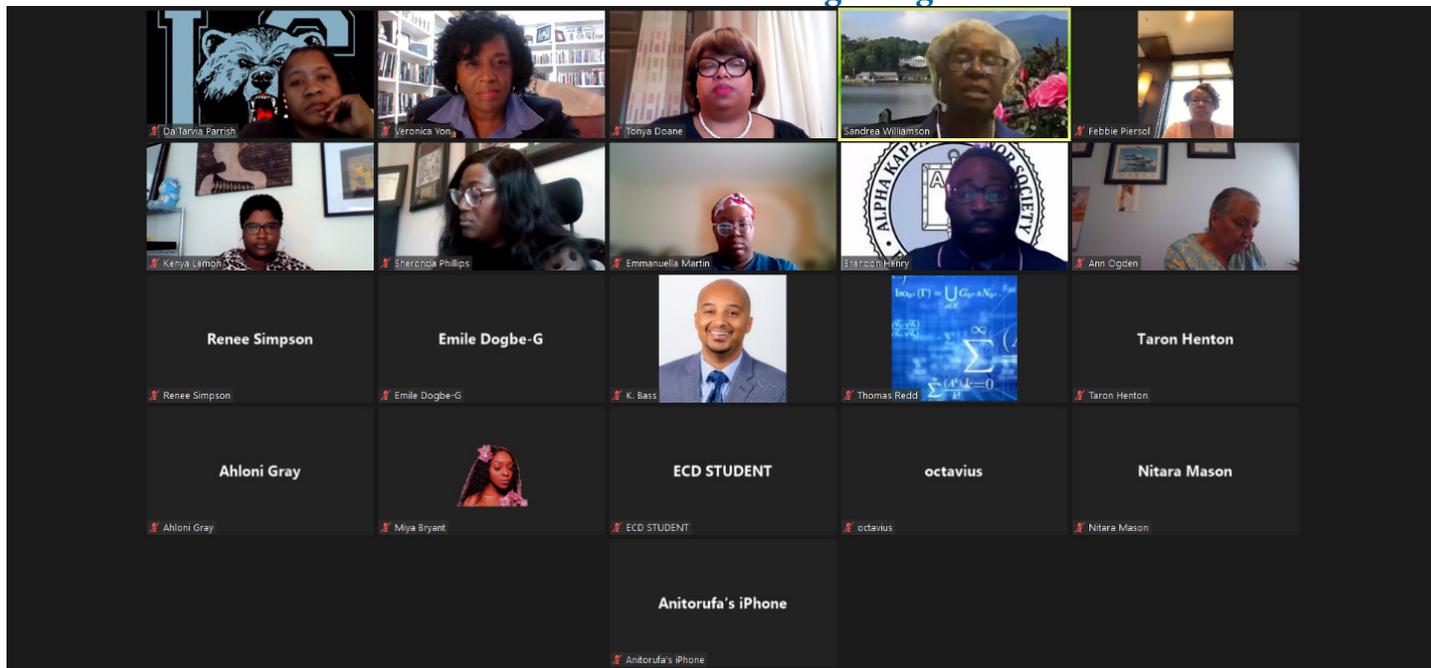
Tanasha Reed

Ms. Reed states, “Acceptance into ColorComm’s NextGen HBCU Fellows program is an honor as I begin my career in the public relations industry. I am so excited for the mentorship, professional development, and career opportunities to come from this experience.”

Congratulations, Ms. Mexile and Ms. Reed! We are proud of you!



AKMu Regional Meetings North Carolina and Georgia Regions



North Carolina (Region I) held its meeting in conjunction with Georgia (Region V-A) on April 23, 2022. Dr. Thomas Redd and the Gamma Tau Chapter of North Carolina A&T State University hosted the event, which was themed, “True to Our AKM Ideals: Character, Scholarship, Citizenship, Leadership, and Service.”

Regional directors, Mrs. Sandra Williamson (NC) and Mr. Brandon Henry (GA), conducted the opening plenary session, and National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Mollie Brown brought greetings. Breakout sessions addressed concerns, such as scholarships, induction procedures, staying connected, and maintaining active chapters, followed by each region’s recap during the closing plenary session and remarks by National President, Dr. Veronica Yon.

The following AMUans will serve as Region I Officers:

- President: Dr. Da'Tarvia Parrish, Livingstone College
- Vice President: Ms. Tonya Doane, Bennett College
- Student Representative: Mrs. Febbie Piersol, St. Augustine’s University
- Student Representative Alternate: Mr. Emile Dogbe-Gakpetor, Livingstone College

Congratulations, and Thank You!

