Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Meet the Candidates
Dear Sorors,

The 2014 – 2016 International Nominating Committee members have launched new dimensions of service hearts of gratitude and dedication to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. We have been working fervently and regularly in preparation for the 2016 elections—the first election cycle under the new administration. Our aim has been to provide guidelines, certification assistance, and to communicate in a direct, timely, and consistent manner to all sorors.

We are confident that the sorors presented in this article as certified candidates have met the necessary requirements to campaign and share their vision as they move toward Launching New Dimensions of Service. The information regarding each certified candidate is presented as submitted in their nomination certification packet. It is our hope that you will read the vision statements and leadership positions held by the sorors on chapter, regional and international levels and further explore the profile of each candidate in order to make the best decision for the future leadership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

Lastly, I extend thanks and appreciation to the dedicated and committed members of the 2014 – 2016 International Nominating Committee. The committee members and the regions they represent are as follows:

Sorors Mona Calhoun (North Atlantic), LaFrances Williams (Mid-Atlantic), Jennifer Niles (Great Lakes), Stephanie Barnes Taylor (South Eastern), Gabrielle Hicks (Central), Rachel Parker (South Central), Barbara Anne Washington (Mid-Western), Saeida Miller (Far Western), and Alena Clifford (International). Without their unwavering sisterly support, devotion, proficiency, diligence and expertise, certifying the slate of candidates presented in this article would not have been possible.

Sisterly,
Carolyn G. Randolph
Chairman, International Nominating Committee
South Atlantic Region
2016 Certified Candidates
INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS
Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2014/Beta

Current Chapter/Region: Beta/Central

Chapter Sorority Experience: Epistoleus & Global Impact Chair

Vision Statement: My vision is to engage undergraduates of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. more directly with the social justice movements of our time. I hope to do this by implementing “write-ins” for letters to elected officials, an educational day of service, and coordinating events and actions with social justice groups.

ELIZABETH M. ADETIBA
Central Region
Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2015/Gamma Epsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Gamma Epsilon/North Atlantic

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Grammateus, & Ivy Leaf Reporter

Vision Statement: My vision is to build on the legacy of our founders and leadership to ensure that Alpha Kappa Alpha is the premier organization for girls and women to lead, serve, and flourish through the bonds of sisterhood. If elected, my goals are: 1. Ensure that all undergraduates have a dedicated graduate mentor with documentation that supports consistent communication about the sorority, school, and future goals. 2. Increase undergraduate participation on Regional and International committees. 3. Improve the global exposure and presence of undergraduates' programming and service initiatives to counter the negative coverage of undergraduate Greek-lettered organizations.
Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2014/ Delta Phi

Current Chapter/Region: Delta Phi/Great Lakes

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Program Chairman, & Educational Enrichment Chairman

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is creating an environment in which undergraduate sorors feel valued and engaged. All too often undergraduates feel powerless and lost in the protocols and procedures of AKA. I want to create a network for undergraduate sorors to communicate about best practices, failures, and lessons learned from implementing national programs, MIP, and chapter business. This network will strengthen both individual chapters and undergraduates as a whole. I envision the empowerment of undergraduates.

ALEXIS APPARICIO
Great Lakes Region
Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2013/Beta Alpha

Current Chapter/Region: Beta Alpha/South Atlantic

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Epistoleus & Ivy Leaf Reporter

Vision Statement: My vision is to continue to uphold the principles and morals of the sorority through our international target initiatives. I believe our sisters are accountable for their actions; therefore, I want to increase the involvement of undergraduates in every capacity. I am completely dedicated to ensuring the growth and improvement of our sorors. I want to increase the retention of sorors and the number of sorors who transfer directly from an undergraduate to a graduate chapter. AKA is a lifetime membership commitment and learning experience. I want to inspire more undergraduates to take ownership in leading their respective chapters.
Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2013/Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Omega/Great Lakes

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Standards Chairman, Program Chairman

