

THE IVY CONNECTION

From the Basileus

The AKA Kindness Challenge

Over the past several months, we have all become familiar with the ALS challenge where people have posted videos pouring water over themselves to raise awareness about ALS. Well, I'm calling all of my sorors out on another challenge. It's called the AKA Kindness Challenge. What is the AKA Kindness Challenge? It is a challenge to sorors to be kind to each other.

I challenge you to try putting yourself in another soror's place instead of putting a soror in her place.

I challenge you to speak with your soror face to face when you have differences rather than airing your differences on Facebook, e-mail or text messages.

I challenge you to recognize that everyone makes mistakes...even you.

I challenge you to celebrate and be happy when something great happens to your soror rather than questioning why something great happened to your soror.

I challenge you to help each other and not hurt each other.

So, instead of pouring a bucket of water over your head to raise awareness for ALS, I am challenging you to shower your sorors with kindness to raise awareness about sisterhood and service to each other because service is what we do!

Soror Latonya

Please be reminded that chapter dues are to be submitted no later than December 31, 2014. In an effort to expedite your payment, you may send it to the chapter post office box. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Soror Mary Jenkins.

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Black Expo Greek Village

Upsilon Omega Omega partnered with Gamma Nu Omega Chapter for the Black Expo Greek Village held on May 17th at the Colonial Life Arena. UOO and GNO won the awards for Best Greek Display and Best Attendance. Congratulations Sorors on a job well done.



Pearl of the Month

Congratulations to Carla Brabham, UOO's May Pearl of the Month. Carla was honored for her dedication to the 2014 Emeralds of Excellence Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. Congratulations, Carla!



Relay For Life

Upsilon Omega Omega made a difference by teaming up to participate in the American Cancer Society's Chapin-Irmo Relay for Life on May 16, 2014 at Cross Roads Middle School. Relay For Life event is not only a way to join the community to fight back against cancer, but it is also a way to inspire hope by raising funds and cancer awareness to help those facing the disease.



South Atlantic Region Committee Appointments

UOO Members Appointed to South Atlantic Region Committees

Congratulations to the following sorors on their appointment to serve on South Atlantic Region Committees:

Kaci Wilhite Greene, Protocol Committee, Co-Chair

Ruby Gentry Edwards, Tellers Committee, Co-Chair

Alexandra Stevens Witherspoon, MD, Medical Response Team

Christina Brimfield, Archives Committee

Joann Thompson, Boule Luncheon Committee

Jamesetta Lovett, Corporate Partners Committee

Allison Carroll, Boule Regional Gathering Committee

Latonya Dilligard Edwards, 2016 South Atlantic Regional Conference Planning Committee, Co-Chair



Kindness At All Levels



I am kind and loving to myself and others.

Kindness is a choice. It costs nothing, yet it is wonderfully fulfilling. When I treat others with kindness, I feel better about myself. Every act of kindness-large or small-produces joy, peace and happiness.

Any person I meet may carry a burden inside. A simple, heartfelt smile may bring them hope. Opening a door, saying hello, and offering a helping hand may make a major difference in someone's day.

I also remember to be kind to myself. If I criticize my looks, actions or thoughts, I stop and find one aspect of myself that I like. Being kind to myself is the first step toward being kind, patient and loving to others. Kindness is a choice. As I choose kindness, I am rewarded with love, peace, patience and joy.

~Daily Word

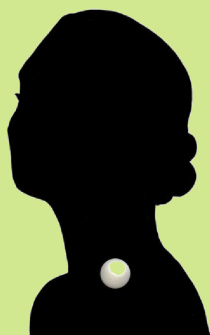
Debutante Cotillion

Congratulations once again to the 2014 Emeralds of Excellence Debutantes!! UOO awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships to these 39 young ladies!!

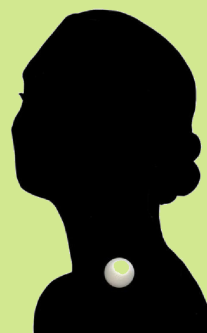


Pearl of the Month

Congratulations to our September Pearl of the Month, Soror Tamera Logan. Soror Tamera was recognized as September Pearl of Month for her valuable contributions to the Jazz & Art Silent Auction.



Congratulations to our October Pearl of the Month, Soror Britanna Wilson. Soror Britanna was recognized as October Pearl of Month for assisting the Technology Committee during the Cluster VII Conference.



66th International Boule Conference



Boule 2014
Charlotte, NC - July 12 - 18

Leadership

...Leadership is performance, not position. It is what we do with and for ourselves and for others that makes all of the difference.

Alpha Kappa Alpha looks for team builders and persons who are well informed. We count among our ranks leaders from every field of human endeavor. Daily, our sorors are completing school, raising families and/or holding down a job. They are leaders. Others are healing the sick, defending the innocent, flying to the moon, teaching the young and even running a business. They are leaders. As Alpha Kappa Alpha women, we know that in our roles of leadership, we have learned to: “...Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.” —Proverbs 3.5.5



Soror Eva L. Evans, 24th International President

Jazz & Art

Upsilon Omega Omega Chapter hosted An Unforgettable Evening of Jazz & Art on Friday, August 1, 2014. Sorors and guests enjoyed the smooth sounds of Stot Juru/Knee Deep Band and then danced the night away to Columbia's own DJ Prince Ice. The Silent Auction, food and entertainment was great. May attendees stated that they were already looking forward to next year's event. Great job Sorors!



We AKA sisters are bound together in sisterhood with a mission.

We give of ourselves unselfishly.

The spirit of our founders gives us light and strength.

We are fulfilling dreams.

