

Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

December 2014



2015 National Conference

Plans are underway for the 2015 (78th) National Conference to be held in Nashville, TN, March 22 - 27, 2015. The theme of the 2015 National Conference is **"The Talking Dead: Tales Told in Criminal Investigations"**. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

The Hotel is only 5 minutes from the Nashville International Airport. The Hotel will provide a complimentary shuttle to/from the airport on the hour and the half-hour. The Hotel has 410 guest rooms and suites, each with a private balcony or patio. The Hotel includes complimentary on-site parking, fitness center, and an indoor pool. The rooms feature complimentary high-speed wireless internet, hair dryers, iron/ironing boards, and coffee maker/tea service. **The Hotel is a 100% Non-Smoking Facility.**

The Hotel offers on-site dining at the Old Hickory Grill. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Veranda Lounge is also available for "light bites" and snacks. Additional concession stands will be available onsite for breakfast and lunch at affordable prices.

The room rate (single through quad) is \$146.56/night (**price includes tax**). Room reservations must be made by February 20, 2015 to avoid higher rates. To make reservations, please call (888) 627-7060 or Online (preferred) through a link on our web site.

Pre-registration packets for the 2015 National Conference will be sent to all members this month. The pre-registration fee for members is \$160; for guests, \$140 (**prepaid and post-marked by February 27, 2015**). Late and on-site registration for members is \$210; guests \$190 (after February 27th). Contact the National Office if you do not receive your packet by January 30th. The packet will also be available on our web site.

The **Firearms Competition** will be held at a range still to be determined. Members **will not** be charged a range fee. The **Physical Agility Competition** is tentatively scheduled to 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.) To participate in the Firearms Competition, members **MUST** sign a Statement of Competency that they have achieved a minimum score of 240 on the ACJA-LAE course of fire.

Standard National Competitions information, including the course of fire for the Firearms Competition, is available from the National Office or on our web site at www.acjalae.org. The textbook reference books for the written competitions are also available on our web site. All written tests will be 75 multiple-choice questions. The 24th Annual Lip Sync / Talent Contest will be held on Wednesday, March 25th.

Dr. William Marvin Bass III will be a Guest Speaker at the National Conference. Dr. Bass is an American forensic anthropologist, best known for his research on human osteology and human decomposition. The Body Farm, a name used by crime author Patricia Cornwell in a novel of the same name, drew inspiration from Dr. Bass and his work.

Additional training will be offered on Thursday for professionals and non-professionals. Some of the attractions in

the area include the Johnny Cash Museum, County Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, The Hermitage (home of President Andrew Jackson) and the Tennessee State Museum.

Region 5 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 5 President and 2015 Conference Director, Greg Bridgeman at (270) 348-5032; Email: gbridgeman0001@kctcs.edu or Christina Fouse, 2015 National Student Representative and Conference Coordinator at (270) 2450089; Email: cfouse0002@gmail.com

Scholarship Competition

Members are encouraged to apply for the ACJA-LAE National Scholarship each year. Applications are available from the National Office or on our web site. The **ACJA-LAE Scholarship** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions.

To enter, members in good standing must complete an application and return it to the National Office. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31st of each year to be considered.**

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*Dedicated to professionalism
in the administration of justice
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 in November 2013 include:

Alpha Theta Pi
Kaplan Career Institute
Pittsburgh, PA

Gamma Gamma Gamma
Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Atlanta, GA

Omega Kappa Sigma
Strayer University
Jacksonville, FL

Xi Omega
ITT Technical Institute
Madison, AL (*recharter*)

Phi Psi Omega
Keiser University
Tallahassee, FL

Epsilon Alpha Omega
Odessa College
Odessa, TX

Alpha Omega Rho
Webber International University
Babson Park, FL

Omega Delta
New Jersey City University
Jersey City, NJ (*recharter*)

Kappa Sigma
Kaplan College
Chula Vista, CA

Beta Nu Alpha
Remington College
Nashville, TN

Alpha Alpha Alpha
Saint Leo University
Chesapeake, VA

Delta Omega Theta
Western New England University
Springfield, MA

Phi Delta Phi
Devry University
Kansas City, MO

Kappa Pi Delta
University of South Carolina
Lancaster, SC

Alpha Theta Chi
Albany Technical College
Albany, GA (*recharter*)

Lambda Alpha Omega
Sacred Heart University
Fairfield, CT

Psi Sigma Iota
Kent State University
Kent, OH (*recharter*)

Lambda Nu Zeta
University of West Alabama
Livingston, AL (*recharter*)

Lambda Chi Sigma
L. E. Fletcher Technical Comm. College
Schriever, LA

Delta Omega
Westwood College
Chicago, IL

Mu
Cal-State Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA (*recharter*)

Chi Alpha Sigma
Forrest College
Anderson, SC

Sigma Rho Tau
(professional)
Springfield, PA

Tau Sigma Chi
University of the Incarnate Word
San Antonio, TX

Epsilon Delta Xi
Howard Community College
Big Spring, TX (*recharter*)

Sigma Upsilon
South University
Virginia Beach, VA

Sigma Phi Omega
Barton Community College
Great Bend, KS (*recharter*)

Delta Sigma Psi
South Texas College
McAllen, TX

Iota Beta Phi
Waldorf College
Forest City, IA

Omega Eta Psi
Remington College
Memphis, TN (*recharter*)

Student Paper Competition

Members are encouraged to apply for the ACJA/LAE Student Paper Competition. Applications are available from the National Office or on our web site.

The **Student Paper Competition** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions. 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. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31st of each year to be considered.**

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 along with the **Scholastic Honor Awards Form** (available on our web site). 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.

