

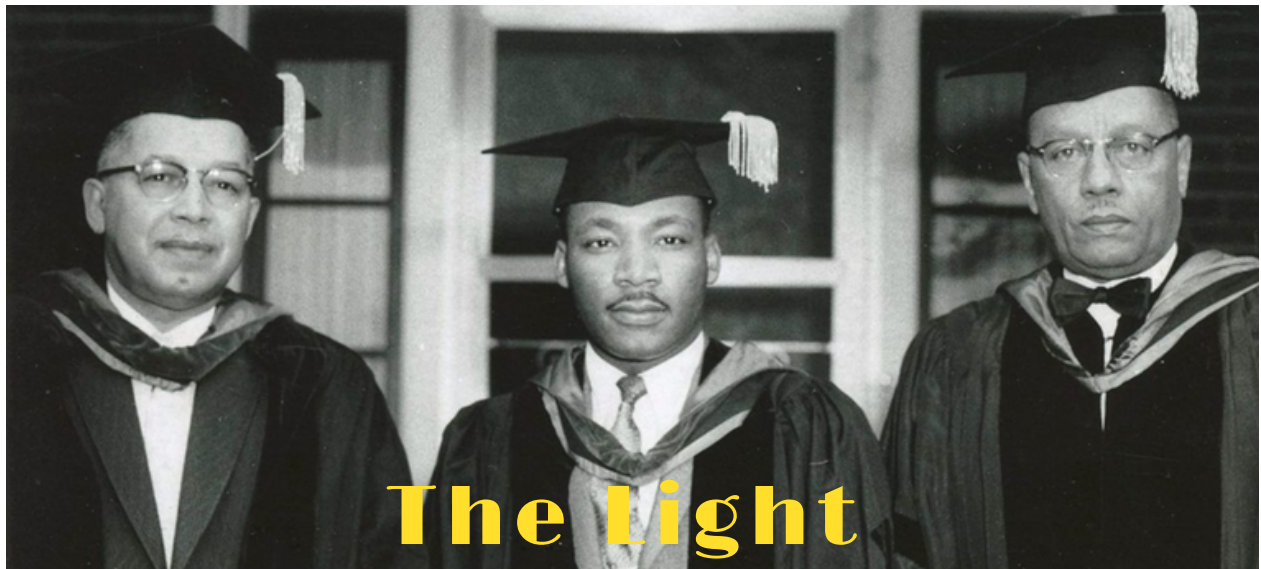
THE LAC MEETUP

THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE KSU LOUISVILLE ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Light



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



by Larry Peterson

2024 is upon us. We have celebrated the birth of **Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.** and are on the way into Black History Month. This had me thinking about the connections and ties that we have as members of the Kentucky State University family to history. Do you know the histories of the names of the buildings on campus like James McCullen or Rufus Atwood? Did you know King had graced us. *We must truly connect with the rich traditions at our Alma Mater and appreciate our significant connection to history.*

In 1957, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. gave a commencement speech at Kentucky State University with passionate words that resonate today. King challenges the students stating, **"As we face the fact of this new, emerging world, we must face the responsibilities that come with it. A new age brings with it new challenges."** We face these new challenges now and I am empowered by the connections made through KSU. That is why we must shine **The Light** on the tremendous strides we have taken as a university and in our lives. We must find that Bred strength in us to continue no matter what tries to stand in our way.

I urge that 2024 be a year that we continue to tackle obstacles that challenge us and persevere. King is referred to mostly as a doctor, but his title as **Reverend** must be revered. He was concerned with the spiritual salvation of America.

To our entire KSU family, I say let's continue to be **The Light** this year. We represent like billboards for our Alma Mater. Let's **get involved** come together, work together and sacrifice to uplift our Alma Mater. Where we entered to learn and came out to serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GET ENGAGED

February 2024



**CALLING ALL
KSU 1974
CLASS MEMBERS!!!**

We are conducting a Nation-wide search for members of the Kentucky State University Class of 1974 for our "50 Year Class Reunion"

If you were, or know persons who were members of this class, please forward contact info to our reunion committee: ksu74class@gmail.com

CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!



KENTUCKY STATE
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- 2-06 Executive Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 2-13 Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 2-16 Mini Homecoming
- 2-17 Mini Homecoming
- 2-19 Bylaws Meeting @7:00 pm
- 2-20 Membership Meeting @7:00 pm
- 2-20 Scholarship Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2-22 Black History Art Show in Small Gym 6-7:30
- 2-28 Green and Gold Day at the Capitol

Link to 1974 KSU Yearbook

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SENIOR CLASS

President — Cynthia Garner
Vice-President — Izreal Couchan
Secretary — Elise Medlin



Presidents Pen



Greetings Fellow Alumni and Associates,

Happy New Year! I pray that 2024 is starting off to be your BEST year yet. I am at a loss for words, so I have included some links below to a few inspirational speeches that convey some of my sentiments.

My Questions: **What is it going to take to get YOU actively engaged?** When was the last time YOU did anything to help move the chapter forward? Lastly, should this chapter even exist? Take a minute to reflect, look in the mirror and seriously ask, what can YOU do to add value to the chapter or a current/future KSU students' life?

Currently, we have **two vacant positions available** -- the Vice President and Treasurer. Their duties are outlined below. If you have any interest in finding out more about these positions, please reach out to me via e-mail or phone. You will only need to fill in until elections are completed later this year.

A. **The Vice President** shall perform the functions of the President in his or her absence and perform such other functions as the President or Chapter may assign. The Vice President of the chapter shall oversee the work of all standing committees except for the Executive committee.

