



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

“A Legacy of Sisterhood and Service Since 1908”

Quick Facts



Founded: January 15, 1908 at Howard University, Washington, DC

Incorporated: January 29, 1913

“Twenty Pearls”: Refers to Founders and Incorporators

Motto: “By Culture and By Merit”

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Flower: Pink Tea Rose

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

Official publication: *Ivy Leaf* magazine, first published in 1921

International President: [Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson \(2014 – 2018\)](#)

Membership (as of May 2017):

- 68,000+ active members; 290,000 members initiated worldwide
- Chapters: 1,007; 588 Graduate, 419 Undergraduate

About AKA:

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 is comprised of more than 290,000 members in approximately 1,007 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, South Africa, and in the Middle East. Led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D. Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, log onto www.aka1908.com.

Translations

The sorority uses Greek terminology in the identification of its officers and other significant references.

Sorority Name: Alpha Kappa Alpha—the first three letters of the three Greek words that form the sorority’s motto

Chapter Names: Use Greek alphabet sequence; after first 24 chapters, sequence is repeated with each letter (except the letter “Omega”); all graduate chapter names end with “Omega”

Soror: Greek word for “sister;” used only by members

Boule: Governing body; meets biennially

Directorate: Board of Directors

Ivy Beyond the Wall: Deceased member

Officers

Basileus: President

Anti-Basileus: Vice-President



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Tamiouchos: Treasurer

Grammateus: Recording Secretary

*An office title preceded by “**Supreme**” indicates an officer on the international level:*

Supreme Basileus: International President

First Supreme Anti-Basileus: International First Vice-President

Second Supreme Anti-Basileus: International Second Vice-President

Supreme Tamiouchos: International Treasurer

Supreme Grammateus: International Recording Secretary