

# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

## Mu Kappa Omega Chapter

### Chapter Meeting Agenda

March 25, 2017

Crowne Plaza River Oaks

2712 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098

**MU KAPPA OMEGA'S MISSION:** The members of Mu Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. shall cultivate high scholastic achievement; ethical standards and personal development while supporting family unity and implementing effective programs that positively impact the communities we serve.

**MEETING PURPOSE:** To facilitate the business and operations of Mu Kappa Omega Chapter in accordance with the international guidelines of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Call to Order	Soror J. Watson	(2 min)
Meditation	Soror A. Gibson	(3 min)
Member at Large Moment	Sorors J. Caviel, M. Nunn, S. Robinson	(3 min)
Minutes	Soror T. Sims	(2 min)
Correspondence	Soror S. Ivey	(2 min)
Welcoming of Sorors	Soror D. Brown	(2 min)
March Birthdays	Sorors C. Lugo, T. Beal, C. King, R. Manning	(7 min)
Nurturing Our Ivy Presentation	Sorors S. Price, R. Johnson, M. May	(5 min)

-----Sisterly Moments and Networking (5 min)-----

**HYMN AND PLEDGE (5 min)**

-----Finance Table Closed-----

### **REPORTS**

Executive Committee	Soror A. Odom	(5 min)
Tamiouchos Report	Soror M. Akompi	(3 min)

### **MKO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Program	Soror J. Hill	(5 min)
Membership	Soror A. Phillips	(20 min)
Awards	Soror T. Anderson	(3 min)
Publicity Committee	Soror M. Green	(2 min)
Target 1: Think HBCU <sup>SM</sup> (Wrap-up Report)	Sorors R. Robinson, T. Marsalis	(3 min)
Target 4: Environmental Ownership	Soror E. Mosley	(3 min)
Target 5: Black History (Wrap-up Report)	Soror L. Allen	(3 min)
Scholarship Committee	Soror T. Porter	(2 min)
Outreach Committee	Soror L. Gaines	(2 min)
Leadership Development Committee	Soror S. Anderson	(3 min)

#### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Target 1: ASCEND<sup>SM</sup>

Target 2: Health

Target 5: Global Impact

NPHC – Houston

Logistics Committee`

#### **Reference Packet**

Sorors C. Porter, S. Toussaint

Sorors K. Carthen, L. Manuel

Sorors S. Boyd-Rogers, D. Broussard

Sorors C. Blue, C. Johnson, S. Mensah

Sorors S. Taylor, M. Spikes, J. Spriggs

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(10 min)

- 85<sup>th</sup> SCRC
  - Chapter Member Reflections
  - EAF Donation Update
- Leadership Seminar, July 13-16, 2017, Las Vegas, NV
- 2018 Boule Updates

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

(10 min)

- Chapter MIP Vote Results

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Soror D. Brown

(5 min)

Any and all announcements must be submitted to the Hodegos' Table prior to announcement time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**  
**MU KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2017 CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2017**  
**CROWNE PLAZA HOUSTON RIVER OAKS**  
**2712 SOUTHWEST FWY**  
**HOUSTON, TX 77098**

**Call to Order:** **Madame Basileus Jackie Watson** called the meeting to order at **10:18 a.m.** Madame Basileus Watson stated that there were 2 additions to the agenda under New Business: The Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Stamp Petition and Sorors of the Lake Houston Area Interest Group support request. **Madame Basileus Watson** properly moved that the agenda be accepted with the noted corrections. It was seconded by **Soror Jacqueline Caviel**. The motion carried without opposition.

**Meditation:** **Soror Adrienne Gibson** provided the meditation and prayer.

**Member-At-Large Moment** (visit [www.AKA1908.com](http://www.AKA1908.com), Members Only section):

**Soror Jeri Cook**, Standards Committee chair, **Soror Mary McClelland**, Mu Kappa Omega Leadership Academy chair and **Soror Madelyn Nunn**, Member-at-Large, presented some Undergraduate Do's and Don'ts as it relates to the Graduate chapters. Their presentation included scenarios that were acceptable and unacceptable under the guidelines of **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Anti-Hazing Policy** adopted at the 2004 Boule.

**Minutes:** **Soror Vanese Berry** (see written report for details)

**Soror Arielle Phillips** asks for name spelling correction for **2017 SCRC Delegate Ariel Robinson**. It was properly moved by Soror Vanese Berry that the January 2017 Chapter Meeting Minutes be adopted with the noted correction. It was seconded by **Soror Madelyn Nunn**. The motion was carried without opposition.

**Correspondence** (see written report for details): **Soror Shanae Ivey**  
**Correspondence for January 23, 2017-February 13, 2017 additions**

- 2016 Silver and Golden Soror Medallions have arrived. See **Soror Renee' Comeaux**.
- 2017 Undergraduate and Graduate MIP Process Manuals have been received.
- Priceless Pearls History Book flyer –Pre-sale order announcement
- Sorors of the Lake Houston Area Interest Group support (added to New Business)

**Welcoming of Sorors:** **Soror Deidre Brown** welcomed and introduced visiting Sorors to the chapter.

**February Birthdays:** The co-chairs of the Sisterly Relations Subcommittee (**Sorors Cheryl Lugo, Raynetta Manning and Julia King**) acknowledged all February birthday sorors and then lead a processional as the birthday Sorors paraded around the room in their sashes and crowns.

**Economic Development:** **Soror Jessica Hill** highlighted Mu Kappa Omega's own **Soror Janna Shepherd** and one of her many companies, **Annaj Custom Jewelries**. Annaj Custom Jewelries is an outlet Soror Shepherd uses to exhibit her passion of making others beautiful. Sorors were encouraged to visit the booth outside of the meeting room throughout Sorority meeting.

**Additional Announcements:**

- Visit **Parade of Programs** in outer rooms and sign up using Memberclicks

- Welcome Golden Soror Edna Boone back to meeting since her surgery
- Urged Sorors to please sign up for as many committees as their time permitted for **2018 Boule**.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Sisterly Moments and Networking (10:52am-11:09am)**

**Pledge and Hymn**



**Reports**

**Executive Committee** (see written report): **Soror Ashley Odom** stated that there were 233 Sorors in attendance at January Chapter Meeting.

**Tamiouchos Report** (see reports in Memberclicks): **Soror Monica Akompi** reviewed the Operating, Charity and Appeals and Savings accounts balances for the reporting period January 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2017. At present, there are 454 active sorors. Soror Monica will refer the Finance report to the Audit Committee for review.

**Mu Kappa Omega Reports (Action Items)**

**Finance Committee** (see written report): **Soror Monica Akompi** presented the proposed **2017 Financial Guidelines** for consideration and adoption by the chapter. The key addition was to add a vendor W-9 guideline to bring Mu Kappa Omega's guidelines up to standards with the International guidelines. There were no questions in regards to the updated guidelines. **Soror Monica Akompi** moved that the chapter accept the 2017 Financial Guidelines as printed. **Soror Monica Green** seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

**Program** (see written report): **Soror Jessica Hill** stated that the **NAMI Fort Bend/Houston Walk** has been cancelled. Soror Hill asked that three (3) events be added to the **2017 Program Calendar**: **Edible Earth Fest Event** on March 11, 2017, **Sisters' Network Walk** on April 8, 2017, **Trash Off Day Statewide Clean-Up** on April 8, 2017. Soror Jessica Hill moved that the 2017 Program Calendar be adjusted to add the Edible Earth Fest Event on March 11, 2017, Sisters' Network Walk on April 8, 2017, Trash Off Day Statewide Clean-Up on April 8, 2017. Soror Jacqueline Caviel seconded the motion. The motion carried without any opposition.

**Membership** (see written report): **Soror Arielle Phillips** thanked Sorors **Tamika Thompson**, chair, and co-chair **Abena Andrews** and their subcommittee for an awesome **ReAKtivAtion BreAKfAst: Whimsical Wonderland – Reentering the World of Sisterhood**. An announcement was made informing Sorors that they could purchase the pink bowtie the committee wore, please contact Soror Abena Andrews. The cost is \$25.00. Soror Arielle, also, urged sorors to sign up for the **Mentoring Subcommittee** chaired by **Sorors Kimberly Cooper-Jones, Kim O'Neal and Terrilyn Ratcliff**. This subcommittee is, also, in the process of planning a Mentor/Mentee kick-off event and gathering for late March or early April. The theme: **Am I my Sister's Keeper? Yes, I am!**

**Target I-ThinkHBCU** (see written report): **Soror Ruthelen Robinson** stated that as of Saturday, February 18, 2017, there are 455 registrants for the event scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Thurgood Marshall High School. Volunteers are still needed to assist.

**Target V-Global Impact** (power point): **Soror Stephanie Boyd-Rogers** shared the statistics of HIV/AIDS globally and locally.

- There are **1,200 people** annually diagnosed in Houston alone.
- Women represent half of all people living with HIV worldwide.
- African Americans account for 55% of new cases (US CDC).
- Stressed the importance of getting involved by donating to HIV/AIDS causes

**Upcoming Event:**

- **RED Umbrella Stroll-Aids Walk Houston 2017@ Sam Houston Park 1000 Bagby Street 77002 on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.** To sign up: [www.aidswalkhouston.org](http://www.aidswalkhouston.org), sign up on team **MuKappaOmega-Alpha Kappa Alpha**, select whether you will be a virtual walker or actual walker. She set a goal of \$2000.00 but hopes that we would exceed that amount upwards of \$4000.00. Registration is FREE; however, there is a \$25 charge to participate and at least 20 Sorors are needed to sign up for the Mu Kappa Omega team to have a table.

**Target V-Black History** (see written report): **Soror Lisa Allen** presented a power point detailing the Black History Program.

**Location:** Lantern Lane Elementary School  
3323 Mission Valley Dr. Missouri City, TX 77459  
(Mu Kappa Omega Soror Yvette Blake is principal of this school)

**Date / Time:** February 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm-8:00pm

\*Mu Kappa Omega Black History Committee Members and Volunteer Sorors were asked to arrive by 4:45pm. Mu Kappa Omega sorors planning to attend the program should arrive by 6pm.

The program theme is **EXPLORING EXCEPTIONAL AFRICAN- AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Mu Kappa Omega Soror Attire:** Black Pants with AKA top or African Attire

**\*\*Soror Mary McClelland** offered a Mu Kappa Omega history pearl: Fort Bend County did not have a way of recognizing or celebrating Black History Month until Soror Rose Odom spearheaded an initiative in 1979/1980.

**AKA Connection** (see written report): **Soror Alberta Rencher** reported that the Connection committee addressed several tasks that are their focus is to provide opportunities for ALL chapter members to be I.V.E.E (informed, vigilant, engaged and empowered by):

- Working on Individual Actions
- Education and Information
- Community Action.

**Upcoming Event:**

- There are 40 Sorors signed up for **AKA Day at the Capital-Austin, TX** taking place Monday, February 27, 2017. The bus will be leaving promptly at 4:45am from the Missouri City Police Sub-Station parking lot at Texas Parkway and Lexington, next to Shipley's Donuts.

**HMAC Founders' Day** (see written report): **Soror Adrienne Gibson** gave kudos to Mu Kappa Omega chapter for stepping up during the Founders' Day activities:

- **"Hidden Figures"** viewing at AMC First Colony 24 with 426 tickets sold, 300 being purchased by Mu Kappa Omega
- Represented the chapter at HMAC Founders' Day by having 75 hostesses volunteer
- Presented with **2016 HMAC Reactivation Award-Large chapter**
- Partnered with Psi Mu Omega by tackling childhood hunger with the **HMAC Blessings in a Backpack (BIBP) Community Service project**

**Recommendation:** There was an overage in the budget of \$565.00 primarily resulting from our desire to continue to provide sisterly support for our Golden sorors to attend HMAC Founders' Day

and unanticipated chapter costs to support the HMA Blessings in a Backpack (BIBP) community service project in conjunction with Psi Mu Omega chapter.

Soror Gibson moved that the chapter deduct \$565.00 from the contingency budget line item from the 2017 operational budget to cover additional and unanticipated expenditures. The motion was seconded by **Soror Madelyn Nunn**. Soror Patricia Arbuckle questioned the excess and received sufficient clarification. The motion carried without opposition.