B. **The Treasurer** shall be the chairperson of the Finance Committee; keep accurate records of financial receipts and monies disbursed and make reports at all Chapter meetings. The Treasurer's books shall be subject to external audit. At the end of the term, all monies, rights, and property of the Chapter shall be delivered to the successor in office and/or the President or Vice President within three business days.

Vacancies: The president may recommend to the Executive Committee a suitable replacement to fill any unexpired term of office at any meeting. Most of the officers present are necessary to confirm the appointment.

Election Process: The election process is outlined below:

1. The election ballot will be created by the nominating committee during the September meeting for the upcoming election year.
2. **Voting** will occur during the month of October. Election ballots will be mailed to active members that are not present at the October chapter meeting.
3. The announcement of newly elected officers will take place at the November meeting.
4. The newly elected officers' training will take place in December. All elected officers will officially assume their duties at the first meeting in January.

Neither I nor YOU alone can make this the BEST Alumni Chapter within the KSUNAA, but if we work together in unison we can move to GREATNESS!

Your response or lack of a response will indicate the path this board will recommend.

**God Bless,
Rance Williams
KSU Louisville Alumni Chapter President**



2023 Robert and Lucy Annual Scholarship Brunch

Pictures By Rashad Bishop



BE A PART OF HISTORY AND THE FUTURE



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I Am Asking For Your VOTE!



Greetings Fellow Alumni!

I am excited to announce my candidacy to be *your* next president of the Kentucky State University National Alumni Association.

As Vice President, we have accomplished many things in such a short period of time, including the Student/Alumni Meet and Greet and Life Member reception at homecoming and the New Graduate reception/pinning at graduation. We also have several programs on the horizon, such as the reactivation of the Student Alumni Association.

As your next president, my main objectives will be to continue to foster the positive working relationships our organization has with the university and civic leaders, build on the progress our organization has made with our technology, and grow our alumni reach, while embracing our current member base.

Every one of you is valued and I am humbly asking for the opportunity to be your next leader! We have accomplished a lot and **together**, we **will** accomplish even more!

Regards,

Barry C. Johnson

Vice President & National Program Chair
Kentucky State University National Alumni Association

Membership Message

Hello Alums and welcome to our membership corner where **your membership matters!**

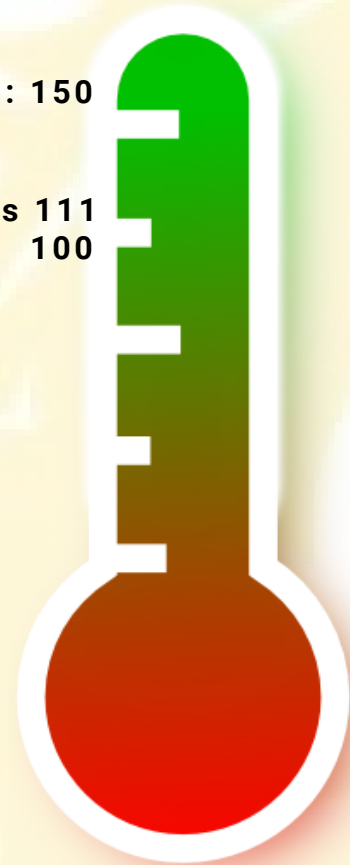
10 REASONS TO JOIN THE ALUMNI

1. A platform to connect with other alumni and develop a sense of community between current and former students.
2. Professional resources
3. Networking opportunities
4. Alumni Events
5. Discounts at KSU
6. Volunteer Opportunities
7. Give back to current & *Future Students!*
8. Stay connected – Give back to KSU
9. Well informed alumni can be powerful ambassadors for their alma maters in the civic and business community.
10. Well informed alumni can be powerful ambassadors for their alma maters in recruitment to KSU!

LAC Green Goal: 100

Stretch Goal: 150

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How to pay dues online: www.ksulouisvillealumni.org

Scroll and click link for 2023-2024 membership form and then Pay using PayPal

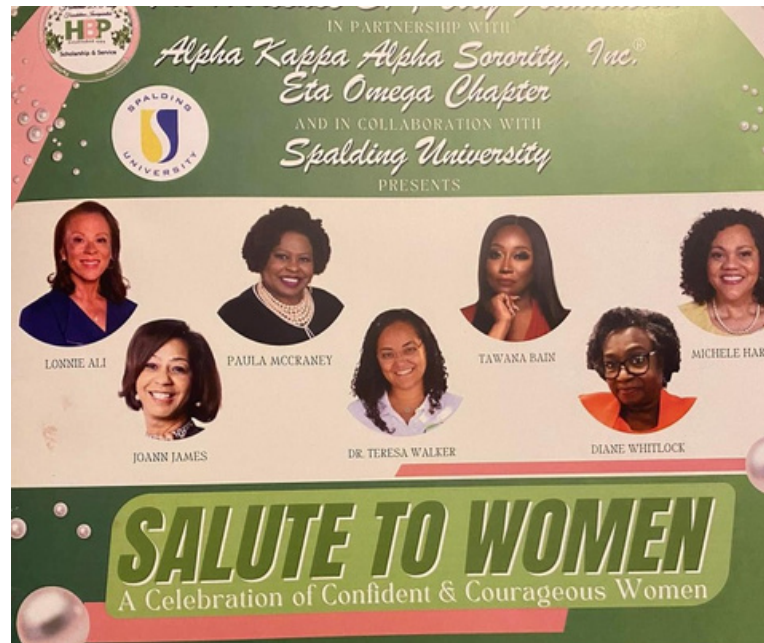
OR

Complete and mail form with your payment to

P O Box 21185 Louisville, KY 40221

Check (make payable to: Kentucky State University Louisville Alumni Chapter)

2023 Flashbacks



LAC would thank the Baker/ Mitchell Family for awarding 12 scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each.

