

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary

April 16, 2016



Mrs. Marilyn Haywood, Gamma Kappa Omega President

Mrs. Kathy A. Walker-Steele, Central Regional Director

Ms. Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, International President

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA



Dear Loyal Supporters and Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated:

It is with a deep sense of pride, anticipation and excitement that the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter welcome you to celebrate with us at this our 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. We have been working diligently during the planning process to make this gala a memorable occasion for you to enjoy this evening.

We extend our sincere gratitude and wholehearted appreciation to our families, friends and sorority members for unwavering support throughout the years. Tonight we especially celebrate those eleven trailblazers, our charter members, for their hard work, vision and courage to organize a sorority in Carbondale, Illinois. We are proud

to serve our community's needs and while fulfilling the goals of our International Program in Education Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership, Global Impact, and Community Impact Days through Launching New Dimensions of Service.

On occasions as this, we beam with justifiable pride at our numerous accomplishments and the impact made upon those we serve. Without a doubt, the City of Carbondale, surrounding communities and partnering organizations would agree that their citizens and patrons have been empowered through Gamma Kappa Omega's many forums, seminars, workshops, and food/clothing drives.

Sincere thanks especially to those sisters who have traveled great distances to share this auspicious occasion with us and our precious former Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter members. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this Diamond Anniversary celebration as special as possible. So on behalf of Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter, the gala committee, and those we serve, please enjoy our evening of giving In Service to all Mankind! We have established our commitment to strive **and** do things that are worthwhile!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Haywood".

Marilyn Haywood
President

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. OUR LEADERSHIP



KATHY WALKER-STEELE

Kathy Walker-Steele was elected to serve Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as its 29th Central Regional Director in March 2014 at the 80th Central Regional Conference in Chicago, IL. She was officially installed into office during the sorority's international convention in Charlotte, NC in July 2014.

Mrs. Walker-Steele is a 39-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with the distinction of being a Legacy, Silver Star and Life Member. She has served Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in numerous capacities beginning as a devoted member with

uninterrupted service, continuing through the years to ultimately become the 33rd President of the Delta Delta Omega Chapter in East St. Louis, IL. Mrs. Walker-Steele has served as the Central Region's Representative to the Centennial Committee, the 2008 International Conference Time & Place Committee Chairman and the 64th International Conference (2010) General Chairman. Her commitment is contagious and her spirit of sisterhood and service is extraordinary. She is humbled to represent the Central Region with integrity and fiscal responsibility, and she is dedicated to ensuring Central Region is at the forefront of the sorority's mission of being "supreme in service to all mankind".

Mrs. Walker-Steele retired in 2010 as an assistant superintendent in the East St. Louis School District #189 where she served in various roles during her 34-year tenure. She is currently an associate faculty member at McKendree University in Lebanon, IL and a teacher consultant at Southern Illinois University-East St. Louis Center. She has also served as president of the St. Louis Chapter of CircleLets, Inc, a member of the Links Incorporated-Archway Chapter, a member of the East St. Louis Chapter of the NAACP, and the Urban League. She has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including the Unsung Heroine Award from the St. Louis Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction and the St. Louis American's Salute to Education Awardee.

Mrs. Walker-Steele is the devoted wife of Marvin Steele, Sr.



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April 16, 2016

Soror Marilyn Haywood

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Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

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Dear Sorors,

Heartfelt congratulations to the members of Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter on your 75th Diamond Anniversary Gala. The 283,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha worldwide can take pride in knowing that you are continuing to "Be of Service to All Mankind." It is because of your tireless efforts in implementing powerful programs that countless people are being positively impacted in the Carbondale area. You are to be commended for *Launching New Dimensions of Service* and I thank you for supporting this administration.

Your involvement in the community over the past 75 years shows the outstanding work of our Supreme Sisterhood. As you honor those who have shaped the course of Gamma Kappa Omega, know that I join you in thanking them for their many years of dedicated service. Remember, we all stand on the shoulders of these giants. It is because of their sacrifice in the past that we are able to enjoy the rich blessings of today.

Again, best of luck on a successful Diamond Anniversary Gala and all of your future endeavors!

Sisterly yours,

Soror Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson

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Supreme Basileus

Proclamation

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, an international organization, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908; and

Whereas, the purposes of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, are to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the oldest Greek letter organization established by African American college-educated women, is a channel through which members improve the social and economic conditions of their cities, states, and nations; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, has developed numerous international programs for implementation by its 283,000 members in 986 chapters throughout the world to improve social and economic conditions; and

Whereas, the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, has implemented the international programs of the organization and rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable services to the Carbondale community since it chartering in 1941; and

Whereas, the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, has continued to exhibit a deep concern for the welfare of the residents of Carbondale by unceasing service and devotion to a myriad of philanthropic causes; and

Whereas, the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has remained dedicated and committed to the goals and ideals of the organization for 75 years.

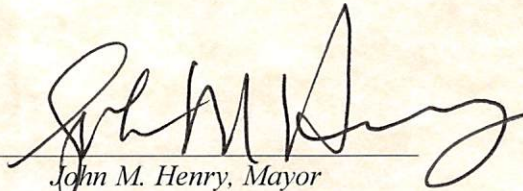
Now, therefore, I, John M. Henry, Mayor of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 16, 2016 as

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY


In the City of Carbondale, Illinois, and urge residents to observe this day in appreciation for this exemplar of "Supreme Service To All Mankind."

Ordered this Sixteenth day of April, 2016.





John M. Henry, Mayor



Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Randy J. Dunn, President

March 16, 2016

Dear Members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter,

Congratulations on the celebration of your 75th year of service to the Carbondale community! To think, this all began with your first initiation at Attucks Grade School on March 15, 1941, and now here you are – celebrating 75 years of outstanding service. Your Chapter has grown so much over the years and has played such an amazing role in our community by sponsoring health fairs, women's forums, community appreciation receptions, dinner dances, jazz shows, public meetings, tutorial reading sessions, math and science fairs for 8-11 year-olds, and the awarding of your scholarship in the name of Thelma Gibbs Walker.

Your service, your vision, your commitment to our community - all are to be commended. I would like to thank you on behalf of the Southern Illinois University System for the difference you have made in our community.

Keep up the great work and here's to the next 75 years!

Very truly yours,

Randy J. Dunn
President
Southern Illinois University System

RJD/pk



Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

The first initiation of Gamma Kappa Omega chapter was conducted at the Attucks Grade School on Jackson Street, Carbondale, Illinois on March 15, 1941. Marianna Beck, Alice McGehee Smart and Blanche Patterson McWilliams joined Ms. Roberts in the initiation ceremony. The first Chapter Officers were installed: Lovia B. Penn, President; Gwendolyn Chambliss, Vice President; Versa L. Hayes, Secretary; Lucille Walker, Corresponding Secretary; Velma C. Woods, Treasurer; Mildred Kedley, Sentinel; and Jenolar F. Hillsman McBride, Ivy Leaf Reporter.

