

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED ΑΦΑ

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Alpha Phi Alpha, the **first** intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on December 4, 1906. There were seven visionary founders, known as the "Jewels", who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among people of African descent in a collegiate environment. Since its founding, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world.

The Rho Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded on September 4, 1999, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In 2005, the chapter seat was relocated to Evanston, Illinois. Presently, the chapter is headquartered in Maywood, Illinois where it serves the West Chicagoland areas including the near west suburbs.

Program Description:

Alpha Quest Youth Mentoring Program (AQYMP): Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (APA), Inc. Rho Zeta Lambda Chapter, Maywood, IL

Under the umbrella of the Alpha National "Go to High School, Go to College" Program, the A.Q.Y.M.P. is targeting 40 – 50 middle school aged male students. The program is intended to encourage academic excellence and leadership development. The students will be provided the opportunity to dialogue with their peers and mentors as well as be exposed to activities that promote intellectual and personal growth. The three pillars of the program are:

Academic Support: Concentrates on the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement. Through this program, young men receive information and learn strategies that facilitate academic success.

Leadership Development: Students will be encouraged to assess and articulate their strengths as it relates to leadership and participate in activities that will motivate students to develop a mission and vision that encourages commitment and accountability.

Cultural Enrichment: The focus of this program is to enhance the cultural awareness of our youth through community involvement projects, and social activities and exercises to expand their knowledge of different customs, fostering an environment based on a mutual respect for the diversity of others.

For more program information or inquiries contact us at: alphaquestrzl@yahoo.com

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Alpha Quest Youth Mentoring Program provides youth with the tools necessary to become respectful, well-rounded young men. We also stress completing secondary and collegiate education, development of natural and learned leadership abilities, and enhance cultural awareness through selected readings, activities, and community involvement.

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"He who does not know, can know from learning."