Vision Statement: I envision a sisterhood filled with a renewed spirit of collaboration that nurtures Undergraduate Sorors into women of substance and empowers us to become global leaders. Through the implementation of my platform, “Progressive P.E.A.R.L.S. – Executing the First Order,” I plan to meet the following goals: 1) Vocalize the needs of undergraduates to enrich the experience for citywide and traditional chapters alike. 2) Promote undergraduate leadership within our sorority and communities, and 3) Advocate for life-long membership and long-lasting sisterly relations. Our pledge commits us to ensure perpetuity of AKA. Together, we will execute our mission with purpose and passion.
Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2014/Lambda Alpha

Current Chapter/Region: Lambda Alpha/Far Western

Chapter Sorority Experience: Tamiouchos

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is to build upon the Founders' mission to promote unity and friendship among college women and to be of service to all mankind. To realize this vision, I would aim to achieve these three goals: 1. Ensure that undergraduate sorors feel engaged in the policymaking process of the sorority and that our concerns are taken seriously. 2. Implement regional job fairs for undergraduates. 3. Implement a sisterly connection service day where undergraduate chapters' partner with others in their clusters to host a far reaching community service event.
Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2015/Nu Alpha

Current Chapter/Region: Nu Alpha/South Atlantic

Chapter Sorority Experience: Grammateus

Vision Statement: I want to further our current endeavors, especially our initiatives under educational enrichment. I will expand our existing goals and put forth concrete steps to achieve them. A goal of mine is to further the outreach of undergraduate chapters not only on their campuses, but in their communities as well. With this, we can hold steadfast to our commitment to service to all mankind, not just our own kind. Sisterly relations in undergraduate chapters could use some work, I propose that training techniques be used to highlight conflict resolution and alleviate this problem.
Supreme Grammateus

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1976/Gamma Upsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Lambda Epsilon Omega/South Atlantic

Sorority Experience: Tamiouchos, Grammateus, Graduate Advisor, Basileus


Vision Statement: That the sorority will continue to cooperatively ignite the passion for and expand the focus on service and sisterhood and that sorors will recommit to the founding principles of sincere respect and love for each other. Sorors should be recharged to take personal responsibility for the protection/perpetuity of the organization. My goals as Supreme Grammateus: 1) continue to prepare accurate/professional minutes of Directorate/EAF/Boule meetings and ensure timely delivery/submission of such minutes, 2) be a resource to sorors fulfilling the role of Chapter Grammateus and 3) increase use of technology for accessing reports and conduct workshops on record keeping.

CHARLETTA WILSON JACKS
South Atlantic Region
Supreme Tamiouchos

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1976/Gamma Chi

Current Chapter/Region: Omicron Mu Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos, Parliamentarian

International Sorority Experience: Supreme Tamiouchos, Chairman, International Finance Committee, Building and Properties Committee, Investment Committee

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is to uphold our legacy of service to our global communities, ensure our organization’s financial viability, and develop and mentor financially savvy leaders across all levels of our organization. My goals: ensure accurate and timely completion of all budgets and financial performance reports; report the financial standings of our organization in a format easily understood while providing members clarity on the financial health of our organization; and institute financial training programs that develop our leaders on a chapter and regional level in completing accurate and concise budgets and financial reports.

DANETTE ANTHONY REED

South Central Region
TAJ BRIMMER
Mid-Western Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 2015/Kappa Pi

Current Chapter/Region: Kappa Pi/Mid-Western

Sorority Experience: Grammateus

International Sorority Experience:

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is for all Sorors to respect our esteemed sisterhood through communication, sisterly relations, and self-awareness. With a strong passion and commitment to help others, it would be an honor to represent undergraduate Sorors on the Directorate to implement this vision. As a member of the K-State Cheerleading squad, Black Student Union Executive Board, and through Kappa Pi chapter programs, my passion for service is evident. If given the opportunity, I would be elated to share my time and talent for the sorority on a global platform.
Undergraduate Member-at-Large

ANTORIA FRAZIER
South Atlantic Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 2014/Lambda Kappa

Current Chapter/Region: Lambda Kappa/South Atlantic

Sorority Experience: Parliamentarian

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: The vision I have for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is to continue establishing and strengthening bonds of the organization's members, as well as serving all mankind through more innovative programs and events under the current program targets. My goal to achieve this vision, includes being a liaison for those whose voices go unheard so these individuals feel as if they are included in our organization's growth, bridging the communication gap between undergraduate and graduate Sorors to promote healthier relationships, and providing knowledge in areas of conflict and risk management to eliminate hazing and ensure our renown organization maintains perpetuity.
Undergraduate Member-at-Large