In keeping with the tradition of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, several service projects were undertaken. One of the Chapter's original service projects was a scholarship, which was awarded to a deserving high school student. This project has continued and is now named the Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship. It continues to be a monetary scholarship given to a student transitioning to college. Gamma Kappa Omega has funded this effort with fund raisers and the support of community donations.

In 1952, Lucille Walker and Jenolar Hillsman McBride chartered Delta Beta, an undergraduate chapter located on the campus of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Gamma Kappa Omega serves as the sponsoring chapter to Delta Beta who will celebrate 64 years of service on April 19, 2016.

In recent years, Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter has sponsored health fairs, forums, community appreciation receptions, public meetings, math and science fairs, and financial planning workshops. Some of the entertainment brought to Carbondale by the Chapter includes "Having Our Say," the story of the Delaney sisters, Ebony Fashion Fair, and the Urban Bush Women. Other Chapter activities and events include the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, the acclaimed Boys Choir of Harlem, and Three Mo' Tenors. The Chapter, via its international programs, continues to provide educational enhancement, social etiquette and self-esteem building activities serving young girls from elementary through high school. Chapter members are frequently featured in the local newspaper and on the local network for their contributions to the community.

The contributions and activities of Gamma Kappa Omega are in keeping with the mission of the sorority's International Program, Launching New Dimensions of Service, to promote SERVICE TO ALL MANKIND.



A legacy of sisterhood and service since 1941



CELEBRATING OUR VISIONARY AND COURAGEOUS CHARTER MEMBERS!

Soror Gwendolyn Chambliss

Soror Luella McCall Davis

Soror Mildred Kedley

Soror Grace Perkins Kelley

Soror Jenolar Hillsman McBride

Soror Lovia Bell Penn

Soror Dorenda Taylor

Soror Lucille Walker

Soror Thelma Gibbs Walker

Soror Versa Hayes White

Soror Velma Woods

**HAPPY DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**

GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER



GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

Ivies Beyond the Wall, yet, eternally dear to our hearts.

Soror Dovia Muriel Bell Anderson

Soror Marilyn Lanton Branch

Soror Helen Adams Cole

Soror Dorothy Fern Coleman

Soror Luella McCall Davis

Soror Martha Elaine Farris

Soror Eunice Coleman Garrett

Soror Sondra Jean Greer

Soror Jacqueline Kaye Fleming Hampton

Soror Arlene Jones

Soror Enid Rebecca Marsh

Soror Julia Lee Battle Miller

Soror Lovia Bell Penn

Soror Levora Lyas Robertson

Soror Lauvenia Robinson-Hill

Soror Thelma Gibbs Walker



Local Leadership



1941—1944	Lovia Bell Penn
1945—1953	Lucille Walker
1954—1960	Lovia Bell Penn
1961—1968	Lucille Walker
1969—1973	Sandra Warren
1974—1979	Sondra Jean Greer
1980	Norma Jean Ewing
1981—1982	Valerie Epps
1983—1984	Geraldine Bowie
1985—1988	Joyce Hayes
1989—1995	Harriet Wilson Barlow
1996—1999	Deborah Walton McCoy
2000	Vernola E. Sumner
2001—2003	Deborah Walton McCoy
2004—2005	Ann Marie Shepherd
2006—2007	Marilyn Haywood
2008—2009	Elizabeth Lewin
2010—2013	Faith Y. Miller
2014—2015	Elizabeth Lewin
2016 -	Marilyn Haywood



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
“A Legacy of Sisterhood and Service Since 1908”
An Overview



Confined to what she called “a small circumscribed life” in the segregated and male-dominated milieu that characterized the early 1900s, Howard University co-ed Ethel Hedgeman dreamed of creating a support network for women with like minds coming together for mutual uplift, and coalescing their talents and strengths for the benefit of others. In 1908, her vision crystallized as Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first Negro Greek-letter sorority. Five years later (1913), lead incorporator Nellie Quander ensured Alpha Kappa Alpha’s perpetuity through incorporation in the District of Columbia.

Together with eight other coeds at the mecca for Negro education, Hedgeman crafted a design that not only fostered interaction, stimulation, and ethical growth among members; but also provided hope for the masses. From the core group of nine at Howard, AKA has grown into a force of more than 283,000 collegiate members and alumnae, constituting 992 chapters in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the US Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, Liberia, South Korea, Japan, Canada, and South Africa.

Because they believed that Negro college women represented “the highest—more education, more enlightenment, and more of almost everything that the great mass of Negroes never had” — Hedgeman and her cohorts worked to honor what she called “an everlasting debt to raise them (Negroes) up and to make them better.” For more than a century, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sisterhood has fulfilled that obligation by becoming an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation, and the world.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha program today still reflects the communal consciousness steeped in the AKA tradition and embodied in AKA’s credo, “To be supreme in service to all mankind.” Cultural awareness and social advocacy marked Alpha Kappa Alpha’s infancy, but within one year (1914) of acquiring corporate status, AKA had also made its mark on education, establishing a scholarship award. The programming was a prelude to the thousands of pioneering and enduring initiatives that eventually defined the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand.

Through the years, Alpha Kappa Alpha has used the Sisterhood as a grand lever to raise the status of African-Americans, particularly girls and women. AKA has enriched minds and encouraged life-long learning; provided aid for the poor, the sick, and underserved; initiated social action to advance human and civil rights; worked collaboratively with other groups to maximize outreach on progressive endeavors; and continually produced leaders to continue its credo of service.

Guided by twenty-nine international presidents from Nellie M. Quander (1913-1919) to Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson (2014-2018), with reinforcement from a professional headquarters staff since 1949, AKA’s corps of volunteers has instituted groundbreaking social action initiatives and social service programs that have transformed communities for the better—continually emitting progress in cities, states, the nation, and the world.



