

# Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association  
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

November 2005

## 2006 National Conference

Plans are underway for the 2006 National Conference to be held in St. Charles, IL (45 minutes outside Chicago). The theme of the 2006 National Conference is "**Challenging Today's Juveniles: Incarceration or Freedom.**" The Conference is being hosted by Region 6. The Conference will be held at the Pheasant Run Resort & Spa.

The Hotel has 473 spacious rooms. Located within the Hotel is the Harvest Restaurant, Baker's Wife Breakfast Nook, Garden Atrium Dining, Sunday Brunch, and the Terrace Café. The Resort has two championship golf courses, a renowned spa, fitness center, and three pools.

The room rate (single through quad) is \$99.00/night (**price includes tax**). Room reservations must be made by February 16, 2006 to avoid higher rates. Please call (630) 584-6300 to make your reservations.

**Pre-registration packets** for the 2006 National Conference will be sent to all members in good standing in December. The pre-registration fee for members is \$140; for guests, \$90 (prepaid and post-marked by February 3, 2006). Late and on-site registration for members is \$175; guests \$125 (after February 3rd). If you have not received your pre-registration packet by January 15th or are a new member and wish to attend the Conference, please contact the National Office for a pre-registration packet.

The **Firearms Competition** will be held at an indoor range approximately 18-20 miles from the Hotel. Shooters will be charged a \$5.00 range fee. Transportation will be provided or you can drive your own vehicles. **The Physical Agility Competition** will be held at the Hotel. **All participants MUST attend the Safety Meeting on Tuesday morning to sign waivers. (This meeting is mandatory. You will not be allowed to compete in these competitions if you do not attend the Safety Meeting.)**

**Standard National Competitions** information, including the course of fire for the pistol match, is available from the

National Office or on our website. **The textbook reference books for the written competitions are also available from the National Office or on our website at [www.acjalae.org](http://www.acjalae.org).** All written tests will be 75 multiple-choice questions. If you wish to receive textbook or National Competition information by mail, please contact the National Office at (916) 484-6553 or Email: [acjalae@aol.com](mailto:acjalae@aol.com).

Start practicing now for the **15th Annual Lip Sync/Talent Contest** to be held on Wednesday, March 22nd. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places in both Lip-Sync and Talent. Contact Glenn Schleve if you have any questions about this event at email: [gschleve@ewc.cc.wy.us](mailto:gschleve@ewc.cc.wy.us) or telephone: (307) 532-8297.

Region 6 is working hard to bring you five days of workshops, competitive events, guest speakers, and entertainment. Plan now to attend! If you have any questions at this time, please contact our Region 6 President and 2006 Conference Director, Robert Edwards; Email: [bobcat60652@aol.com](mailto:bobcat60652@aol.com) or telephone: (773) 778-1115 or Joe Davenport, National Vice-President and Conference Coordinator at Email: [joeyd002@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeyd002@sbcglobal.net) or telephone: (773) 995-7777.

## Scholarship Competition

Members are encouraged to apply for the 2007 National Scholarship. Applications will be available from the National Office after April 15, 2006. **Applicants are NO LONGER REQUIRED to write a paper on the theme of the upcoming National Conference.**

The **Scholarship** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions. First-place winners in each category receive \$400; 2nd place winners receive \$200; and 3rd place winners receive \$100. To enter, members must complete an application and return it to the National Office. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31, 2006** to be considered.

## James E. Hooker Scholarship

With the loss of Jim Hooker this past June, ACJA/LAE has lost one of our greatest supporters and members.

In his honor, the faculty and students of Virginia Commonwealth University, where Jim taught for over 30 years, are trying to endow a scholarship in his name. So far, they have raised \$5,000 and need another \$5,000 to be able to endow this scholarship. The University is requesting contributions from Jim's ACJA/LAE friends. The donation can be a one-time donation or can be made over-time.

If you wish to make a donation to the scholarship, a check can be sent to:

Virginia Commonwealth University  
ATTN: Development College of  
Humanities and Sciences  
PO Box 84219  
Richmond, VA 23286-0441

The check should be made out to VCU Foundation. Be sure that there is a notation that the **funds are for the James E. Hooker Scholarship**. If you have any questions, you can contact Assistant Dean and past Phi Lambda Chapter President, Laura Moriarty at 801-828-6976.