Year/Chapter Initiation: 2014/Xi Upsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Xi Upsilon/Far Western

Sorority Experience: Grammateus, Anti-Basileus, Ivy Leaf Reporter, EAF Captain

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: It is my commitment that my leadership inspires others to keep their momentum within the sorority and within their communities. It is my goal to assist in bridging the gap between graduate and undergraduate members. It is essential to understand that we are working to fulfill the same vision, the vision of service. It is also my goal to push towards an academic focus for the undergraduate. It is impossible to commit to effectively serving the community if we cannot commit to focusing on our personal growth. I also commit to inspiring every undergraduate chapter complete all Targets.

SHANDRIA PATE
Far Western Region
Undergraduate Member-at-Large

DEANNE ROBERTS

South Atlantic Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 2015/Zeta Upsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Zeta Upsilon/South Atlantic

Sorority Experience: Basileus

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My vision is to remain driven to elevate the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated by increasing programs, expanding leadership opportunities for undergraduates, and raising anti-hazing awareness on college campuses. I will work with the leadership to engage undergraduates in the planning and execution of the targeted programs. My vision includes developing innovative ways of communicating with undergraduates through social medial and teleconferencing, which will increase training and learning opportunities. My vision to address anti-hazing will be implemented to include working with the universities and graduate members to focus on decreasing anti-hazing.
Undergraduate Member-at-Large

Year/Chapter Initiation: 2014/Iota Omicron

Current Chapter/Region: Iota Omicron/South Atlantic

Sorority Experience: Ant-Basileus, Philacter

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: If given the privilege of serving as Undergraduate Member-at-Large for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I will strive daily to lead in promoting a lasting legacy of polished pearls amongst undergraduates. My key initiative would be the endorsement of a health and fitness program among all members. Sorors everywhere of every age must remain healthy in order to be of service to all mankind. Additionally, I would promote lifelong active membership amongst undergraduates, accelerate our international programs through increased community collaborations, and help bridge the gap between undergraduate and graduate sorors for perpetuity of our great sisterhood.

VICTORIA SIMPSON
South Atlantic Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1977/Delta Delta Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Delta Delta Omega/Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, 1st Anti-Basileus, 2nd Anti-Basileus, Member-at-Large, Parliamentarian

International Sorority Experience: Central Regional Director, Chairman--64th Boule, Chairman--Centennial Boule Time & Place

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is that, as sorors, we be ever cognizant of the standards set by our founders. Continue to exude a commitment to be of Service to All Mankind making a difference in the lives of others. Remaining viable and pertinent for many years to come will ensure that we will make Service and Sisterhood our main focus. Continue to strengthen Central Region through an environment of inclusion for every Soror. Embrace a true sense of purpose. Encourage a stronger bond of sisterhood. Represent Central Region with integrity and fiscal responsibility to the Directorate.

KATHY WALKER-STEELE
Central Region
Elected – to be ratified at Boule
Year/Chapter Initiation: 1994/Alpha

Current Chapter/Region: Beta Gamma Omega/Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos, Membership Chair

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha is one that leverages the time and talent of our members and our leaders to continue to create the Alpha Kappa Alpha experience that we all dreamed of before we were members. I am convinced that the greater the experience each soror has, the more dedicated she each will be toward our mission. As a result, the more dynamic our programming and the more durable our partnerships will be. Our legacy and its longevity depend on each one of us making AKA a part of our everyday life – for life. No excuses.
JOYCE L. NELSON
Central Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1996/Lambda Tau Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Lambda Tau Omega/Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos, Grammateus, Parliamentarian

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha is to remind sorors who board JLN Airlines that “The Dream Is Easy, the Journey Is Not”. I want to focus on providing a transparent, seamless process for sorors seeking to serve. My three goals are 5B’s securely wrapped, Be Clear and Concise; Be Distinctive and Detailed; Be Flexible and Fair; Be Timely and Transparent and Be of Service to all Mankind. I believe in leadership that sorors can count on. Therefore, if you are looking for a flight with first class service, LOOK NO FURTHER. JLN Airlines Flight 1908 is ready to take-off.
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1979/Kappa Lambda Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Kappa Lambda Omega, South Eastern