Regional Leaders



1st	Pauline Kigh Reed*	1919 – 1922
2nd	Frederica Brown*	1922 – 1923
3rd	Carolynne Payne*	1923 – 1925
4th	Murray B. Atkins (Walls)*	1925 – 1927
5th	Althea M. Simmons*	1927 – 1930
6th	Blanche Hayes Clark*	1930 – 1934
7th	Alice McGhee Smart*	1934 – 1937
8th	Arlene J. Washington*	1937 – 1940
9th	Blanche Patterson Williams*	1940 – 1943
10th	Maenell Hamlin Newsome	1943 – 1946
11th	Lucille Wilkins*	1946 – 1950
12th	Evelyn Hoard Roberts*	1950 – 1954
13th	Maude L. Mann*	1954 – 1958
14th	Annetta M. Lawson*	1958 – 1962
15th	Lee Anna Shelburne*	1962 – 1966
16th	Ordie Amelia Roberts*	1966 – 1970
17th	Johnetta Randolph Haley	1970 – 1974
18th	Gloria E. Smith Bond*	1974 – 1978
19th	Peggy Lewis LeCompte	1978 – 1982
20th	Mabel Evans Cason*	1982 – 1986
21st	Loann Julia Honest King	1986 – 1990
22nd	Yvonne Perkins	1990 – 1994
23rd	Martha Perine Beard	1994 – 1997
24th	Peggy Lewis LeCompte	1997 – 1998
25th	Nadine Celeste Bonds	1998 – 2002
26th	Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson	2002 – 2006
27th	Pamela Bates Porch	2006 – 2010
28th	Gisele´ M. Casanova	2010 - 2014
29th	Kathy Walker-Steele	2014 - 2018

**Deceased*

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporation

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

Carbondale, Illinois

Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship

History

Since 1983, Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter has contributed to the financial success of college-bound high school seniors with scholarships. Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, community involvement and participation in extra-curricular school activities. In March 2003, for the 20th anniversary of the chapter's scholarship fund, and in commemoration of the chapter's 62nd Founders' Day, its annual scholarship was renamed to honor Thelma Gibbs Walker. She gave untiringly to the community as an educator, a civic leader, and a businesswoman, and has always been held in highest esteem. She was a lifetime member and the last surviving charter member of Gamma Kappa Omega.



On March 15, 1941, Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was chartered in Carbondale, Illinois. Eleven courageous and visionary young women, Gwendolyn Chambliss, Luella McCall Davis, Mildred Kedley, Grace Perkins Kelley, Jenolar Hillsman McBride, Lovia Bell Penn, Dorenda Taylor, Lucille Walker, Thelma Gibbs Walker, Versa Hayes Whites and Velma Woods were the charter members.



Commemorating the Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship more than 30 years in Southern Illinois

Since 1983, college-bound high school seniors have received scholarships from Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter, and have either distinguished themselves in their respective career choices, or are excelling in academic pursuits at various institutions of higher learning.



1983

Gamma Kappa Omega awarded its first two scholarships to recipient Rufus Glass, of Carbondale and Sandra Whittington, of Murphysboro.



1984

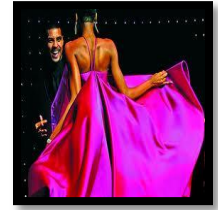
Gamma Kappa Omega awarded three scholarships the following year to recipients Melodi Ewing, of Carbondale, Paige Morris, of Carbondale and Mary Garross Sanderson, of Carterville.



1985

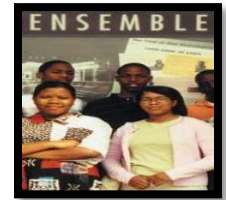
Ebony Fashion Show came to Carbondale under former President Joyce Hayes' term. The proceeds raised from this event went towards the scholarship fund.

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Kimberly Barnfield, of Carbondale



1986

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Angela Scott, of Carbondale



1987

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Christy Ann Davis, of Carbondale

1988

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Countance Pullen Anderson, of Carbondale



1989

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Teresa Bennett Price, of Makanda



1990

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Devon Brook, of Carbondale



1991

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Tamara Gibbs, of Carbondale

1992

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient LeKisha Nance, of Carbondale

1993

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Kendrick Vaughn, of Centralia

1994

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Shavonda Gibbs, of Carbondale



1995

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Denise Tipton, of Carbondale



1996

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient RoKeysha Tervalon, of Carbondale

1997

The chapter co-sponsored the renowned Boys Choir of Harlem at Shryock Auditorium under former President Deborah McCoy. The proceeds raised from this event went towards the scholarship fund.



Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Deana McDaniel, of Carbondale

1998

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Johnson Elugbadebo, of Carbondale

1999

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Tiffany Blackmon and Kristin Gregory, of Carbondale

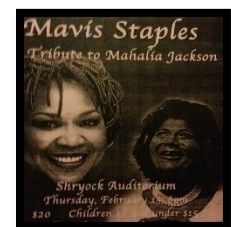


2000

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Jessica Edmond-McGowan and Rebekah Everage, of Carbondale

2001

Mavis Staples—A Tribute to Mahalia Jackson at Shryock Auditorium under former President Deborah Walton McCoy. The proceeds raised from this project went towards the scholarship fund.



Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Kristan Kelly and Renee Parrish, of Carbondale

2002

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Markea Haywood and Victoria Miller, of Carbondale



2003

Great Boars of Fire was instrumental in teaming up with Gamma Kappa Omega to provide fund raising opportunities.



2004

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Cerra Wilson, of Carbondale



2005

The Pink and Green AKA Palate Pleasers cookbook was published and dedicated to Thelma Gibbs Walker under former President Ann Marie Shepherd. The proceeds raised from this project went towards the scholarship fund.

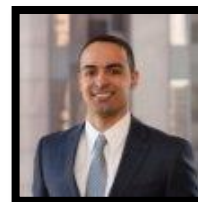


2006

Herbert Martin, retired teacher born in Cairo, Illinois, and author of the children's book, "In The Garden," was presented at the Carbondale Public Library. Proceeds from the event, sponsored under the leadership of former President Marilyn Haywood, went towards the Chapter's scholarship fund.



Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Sholony Hughlett, Torrence Pefetti and Tamicka Monson, of Carbondale



2007

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Tess Hellgren of Carbondale



2008

Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner fund raising event was held at the Carbondale Civic Center under former President Elizabeth Lewin.



Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Myah Gary, Jordan McCoy Kilpatrick and Alana Ross, of Carbondale

2009

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Kirsten Kennedy, of Carbondale



2010

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Brandi Lenox, of Carbondale



2011

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Ashley Lenox, of Carbondale



2012

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Kristen Matthews, of Carbondale



2013

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Alexia Lewis-Moss, of Carbondale



2014

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipients Amiya Allen and LaShae Hill, of Carbondale



2015

Gamma Kappa Omega scholarship recipient Jazmyne James, of Carbondale



Mrs. Marilyn LaSha' Breckenridge Ross



A native of Memphis, TN, Mrs. Ross graduated from LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee (BS) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (MS.Ed.). She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and wears her crimson and cream with pride.

Mrs. Ross is the first African American female to assume the title of Principal at Carbondale Middle School and is currently working on her ESL endorsement to be completed in May 2016. She is a faithful member and Administrative Assistant of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. Her active involvement in both positions allows positive interaction with the youth in our community.

