



ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

“The scholar is the delegated intellect.
He is MAN THINKING.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
“The American Scholar”

Convention Reflections

63rd NATIONAL CONVENTION
ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY

(14th Biennial Meeting)

March 26-28, 2015

Theme: “THE SCHOLAR TODAY: CHANGES AND CHALLENGES”

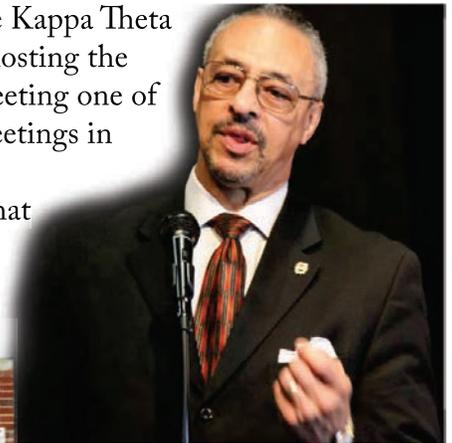
Thank you to Drs. Willie Todd and Cynthia Clem, Advisors; members of the Kappa Theta Chapter and other Clark Atlanta University Faculty and Staff members for hosting the 63rd Convention and making this 14th Biennial Meeting one of the most memorable, educational, and rewarding meetings in the history of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. We thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and everything that was prepared for us.



Dr. Willie Todd



Dr. Cynthia Clem



We also appreciate CAU's President, Dr. Carlton Brown, and other Clark Atlanta University members who supported this event.



63rd National Conference Participants,
Clark Atlanta University, March 27, 2015

Welcome Message

Dear Members of Alpha Kappa Mu:

On behalf of the National Office, I would like to welcome you to the 63rd National Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. I would like to thank Kappa Theta Chapter members, advisors, Drs. Willie L. Todd, Jr. and Cynthia A. Clem, and the Administration of Clark Atlanta University for graciously hosting our Conference and continuing the legacy of support for which this historic institution is well known. In 2013 at the 62nd Conference, history was made as we celebrated our 75th Anniversary.

In spite of trials as an organization, we have overcome insurmountable obstacles and have stood our ground each year. We are here because of you and the continued commitment on behalf of those Chapters that were chartered in 1937, 1938, and 1940, as well as those Chapters that followed. We are here because of the continued commitment of our colleges and universities and those faculty who believed in the success of our students as articulated in the principles of Alpha Kappa Mu.

This conference continues the legacy of Alpha Kappa Mu and is exemplified in our conference theme, "The Scholar Today –Changes and Challenges." As I stated in 2013, we need to "Keep Moving Forward." In order to have another 75 years of outstanding achievement and to allow this organization to grow, we must not be stifled by a changing innovative and technological world. We must be in the forefront of those "Changes and Challenges" as symbolized by our five cardinal principles: Character, Citizenship, Service, Leadership and Scholarship. We are here because of our commitment to excellence.

As we gather on this auspicious occasion, let us continue to move forward to maintain the legacy of our beloved organization.

Yours in educational excellence,

Dr. Frances E. Dorsey, President
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society



AKM President-Elect, Dr. Cynthia Smith, and President, Dr. Francis E. Dorsey

General Sessions

(CAU: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson Student Center, Multipurpose Room)



CAU's Miss Sophomore (Alyssia McCloud) and Miss Clark Atlanta University (Chelsi Glascoe)



Ms. Mildred Blackshear
Alabama A&M



Albany State Delegates



Johnson C. Smith Delegates



Florida A&M University Delegates



Dr. Ann Harris, Convention Secretary, and Dr. Mollie Brown, Executive-Secretary Treasurer

Benefits of Membership in Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

Did you know that members of ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies) honor societies meet one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in federal employment? Most new employees enter at the GS-5 level or lower. Citation on the application is required. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement.

Other benefits include, but are not limited to, growth opportunities, leadership training opportunities, scholarship resources, academic recognition, enrichment opportunities, peer to peer networking opportunities, and development of lifelong relationships.



