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Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA), the nation's first Greek-letter organization established by African American college women. She comes to the position with 40 years of committed service to the 110-year old organization of nearly 300,000 members and has the distinction of being the only member to serve sixteen consecutive years on its international board of directors.

Buckhanan Wilson is a long time corporate executive in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors with organizations such as Xerox, SC Johnson Wax, and Goodwill Industries. An Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree (L.H.D.) from Benedict College was bestowed upon Buckhanan Wilson in December 2015. In addition, Buckhanan Wilson holds an MBA degree from Clark Atlanta University and a Bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated from both institutions with high honors.

As the first college graduate in her family, Buckhanan Wilson has always been a strong proponent of higher education. She has established two endowed scholarships: The Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson Endowment for Students in Business through the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation and the Lucious and Sallie Wilson Endowed Scholarship for Students in Elementary Education—named for her grandparents, at Benedict College in South Carolina, her alma mater.

Buckhanan Wilson is a Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha. She was the chartering president for Upsilon Mu Omega Chapter in Milwaukee and later organized the chapter's Diamond Jubilee Pearls Foundation.

Her service to Alpha Kappa Alpha includes serving as chapter president, Central Region Cluster Coordinator and Central Regional Director on the local and regional levels, and as International Secretary and International First Vice President. Additionally, Buckhanan Wilson has also served as a member of the International Program Committee, International Constitution Committee, and Chairman of the International Rules Committee, as well as Secretary, First Vice President and now President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Housing Foundation and Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF).

For her noted sorority service, Buckhanan Wilson has received proclamations and keys to over 100 cities. Alpha Kappa Alpha's long-standing partners; the UNCF, Urban League, Africare and Operation Push, have also recognized Buckhanan Wilson's with outstanding service awards. At the sorority's 66th International Convention, Buckhanan Wilson was awarded the Carey B. Preston Leadership Award for distinguished community service, one

of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's highest honors.

Buckhanan Wilson has led Alpha Kappa Alpha as International President for the past three and a half years with the program theme “*Launching New Dimensions of Service.*” The Signature Program is ASCEND, a youth enrichment program for high school students.

Other initiatives include Think HBCUSM – an awareness and fundraising effort for historically black colleges and universities, the One Million Backpacks Program, 1,908 Playgrounds Program and Community Impact Days. The results under Buckhanan Wilson’s leadership have been unprecedented - - Membership has increased 25%, program service delivery is at a record high and member excitement and engagement is tremendous with 30,000 ASCEND students enrolled; 920K backpacks collected, 200K families served, \$10 million dollars raised for HBCU’s and 2,200 playgrounds restored.

Buckhanan Wilson is a change agent who has elevated Alpha Kappa Alpha to new levels of growth and achievement. She led the \$6 million-dollar renovation of the Corporate Headquarters in Chicago and secured historic trademarks and patents, including a patent for sound. Alpha Kappa Alpha is now one of 200 businesses worldwide, to hold a prestigious sound patent.

The 2014-2018 period has been one of new dimensions under the transformational and high impact leadership of Buckhanan Wilson.

Outside of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Buckhanan Wilson is a member of The Links Incorporated, the National Council of Negro Women and the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. where she is a former national officer. Buckhanan Wilson lives in Milwaukee and is the dedicated and loving mother to her two adult children.