Mrs. Ross resides in Carbondale, IL with her husband, Arnold Ross, Sr., and they are the proud parents of Arnold Ross, Jr. and the late Alana DaNae' Ross. Mrs. Ross' newest hobby is preparing for her soon to arrive twin grandsons.

Favorite Quote: "Worry is a down payment on a problem you may never have"
Joyce Meyer



Mr. Daniel Booth



Daniel Booth, a native of Peoria, IL and a graduate of Manual High School, is in his fifth year as principal at Carbondale Community High School. Prior to becoming the building leader at CCHS, Mr. Booth served as assistant principal, dean of students, health/driver education teacher and assistant boys' basketball coach. He received his undergraduate degree in Health Education, and later his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Mr. Booth enjoys serving others and working to inspire the youth to reach beyond their circumstances.

Leadership is his calling, and he works hard to assist the Carbondale community in producing productive citizens that will one day be positive contributors to the world. Mr. Booth is married to Ashley Booth and has a two-year-old son, Jaxon, as well as a baby girl on the way in May.



Award Recipient Health Promotion



Mrs. Collette Gail Ross



Collette Gail Ross BSN RN, has been a resident of Carbondale for over forty years. She and husband David Ross, Jr, have been married for thirty-one years and have two children, Devin (a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.) and Danielle. She is presently employed at the SIUC Student Health Center as a registered nurse. She has been a nurse for over thirty years. Her current role is an immunization compliance and travel immunization nurse consultant. She also serves as a mentor for BSN nursing students by helping them finish their academic fulfillments for their degrees. After graduating from CCHS, she attended John A. Logan College receiving a degree in computer data processing, went to SIU Carbondale and received a degree in Workforce Education and later received a nursing degree from SIU Edwardsville. Mrs. Ross says: "Health care has been my calling in life. I always knew as a child that I would be doing something in health. I excelled in all my health, math and science classes in my secondary and post-secondary classes. Learning about health came easy for me. Helping others with their health is my duty in life and I hope I have helped many persons in their health outcomes." Mrs. Ross also helps out at New Zion Missionary Baptist church with nursing or health-related matters. She goes on to say: "My philosophy in life is to always reach for your goal. No matter where you are in life never say never, if there is a will there is a way!"



Pastors Doug & Lisa Cherry



Pastor Doug Cherry, in partnership with his wife, Lisa, founded Victory Christian Center of southern Illinois in November of 1998 in their home. Their vision has been to build and strengthen families starting in Southern Illinois and moving worldwide. In preparation for building their ministry, Doug and Lisa trained for five years at Oral Roberts University and Victory Christian Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma under the direction of Pastors Billy Joe and Sharon Daugherty. At the end of their studies they returned to their roots here in Carbondale and began their work. Today, Victory Christian Center is an active facility at 607 E. College Street, the former city hall building. It houses numerous ministries, with the Food Pantry and REALITY Youth Center among those used in southern Illinois. The Food Pantry has distributed 2,500,000 pounds of food since 2010. Every month the pantry feeds 900 families and 3,000 individuals. The REALITY Youth Center is a coalition of young people sounding the Battle Cry for the hearts and souls of children, teens and young adults of our nation.

Doug and Lisa are the parents of ten children and six grandchildren. Their son, Nathan, serves as associate pastor and Director of REALITY Youth Center. And their son Lucas assists with the center's operation as sound technician and youth leader.



Mr. Randy Osborn



After receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration from SIUC in 1986, Mr. Osborn worked in youth services with Park Districts, and in social service camp and education programs for inner-city Chicago families, and for people with disabilities from southern Illinois. In 2004, he became the first Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale. In 2015, the Club attracted over 1000 members, and now operates four afterschool sites—three of which are in Carbondale public schools.



Award Recipient Environmental Ownership



Jackson Funeral Home



The Jackson Funeral Home, founded in 1905, by the late Frank B. Jackson and his wife Etta Waddell Jackson, is the oldest black funeral home in downstate Illinois. Mr. Jackson was well known for his civic activities, his membership in fraternal organizations and his loyal support of his church, the Olivet Freewill Baptist Church of Carbondale. The Jackson Funeral Home is known for its friendly, courteous and sympathetic services and has conducted services for many of the area's most prominent citizens.

The late Etta Jackson would often share many interesting stories of the early days of the funeral home. Their first hearse was pulled by two white horses and she would relate the difficulty in climbing the snowy and icy hills leading to Murphysboro Tower Grove Cemetery. Unlike her white competitors and other black funeral establishments, Mrs. Jackson was well-known for her leniency in payment of overdue bills. Many funeral bills went unpaid. She related how one man, intoxicated and ridden with guilt, came by to pay his mother's funeral bill which was twenty years old.

In December, 1949, Mr. Frank B. Jackson went to his eternal rest. Mrs. Etta Jackson continued to run the business with the assistance of Mr. John E. Jones, until his death in 1964.

Mr. James H. (Judd) Walker, who was a co-owner at that time, acquired the Funeral Home in 1974. Mr. Walker felt the Jacksons made an important contribution to Carbondale history and for this reason the business was still called the Jackson Funeral Home and will always be so. He held Mother Jackson in high esteem and she continued to take an active role in the business until her health no longer allowed. Mrs. Thelma Gibbs Walker continued to carry the banner of high quality service in the Etta Jackson tradition.

The area came to love Mr. and Mrs. Walker and held them in the highest regard. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walker were very active in church, civic, and community organizations. The Jackson Funeral Home offered high quality service at the most economical price of any funeral home in the southern region of the state.

With the very sparse number of black businesses in downstate Illinois, we can be proud of a firm that has served our region for nearly a century.

Mrs. Thelma G. Walker went to her eternal rest in April, 2006 and Mr. James (Judd) Walker went to his eternal rest in November, 2011. The present owner, Larry D. "Mike" Walton, now continues the tradition set forth by the Jacksons and Walkers.





Award Recipient

Global Impact



Michael L. Haywood Sr.



Michael L. Haywood Sr., former Director of Southern Illinois University Carbondale College of Business Office of Minority Affairs. Born in East Saint Louis, IL. Michael attended Cahokia Senior High School where he was an outstanding athlete. Earning an athletic scholarship he decided to attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education.

Educator, humanitarian, trailblazer, leader, mentor, coach, counselor, role model, advocate, teacher, advisor, father and friend are just a few of the words people used when asked to give a verbal account of this giant of a person.

Michael has labored tirelessly, serving students as the voice for underrepresented populations. He has spent the majority of his life helping individuals and groups reach their greatest potential. He has educated, coached, taught, and consulted individuals and groups of all sizes about success. What does Michael teach us about success? Success is experiencing the results of your visions, goals, and efforts. Michael ensured that students had the resources and skills needed to take advantage of every opportunity while pursuing their chosen field of studies. Throughout his career he has aided thousands of students in obtaining degrees, internships, and career placement.