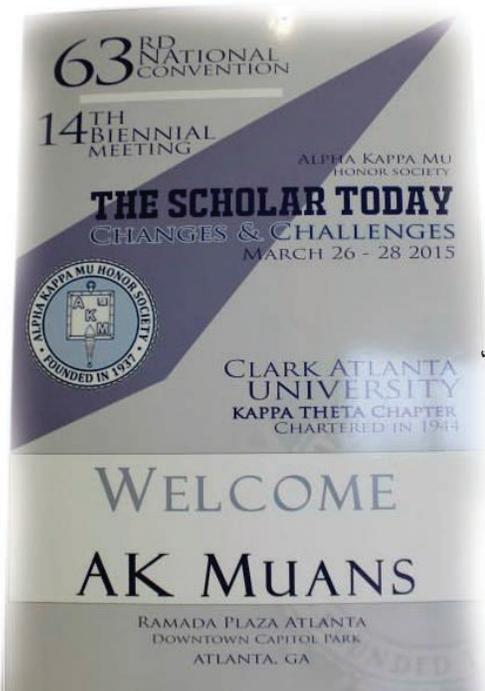
Dr. Veronica Adams Yon, Advisor at Florida A&M University, Director of Public Relations, needs your information.

Please send original poems, scholarly activities, chapter news, reflections, successes, etc. to veronica.yon@famuedu.

Note: Please do not "lay out" your submissions (i.e., text boxes, special alignments, multiple font points, etc.); this process will be handled by the newsletter staff. Thank you!

“AKM Love” at the 63rd Convention

Here’s what some of our participants had to say...



“It is great to see other AKMuans from different universities. It is also apparent that a great deal of planning and love went into the convention.” -Armond Collins, Vice-President, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Xavier University of Louisiana

“I’m proud to be a part of an organization with such a rich history and I look forward to keeping the legacy going.” -Genee Wolley, Clark Atlanta University



“I’m excited to be a part of this organization; it has allowed me to see what this honor society does on a larger scale. Being able to attend and host this 63rd National Conference is both an honoring and a blessing. I had a great time meeting and interacting with the other chapters and I hope to see them at the next convention.” -Kirsten Keems, AKM, Kappa Theta President (CAU)

“The convention was very enlightening and interesting. I learned a great deal about Clark Atlanta University, as well as Alpha Kappa Mu.”

- Imani Richardson, Morgan State University



“Alpha Kappa Mu impacts all that I do at Bowie State University. I use the colors and their meaning in presentations. All of the members in the audience choose a color. I then share the characteristic which fits each of them: Red- Citizenship, White- Character, Blue- Service, Green- Leadership, Yellow- Scholarship.”



-Joan S. Langdon, Ph.D., Bowie State University Advisor, Mu Gamma Chapter

“It’s such an honor to be here at the prestigious Clark Atlanta University with such young, distinguished, and talented scholars such as myself for the 63rd Annual Alpha Kappa Mu conference.”

-Kitras Thomas, Alpha Iota Chapter, Albany State University



“Alpha Kappa Mu’s 63rd National Convention has allowed me to network and socialize with likeminded scholars from various schools! I’m enjoying it thus far. Thank you!” -Ilesha Fambro, Alpha Iota Chapter President, Albany State University

“As a new advisor, I am delighted to be a leader in this distinguished honor society. The conference has been most enlightening and enjoyable”

-Sharon Smith, Co-Advisor, Alpha Iota Chapter, Albany State University

“Alpha Kappa Mu creates a standard of achievement that shows we are not just students; we are scholars. I have been a part of Alpha Kappa Mu for 2 years now and it has always been a great opportunity to meet and network with like-minded college and university individuals who make scholarship a priority.”

-Laquise Harbin, Alabama A&M University

“Reflecting back on the 2015 Conference I was honestly shocked at how many people were in attendance but I really enjoyed learning the additional history of Alpha Kappa Mu and I believe the information we received was vital to everyday life and to scholarship for African American men and women.” -Kendra Allison, Alabama A&M University

“I love how accountable and transparent prominent figures are within the organization. The fact that students are able to engage speaks volumes to where the organization is headed.” -Bri’Anna Baber, Alabama A&M University



“I love the 2015 Convention because of the diversity. There are so many ideas and aspirations in one room and I’m gaining so much from everyone.”

-Shannon Hines, Alabama A&M University

General Sessions (Cont.)