**Awards** (see written report): **Soror Toya Anderson** confirmed the first round of books were sent via UPS on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The next round of books are being worked on. There was one addition to the Awards submission approved by the Executive Board:

- **Soror Christina Porter - Chelle Luper Wilson Merit & Culture Award**

Nominations for the *Most Valuable Pearl Award 2016* were taken from the floor.

- Soror Alice Thompson nominated **Soror Richelle Brewster**
- Soror Abena Andrews nominated **Soror Arielle Phillips**
- Soror Vanese Berry nominated **Soror Monica Green**
- Soror Sharron Crayton nominated **Soror Kimberly Cooper-Jones**

**Soror Monica Green** declined the nomination. **Soror Stephanie Boyd-Rogers** moved to close the nominations on the 3 names listed above. **Soror Alice Thompson** seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

**Soror Stephanie Boyd-Rogers** moved to accept the three (3) Sorors nominated as *Most Valuable Pearl 2016*. **Soror Jacqueline Caviel** seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

**Conference Activities** (see written report): **Sorors Richelle Brewster** and **Trinette Larks** informed the chapter that the Regional Conference bus was cancelled due to lack of participation. Soror Richelle noted that you are **NOT** registered as being present at **SCRC-Shreveport** unless you have completed the **2017 SCRC OFFICIAL Mu Kappa Omega Registration Roster**. The chapter gathering is as follows:

#### **The MKΩ Chapter Dinner**

**When:** Friday, March 17, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Ralph & Kacoo's  
1700 Old Minden Road  
Bossier City, LA 71111  
**Cost:** \$25 per MKΩ Soror  
\$32 per Invited Soror Guest  
**Payment:** Payments can be made via Moolah (deadline March 3, 2017)

**Scholarship Committee** (see written report): **Soror Theresa Porter** submitted the timeline that the Scholarship Committee implemented for 2017. The link for students to apply for scholarships under Julia F. Thompson, Inc. will be open March 1, 2107. Please help spread the word!

## FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Target I: ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> (see written report)
- Target II: Pink Goes Red (see written report)
- Target IV: Environmental Ownership (see written report)
- NPHC-Houston (see written report)

### Unfinished Business

- **Year-End Reports:** completed
- **Young Women's College Preparatory Academy:** JFT made \$500.00 donation to support "Hidden Figures" movie for students
- **85<sup>th</sup> SCRC:** Delegation Registration Form submitted; Chapter Gathering @ Ralph and Kacoo's: \$25.00 for MKΩ Sorors; \$32.00 for Guests, RSVP deadline 03/03/17
- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Houston Alumni Greek Show-February 25, 2017.** Additional information was requested from Madam Regional Director and Soror Arielle Phillips recommended that we not participate due to time constraints. Promoters are giving MKΩ two (2) complimentary tickets and a parking pass to be used as a Reactivation Committee door prize (still had not rec'd as of 02/18/2017)
- **Leadership 2017** in Las Vegas has implemented a new training for all Membership chairs and Basilei of ALL chapters. Therefore, Sorors Arielle Phillips and Soror Jessica Hill will be attending, as Madame Basileus has to attend Basilei Training Course. Reimbursement for Sorors Arielle and Jessica will be brought before the chapter at a later date as they have to attend the training.
- **2018 Boule Updates:** Soror Cheryl Lugo asked if it were too late to purchase Boule attire. Soror Madelyn Nunn, 2018 Boule Co-Chairman, stated that at this point, there is no additional information regarding those purchases. If any new information arose, she would let the chapter know.
  - **Madame Supreme Basileus Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson** stated that **Soror Katherine Johnson**, depicted in the movie "*Hidden Figures*", has been invited to attend the Academy Awards and the sorority will partially or fully fund her and her medical team's travel.

### New Business

- **2017 Winter Mailing**
- **EAF Donation sent before February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline – Therefore, the chapter should be recognized at the 85<sup>th</sup> SCRC-Shreveport, LA**
- **Super Bowl-100 Black Men and Omega Psi Phi Solicitation-Referred to Julia F. Thompson, Inc. (JFT)**
- **Ivy Isle Foundation of TX-Referred-Referred to JFT**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Zeta Zeta Miss Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship Pageant-Referred to JFT**
- **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Solicitation for Scholarship Program Sponsor-Referred to JFT**
- **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Scholarship Fundraiser Bowl-a-Thon-Soror Tiffany Brailey will spearhead endeavor for a team**
- **Black History Month Gala and Frederick Douglass Book Drive-Mu Kappa Omega has requested additional information**
- **Phi Beta Sigma Eta Rho Sigma Chapter Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser Solicitation-Referred to JFT**

- **Sorors of the Lake Houston Area (Atascosita, Sheldon, Lake Houston, Kingwood and unincorporated Humble area) Interest Group support-** Soror Ivy Levingston motioned that Mu Kappa Omega chapter submit a letter in support of the Lake Houston Area Interest Group. Seconded by **Soror Tracey Hilton-Parker**. The motion carried without opposition.
- **Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Stamp Petition-**Please sign petitions circulating room, if not done online, and turn in.

### **Announcements**

- Soror Melanie Findley-Gordon and honey-do William announce birth of baby girl
- Sisterly Relations Activity forthcoming
- Mentoring Activities forthcoming
- PinkNIC! Planning forthcoming
- The Annual African American Music Gala flyers available
- Please turn in all birthday attire (sashes and crowns) and voting cards
- Moolah link for SCRC-Shreveport chapter gathering will be available this week
- Visit Parade of Program tables and sign-up

**Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.**

**\*\*\*\*Although meeting adjourned, Sorors were asked to stay and watch the LNDS video of program updates presented by Madam Supreme Basileus Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson. This video presentation was tabled from January 2017 Chapter Meeting due to techonology issues.**

**Sisterly submitted,**

*Vanese S. Berry, Grammateus*

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**  
**Mu Kappa Omega Chapter**  
**Correspondence Report**  
February 19 – March 20, 2017

Correspondence Originator	Correspondence Brief
<b>Soror Edna Boone</b>	Thank you for the cards, phone calls, gift cards, and prayers I received during the recovery of my surgery. It is so wonderful to be loved by my sorors. May God continue to bless each of you.
<b>Soror Janet Harry Taylor</b>	Thank you for your cards, phone calls, texts, and prayers. Only in this sisterhood is it possible for sorors to become sisters and family. Thank you for blessing me with your love and friendship.
<b>Patricia Owens Assistant Director of Membership</b>	Congratulatory letters, certificates, and medallions for the 2017 Silver Stars and Golden sorors.
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>	<p>The Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Faith-based Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP) and the Houston Regional Office invite you to participate in the VA Regional Outreach Event on March 30, 2017 at 8am.</p> <p>This event is an opportunity for local leaders and organizations to learn about programs and services the VA provides, which includes VA's healthcare services, eliminating veterans' homelessness, Women veteran programs and more.</p> <p>Event registration: <a href="https://varoe-houston.eventbrite.com">https://varoe-houston.eventbrite.com</a></p>
<b>Texas Southern University</b>	We invite you to attend our Maroon & Gray Scholarship Affair to officially launch the University's 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Marriot Marquis. Judy A. Smith will be the keynote speaker. Please RSVP by April, 14, 2017
<b>National Pan Hellenic Council of Houston, Inc. (NPHCH)</b>	<p>We invite you to complete an application to participate in the NPHCH Stroll Off Competition taking place during our annual Greek Weekend. Application is due Friday, April 7, 2017.</p> <p>NPHCH Picnic  Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017  Time: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Location: Centennial Park  3219 McLean Road, Pearland, TX 77584</p>

Sisterly,

Soror Shanae Lester Ivey  
Epistoleus



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 6, 2017**

**Old Hickory Inn Barbeque  
Missouri City, Texas 77459**

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Basileus Watson at 7:05pm.

**Meditation:**

The meditation was provided by Soror Adrienne Gibson. She also mentions that, beginning in April, the Prayer team would be starting corporate prayer once a quarter for 15-30 minutes via conference call.

**Executive Board Attendance:** Jacqueline Watson, Jessica Hill, Arielle Phillips, Vanese Berry, Ashley Odom (via conference call), Shanae Ivey, Monica Akompi, Monique Shepherd, Angela Reed, Stephanie Boyd-Rogers, Candace Robinson, Moesha Spikes, Monika May, Deidre Brown, Monica Green, Yvette Mitchell, Jacqueline Caviel, Madelyn Nunn, Sara Robinson, Deitri Spears. Ariel Robinson (for Rochell Marshall) and Fayettea Tasby.

**Reflections from February Meeting**

The Executive Board felt that February's meeting and reactivation breakfast were great and fun. There were 60 visiting Soror guests who attended. Major kudos were given to sorors that stepped up to volunteer and helped with check in. Many sorors also took advantage of committee fair and signed up.

**Announcements/Newsletter: Soror Shanae Ivey**

The correspondence that was received was financial cards that were sent over to Soror Monique Shepherd and a thank you letter from Soror Edna Boone for the gift cards, thoughts and prayers that she received. Some mail was also received for JFT, Inc. that will be sent to the JFT, Inc. President Soror Stacy Lloyd.

The AKAlades newsletter will be going out to the chapter during this week. Many committees are providing different monthly tips to be added to the monthly newsletter.

**Communications (Via Email or Phone Tree)**

Sorors will be removed from phone tree listing due to the purge to have an accurate amount of Sorors to send messages to. Cards were sent out to Sorors who have lost loved ones of the recent weeks.

**Sorority Meeting Logistics**

At the time of the Executive Board committee meeting, the march meeting location had not be finalized just yet. The contract for Marshall High School hadn't been submitted back yet and the backup location will be at the Fountain Life Center. The March Chapter Meeting starts will begin at 10:00am. The JFT, Inc. meeting begin before at 9:00am to help ensure that the chapter meeting will begin on time.

The Environmental Ownership committee needs table for collections and ASCEND committee will need a table for collecting professional attire. There will be a team of sorors working to assist with the distribution of secret ballots for the MIP Vote and MVP Vote. Philactors will assist Tellers with ballot collection. The Tellers Committee will count ballots and the Anti-Grammateus' team

will assist with ballot distribution (10 sorors will be helping with distributing ballots and voting cards). The MVP Vote must also be collected.

### **Member at Large Moment**

The topic for the March Chapter meeting will be meeting protocol and coming prepared for meeting. Soror Madelyn Nunn will be the floater, Soror Sara Robinson will be the time keeper and Soror Jackie Caviel will be the speaker.

### **Member Updates and Concerns**

- Status Updates on per capita and other chapter payments to the Corporate Office: Corporate has processed all Silver Star medallions and they will be delivered to Shreveport during the 85<sup>th</sup> SCRC.
- Effective March 1, 2017, members not in good standing are no longer receiving MKΩ communications.
- Effective at March chapter meeting, members who are not in good standing are subject to the TWO meeting per guest Soror rule.
- Soror Condolences
  - Soror Jewell Hunter's mother and Soror passed away.
  - Soror Janet Harry Taylor's mother and Soror passed away.
  - Soror Aileen Thomas' aunt passed away.
  - Soror Theresa Porter's brother-in-law and Soror Christina Porter's uncle passed away.
  - Soror Carlotta "Betty" Barnes Williams – A request was made for an AKA representation at the Homegoing Service on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the Sugarland Mortuary.
    - Soror Carlotta was inactive. The family is requesting our presence at the services but NO Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony.
    - Soror Karolyn Bougeois will read a prepared Soror Tribute if she's able. The family is asking for a MKΩ soror to be on standby to read the Soror Tribute in the event that Soror Karolyn Bougeois is unable to do so. Asking prayer team to send a representative and Soror Vanese Berry is also available.

### **Financial Updates: Soror Monica Akompi**

The total active membership as of March 6, 2017 is 418 members. Of this number, 365 are members in good standing, 37 sorors reactivated, and 16 sorors transferred. There are currently 29 outstanding JFT assessments. The year-end balance needs to be adjusted from the January 2017 report to include an entry that was inadvertently missing. There was an approximately \$120 discrepancy in operating account and roughly an approximately 50 discrepancy in charity and appeals account. At March meeting, a revised January and February report will be given as well as the March report.