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Parliamentarian, Ivy Leaf Reporter, Protocol Committee Chairman

International Sorority Experience: South Eastern Regional Director, Event Planning Committee, Membership Committee, Human Resource Committee

Vision Statement: My vision is to engage the South Eastern Region by igniting the power in each pearl and celebrating our esteemed legacy of sisterhood and service. Together, we’ll take the South Eastern Region to new heights by (1) CONNECTING to the central principle of our Founders; (2) COLLABORATING and uniting efforts to empower our community through actionable service; (3) Continue COMMUNICATING to inspire the involvement of the entire Region; and (4) CELEBRATING this journey together – graduates and undergraduates – as one by embracing and sharing our diverse talents, skills, and knowledge to make a difference.

MARY B. CONNER
South Eastern Region
Elected – to be ratified at Boule
International Nominating Committee

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1991/Lambda Eta

Current Chapter/Region: Theta Zeta Omega/South Eastern

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Membership Chairman

International Sorority Experience: South Eastern Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee

Vision Statement: 1) To ensure that Alpha Kappa Alpha produces leaders of high ethical character to lead our sororities, communities, and businesses through leadership training and leadership modeling, 2) To promote an atmosphere, spirit and attitude where our love for each other and sisterhood exemplifies 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and Galatians 5:22–23, 3) To ensure that Alpha Kappa Alpha remains supreme in Service to All Mankind by embracing and modeling servant leadership in our chapter, regional and international activities.

STEPHANIE BARNES TAYLOR
South Eastern Region
Elected – to be ratified at Boule
MID-WESTERN REGION
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1977/Delta Tau

Current Chapter/Region: Mu Omega/Mid-Western

Sorority Experience: Hodegos, First Anti-Basileus, Graduate Advisor, Basileus

International Sorority Experience: Mid-Western Regional Director, International Program Committee

Vision Statement: As Alpha Kappa Alpha has been a positive influence in my life for 38 years, it is my vision that the perpetuity of our sisterhood continue to flourish through growth and expansion. To ensure that the founding principles are preserved for generations of AKAs to come and to maintain the vision of being Supreme in Service that has propelled us onward and upward for 107 years. Lastly, that all Sorors would be committed to lifelong membership by engaging in learning opportunities through attendance, at conferences, following our documents and procedures, and interacting with one another in sisterly love and respect.

JAN CARPENTER-BAKER

Mid-Western Region

Elected – to be ratified at Boule
Year/Chapter Initiation: 1986/Delta Tau

Current Chapter/Region: Mu Omega/Mid-Western

Sorority Experience: Parliamentarian, Ivy Leaf Reporter, Tamiouchos, Anti-Basileus, Nominating Committee

International Sorority Experience: International Membership Committee, International Nominating Committee, Heritage Committee

Vision Statement: For our Sorority to forge vibrantly into the future we need to find a way to merge our rich history with our new practices and traditions in a way in which we reclaim our inactive Sorors, retain those we currently have and work to constantly educate and express sisterly love to all of our members. If I am re-elected I will continue to educate Sorors about the role of the International Nominating Committee, encourage Sorors to attend conferences and workshops and prepare them to run for Sorority offices.

BARBARA ANNE WASHINGTON
Mid-Western Region
Elected – to be ratified at Boule
SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1978/Theta Gamma

Current Chapter/Region: Gamma Nu
Omega/South Atlantic

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Graduate Advisor, Parliamentarian, Epistoleus, Membership Chair

International Sorority Experience: South Atlantic Regional Director, Finance Committee, Reinstatement Task Force, Program Committee

Vision Statement: Membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha is indeed a privilege that requires commitment, sacrifice and unselfishness. My objectives are simple and true: serve with a smile, promote high expectations and foster steadfast allegiance to our mission. I envision the following:
• Increasing chapter participation throughout the region by providing necessary tools and resources
• Developing and enhancing the use of technological applications
• Strengthening graduate and undergraduate relations
• Implementing sound financial processes and procedures
• Making a difference in the lives of those whom I serve

My dedication and loyalty will provide the stamina to ensure achievement of desired goals.