(CAU: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson Student Center, Multipurpose Room)



Clark Atlanta University Delegates



Xavier University Delegates



Co-Advisors Dr. Makisha Cheeks and
Dr. Veronica Yon,
Florida A&M University



Alabama A&M University Delegates



Clark Atlanta University Delegates



Mrs. Sandra Williamson, Co-Director of
Region One (NC) and Kirstin Kearns, Clark
Atlanta University Chapter President



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

President's Reception (CAU: Atrium of the Art Gallery, Trevor Arnett Hall)



Dr. David Jackson (Florida A&M),
Professor Alvin Seals (Kentucky), and
Dr. Titus Brown, AKM National Historian



Faron Manuel, Undergraduate SGA President and Curator



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Other News

Dorsey Patterson Takes the Reins of Honors Program

Daphne Thomas, Director of Public Relations & Marketing
LeMoyne-Owen College

On behalf of the entire LeMoyne-Owen College family, we extend warm congratulations to the new honors program director, Professor Dorsey Patterson.

Professor Patterson joined the LOC family in 2005 where he taught the Classroom Management and Methods of Teaching course. He also came aboard to serve as the field experiences coordinator and student teaching supervisor... Patterson supervises the Du Bois Scholars Program (DBSP), as well as teaches DBSP 110, 210, and 310 seminars. He also works with the members of LOC's Kappa Beta chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

Patterson brings 46 years of education experience to the new role. An accomplished scholar, he enjoyed a stellar, 30-year career in the Memphis City Schools system where he taught, coached basketball and served as an assistant principal and principal at the junior high and high school levels before retiring in 1994. Patterson also served as a principal in the state of Mississippi, retiring from public education altogether in 2005. Patterson enjoyed significant recognition during his teaching career. He was appointed to the New York College Board in 1988 and in 1989, the National School Safety Council named him as one of the Top 10 Principals of Leadership.

Patterson is right at home in the HBCU community. He graduated from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He went on to earn his master's degree in Educational Administration at Arkansas State University.

Among his goals for the honors program are: (1) to ensure honors students are recognized for their scholastic abilities and academic achievements; (2) to solicit private and corporate support for the programs;

(3) to facilitate meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community; and, (4) to involve the honors students with the National Mentoring Project where they will assist local schools in their efforts to improve the reading and mathematical skills of academically challenged students and instill in them appropriate social attitudes and behavior.

Patterson sees college as the cornerstone for a student's intellectual, behavioral, and character growth. "The transformational changes in this process will ensure a student leaves college in a better place than when he or she arrived on campus," he said.

Vice-President and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Cheryl Golden is confident that Patterson will take the honors programs to an even higher level. "He has a storied career and is an exemplary scholar," she said. "I have perfect confidence that he can continue the work laid down before him and build upon it."

When it comes to setting the standard for academic achievement, both Patterson and Dr. Golden want the honors program to be a beacon of excellence. "I want all of our students to be as familiar with our honor students as they are with our outstanding athletes and campus leaders," Dr. Golden said. "When students do not see scholars who look like them, they cannot envision what they can achieve."

Patterson agrees and wants this enhanced awareness to extend beyond the campus. "I want our honors program to set the standard for academic excellence not only on campus, but also in the community," he said. "This will elevate the status of the college academically and help to attract more student scholars."



Luncheon and Banquet (CAU: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson Student Center, Multipurpose Room)



Luncheon Speaker, Dr. Dennis Kimbro (Director, CEO Academy), and Dr. Clem



Banquet Speaker,
Dr. Carlton Brown, President,
Clark Atlanta University



Inductions

Statement of 2013-2015 Inductions (March 1, 2013-February 28, 2015)