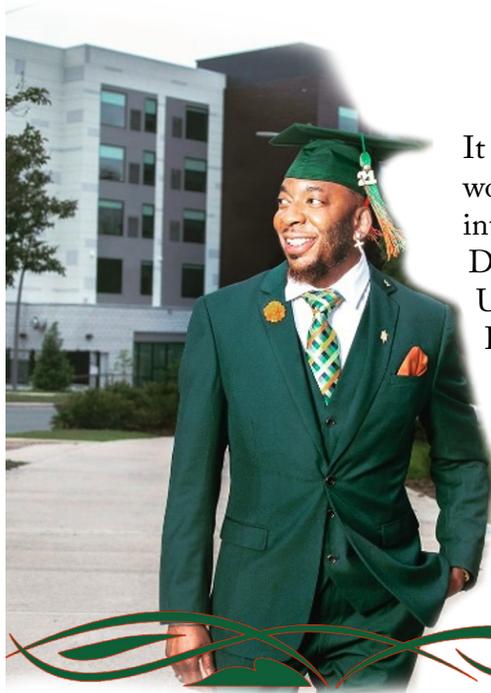
The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)



“The mission of ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies) is to build a visibly-cohesive community of national and international honor societies that promotes the values of higher education; fosters excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and research; and adheres to the standards of honor society excellence”
(achshonor.org).

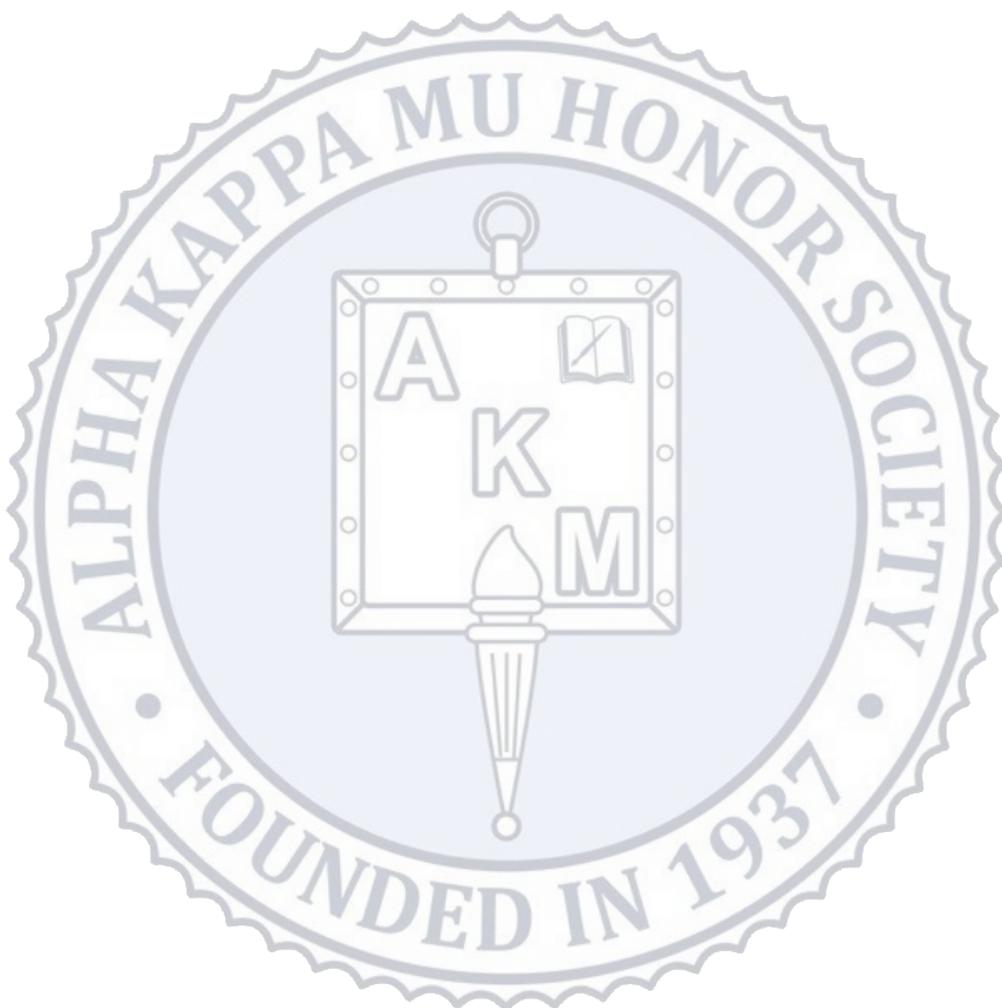
In Memoriam

Nicholas Ramone Cutter
July 22, 1982 – January 9, 2022



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Nicholas Cutter, a wonderful scholar, poet, and teacher. In the spring of 2021, he was inducted into the Kappa Iota Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu and graduated from the Department of English and Modern Languages at Florida A&M University. Shortly thereafter, he became an elementary school teacher at Brownsville Preparatory Institute, Tallahassee, FL.

