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"Kappas Walk in Beauty and Light the Way for Education"

Montgomery, Alabama hosted the 2024 National Convention and a wonderful time was had by all. Theta State Kappas, led by Co-Chairs Sandra Youngblood and Bonnie Shanks, hosted the Convention, and provided many opportunities to see and discover Alabama. The Mu State Kappas hosted a charming, delicious luncheon, and the Psi State Kappas registered everyone and provided the audio-visual system for our Convention. Warm and loving thanks to the gracious Southern hospitality and charm provided by these wonderful Kappas, not to mention the great meals, and the lovely time we had.

My heartfelt thanks to those who helped with my installation. My Protocol Chair, Marcelle Bridgeman and her workers performed a minor miracle, and I cannot sing enough praises for their efforts. My Installation Committee increased with those who anonymously helped by hanging my banner, finding solutions to problems, and setting the stage for a beautiful installation. Words cannot begin to describe my love and gratitude to Past National Presidents Janice Luce and Brenda Morrison, and to Past Beta State Presidents Peggy Davis and Helen Silversmith who formed my Installation Committee. Peggy wrote my installation along with Helen, and with the help of Janice and Brenda, they created a magical evening.

Beta State Kappas have given love, friendship, and support on my journey. Thank you so much for all you have done. It is greatly appreciated. Beta State Kappas are truly amazing. You are soooooo SPECIAL!!!

My theme is **Kappas Walk in Beauty and Light the Way For Education**. Navajos believe that life is balanced when the spiritual, mental, and physical align. As educators, we strive for the same alignment for our students so that we can help them find their way out of the darkness of ignorance and illiteracy and light the way for their success.

Membership provides socialization, professional networking opportunities, and philanthropic activities. Invite a friend to experience a joyful Kappa Smile, a warm Kappa "Hello!", and the opportunity to experience Kappa Kappa lota. To increase membership, we have only to take the first step. I challenge all Kappas to take the first step.

During our Centennial Year, I started this journey. As a member of the National Executive Committee. I prepared and learned as much as I could for the upcoming year. Throughout this journey, I have discovered Kappas "Make A Difference," we "Catch the Wave," and "Radiate the Kappa Spirit" so that we can "'Sea' the Beauty in Life." May God continue to Bless this organization and its membership. Walk in Beauty.

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#### 2024-2025 National Executive Committee

(Back) Recording Secretary, Henrietta Hamilton, Second Vice President Dana Terrell, National President-Elect Brenda Hope, First Vice President Carolyn Wilkins (Front) Parliamentarian, Sue Hagan, National President Carolyn Garretson, Immediate Past President Kathy Smith

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## ATTENTION STATE AND **LOCAL CHAPTERS**

The 990-N (e-postcards) are due by each state chapter, local chapter, and state council by September 1, 2024.

Filing will ensure that National Kappa Kappa lota will remain current as a 501© (3) not for profit organization.

Contact National Headquarters at 1-800-678-0389 if you have questions.

Due September 1st

## DONATIONS & Sales

## ~ June 2024 ~

Special Projects\$3085.00
General Fund/ HQ Maintenance \$ 155.00
Memorial Garden \$ 370.00
Brick Orders \$ 300.00
Building Enhancement \$3090.00
Any Capital Improvement\$ 185.00
NEC Skit \$1114.00
Educational Grant\$ 60.00
Past State President Scholarship \$ 250.00
PSP/ Sara Sunderman Campus Sch\$ 20.00
Retired Educator Grant \$ 200.00
Terrell Scholarship \$ 100.00
Undesignated Scholarship \$1068.00
Kappa Store Sale\$2426.00
Proud to be a Kappa\$ 800.00
Any Budgeted Area of Need \$5170.00

#### **CORRECTIONS FOR NATIONAL BYLAWS, STANDING RULES AND STANDING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

The Revised National Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Standing

Committee Guidelines that were voted on and adopted at the June 2023 National Convention in Palm Springs, CA were printed and were available for purchase at the National Convention in June, in Montgomery, AL. If you purchased copies of these documents the following corrections need to be made:

BYLAWS: None noted

**STANDING RULES:** \*Table of Contents, State Bylaws; Delete "Error! Bookmark not defined" Replace with the digit 2

\*Page 4: Empathy Regions: Region I: Hawaii and Colorado; Add Region VIII: Members at Large and Maryland

\*Page 21: President's Rotation Schedule: Under B add Ohio

#### STANDING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES:

\*Page 11: In heading of History delete "Error! Bookmark not defined"

\*Page 12: In heading of Membership delete "Error! Bookmark not defined"

If you find any other corrections that need to be made, please notify National Headquarters and National Bylaws Chair, Brenda Morrison.



#### Kappa



## **SPOTLIGHT**

Do you know a great Kappa member we should feature in the Spotlight section on the national website? You may submit an article about the member, including a picture, by sending the information to headquarters for consideration. kki202122@gmail.com



History was Made!