His Motto is *"It is not about counting numbers. It is about making numbers count nobody who is doing nothing is doing their best and nobody doing their best is doing nothing."* It is known that during the course of student study, Michael Haywood has made personal sacrifice, selflessness and without material award, giving support and understanding to his students. Without these, student graduation would not have been possible.

Michael served as the faculty advisor for six student organizations; Blacks Interested in Business, The SIUC Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Women Business Association, Hispanic in Business Association, Asian Business Association and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Michael is the four-time recipient of the INROADS Educator of the Year Award. He has been recognized as Faculty Advisor of the Year for Southern Illinois University Registered Student Organizations. He received the St. Louis County NAACP Inspiring St. Louisans Award, College of Business Outstanding Service Award, The Tip of the Hat Award, The Paul Robeson Award, and the Roby Service Award. Southern Illinois University College of Business recently started the Michael L. Haywood Scholarship Fund February 2016.

Michael is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Psi, SIUC Faculty and University Associates, NAACP, and Minority Student Leadership Conference.

He is happily married to the girl of his dreams Marilyn Deanes-Haywood. They have been married for thirty-eight years and have two children, Michael L. Haywood Jr. and Markea Janay Haywood.



*Thank you Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. for
75 years of faithful service to the community and
wishing you many many many more!*



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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEVOTED MOTHER**



SOROR LUELLE McCALL DAVIS

**CHARTER MEMBER AND OUR HEROINE, WITH A CHERISHED
LEGACY TO BE EMULATED, AND WHO IS GREATLY MISSED
BY HER SONS, THEIR FAMILIES, OTHER RELATIVES AND
MANY FRIENDS.**



From the Desk of Soror Loann, Julia Honesty King

Dear Sorors of Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter,

Congratulations on the chapter's seventy-fifth diamond anniversary. Since March 15, 1941 when eleven courageous and visionary young women gathered to charter Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter the Chapter has continuously rendered service to the Carbondale community.

You are to be commended on your commitment to providing educational opportunities; and innovative programs focused on uplifting the lives of those traditionally underserved and often forgotten individuals' and Families.

I sincerely regret that a family obligation prevents me from attending your 75th Anniversary celebration. Thanks to the Sorors of Gamma Kappa Omega for inviting me, and planning what I am sure will be a memorable occasion.

Sisterly,

Soror Loann

*Loann J. Honesty King
21st Central Regional Director
Former International Treasurer*

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Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

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On 75 years of Service



I press toward the mark for the
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in Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 3:14



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**Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
On Your
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**Cheryl Lewis-Smith, PHR, IPMA-CP, M.A.
Omicron Sigma Omega Chapter,
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International
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Committee**



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ON YOUR
DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY
GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**



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Louvenia Hill*

[^]GKO Charter Member

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To the Women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

God Bless Your 75th Year of Service, Sisterhood and Scholarship!

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Chapter,
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on your Diamond
Anniversary.

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years you have
been a pillar in the

community and have become an icon, those in
the community can look to for assistance and
leadership. While building strong bonds of
sisterhood your service and dedication to each
other and the community has become your
testimony of gratitude to Soror Ethel
Hedgeman Lyle's vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Incorporated existence for 108 years.
Continue the great work and above all build
sisterhood one soror at a time.



CONGRATULATION SORORS
Of
GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA
On Your
75th DIAMOND Anniversary

*Soror Mary Stoddard, Esq.
Attorney At Law*



Three Fold Ministry is taken from Ecclesiastes 4:12 “and a threefold cord is not quickly broken”

Congratulations to Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on 75 years of service

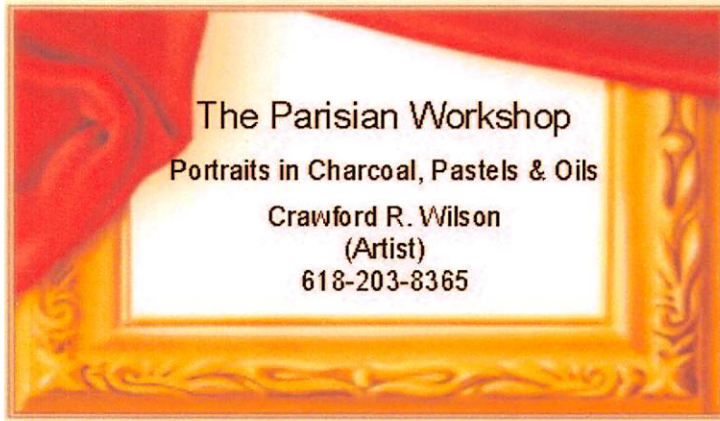
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Congratulations GKO!
For 75 years of Supreme Service
In the Carbondale Community

*Congratulations to the
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated*

*Wishing you the best today and always on your
75th Diamond Anniversary!*

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Carbondale Alumnae Chapter*

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Zuiana Jenkins, Recording Secretary

Carol A. Henry, Corresponding Secretary



*Happy Anniversary to the
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

We hope that you will continue to do the great work that you do in the community. May God bless your organization and your sisterhood richly and grant you favor in the next 75 years!

*"...Keep doing such a great work that you can't come down off the wall!" --
Nehemiah 6:3*

*Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church,
Elder Christopher E. Swims, Senior Pastor
<http://hopewellmb.org/>*