### **Chapter Operation Processes**

- **Technology** – There will be website updates made over the coming weeks. Upon chapter approval, Time Station will be used for online chapter attendance using a QR Code. The committee also discussed getting a chapter mobile application. There was also discussion on social media and a meeting for this communications committee will take place to regional conference.

### **Agenda Items and/or Committee Reports**

- Nurturing Our Ivy- Tribute to Golden and Silver Star Sorors
  - email will be sent to ask all Golden and Silvers to wear their color to identify them
- February Minutes
- Correspondence Report
- Executive Committee

- Tamiouchos Report
- Program Committee
- Membership Committee
  - MIP Vote by secret ballot
  - PinkNic Subcommittee Presentation
- Awards (MVP Nominations)
  - MVP Vote by secret ballot
- Conference Activities
- Outreach Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Target 4: Environmental Ownership
- Target 1: ASCEND
- Black History
- Target 1: Think HBCU
- AKA Connection
- Target 5: Global Impact

### Unfinished Business

- **Young Women's College Preparatory Academy:** solicitation to support Hidden Figures Moving class outing – Private showing took place at Greenway Palace Stadium on February 22, 2017 at 9:00 am
- **85<sup>th</sup> SCRC** (Most preconference submission deadlines are on March 12, 2017)
  - Delegation Registration Form submitted
    - Soror Roshell Marshall was selected as the alternate delegate to replace Soror Kellen Patterson.
  - Backpack Service Project: purchasing 300 to take to Shreveport, asking sorors to bring additional
  - Chapter Bus was canceled due to low RSVP numbers
  - Chapter Gathering: Ralph & Kacoo's: 68 paid, 85 RSVP'd
- **2017 Leadership Seminar:** July 13-16, 2017, Las Vegas, NV
  - Registration is open: Early Bird Registration thru March 31, 2017; Late Registration from April 1, 2017 thru May 1, 2017 (Registration cut off is ~10,000 registrants)
  - Can't book a AKA room block hotel room with your registration confirmation code (Only one hotel room reservation per registration conference code); Received communication from non-approved vendor offering Discounted AKA Hotel Rates
- **Risk Management Summit**
  - Thursday, July 13, 2017: 8:00am to 5:00pm; \$125.00 fee
  - Mandatory attendance for ALL chapter Basilei and MIP chairman to attend
  - Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Basileus are required to attend in the absence of the chapter Basileus
  - Risk Management \$125.00 fee per soror or (\$250.00) to be reimbursed from the 2017 Leadership budget line item.
    - Recommending that the Chapter approval to reimburse the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus for their Leadership Seminar registration in the amount of \$335.00 each because they must be registered for the seminar and are mandated to the Risk Management Summit.
- **Honorary Member suggestion for 2018 Boule:** Yolanda Adams

### New Business

- NPHC – 2017 Stroll Off: will be asking the chapter to consider participation; only one AKA sorority allowed in the competition
  - Request for approval has been submitted to Madam Regional Director

### Executive Board Recommendations

1. Executive Board making the March 2017 Chapter Meeting closed due to MIP Vote

2. Executive Board approved purchase the Time Station Application for use at the April and May chapter meeting; Soror Ashley Odom will write a recommendation to present before the chapter
  - Will be funded from the first \$7500.00 in overage which is earmarked for Strategic Technology Initiatives as part of the 2017 Operating Budget.
3. Executive Board approved bring a request for Chapter approval to reimburse the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus for their Leadership Seminar registration in the amount of \$335.00 each because they must be registered for the seminar and are mandated to the Risk Management Summit.
  - Funded from contingency line item from the 2017 Operating Budget.

#### Other Items

- February 24-25, 2017; Basileus traveled on official AKA business
- March 7, 2017 - 2018 Boule Planning Meeting
- New Member Orientation has been moved to Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- PINKnic is has been moved to Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Announcements/Reminders

- Requests for Executive Board are due the Thursday before Executive Board Meeting
- Chapter reports and/or PPTs are due @ 11:59 pm on the Saturday before Sorority Meeting
- Next Executive Board Meeting—Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm at Old Hickory Inn Barbeque.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Sisterly Submitted,

*Soror Ashley Odom*

Anti-Grammateus

Recommendation:

**The Executive Board recommends that Mu Kappa Omega chapter purchase the Time Station Application for use at the April and May chapter meetings to evaluate the effectiveness of the application's cloud-based time and attendance reporting capabilities at a price of \$89.95 plus applicable taxes per month.**

Rationale:

The chapter needs a more efficient and effective method to record Soror chapter meeting and activity attendances. A similar process was efficiently and effectively used by the Reactivation Subcommittee to check in guest Sorors in February. This product is highly recommended by other medium and large size chapters who currently use this system to track Soror chapter meeting and activity attendances. The Executive Board recommends that we purchase a 2 month subscription to evaluate whether this product meets our chapter attendance reporting needs. Assuming that it does, the Executive Board will return in to the body in June to request additional funding for the remainder of the year at \$89.95 plus applicable taxes per month.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Program Report - Submitted on: March 20, 2017

## **Mu Kappa Omega LNDS Programs Best in Class!**

***“Hard days are the best, because that is when champions are made.”***

*Gabby Douglas*

**"And the Winner for Outstanding LNDS Target 2: Health Program is..... Mu Kappa Omega Chapter!"**

**"And the Winner for Outstanding LNDS Target 3: Family Strengthening Program is.... Mu Kappa Omega Chapter!"**

**"And the Winner for Outstanding LNDS Target 4: Environmental Ownership is... Mu Kappa Omega Chapter!"**

Congratulations Sorors on your recognition for winning 3 of the 5 LNDS Program Awards for the South Central Region. I would like to thank all LNDS Program Coordinators and activity Chairmen of every LNDS Target for the implementation of their vision and creativity, and thank you to all our chapter members who supported each activity to meet our community needs and answered the call to service. We may not have received recognition for each individual target, however it took all of us **TOGETHER** to be recognized as the **South Central Region Large Chapter of the Year.**

**Sorors, Thank you for everything you do to contribute to the success of our programs!**

### **UPCOMING LNDS Events:**

**April 1 - ASCEND**

**April 8 - Outreach - 6000 Telephone Road**

**April 8 - Trash Off Day Statewide Clean Up**

**April 8 - Sisters Network Walk**

### **IMPORTANT UPDATES:**

The Monthly Program Committee Meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. Attendees to this meeting are not limited to LNDS Program Committees. All Committee Coordinators and Chairmen or a representative from all chapter committees are expected to attend. It is imperative that we work collectively as a chapter to coordinate chapter activities and committee meetings.

**Mandatory Program Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm**

**All committee chairmen and coordinators should make plans to attend. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative from your committee. This meeting is for all committees to be informed about chapter programming procedures and committee updates.**

### **Committee Summaries:**

**Target 1 – Educational Enrichment: ASCEND**

**Coordinator: Soror Christina Porter; Soror Stephanie Toussaint**

Refer to committee report for full details and upcoming events.

**Target 1 – Educational Enrichment: Think HBCU**



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
 Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
 Program Report - Submitted on: March 20, 2017

**Coordinator: Soror Ruthelen Robinson; Soror Tiffany Marsalis**  
 Refer to committee report for full details and upcoming events.

**Target 2 – Health**

**Coordinator: Soror Kalisha Carthen ; Soror Lisa Manuel**  
 Refer to committee report for full details and upcoming events.

**Target 3– Family Strengthening**

**Coordinator: Soror Tiffany Brailey ; Soror Julia King**  
 No Chapter Report or updates

**Target 4 – Environmental Ownership**

**Coordinator: Soror Kellen Patterson; Soror Chanell Porter; Soror Cheryl Jones**  
 Refer to committee report for full details and upcoming events.

**Target 5: Global Impact**

**Coordinator: Soror Stephanie Boyd-Rogers; Soror Dawn Broussard**  
 Refer to committee report for full details and upcoming events.

**Join a Committee**

The time is now to take an interest in our many committees. You can sign up for committees via Member Clicks at [www.mukappaomega.com](http://www.mukappaomega.com).

**How Do I Sign Up in Member Clicks?**

**Go to Member Center - Member Profile - My Profile (tab) - My Features (tab) - select E-List**

**Updates to 2017 Program Calendar:**

**Reschedule PinKnic from Saturday, April 15, 2017 to Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**Rationale:** April 15th is Easter weekend and to ensure we have the best participation possible, the changed date would allow sorors the opportunity to attend without the conflict of Easter weekend.

**Reschedule New Member Orientation from Saturday, March 25, 2017 to April 1, 2017**

**Rationale:** Based on past attendee surveys, the preference was to hold New Member Orientation on a day separate and independent of chapter meeting. When held on the same day as chapter meeting, it causes an extended day not only for chapter members but for attendees as well as interferes with the ability to have an effective orientation due to exhaustion from the extended day.

**2017 Program Calendar**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
<b>January</b>		
Saturday	7- Jan	Officers/Committee Training
Saturday	7 - Jan	ASCEND Program - Target 1
Saturday	14- Jan	HMAC Founders' Day
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16 - Jan</b>	<b>MLK Day of Service - IMPACT Day (Target 3: Family Strengthening)</b>
Saturday	21-Jan	Chapter Meeting / Nurturing Our Ivy
<b>February</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3- Feb</b>	<b>Pink Goes Red - IMPACT Day - Target 2: Health</b>



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
 Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
 Program Report - Submitted on: March 20, 2017

Saturday	11- Feb	HMAC Health Symposium - Pink Goes Red - Target 2: Health
Saturday	11- Feb	ASCEND Program - Target I
Saturday	18-Feb	Chapter Meeting/ Reactivation Breakfast/ Nurturing Our Ivy
Tuesday	21 - Feb	Think HBCU Educational Enrichment Expo – Target 1: Think HBCU
Thursday	23 –Feb	Black History Program – Target 5: Global Impact AKA Day at the Capital
Monday	27 – Feb	
<b>March</b>		
Sunday	5 – March	AIDS Walk - Target 5: Global Impact
	March 16 - 19	85th South Central Regional Conference
Saturday	25- March	Chapter Meeting / <del>New Member Orientation</del> / Nurturing Our Ivy
	21- March	ASCEND Program – Target 1
<b>April</b>		
Saturday	1-April	ASCEND Program – Target 1
Saturday	1-April	New Member Orientation
Saturday	8- April	Outreach Activity - 6000 Telephone (Connections; Target 2: Health)
Saturday	8- April	Trash Off Day Statewide Clean Up - Target 4: Environmental Ownership
Saturday	8- April	Sisters Network Walk - Target 2: Health
Saturday	22-April	Chapter Meeting/ Chapter Pinknic
Saturday	22 – April	ASCEND Program – Target 1
<b>May</b>		
Saturday	6- May	<b>AKA/NAMI Awareness Day - IMPACT DAY - NAMI Walks Greater Houston</b>
Saturday	20-May	Chapter Meeting/ JFT & Chapter Scholarship Luncheon/ Nurturing Our Ivy
Saturday	20- May	<b>IMPACT DAY - 1908 Playground Mobilization Day - Target 4</b>
Sunday	21- May	ASCEND Graduation & Career Development Activity
<b>June</b>		
Saturday	10-Jun	Chapter Meeting / Nurturing Our Ivy <b>IMPACT DAY - The Longest Day Alzheimer's Support Activity – Target 2: Health</b>
Wednesday	21-June	<b>Health</b>
	TBD; June 17th not available (Preferred Date)	
Saturday		Jeans for Teens - Target 3 Family Strengthening
Saturday	24- June	Brentwood – The Gathering Place – Alzheimer’s Project
<b>July</b>		
Wed.- Sun.	13 – 17 July	Leadership – Las Vegas, NV
	TBD	Sisterly Relation Activity – Nurturing Our Ivy <b>IMPACT DAY - Mental Health Awareness Day - (Observance to be held at International Conference)</b>
<b>August</b>		
Saturday	5- Aug	New Dimensions Program: Target 2 Health – CPR Training
	TBD	1,000,000 Backpack Drive – Target 1 – Windsor Village Church
	TBD	1,000,000 Backpack Drive - Target 1 – Fellowship of Love Church



