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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA HOLDS SIGN UNVEILING
TO LAUNCH MAJOR RENOVATION**



CHICAGO (July 14, 2015) — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is hosting a sign unveiling dedication and community block party this week as the 107-year-old service organization unveils a new sign at its Chicago corporate headquarters to mark the start of a multimillion dollar renovation project.

The sign unveiling and dedication at 1:30 p.m. Thursday are expected to draw some of the city’s leading dignitaries including Fifth Ward Alderman Leslie Hairston and civil rights icon the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. Thousands of sorority members will also attend from across the globe who are in the Windy City for Alpha Kappa Alpha’s biennial Leadership Conference.

International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson will lead the Thursday afternoon dedication service. The project marks the second and most significant major facelift for the 30,000+ square-foot building located at 5656 S. Stony Island Ave. The project commenced at the beginning of 2015 and is expected to last two years.

“We’re continuing to build upon the path set by our founders, shaped by our former leaders such as Loraine Richardson Green, and successfully traversed by the thousands of Alpha Kappa Alpha women who work diligently in this city,” Buckhanan Wilson said.

The sorority has had its headquarters in Chicago since 1949, first at 6308 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, then at 5211 S. Greenwood Avenue. The sorority built and moved into the Stony Island property in 1984. A third floor was added 10 years later. This is the first major construction since that time, Buckhanan Wilson said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha’s Corporate Office is unique among historically African American Greek-letter organizations, African American women’s organizations and fraternal organizations in that it was built from the ground up and continues to be operated by African American women. That is a point of pride and a physical testament to our saying “the pride of the Ivy.”

About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (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 283,000 members in 988 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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