Greetings from the Executive Office!

The Executive Office sends this bi-annual hard copy newsletter to keep you informed of current AKD news, programs, and policies. We will continue to send out detailed digitized newsletters to you more frequently via e-mail (check your spam folder to make sure our important news reaches you). Remember, you may always find all of the information in our newsletters online at www.alphakappadelta.org.

Member Spotlight – 2017 Paper Winners

Congratulations to our 2017 Undergraduate and Graduate Paper Competition Winners!

Undergraduate Winners
First Place: Nicole Hansen, Colorado College
“Sexual Assault as a ‘Social Fact’ A Cross-Campus Analysis”
Second Place: Casey Schuller, Colorado College
Third Place: Irene Snyder, Elizabethtown College
“When Two Worlds Collide: The Effects of Sex, Family Structure, and Job Characteristics on Work-Family Spillover”

Graduate Winners
First Place: Megan Carroll, University of Southern California
“Managing Without Moms: Gay Fathers, Incidental Activism, and the Politics of Parental Gender”
Second Place: Kai Lin, University of Delaware
“The Rule of Law and the Socio-Political Functions of Law in Contemporary China”
Third Place: Kelly Markowski, Kent State University
“Individual Change to Social Change: How Identity Processes Foster Success in the Vegan Identity”

Chapter of the Year
Eastern Illinois University

The 2016-2017 Chapter of the Year award goes to Eta of IL. Some examples of their efforts include, organizing informational meetings about career services and internship and graduate school opportunities; holding a fundraising event for a local domestic violence shelter; sponsoring a fundraiser for PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter); and hosting a presentation by members of Girls on the Run.

All chapters should consider applying for the 2017-18 year! Deadline: 4/1

Renewal Reminder

According to AKD’s Bylaws, all Chapter Representatives must be Voting members of the Society. This takes the place of annual chapter dues. Be sure to complete the “AKD Voting Membership Renewal Form” (located on our website) by January 2018. The fee is currently $40. Please note, our office cannot process any orders without this renewal for the 2018 calendar year. If you will have a new chapter representative in 2018, please contact our office.

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Twitter: @natlofficeofakd
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/groups/4737428

Placing Orders for New Memberships and/or Merchandise

ACTIVE STATUS. To place an order for new members and/or merchandise, chapters & chapter reps must be active.
FORMS NEEDED. Complete the “AKD Order Form” and “List of Initiates Form” (if inducting new members). Include the date of induction that will be printed on each certificate.
PAYMENT. We accept institutional checks, checks from chapter's bank accounts, money orders, or a single check from the chapter representative's personal account. We cannot accept credit cards. Do not send cash.
MAILING AND DELIVERY
Membership Certificates. Allow up to 2-4 weeks for certificates be printed and sent by the printing company from the time our office receives the order. We suggest sending 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 3-5 days upon receiving the order in the office.
2017-2018 Calendar

**SEPTEMBER 15 — MENTORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**
The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for all AKD members, students and faculty, to network virtually with other members and professionals in the field.

**SEPTEMBER 30 — CHAPTER REPORTS DUE (deadline extended)**

**OCTOBER 5 — FALL FUNDING DEADLINE**
- Student Member Research Travel Grant — Up to $400/student, but no more than $1,200 per chapter
- Chapter Representative Research Supplement Travel Grant — Up to $250 may be awarded to Voting chapter representatives accompanying students presenting at a regional sociology meeting
- Initiation Speaker Grant — Up to $500 per chapter
- Symposium — Up to $500 per chapter

**JANUARY — CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE RENEWALS (CHAPTER DUES) DUE FOR 2018 YEAR**
Other options: You may send this in the fall at any time or in the spring with your student membership order.

**JANUARY 15 — FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FOR AKD T&L WORKSHOP AT A REGIONAL MEETING DUE**
There will be three 2018 AKD Teaching & Learning Workshops: PSA, NCSA, MSS

**JANUARY 31 — WINTER FUNDING DEADLINE (ALL ESS TRAVEL GRANTS DUE BY THIS DATE)**
(Travel Grant applications for other regional meetings are due no later than February 28)
(Student & Chapter Rep. Travel Grant, Speaker Grant, Symposium)

**FEBRUARY 28 — SPRING FUNDING DEADLINE** (Student & Chapter Rep. Travel Grant, Speaker Grant, Symposium)

**MARCH 1 — 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 reimbursement to attend the ASA annual meeting

**MARCH 1 — OFFICER ELECTION DEADLINE** (ballot sent electronically)

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

**MAY 1 — GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON COUNCIL APPLICATION DEADLINE**
AKD seeks nominations for a Graduate Student Representative on AKD's Council with a two year term beginning August 2018

For more funding details, applications, and guidelines, visit: www.alphakappadelta.org/awards_funding.html

**Membership Eligibility**

**Undergraduate Students**
Sociology major, minor, or have serious interest in sociology; At least a junior; top 35% of class or 3.3 overall GPA; 3.0 GPA in sociology courses; completed four regular sociology courses

**Graduate Students**
Completed one-half year of program, GPA of 3.0 or better, Maintain matriculation in sociology program

Order official AKD honor cords and lapel pins from our office early enough so members may proudly wear them at graduation. Honor cords should remain double knotted.

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