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
 Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
 Program Report - Submitted on: March 20, 2017

	TBD	Think HBCU – Target 1
	TBD	ASCEND Program – Target 1
<b>September</b>		
Fri. – Sat.	9/15-9/16	Chapter Meeting/ Chapter Retreat / Nurturing Our Ivy
	TBD	Target 4: Environmental Awareness Activity
	TBD	UNCF Walk for Education
	TBD	Health Symposium - Target 2 Health
<b>October</b>		
	TBD	Pink on the Green
Monday	16- Oct	<b>Childhood Hunger Awareness Day - IMPACT DAY</b>
Saturday	21-Oct	Chapter Meeting / Nurturing Our Ivy
Sunday	22-Oct	Sisterly Relations (Chapter Fellowship/ Worship)
Tuesday	24- Oct	United Nations Day
Saturday	28-Oct	Alzheimer's Walk
Saturday	28-Oct	Fall Think HBCU Event – Elkins High School
Saturday	28-Oct	ASCEND Program in conjunction with ThinkHBCU Event
	TBD	Think HBCU Awareness Week
	TBD	Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk- Target 2: Health
<b>November</b>		
Saturday	18-Nov	Chapter Meeting / Nurturing Our Ivy
	TBD	ASCEND Program Target 1
	TBD	SETX Cluster
	TBD	New Dimension Program – Target 3: Family Strengthening
<b>December</b>		
Saturday	9 -Dec	Chapter Meeting / Nurturing Our Ivy
	TBD	Outreach Activity: 6000 Telephone Rd. – Target 3: Family Strengthening
	TBD	ASCEND Program – Target 1
	TBD	Sisterly Relations Activity





**Membership Committee Report**  
**March 25, 2017**

The Membership Committee meeting was held on **Thursday, March 9, 2017**. There were **15** Sorors in attendance.

**State of Membership Report (Soror Arielle Phillips):** As of march 6<sup>th</sup>, there were currently **418** members in good standing: **365** renewing, **16** transfers pending corporate approval and **37** reactivants pending corporate approval. An accounting of the **Membership Budget** was also provided.

**Membership Activities Budget, Expenses, and Balances:**

<b>Beginning Budget</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$41.25</b>	<b>\$3,958.76*</b>

**\*There are still outstanding receipts being submitted from prior membership activities and an update will be provided as receipts are reconciled.**

**Reactivation Breakfast Budget, Expenses and Balance:**

The **original budget** was based on **335** Sorors at **\$30** per Soror. However, there were **351** active sorors at the time of the **RSVP deadline**. See table below:

<b>Beginning Budget (Based on 351 active sorors at the time of RSVP)</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>\$10,530.00*</b>	<b>\$7,527.78**</b>	<b>\$3,002.22</b>

## Parliamentary Action Required

\*Budget is based on \$30/soror

\*\*These expenses included event gifts, decorations, and games totaling \$608.37, along with food and room expenses as well as audio/visual needs for chapter meeting totaling \$6,914.41.

We now have **418** Sorors so the **actual budget** has increased to **\$12,540.00** to include the additional **83** Sorors. See table below:

<b>Actual Budget (Based on 418 active sorors)</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>\$12,340.00*</b>	<b>\$7,527.78**</b>	<b>\$5,012.22</b>

\*Budget is based on \$30/soror

\*\*These expenses included event gifts, decorations, and games totaling \$608.37, along with food and room expenses as well as audio/visual needs for chapter meeting totaling \$6,914.41.

**Therefore, the current overage for the Reactivation Breakfast total: \$5,012.22**

**Reactivation (Sorors Tamika Thompson and Abena Andrews):** Madame Basileus congratulated the Reactivation committee on a job well done. **205** Chapter sorors and **60** guest sorors were in attendance at the Reactivation Breakfast. There were **272** Chapter sorors and **75** Guest Sorors that RSVP'd. The budget was discussed and receipts are being reconciled. Committee members were informed that the breakfast appeared to be **under** budget. After final reconciliation of the Reactivation Budget, the overage amount will be discussed with the Chapter and the recommendation is that a portion of the overage from the Operating Account Reactivation Breakfast budget line item C(5)(a) is reallocated to the Operating Account Membership Activities budget line item C(5)(c).

**Rationale:** The reallocation of funds will be used to support additional Sisterly Relations and Nurturing our Ivy activities throughout the year as requested by chapter sorors and mandated by the Supreme Basileus in an effort to keep sorors engaged and promote sisterly bonding. The Membership committee is also in consideration of a proposal to host an additional Reactivation Breakfast in the fall as requested by sorors and leadership as well as a proposal to host a fall New Member Orientation as requested by newly reactivated and transferred sorors who are unable to attend the April New Member Orientation. The Membership Committee also anticipates additional sorors to transfer/reactivate into the Chapter after the April New Member Orientation. In addition, as the Membership in the Chapter increases, the amount allocated to Membership activities remains the same without taking into account the increase in the amount of sorors joining the Chapter.

**Membership Intake Process (MIP) (Sorors Kelsey Comeaux, Candace Robinson, Ashlee Sherman):** Prerequisites for the Chapter to conduct MIP

## Parliamentary Action Required

during the 2017 year was read from the Chapter Bylaws. The floor was opened to the committee and there was a healthy discussion regarding the pros and cons to support and not support conducting an MIP. A motion to not recommend that Mu Kappa Omega conduct an MIP in 2017 was properly moved and seconded. However, the vote was tied at 6-6, therefore the motion failed. Further discussions regarding MIP were revisited. During this time, additional sorors entered the meeting so a motion was properly moved and seconded to not recommend that Mu Kappa Omega conduct an MIP in 2017. The motion failed with a vote of 6 for and 8 against. Subsequently, a motion was properly moved and seconded to recommend that Mu Kappa Omega conduct an MIP in 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 8 for and 6 against. **The Membership Committee recommends that Mu Kappa Omega conduct an MIP in 2017 at March Chapter meeting.**

**Retention (Sorors Rewa Fyles, Dana Thompson, Cherie Jones):** New Member Orientation will be held on Saturday, **April 1, 2017** at **The Pinnacle**. This year's theme is "**Greater Laurels to Win: The Road to Significance**". Planning is currently underway. RSVPs to attend New Member Orientation will be sent to Sorors who transferred or reactivated from January 2016 – Present. There are approximately 55 sorors who meet these criteria in Memberclicks. Anticipated potential budget needs: \$1,000.00.

**Mentoring (Sorors Kim O'Neal, Kim Cooper Jones, Terrilyn Ratcliff):** Currently **25** sorors have signed up to be mentors and **10** sorors have signed up to be mentees. My Sister's Keeper form has been created and uploaded to Memberclicks by the mentoring subcommittee co-chairs for mentors and mentees to complete in order to aid in the pairing process. The link to the form is active and available in the Get Connection section in Memberclicks. Specific requests are also being taken into consideration when pairing.

It was decided not to have a New Member blog as a form of communication. The committee will continue to utilize the mentoring email ([mentoring@mukappaomega.com](mailto:mentoring@mukappaomega.com)) to allow new members to submit inquiries. A mix and mingle with matched pairs will be held at the April New Member Orientation. The subcommittee's plan is to have quarterly mentoring activities, which are currently under consideration.

**PINKnic! (Sorors Sonya Lloyd Cobbin, Shaneka Young, Charis Axel):** Planning has begun for the annual **Pinknic!** The date of the **Pinknic!** will be **Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm**. The location is **Kitty Hollow Park (large pavilion)**, although Soror Sonya Cobbin is looking at University Park as a possible option. The **Pinknic!** will be **Luau** themed. Food options are still being determined, but one option is to have food trucks. Based on past survey comments, the subcommittee will forgo a PinKnic T-shirt for attendees and is currently exploring other souvenir options such as a water bottle with the PinKnic theme. Ticket prices will be communicated via weekly messages.

**Sisterly Relations (Sorors Cheryl Lugo, Tenechia Beal, Camille King):** "**Step, Stroll and Line Dancing Skills Lab**", will be held March 11, 2017 at The Pinnacle, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. As requested by sorors, the plan for

## Parliamentary Action Required

2017 is to have Sisterly Relations activities more often throughout the year in an effort to keep sorors **engaged** and promote **sisterly bonding**. These activities will serve as “**extra credit**” to the sisterly relations activity requirement as outlined in the Chapter Bylaws.

**Nurturing Our Ivy (Sorors Monika May, Shelley Price, Roshanda Johnson):** The **March** activity for **Nurturing our Ivy** will be held at **March** Chapter meeting. We will be “**Showering** all of our Golden and Silver Sorors with **Love**” with a presentation and gift acknowledging this milestone. Each Golden and Silver Soror will be asked to wear attire adorned with silver or gold at Chapter meeting. This activity will **NOT** be in lieu of the annual Golden and Silver Soror Celebration.

**Leadership Retreat House Party:** The following sorors will serve as representatives from the Membership Committee with the planning and execution of the House Party. Chair – Soror Monique Phillips, Co-chairs – Sorors Adrienne Gibson and Abena Andrews. Planning is underway.

**Next Membership Committee meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2017 at 7:00pm.**  
**Location: TBD.**

### Recommendations:

1. **The Membership Committee recommends** that \$4000.00 of the Reactivation Breakfast overage in the Operating Account Membership Reactivation budget line item C(5)(a) be reallocated to the Operating Account Membership Activities budget line item C(5)(c).

#### **Rationale:**

The reallocation of funds will be used to support additional Sisterly Relations and Nurturing our Ivy activities throughout the year as requested by chapter sorors and mandated by the Supreme Basileus in an effort to keep sorors engaged and promote sisterly bonding. The Membership committee is also in consideration of a proposal to host an additional Reactivation Breakfast in the fall as requested by sorors and leadership as well as a proposal to host a fall New Member Orientation as requested by newly reactivated and transferred sorors who are unable to attend the April New Member Orientation. The Membership Committee also anticipates additional sorors to transfer/reactivate into the Chapter after the April New Member Orientation. In addition, as the Membership in the Chapter increases, the amount allocated to Membership activities remains the same without taking into account the increase in the amount of sorors joining the Chapter.

2. **The Membership Committee recommends that Mu Kappa Omega chapter conduct an MIP in 2017.**

**Parliamentary Action Required**

**Respectfully** and **Sisterly** submitted,

Soror Arielle Phillips  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus/Membership Chairman

## Parliamentary Action Required

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Awards Committee Report  
March 25, 2017

Congratulations Sorors for a job well done! The 2017 South Central Regional Conference was held March 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Shreveport, Louisiana where Mu Kappa Omega won awards in the following categories:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chapter of the Year Award (Large Chapter)
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Target 2: Health Promotion
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Target 3: Family Strengthening
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Target 4: Environmental Ownership
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chelle Luper Wilson Merit & Culture Award – Christina Porter

Thanks to everyone that provided assistance with and documentation for our submissions! Please continue to submit documentation in support of our programs and civic endeavors to the awards committee – [awards@mukappaomega.com](mailto:awards@mukappaomega.com).

**Today, the chapter will be voting for Most Valuable Pearl (MVP).**

The nominees are:

- ❖ Soror Richelle Brewster
- ❖ Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones
- ❖ Soror Arielle Phillips

Sisterly Submitted,  
Toya Anderson

***Soror Parliamentary Action Required***

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Publicity Committee Report

**Members Present:** Sparkle Anderson, Toya Anderson, Taylor Barnes, Danielle Bess, Monica Green, Jessica Hill, Letra Johnican, Kimberly Cooper Jones, Roshell Marshall, Ashley Odom, Arielle Phillips, Moesha Spikes, Shunté Washington

The Publicity committee met on March 8, 2017 via conference call to discuss the committee responsibilities and 2017 goals which include, increasing social media presence, improving traffic on social media sites, and increasing the number of media outlets. The committee also voted on the next Ivy Leaf entry due April 15, 2017.

