

# Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association  
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

November 2009



## 2010 National Conference

Plans are underway for the 2010 (73rd) National Conference to be held in Portland, OR March 14 - 19, 2010. The theme of the 2010 National Conference is "Port Security - Air and Water." The Conference will be held at the Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront Hotel.

The Hotel is located along the Willamette River and has 16 floors with 497 newly renovated guest rooms. Located within the Hotel is Allie's American Grille and Champions Sports Bar. The Hotel has an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, and a fully-equipped fitness center. **The Marriott Hotel has a smoke-free policy.**

The room rate (single through quad) is \$156.38/night (**price includes tax**). Room reservations must be made by February 18, 2010 to avoid higher rates. To make reservations, please call (800) 228-9290 or Online (preferred) through a link on our web site. **Valet parking is \$21/day; there is no self-parking.**

**Pre-registration packets** for the 2010 National Conference will be sent to all members in December. The pre-registration fee for members is \$185; for guests, \$125 (**prepaid and post-marked by February 5, 2010**). Late and on-site registration for members is \$235; guests \$175 (after February 5th). Contact the National Office if you do not receive your packet by January 15th.

The **Firearms Competition** will be held at an indoor range approximately seven miles from the Hotel. Members will not be charged a range fee but must purchase their ammunition at the Range. The **Physical Agility Competition** will be held approximately one mile from the range. **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](http://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 19th Annual Lip Sync / Talent Contest will be held on Wednesday, March 17th.

Region 1 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 1 President and 2010 Conference Director, Brian Meloy at (916) 849-7712; Email: [BrianMeloy@gmail.com](mailto:BrianMeloy@gmail.com) or Gregory Slaughter, Conference Coordinator at (562) 9384452; Email: [gslaughter@lbcc.edu](mailto:gslaughter@lbcc.edu).

## Richard McGrath Memorial Fund

If you are planning to attend the 2010 National Conference, apply now for the Richard McGrath Memorial Fund. The fund is 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 available Online.

## Scholarship Competition

Members are encouraged to apply for the ACJA-LAE 2010 National Scholarship. 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. First-place winners in each category receive \$400; 2nd place winners receive \$200; and 3rd place winners receive \$100.

To enter, members in good standing must complete an application and return it to the National Office. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31, 2009** to be considered.

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and public safety*



## 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. 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. All applications must be **postmarked by January 31, 2010** to be considered.

## 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 2008 include:

Sigma Kappa  
Carthage College  
Kenosha, WI

Delta Pi Sigma  
ITT Technical Institute  
Murray, UT

Alpha Beta Kappa  
Florida International University  
Miami, FL

Rho Sigma Tau  
Westwood College Online  
Westminster, CO

Alpha Eta Omega  
Indiana University  
Indianapolis, IN

Kappa Omega Pi Sigma  
ITT Technical Institute  
Youngstown, OH

Gamma Tau Sigma  
ITT Technical Institute  
Lexington, KY

Chi Rho Alpha  
Academy of Court Reporting  
Cleveland, OH

Psi Lambda Epsilon  
University of Phoenix  
Costa Mesa, CA

Zeta Kappa Phi  
ITT Technical Institute  
Tempe, AZ

Delta Sigma Pi (recharter)  
Lanier Technical College  
Oakwood, GA

Sigma Kappa Lambda  
Blue Cliff College  
Lafayette, LA

Xi Omega Psi  
ITT Technical Institute  
Thornton, CO

Theta Nu Omega Lambda  
ITT Technical Institute  
Jacksonville, FL

Nu Alpha Chi  
Northeast Alabama Comm. College  
Rainsville, AL

Iota Tau Tau Nu  
ITT Technical Institute  
Nashville, TN

Delta Gamma Kappa (recharter)  
Wichita State University  
Wichita, KS

Alpha Kappa Omega  
Lock Haven Univ. of Pennsylvania  
Clearfield, PA

Alpha Lambda Psi (recharter)  
TESST College of Technology  
Beltsville, MD

Epsilon Lambda Chi  
Southwestern College  
Florence, KY

Phi Kappa Zeta  
Kaplan College  
Bakersfield, CA

Gamma Upsilon Nu Sigma  
ITT Technical Institute  
Orland Park, IL

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

Epsilon Chi Upsilon (recharter)  
East Central University  
Ada, OK

Sigma Phi Beta  
ITT Technical Institute  
Mount Prospect, IL

Sigma Zeta Tau  
Temple College  
Temple, TX

Mu Chi Omicron  
Merritt College  
Oakland, CA

Lambda Beta Chi  
Jefferson Community College  
Steubenville, OH

Iota Tau Tau Alpha  
(professional)  
Nashville, TN

Zeta Lambda Epsilon  
Indiana Tech  
Fort Wayne, IN

Phi Sigma Tau  
Eastern Arizona College  
Thatcher, AZ

Iota Beta Chi  
Harrison College  
Indianapolis, IN

Kappa Alpha Kappa  
ITT Technical Institute  
Chattanooga, TN

Delta  
Howard University  
Washington, DC

Mu Omicron  
Mount Olive College  
Mt. Olive, NC

Omega Psi Beta  
ECPI College of Technology  
Glen Allen, VA

Phi Delta Psi (recharter)  
Illinois State University  
Normal, IL

Alpha Zeta Omega  
Bryant & Stratton College  
Eastlake, OH

Omega Phi Theta  
ITT Technical Institute  
Warrensville Heights, OH

Chi Omega  
Southern University of New Orleans  
New Orleans, LA

Zeta Kappa Lambda  
Volunteer State Community College  
Gallatin, 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 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.

