



**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING DURING 88th  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO**

*Several Local Organizations to be Honored for Service within the Windy City*

CHICAGO – In conjunction with its 88<sup>th</sup> Central Regional Conference (CRC) being held in Chicago, IL, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® will host its Public Meeting on Friday, March 18th, at 7:30 pm, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. During the meeting, several local organizations whose services are in line with the sorority’s programs of service will be honored.

Following the conference’s theme of “The Charmed Life: A Taste of Excellence in the Windy City,” members from across the eight-state region will assemble to conduct the business of the sorority, concentrating on implementing programs focused on five international targets. Those targets include “HBCU for Life: A Call to Action,” in support of the country’s historically Black institutions of higher education; women’s healthcare and wellness; building an economic legacy; the arts; and maintaining a global impact; along with #CAP, the sorority’s signature program providing counseling, mentoring and motivation for young people navigating the college admissions process.

While the majority of the conference is for sorority members only, the Public Meeting is one of the events open to the public.

Chicago-area residents and the category for which they are being honored at the Conference include Jahmal Cole, HBCU for Life: A Call to Action; Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Women’s Healthcare & Wellness; Asiaha Butler, Building your Economic Legacy; Jackie Taylor, The Arts; and Euclid Williamson, the #CAP signature program.

Governor J.B. Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Julianna Stratton will also be in attendance.

Distinguished women who boast excellent academic records, proven leadership skills, and involvement in local communities throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the cities of St. Louis and Cape Girardeau will attend the conference, along with sorority leaders from throughout the United States.

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**About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated:**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha has nearly 300,000 members in more than 1,000 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Liberia, Bahamas, Bermuda, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, South Korea, South Africa, and in the Middle East. Led by International President Glenda Glover PhD, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha and its programs, visit [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com).

**About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Central Region:**

The Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, was established in 1919 at the close of the second Boule held at the War Camp Community Center in Chicago. The Region comprises Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the southeastern portion of Missouri. The first Central Regional Conference was held in Indianapolis on May 23, 1931.

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