**The committee also approved a recommendation to utilize Instagram and Twitter as communication vehicles to engage the public, promote our international targets and enhance the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand.**

Recommendation:

**The Publicity Committee recommends that Mu Kappa Omega Chapter open chapter Instagram and Twitter accounts in accordance with the Sorority's social media policy and guidelines for use as communication vehicles to engage the public, promote our international targets and enhance the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand.**

Sisterly Submitted,

*Soror Monica Green – Reporter to the Ivy Leaf, Publicity Chairman*  
*Soror Taylor Barnes – Publicity Co-Chairman*



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter

## Target I – ThinkHBCU

*“from awareness to philanthropy”*

March 25, 2017

### WRAP-UP

#### Educational Enrichment Spring 2017 Expo

#### Carnival of HBCUs

HBCU College Fair ♦ Workshops ♦ Hands-on S.T.E.M. Activities

Thurgood Marshall High School • Tuesday, February 21, 2017 • 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm



### The HBCU Experience: An Education For Life

The ‘Carnival of HBCUs’ rolled with **350 attendees** from across the greater Houston and surrounding communities attending on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Thurgood Marshall High School in Missouri City. The event was presented in partnership with the Fort

Bend Independent School District.

Attendees had the chance to meet face-to-face with representatives of many historically black institutions of higher education from across the country and to expose them to other opportunities and options. Participants were treated to workshops focusing on sharing the knowledge and tools necessary to move to and through the process to enable students to go confidently in the direction of their dreams.

The ‘Krewe of HBCUs’ included:

#### *Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

Alabama A&M University

Prairie View A&M University – College of Architecture

Alabama State University

Prairie View A&M University – College of Business

Benedict College

Southern University and A&M College

Central State University

Tennessee State University

Clark Atlanta University

Texas College

Grambling State University

Texas Southern University

Howard University

Tougaloo College

Huston-Tillotson University

Tuskegee University

Paul Quinn College

Wiley College

*HBCUs – the PRIDE is UNDENIABLE and the LEGACY is STRONG*



## Exhibitors

Air Force	Blake Simon & Associates
Courtney Encourages	Fort Bend Friends and Neighbors
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center	HBCU 1837 Co
Houston Fire Department	Imagine Excellence, Inc.
Julia F. Thompson, Inc.	Paper Pencil Pen
Professional Career Training Institute	Scholar Tree Knowledge Hub
Speak Success, Inc.	Texas Department of Public Safety
United States Marines	U.S. Navy

Many exhibitors and volunteers shared their gifts of experience and knowledge with attendees through the **RealTalk Workshops**. Are you yelling “**Show Me the Money**”, or wondering “**How to Survive College**”, curious about “**The HBCU Experience**” or just looking for open and honest conversation from those you have already ‘walked that mile’.

Ruthelen Robinson, Educational Enrichment Expo Coordinator shared, “The education I received at Southern University and A&M College went beyond the classroom. I credit my experience at my HBCU for helping to shape me into the person and professional I am today.” She went on to say, “We didn’t have events like this when I was in school. I feel like it is my responsibility to represent the values of HBCUs and let people know what an invaluable experience it was.”



Congratulations to all of the Expo winners! **Chase Stokes**, the winner of the **Mu Kappa Omega HBCU Summer College Tour**. He will have the pleasure of visiting 11 HBCUs this summer.

There were five lucky individuals who won Expo SWAG Bags (a copy of The Transition book by Blake Simon, the opportunity to submit their college application to over 50 HBCUs via the Common Black College Application FREE of charge and four tickets to the Mu Kappa Omega ThinkHBCU Think Tank and

Cook-Off in August). Five seniors won an ‘Off to College Kit’ filled with needed items to help students to ‘Dream Big, Work Hard and Stay Focused’. Another lucky five individuals won a pair of tickets to the upcoming Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship Basketball Tournament in Houston at Toyota Center March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Attendees were asked for their feedback on the helpfulness of the event. All responses received indicate that the Educational Enrichment Expo was “excellent” and “very helpful”.

*HBCUs – the PRIDE is UNDENIABLE and the LEGACY is STRONG*

## Wrap-up Report

Thank you again to Terry Sheneman, FBISD College and Career Readiness Coordinator, Alfred Holland, Marshall High School Principal and Daphne Thompson-Bennett, Marshall High School College and Career Readiness Advisor.

And of course, a huge debt of thanks go out to all of the supporters and volunteers. Word about the Expo and what it brings to the community has spread. We have groups, organizations and individuals asking to volunteer. For example, Black Professionals New to Houston, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. the Missouri City Houston Space City Chapter, and others. Special thanks to Toujour Stepherson, Cynthia Hall-Jackson, Brittany Kellum, Soror Janna Shephard, Soror Shequelle Foster-Gims, Soror Patricia Arbuckle, Soror Mamie Williams and more for their dedication and support.

To all of the volunteers, your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. There wouldn't be an Expo without each of you!

### *Budget*

<b>ALLOCATED</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
ADVANCE	\$800.00
Supplies	\$256.54
Decorations	\$258.90
HBCU College Tour Deposit	\$75.00
Hospitality	\$154.08
Give-Aways, Raffles	\$96.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$841.42</b>
Under budget	\$8.58

Attendees are so supportive of what we are doing with the Expo that we received donations totaling \$150.00 towards the ThinkHBCU Scholarship Fund.

See you in October for the Fall 2017 Educational Enrichment Expo at Hightower High School!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### ThinkHBCU Donations and Contributions

In 2015 and 2016, we contributed over \$13,361 and \$20,891, respectively, in support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. **The chapter target for 2017 is \$25,000.**



Let's continue to channel your inner philanthropist and:

- purchase tickets to an HBCU fundraiser,
- make a donation to an HBCU,
- donate to an HBCU and take advantage of corporate matching,
- provide a scholarship/book stipend to a student attending an HBCU,
- support Mu Kappa Omega's ThinkHBCU fundraisers
- contribute to Mu Kappa Omega's [HBCU Race for 2017](#)
- make a donation via [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com)

*HBCUs – the PRIDE is UNDENIABLE and the LEGACY is STRONG*

Let's continue to help **PRESERVE OUR HISTORY and PROTECT OUR FUTURE.**

Some examples of donations are:

- **Purchase of Essence Festival Raffle Ticket (South Central Region Conference)**
- Donations made directly to an HBCU (i.e., Alumni Organization, corporate matching, etc.)
- Donations to an HBCU fundraiser (i.e., Mardi Gras Gala, Crawfish Boil, Tom Joyner Fantastic Voyage Cruise, Tom Joyner Foundation, etc.)
- Purchase of tickets to an HBCU fundraiser (Choir/Band Performance, etc.)
- Donations made to the AKA '08 Campaign on [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com)
- Donations/Contributions made to scholarships at an HBCU or to a student attending an HBCU
- Donations made to MKΩ Chapter Fundraisers (i.e., HBCU College Tour, ThinkHBCU t-shirts, etc.)

## Memberclicks and AKA 1908 Profile Updates

All members are asked to update the **College Affiliation** section of their **Memberclicks Profile** and their **Degree/Certification Data** on [AKA1908.com](http://AKA1908.com).

In Memberclicks:

1. Logon to [www.mukappaomega.com](http://www.mukappaomega.com)
2. Click **Member Profile**
3. Click **Edit Profile**
4. Look for the **College Affiliation** section and respond to the two questions.

On AKA1908.com:

1. Logon to [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com)
2. Click on the **Full Profile** button next to the words "View Profile"
3. Click the **here** link at the end of the paragraph that starts off with "Help out the HBCUs."
4. Add your institution/degree information

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruthelen Robinson*

ThinkHBCU Chairperson

*Tiffany Marsalis*

ThinkHBCU Co-Chairperson

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Target IV - Environmental Ownership Committee Report  
March 25, 2017**

The Environmental Ownership Committee met via conference call on March 12, 2017 for a wrap up discussion of March 11, 2017 – Missouri City Green’s Edible Earth Fest. Also discussed were upcoming events such as Missouri City Green’s “Don’t Mess with Texas” Trash-Off Day to be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 along with future events the committee would like to bring to the Chapter for a vote at the March Meeting,

**Event II**– Saturday March 11, 2017: The committee asked for at least 10 Target IV committee members or Chapter members to volunteer at Missouri City’s “Green Edible Earth Fest” from 9 a.m.-noon at the Edible Arbor Trail by YMCA. MKO was assigned “Mandarins” as the fruit of the day to showcase at the event.

**3/11/17 - Recap of Post Event II:**

*Missouri City Green's Edible Earth Fest was phenomenal! There were 13 Sorors who represented MKO and did an outstanding job at hosting the Mandarin Station. Our team was tasked to come up with crafty ideas for using a mandarin orange. This included ways to eat and use the entire fruit. The Sorors handed out mandarins all who stopped at the booth, informed and demonstrated various uses of the fruit to almost 300 attendees at the event. The various uses presented were creating a Mandarin Body Scrub, Mandarin Potpourri, Mandarin Marmalade, Mandarin Peels for deodorizing disposals, Clementine Dust rub/seasoning, and Mandarin Salad Dressing. The children were able to decorate their mandarins with markers and told who to use the inside peel of the fruit as insect repellent. The organizer for the event was extremely pleased and invited to come again.*

**Next Target IV Volunteering Event:**

**Event III –April 8, 2017:** to the Committee is still in need for at least 10 volunteers for Missouri City Green's “Don't Mess With Texas” 2017 Trash-Off to be held April 8th, 8 a.m.-noon at Missouri City Community Center 1524 Texas Parkway MC, TX 77489 ( info - <http://www.missouricitygreen.org>)

Signed waivers needed @ event 8-8:30am

Check In 8:30-10:30am Litter Clean Up,

10:45-11:45am Volunteer Reception & Awards.

**\*Please sign up at March Chapter Meeting or contact any of the Target IV Program Coordinators**

**Proposed Target IV Events Requiring a Chapter Vote:**

- **Speaker at April 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting: Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage; Topic “Storm Water Management in Missouri City”.**
- **2nd Annual Paper Shredding Event: Saturday, April 29th 9am-12noon, Missouri City Public Safety 3849 Cartwright Rd. Missouri City, TX 77459 (info -<http://www.missouricitygreen.org>)**
- **Sustainable Jewelry Project – Old Jewelry Made New! Collection of old and broken jewelry at Chapter Meetings to be used in jewelry re-makes or art projects. Completed pieces will be sold back to Sorors as fundraiser with proceeds going to J.F.T. Scholarship Fund, etc.**

**Ongoing Green Efforts Discussed:**

**Recycle Bins at Chapter Meetings** – The recycle boxes for empty toothpaste tubes/containers, and old eyewear (glasses) will be set up at the entrance area for regular Chapter Meetings.

**New Green Recycle Collection Ideas:**

- Add Recycle Bin for Baush & Lomb brand contact lens (daily wear) and the empty contact lens blister packs. A \$1 donation will be made to Optometry Giving Sight for every pound of accepted Biotrue® ONEday and other

Bausch + Lomb brand packaging sent through this program. (<http://www.bausch.com/our-company/one-by-one-recycling>)

**Old Business: Green Recycle Collection Ideas**

- Add Recycle Bin for empty water bottles at the exits for all regular Chapter Meetings. Soror Erin Mosley will check with the recycle center and find out details for plastic bottle recycling. *Report out at the next committee meeting*
- Old Jewelry Made New! - Collect old and broken jewelry from Sorors at each regular Chapter Meeting and have a jewelry and accessory designer use for making new items for sale back to the Sorors. A portion of designer's profits from these sales could go to the JFT Scholarship fund. Soror Erin Mosley knows someone who might be interested in participating in this "re-use" effort. *Report out at the next committee meeting.*
- Align our "GREEN AGENTS" objectives with the ASCEND committee and have the students promote and participate in community green awareness activities and support the Acts of Green on our calendar. Soror Erin Mosley is on the ASCEND committee and will inquire about this collaboration. *Report out at the next committee meeting.*

*NEXT Committee Meeting: TBA – Conference Call*

Sisterly Submitted By:

Soror Cheryl D Jones, Program Coordinator  
Soror Kellen Patterson, Program Coordinator  
Soror Chanell Porter, Program Coordinator  
Target 4 – Environmental Ownership Committee

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Black History Committee Wrap-Up Report  
March 25, 2017

The Mu Kappa Omega Black History Committee hosted the annual Black History Program on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:30pm at Lantern Lane Elementary. 300 students and parents along with 60 sorors participated in this interactive family night event. The program, entitled **“Exploring Exceptional African-American Achievements,”** featured a five station rotation focusing on exceptional figures in American History. The evening highlighted the areas of Art, Politics, Science, Sports, and Music. The program opened with the dazzling sounds of the Lantern Lane Choir. The audience was then taken on a nostalgic journey with a parade of historical figures, followed by the smooth stepping of the Lantern Lane Step Team.

