

TALLAHASSEE (FL) ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI (S)

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FEATURING A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR POLEMARCH



CORNELL CUMMINGS

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## HISTORY OF THE TALLAHASSEE (FL) ALUMNI CHAPTER

On Saturday night, June 29, 1946, 14 Kappa Men of Tallahassee, Florida, confirmed their inclination to establish a local alumni chapter. It was at the Mount Olive Masonic Lodge Hall, located at the southwest corner of Macomb and Tennessee Street, that these inspired men, presided over by then Southeastern Province Polemarch W. Dickerson Donnelly, chartered what is now known as the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

# EDITOR'S NOTES

**“THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE TAC NUPE LETTER WILL AIM TO HIGHLIGHT CHAPTER EVENTS, RELEVANT STORIES, AND MORE AS WE ENHANCE OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH BROTHERS AND OUR COMMUNITY”**



**G**reetings Brothers, I hope you enjoy the inaugural issue of the TAC Nupe Letter. This issue includes an inspirational message from our Polemarch as we begin the 78th fraternal year, recognizes life events from some of our brothers, recaps the summer's social and philanthropic events, and the 86th Grand Chapter meeting.

Throughout the year, the TAC Nupe Letter will aim to highlight chapter events, relevant stories, and more as we enhance our engagement with brothers and our community. I'm proud to serve as the 2023-24 Reporter and look forward to serving the chapter in this capacity.

Yours In The Bond,  
Robert Cooper III, Reporter  
TAC, Spring '23

## Submission Guidelines

Brothers who wish to submit articles, special announcements, achievements, etc., can email Brother Robert Cooper III at [crispene@icloud.com](mailto:crispene@icloud.com).

- Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.
- Photos should be submitted in JPEG or other format that supports high-res photos. Please do not submit screenshots.

# A MESSAGE FROM POLE MARCH CUMMINGS

**“SERVICE IS WHAT WE DO, and  
SERVICE IS WHO WE ARE”**

It is good to be a Kappa. Thank You all for reelecting me to serve as your Polemarch for another year. As we look back on where we have come from over the past two years, surviving COVID-19 by the grace and blessings of our Lord to continue serving and praising Him.

Lest we forget those brothers who transitioned to the “Golden Shores,” George Drummond, Dr. Thomas Haynes, Robert Woolfork, and Gerald Hinson; they will be missed.

Now, here’s to the future! Welcome to our fold the ten hardest working new members: Michael Combs II, Michael McDonald II, Shaquil Keels, Justyn Thomas, Brandon Johnson, Richard Otway, Robert Cooper III, Shontel Rittman, Maurice Stokes, and Acori Myrie. They all have hit the ground running, lending service and accepting duties to enhance the goals and objectives of the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter.

Further, the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter has achieved the highest number of members this year, with 92 fully financial members and 98 brothers having paid and financially supported the objectives of the chapter.

As we start this 78th year of Tallahassee Alumni Chapter existence, the final renovation of the back eleven rooms at 730 Wailes Street has commenced, and construction is scheduled to be completed in February 2024. A site plan is forthcoming for your viewing and support.

To date, we have received \$150,000 of the \$300,000 CRA Grant and will receive the remaining \$150,000 after the project and a CO is declared. As a result of this arrangement, I now recommend a Capital Campaign to commence as soon as possible. As Polemarch, I propose that a \$1,000 contribution be made from each member of the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter. This will support our efforts in securing the needed funds to complete this renovation phase at 730 Wailes Street.

In addition, the Guide Right Foundation held its annual meeting and elected Brother Kevin Forehand as its new President, which will also lend its support in securing funding to support the renovation project by now occupying space and housing its programs at 730 Wailes Street.



# POLEMARCH MESSAGE

**R**eclamation. Brother Ric Mathis has agreed to stay on as Chairman of the Reclamation Committee, in which he has been the driving force in increasing our membership to the highest number of financial members in Good Standing to 92—hats off to Brother Mathis and his committee in achieving this goal. Our new goal is to exceed 100 members as we will apply for awards and Grants in the Southern Province and IHQ. Our approach remains “Each Active Member in Good Standing” and “Bring Another Brother” with him to fraternity meetings in the future.

**M**embership Training Academy. Brothers All in Good Standing, prepare for in-house Membership Training in Kappa University administered by Vice Polemarch, Albert Arnold, and Antonio Witherspoon as we prepare for Spring membership intake. Let us welcome and continue to support Brother Antonio Witherspoon, the appointed Southern Province MTA Coordinator.

