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Message from the Kappa Omicron Nu Board of Directors

This message reports on the outcomes of the 2005 Conclave Assembly of Delegates Meeting.

The chapter delegates passed resolutions regarding programming for undergraduate research and ethics. See the "Chapters" link on the Home page, www.kon.org, for the text of the resolutions. Each resolution suggests some program activities.

We are pleased to announce the new Student Board Members:

Tracey L. Bridges - University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Deidra M. Cody - Berea College

Anita G. Coleman - Northwest Missouri State University

The Delegate Forum identified the following **values**: leadership, research, scholarship, professionalism, ethics, individuality, community, diversity, teamwork & collaboration, service, pride in KON, empowerment, open communication, respect, trust, commitment, life-long learning, self-development, and passion. The highest **priority needs** include:

- #1 - Information on Majors and Careers - presentation formats, job opportunities, professional empowerment
- #2 - Collaborating & Networking - between disciplines on campus and across campuses
- #3 - Committed & Empowered Leaders - profile of leadership characteristics, information about motivation, activities to understand self, leadership workshops, online resources for increasing chapter involvement, activities, fundraising
- #4 - Board Members as chapter mentors/contact persons - assign regionally to support and provide national information
and Support System for Chapters in Changing Environment - separated departments, distance learning, non-traditional learning environment

Follow-up on these priorities has already begun:

- Plans are being developed to provide a Career Center with links to all the specialized professional association career information Web sites.
- Human Sciences has been defined on the "About Us" link on the KON Web site. See information below.
- The online resources have been summarized at www.kon.org/leadership/lead_devel.html.
- Plans are being developed to increase electronic communication with presidents and advisers. **We need your help!** At the end of the 2004-05 academic year, only 20 chapters submitted officer lists.
- The January KON Board Meeting will involve further planning to meet the needs identified by the Delegate Forum.

The Program Priorities for 2005-2007:

- Undergraduate Research
- A Matter of Ethics
- Required Program Themes - choose at least one
 - Professionalism & Career Networking
 - Writing for Success
 - Leadership 105: Making Change on Campus (or other focus on leadership)
 - Developing a Research Project (or other focus on research)
 - Kids & Careers
 - A Matter of Ethics

New Guidelines: The Chapter Benchmarks recognize the elements that contribute to achieving chapter excellence. See www.kon.org/chapter_files/benchmarks.htm.

The National Office takes pride in immediate response, so call us or send an e-mail.

Our best wishes for a good year.

Dorothy I. Mitstifer, Executive Director

2005 Undergraduate Research Conference Presentation Awards (Donor - Council of Administrators for Family and Consumer Sciences)

Christine M. Clark, East Carolina University
Dixie McGary & Anita G. Coleman, Northwest Missouri State University

Other 2005 Undergraduate Research Conference Presenters

Tracey L. Bridges, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Deidra M. Cody, Berea College
Carolyn Kinsey, East Carolina University
Lauren Mechler, Baylor University
Joann E. Willis, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Kappa Omicron Nu Awards

Kids & Careers in Human Sciences Program Award (2004-05):

Nu Iota Chapter, East Carolina University

Adviser Award of Excellence (2005)

Diana D. Carroll, Kappa Beta Xi Chapter, Carson-Newman College

Chapter Award of Excellence (2003-04):

Kappa Beta Xi Chapter, Carson-Newman College
Kappa Alpha Theta Chapter, Eastern Illinois University
Kappa Beta Rho Chapter, East Tennessee State University
Omicron Tau Chapter, Penn State University

Chapter Award of Excellence (2004-05):

Kappa Beta Xi Chapter, Carson-Newman College
Kappa Delta Rho Chapter, Olivet Nazarene University
Kappa Beta Rho Chapter, East Tennessee State University
Omicron Tau Chapter, Penn State University
Nu Iota Chapter, East Carolina University

What is Human Sciences?

As an academic framework the Human Sciences provide multidisciplinary education, research, and service focused on individuals, families, communities, and their health and environments for the purpose of improving and enhancing the quality of living.

The Human Sciences signify a commitment to improving social justice and developing more desirable relations in communities, organizations, and the wider society for the benefit of all.

Representing the Human Sciences and a philosophy of improving the quality of living, membership in Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society is available to majors in academic programs including (but not limited to) consumer studies, criminal justice, design, education, exercise science, financial planning, food science and human nutrition, gerontology, health sciences, human environment and housing, individual and family development, institution/hotel/restaurant management, kinesiology, leadership, merchandising management, policy analysis and management, resource management, social work, textiles/apparel and clothing, wellness.

Award Program

Kappa Omicron Nu announced that program awards would focus on (a) Kids & Careers in Human Sciences and (b) ethics initiatives. Award criteria can be found on the KON Web site: www.kon.org/awards.html. Other recognition awards include the Chapter Award of Excellence and the Adviser Award of Excellence. All program and recognition awards will be presented at Conclave.

KON Web Site News

About Us - This new link on the Home page gives an overview of Kappa Omicron Nu via "Frequently Asked Questions."

- What is an Honor Society?
- What is Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society?
- What is Human Sciences?
- What is the mission of KON?
- What are the membership requirements?
- What are the benefits of membership?
- How do I join?
- How can I contact KON?

In addition, this page highlights items elsewhere on the Web site.

Chapters - This link on the Home page is designed as a one-stop page for chapter management. Feedback to kon.org/contact.html will be appreciated if you have difficulty finding information

Chapter News Request

The KON Chapter Newsletter features

- National news,
- Chapter program highlights, and
- Other significant messages for the national network of chapters.

February 15 and June 1 are deadlines for chapter editors to submit articles regarding the following topics:

- Project and program successes,
- Member accomplishments, awards, and
- Successful chapter management practices.

Deadlines

- October 1 - Chapter Officers and Addresses Form
- November 1 - Chapter Officers and Addresses Form
- February 15 - Chapter News
- Mar 1 - Call for Undergraduate Student Research Posters - AAFCS & CCHS
- May 1 - Coordinating Council of Honor Societies Call for Undergraduate Student Research Papers - The recipient of this award receives a check for \$750.
- June 1 - Chapter Officers & Addresses Form
- June 1 - Financial Report
- June 1 - Form B Chapter Annual Report
- June 1 - Chapter News