Sonya R. Hensley  
East Central University  
Ada, OK

## Graduate Key Awards

Shontrai DeVaughn Irving  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN

Chrysti R. Britt  
Kaplan University Online  
Chicago, IL

Monica E. Nelson  
California State University  
Sacramento, CA

Frank R. Dukes  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, IN

William W. Clark  
Boston University  
Boston, MA

Neil A. Ortiz  
Boston University  
Boston, MA

Bryant Murphy  
Ottawa University  
Phoenix, AZ

James Goolsby  
Kaplan University Online  
Chicago, IL

Bradley W. Gronke  
Lewis University  
Romeoville, IL

Mark Mitchell  
Chicago State University  
Chicago, IL

Jeremy A. Felder  
Columbia Southern University

## Gold Key Awards

Orange Beach, AL

Mia Chel P. Woulland  
American InterContinental University  
Hoffman Estates, IL

Mary C. Rimasse  
Ferrum College  
Ferrum, VA

Ashley Goodson-Wilkins  
Virginia Intermont College  
Bristol, VA

Charlene Trevino  
Kaplan University Online  
Chicago, IL

Kimberly K. Grimes  
Wichita State University  
Wichita, KS

Sharon Fecher  
Wichita State University  
Wichita, KS

Nathan R. Emeigh  
California University of Pennsylvania  
California, PA

Nathan E. Blair  
American InterContinental University  
Atlanta, GA

Fabiola D. Arellano-Aguayo  
Brown Mackie College  
Tucson, AZ

Rachael L. Schlesinger-Bartholomeaux  
Brown Mackie College  
Tucson, AZ

Sonya Hensley  
East Central University  
Ada, OK

Shontrai DeVaughn Irving  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN

Joanna M. Rogers  
Brown Mackie College  
Tucson, AZ

Sonja Miller  
ITT Technical Institute  
Kansas City, MO

William Desko  
ITT Technical Institute  
Kansas City, MO

Romona Heath  
Colorado Technical University  
Pueblo, CO

Jamie L. Lockwood  
Tiffin University  
Tiffin, OH

Valerie C. Haynes  
Tarleton State University  
Stephenville, TX

Ajibade A. Longe  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY

Timothy D. Redinger  
Kaplan University Online  
Chicago, IL

Steven Wakimoto  
ITT Technical Institute  
San Dimas, CA

Myles W. Pitman  
ITT Technical Institute  
Tulsa, OK

Holli Harber  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Myers, FL

Kirsty E. Warburton  
Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.  
Durant, OK

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## Silver Key Awards

Melinda Reid-Averett  
Danville Community College  
Danville, VA

Rebecca A. Brooks  
ITT Technical Institute  
Harrisburg, PA

David Cavazos  
Remington College  
Houston, TX

Katy E. Cleyman  
Ferris State University  
Big Rapids, MI

Jason Smeltzer  
ITT Technical Institute  
Albuquerque, NM

Sarah A. Nearhood  
ITT Technical Institute  
Maumee, OH

Jeri L. Currier  
Eagle Gate College  
Layton, UT

Carol A. Teague  
Remington College  
Houston, TX

Holly L. Alvarez  
Brown Mackie College  
Tucson, AZ

Ryan Cunningham  
Hocking College  
Nelsonville, OH

Samantha Wilson  
ITT Technical College  
Hilliard, OH

Grae VanSteenhouse  
ITT Technical Institute  
Maumee, OH

Marion J. Brito  
Keiser University  
Jacksonville, FL

Thomas Gargrave  
Vatterott College  
Oklahoma City, OK

Angela M. Wassack  
Danville Community College  
Danville, VA

Larry P. Crist  
ITT Technical Institute  
Hilliard, OH

## Alpha Tau Omega

The Alpha Tau Omega Chapter hosted their yearly BBQ at Rotary Park in Del Rio Texas. The BBQ is hosted every summer as a fun-filled festivity for the recruitment of new members; all family members are invited to attend. By hosting the event, the members were able to mingle with fellow classmates to extend their network. Apart from bringing members together, the chapter is committed to enriching the members higher education experience by visiting with field law enforcement officers at the brand new Del Rio Police Department, the State Trooper Police Academy, the Texas Supreme Court in Austin, and the Medical Examiner's Office in San Antonio. Each activity is geared to inform and enlighten students on the various aspects of the criminal justice system.



(L-R) Melissa Ortiz, President; Melissa Villarreal, V-President; Dr. Ferris R. Byxbe, Faculty Advisor; Ana Rios, Secretary; Cherrill Peterson, Past V-President

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