



Missouri Alpha Delta Kappa
AΔK

Newsletter

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Grow Membership, Support Altruistic Programs, and Increase Fraternity Education in our Chapters

President's Report

Dear Sisters,

November is already here and there is so much to be thankful for. This month is a time to gather together in Sisterhood and family and reflect on what we are thankful for. The school year is close to being half-way completed, the chill in the air lends itself to upcoming holiday cheer, and preparations for the spring state convention.

Speaking of the convention, you will find in this newsletter the convention registration form. I am hoping that you are able to send your officers to the event in Chesterfield, MO for the one-night stay at the Drury Inn & Suites on April 12-13, 2024. My Beta Nu sisters and I are hard at work getting ready for the convention and hope you will join us.

President Elect Carrie Mettendorf is looking for YOU!

The Executive Board Leadership team needs you! Here are the areas that need filling:

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- VP for Membership
- Corresponding Secretary
- President of President's Council
- Historian
- Chaplain

The meetings of the board occur 5 times in the two years in Jefferson City and the 6th meeting is at the Convention. You are paid .30/mile to attend and the hours traveling and participating at the meeting can be added to your chapter's altruistic tally. As a member of the board you will attend the convention, which will help your chapter earn a pearl.



Missouri Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention

April 12-13, 2024

Drury Plaza Hotel

• 355 Chesterfield Center, Chesterfield, MO 63017 • [\(636\) 532-3300](tel:6365323300)

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

First name to appear on nametag:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone number & email:

Emergency contact:

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

First time ADK attendee to State Convention: _____ Yes _____ No

REGISTRATION FEES

Member fee: Includes convention registration & Saturday luncheon

_____ \$65 (postmarked by March 1, 2024) (\$70 after March 10, 2024)

_____ \$20 guest registration includes Saturday luncheon (indicate # needed)

Guest name/s: _____

Make your check payable to: **MO ADK State Convention 2024**

Mail completed registration form by **March 1, 2024** to

2024 Missouri State Convention

c/o

Donna Clark

3524 Big Bear Ct

Wentzville, MO 63385

Or email: clarkj813@aol.com

To book a reservation at the Drury Plaza Hotel:

ADK State Convention 2024

call 800-325-0720, group #3333309 ADK room rate is \$175

Deadline for Drury Plaza Hotel Convention Rate is **March 30, 2024**

ITE Spreading Thanks

Alpha Delta Kappa is an organization that loves to give to others. The ITE program is an example of the wonderful altruistic nature of the members of Alpha Delta Kappa. At this time of Thanksgiving, ITE is spreading the thanks.

Thanks to the scholars for being exceptional women who leave their homeland to come to the United States to study. They are warm, engaging women who share information about their countries and their educational pursuits at many Alpha Delta Kappa meetings and zooms.



Thanks to the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation for providing the funds for the scholarships the ITE scholars receive.

Thanks to chapters that make donations to the Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation to help support the scholarships. Thanks to the members who send notes of encouragement and gifts to the scholars. Some of the scholars' favorite gift cards are Amazon, Visa and Uber and Lyft. The scholars often mention how much they appreciate these cards that often arrive at holidays and birthdays.

This month Daw Sing is celebrating her birthday. It is November 15. Her address can be found on the Alpha Delta Kappa Website directory under the ITE Scholars column.

A special thanks to the co-sponsors who greet these young women when they first arrive at the airport in the US. They help them get settled in their living quarters, set up banking accounts, find household items and necessities. The co sponsors offer support in many ways throughout the year. They form a close bond with the scholars; inviting them to their homes and to Alpha Delta Kappa activities.

Thanks for all you do for Alpha Delta Kappa and for the International Teacher Education Program.

World Understanding Update



Dear Friend,

It's been quite a while since I have shared with you what has been going on, so there is much to celebrate!

You might be aware that we recently held our 14th Annual 5K, now called the Harambee Happy Feet 5K. It was once again a success raising over \$8,500 with 84 runners and walkers. We want to thank everyone who participated in the walk/run, bought raffle tickets, and of course, our amazing sponsors.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



On the education front, we have lots of exciting news. Our 7th graders just finished their school year, ending it with their National Examination. We expect all nine of them to attend secondary school this coming January.

Two of our Advanced Level (Form 6) students who graduated last December have been accepted into university. Magdalena will attend Mkawa University in Iringa, and Paskalina will attend the University of Dar es Salaam. They are both in the process of applying for student loans. Their classes begin this November.



PASKALINA'S GRADUATION PICTURE FORM 6

Also, last year two of our Form 4 students finished secondary school and were accepted into college. Shabani has already begun Teachers College, and next month Restuta will attend the City College of Health & Allied Sciences in Mwanza. Restuta wants to become a pharmacist.

For those of you who don't yet know, just before my illness, Harambee Foundation won the World Understanding Grant from Alpha Delta Kappa international. AΔK has chapters throughout the country and world, who have supported our work in Tanzania since the beginning. This grant was specifically for MAHOCE to build our own center, complete with a garden and fruit trees for some measure of self-sustainability. We also added a water catchment system which can hold over 1,050 gallons of water. We implemented some solar power panels and a CCTV security system as well! We are still adding some finishing touches. It has all been very exciting! We moved in January, and we no longer need to pay rent!

At the end of October, MAHOCE will hold a grand opening ceremony when we will invite government officials, former MAHOCE students and all the laborers who helped to build our new Centre. Hopefully, we can get some press coverage, too!



THE NEW MAHOCE

As mentioned, this grant was specifically for building the center, so we still need your continuing support for daily operations. As of now, we are supporting 90 children's education and healthcare, and our Saturday feeding program continues. You can add your support [here](#)

Sincerely,
Joshua

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Live Event

"Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance."
(Verna Myers). Are you ready to take this important work to your chapters and schools? This workshop will provide tips, examples and resources to engage students and chapter members on this journey.



**When: Sunday November 19th, 2023,
6:00 PM CST**

[Click here to be taken to the ZOOM.](#)

Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

Check out the current open grant and scholarship opportunities below and head over to the scholarship and grants page for more information.

Innovation Grant

Application deadline **11.15.2023**

**Final
Days to
apply!**

Regional Professional Development Scholarship

Application deadline **1.31.2024**

[Click Here to be taken to the Scholarships and Grants page.](#)

Important Dates

November 15- Innovation Grant Deadline

February 15- Agnes Robertson Global Outreach (ARGO)

[Formerly known as: Living Memorial Scholarship] Opportunity for professional growth through studying other cultures to promote World Understanding and develop educational resources MEMBERS engaged in education are eligible to apply for \$2,500 annually for one recipient.