



Celebrating Progress and Embracing Change: A Year in Review

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It has been an eventful year since the last Dialogue was published - a year filled with growth, change, and exciting developments. As we reflect on the progress we've made, we are eager to share our accomplishments and look ahead to the future with great anticipation.

In January 2023, we proudly launched our revamped website, marking a significant milestone for Kappa Omicron Nu. The new website not only gives us a fresh and modern look but also offers enhanced functionality and improved user experience. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the collective efforts of our talented contractor, and our staff team, who worked to transition and update content from our old websites. While there will be further updates and changes as we continue working with our remaining webpages such as those on URJHS and Forum's old articles. We also hope to work with our store to make it more user-friendly. However, we are delighted with the positive feedback we have received thus far.

Our second Conclave was a resounding success, serving as a platform for member feedback and an opportunity to shape the future of Kappa Omicron Nu. We are pleased to announce that Conclave will return this year on Saturday, November 4th, as a virtual meeting. We encourage all our students to participate by submitting research or exhibit presentations. Presenting at Conclave is an excellent way to boost your resume and develop public speaking skills, particularly for those aspiring to pursue academia or continue their research journey. Visit kon.org under Events for more details and sign up today!

In response to changes by the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), we updated our eligibility standards earlier this year. We now consider undergraduate students eligible if they rank within the top 30% OR if class rank is unavailable, possess a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3. This update ensures that we remain inclusive and accessible to all eligible students, regardless of class rank availability.

While revitalization has been a focal point of our leadership in previous years, we are proud to announce that significant strides have been made in this area. Looking ahead, our primary focus will be on growing our membership. We extend a warm invitation to all advisers who have not yet joined us to become part of our Kappa Omicron Nu family. Furthermore, we are committed to providing exceptional customer service, supporting our advisers in creating thriving and successful chapters for their students.

As we move forward, we are immensely grateful for the unwavering support of our outstanding advisers. They form the bedrock of our membership and have played a vital role in nurturing and growing our chapters. Their dedication to fostering scholarly and leadership pursuits among their students is truly commendable, and we applaud their remarkable efforts. Thank you all for your steadfast support and dedication.

News and Announcements:

- **Call for Board Member Applications:** Applicants and Nominations for KON National Professional Board Members and Student Board Members are open. All interested parties are asked to email us at office@kon.org.
- **Call For URJHS Submissions:** The Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human Sciences accepts research from all undergraduate students in the human science. Find more information and apply for free at <https://newprairiepress.org/urjhs/> or see though kon.org under Publications, URJHS.
- **Conclave 2023:** Save the date for KON's annual Conclave meeting on Saturday, November 4th online. Time and program to be announced at a later date Submit your research or student design exhibit for presentation – it's the easiest, free, no-pressure way to add speaking at a national conference to your resume! See previous student presentations, learn more, and submit at kon.org/events

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2023 KON Scholarship winners:

Mitstifer Scholarship \$500

Emily Hanes, Pennsylvania State University

for volunteer work as peer advocate

Abigail Russell, Kansas State University

for volunteer work with Konza Student Table and the Special Olympics

Kappa Omicron Phi Scholarship \$500

Mathias Madersbacher, Georgian Court University

The Effects of Blood Flow Restriction on The Peak Power and Myoelectric Activity of Leg Muscles

Kerrie Roozen, St. Catherine University

Formative intervention using community-based participatory research methods for medically tailored food kits for Hispanic/Latinx patients with hypertension.

Betty Jeanne Root Fellowship, \$2,000 scholarship

Tyler Nesbit, University of Florida

The relationship between maternal healthcare providers spirituality, spiritual health, and whole-person care for Black women.

Ruth Hawthorne Early Career Research Grant, \$2,000 scholarship

Swagata Chakraborty, University of North Texas

A Cross-Cultural Empirical Research on the Role of Ethnocentrism in Encouraging Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Apparel Consumption

We thank all our applicants for submitting and congratulate all our winning applicants. Thanks also to our reviewers and awards committee members. We wish all members the best in their future pursuit of scholarship, leadership, and research initiatives.

Annual Dues & Donation Drive Success

Thank you to everyone who participated, paying their dues and especially those who gave a little more in our annual dues and donations drive. Your dues contributions are critical to keeping Kappa Omicron Nu's doors open, phone answered, and lights on.

A special word of thanks to our 2022-2023 Inner Circle of Donors, whose generosity must be given special attention.

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Member Remembered: Audrey Burkart

Recently, KON received a generous gift from the estate of Audrey Burkart to benefit scholarships for KON members. We'd like to take a moment and honor Audrey. Please be in touch if you have any memories or details about her life to contribute at office@kon.org.

Audrey Burkart was from Ridgefield, NJ. She earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree from New York University and a Doctorate from Columbia University in the field of Nutrition and Home Economics. She taught at Ridgefield High School and Rutgers University where she then became the Head of the Nutrition and Home Economics Department. Audrey loved cooking and embroidery, and her faith was important to her. She was an active volunteer and a good friend. She gave \$49K to KON, supporting scholarships to students.



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