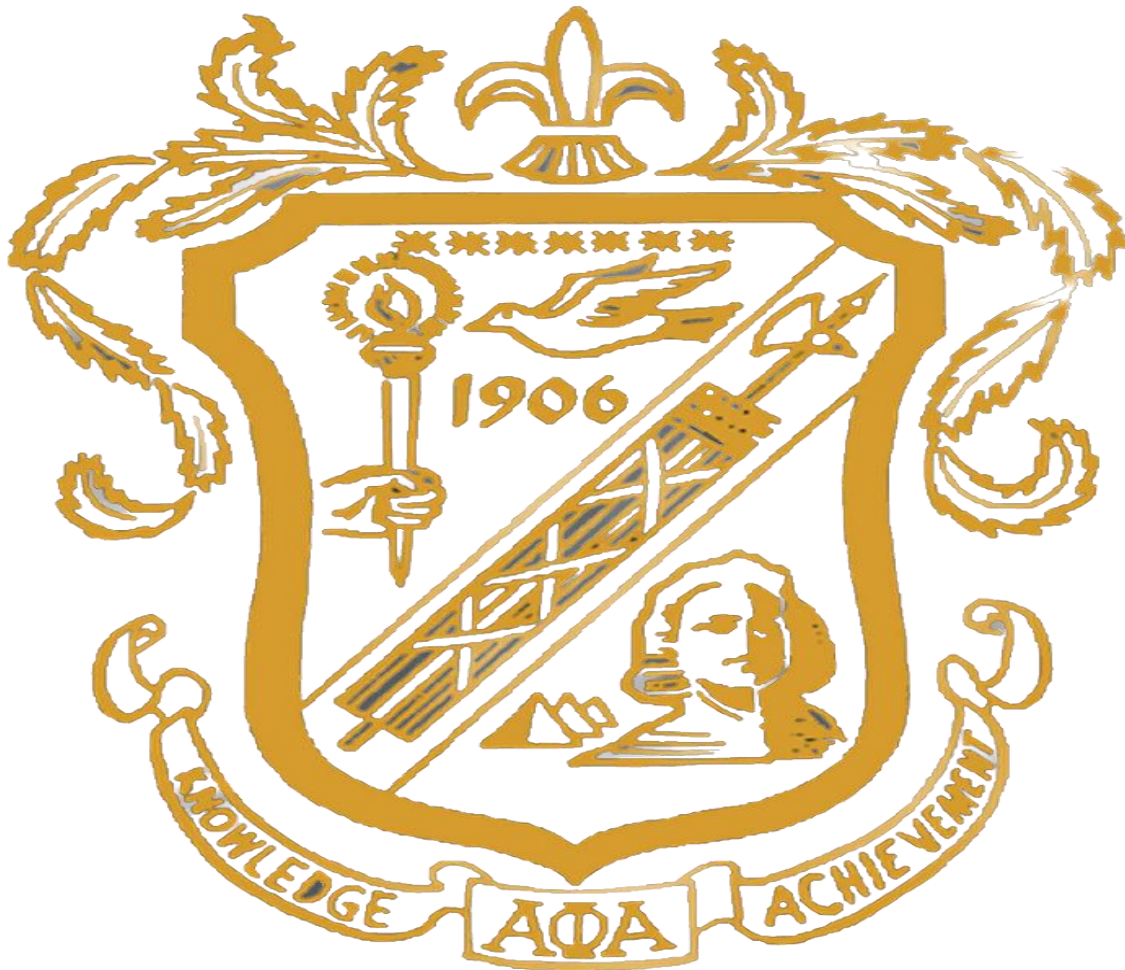
Happy 75th Anniversary
to the Gamma Kappa Omega
Alumnae Chapter of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

We salute your commitment to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards in Southern Illinois. Congratulations to Mrs. Marilyn L. Ross. We are so godly proud of you and your many accomplishments. Your contribution to the education system is making a difference in future generations.

*Fraternally Submitted,
The Lambda Omega Alumni Chapter
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.*

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Congratulates the Ladies of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

Carbondale, IL

On your 75th Anniversary

April, 2016



*Congratulations to the women of
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter,
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
on your 75th Diamond Anniversary*

From the women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Saundra P. Allen

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Amber Suggs

Annie M. Ampy

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*Honoring my Aunt, Grace Perkins Kelley
On Gamma Kappa Omega's
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GKO Charter Member

*Soror Nedra Robinson Taylor
Delta Beta Chapter, 1962; Gamma Kappa Omega, 2004*

HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY
GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



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Deborah Ann Woods, President

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75 years of service to the Carbondale community

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*Would like to congratulate the
Women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter on

75 Years of

*Leadership, Cherished Sisterhood, and
Distinguished Service.*

Thank you for your support.

*Continue to shine bright like a
Diamond!*

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Tossed Salad

Herb and Wine Baked Chicken Breast

Beef Brisket

Creamy Potato Mash

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Assorted Desserts

Coffee & Tea

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

"Diamond Jubilee – Celebrating 75 Years of Sisterhood and Service"

Programme

Greetings

Mrs. Marilyn Haywood

Introduction of Central Regional Leaders

Dr. Deborah McCoy

The Occasion

Ms. Faith Y. Miller

Grace

Reverend Gloria Hayes

Dinner

Entertainment by Mrs. Greta Matthews & Friends

Introduction of Speaker

Mrs. Marilyn Haywood

Keynote Address

Mrs. Kathy Walker-Steele

Central Regional Director

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Presentation of Awards

Dr. Elizabeth Lewin

Remarks

Mrs. Marilyn Haywood



“Congratulations to the Members of the
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Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter on
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Best Wishes Soror Marilyn Haywood!



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Henderson, NV*

*Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler
President*

*Congratulations
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As You Celebrate
75 Years of Service to
Carbondale & Southern Illinois!*



Chartered on December 14, 2013 in Henderson, Nevada,
Psi Upsilon Omega is the first chapter established by Far Western Regional Director,
Soror Barbara Denson Trotter and the second graduate chapter in the State of Nevada
in nearly 50 years. Former Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter members,
Sorors Harriet E. Barlow and Cordelia Anderson are members of the
Psi Upsilon Omega Chapter in Henderson, NV.

Congratulations!!

Gamma Kappa Omega

James Scales

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Gamma Kappa Omega on 75

Years of Service! Thank
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**BLESSING TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF
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PROVIDE SERVICE TO ALL MANKIND.**

1941 - 2016
BEST WISHES
Gamma Kappa Omega

Soror Mariejo Harris Bradford
Delta Beta 1954

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GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
ON YOUR
75TH ANNIVERSARY
SOROR BOBBIE HARRIS TAYLOR
GOLDEN SOROR
DELTA BETA 1956



Letha Mae Caldwell Crider (1937-2010)
Delta Beta Chapter, May 1957
Ivy Beyond the Wall

Sandra Toy Caldwell McKinley
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
April 15, 1989



Soror Velma Woods
Charter Member
Gamma Kappa Omega



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

75 Years Standing

1941-2016



Wishing you many more, as you celebrate this memorable anniversary

Sisterly, Soror Keshia Y. Williams

(Dynamite Delta Beta, Spring '93)

(Gamma Kappa Omega '94-'96)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our wonderful mother whose lifestyle is the epitome of service.

Sotoh Shanita Adams

We are so very proud of you.

We appreciate you, and a huge thanks for all you do.

Love your daughters, De'ja, Jaida, and Abigail



Congratulations to 75 Years of Service
To The
Glamorous
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

Your service to all mankind is
most appreciated!





Congratulations to the women of Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Oh Just to Be...Like my Mom,
I watched her work in the
community, throughout the years wearing her sorority pink and
green colors.

As a young girl watching and sometimes participating, I wanted to
be just like my mom; giving back to my
community and wearing those beautiful colors.

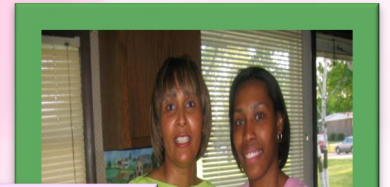
She molded me into the woman I am today.

