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# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.



## **MEDIA RELEASE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® TO HOST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS**

CHICAGO (April 13, 2017) — Nearly 10,000 members of America’s oldest service organization founded by college-trained African-American women will converge in Las Vegas July 13 - 16, 2017 for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated’s (AKA), Biennial Leadership Seminar.

The conference is expected to attract a record number of members, where attendees will assemble at the Bellagio Las Vegas and surrounding hotels. Under the leadership of International President, Dr. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, members will engage in four days of intensive leadership training and development.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members are familiar with the “city of lights.” Home to Theta Theta Omega chapter (alumnae) and Kappa Xi (undergraduate), the Far Western Region of the country and Las Vegas represent a notable part of the sorority’s 109-year history. Dating back to the 1920’s, former International President Ida Louise Jackson brought Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to the Far Western Region. Additionally, Former International President Linda Marie White brought the first Leadership Conference to the West in 2005.

In addition to leadership training, the sorority plans to leave its mark during the four-day conference. Members will serve the Las Vegas community by donating thousands of backpacks filled with school supplies, seasonal wraps, and toiletry items while packaging thousands of nutrient-rich meals for the undernourished. Members will also support the organization *Serving our Kids*, by shopping in the AKA virtual grocery store and by donating non-perishable food items in the fight against childhood hunger. The sorority will also host a public event focused on increasing awareness of mental illness in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

“Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members from around the country and the globe are excited to travel to the west and take in everything Las Vegas has to offer,” states Buckhanan Wilson. “Our members are also looking forward to the outstanding training and development opportunities planned throughout the conference and will continue to mobilize around the International Program “Launching New Dimensions of Service®.”

All the service projects, training, workshops and forums are designed to help members enhance their impact in the 1,005 communities where the sorority operates. “Effective local service delivery continues to be our hallmark, and this Leadership Seminar is designed to give members the tools and resources to meet local needs,” states Buckhanan Wilson

### **About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of more than 290,000 members in 1,005 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, South Africa and in the Middle East. Led by International President, Dr. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-

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letter organization for African American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, log onto [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com)

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