Carolyn Wilkins, 2nd Vice President/ Membership Committee Chair, awarded the first Campus/ Collegiate Kappa VIP Award to Cayla Kilby, Alpha State/OK

## 2024-2025 STATE PRESIDENTS "The Moonbeams"



Alpha State/ OK Karon McCubbin "TREES: Touching lives, Recognizing Abilities, Encouraging Every Student"



Iota State/ NE Jodi Norton "Kappa Hearts That Inspire, Influence and Impact"



Phi State/ OH Lenora Gunnoe "BeYOUtiful Kappa!"



Beta State/ NM Laura Still "Kappas Blossom Wherever They Go"



Lambda State/ GA Melinda Sams "Relight Your Kappa Fires and Grow"



Psi State/ TN Judy McCready "A Kappa's Life Includes the Beauty of Kindness"



Gamma State/ KS Judy Oliver "Kappas See the Beauty of Education"



Mu State/ MS Beth Byrd "Kappas Light the Way"



Chi State/ HI Suellen Sulunga "Kappa in Hawaii in the Aloha State"



Delta State/ TX Marsha Coffee "Kappas Bloom in Harmony"



Nu State/ CA Kay Palush "Kappas Go Where There is No Path and Leave a Trail"



Alpha Alpha State/ KY Sandra Mullikin "Kentucky Kappas Light the Way to a Brighter Tomorrow"



Epsilon State/ AR Franny Spencer "True Friends, like Kappas are Like Diamonds- Bright, Valuable, and Always in Style"



Xi State/ FL Amanda Powell "Kappas Keep Moving Forward, Opening Doors, and Trying New Things"



Maryland Chapter Pamela Niziolek "Maryland Kappas Shining Brightly with Positivity, Kindness, and Friendship"



Zeta State/ MO Cindi Thompson "Show Me the Light of Kappa"

Eta State/ LA

Kappa'

Charlotte Sicard "Bee Inspired with



Omicron State/ IA Tina Olson "Kappa Friendships Make the World Brighter"



Rho State/ NC Brenda Morrison "Keep Kappa Light Burning"



Theta State/ AL Sharon McClure "Kappas: Spark That Lights the Flame"



Upsilon State/ SC Ann Burnette "Kappas Grow Through Service to Others"



# 2024-2025 NATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS









Educational Grant \$2500.00 Christine Pennington

\$2,000.00
Maggie Earl

\$1,000.00 Lila Griffith







\$1000.00 Leslie Lobell

\$2000.00 Sigourney Waina

Educational Grant \$2500.00 Thomas Klemesrud

**Christine Pennington** is a student at Regent University where she is pursuing her doctorate degree in Psychology: Trauma & Crisis. She works in the Mecklenburg County Public Schools in Virginia. Christine is a member of the American Counseling Association. She opened a family resource center, Resilient Pathways in Chase City, VA. Christine's vision is to offer emotional-support programs and teach families techniques to become resilient and move past trauma.

**Leslie Lobdell** is a special education teacher in Missouri. She also teaches Sunday school and gives flute lessons. Leslie is seeking her Reading Specialist Certification through Southwest Baptist University. She is seeking to increase her expertise in reading instruction to better serve the students in her classroom. Leslie aims to complete her certification by Spring of 2025.

**Maggie Earl,** a recent graduate of Burns High School in North Carolina, has earned her Associate Degree from Cleveland Community College, having attended dual enrollment classes. Maggie's goal is to become a PE teacher. She will attend Appalachian State University to major in K-12 Health and Physical Education. Maggie has volunteered in several various activities including reading programs in local elementary schools during her Junior and Senior year.

**Sigourney Waina** is a recent graduate of Pickens High School in Jasper, Georgia. She attended dual enrollment classes at the University of North Georgia. Sigourney was a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, and the National Society for Leadership and Success. Sigourney earned CTAE certification in Microsoft Office. She was an Honors Students as well as a Star Student. She is seeking an undergraduate degree in Secondary English Education. Sigourney has plans to complete her master's and doctorate in the future.

**Lila Griffith** attends Abilene Christian University in Texas. Lila is pursuing two degrees, a BFA in Musical Theatre major and a BS in Multimedia Communication. She has spent time as a camp counselor in a local children's theatre. Lila enjoys performing in theatre and want to eventually manage her local theatre to bring the joy of theater to children.

**Thomas Klemesrud** is pursuing a BS in elementary education. He attends Dakota Wesleyan University in Nebraska. He wrestles on the NAIA Men's Wrestling team. Tom's anticipated graduation date is May of 2025 and this year he will participate in his full-time student teaching.