She taught me integrity, loyalty, faithfulness,
compassion, responsibility and strength. I am proud to be

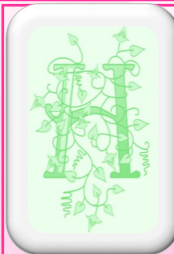
A legacy of sisterhood and love,

I am so thankful to call you mom, soror and friend.

With Love Your Legacy,
Soror Markea



The Haywood Family



Congratulations to the women of
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
Incorporated for 75 Years of
Service to All Mankind.

Best Wishes to Marilyn Haywood, you are a
wonderful wife, mother, and friend.

You are a true
example of everything an Alpha Kappa
Alpha woman should be.

We love you!

Michael Sr., Michael Jr., & Markea



**Congratulations to the women of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter**



Marilyn Haywood and Leoma D. Johns
Best wishes to my beautiful sister Marilyn,
may your enthusiasm to serve your
community and sisterhood sparkle forever.



To: My Auntie Marilyn (Auntie Moo-moo)
From Jaelle Anoma. Age 4.

You are the best Auntie ever and I love
you very much! I hope your celebration
party is fun and nice! I hope you have
lots of pretty balloons!

Love Jaelle. Gran & Mom

Congratulations Marilyn to you
and your Gamma Kappa Omega
sisters. Love your,
Sister Patti Deanes

CONGRATULATIONS
G K O
75 YEARS OF SERVICE



From a Family of Sorors

SOROR JOYCE HARRIS HAYES

AND

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SOROR VERNA HAYES

SOROR LILLIAN HAYES PETERSON

NEICES:

SOROR JACOLYN HEDRICK FIELDS

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GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
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FOR 75

YEARS OF SUPREME SERVICE!



MAY GKO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, SERVICE,
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GOD BLESS,

Rev. Virgil Walton and Family

Congratulations

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

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On 75 Years of Service to our Community
We look forward to 75 more!



Rev. Dr. Archibald & Mrs. Jerolene Mosley
Mr. Hugh "Peter" and Dr. Elizabeth Lewin



Congratulations to Gamma Kappa Omega on a successful 75th Anniversary from the Thomas Family. Proud of a combined 228 years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha.



Jerolene Thomas Mosley, 50yrs, Blanche Thomas Russell, 43yrs, Elizabeth Mosley Lewin, 31yrs, Laverna Cornelius Thomas*, 64yrs., inserted: Susan Mosley Howard, 40yrs.

***Delta Beta Charter Member**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Marilyn Deanes Haywood and Gamma Kappa Omega Members.

Bringing you greeting from Corona, California and
wishing our charming and beautiful sister, sister-in-law, and aunt
on a **Successful**
75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary!



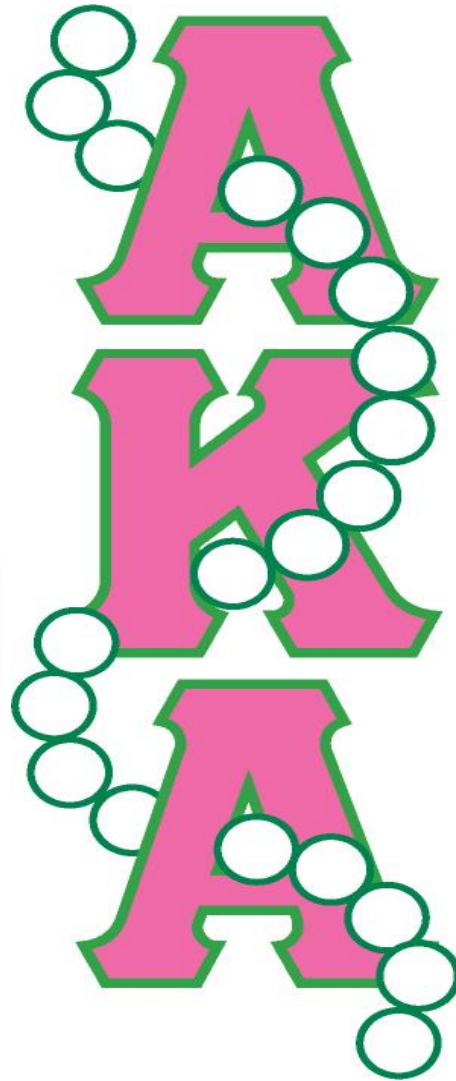
Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Marilyn Deanes Haywood and Gamma Kappa Omega Members

The Haywood Family from East St. Louis, IL want to wish our lovely sister Marilyn
on a successful

75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary!





To a Distinguished Alpha Kappa Alpha Woman,

We, your children, would like to honor and recognize your outstanding 25 years of service to all mankind through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated as a member of Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Carbondale, IL. Your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. We are elated to have you, Dr. Deborah McCoy, as our mother and we support you as you continue service to the community and to all mankind. Mom you have made us proud. Congratulations Silver Star.

*With all of our love,
Jordan and Kelly*

DE'JA, JAIDA, AND ABIGAIL ADAMS
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THANK YOU TO THE DISTINGUISHED
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WE SALUTE YOU FOR

75 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING
SERVICE!!



CONGRATULATIONS
To Our Sisters In
GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



Soror Jessie Hailey-Campbell, Soror Karla Bell Broadus, Soror Ann Marie Shepherd, Soror Sandra Maxwell
and
Soror Geraldine Grobert Bowie; not pictured

On May 20, 1978 we ladies of the Magnificent Seven line embarked on a wonderful journey of sisterliness with Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. This chain was broken twice with the loss of Sorors Marilyn Lanton Branch on May 18, 2001 and Martha Elaine Farris on September 16, 2010.

We remaining Magnificent Pearls forge ahead in unconditional love and dedication to our sisterhood and are honored to celebrate the chapter's Diamond Anniversary on April 16, 2016.



REMEMBERING
TWO PRESCIOUS MAGNIFICENT PEARLS OF 1978

SOROR MARILYN LANTON BRANCH

&

SOROR MARTHA ELANIE FARRIS

BEST WISHES GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



THE MAGNIFICENT FIVE OF TODAY

SOROR GERALDINE GROBERT BOWIE

SOROR KARLA DENISE BELL BROADUS

SOROR JESSIE HAILEY-CAMPBELL

SOROR SANDRA LADON MAXWELL

SOROR ANN MARIE TURNER SHEPHERD



Congratulations

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

on

*75 Years
of Sisterhood & Service*



The Versatile 4

March 1991



Deborah Walton McCoy

Anita
Rife-Fleming

Jean
Dorsett-Robinson

Arlene Jones
(Deceased)



Celebrating Our Silver Anniversary

Congratulations to Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter on your
75th Diamond Jubilee!