During his time at FAMU, Mr. Cutter was also a member of the Marching 100 and an editor of *CAKE: A Literary Journal*. He was dearly loved and admired by his students and friends, as well as FAMU faculty and Brownsville staff. We express our sincerest prayers of comfort and strength to his family and friends.



Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Inducts Largest Class of FAMU Students

(reprinted from *FAMU Info*)

The Florida A&M University chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society welcomed 74 honor students into membership at its January 26 induction ceremony. The spring 2022 class of The Kappa Iota (FAMU) Chapter consists of 29 graduate students, 32 seniors, and 13 juniors.

“This is the largest class of inductees at FAMU, and definitely the largest group of graduate members,” said Veronica Yon, Ph.D., chapter adviser and national president.

Alpha Kappa Mu was initially established to recognize junior and senior scholars in all academic disciplines; however, as more advanced degree programs increased over the years, it extended its membership opportunities to graduate students as well.

For Master of Public Health Student Chrishonna Bledsoe, Alpha Kappa Mu “is a great opportunity to join like-minded students and network with people from various backgrounds and degrees.”

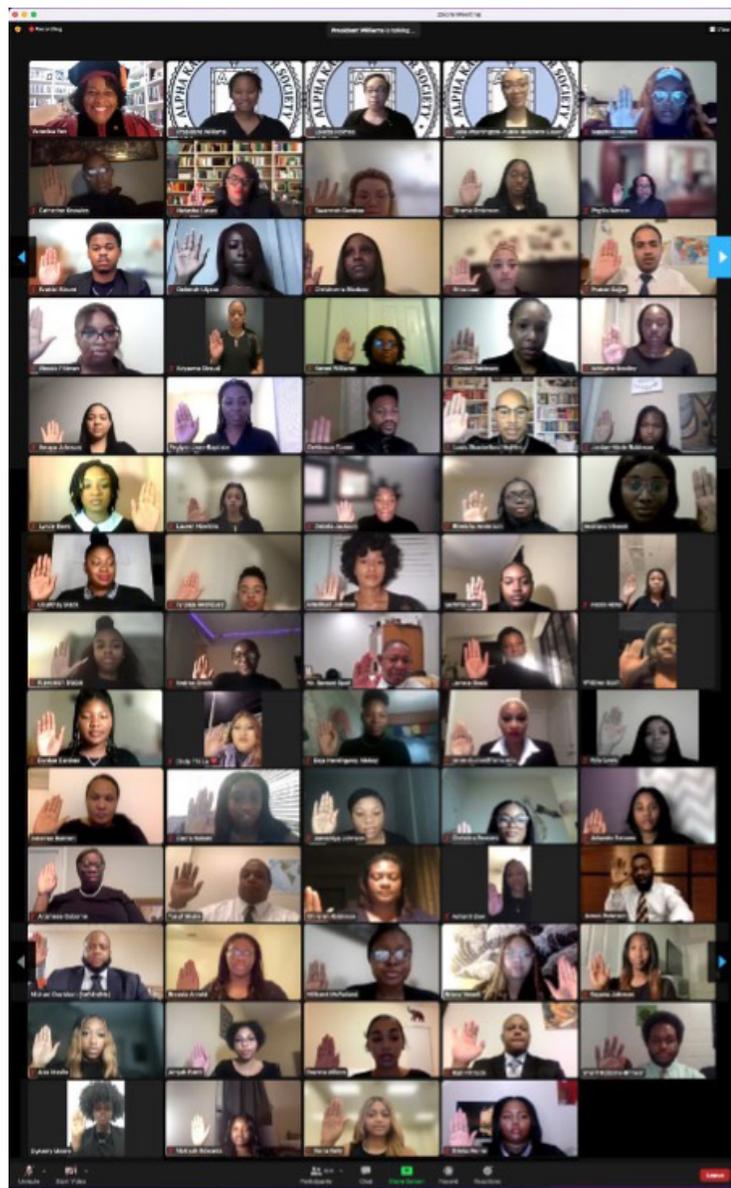
Lynde Bowe, a graduate environmental science major, was drawn to “the organization’s focus on equity and inclusion.”