We are following the path that AKA sisters before us have opened.

Our path is a great calling and worthy of great light.

Our efforts are full of reward.

Reactivation Tea

The Membership Committee hosted a Reactivation Tea on Sunday, August 24 at the Clemson Extension Lakehouse. The event was simply elegant and intimate. Inactive sorors that were in attendance were excited and enthusiastic. Two sorors reactivated with Upsilon Omega Omega as a result of this wonderful event. UOO should be very proud of its impact and influence in the Irmo and surrounding communities. We are AWESOME!



Reactivation Tea



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AKA Accolades Luncheon



Madame Supreme Basileus, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, celebrated her new role as international president on Saturday, September 6, 2014 in Sumter, South Carolina. During her four-year term, she plans to help the sorority make an impact through goals of educational enrichment, family strengthening, health promotion and global impact. Environmental ownership is another goal and includes a program called AKA 1908 Playground Project, which will restore and renew 1,908 existing community and school playgrounds.

Sorors traveled to Sumter from Columbia, Augusta and even Atlanta to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment.



Pearls of Promise Reception



Gamma Nu Omega Chapter hosted a “Pearls of Promise” Reception on Sunday, August 24 at Seawell’s Banquet and Conference Center in honor of Soror Sharon Brown Harriott, newly installed South Atlantic Regional Director. Madame Regional Director is the 18th Alpha Kappa Alpha woman to hold this position and the second from GNO.



Cluster VII Conference

Thank you to the entire chapter for their support in providing the most **AWESOME** Cluster VII Conference! Sorors, we made this happen. We have a lot to be proud of and the compliments continue to come: 'Best Cluster ever!'; 'Host sorors were so welcoming!'; etc. This was the largest Cluster VII attendance on record (439 registered, 420 in attendance). Excellent effort of collaboration and sisterly love.

~ Soror Joann Thompson

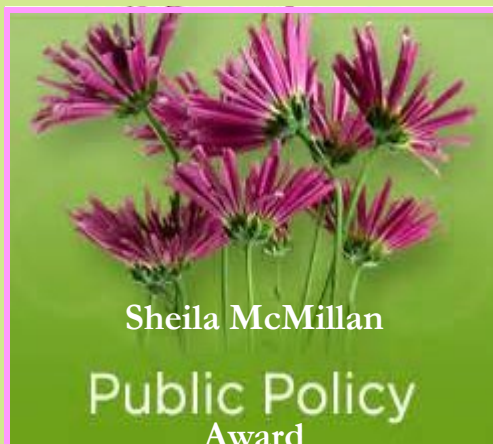


Cluster VII Conference

Upsilon Omega Omega's dedication to working and volunteering in the community, showing sisterly love and retention efforts were showcased during the Cluster VII Conference. UOO shined bright and swept the awards category.



Everette R. Brown
Reactivation Award



Think HBCU

Sorors showcased their HBCU pride during the October chapter meeting.



Palmetto Health Foundation's Walk For Life



National Cookie Day



December 4th is National Cookie Day!

Did you know that the English word "cookie" is derived from the Dutch word "koekje," which means little cake? Dutch bakers used to test oven temperatures on small amounts of batter so that they would not waste the entire cake mix if the temperature wasn't right. It was not long before they discovered that these tiny pieces of cooked batter were actually quite tasty!

Cookies come in all different flavors, shapes, and sizes. To celebrate National Cookie Day, bake a few batches of your favorite variety and share with your friends!



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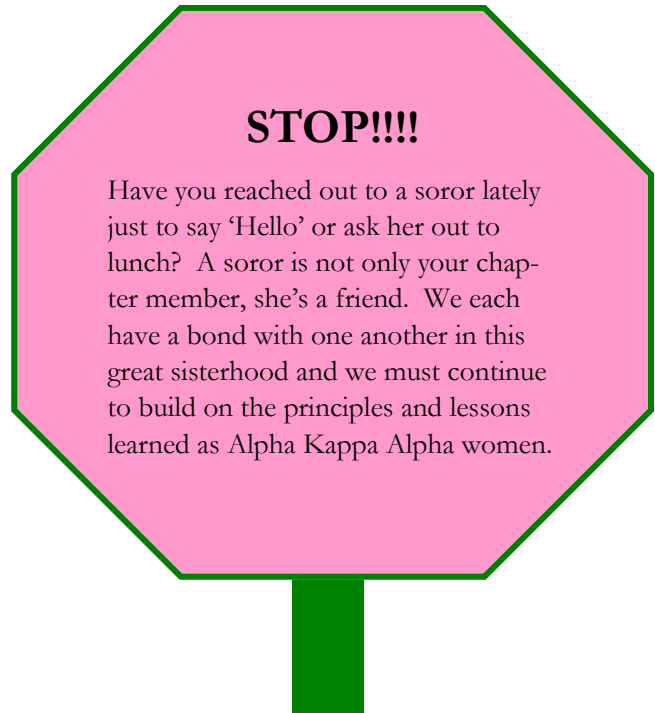
Nominating Committee:
Javana Lovett, Jessica Myles,
Latoya Williams



We're always looking for more information.

Please feel free to submit any articles of interest.

For questions or comments concerning the newsletter, please contact the Publicity Committee at Publicity@akairmo.org



STOP!!!

Have you reached out to a soror lately just to say 'Hello' or ask her out to lunch? A soror is not only your chapter member, she's a friend. We each have a bond with one another in this great sisterhood and we must continue to build on the principles and lessons learned as Alpha Kappa Alpha women.

Become involved in chapter activities. It's the best way to feel a part of the great Sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Omega Omega Chapter.

