



# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.



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## **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY TO HONOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERS AT PUBLIC MEETING**

Houston (July 8, 2018) – Nearly 20,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the nation's oldest service organization for African-American college-trained woman will convene in Houston, from July 6 through July 12, 2018.

The sorority, led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D., upholds the mission established 110 years ago by its Founders to be "Supreme in Service to All Mankind." The conference will also be the last while serving as International President for Buckhanan Wilson, who is completing a four-year term at the helm of the organization, with 300,000 members worldwide. She attended her first Sorority conference in Houston in 1978 as an undergraduate member.

"It has been my absolute pleasure to lead this esteemed sisterhood to unheard of levels of achievement, as we bring the conference back to Houston after 40 years," Buckhanan Wilson said. "In accordance with our mission, we are thrilled to honor some of Houston and our country's finest servant leaders, students, activists, and political figures as they demonstrate impeccable service to their local and global communities."

A key feature of the conference will be a Public Meeting to be held on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Themed, Launching New Dimensions of Service: Celebrating a Legacy of Leadership and Service in the Space City, the Public Meeting serves as an opportunity to acquaint the area with the Sorority's mission and impressive record of service on a local, regional, national and global arena.

The Pubic Meeting is also Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's opportunity to showcase community leaders, both local and international, who exemplify the Sorority's five Program Targets: Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact.

The 2018 Honorees include:

- Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, President – Tennessee State University and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's International First Vice President
- Keniece Y. Gray, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's International Second Vice President
- Dr. Hansonia Caldwell Harriford, distinguished pianist, accompanist, conductor, church organist, university administrator and active research and performance scholar
- Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Founder and Chairperson of the Pocket Rocket Foundation
- Teta V. Banks, educator, writer, civil rights advocate, diplomat and National Chair – United Nations Association of the United States of America
- Fannie Frazier Hicklin, distinguished educator and Diamond member (75+ years of membership) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



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- Rev. Jesse Jackson, one of the foremost civil rights, religious and political figures in the world, Founder and President – Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- The Honorable Sylvester Turner, Mayor of Houston, Texas
- Councilwoman Amanda Edwards, Houston City Council Member in the At-Large Position 4
- Roland Martin, award-winning journalist, author, television show host and political commentator
- Ifeoma White-Thorpe, Harvard University student who was accepted into all the Ivy League school and the prestigious Stanford University
- Camille Borders, senior at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and a poet, writer, student organizer, and a Rhodes Scholar
- Jasmine Brown, recent graduate from Washington University in St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and a Rhodes Scholar
- Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, Deputy Surgeon General of the United States of America
- Rep. Frederica S. Wilson, U.S. Representative for the 24th Congressional District of Florida
- Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, U.S. Representative for the 30th Congressional District of Texas
- Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Representative for the 18th Congressional District of Texas.
- Alpha Chapter (Howard University), the genesis and foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
- Africare, one of the oldest, most experienced non-profit international development organization focused exclusively on Africa.
- National Museum of African American History and Culture, the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African-American life, art, history and culture.

Awards will be presented to these outstanding local and international leaders during this event, which is free and open to the public. Members of the media are invited to attend.

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## 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 300,000 members in 1,024 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 Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D., Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African-American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit [AKA1908.com](http://AKA1908.com).