Tierra N. Wilson
At-Large
Walden University

Graduate Key Awards

E. Jay Kolick
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Aminatta Ya-Sinah Sesay-Dixon
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Wesley R. Smith
At-Large
Loyola University-New Orleans

Harold A. Krueger
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

John D. Gunther
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Fatma Benchouk
Omega Delta
New Jersey City University

Graduate Key Awards

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Holli Harber
At-Large
American Military University

Paul D. Garrison
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Ray H. Baker, Jr.
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Melanie A. Jerozal
At-Large
University of Central Florida

Tosha L. Wilson-Davis
At-Large
Troy University

Emmanuel Pierre-Louis
Omega Delta
New Jersey City University
Tracey Meyer
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

Gold Key Awards

Nick Yourgulez
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

Kayla B. Newton
Omega Alpha Omicron
Radford University

James A. Douglas
At-Large
Kaplan University

Ashley N. Dameron
Gamma Alpha Zeta
William Woods University

Jami R. Hayes
At-Large
Trine University

Jamie M. Myers
At-Large
George Mason University

Elizabeth Heagen
Sigma Tau Omicron
West Chester Univ. of Pennsylvania

Wendy L. Bundy
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Corey J. Fischer
At-Large
University of New Haven

Heather L. Hauskins
At-Large
University of Phoenix

Timothy R. Stevens
At-Large
University of Phoenix

Gold Key Awards

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Daisy Manzo
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

Joe A. Mundo
Delta Mu Sigma
Florida Technical College

Jennifer M. Hawkins
Psi Omega
University of New Haven

Erin Wiswell
At-Large
University of New Haven

Shadrack A. Minor
At-Large
Wilmington University

Devon R. Green
Delta Mu Sigma
Florida Technical College

Shawn Cooke
Delta Mu Sigma
Florida Technical College

Emily Cedar
At-Large
Walden University

Jacqueline Bagdadi
At-Large
Kaplan University

Evan J. Brown
Delta Chi
Sam Houston State University

Scott R. Demby II
At-Large
Union Institute & University

David Medina
Delta Mu Sigma
Florida Technical College

Eugene M. Yourey II
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Cindy L. Ruffino
At-Large
Colorado Technical University

Jonathan K. Heath
At-Large
West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Joshua A. Novak
At-Large
Moraine Valley Community College

Silver Key Awards

Silver Key Awards

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Kayla V. Almazan
Delta Sigma Upsilon
Dalton State College

Kayla A. Meadows
At-Large
Bryant Statton College

Edith Connors
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

Antion Hill
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

Richard Lopez
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

AnnaMarie T. Ascencio
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson

Eugene M. Yourey II
Chi Sigma Upsilon
Columbia Southern University

Shadrack A. Minor
Lambda Omega
Delaware Technical Comm. College

Jonathan K. Heath
At-Large
West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Rebecca R. Ogden
Alpha Kappa Omega
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Cindy L. Ruffino
At-Large
Colorado Technical University

Connie Gladney-Wright
Alpha Pi Beta
Remington College

Nadia Figueroa
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson



Please send your Chapter News and activities including chartering events, fundraising, social functions, etc. to the National Office for possible inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Silver Key Awards

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*Natalie R. Florez
At-Large
Centralia College*

*Michael S. Casello
At-Large
Inver Hills Community College*

*Jose L. Garcia
Epsilon Chi Chi
El Paso Community College*

*Kerri Ruiz
At-Large
Santa Barbara Business College*

*Deshanna R. Kyles
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson*

Silver Key Awards

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*Tara Twait
At-Large
American Intercontinental University*

*Leanne M. Christian
At-Large
Northshore Community College*

*Robert Hanright
Xi Kappa Pi
Brown Mackie College-Tucson*

Advisor Recognition

The Association realizes the contributions made to the organization by the Advisors and the many long hours and dedication

required in working with student members. Advisors are awarded Recognition plaques for their years of service. The Advisors receiving the latest plaques include:

*Cecil R. Queen
Beta Kappa Rho
Ferris State University
10 Years of Service*

*Jerry L. Stinson II
Delta Pi Omega
Southwest Virginia Comm. College
5 Years of Service*

*Chris Williams
Pi Gamma Epsilon
Hopkinsville Community College
5 Years of Service*

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Richard McGrath Memorial Fund

If you are planning to attend a National Conference in the future, members can apply for the Richard McGrath Memorial Fund. The Fund is made available to help deserving student members attend National Conferences. The criteria for applying for these funds is outlined in Section R., Sub-section 3 of the Standing Rules which are available on our web site. The application is also available Online. The completed form must be sent to their Regional President by December 1st. Each Regional President will submit their nominee to receive the award by December 31st of each year.

Filing the E-Postcard

Do not forget to file the e-Postcard for your chapter by May 15, 2015. The e-Postcard has to be filed electronically (there is a direct link on our web site). Chapters should use the tax period of January 1st through December 31st of each year. The e-Postcard takes less than 5 minutes to complete. If your chapter has their Federal tax exempt status revoked because of failure to file the e-Postcard, the chapter cannot ask for non-profit tax donations and will have to pay Federal tax on any revenue received during the reporting year.

Furthermore, the chapter will have to reapply for tax-exempt status by filling out the appropriate IRS forms and paying the appropriate User Fee to have their tax

exempt status reinstated. It could take up to a year or more to get the chapter reinstated as a non-profit.

Ron Pincomb Memorial Fund

If you are a professional planning to attend a National Conference in the future, members can apply for the Ron Pincomb Memorial Fund. The fund is made available to help deserving professional members attend National Conferences. The application is available online. See Standing Rule, Section R, Sub-section 4 for criteria for applying. Members send their completed forms to their Regional President by December 1st. Each Regional President will submit their nominee to receive the award by December 31st of each year.