SHARON BROWN HARRIOTT

South Atlantic Region

Elected – to be ratified at Boule
International Nominating Committee

CHRISTIN ROUSE
South Atlantic Region

Elected – to be ratified at Boule

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2013/Beta Alpha

Current Chapter/Region: Beta Alpha/South Atlantic

Chapter Sorority Experience: Anti-Basileus, Hodegos, Chaplain, & Health Promotion Committee Chair

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha is for the sorority to run effectively and efficiently. By serving as the South Atlantic Regional Representative for the International Nominating Committee, I intend to aid the sorority in that vision. Should I be elected I would be thorough in certifying the credentials of all candidates wishing to run for office, as well as helping to prepare the slate of all official nominees. I would work in an unbiased manner and be as confidential as possible when it comes to any campaign, as the greater good of the sorority is my main concern.
NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1985/Omicron Nu Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Delta Mu Omega/North Atlantic

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Epistoleus, Parliamentarian, Graduate Advisor

International Sorority Experience: North Atlantic Regional Director, International Nominating Committee, International Connection Committee

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is to maintain the tradition of sisterhood through our legacy of service by promoting inclusion in the sorority, fiscal fitness and transparency. I will promote ONE message to all as ONE Sorority. I will continue the accomplished goals of transparency by affording more open forums and sisterly relationships in the Region. Continuous engagement and inclusivity of our Former Regional Directors is a significant accomplishment and the recruitment of Sorors to serve and participate on regional committees. My vision is to remain committed and dedicated to ALL Sorors of the North Atlantic Region.

MEREDITH HENDERSON
North Atlantic Region
International Nominating Committee

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2015/Pi Epsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Pi Epsilon/North Atlantic

Chapter Sorority Experience: Historian & Parliamentarian

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha is to succeed, strive and inspire! My goal is to bring creativity to my position. I am very artistic and will share these talents in my new role. Another goal means continuing to work hard, be a voice for all, and to encourage undergraduates to pursue leadership roles at this esteemed level. My goal is to inspire other undergraduate sorors that they can do anything that they set their minds to do. I will be a voice, I will inspire, I will work hard, and I will achieve all my goals.

VICTORIA LYNNE ASTON

North Atlantic Region
GREAT LAKES REGION
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1975/Alpha Sigma

Current Chapter/Region: Alpha Alpha
Omega/Great Lakes

Sorority Experience: Basileus, 2nd Anti-Basileus, Graduate Advisor

International Sorority Experience: Great Lakes Regional Director, International Connection Committee

Vision Statement: My vision for the Great Lakes Region is to build upon our strong legacy as a Great and Gracious region devoted to sisterhood and service to the community. My goals for the Great Lakes Region are: 1) To continue to be an active and engaged participant on the Directorate, exercising sound judgment and supporting decisions which will protect and enhance our beloved sorority; 2) To provide specific strategies for open and honest communication between our graduate and undergraduate sorors; 3) To establish a comprehensive vehicle to provide support and best practice sharing in all aspects of chapter and sorority operations.

TONI KENDRICK
Great Lakes Region
Year/Chapter Initiation: 1996/Alpha Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Alpha Omega/Great Lakes

Sorority Experience: 1st Anti-Basileus, 2nd Anti-Basileus, Grammateus, Program Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman

International Sorority Experience: N/A

Vision Statement: My vision has TLC: Transparency, Trustworthiness, Loyalty, Leadership, Commitment, Connection, and Confidentiality. To continue to have fair and equitable processes for our elections. By this I will remain honest and Transparent to all members of the region. This allows me to be Trustworthy. I have been a Loyal Leader and will continue to be Committed to the sorority. I will keep all information Confidential and will stay Connected to the chapters to give accurate reports. As your Great Lakes Representative to the International Nominating Committee, I will exercise enthusiasm and allow the members to call on me whenever necessary.

