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Guide to the

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority collection

1966-1986

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Summary

Creator: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Title: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority collection

Date: 1966-1986

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Abstract: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is the first African American Greek sorority. It was founded in 1908, by nine college students on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. AKA currently has members in graduate and undergraduate chapters across the world. Their mission is to encourage high scholastics and ethical standards, promote sisterhood, and help young girls and women to improve their social stature. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Collection consists of historical sketches and other related materials for several New York State chapters, including Delta Mu Omega, Delta Rho Omega, Epsilon Phi Omega, Theta Iota Omega, Xi Chi Omega, and Zeta Nu Omega Chapter. In addition, there are letters, news articles, flyers, and programs. Lastly, there is some information on the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation's scholarship, which is a national program.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American college students
African American fraternal organizations
African American Greek letter societies
African American women -- Societies and clubs
Greek letter societies -- United States

Names

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Delta Mu Omega Chapter, Capital District**
Includes historical sketch, letters, clippings, flyers, programs, and calendars.
- b. 1 f. 2 **Delta Rho Omega Chapter, Brooklyn**
Includes brief historical sketch and material on J. Marjory Jackson and Rosa T. Weatherless.
- b. 1 f. 3 **Theta Iota Omega Chapter 1966-1986**
Includes historical sketch and programs.
- b. 1 f. 4 **Xi Chi Omega Chapter, Northern Westchester**
Includes historical sketch and clippings.
- b. 1 f. 5 **Zeta Nu Omega Chapter**
Includes historical sketch.
- b. 1 f. 6 **Epsilon Phi Omega Chapter**
Includes historical sketch.
- b. 1 f. 7 **Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation scholarship**
- b. 1 f. 8 **Printed matter 1966-1986**
Includes programs, newsletter, and press releases.