College	2013-14 Under/Grad	2014-15 Under/Grad
Alabama A&M University	15/7	39/40
Alabama State University	49	137
Albany State University	0	15
Bennett College	25	0
Bowie State University	16	8
Central State University	3	6
Claffin University	14	21
Clark Atlanta University	116	45
Delaware State University	4	1
Dillard University	26	31
Fayetteville State University	28	0
Florida A&M University	53/3	15
Florida Memorial College	0	14
Jackson State University	5/1	0
Johnson C. Smith University	40	28
Kent State University	13/3	16/8
Kentucky State University	22	17
LeMoyne-Owen College	25	0
Lincoln University	24	31
Livingstone College	9	4
Mississippi Valley State University	7	25
Morgan State University	46	42
Morris College	5	0
North Carolina A&T State University	77	41
Paine College	20	19
Philander Smith College	3	21
Rust College	19	29
Saint Augustine's College	16	104
Tennessee State University	Inactive	106
Tuskegee University	58	90
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	20	32
Virginia Union University	3	12
Voorhees College	7	26
West Virginia State University	34	25
Western Michigan University	0	19/16
Wilberforce University	6	4
Xavier University	44/23	69/3
Youngstown State University	8/5	4/3
Induction Totals	860/42=902	1096/70=1166

Fourteen Students and Honoree Inducted at Florida A&M University (Kappa Iota Chapter)

On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, the Kappa Iota Chapter held its fall induction ceremony. The chapter's newest members are as follows: Darrin Alexander - Senior, Psychology; Cassandra Andre - Senior, Biology; Natallie Chivers-Lockhart - Senior, Psychology; Ashlee Colbert - Junior, Chemical and Biomedical Engineering; Aldranon English - Senior, Public Relations; Lisa Gault - Senior, English Education; Mariah Henry - Junior, Agronomy; Kailee Morris - Senior, Animal Science; Ellen Peterson - Junior, Pre-Medicine; Toni Pugh - Senior, Pre-Occupational Therapy; Tamera Trammell - Junior, Theatre; Alyssa Weaver, Senior - Pre-Occupational Therapy; Allika Williams, Senior - Pre-Medicine and Fine Arts; and Rochelle Williamson - Junior, Pre-Social Work.



Dr. Veronica Yon, Kappa Iota Advisor,
and Dr. David Jackson, Jr., professor of History,
was inducted as an honorary member.



Gore-Crawford Scholarship

Application packet is due February 14. Go to website for application and other information:
www.alphakappamu.org.

Only one nomination per chapter is allowed.



Kappa Iota inductees, along with Dr. Veronica Yon, advisor, Dr. David Jackson, honoree, and AKM officers: Clare McNamara, President; Shanise Bush, Secretary; Chantel Emmanuel, Vice-President; Zemoria Johnson, Parliamentarian; and Icy Eley, Historian.

Other News

Sonya Armstrong, Ph.D., Receives Fulbright Award

Recently, Dr. Sonya Armstrong, Professor (Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science) and AKM Advisor at West Virginia State University, received a Fulbright award to Slovak Republic. She will be spending the spring semester (January to June 2016) in the Slovak Republic, teaching and conducting research at the Mataj Bell University in Slovakia.

In her congratulatory letter to Armstrong, Betty Castor, Chair of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB), noted that this program “aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and it is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. As a Fulbright grantee, you [Armstrong] will join the ranks of distinguished participants in the program. Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, and university presidents, as well as leading journalists, artists, scientists, and teachers. They have been awarded 53 Nobel Prizes. Since its beginnings in 1946, more than 360,000 Fulbrighters have participated in the Program.



Senator Fulbright’s goal of developing international understanding depends on a commitment from Fulbright grantees to establish open communication and long-term cooperative relationships. As a Fulbrighter and a representative of the United States, you [Armstrong] will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with international partners in educational, political, cultural, economic, and scientific fields. We also

hope you will become involved in your local community while on your Fulbright exchange. In so doing, you will demonstrate the qualities of service, excellence, and leadership that have been the hallmarks of this program for more than 65 years.”

Congratulations Dr. Armstrong!!

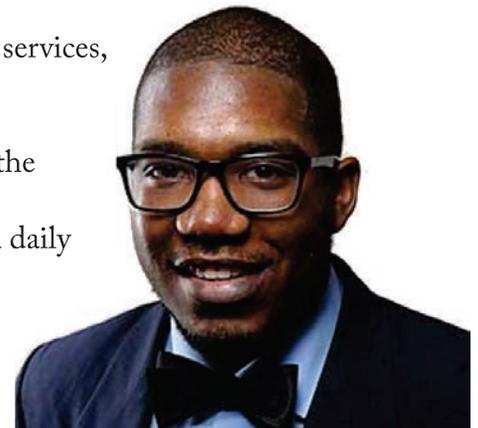
AKMuan Returns to Alma Mater to Address Faculty

On Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, Nolan McCaskill returned to his alma mater, Florida A&M University, to present at a faculty development workshop. The event was sponsored by the institution’s School of Journalism and Graphic Communication.