MONICA BOURNS

Great Lakes Region
NANCY QUARLES
Great Lakes Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1993/Pi Tau Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Pi Tau Omega/Great Lakes

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Parliamentarian, Ivy Leaf Reporter, Connection Coordinator

International Sorority Experience: International Connection Committee, International Reinstatement Committee, International Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is to promote our ethical standards by identifying qualified and knowledgeable Sorors who reflect the criteria specified in the corporate documents as candidates. My goal for the nominating committee are: 1. Build transparency: Demystifying procedure and process so that there is complete accountability of candidates. 2. Ensure understanding of the nomination process: Creating workshops and other strategies to explain eligibility and recruit a potential candidate pool. 3. Carry out the Committee’s mission: Review effectively policies and procedures in an effort that affords the Sorority an opportunity to best achieve our goals and objectives.
MID-ATLANTIC REGION
Regional Director

JOYCE HENDERSON
Mid-Atlantic Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1975/ Alpha Beta

Current Chapter/Region: Zeta Chi Omega/
Mid-Atlantic Region

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Graduate Advisor

International Sorority Experience: International Standards Committee, International Leadership Task Force

Vision Statement: My goal is to provide a “Global Stage for Success” with a “Back to Basics” approach through: Compassion, Commitment and the Capacity to lead and serve. My goal is to facilitate world-class programs of service, leading with compassion while recognizing the good and self-worth of Sorors. I will reach out to our Undergraduates developing them as the next generation of leaders. My promise is to lead with viable financial management program that is transparent, collaborative and cost-efficient. It is my desire to work hard and position the region to be in the forefront.
International Nominating Committee

Call for Nominations
FAR WESTERN REGION
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1987/ Alpha Gamma Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Alpha Gamma Omega/Far Western

Sorority Experience: Pecunious Grammateus, Anti-Grammateus, 2nd Anti-Basileus and Basileus

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. is that it remain both relevant and important to prospective members, active and inactive members and the communities we serve. If given the privilege to serve as Far Western Regional Director, I will work with our chapters to bring this vision to fruition by: 1) Promoting and supporting increased membership intake processes on college campuses and in graduate chapters; 2) Working with chapter leadership to develop, implement and execute a regional reclamation strategy; 3) Encouraging our chapters to elevate their images in the community through the activation of our international programs.

SHELBY ROBINSON BOAGNI

Far Western Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1981/Alpha Theta

Current Chapter/Region: Mu Epsilon Omega/Far Western

Sorority Experience: Technology Chairman, Audit Committee Chairman, Graduate Advisor, Basileus, Evaluations Chairman

International Sorority Experience: International Program Committee

Vision Statement: As Far Western Regional Director, my vision is to be a powerful voice that amplifies sisterliness, transparency, innovation, and above all respect for beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha. My goals as Far Western Regional Director are to inspire sorors to: 1) Integrate service and sisterliness to elevate Alpha Kappa Alpha in her desire to design, develop, and deliver impactful programming, 2) Integrate training and learning to encourage inclusive, intergenerational knowledge sharing behaviors, and 3) Further integrate technology to accelerate decision making and increase the speed of information delivery.

JUANITA DAWSON
Far Western Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1980/ Zeta Psi

Current Chapter/Region: Rho Delta Omega/Far Western

Sorority Experience: Member-At-Large, Parliamentarian, Graduate Advisor, Pecunious Grammateus, Basileus

International Sorority Experience: International Membership Committee

Vision Statement: As a progressive and fiscally responsible leader, I DARE to advocate for the Far Western Region to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by providing impactful recommendations and substantive communications that proudly represent the voices of the region. 1) Partner with Sorors to create a dynamic and collaborative sisterhood to develop responsive strategies that address regional concerns. 2) Dare to challenge and encourage Sorors to actualize ground breaking ideas which enhance and advance the sorority’s programs and activities. 3) Utilize the skills, talents and innovative thinking of both the undergraduate and graduate members to implement Daring ways to move the organization forward.