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and public safety*



## Chapters Chartered

With the help of the Regional Presidents and the Membership Committee, the Association continues to charter new chapters. The chapters that have been chartered since the last Newsletter include:

Alpha Lambda Psi  
TESST College of Technology  
Beltsville, MD

Epsilon Tau Alpha  
Clackamas Community College  
Oregon City, OR

Delta Psi Epsilon  
Sanford Brown College—Fenton  
St. Louis, MO

Chi Phi Chi  
Central Pennsylvania College  
Summerdale, PA

Sigma Phi Sigma  
McLennan Community College  
Waco, TX

Alpha Rho Delta  
West Central Technical College  
Carrollton, GA

Eta Delta Omega  
Ohio University—Chillicothe  
Chillicothe, OH

Upsilon Alpha Zeta (re-charter)  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ

Omega Psi Beta  
ECPI Technical College  
Richmond, VA

Alpha Delta Lambda  
ITT Technical Institute  
Memphis, TN

Alpha Eta Beta  
ITT Technical Institute  
Henderson, NV

Delta Upsilon Kappa  
Pioneer Pacific College  
Springfield, OR

Delta Omega Gamma Zeta  
Southwest Florida College  
Ft. Myers, FL

Omega Pi Gamma  
Florida Metropolitan University  
Orange Park, FL

Kappa Sigma Pi  
ECPI College of Technology  
Manassas, VA

Lambda Delta  
Elizabethtown Comm. & Tech. College  
Elizabethtown, KY

Delta Tau Chi (re-charter)  
University of Central Oklahoma  
Edmond, OK

Phi Chi Omega  
Missouri Valley College  
Marshall, MO

Alpha Psi Delta  
Virginia Intermont College  
Bristol, VA

Pi Gamma Epsilon  
Hopkinsville Community College  
Hopkinsville, KY

Phi Delta Psi  
Illinois State University  
Normal, IL

Zeta Epsilon  
University of Mississippi  
University, MS

Upsilon Mu (re-charter)  
University of Memphis  
Memphis, TN

## Key Awards

As a member of ACJA/LAE, you are entitled to receive our **Scholastic Honor Awards**. In recognition of outstanding scholastic attainment in the field of the administration of criminal justice, Keys (a distinctive charm/pin with the ACJA/LAE logo) and a Certificate are awarded to members who exemplify themselves academically. Members who qualify can obtain their awards by submitting a Certified Grade transcript, with a cover letter, to the National Office. The letter must state which Key Award you are applying for. Upon verification that the candidate meets the requirements for the Award, the Certificate and Key Emblem will be mailed to the recipient. The qualifications are as follows:

**Graduate Keys**—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Graduate/Masters Degree. In order to qualify for a Graduate Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

**Gold Keys**—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Bachelors Degree. In order to qualify for a Gold Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

**Silver Keys**—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with an Associate Degree. In order to qualify for a Silver Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

The Key Awards granted since our last Newsletter include the following:

Michael R. Pozesny

## Graduate Key Awards

Nova Southeastern University  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Stephen W. Verrill  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, FL

Jason O. Carroll  
Troy State University  
Troy, AL

Patricia A. Barrios

## Gold Key Awards

Chaparral College  
Tucson, AZ

Stevan R. Black  
Chaparral College  
Tucson, AZ

Sheryl Brenton  
Chaparral College  
Tucson, AZ

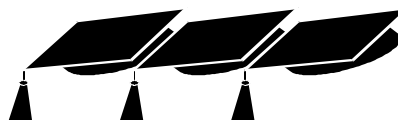
Maria Leyva  
Chaparral College  
Tucson, AZ

Sylvia Martinez  
Chaparral College  
Tucson, AZ

Victoria E. Cantu  
California State University  
Sacramento, CA

Beatrice Jamison  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC

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## Gold Key Awards

Jennifer L. Sugermeyer  
George Mason University  
Fairfax, VA

Tina M. Pollock  
Kaplan University  
Davenport, IA

Summer Stockton  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Myers, FL

Miriam M. Silva  
California State University  
Fresno, CA

Karen P. Ridler  
George Mason University  
Fairfax, VA

Sarah M. Stout  
Missouri Western State University  
St. Joseph, MO

Rami N. Nassar

## Silver Key Awards

Comm. College of Allegheny County  
Pittsburgh, PA

Brian Kirchoff  
Chaparral College  
Tucson, AZ

Van E. Slusser  
Lanier Technical College  
Oakwood, GA

Aurelio Gomez  
Kaplan University  
Davenport, IA

Donna M. Matay  
Ocean County College  
Toms River, NJ

Chad E. Mullenix  
Hagerstown Community College  
Hagerstown, MD

Kelly R. Wright  
University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Monroe, LA

Samuel J. Lopez  
Oakton Community College  
Del Plaines, IL

## Kappa Sigma Pi Chartered

On September 1, 2005, the Kappa Sigma Pi Chapter at ECPI College of Technology in Manassas, Virginia was nationally chartered. The members had their pinning ceremony at Damon's where members enjoyed lunch.