The energy-infused Music station, conducted by Samuel Dinkins III of Dinky Drums, revealed how music is deeply woven into the fabric of African life. The ladies of Mu Kappa Omega worked diligently to prepare interactive stations including board game classics like Tic-Tac-Toe, BINGO, and Memory which taught participants about our illustrious past that shaped America into what it has become today. A quilting station to energize and motivate our future generations was the culmination of the evening by leaving a wall of inspiration to be displayed at Lantern Lane Elementary. Each student received a Black History workbook, Black history pencil, and a diversity bracelet. 25 Black History books were donated to the Lantern Lane Elementary library and 13 Black History books were given as door prizes.

A one-page article covering the MKO Black History Program was featured on the Fort Bend ISD webpage.

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1500</b>
Dinky Drum Company	\$250
Refreshments (cupcakes, cookies, juice boxes, trail mix, plates/cups/napkins)	\$254.44
Positive Promotions Workbooks	\$216.95
Rubber bracelets and Black History Pencils	\$297
Black History Library Book donations to Lantern Lane Elementary	\$316.76
Black History Library Book Door Prizes to Lantern Lane Elementary Students	\$97.87
Black History Program Student Participant Certificates	\$30
MKO Seals/Labels for Donated Black History Library Books	\$34.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,497.41</b>

<b>In Kind Donations to Black History Program</b>	
Black History Program Plaque for Lantern Lane Awards Case	\$102.13
400 Bags for student grab bag	\$69.11
120 Waters	\$20.77
Inflatable Tic-Tac-Toe Boards for break-out session	\$82.99
Crayons/Map Pencils/ Stickers/ Art Station Supplies	\$75
Information Boards/ Black History Props/ Black History Display Boards for break-out sessions	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$550</b>

Recommendations: The Black History Committee recommends that the 2018 Black History Program Budget be increased to \$2300.

Sisterly submitted,  
Soror Lisa Allen – Chairman and Soror Erique’ Fontenette - Co Chairman

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
March 25, 2017**

The Scholarship Committee met January 19, 2017, February 8, 2017 and March 8, 2017 in order to organize, plan, and begin execution of the 2017 Scholarship Awards and the 2017 Scholarship Luncheon. The following timeline has been developed:

- 1/19/17 Scholarship Committee Meeting (completed)
- 2/08/17 Scholarship Committee Meeting (completed)
- 2/10/17 Send Essay Topics recommendations to Committee for consideration (completed)
- 2/15/17 Select 2 Essay Topic(s) via email communication and vote. Due by 3:00 p.m. (completed)
- 3/01/17 Dissemination of applications to Ft Bend County Schools, Sorors & post on Websites (JFT & MKO-link) (completed)
- 3/08/17 Scholarship Committee Meeting (completed)
- 3/25/17 Applicant submission deadline for New Scholarships, Continuing Scholarships and book stipends (Date extended)
- 3/29/17 Sub-committee budget requests due
- 3/29/17 Scholarship applications emailed to committee
- 4/10/17 Committee submits selections by 7 p.m.
- 4/12/17 Scholarship Committee Meeting (selection recipients and determine award amounts) completed
- 4/15/17 Letters to recipients (new & continuing)
- 4/22/17 Acceptance/Decline Response
- 5/03/17 Deadline for Soror RSVP for Scholarship Luncheon
- 5/10/17 Committee meets to finalize & confirm luncheon arrangements
- TBD Awards Night for Students
- 5/08/17 Deadline for Guest ticket purchases
- 5/18/17 Student Orientation Program – Café East 4645 Hwy 6, Sugarland, TX
- 5/20/17 Scholarship Luncheon immediately following the May Chapter Meeting
- 6/07/17 Committee Meeting
- 9/27/17 Wrap-up Meeting

Scholarship applications for new and continuing students are available on the JFT, Inc. website at [www.jftcharaties.org](http://www.jftcharaties.org) and a link to this website is available on the Mu Kappa Omega Chapter website at [www.mukappaomega.com](http://www.mukappaomega.com). All application packets must be submitted electronically via the application instructions. No applications will be accepted via mail post, email, fax, or hand delivery. For students attending schools outside of Fort Bend ISD, Stafford Municipal School District, or Lamar Consolidated ISD a letter of recommendation from a financially active Mu Kappa Omega Soror in good standing must accompany the student's application packet by the assigned deadline.

Book stipends are available in the amount of a one-time \$300 stipend for the children of Sorors who are graduating high school seniors. Stipends will be awarded by a first come basis and until all funds are exhausted. Stipend requests can be sent to [scholarships@mukappaomega.com](mailto:scholarships@mukappaomega.com) **only**. Final award of the book stipend will be made once confirmation of enrollment is received.

We thank you for your time and support. Please pass the word along to potential students.

Sisterly submitted:

*Sorors Theresa, Cheryl & Karen*

2017 Scholarship Committee

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**

**Mu Kappa Omega Chapter**

**Outreach Committee Report**

**March 25, 2017**

Attendees: Lynsay Gaines, Tomeka Johnson, Jimia Baker, Verstene Traylor

The Outreach committee met via conference call to start planning the upcoming Spring activity. Sorors took a few minutes for private meditation during the meeting. Committee members reviewed the budget, menu, program agenda, prizes and theme for the event.

The annual Spring event will be held on Saturday, April 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at 6000 Telephone Road Senior Residence Center. The Outreach Committee is planning for 50 residents. Program activities will include a personal safety presentation by Soror Darlene Johnson, a Houston Police Officer and member of Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter. Along with playing bingo, preparing and serving lunch for the residents. An electronic sign-up sheet will be sent out for Sorors interested in volunteering to help with this year's event. We look forward to your continued support!

Sisterly Submitted,

*Soror Lynsay Gaines*



**SOROR ACTION REQUIRED**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Leadership Development Committee  
March 25, 2017**

The Leadership Development Committee has conferenced and met several times since mid-January, 2017. We collectively agreed on the theme for Chapter Retreat 2017: ***“Stepping Into Your Significance”***. Chapter Retreat 2017 will be September 15-16, 2017 at DoubleTree by Hilton Greenway Plaza, Houston, TX. Below are the subcommittees and chair/co-chair Soror volunteers:

<b>Logistics:</b>	Soror Shanae Ivey, Chair; Soror Candace Robinson, Co-chair
<b>Program Facilitation:</b>	Soror Oguna Taylor, Chair; Soror Latonya Waters, Co-chair
<b>Membership/House Party:</b>	Soror Monique Phillips, Chair; Soror Adrienne Gibson, Co-chair
<b>Vendors:</b>	Soror Richelle Brewster, Chair; Sorors J. Shelagh Franklin and Dowanna Baker
<b>Registration:</b>	Soror Maudrie Leger, Chair; Sorors Tawanna McInnis-Cole, Fayette Tasby, and Toni Crawford, Co-Chairs
<b>Favors:</b>	Soror Monique Shepherd, Chair; Sorors Deandria Lavine and Jacqueline Peeples, Co-chairs
<b>Retreat App:</b>	Soror Yvette Mitchell (researching to see if it will fit in budget)
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Soror Sparkle Anderson, Chair; Soror Stacy Lloyd, Co-chair
<b>Snacks:</b>	Soror Moesha Spikes, Chair

All meetings for Leadership Development will be every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month even during break. Please sign up for Leadership Development correspondence by logging into Memberclicks/Member Center/Member Profile/My Features/E-Lists/Subscribe to Leadership Development

Sisterly Submitted,

Vanese Berry, Chair  
Leadership Development

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter



**Target 1: Educational Enrichment**

**ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> Signature Program**

March 25, 2017

**March ASCEND Activity Follow-Up**

The March ASCEND activity was held on **Saturday, March 4, 2017** at Willowridge High School.



There were **25** ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> participants in attendance. The theme of this month's activity was Budgeting/Finance. Students sharpened their knowledge on fiscal fitness by participating in a workshop facilitated by special guest presenter, Danny Harvey, Prairie View A&M University Finance Professor in conjunction with Soror Julia King, **Target III: Family Strengthening** Coordinator. At the end of the workshop five students competed for a chance to win one of two Monopoly games.

The remainder of the morning included students working in their STEM groups to complete a teambuilding activity called "Triangles" in preparation for their STEM/SMART Camp Team Prep activity, where they continued their work in teams on the design for their STEM group project. The final project will be unveiled during the Cycle 3 ASCEND graduation. Students also reviewed the importance of "Dressing for Success" by participating in a mini-fashion show. Special guest fashion show model, Ricky Cumby, from the hit Bravo TV show "Married to Medicine: Houston" and Director of Marketing for Suits for Sons, Inc. addressed male students on the importance of dressing for the professional world.



**Cultural/Arts Field Trip**

ASCEND students will attend a cooking class at Cooking With A Twist located at 13003 Murphy Road, Suite B-7, Stafford, Texas 77477 on **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, immediately following chapter meeting at 1:00pm.

## Community Service Activity



For their spring community service activity, ASCEND will be partnering with **Target III: Family Strengthening and Target V: Global Impact** to turn pocket change into food for orphaned children around the world by participating in the Rice Bowls project. Each student has been given a rice bowl to fill with change. The collected money from each rice bowl will be donated directly to Rice Bowls to impact 56 orphanage partners in 8 different

countries. It's just that easy! **Additional rice bowls will be available for Mu Kappa Omega members to join in on the activity. More information will be shared in April.**

## April ASCEND Activity

The April ASCEND activity will be held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017** at Willowridge High School from 9am-12pm. **Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the monthly activity.**

## Professional Attire Donations Still Needed!

As ASCEND students gear up for their May career speed dating activity, the ASCEND committee is dedicated to ensure our students are set up for success by "looking the part." **Sorors are asked to donate gently used or new business attire for young ladies and young men ages 14-18 or monetary gift card donations to ensure ASCEND students in need are equipped with the necessary tools to be successful. Donations will continue to be accepted during the March chapter meeting.** For more information, contact Soror Monique Phillips, ASCEND Career Exploration Chair at [myphillips06@gmail.com](mailto:myphillips06@gmail.com).

The next ASCEND Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 6, 2017**. The meeting location information will be announced via the weekly messages and the E-list signup in Memberclicks. Current committee members, sub-committee chairs, and those interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to attend.

### MKΩ ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> 2017 Calendar of Events

April 1, 2017

April 22, 2017

May 21, 2017 (Graduation)

**\*\*Unless otherwise stated, all program meetings will be held on Saturdays in the library at Willowridge High School from 9am-noon.\*\***

#### Field Trip Activities

**Community Service – ongoing**

**Cultural/Arts "Cooking With A Twist" – March 25, 2017**

**Cultural/Arts ABC Channel 13 – April 29, 2017**

Sisterly submitted,

*Soror Christina Porter and Soror Stephanie Toussaint*  
**ASCEND Program Coordinators**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
Wrap Up Report**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega  
Target 2: Health Promotion Committee  
March 25, 2017

The Health Promotion Committee held two health events in February; Pink Goes Red Zumba/Dinner and the HMAc Health Symposium.

- Pink Goes Red Heart Healthy Zumba/Dinner was held on February 3, 2017 at the Pinnacle Center. A total of 49 sorors and 17 guests were in attendance for the event. Sorors enjoyed an energetic, fun-filled workout with our very own, Soror Uchenna Emenaha, and then dined on a heart healthy salad.