CAROL R. DIXON

Far Western Region
Regional Director

LINDA GAINES BROOKS
Far Western Region

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1992/Eta Nu Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Eta Nu Omega/Far Western

Sorority Experience: Epistoleus, Hodegos, Pecunious Grammateus, Graduate Advisor, Basileus

International Sorority Experience: International Program Committee, Graduate Advisor Certification Committee, 2012 Boule Planning Committee

Vision Statement: My goals: 1) To continue legacy of our founders through mentoring, shared leadership, and growth of undergraduate sorors as they seek leadership roles in Alpha Kappa Alpha and within their communities, 2) Cultivate an environment within the Far Western Region that supports and recognizes graduate chapters in their efforts to retain and reactivate members, 3) Establish a culture where leadership is transparent and accountable for their actions. My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the FWR, is to create a culture of Legacy, Mentoring and Sisterhood in our 21st Century as we launch new dimensions of leadership.
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1978/Eta Lambda

Current Chapter/Region: Kappa Beta Omega/Far Western

Sorority Experience: Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus, Grammateus

International Sorority Experience: International Nominating Committee, Financial Officer's Certification Committee, Educational Advancement Foundation Coordinator

Vision Statement: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Far Western region on three international committees - Nominating, Financial Officers Certification and currently the Educational Advancement Foundation. These leadership opportunities have allowed me to grow and prepare to lead our region. My goals for the Far Western Region are: 1) Sisterhood - Strengthening the foundation of Sisterhood 2) Alpha Kappa Alpha Far Western Regional Brand - Advancing the ABC's of the AKA Brand in the Far West (Advertising, Brand promotion, Communication, and Collaboration) 3) Membership Maintenance - Because we know there is no other!

LYNETTE HENLEY
Far Western Region
International Nominating Committee

Year/Chapter Initiation: 2001/Eta Lambda Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Eta Lambda Omega/Far Western

Current Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Parliamentarian, Philacter, Membership Chair

International Sorority Experience: International Nominating Committee

Vision Statement: My vision is to continue to encourage 21st Century leaders and trailblazers become elected on the Directorate by making them aware of offices available and outlining the certification process in its entirety. In addition, if I am re-elected I will ensure that candidates are provided a fair and equitable process, continued timely responses and clarity with integrity and sisterly love.

SAEIDA MILLER
Far Western Region
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1978/Epsilon Beta

Current Chapter/Region: Phi Sigma Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Epistoleus, Hodegos, Parliamentarian

International Sorority Experience: Connection Committee, International I-Team/E-Team

Vision Statement: That Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority continue to be a leader in service implementing and providing programs of service to empower people around the world. Mentor women into finer womanhood, addressing issues germane to health and wellness, personal development and leadership skills. Three goals I have for the office of South Central Regional Director are: Perform all outline duties with accuracy, efficiency and timeliness to the sorors of the region and the corporate office; promote unity throughout the region and focus on preparing future leaders of the region; and continue to build the region by reclaiming sorors and strengthening chapters.

JANICE MONTAGUE-MYLES
South Central Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1985/Theta Delta

Current Chapter/Region: Beta Psi Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Programs Chairman, Epistoleus, Graduate Advisor

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: Using my visionary leadership skills, passion, and servant leadership style, we will build bridges of opportunities so that all sorors are empowered to take action. Collectively, we will strengthen the bonds of this great sisterhood with innovative programs that are legendary. Together, we will enrich our membership by mentoring, inclusivity, and reactivating our inactive pearls. I envision a transitional bridge from undergraduate to graduate with opportunities to energize, engage and sustain our membership. Cultivating and perpetuating a vibrant and fresh perspective, we will enhance the region’s operational efficiency that fosters transparency, fiscal responsibility, and excellence in communications and response.

BRIGID ANN ROBERSON

South Central Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1975/Delta Kappa

Current Chapter/Region: Alpha Kappa Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Tamiochous, Grammateus, Graduate Advisor

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My VISION for the South Central Region will incorporate Inclusiveness, Vision, and YOU, IVY, as part of my administration as I continue to promote the guiding principles of our illustrious founders through the power of U.N.I.T.Y. These Pearls of U.N.I.T.Y. represent Unwavering, Nurturing, Integrity, Trust, plus You and defines the character, purpose, stewardship, leadership, experience, service and sisterhood of our sorority and my goal as the Sensational South Central Regional Director. I look forward to working with each of you as we, The Pearls of U.N.I.T.Y., spur each other to victory's height!

