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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY SUPPORTS
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA STUDENTS
AND FACULTY**



Chicago, Illinois — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) expresses support to University of Missouri - Columbia students and faculty in the wake of several disturbing race-related incidents directed at African American and Jewish students.

“Alpha Kappa Alpha stands in solidarity with University of Missouri - Columbia students and faculty, especially Jonathan Butler, Student Government President Payton Head and the University of Missouri football team who, through their selfless actions, sacrificed their wellbeing and stood up for justice for all students,” stated International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson. “The resignations of President Tom Wolfe and Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin are one of many steps needed to improve the campus climate for students across the nation. Recent incidents at the University of Missouri - Columbia, Yale University and the University of Louisville must not be tolerated.”

The sorority’s Delta Tau Chapter has actively participated in the protest and calls for university leadership to take action.

“We call on the university to conduct diversity training for all employees and students and to develop a ‘safe space’ for students to voice concerns when campus issues arise,” Buckhanan Wilson said. “Continued incidents such as this further enable a climate of systematic oppression of our students in an environment that is supposed to promote a positive and open learning environment.”

Buckhanan Wilson said Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, with a massive network of members in 986 local chapters worldwide, plans to continue monitoring this situation.

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