Greetings from the Executive Office!

The Executive Office is sending out this special newsletter by mail as another way to keep you informed of current AKD news, programs, and policies. It is our plan to send these one-page Newsletters around the start of each semester. We will continue to send out detailed Newsletters to you via e-mail (please check your spam folder to make sure your important news reaches you). Remember, you may always find this information online at www.alphakappadelta.org.

Alert: Change in Prices!

As of September 1, 2013, due to increased costs and postage, we will be increasing the prices of some of our merchandise and other services. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Honor cords—will now cost $10
- Lapel pins—will now cost $7
- Replacement certificates — will now cost $15

To see a list of all increased prices, please visit our website. To ensure you are paying the correct price, use the current order form located on our website. Note: the cost of a lifetime membership still remains $40.

New Funding Requirements

Due to the increased amount of funding requests we have had the past few years, new funding requirements will go into effect for the 2013-2014 year. During the 2013 Council meeting, the following changes were made:

- **Student Member Research Travel Grant**: The name has been modified and only AKD members can receive funding to a regional sociology meeting (Note: Membership applications can be sent in early to the Executive Office and we will allow for multiple orders a semester for this purpose) and we will only fund students who will be on the program (an abstract will be due with the initial application)
- **Chapter Representative Research Supplement Travel Grant**: The name has been modified and we will fund up to $250/chapter representative.

You may view a list of all our funding programs with eligibility requirements and guidelines on our website. Please let us know if you have any questions.

New T-Shirts!

The Executive Office is excited to announce the arrival of two new t-shirts for our members. Beginning September 1, 2013 these t-shirts will be available for sale. Visit our website to view these new shirts in color and to check pricing and sizing.

2014 Renewals

According to AKD’s Bylaws, all Chapter Representatives must be active members of the Society. To become an active member, one must fill out the “AKD Membership Renewal Form” (located on our website). There is also a $40 fee. Please note, our office cannot process any orders without this renewal for the 2014 year. Renewals run on a calendar year, but feel free to send in your renewal during the fall to ensure you will be active for the 2014 year and so your membership and/or merchandise orders will not be delayed. Contact our office should you have any questions.

New Website!

During the summer, the Executive Office launched a new webhost for our website. It is our hope that this new webhost will be more user friendly and have a more professional look and feel. The url remains as: www.alphakappadelta.org.

Please bookmark this page as the previous webhost page, which currently redirects you to the new site, will be deleted soon.
2013-2014 Deadlines

OCTOBER 10th — FALL FUNDING DEADLINE
• Student Member Research Travel Grant — Up to $400/student, but no more than $1,200 per chapter may be awarded (note new guidelines listed on page 1 and on our website)
• Chapter Representative Research Supplement Travel Grant — Up to $250 may be awarded to active chapter representatives accompanying students presenting at a regional sociology meeting
• Initiation Speaker Grant — Up to $500 may be awarded to chapters
• Symposium — Up to $1,000 may be awarded to chapters

OCTOBER 10th — FELLOWSHIP FOR AKD PRE-CONFERENCE AT MSSA MEETING
The purpose of this program is to advance the quality of teaching in the discipline of sociology. Up to $500 will be awarded to five applicants to help offset travel expenses

FEBRUARY 10th — SPRING FUNDING DEADLINE

MARCH 1st — STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
Undergraduate and graduate AKD members are encouraged to submit their papers for a chance to win a cash prize and up to $1,000 in travel money to attend the ASA annual conference

APRIL 1st — EMORY BOGARDUS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD *New Program*
The purpose of this program is to recognize and reward chapter achievement in fulfilling the general purposes of Alpha Kappa Delta. $500 will be awarded to one chapter to support chapter development and service activities

For more details, applications, and guidelines, visit: www.alphakappadelta.org

Placing Orders for New Memberships and/or Merchandise

ACTIVE STATUS
To place an order for new members and/or merchandise, chapters must be active. This includes:
1. The Chapter Representative has paid his/her 2013 (or 2014) membership dues
2. The Executive Office has the chapter’s EIN IRS Confirmation Letter and SS-4 Form on file

FORMS NEEDED
We will need the “AKD Order Form” and “AKD List of Initiates Form” (if inducting new members). Please include the date of induction as it is printed on each certificate.

MAILING AND DELIVERY
Membership Certificates and Cards
These can take up to 3-4 weeks to be processed and sent out from the time our office receives the order. Our suggestion is to send in the order at least a month before your induction ceremony.

Merchandise
This is sent directly from our office; therefore, it should arrive via USPS within 5-7 days upon receiving the order. You may pay extra for priority and express shipping—contact the office for prices.

PAYMENT
Please remember that our office is unable to accept credit cards at this time as we do not have the equipment to do so. We do accept institutional checks, checks cut from chapter’s bank accounts, and money orders. If you cannot arrange one of these options, a single check cut from the faculty chapter representative’s personal account can be accepted. Please do not send cash.

Order honor cords and lapel pins early enough so your members may proudly wear them at graduation

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