PATRICIA A. ROBERTS
South Central Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1996/Beta Psi

Current Chapter/Region: Gamma Eta Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Grad Advisor

International Sorority Experience: International Nominating Committee, International Heritage Committee

Vision Statement: 1) Provide collaborative partnerships that will allow for long term strategic planning and promote national recognitions globally; 2) Maintain Diversity and Inclusiveness in leadership. We are an organization of proven leaders and the regional leadership team will represent that diversity. Including programming for our undergraduates that promote leadership, collaboration with campus partners and life-long membership; 3) Improve and enhance communications, including a "live" office with small, web based conference calls and meetings, and improved email and text message notifications, including social media updates; 4) Secure long-term corporate sponsorships in each state that will defray costs relative to regional conference planning.

KATINA SEMIEN

South Central Region
Regional Director

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1974/Epsilon Sigma

Current Chapter/Region: Alpha Xi Omega/South Central Regional

Sorority Experience: Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus, Graduate Advisor

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: Transparency: An open flow of communication between Sorors and the Regional Director; Teamwork: Everyone working together to accomplish more; Collaboration: Working with partners to facilitate common interests and foster great service to mankind; Leadership: Fostering future leaders with Sorors able to follow as well as lead. Goal #1: Create a comprehensive program to develop Undergraduate Leaders-recognized for outstanding achievements. Goal #2: Become number 1 in membership retention/reclamation, scholarship and community service with Graduate Chapters-recognized for excelling targeted areas. Goal #3: Be a model for a culture of inclusion that improves sisterly relations and every Soror knows she matters.

MARIAN ANN WILLARD
South Central Region
Year/Chapter Initiation: 1985/Epsilon Epsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Chi Zeta Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus, Parliamentarian

International Sorority Experience: International Investigation and Evaluation Committee

Vision Statement: My vision for our sisterhood is to keep us strong and relevant through visionary, effective leadership within the organization. To that end, my goals are to honor our founders' vision by (1) ensuring that qualified sorors are made aware of leadership positions, in order to provide a strong slate of candidates, (2) providing tools and resources candidates need to launch effective campaigns, and (3) working fairly, discretely and collaboratively with sorors from every region to identify emerging technology and best practices that will make the election process even more accessible and affordable for all qualified sorors.
International Nominating Committee

Year/Chapter Initiation: 1980/Epsilon Sigma

Current Chapter/Region: Alpha Xi Omega/South Central

Sorority Experience: Basileus, 1st Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos, Pecunious Grammateus

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is that we remain true to our mission to be of Service to All Mankind by seeking qualified servant leaders. If elected to the Nominating Committee, I will continue to provide consistent nominating practices that will be fair, open and sisterly for all Sorors. I will become an advocate for undergraduates to ensure they are informed of positions available to them. In addition, I will provide innovative, exciting workshops that will generate a renewed interest among our members who seek leadership positions.

KIM POWERS McCREE
South Central Region
Year/Chapter Initiation: 1995/Theta Theta

Current Chapter/Region: Omicron Mu Omega/South Central Region

Sorority Experience: Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus, Grammateus, Anti-Grammateus

International Sorority Experience: None

Vision Statement: My vision for the International Nominating Committee is as follows: 1) To uphold the ideals of our sorority by operating as a leader with integrity; 2) To ensure that all documentation received meets the requirements and standards of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the International Nominating Committee; 3) To safeguard the nominating process to ensure fairness, continuity and accuracy.
INTERNATIONAL REGION
International Nominating Committee

MERVELLE SAGE
International Region
Elected 2015 – to be ratified at Boule
2014 – 2016
International Nominating Committee

Carolyn G. Randolph
Chairman
South Atlantic

Mona Calhoun
North Atlantic

LaFrances Williams
Mid-Atlantic

Jennifer Niles
Great Lakes

Stephanie Barnes Taylor
South Eastern

Rachel Parker
South Central

Gabrielle Hicks
Central
2014 – 2016
International Nominating Committee

Barbara Anne Washington
Mid-Western

Saeida Miller
Far Western

Alena Clifford
International