



**Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**  
*Jacksonville Alumni Chapter*

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## **Local Fraternity Gets National Recognition for Community Work**

Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Recognized for Organization and Youth Mentor Programs

Jacksonville, FL – The Jacksonville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was recently recognized as the top large chapter in the country.

The group received the honor at a recent National Conclave (bi-annual convention) in New Orleans, LA.

“It’s an honor to be leading our organization in Jacksonville during this historic time”, said Mark Chapman, III, who was recently installed as President (Polemarch) of the local chapter.

During the meeting, the Jacksonville Chapter’s youth mentorship program known as Guide Right was also the recipient of several awards.

Former local President Dennis Gamble was honored as the Guide Right Program Advisor of the Year and the program itself received honors for being the top program among large chapters.

“Our goal was never to win an award but to make sure that we were doing our part as mentors in the community. The hard work that we put in continues to pay off with young people who are being active and involved in their communities. This is just the beginning”, said Gamble.

The Guide Right program was started in 1922 and is the official National Service Program of the fraternity. The local program mentors young men in grades 6 – 12. The students meet regularly for community service projects, SAT/ACT prep and empowerment workshops.

“With the momentum we have from getting these awards, we are planning to do more outreach so that we can engage and empower our community even further”, said Chapman.

Nationally, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is one of the premier African-American Greek Letter inter-collegiate fraternal organizations. The group holds membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Council and has more than 150,000 members in 22 countries worldwide.

The Jacksonville Chapter was chartered in 1925 on the premise of civic engagement and training men for leadership in life. Undergraduate chapters are active at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville University and the University of North Florida. Through the local Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter has awarded more than \$250,000 dollars in scholarship funds to deserving students.

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Kappas Receiving Award at the National Convention in New Orleans, LA

L to R: Cleveland Ferguson, Esq. former JAC Polemarch; Dr. Frank S. Emanuel, Former Southern Province Polemarch; Dennis Gamble, Guide Right Program Advisor of the Year; Mark Chapman, JAC Polemarch; John Burrell former JAC Polemarch

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