Budget: \$250.00

Expenditures: \$ 15.16 – Decorations

\$120.35 – Door prizes/gift cards

\$135.51 – Total

\$552.00 – Catering (used pass through funds)

- HMAc Pink Goes Red Health Symposium was held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Multi Service Center. Mu Kappa Omega was responsible for guest, volunteer, and soror registration for the event. The event offered free health screenings, blood pressure checks, CPR demonstrations and a question and answer sessions with guest panelists. 46 Mu Kappa Omega sorors volunteered for the event.

The final wrap-up meeting with the HMAc Pink Goes Red Health Symposium committee was held on March 6, 2017 via phone conference. A total of 507 guests and sorors attended the health symposium.

Pink Goes Red Health Symposium evaluations were discussed and guests recommended:

- having more health screenings at symposium
- guest panelist discussion at the beginning of the health symposium
- more snacks and refreshments for guests
- bigger place to host event

The committee discussed:

- increasing security in parking lots
- wrist bands for guests after check-in

- maintaining an accurate count of guests and sorority volunteers by only allowing guests to sign-up through Eventbrite.

The next Pink Goes Red Health Symposium is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Sisterly submitted,

Soror Kalisha Carthen

Soror Lisa Manuel

**Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Target V -Global Impact  
AIDS Walk Wrap Up Report**

AIDS Walk Houston occurred on March 5, 2017. There were 173 teams participating in the event and Mu Kappa Omega team ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> overall. Five Sorors and 6 friends forged the rain to participate in the event. Twenty-two Sorors participated in this event virtually. Total contributions raised was \$2080.00.

Global Impact wishes to thank you, Mu Kappa Omega Rock Stars for helping us surpass our goal.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Target V- Global Impact Coordinators  
Stephanie Boyd-Rogers  
Dawn Broussard

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
National Pan-Hellenic Council of Houston (NPHCH) Chapter Report

Sorors are you ready for the **24 Karat Magic** of the 2017 NPHCH Greek Weekend and Picnic!!!!

Save the Date: Friday, April 28th – Sunday, April 30th

**NPHCH Weekend Overview**

- Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Weekend
  - April 28th (Friday Evening): Happy Hour
  - April 29th (Saturday Morning): Community Service at Bread of Life, St. John's Church (Downtown Houston)
  - April 29th (Saturday Afternoon): NPHCH Greek Picnic (Centennial Park – Pearland)
  - April 30th (Sunday Morning): Church Service at Harvest Time Church (Report Time: 8:00a.m.)
  - April 30th (Sunday Morning): Brunch Local Pour (RSVP Required, as there is limited space)

**Flyer:** We are asking all NPHCH Members socialize this flyer with their chapters.



**Community Service (Stephanie W. Mensah):**

**Community Service:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 29, 2017

**Report Time:** 8:00a.m.

**Report to Address:**

Bread of Life- The St. John Church  
1703 Gray Street  
Houston, TX 77003

\*\*\*Please make sure you label each of your packets **MALE** vs. **FEMALE**.

Approximately:

- 90% Male
- 10% Female

Requested Items:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Combs/ hairbrushes
- Soap/body Wash
- Cleansing Body Wipes
- Sanitary Napkins
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo
- Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toilet Paper

- Towels
- Men's and Women's razors
- Men's and Women's underwear
- T-shirts
- Socks
- Tennis Shoes/ Flip-Flops
- Men & Women's clothing
- Bags, backpacks
- Seasonal clothing i.e., warm items in Winter & cool items in Summer
- Reading glasses
- Snack items (individually wrapped)
- Old prescription eyeglasses and reading glasses

**Request/Ask: Each Chapter to supply the following:**

- 15 Male Packets
- 5 Female Packets

On your mark, set, go.... Start your collection!

**Greek Picnic Tent Decorating Contest:**

Soror Candace Blue will have the awesome job of coordinating the tent decorations for MKO's Tent at this years 2017 NPHCH Greek Picnic.

**Greek Picnic:**

Soror Candace Blue will be submitting a signup sheet for picnic items.

**Vendor Updates:**

\*\*\*Note, Vendors will be available at the NPHCH Picnic!

- Status: The NPHCH is now accepting Vendor Applications!
  - \*\*\***ACTION REQUIRED**--- Email inbox at [Houstongreekpicnic@yahoo.com](mailto:Houstongreekpicnic@yahoo.com) or call (832) 543-1079 for all serious vendor inquires. The application will then be forwarded to the prospective vendor.

**Adult Activities Updates:**

\*\*\*Note, Adult Activities will take place at the NPHCH Picnic!

- 3x3 Basketball Tournament (Subcommittee Lead: John Lee West)
  - \*\*\***ACTION REQUIRED**--- Now accepting 3X3 Basketball Tournament applications. For any additional information, e-mail [divine93x3bball@gmail.com](mailto:divine93x3bball@gmail.com) or call (281) 455-8472.

Report respectfully submitted by:

Sorors Cassandra Joseph-Johnson, Candace Blue, and Stephanie W. Mensah  
National Pan-Hellenic Council of Houston Delegates





**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
Logistics Committee Report  
March 19, 2017**

A meeting of the Logistics Committee was held on Sunday, March 19 at 11:00 am by conference call to review the committee activities for the last 30 days.

**Members in Attendance:** Soror Sharmagne Taylor, Chairman; Sorors Moesha Spikes and Jennifer Spriggs, Co-Chairmen

**Committee Requests for Basileus and/or Committee Chairs (February /March 2017)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Request</u>
<b>February 10, 2017</b>	<p><b>Develop an RFP for a Single Meeting Location for 2018</b> Space would be suitable for Chapter Meetings and Available For Committee Meetings, Mid-Week</p>
<b>Next Steps:</b>	Gather Information from Program Committee and Executive Board to Determine Needs and Specifications to be Included in RFP
<b>Status:</b>	Awaiting Information
<b>February 13, 2017</b>	<p><b>Secure Meeting Location for March 2017 Chapter and JFT Meetings</b></p>
<b>Action Completed:</b>	<p>Completed Request Forms for Space at FBISD and Checked Availability At Several Facilities</p> <p>Space Offered at Ayva Center was Ideal but Significantly Over Budget (\$2900 TH Style or \$3900 Rounds)</p> <p>Crowne Plaza River Oaks Offered Two (2) Sections of Its Ballroom Only Enough Space for (2) Tables for Finance Inside the Room Rental \$800 Plus AV</p> <p>Space at KBC and Brentwood Not Available; Other Options Too Small For a Minimum of 300</p>
<b>Next Steps:</b>	Secure Space by Contract and Deposit on Monday, March 20, 2017
<b>February 13, 2017</b>	Check Availability for a Meeting Location for December 2017

Chapter Meeting and Social Event

**Action Completed:** Checked Availability at Locations with Space that Allow Food and Beverage while Sourcing Locations for March Meeting

**Next Steps:** KBC has already offered a 50% discount and is holding space for December 9, 2017. Based on the standard food and beverage minimums typically offered in December, we recommend this space be secured by deposit so pre-planning can begin.

**February 13, 2017** Check Availability and Make Location Recommendations  
2018 Chapter Retreat

**Action Completed:** Responded to Request from Leadership Development Committee with Information Required for Search

**Next Steps:** Leadership Development Committee to Provide

- Budget
- Draft Agenda with Dates, Start and End Times
- Meeting Space and AV Needs
- Room Block Needs
- History of Food, Beverage and Room Block Performance (2015,2016) Include Location and Dates
- House Party Needs

**Status:** Awaiting Information

**Recommendation:**

As a new committee, whose role is being defined, we feel an overview of the basics committees should provide and why this information important, will make our team more effective and responsive. As a large chapter, there are a limited number of options that can accommodate our requirements within the established budget parameters. We must also limit the number of contacts interfacing with the facilities until space is secured by contract, so we maintain a single voice and can leverage our relationships without compromising our desirability to prospective venues.

**We recommend:** The Logistics Committee to Develop a One Hour Training Session for Chapter Leaders to Develop an Internal RFP Form; this Session can be Offered at the 2017 Chapter Retreat or immediately before or following the April Chapter Meeting.

**Sisterly Submitted:**

*Sharmagne Taylor*

**Soror Sharmagne Taylor**  
**Logistics Committee Chairman**

# 2016 – 2017 Most Valuable Pearl Criteria Sheet

1. Soror's Name *	Richelle Brewster
2. Nominating Soror's Name *	Alice Thompson
2a. Nominating Soror's Email address *	<a href="mailto:athomp2206@aol.com">athomp2206@aol.com</a>
3. Select the chapter events the nominated Soror has attended/participated in between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017.  Check All That Apply *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/5/16 – IMPACT Day – Pink Goes Red Heart Health Day and Zumba/Dinner</li> <li>• 2/6/16 – HMAC Health Symposium – Pink Goes Red</li> <li>• 2/20/16 – February Chapter Meeting / Reactivation Breakfast</li> <li>• 2/25/16 – Think HBCU Educational Enrichment Expo (E3)</li> <li>• 3/19/16 – March Chapter Meeting / New Member Orientation</li> <li>• 4/2/16 – Outreach Activity – 6000 Telephone Road</li> <li>• 4/9/16 – IMPACT Day – NAMI Walk Ft. Bend</li> <li>• 4/16/16 – April Chapter Meeting / Chapter Pinknic</li> <li>• 5/21/16 – May Chapter Meeting / JFT Scholarship Luncheon</li> <li>• 5/21/16 – IMPACT Day – 1908 Playground Mobilization Day</li> <li>• 6/11/16 – June Chapter Meeting</li> <li>• 6/18/16 – Jeans for Teens</li> <li>• 6/20/16 – IMPACT Day – Longest Day Alzheimer's Support Activity</li> <li>• 9/10/16 – AARP / Brentwood Shred Day</li> <li>• 9/16/16 – September Chapter Meeting</li> <li>• 10/7/16 – Pink on the Green Golf Tournament</li> <li>• 10/15/16 – October Chapter Meeting</li> <li>• 11/19/16 – November Chapter Meeting</li> <li>• 12/10/16 – December Chapter Meeting</li> <li>• 1/14/17 – HMAC Founders' Day</li> <li>• 1/16/17 – IMPACT Day – MLK Day of Service</li> <li>• 1/21/17 – January Chapter Meeting</li> </ul>
3a. List any chapter events attended by the nominated Soror not listed above.	None
4. Select the committee(s) the nominated Soror has actively served on from February 1, 2016 through February 1, 2017.  Check all that apply *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 4 – Environmental Ownership</li> <li>• Program Committee</li> <li>• Membership Committee</li> <li>• Leadership Committee</li> <li>• Ways &amp; Means / Pink on the Green</li> </ul>
4a. Other committees the nominated Soror actively served on not listed above.	Nominating Committee Teller Committee Conference Activities Committee Awards Committee
4b. Did the nominated Soror serve as chairman of any committees? If yes, please list.	Yes Co-Chair – Environmental Ownership Chair – Conference Activities
5. Did the nominated Soror hold an office in 2016 and/or 2017? If yes, please list.	No
6. How many Sorors reactivated with Mu	Two: Oguna Jones Taylor

Kappa Omega as a result of the nominated Soror's invitation? Please provide the number and names of the reactivated Sorors.

Tammara Singleton

---

7. Please select the leadership development events attended by the nominated Soror between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017

- Regional Conference
- Boule
- Chapter Retreat
- Cluster Retreat
- Chapter Operations Workshop (Officer/Committee Chairman Training)

---

8. Explain why this Soror should be selected as Mu Kappa Omega's MOST VALUABLE PEARL. Give specific examples on how she has gone the extra mile to provide "Service to all mankind" over the past year.



[soror\\_richelle\\_brewster\\_should\\_be\\_nominated\\_as\\_most\\_valuable\\_pearl\\_because\\_she\\_serves\\_tirelessly\\_to\\_help\\_ot...](#)  
95.54 KB · DOCX

Attach a File \*

Soror Richelle Brewster should be nominated as Most Valuable Pearl because she serves tirelessly to help others. Since joining Mu Kappa Omega in 2009 she has served as the Financial Secretary and Treasurer of Julia F. Thompson, Inc. and as the Assistant Tamiouchos of Mu Kappa Omega. Other outside activities include serving as Secretary of Ladies of Golf and as a member of the Ladies Golf Association of Quail Valley. She has also served as the Vice President of Community Affairs and Student Affairs for the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. Houston Professional Chapter.