“As an international student, and being a female of color in a STEM field, inclusion and representation are important to me,” Bowe said.

MBA student Shaundala Bryant welcomes the chance “to mentor underclassmen and other Honor Society members as they matriculate through the University and into the proverbial ‘real world.’”

In addition to meeting GPA requirements and writing a mini-essay, each inductee secured a letter of recommendation from at least one professor in their respective disciplines. While community service requirements were waived due to COVID restrictions, several inductees still provided evidence of their volunteerism.

“We applaud this diverse group of scholars and thank their professors, families, and friends for supporting them,” said Yon.



Officers, President Timia Williams, senior, biology pre-medicine student; Vice President Loietta Holmes, a graduate education leadership student; Public Relations Liaison Delia Washington, a senior, business administration student; and Secretary-Treasurer Tamia Isaacs, a senior, biology pre-medicine student, assisted with the ceremony.

Spring 2022 Inductees of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

(Cont. from Page 8)

Amber Akins	Graduate, Mental Health Counseling, Orlando, Fla.	Natasha Lunan	Graduate, Education Leadership, Tallahassee
Rineisha Anderson	Senior, Social Work, Vero Beach, Fla.	Nora March	Senior, Biology Pre-Medicine, Tallahassee
Breasia Arnold	Senior, Nursing, Madison, Fla.	Millicent McFarland	Graduate, Physical Therapy, Monroe, La.
Anaje Austin	Senior, Political Science	Alea Mexile	Senior, Broadcast Journalism, Atlanta
Christina Beavers	Senior, Biology Pre-Medicine, Coconut Creek, Fla.	Dynasty Moore	Senior, Political Science, Rock Hill, S.C.
Dessirae Bennett	Graduate, Nursing, Staten Island, N.Y.	Cierra Nelson	Senior, Environmental Studies, Gainesville, Fla.
Courtney Black	Junior, Social Work, Tallahassee	Altamese Osborne	Graduate, Education Curriculum and Instruction, Houston
Jamela Black	Graduate, Business Administration, Tallahassee	James Peterson	Senior, Computer Information Systems, Quincy, Fla.
Chrishonna Bledsoe	Graduate, Public Health, East Saint Louis, Ill.	Karl Pinnock	Graduate, Business Administration, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Ezekiel Blount	Junior, Architecture, Marianna, Fla.	Alexis Pittman	Senior, Psychology, Augusta, Ga.
Lynde Bowe	Graduate, Environmental Science, Nassau, The Bahamas	Sharif Robbins-Brinson	Junior, Political Science, Macon, Ga.
Antiyahn Bradley	Senior, Criminal Justice, Belle Glade, Fla.	Christen Robinson	Graduate, Public Health, Tifton, Ga.
Shaundala Bryant	Graduate, Business Administration, Wacissa, Fla.	Crystal Robinson	Graduate, Business Administration, Claymont, Del.
Savannah Cumbaa	Graduate, Occupational Therapy, Blountstown, Fla.	Jordan-Marie Robinson	Senior, Music Education, Raleigh, N.C.
Ash Michael Davidson	Graduate, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, New Orleans	Shamia Robinson	Junior, Biology Pre-Medicine, Cleveland
Marilyn Diggs	Graduate, Business Administration, Stone Mountain, Ga.	Ty'Daja Rodriguez	Senior, Social Work, Clarksdale, Miss.
Janae Duclos	Graduate, Education Leadership, Miami	Whitney Scott	Senior, Social Work, Tallahassee
Victoria Durant	Senior, Political Science, Lynn Haven, Fla.	Johande Serrano	Graduate, Education Curriculum and Instruction, Hollywood, Fla.
Ma'Kiyah Edwards	Senior, Social Work, Orlando	Louis Shackelford	Graduate, Public Health, Harlem, N.Y.
Amyah Estrill	Senior, Biology, St. Croix, Virgin Islands	Yusuf Shakir	Graduate, Sport Management, Ellenwood, Ga.
Pranavkumar Gajjar	Graduate, Environmental Science, Gujarat, India	Kiawonish Slaton	Junior, Biology, Locust Grove, Ga.
Darrian Gardner	Junior, Biomedical Engineering, Georgetown, S.C.	Andrea Smith	Junior, Health Science-Pre Physical Therapy
Lauren Hawkins	Senior, Biological and Agricultural System Engineering, Cheltenham, Md.	Stormy Smith	Junior, Nursing, Miami
Deja Hemingway-McKoy	Senior, Business Administration, Tallahassee	Bomani Spell	Graduate, Education Leadership, Chicago
Sapphire Holston	Senior, Biology Pre-Medicine, Toledo, Ohio	Keyawna Stroud	Graduate, Business Administration, Tampa, Fla.
Ericka Horne	Graduate, Public Health, Tallahassee	Ridlica Tataille	Senior, Social Work, Orlando
Andriana Inkoom	Graduate, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tallahassee	Daharri Thompkins	Graduate, Counselor Education, Lakeland, Fla.
Deloria Jackson	Graduate, Public Health, Jacksonville	DeMarcus Turner	Graduate, Environmental Science, Tallahassee
Feglynn Jean-Baptiste	Senior, Pharmacy, Miami	Deborah Ulysse	Senior, Health Science, Jacksonville, Fla.
Amaya Johnson	Junior, Social Work, Chicago	Phyllis Watson	Graduate, Education Leadership, Quincy, Fla.
Amethyst Johnson	Graduate, Public Health, Winston-Salem, N.C.	Kenee Williams	Senior, Criminal Justice, Cocoa, Fla.
Jacoshiya Johnson	Senior, Biology Pre-Medicine, Winter Haven	Reanna Wilson	Junior, Architecture, San Antonio
Rayana Johnson	Senior, Chemistry, Pre-Med Dentistry, Warner Robins, Ga.	Alexis N. Wright	Senior, Political Science, Jacksonville, Fla.
Kerra Kelly	Senior, Biology Pre-Dentistry, McDonough, Ga.	Briana Yewell	Senior, Graphic Communications, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Catherine Knowles	Senior, Interdisciplinary Studies, Tallahassee	Ashanti Zow	Junior, Nursing, Jacksonville, Fla.
Cindy Le	Senior, Criminal Justice, Monticello, Fla.		
Erica Lear	Junior, Elementary Education, Tallahassee		
Kyla Lewis	Senior, Business Administration, Belle Glade, Fla.		
Summia Little	Junior, Criminal Justice, Miami		

