

KA 2013 Founders' Ball



Kappa Alpha Chapter's 2013 Achievement Week Winners

ROCK HILL, SC - November 15, 2013, The Kappa Alpha Chapter held its Annual Founders' Ball to honor local citizens, chapter brothers for their service as well as celebrate the 102nd birthday of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Brother Derrick Barksdale, Kappa Alpha's Chaplain was the keynote speaker for the event. He reminded the Brothers to keep up the good fight because "we're up against a trouble".

During the banquet portion of the event, the Kappa Alpha Chapter presented the following awards: **Manhood** - Dr. Montrio Belton ; **Scholarship** - Miss Jada Wilson, Rock Hill High School; **Perseverance** - The Scott-ites, **Uplift** - Brother Maurice Sanders. **The Citizen of the Year** was Mrs. Chisa J. Putman.

Chapter Award winners: **Members vs. Men Award**, Brother Theodore Barnes; **Superior Service Award**, Brother Milton Long; **Founders' Award**, Brother Osbey Roddey; **Omega Man of the Year** Brother Beauregard King, V.

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JADA WILSON

Kappa Alpha Wade Witherspoon, Sr. Scholarship Winner

“What Do You View as the Critical Skills Needed to Be Successful in College and Beyond?”

College is a major milestone in life and should not be seen as anything short of facile. An individual has to be mentally ready for college and the life they intend to have for themselves after they obtain their degree and graduate from their institution. You can't just wake up one day and say you want to go to college. You have to have the maturity, perseverance, optimism, willingness to accept responsibility, and numerous leadership qualities to excel as a college student and an adult in the real working world.

Maturity is defined as the state or quality of being fully grown or developed. Maturity is something that can't be taught, but learned and adopted over time. Several things come along with maturity, not just the feeling of being “grown”. Part of maturity is realizing that you need to take care of things on your own. You will not always have that one parent or other adult telling you when to accomplish tasks or reminding you to get specific things done. When you develop into a mature individual, your whole mindset and demeanor is adjusted. You no longer worry about the little things, but you become concerned with the major focuses of life. There is no longer the time to be concerned with the social aspects, but the big scheme of things. Your whole focus has to now be geared toward the type of education you want to receive and what you want to do with your education. Your future has to reflect your capabilities and the extent of success that you want for yourself.

A college student and an individual who yearns for success after college needs to have perseverance. If you have no sense of motivation, there is no possible way that you will be even partially successful. One thing that you have to learn in life is that nothing is ever handed to you. You have to work to achieve any and everything. In the society we live in, people often have this lackadaisical attitude and they feel as if they have nothing to work towards. Having a lazy attitude will never allow an individual to prosper. If there is something that you want, you have to tell yourself that you are going to do it and have the faith in yourself that you are more than capable of getting whatever you dream of. For example, if you wish to become a doctor, you have to have the drive to become the best doctor you can be. Getting involved with the local hospitals and taking extra steps to help better yourself as a future physician is just one of many ways you can demonstrate your perseverance to be successful.

Being optimistic will always lead to success. You may have moments when you have doubts, but having an optimistic attitude will help you along the way. Positivity is essential. College and everything after is not easy, but having a positive outlook and attitude will help you along the way and will positively benefit you and your future.

Responsibility accompanies age. When you go to college and when you reach adulthood the amount of your responsibilities increases. An individual has to be willing to accept responsibility, for their actions and responsibility in general. There won't always be someone guiding you through life and helping you. There comes a time where duty and obligation falls upon you and you alone. At times it will get overwhelming, but to excel, you have to be able to cope and handle your responsibilities.

Leadership is very important when you consider the skills needed to be successful in college and beyond. As you go through school, you realize that you are in constant competition with your peers. Every man has to fend for himself, so you have to delegate yourself as a leader. Wanting to stand out and designating yourself as the one to take charge will always lead to a successful life. We are surrounded by leaders everyday who are model professionals in our society.

In conclusion, college isn't just a place for fun. College is a place to prepare yourself for the future you want for yourself and the successful life you intend to have for yourself.

Jada Wilson



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New insurance claims data shows an average of 67,500 homeowners insurance claims are reported during the holidays, and some threats to home security and safety rise significantly during the holiday season.

Advance planning and precaution can help protect your home and help make your holidays hazard-free. Here are a few tips to secure your home during the holidays:

Holiday Cooking:

Before the holidays, install new batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure that family members can locate and operate fire extinguishers. Test all fire prevention devices to make sure they function properly.

Be careful in the kitchen. The incorrect disposal of cooking grease, overuse of garbage disposals and improper or excessive disposal of waste can result in clogged drains and can cause sewer problems during this time of year.

Holiday Decorating:

Never leave burning candles unattended, and always place them out of reach of children. Make it a part of your routine to check that all candles are extinguished before you go to bed each night.

Make a smart tree purchase. If buying a natural tree, make sure it's fresh so it will be less of a fire hazard. Artificial trees should be labeled as fire resistant.

Check your holiday lights, throwing away any that are broken and don't overload the outlets. Only lights and extension cords specified for outdoor use should be used outside.



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Brother Young MBA Guest Lecturer

ROCK HILL, SC - Brother Lamont Young's Theme for the lecture was: "Back to basics: The art of Good Customer Service"

Young explained to the graduate students, "Good customer service is inherently personal, why "human" connections matter in business."

He gave those in attendance 5 keys businesses should focus on:

- Technology needs to be an enhancement to personal relationship building, not a substitute for it
- Cultivating and growing business relationships
- Why networking and relationship building are key to

your career no matter what you plan to do

- Relationship building is give and take
- Ideas don't influence people, people influence people

College of Business Dean Roger Weikle said the feedback he was given by MBA's was very positive: "Best lecture I heard since enrolling at Winthrop"; "Relevant and timely career information for graduating students"; "Amazing speaker great topic"; "Exactly what students needed to hear"



Kappa Alpha Community Service

Adopt-A-Highway



Kappa Alpha and Rock Hill Alumnae Chapter mentoring programs join forces to empower black males in York County. The groups partnered to complete the Adopt-a-highway community service project.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway community service project on November 16, 2013 to conclude their Achievement Week Activities.

Kappa Alpha's mentoring program, "Foundations" along with the Rock Hill Alumnae's mentoring program, "Embodi" also participated with the community service event.

This is the chapter's 14th consecutive year partnering with the city of Rock Hill.

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