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UNA-USA, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Embark on Partnership to Bring Globally Focused Education to High School Youth

Sorority Aims to Create Global Citizens, Engage New Audiences through Model UN Programs

(New York, October 24, 2014) —The United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA), Inc. have embarked on a new partnership with the aim of creating global citizens and fostering new audiences to better support the United Nations. The partnership, set to last until mid-2016, will engage a new generation of “ambassadors” in the vital work of the UN, through globally focused workshops and activities, including Model UN simulations.

As part of the partnership, UNA-USA has provided ten (10) Alpha Kappa Alpha regional representatives with training, tools, and resources to empower local chapters of the sorority to bring UN-centered educational programming to local high schools and communities. Alpha Kappa Alpha members will now have the resources needed to organize classroom Model UN simulations, conduct community outreach activities, and celebrate UN milestones including UN Day. These activities will create new constituencies in support of the UN while educating them on the global impact of the UN’s transformative work.

“Our chapters are excited to be able to implement the UNA/USA Global Classrooms Project to prepare today’s youth for an increasingly global and complex society,” said Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. “Through this initiative, AKA members will work with high school students in partnership with the UNA-USA staff to expand understanding of the United Nations’ mission and focus.”

“We’re thrilled to be partnering with AKA,” said UNA-USA Executive Director Chris Whatley. “The Model UN experience is instrumental in creating global citizens and college- and career-ready kids. This partnership will bring Model UN to communities that have previously not had the opportunity to engage in this kind of hands on experience.”

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ABOUT UNA-USA

The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) is a membership organization dedicated to inform, inspire, and mobilize the American people to support the ideals and vital work of the United Nations. For 70 years, UNA-USA has worked to accomplish its mission through its national network of Chapters, youth engagement, advocacy efforts, education programs, and public events. UNA-USA is a program of the United Nations Foundation. UNA-USA and its sister organization the Better World Campaign represent the single largest network of advocates and supporters of the United Nations in the world. Learn more about UNA-USA's programs and initiatives at www.unausa.org.

ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION

The United Nations Foundation builds public-private partnerships to address the world's most pressing problems, and broadens support for the United Nations through advocacy and public outreach. Through innovative campaigns and initiatives, the Foundation connects people, ideas, and resources to help the UN solve global problems. The Foundation was created in 1998 as a U.S. public charity by entrepreneur and philanthropist Ted Turner and now is supported by global corporations, foundations, governments, and individuals. For more information, visit www.unfoundation.org.

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 265,000 members in 986 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, and South Africa. Led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, 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, log onto www.aka1908.com.

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