

## **Chapters**

### **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated**

Type: Service-Social Fraternity

Council Affiliation: MGC

Cultural Affiliation: African American

Nickname: Alpha

Motto: First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All

Flower: Yellow Rose

Colors: Black & Old Gold

Mascot/Symbol: Great Sphinx of Giza

<https://apa1906.net/>

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American Men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the “Jewels” of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were established at other colleges and universities, many of them historically black institutions, soon after the founding at Cornell. The first alumni chapter was established in 1911. While continuing to stress academic excellence among its members, Alpha also recognized the need to help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African Americans. Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew

Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, and many others. True to its form as the “first of firsts,” Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945.

Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world.

### **Meet the Chapter**

The Tenacious Theta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc was chartered on May 4th, 1973 by seven men who then worked hard to change the culture on Millikin’s campus. Theta Omicron is the oldest Black Greek Letter organization that’s on Millikin’s campus and it continues to thrive almost 51 years later as it has won numerous awards, done outstanding work within the Decatur community, mentoring to youth and establishing connections that will last a lifetime. Theta Omicron has proven to be a chapter of leaders and successors and will continue to thrive to keep up with the standards of the Fraternities Aims.

## **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated**

Type: Service-Social Sorority

Council Affiliation: MGC

Cultural Affiliation: African American

Nickname: A.K.A

Motto: "By Culture and By Merit"

Flower: Pink Tea Rose

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Founding Date: January 15th, 1908

Incorporated Date: January 29th, 1913

<https://aka1908.com/midatlantic/home/>

Purpose: The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is 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".

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Tau Iota Chapter follows the 5 Program Targets under the current administration:

### **Empower Our Families**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has a strong history of supporting and servicing families, for we understand a healthy family is the foundation of a healthy community.

We will take a multi-generational approach to fortify families within our communities by addressing child hunger and promoting positive youth development and leadership, mental well-being, and senior life.

## **Build Our Economic Wealth**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is launching our most progressive and revolutionary economic initiatives this century. This administration has created institutional-level solutions to combat institutional-level challenges.

We will further encourage and equip our members to place key strategies into action to build personal, organizational, and community economic wealth.

## **Enhance Our Environment**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has the power to galvanize our organization of more than 120,000 active members, create a ripple effect, and make a significant impact on our environment.

We will employ select strategies to optimize our collective ability and to improve and protect the environment at scale. We will prioritize activities that promote the adoption of more sustainable and responsible practices.

## **Advocate for Social Justice**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority always has been at the forefront of social justice to promote fairness and equity. We stand in the gap to empower our communities and act in the best interests of all people through social advocacy and justice.

We will equip communities with the tools, knowledge, and support to activate their voices and mobilize self-help to empower communities to help themselves.

## **Uplift Our Local Community**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority reigns supreme in its mission of “Service to All Mankind.” Given the engagement of more than 1,046 chapters across an international landscape, we have an ongoing history and reputation for making a global impact through local change.

We will celebrate excellence, promote a focus on service, and stimulate effective culture and showcase best practices—”Local Change, Big Impact, and Global Showcase.”

## **Meet the Chapter**

The Tantalizing Tau Iota chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered at Millikin University on April 17, 2011 by 14 intelligent and service driven women of color, under the advisement of Chi Xi Omega Chapter of Decatur, Illinois. The Tau Iota Chapter has a rich history of community engagement, leadership development and academic excellence. Over the years, its members have made significant contributions to both their university and the surrounding community through various service projects. The chapter continues to thrive as it empowers its members to excel academically, serve their communities passionately, and uphold the values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

## **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated**

Type: Service-Social Sorority

Council Affiliation: MGC

Cultural Affiliation: African American

Nickname: Delta

Motto: Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom

Flower: African Violet

Colors: Crimson & Cream

Mascot/Symbol: Fortitude

<https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/>

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, West Africa, Southern African, United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Korea.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated mission statement is “Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community”.

### **Meet the Chapter**

The Kaptivating Kappa Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered June 1st 1973 at Millikin University by the hard work of nine devoted African American women. The women wanted to reclaim their voice and the voice of the black community at this predominately white institution. Kappa Zeta has been implementing meaningful programs and providing opportunities to enrich lives all over campus for 51 years. Kappa Zeta is the oldest Black Greek Letter Sorority on campus and has been the recipient of various awards of Excellence on Millikin’s campus and the Mighty Midwest Region.

