



*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter*

2013 Scholarship Dinner Dance

Dear Friend,

The Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is proud to announce our annual scholarship dinner dance which will be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Fantasia in North Haven, Connecticut**. This annual event helps fund our scholarships and community service programs targeting communities in the Greater New Haven, Meriden, and Waterbury communities. We seek your support in helping us fulfill our mission of strengthening our communities through education, service, and leadership.

Founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is an international service organization dedicated to being "Supreme in Service to All Mankind." Locally, the Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter is comprised of over 90 accomplished African-American women who fulfill this mission through a number of innovative programs such as our Emerging Young Leaders Academy for young girls, our Male Mentoring Conference, civic engagement activities, health awareness seminars, and cultural appreciation events. We are a lead organizer of the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Conference that helps hundreds of area residents honor Dr. King's legacy through service. In 2011 our chapter members devoted over 5,000 volunteer hours to various service initiatives. We continue to partner with other individuals and organizations in our community who share our commitment to service.

For over forty-six years our chapter has placed a particular emphasis on student development and achievement. We are committed to making sure that financial need doesn't prevent bright scholars from achieving success. To date, we have disbursed more than \$130,000 in scholarships and book awards including donations to the United Negro College Fund. Unlike many other scholarships offered locally, our signature AKA Scholarship is renewable for up to four years and provides important financial continuity throughout a student's college years. Additional information on our organization, programs and services is available in the attached Program Highlights and via our website: www.akanewhaven.org.

Why should you support our *Scholarship Dinner Dance*? In a time of growing economic uncertainty for many families, we have found that the need for service programs and scholarships is at an all time high. While we are self-sustaining through membership dues, the Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated cannot successfully support all of its community service initiatives without the assistance of generous corporate, organizational and individual donors such as you. We need your help and financial commitment to help us support some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Together we can make a difference! Please become one of our 2013 *Scholarship Dinner Dance* sponsors by completing the attached Sponsor Response Form.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Nicole C. Murphy

Nicole C. Murphy, President

Dr. Khalilah L. Brown-Dean

Dr. Khalilah L. Brown-Dean, Second Vice-President

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Alpha Kappa Alpha has remained at the forefront of positive change in American life, particularly in the African-American community for over a century. The 2010-2014 administration will continue to fulfill the service imperative of our founders. Committed leadership is necessary to address issues related to social justice, human rights, health, poverty, economic security, environmental sustainability and maintaining a viable sisterhood of over 260,000 members. Accordingly, the theme for this administration is: *Global Leadership through Timeless Service*.

Emerging Young Leaders

The Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) program develops the skills and talents of middle school-aged girls (grades 6 - 8) in the Greater New Haven area. Middle school is an incredibly crucial period as impressionable young girls deal with issues such as becoming a teenager, parental and peer relationships, hormonal changes, body development/image and the media. Young women accepted into the EYL program already have the potential for becoming leaders in their community. This signature program of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. strives to release that potential and develop life-long skills.

Male Mentoring Program

The Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter in collaboration with the Eta Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. sponsors a day of "Building and Empowering Young Men." For the past 3 years over 40 young men participated in this Annual Male Youth Conference. Workshops focus on financial management, peer pressure and conflict resolution.

College Scholarships for graduating high school seniors

The Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter has offered a competitive four-year scholarship to selected New Haven County graduating seniors in the top third of their class for over ten years. Our growing applicant pool shows that there are many deserving students for whom the increasing cost of a college education is a great barrier to their success. Given the rising costs of college and increased demand for assistance, we hope to expand our funding to reach more students.

Dr. Susan M. Lincoln Nursing Scholarship at Gateway Community College

The Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. established the Dr. Susan Moore Lincoln Scholarship in honor of the former Gateway Community College Dean of Students and her contributions to the greater New Haven Community. Various studies show that Nursing is one of the most stable and attractive fields for students seeking lifelong career opportunities. The scholarship supports one half of the full-time tuition for an African-American female accepted or enrolled in the nursing program with a 3.00 GPA and demonstrated financial need.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Connecticut Food Bank The Connecticut Food Bank, a private, nonprofit organization, works with corporations, community organizations, and individuals to solicit, transport, warehouse and distribute donated food

AIDS Interfaith Network Established in 1991 the Interfaith Network's mission includes ministering to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Children in Placement Since 1979, Children in Placement, a statewide program, has pursued its mission to facilitate judicial review of cases involving abused and neglected children so that each child in Connecticut realizes a safe and permanent home.

Emergency Shelter Management Services The Mission of the Emergency Shelter Management Services, Inc. is dedicated to ensuring the availability of emergency shelter for those in need.

**2013 SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE
SPONSOR RESPONSE FORM**

Sponsor Company/Organization: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____
Title: _____
Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____
Email: _____
Authorizing Signature: _____

We are pleased to support the programs and services of the Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated by sponsoring the 2013 Scholarship Dinner Dance at the following level:

- PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$2,500**
 - Premium seating for ten
 - Full page ad in the souvenir journal (5 ½ W x 8 ½ L)
 - Name/logo on select publicity materials
- GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,500**
 - Preferred seating for six
 - Half page ad in the souvenir journal (5 ½ W x 4 ¼ L)
 - Name/logo on select publicity materials
- SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000**
 - Preferred seating for four
 - Fourth page ad in the souvenir journal (2 ¾ W x 4 ¼ L)
 - Name/logo on select publicity materials
- BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500**
 - Seating for two
 - Name listed in the souvenir journal
- BENEFACTOR: \$250**
 - Name listed in the souvenir journal

I am unable to support the event at these levels, but wish to contribute \$ _____

For our logo/ad please contact: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Ads may be accepted in the following formats: DOC, PDF, .PSD, .EPS, PNG, or JPEG.

Please make checks payable to **THETA EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER OF AKA, INC.** To guarantee inclusion in selected event materials, please return this form no later than May 1, 2013 to:

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