Soror Richelle serves tirelessly on several committees and can often be found providing support to many other committees for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. even though she is not a member of the committee. She implemented the dental recycling program under Target IV for Mu Kappa Omega. Soror Richelle is available and willing to offer her assistance and support for the ask. She can be found assisting in many events that take place at her place of employment and has won awards for her willingness to assist when asked. This willingness of serve is a perfect example of "Service to all Mankind."

Sorors often reach out to Soror Richelle to assist them with sorority related tasks and she is always there to assist when needed. She is a Mentor to many and freely offers support, guidance and help to other Sorors and in the community.

# 2016 – 2017 Most Valuable Pearl Criteria Sheet

---

1. Soror's Name *	Kimberly Cooper Jones
-------------------	-----------------------

---

2. Nominating Soror's Name *	Sharron Crayton
------------------------------	-----------------

---

2a. Nominating Soror's Email address *	<a href="mailto:aka_pinkpassion@yahoo.com">aka_pinkpassion@yahoo.com</a>
----------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------

---

3. Select the chapter events the nominated Soror has attended/participated in between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2/5/16 – IMPACT Day – Pink Goes Red Heart Health Day and Zumba/Dinner</li><li>• 2/6/16 – HMAC Health Symposium – Pink Goes Red</li><li>• 2/6/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 2/20/16 – February Chapter Meeting / Reactivation Breakfast</li><li>• 2/25/16 – Think HBCU Educational Enrichment Expo (E3)</li><li>• 3/19/16 – March Chapter Meeting / New Member Orientation</li><li>• 3/26/16 – ASCEND – Cultural Arts Field Trip</li><li>• 4/2/16 – Outreach Activity – 6000 Telephone Road</li><li>• 4/2/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 4/9/16 – IMPACT Day – NAMI Walk Ft. Bend</li><li>• 4/16/16 – April Chapter Meeting / Chapter Pinknic</li><li>• 5/21/16 – May Chapter Meeting / JFT Scholarship Luncheon</li><li>• 5/21/16 – IMPACT Day – 1908 Playground Mobilization Day</li><li>• 6/11/16 – June Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 6/18/16 – Jeans for Teens</li><li>• 6/20/16 – IMPACT Day – Longest Day Alzheimer's Support Activity</li><li>• 7/23/16 – Sisterly Relation Activity – Post Boule Walk/Breakfast</li><li>• 9/10/16 – AARP / Brentwood Shred Day</li><li>• 9/16/16 – September Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 10/7/16 – Pink on the Green Golf Tournament</li><li>• 10/15/16 – October Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 10/16/16 – Sisterly Relations Activity – Chapter Worship/Fellowship</li><li>• 10/29/16 – Think HBCU – Educational Enrichment Expo (E3)</li><li>• 10/29/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 11/10/16 – Kocktails for a Kause w/ Kappa Alpha Psi</li><li>• 11/19/16 – November Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 12/10/16 – December Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 1/14/17 – HMAC Founders' Day</li><li>• 1/21/17 – January Chapter Meeting</li></ul>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

---

3a. List any chapter events attended by the nominated Soror not listed above.	
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--

---

4. Select the committee(s) the nominated Soror has actively served on from February 1, 2016 through February 1, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target 1 – ASCEND</li><li>• Target 1 – Think HBCU</li><li>• Target 4 – Environmental Ownership</li><li>• Membership Committee</li></ul>
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

---

Check all that apply *	
------------------------	--

---

4a. Other committees the nominated Soror actively served on not listed above.	Chaplin – Prayer Team/Intercessory Prayer , prior to chapter meetings
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------

---

4b. Did the nominated Soror serve as chairman of any committees? If yes, please	Prayer Team
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------

list.

---

5. Did the nominated Soror hold an office in 2016 and/or 2017? If yes, please list. Chaplin

---

6. How many Sorors reactivated with Mu Kappa Omega as a result of the nominated Soror's invitation? Please provide the number and names of the reactivated Sorors. One (1)

---

7. Please select the leadership development events attended by the nominated Soror between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017

- Regional Conference
- Boule
- Chapter Retreat
- Chapter Operations Workshop (Officer/Committee Chairman Training)

---

8. Explain why this Soror should be selected as Mu Kappa Omega's MOST VALUABLE PEARL. Give specific examples on how she has gone the extra mile to provide "Service to all mankind" over the past year.



[mvp\\_nominating\\_support\\_statement\\_for\\_soror\\_kimberly\\_cooper...](#)  
78.13 KB · PDF

Attach a File \*

March 4, 2017

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Mu Kappa Omega Chapter  
P.O. Box 1097  
Missouri City, TX 77459

**RE: Nominating Support Statement for Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones  
Mu Kappa Omega's Most Valuable Pearl (MVP) Award**

Dear Chapter Sorors,

In 1908, when our founder Soror Ethel Hedgeman (Lyle) was solidifying the vision of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA); she had a prophetic image of **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones**. In appreciation for her service, sisterliness and spirit towards exceeding the standard of serving as an ideal Soror, coupled with her abounding love for Mu Kappa Omega; it is my distinct privilege and honor to proudly nominate **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** as Mu Kappa Omega's **Most Valuable Pearl (MVP)** for the 2016-2017 qualification period.

Philippians 2:3-5(NKJV) states, "3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". Through her committed years of service thus far; Sorors, I think you would agree with me that this passage of scripture embodies **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** who symbolizes and illuminates generosity, unselfishness, integrity, loyalty and a Christ-like existence. **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** is the prototype of what a **Most Valuable Pearl** signifies. Not often will you find a Soror that everyone loves, respects and adores... **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** is that Soror!

Due to her firm roots in the Word of God, her daily walk as a Christian woman, and her passion for **AKA**; as does an ivy vine stretches and extends itself, **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** provides the chapter and sorority with nutrients of love, commitment, and service just as water, sunlight and soil provides the essential "food" for maintaining a healthy and vibrant ivy. **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** exuberates a magnetic, aesthetic and anointed appeal.

During the qualifying **MVP** timeframe, **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** has unselfishly given of her time, talents, and support to Mu Kappa Omega, as evidenced by her attendance at 29 chapter events. In addition to **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones'** official committees and duties; she cheerfully supports other committees and programs, although not officially on the committees. **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** also serves as a mentor to Sorors that she sponsored and co-sponsored, during the chapter's most recent Membership Intake Process (MIP).

Lastly, **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** elevated the role of Chaplin for the chapter to another level! **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** nurtured our ivies with the powerful gift of encouragement and prayer by covering Mu Kappa Omega chapter collectively, as well as operating as an individual prayer warrior for many Sorors.

**Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** has truly gone the extra mile in "Service to all mankind" (and sisterhood). Having the heart of a servant, as evidenced by her fruits and the sheer admiration by her chapter Sorors; **Soror Kimberly Cooper Jones** is a precious gem and is truly worthy to be voted as Mu Kappa Omega's **Most Valuable Pearl**.

Sisterly,  
*Soror Sharron A. Crayton*



# 2016 – 2017 Most Valuable Pearl Criteria Sheet

---

1. Soror's Name *	Arielle Phillips
-------------------	------------------

---

2. Nominating Soror's Name *	Abena Andrews
------------------------------	---------------

---

2a. Nominating Soror's Email address *	<a href="mailto:abenaandrews@gmail.com">abenaandrews@gmail.com</a>
----------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------

---

3. Select the chapter events the nominated Soror has attended/participated in between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2/5/16 – IMPACT Day – Pink Goes Red Heart Health Day and Zumba/Dinner</li><li>• 2/6/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 2/20/16 – February Chapter Meeting / Reactivation Breakfast</li><li>• 2/25/16 – Think HBCU Educational Enrichment Expo (E3)</li><li>• 2/27/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 3/6/16 – AIDS Walk</li><li>• 3/19/16 – March Chapter Meeting / New Member Orientation</li><li>• 3/26/16 – ASCEND – Cultural Arts Field Trip</li><li>• 4/2/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 4/16/16 – April Chapter Meeting / Chapter Pinknic</li><li>• 5/7/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 5/21/16 – May Chapter Meeting / JFT Scholarship Luncheon</li><li>• 5/21/16 – IMPACT Day – 1908 Playground Mobilization Day</li><li>• 5/22/16 – ASCEND Session &amp; Graduation</li><li>• 6/11/16 – June Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 6/18/16 – Jeans for Teens</li><li>• 6/20/16 – IMPACT Day – Longest Day Alzheimer's Support Activity</li><li>• 8/13/16 – 1 Million Backpacks – Fellowship of Love Church</li><li>• 8/27/16 – Think HBCU Think Tank</li><li>• 9/8/16 – ASCEND Cycle 3 Orientation / Kickoff</li><li>• 9/16/16 – September Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 10/7/16 – Pink on the Green Golf Tournament</li><li>• 10/8/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 10/15/16 – October Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 10/16/16 – Sisterly Relations Activity – Chapter Worship/Fellowship</li><li>• 10/20/16 – Fall Candidates Forum</li><li>• 10/22/16 – Health Symposium</li><li>• 10/29/16 – Alzheimer's Walk</li><li>• 10/29/16 – Think HBCU – Educational Enrichment Expo (E3)</li><li>• 10/29/16 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 11/19/16 – November Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 12/10/16 – December Chapter Meeting</li><li>• 1/7/17 – ASCEND Session</li><li>• 1/14/17 – HMAC Founders' Day</li><li>• 1/16/17 – IMPACT Day – MLK Day of Service</li><li>• 1/21/17 – January Chapter Meeting</li></ul>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

---

3a. List any chapter events attended by the nominated Soror not listed above.	International Sisterly Relations Event – 1/15/2017
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------

---

4. Select the committee(s) the nominated Soror has actively served on from February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target 1 – ASCEND</li></ul>
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------

1, 2016 through February 1, 2017.

- Membership Committee
- Leadership Committee
- Other Committee not listed -- List in the next section

Check all that apply \*

---

4a. Other committees the nominated Soror actively served on not listed above.

-Constitution and Bylaws Committee  
-JFT Board Member

---

4b. Did the nominated Soror serve as chairman of any committees? If yes, please list.

-Career Exploration/Sub Committee for ASCEND Program  
-House Party/ Sub Committee Chair

---

5. Did the nominated Soror hold an office in 2016 and/or 2017? If yes, please list.

Parliamentarian for JFT

---

6. How many Sorors reactivated with Mu Kappa Omega as a result of the nominated Soror's invitation? Please provide the number and names of the reactivated Sorors.

0

---

7. Please select the leadership development events attended by the nominated Soror between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017

- Boule
- Chapter Retreat
- Chapter Operations Workshop (Officer/Committee Chairman Training)

---

8. Explain why this Soror should be selected as Mu Kappa Omega's MOST VALUABLE PEARL. Give specific examples on how she has gone the extra mile to provide "Service to all mankind" over the past year.



[mvparielle\\_phillips.docx](#)

12.47 KB · DOCX

Attach a File \*

RE: Arielle Phillips MVP Nominee

Soror Arielle Phillips is the definition of an MVP. Her dedication to everything she does is shown through her tireless efforts and involvement in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is actively involved in everything she commits to and her soft, corky, and kind demeanor is greatly appreciated. Arielle always answers to the call of service and balances a career, being a wife, and a mother of two beautiful little girls. She is truly a super woman!

Her attendance alone is astounding, she attended 36 events, was active on 5 committees, chaired 2 sub-committees, and provided donations to multiple causes including Jeans 4 Teens and 1 Million Backpacks. Her ability to actively engage others was shown when she “brought down the house” in her true native New Orleans fashion at the unforgettable 2016 Chapter Retreat House Party. Everything she does leaves a lasting expression on other.

Soror Arielle Phillips is great soror and friend. She is the type of person that never meets a stranger and exemplifies what an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman is. She is dedicated, her commitment to this organization make me want to be a better soror. I identify with her because like every woman she juggles multiple responsibilities, but she make it seem so easy! Her heart is loyal and true to the purpose of this sorority and the Mu Kappa Omega Chapter have one of Alpha Kappa Alpha’s greatest pearls, Soror Arielle Philips.