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Message from the Kappa Omicron Nu Board of Directors

This message reports on the outcomes of the 2009 Conclave Assembly of Delegates Meeting.

The chapter delegates passed resolutions regarding social responsibility and undergraduate research. See http://www.kon.org/social_responsibility_resolution.doc and http://www.kon.org/conclave/KON_UGR_resolution.pdf.

We are pleased to announce the new Student Board Members:

Amy Lehman - Northwest Missouri State University Tiffany Oster – Oregon State University
Julian Trivino – Florida State University

The Delegate Forum identified priorities for Kappa Omicron Nu. The highest **priority needs** focused on programming, standards, and networking:

- #1 – National KON Community Day -
- #2 – Monthly focus on social responsibility – one month for each of the *Seven Wonders of the Socially Responsible World*
- #3 – Enhanced Chapter Standards
- #5 – Networking and professional development, including communication among chapters and intercollegiate chapter conferences

Follow-up on these priorities has already begun:

- The “Policy for Chapter Meeting Attendance” includes practices for building relationships and creating opportunities for commitment and a proposed medallion award program for participation and involvement.
- Chapter Standards of Excellence (benchmarks) - 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 2009-2012:

- Social Responsibility
- Undergraduate Research
- A Matter of Ethics
- Required Program Themes - choose at least one – http://www.kon.org/chapter_files/required_program.html

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

**2009 Undergraduate Research Conference Presentation Award
(Donor - Council of Administrators for Family and Consumer Sciences)**

Amanda Beattie - Baylor University
Acceptability of Reduced Sodium Content in Meatloaf among Adults over 50

2008 Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human Sciences Awards

The Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human Sciences announces awards for manuscripts in Volume 7 (calendar year 2008). The Undergraduate Research Community (URC) instituted these first-time awards and will continue annual awards.

First Place - Catherine McBride, Stephanie Collins, Connie Bell, Casey Quinn, & Sheri Worthy* - Mississippi State University - "Parent's Influence on Children's Weight-Related Behaviors"

Second Place - Rachel Barnett, University of Nebraska-Lincoln & Linda K. Crowe*, University of Nebraska-Kearney - "Traditional vs. Electronic Storybooks during Adult-Toddler Interactions"

Third Place - Brittany Gower, Christine E. Hand, and Zachariah K. Crooks - Huntington University - "The Relationship between Stress and Eating in College-Aged Students"

Honorable Mention - Heather Davis - James Madison University - "Gender Gaps in Math and Science Education"

Honorable Mention - Desiree Raygor & Jennie Osseck - Truman State University - "Use of a Focus Group of Youth in a Juvenile Detention Center to Recommend Programming Based on the Results of a Developmental Assets Profile"

Honorable Mention - Debra Lin - The University of Texas-Austin - "Are Thy Pledging 'I Do' to Virginity Until Marriage: An Examination of the Factors Influencing the Effectiveness of Abstinence-Only Sexuality Education"

* - denotes faculty mentor

Kappa Omicron Nu Awards

Chapter Award of Excellence (2007-08):

Kappa Alpha Chapter, Northwest Missouri State University
Kappa Delta Omicron Chapter, Meredith College
Nu Omicron Chapter, California University of Pennsylvania

Chapter Award of Excellence (2008-09):

Kappa Beta Rho Chapter, East Tennessee State University
Kappa Beta Phi Chapter, Mississippi State University
Kappa Delta Omicron Chapter, Meredith College

Award Program

Kappa Omicron Nu awards for 2009-2012 will focus on (a) Kids & Careers in Human Sciences, (b) ethics initiatives, (c) undergraduate research chapter project, (d) integrative human sciences practice, (e) collaborating and networking, (f) leadership, and (g) social responsibility. Award criteria can be found on the KON Web site: www.kon.org/awards/awards.html.

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