



Alpha Kappa Delta News

Greetings from the Executive Office!

The Executive Office sends this bi-annual newsletter to keep you informed of current AKD news, programs, and policies. We will continue to send out detailed newsletters to you more frequently via e-mail (please 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.

Our Mission:
To acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition.

Member Spotlight – 2016 Paper Winners

Congratulations to our 2016 Undergraduate and Graduate Paper Competition Winners!

Undergraduate Winners

First Place: Guillermo Alvarado, Southwestern University
'That Gay Gansta Shit': Identity Construction and Community Membership in Queer Rappers' Musical Careers

Second Place: Alina Drufovka, Colorado College
Inequality in the Information Age: From the Digital Divide to the Usage Divide

Third Place: Jeong Hyun Oh, Cornell University
You Win or You Die: The Effect of Limited Resource on Child Mortality

Graduate Winners

First Place: Penn Pantumsinchai, University of Hawaii-Manoa
Conflicting desires and prosumer control: A case study of an online fansubbing community

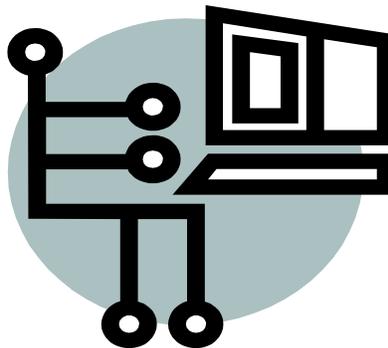
Second Place: Nathalie Rita, University of Hawaii—Manoa
Migrating to "Paradise": A Qualitative Content Analysis of Letters to the Editor

Third Place: Maria D. Valdovinos, George Mason University
'Tiny Publics' and the Extension of the Sociological Imagination to Systems: The Case of Criminal Justice

Chapter of the Year

Kent State University

The Theta of OH chapter was the winner of the Chapter of the Year award due to their efforts in promoting the AKD mission. During the 15-16 year, they recruited members to present at several sociological regional meetings; hosted and participated in the North-east Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium; implemented a "Graduate Student Research Series"; and raised over \$3,000 for their local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.



Follow Us on Social Media!

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Twitter:

[@natlofficeofakd](https://twitter.com/natlofficeofakd)

LinkedIn:

[linkedin.com/groups/4737428](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4737428)

Welcome Grad Student Rep.

Barbara Prince

Bowling Green State University

2017 Renewal Reminder

According to AKD's Bylaws, all Chapter Representatives must be Voting members of the Society. This takes the place of chapter dues. Be sure to complete the "[*AKD Voting Membership Renewal Form*](#)" (located on our website). The fee is \$40. Please note, our office cannot process any orders without this renewal for the 2017 calendar year.

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. We will need 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** to be processed 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.

2016-2017 Calendar

Mark your calendar!

SEPTEMBER 15 — MENTORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for all AKD members, students and faculty, to virtually network 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 may be awarded
- 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 may be awarded to chapters
- Symposium — Up to \$500 may be awarded to chapters

NOVEMBER 1 — CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

AKD seeks nominations for Region I Representative— Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

JANUARY — CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE RENEWALS DUE FOR 2017 YEAR

Other options: You may send this in the fall at any time or in the spring with your student membership order.

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 15 — FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FOR AKD T&L WORKSHOP AT SSS ANNUAL MEETING DUE

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.

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



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