S.S. G.E.N.E.S.I.S. II

Gail McGrady Lutz

Vernola Sumner

Plesetta Maxwell Clayton

Faith Miller

Marilyn Haywood

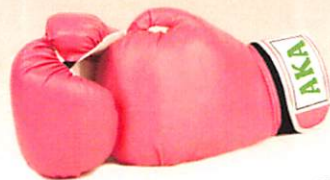
Est. March 14, 1993

#silverin2018

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority Inc.

*Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
Carbondale, Illinois*



Last Round TKO

June 1997



Sorors

Donna Wilson

Keia Hewitt

Charlotte Deffebaugh

Lanel Love

To my Dearest Sorors of my Beloved Gamma Kappa Omega,
Thank you for the opportunity to embark on the
GREATEST SISTERHOOD I've ever known,
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



My desire is to share this amazing sisterhood and legacy
with my two beautiful daughters,
Zi and Zara; a Legacy of
Lifelong Greatness and Service to all Mankind.



Be strong but not rude, be kind but not weak, be bold but not a bully, be humble but not timid, be proud but not arrogant, and always walk with integrity and SISTERHOOD.

Congratulations on 75 years of sisterhood & service!

Soror Zanzi Neblett-Ray
Generation Next - 1991



S.S.I.U.S.T.A.K.A.T.I.G.H.T

November 4, 2001



Celebrates the 75th Anniversary Of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

"Service to All Mankind"

1941-2016



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



ΓΚΩ
Carbondale, Illinois

FEBRUARY 2009

CARLA TAYLOR, AISHA FRANKLIN, KEVINA CASSELL,
ELISE BIGGS, PHOEBE PETERS, CORDELIA ANDERSON

(Front Row/ Left to Right)

Congratulations



*Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter
on Your 75th Anniversary*

A LEGACY of
SISTERHOOD
and SERVICE



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SS-5BG 2014

Karen Cross

Ramona Jackson

Mehrete Girmay

Tatiana Brown

Janette Howard



On November 22, 2015 eight courageous women joined the illustrious and poised women of Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter to continue Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated's mission to provide sisterhood and "service to all mankind".



75 Years

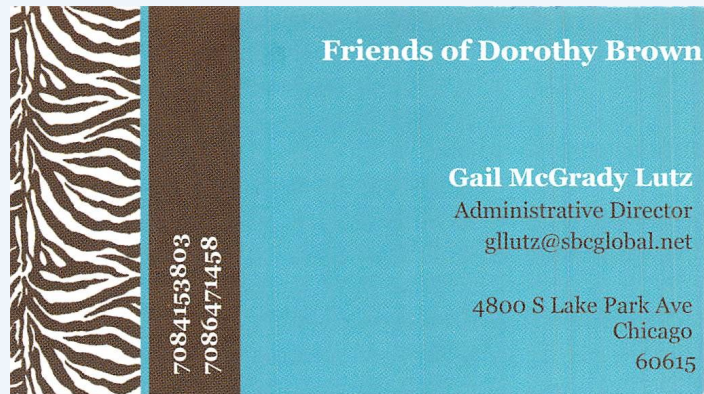


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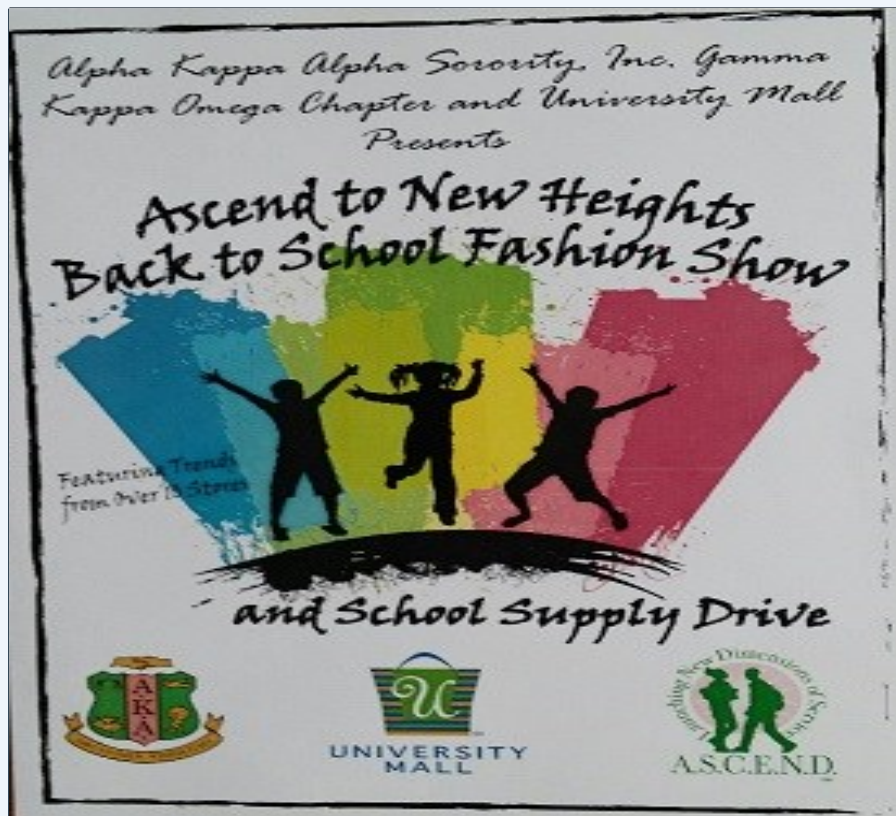
CONGRATULATIONS
GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER OF
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
75TH ANNIVERSARY

Soror Gail McGrady Lutz

GKO March 14, 1993



Coming Back This Fall August 2016!







Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

"Diamond Jubilee – Celebrating 75 Years of Sisterhood and Service"

Committee Members:

Marilyn Haywood, Chairman
Deborah McCoy, Co-Chairman
Faith Miller
Elizabeth Lewin
Cheryl Walton
Donna Wilson

THE SORORS OF GAMMA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE
ALL MANKIND FOR 75 YEARS.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.



Serving Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter since 1941.

2016 OFFICERS and MEMBERS

Marilyn Haywood, President
Cheryl Walton, Vice President
Deborah McCoy, Secretary
Elizabeth Lewin, Assistant Secretary
Faith Miller, Treasurer
Joyce Hayes, Financial Secretary
Donna Wilson, Correspondence Secretary
Mehrete Girmay, Ivy Leaf Reporter
Shanita Adams
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Marjorie Bryson
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Shannon Butler
Ti'Kyla Courtney Davis
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Janette Howard
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Maia Niguel Moore
Madlynn Walker



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Diamond Jubilee Anniversary

April 16, 2016



Mrs. Marilyn Haywood, Gamma Kappa Omega President

Mrs. Kathy A. Walker-Steele, Central Regional Director

Ms. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, International President