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PRESS RELEASE

FAMU Welcomes Tennessee State for Virtual Induction



On Wednesday, April 22, the Kappa Iota (FAMU) Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu (AKM) Honor Society held a virtual induction ceremony to welcome its spring initiates. While this was the society's first online ceremony, they were not alone. In the week prior to the program, the chapter's advisor, Dr. Veronica Yon, extended an invitation to the Tennessee State University (Phi Beta Tau) Chapter, whose induction had been canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Via Zoom conference call, eighteen (18) FAMU and seven (7) TSU junior, senior, and graduate scholars accepted the charge to uphold AKM's five principles: character, scholarship, citizenship, service, and leadership. "The collaboration between the two chapters holds even greater significance in light of our history," states Yon. Alpha Kappa Mu was founded in 1937 at Tennessee State University (Tennessee A&I College, at the time) by Dr. George W. Gore, who later became the fifth president of Florida A&M University in 1950. "It is ironic that it took a pandemic to bring about such a symbolic partnership. I look forward to our chapters working together again."

Character, Scholarship, Citizenship, Service, and Leadership
Alpha Kappa Mu is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)

The event featured heart-felt renditions of the AKM Hymn by flutist Timia Williams and vocalist Darien Bolden, Jr. Both students were inducted into the FAMU Chapter. FAMU officers, Dejenabra Meeks (president, graduate), Jorge Del'Angel (vice president, junior), and Kamaria Jacobs (secretary, graduate) assisted Yon in facilitating the program.

Included in the list of attendees were Dr. Coreen Jackson, Advisor and Interim Director of the Tennessee State University Honors Program; Ms. Trudie Thomas, TSU Co-Advisor; and Dr. Mollie Brown, AKM National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, along with family and friends.

In closing, Dr. Jackson offered words of encouragement to the inductees: "Continue to represent Alpha Kappa Mu as well as your honors colleges, your university, and your family. Represent them with distinction and with honor.... Remember that God has all power and all knowledge, and as you put your trust in Him, He will continue to lead and direct your life."

Congratulations to the Spring 2020 Inductees of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society!

Florida A&M University, Kappa Iota Chapter:

Sheila L. Barnes-Williams	Graduate, Curriculum and Instruction
Darien Bolden, Jr.	Junior, Music Education
Kevin Channey	Senior, African American Studies
Chelsee Crawford	Graduate, Counselor Education
Ashley Hicks	Senior, Pharmacy
Jada Hoyle-Gardner	Graduate, Environmental Science
Maya Hughes	Junior, English
Hashanna Jallow	Junior, Biology/Pre-Medicine
Cierra McKenzie	Senior, Social Work
Keiara Payne-Nevels	Senior, African American Studies
Chante Powell	Graduate, Business Administration (Online)
Aaliya Rashad	Junior, Public Relations
Destyny Sparks	Junior, Psychology
Laniya White	Junior, Business Administration
Maya Williams	Junior, Psychology
Justin B. Williams	Graduate, Public Health
Timia Williams	Junior, Biology/Pre-Medicine
Mercedes Wood	Junior, Health Science

Tennessee State University, Phi Beta Tau Chapter:

Daniel Luis Campos	Junior, Aeronautical-Industrial Technology
Kalon Fields	Senior, Human Performance Sports Science
Tyronesia Johnson	Senior, Criminal Justice
Reginald Perry	Senior, Business Administration
Delandris Moore	Senior, Urban Studies
Tiana Smith	Senior, Communication
Durice Wallace	Senior, Urban Studies
Torrance Buntyn	Junior, Music

-V. Yon
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