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SPRING 2021 Update – Late Submissions

Dillard University, Dr. Ruby Broadway, Advisor	45
Rust College, Ms. Suprena Duncan, Advisor	25
Philander Smith, Dr. Shannon Clowney-Johnson, Advisor	5
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Ms. Annette Williams-Fields	13
	Total
	88
Total previously reported	359
Updated Total (Spring 2021)	447 Inductees

FALL INDUCTIONS 2021

Alabama A&M University, Ms. Latoyia Clemons, Advisor	18
Dr. Elica M. Moss, Co-Advisor	
Albany State University, Dr. Kenya Lemon, Advisor	13
Brandon Henry, Co-Advisor	
Alcorn State University, Dr. Shavonda Jackson, Advisor	52
Bennett College, Mrs. Penny H. Speas, Advisor	34
Central State University, Dr. G. Jahwara Giddings, Advisor	69
Clafflin University, Dr. Caroletta Shuler Ivey, Advisor	31
Coppin State University, Dr. Chelle L. Forbes, Advisor	9
Delaware State University, Dr. Samuel Hoff, Advisor	2
Florida A&M University, Dr. Veronica Adams Yon, Advisor	74
Jackson State University, Dr. Loria Brown Gordon, Advisor	8
Prairie View A&M University, Dr. Quincy Moore, Advisor	8
Stillman College, Dr. Norman Golar, Advisor	8
Tennessee State University, Ms. Trudie E. Thomas, Advisor	4
	Total Inductees
	330



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Inductions Report, 2021-2022 (cont.)

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SPRING INDUCTIONS 2022

Bennett College, Ms. Tonya Doane, Advisor	6	
Fayetteville State University, Dr. Peter Eley, Advisor	6	(1 Honorary)
Jackson State University, Dr. Loria Brown Gordon, Advisor	29	
Livingstone College, Dr. Da'Tarvia Parrish, Advisor	6	
North Carolina A&T State University, Dr. Thomas Redd, Advisor	75	
Dr. Ginger Redd, Co-Advisor		
North Carolina Central University, Dr. Karen Keaton Jackson, Advisor	75	
Paine College, Dr. Marci Middleton, Advisor	13	
Philander Smith College, Dr. Shannon Clowney-Johnson, Advisor	15	
Mrs. N. Elizabeth Vilorio, Admin. Asst.		
Saint Augustine's College, Dr. Benjie Bass, Advisor	26	
Savannah State University, Dr. Carolyn Jordan, Advisor	22	(1 Honorary)
Mrs. Ann Ogden, Co-Advisor		
Tuskegee University, Dr. Cassandra Thomas, Advisor	60	
Voorhees University, Dr. Leland C. Barrows, Advisor	38	
West Virginia State University, Dr. Sonya Armstrong, Advisor	12	
Total Inductees	383	(2 Honorary)
Grand Total (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022)	713	Inductees (2 Honorary)

Consider Renewing Your Membership Today!