## **General Fund** Any Budgeted Area of Need

Brenda Hope Omicron/Rho/NC In memory of Joan Huffman Diane Ross Nu/Phi/OH Bonnie Bell Delta/Omicron/IA In memory of Melody Schobert Lenora Gunnoe Nu/Phi/OH In honor of My Nu Chapter and Phi State

Sisters for love and support this year. Linda Smith Zeta/Phi/OH In memory of Jane Bowser Past National Presidents In memory of Suellen Sulunga's husband

Mary Lou Hughes Alpha/Eta/LA In memory of Mark Garrett Hughes, Ralph Morgan Hughes,

Dr. Walter Low Lambda State/GA Diane Ross Nu/Phi/OH In memory of Jane Bowser

Phi State/OH Eta State/LA

In memory of PSP Mary Margare David and PSP Carol Neary

Julie Rogers Alpha/Upsilon/SC In memory of Eloise Cornwell Amy Weaver Alpha/Upsilon/SC

In memory of my mother, Mary Lou Young

Barbara Brown Alpha Beta/Zeta/MO In memory of Charlotte Harvey Alcyone B. Mullins Alpha Omicron/ Theta/AL

In memory of Joyce Bolling Janice Luce Gamma Beta/Alpha/OK In honor of PSP Cathe Kehe Laurie Konrad Xi/Iota/NE

In memory of my parents, Kenneth and Connie Ray, who taught me so much.

Tracy Froien Xi/Iota/NE In memory of Mildred Boyd George Huhn Eta State/LA In memory of PSP Carol Neary and PSP Margaret David Connie Granade Iota/Lambda/GA

## **Capital Improvements Any Capital Improvement Project**

Betty Beach Gamma/KS Catherine Segura Alpha Lambda/Eta/

In memory of Bertha Hebold, James "Zeke" Abadie and PSP Mary Margaret David In honor of Mollie Abadie, Donald Segura and Charlotte Schneider Linda Hilton Alpha Gamma/Gamma/KS In memory of Jeryl Gary Janice Luce Gamma Beta/Alpha/OK In honor of Danny and Linda Reutlinger Judy Cready Gamma/Psi/TN In honor of Kathy Smith (outgoing president)

## Proud to be a Kappa

Marcella Bridgeman Lambda State/GA Pam Burgess Alpha Rho/Alpha/OK Diane Cox Kappa/Iota/NE Tracy Froien Xi/Iota/NE Linda Hilton Alpha Gamma/Gamma/KS Mitzy Johnson-Mills Beta/Mu/MS Amanda Powell Zeta/XI/FL

## **Building Enhancement**

Kathy Gordon Rho/NC Delta State Members/TX Rho State Members/NC Mu Members/Eta/LA Maria Inzerrella Mu/Eta/LA In memory of Eta State Omega Chapter Members Peggy Earl Rho State/NC In honor of Kathy Gordon Kathy Gordon Rho/Rho State/NC In memory of Earlene Davis

#### **Memorial Garden**

Connie Schobert Gamma/Omicron/IA Henrietta Hamilton Xi/Nu/Ca and Kay Palush Nu/CA In memory of Mary Ann Sadler and Bonnie Grider Judy Craig and Psi Chapter Psi/NC In memory of Joan Huffman Judy Craig Psi/NC In memory of Jerry Craig Terry Smith Psi/Rho/NC In memory of Joan Huffman Mitzy Johnson-Mills Beta/Mu/MS and Patsy Johnson Gamma/Mu/MS In memory of Barbara Wood, James Ready and Edie McCaw

#### **Headquarters Maintenance**

In honor of Danny and Linda Reutlinger Bonnie King Rho/Rho State/NC In honor of Kathy Gordon Mitzy Johnson-Mills Beta/Mu/MS In honor of MU State Kappa Sisters: Outgoing MU State President Donna Geno; Incoming MU State President Beth Byrd

Carolyn Garretson Kappa/Beta/NM

## Scholarship Undesignated

Carolyn Dye Pi/Zeta/MO In memory of Mary Gallivan PSP Group of Past State Presidents; **National Convention** In memory of PSP who have joined the Omega Chapter in 2023-24

#### Sara Sunderman

Carolyn Garretson Kappa/Beta/NM In memory of Norma Hodge

#### Jean Terrell

Sallie Kilgore Xi/Phi/OH In memory of my brother, Paul Kilgore

## **Educational Grant**

Diane Cox Zeta/Iota/NE In memory of Judy Ryan Peggy Earl Omicron/Rho/NC In honor of Linda and Danny Reutlinger, Ken and Kathy Russell, Kathy Smith and Diane Cox

#### **Retired Educator Grant**

Sandra Leder Alpha Rho/Eta/LA In memory of Carol Neary Sandra Leder Alpha Rho/Eta/LA In memory of Mary Margaret David

## Past State Presidents

Phyllis JiJi Xi/Nu/CA Sallie Kilgore Xi/Phi/OH In memory of Jane Bowser Connie Granade Iota/Lambda/GA In memory of Past State Presidents who joined The Omega Chapter