We strive to be professional and have social interaction with one another and with the community in hopes to further our knowledge of the criminal justice professions while fostering life long friendships. We provide multiple experiences for members to further their knowledge of the criminal justice profession.

As Kappa Sigma Pi, we plan to have events such as criminal justice career fairs (open to all students) firearms training and experience, hosting guest speakers, etc. We are going to actively increase leadership skills, and gain knowledge of the criminal justice profession.

Bob Brzenchek, Advisor  
ECPI Criminal Justice  
Department Head

President: Stephen Schmid  
Vice-President: Todd Grossman  
Secretary: Katie Fellows  
Treasurer: Celine Jackson  
Sgt-at-Arms: Clinton Waldrip

## Delta Omega Epsilon

Delta Omega Epsilon is a new chapter gaining our Charter in January 2005. We are based out of Florida at the American InterContinental University. The President of our school is giving the Criminal Justice Program a display case to fill. Our Advisor has given the Chapter a project.

He would like for us to be able to receive as many patches from each individual department (police, sheriff, etc.) as possible to fill this case. The patches will be on display with our Charter for everyone at the school to see. Our Advisor is also donating his correctional items which has achieved in the course of his career. If any member could please forward a patch from your department to us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, my email is: [crimjustassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:crimjustassoc@yahoo.com). Please forward patches to:

Delta Omega Epsilon  
ATTN: Vincent Como  
American InterContinental University  
2250 N. Commerce Parkway  
Weston, FL 33326

Jennifer Trofimovics  
President  
Delta Omega Epsilon



Kappa Sigma Pi members and their Advisor at their pinning ceremony.

## Student Paper Competition

The **Student Paper Competition** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions. First-place winners in each category receive \$150; 2nd place winners receive \$100; and 3rd place winners receive \$50. To enter this Competition, members must complete an application and submit an original paper which deals with issues and problems in areas of criminology, law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, corrections, prevention, planning and evaluation, career development, or education in the field of criminal justice. Applications will be available for the 2007 awards after April 15, 2006. All applications must be **postmarked by January 31, 2007** to be considered for this Award.

## New National President and Vice-President

At the 2005 National Conference held in Memphis, Tennessee the membership elected Abby Schofield, National President of the Association. Abby is recently retired from Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services.

Joe Davenport was re-elected National Vice-President. Joe is retired from the Chicago Police Department and is the Chair of the Association's Membership Committee.

**Both Abby and Joe were elected by acclamation!**

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## ACJA/LAE Continues to Grow

The Association is continuing to experience steady growth in membership and number of active collegiate and professional chapters. Between 1990 and 2005, paid membership increased from 1,850 to 3,057 members, an increase of 65.2%. The total number of active chapters climbed from 75 to 135 over the same period (+80.0%). As of the 2005 National Conference, the number of active members and chapters nation-wide included:

	Members	Chapters
Region 1	433	20
Region 2	384	20
Region 3	356	16
Region 4	673	33
Region 5	781	31
Region 6	430	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>135</b>

## Chapter Contributions to the National Newsletter

Chapters are urged to send in material related to their chapter activities including chartering events, fundraising activities, social functions, etc. This is a great way to get your chapter recognized nationally and can help other chapters, especially with fundraising ideas. **The Association would publish an additional issue of the Newsletter each year with more input and contributions from its chapters.**

## Advisor Recognition

Chapter Advisors are an important aspect of the work ACJA/LAE chapters carry out each year. The following plaques were given to Advisors who have served their chapters for the past five, ten and 25 year period.

Dr. Christopher J. Morse,

### Five Year Awards

Nu Gamma Sigma, Region 4

Dr. Mary Lou Rains,  
Mu Gamma Gamma, Region 3  
Chuck Kenyon

### Ten Year Awards

Beta Upsilon Delta, Region 3

## Journal Editorial Board

With the passing of Jim Hooker, a position has become available on the Journal's Editorial Board. The Editorial Board consists of two members and the Journal Editor. Anyone interested in filling the vacant position should contact National President, Abby Schofield.

## New ACJA/LAE Historian

Jim Hooker also held the position of Historian for ACJA/LAE (yes, he was a busy man!). Lori Carman, 2005 National Student Representative and now an Advisor to the Lambda Chi Chapter has been appointed to serve as the new ACJA/LAE Historian.

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