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### Message from the Kappa Omicron Nu Board of Directors

This message reports on the outcomes of the 2007 Conclave Assembly of Delegates Meeting.

The chapter delegates passed a resolution regarding programming for leadership. See [www.kon.org/chapter\\_files/leadership\\_resolution.doc](http://www.kon.org/chapter_files/leadership_resolution.doc).

We are pleased to announce the new Student Board Members:

Jamie Bauerle – Kansas State University  
Becky Ferguson – Penn State University  
Dixie McGary - Northwest Missouri State University

The Delegate Forum identified the following **values**: leadership, teamwork/relationships, networking, ethics, service, personal/professional development, communication, self-motivation. The highest **priority needs** include:

- #1 – Professional Development and Resources – Transition support for job search, mentoring; information source for scholarships and internships
- #2 – Standards – standards of excellence for chapters
- #3 – Marketing – how to promote the value of KON

Follow-up on these priorities has already begun:

- A Career Center with links to all the specialized professional association career information Web sites is available at [www.kon.org/chapter\\_files/career\\_center.ppt](http://www.kon.org/chapter_files/career_center.ppt).
- Transition support and information can be found at [www.graduate.kon.org](http://www.graduate.kon.org) and [www.kon.org/awards/internships.html](http://www.kon.org/awards/internships.html) and [www.kon.org/awards/grants.html](http://www.kon.org/awards/grants.html) and [www.kon.org/awards/major\\_scholarships.html](http://www.kon.org/awards/major_scholarships.html).
- Chapter Standards of Excellence (benchmarks) can be found at [www.kon.org/chapter\\_files/benchmarks.htm](http://www.kon.org/chapter_files/benchmarks.htm)
- The January KON Board Meeting will involve further planning to meet the needs identified by the Delegate Forum.

#### The Program Priorities for 2007-2009:

- Undergraduate Research
- A Matter of Ethics
- Required Program Themes - choose at least one
  - Professionalism & Career Networking
  - Writing for Success

- Reflective Human Action (or other focus on leadership)
- Developing a Research Project (or other focus on research)
- Kids & Careers
- A Matter of Ethics

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**Our best wishes for a good year.**

*Dorothy I. Mitstifer, Executive Director*

**2007 Undergraduate Research Conference Presentation Awards  
(Donor - Council of Administrators for Family and Consumer Sciences)**

**Mary Ellen Herndon - Baylor University**

The Effect of Using an Egg White Based Egg Substitute in Muffins

**Ayisha Thompson - University of Maryland-Eastern Shore**

College Student's Perception of Clothing that Projects a Professional Image

**2007 Emerging Scholars Awards  
(Kappa Omicron Nu Emerging Scholars Fund)**

**Jessica Erin Davis - Auburn University - Human Science Award**

Curcumin Down-Regulates Key Gluconeogenic Gene Expression in Hep3B Human Hepatoma Cells

**Amy Hendricks - Michigan State University - Global Research Award**

Preparation of an Extruded Bean-corn Mixture to Rehabilitate Malnourished Children in Tanzania

**Sarah Maurer - Eastern Illinois University - Social Justice Award**

Social Disadvantage and Child and Family Resilience in South Africa

**Other 2007 Undergraduate Research Conference Presenters**

**Lauren Darr - Baylor University**

The Darr Family: Family Genogram Analysis Paper

**Molly Hammar & Rachel Rogers - Bradley University**

Influences on Cookware Choices of Young Adults

**Jennifer Marquez - Baylor University**

The Effect on Quality Characteristics in Yeast Bread Rolls When Substituting Rice Flour for All-purpose Flour at Two Levels

**Elizabeth McCallum - University of Maryland-Eastern Shore**

Leaving a Lasting Impression on the Lives of Elementary School Students at the Seton Center After-School Program: A Service Learning Project

**Kappa Omicron Nu Awards**

***Chapter Award of Excellence (2005-06):***

First Place - Kappa Beta Xi Chapter, Carson-Newman College

Second Place - Omicron Tau Chapter, Penn State University

Third Place - Kappa Beta Phi Chapter, Mississippi State University

***Chapter Award of Excellence (2006-07):***

First Place - Kappa Alpha Chapter, Northwest Missouri State University

Omicron Alpha Beta Chapter, University of Maine

Third Place - Omicron Tau Chapter, Penn State 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 awards for 2007-2009 will focus on (a) Kids & Careers in Human Sciences, (b) ethics initiatives, (c) undergraduate research chapter project, integrative human sciences practice, collaborating and networking, and Reflective Human Action. Award criteria can be found on the KON Web site: [www.kon.org/awards/awards.html](http://www.kon.org/awards/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

We are proud to announce the redesign of the Kappa Omicron Nu Web site homepage. From time to time we will update the movies to depict chapter activity. We invite good quality photos for this purpose. We would love to feature your chapter!

## 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 – Form A Chapter Annual Report
- 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