According to the School’s press release, “McCaskill is a December 2014 graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he served as The FAMUan’s editor-in-chief and ‘News 20 at Five’ producer.” In the spring of 2013, McCaskill was also inducted into the Kappa Iota Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Currently, he is “a fellow at POLITICO, where he reports on education, trade, transportation, financial services, and labor/employment.”

During his presentation, which was entitled “Preparing Digital Natives for the Multimedia World,” Nolan shared “his experiences at the multi-platform, innovative news organization designed for an elite audience. He produces a daily newsletter for POLITICO subscribers.”

Congratulations Mr. McCaskill. We are proud of you and wish you continued success!



Life Members

Members of Alpha Kappa Mu can become Life Members of the Organization for a fee of \$300 payable over a three-year period. The current Life Members include the following:

Dr. Rosenwald Altherimer	University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
Dr. Eva D. Adams.....	Fort Valley State University
Dr. Maria Black Morgan.....	Albany State University
Mildred L. Blackshear.....	Albany State University
Dr. B. Leroy Brisbon.....	Morris College
Dr. Titus Brown.....	Florida A&M University
Dr. Lillie M. Boyd.....	Shaw University
Dr. Mollie B. Brown.....	Albany State University
Ms. Desiree Bygrave.....	Voorhees College
Dr. Darryl A. Chapman, Sr.....	Albany State University
Dr. T. Bernard Clayton.....	Wiley College
*Dr. Jeanette Cole.....	Saint Paul's College
*Mr. Thomas J. Crawford.....	South Carolina State University
Mr. George Dailey.....	Florida A&M University
Dr. Francis E. Dorsey.....	Kent State University
Mr. Jelani O. Dorsey.....	Kent State University
Mr. Kenneth Dorsey.....	Chaney University of PA
Dr. Marlene R. Dorsey.....	Kent State University
Mr. Kenneth Dyer.....	Albany State University
Ms. Barbara Golphin.....	Savannah , GA
*Mrs. Pearl Gore.....	Nashville, TN
Dr. Clarissa Grant.....	Voorhees College
Mrs. Helga Greenfield.....	Shaw University
Mr. Richard O. Hallman.....	Norfolk State University
*Dr. Lucia S. Hawthorne.....	Morgan State University
Mr. Lawrence Horn.....	Mississippi Valley State University
Dr. McDonald Huff.....	Fort Valley State University
Dr. Gale J. Isaacs.....	Shaw University
Mr. John J. Ivery.....	Alabama State University
Dr. Wilmetta L. Jackson.....	Fort Valley State University
Ms. Avis Jonson.....	Livingstone College
Dr. Mamie Johnson.....	Norfolk State University
Dr. Ann W. Morris.....	Greenwood, SC
Dr. Barbara Palmer.....	Fort Valley State University
Mr. Thomas J. Palmer.....	Fort Valley State University
Dr. Ernest L. Pickens.....	Shaw University
Ms. Candace Porter.....	Albany State University
Dr. Ninja Rich.....	Saint Paul's University
Ms. Derika Rivers.....	Albany State University
Dr. Virginia H. Russell.....	Lawrenceville, VA
Mrs. Shawn L. Sansbury-Townsend.....	Norfolk State University
Mr. Quincy Scott, Jr.....	Shaw University
Dr. Marlene Shaw.....	Shaw University
Mrs. Alice Smith.....	Independent
Dr. Troy J. Stewart.....	Alcorn State University
Mrs. Jeraldine W. Walker.....	Fort Valley State University
Mrs. Leila B. White.....	Voorhees College
Ms. Contrilla Williams.....	Voorhees College
*Dr. E. K. Williams.....	Savannah State University
Mrs. Sandra Williamson.....	North Carolina A&T University
Mr. Cecil Wilson.....	Albany State University

*Deceased