While our inductees will always be considered AKMuans, the renewal signifies a stronger level of commitment, affords members an updated card (noting them as “active”), and assists the Society in funding its efforts.

The Cost:

- \$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.



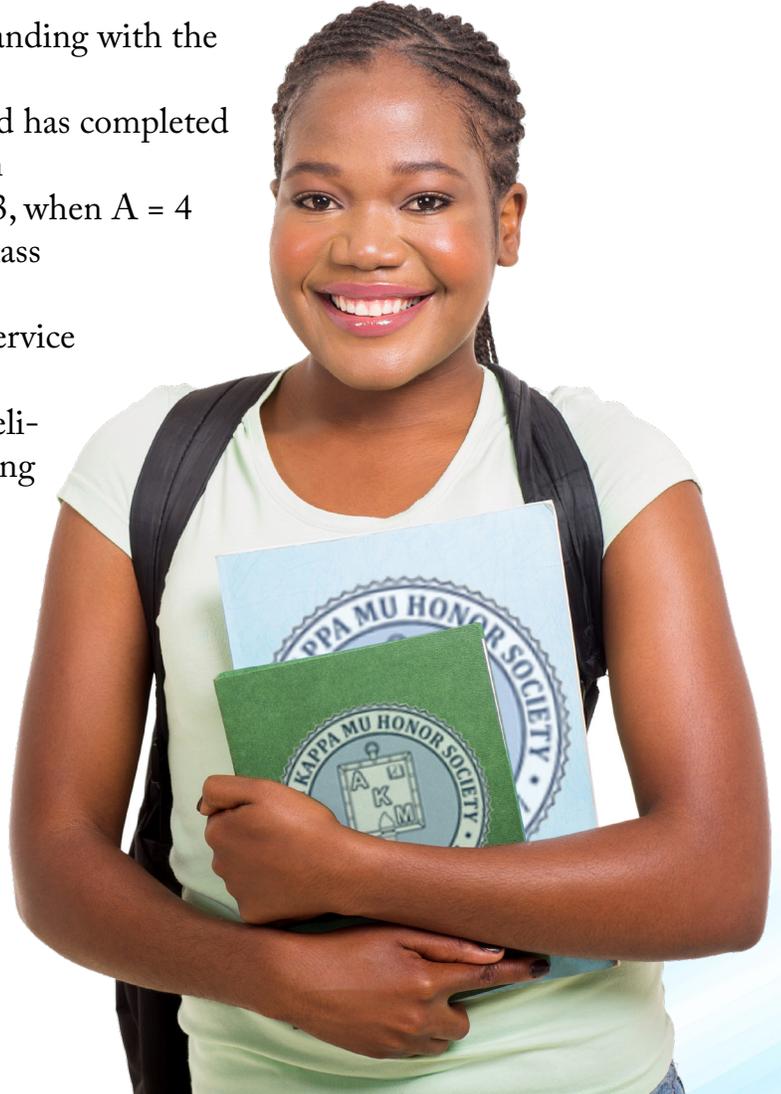
Criteria for AKM Membership

Undergraduate Students - An undergraduate student shall be eligible to be elected as a collegiate member if the individual:

- (1) is registered as full time, and is in good standing with the institution at which the chapter is located
- (2) is at least a junior in a degree program, and has completed 50 percent of the requirements for graduation
- (3) has a minimum grade-point average of 3.3, when A = 4
- (4) is ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class
- (5) exemplifies good character
- (6) exhibits the potential for leadership and service

Graduate Students - Graduate students are eligible to be elected members when the following requirements are met:

- (1) a baccalaureate graduate of a regionally accredited school who is entering graduate school must have a grade-point average of 3.3 or better (when A = 4) and must be ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class
- (2) a continuing graduate student must have been admitted as a matriculated student and must have earned a minimum of 15 hours with a grade-point average of 3.7 or better
- (3) exemplifies good character



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