**U**ndergraduate Affairs. I was advised by Southern Province Polemarch Jason Jones that he intends to reappoint Chapter Advisor Brother Herbert Bailey to Alpha

**“HIGHEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS THIS YEAR, WITH 92 FULLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS”**

Xi Chapter FAMU and is awaiting a recommendation of Chapter Advisor to Theta Eta Chapter at FSU. My appointment of the advisor teams at FAMU and FSU is forthcoming upon the action taken by Southern Province Polemarch Jason Jones.

**G**uide Right/Kappa League. New leadership is on the horizon. I am appointing Brother Maurice Stokes as the Director of the Kappa League program. A transition period is underway as we transition and assist Brother Stokes in securing and managing this program. Brother Stokes is another one of those dynamic ten new members who have accepted this assignment to move the Kappa League Program to new heights along with the committed parents in

support – Brothers, Stay Tuned!

**S**ocial Action. A big thank you to Brother Vice Polemarch Albert Arnold for the community involvement and coordination of programs in which he has involved the chapter this past year. Coming soon are planned community projects to be proposed and accepted by the planning committee, ranging from NAACP, Sickle Cell, Aids Walk, Back-Pack giveaway, Christmas Bike giveaway, Thanksgiving Turkey, and dinner giveaway, and more.

**“NEW LEADERSHIP IS ON THE HORIZON”**

**S**ilhouettes. Welcome Silhouette Tion Owens as the newly elected President of the Tallahassee Silhouette organization. Brothers All, please encourage your silhouette to join and support the Tallahassee (FL) Alumni Chapter’s Silhouette organization.

**C**hapter Housing: 730 Wailes St and Rental Properties. The Rental properties at Summer Lane remain on multiple listings for sale for \$255,000. There are no serious takers as of this date. I solicit other Brothers’ support of Brother Quentin Cooper as the Manager of the Rental Properties. Effective immediately, I have appointed Brother Richard Otway as House Manager of 730 Wailes Street.

# POLEMARCH MESSAGE

## Action Items

1. Propose to sell the rental properties located at Summer Lane for \$255,000 or the best agreeable market price.

**Rationale:** Proceeds will support the renovation efforts at 730 Wailes St. and liquidate the loan balance of \$108,000 at the FAMU Credit Union.

2. Each member contributes \$1,000 to the Tallahassee (FL) Alumni Chapter (Capital Campaign) in addition to their regular chapter dues.

**Rationale:** To assist with the renovations efforts at 730 Wailes St.

## IN CLOSING..

I promise to effect a smooth transition of power and authority to a new generation of Kappas. Effective operating procedures are on the horizon and will be implemented soon. Change is underway; service is what we do, and service is who we are.

I, Cornell Cummings, promise to serve and give to the furtherance of Kappa Alpha Psi until the day I die.

Here's to Kappa Alpha Psi!

Yours truly, In the Bond

Cornell Cummings, Polemarch  
Tallahassee (FL) Alumni Chapter

# THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER

# TALLYNUPES.COM

The Technology Committee is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the new official website of the Tallahassee (FL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi (S), TallyNupes.com.

TallyNupes.com aims to expand the chapter's digital footprint and enhance our visibility, engagement, and communication with brothers and the broader community.

IS COMING  
SOON..

TallyNupes.com will feature:

- Chapter History
- Guide Right Program Information

History

## Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor

Tempora aliquid dicta earum velit qui rerum eum ex... qui. Sed dolores sit est dolore illum

Stay In

- Chapter Events
- Photo Gallery
- And Much More

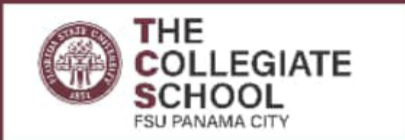
Be on the lookout for the official launch date, and additional features added to the website throughout the year!

## TCS BOARD MEMBER



Welcome  
**DR. KEVIN FOREHAND**

**Board Chair**  
 Assistant Teaching Professor  
 Educational Leadership  
 Florida State University



## BROTHER FOREHAND

### Leading from the Front in Education

**C**ongratulations to Brother Forehand as he enters his role as the Board Chair for the Collegiate School at Florida State Panama City.

We asked Brother Forehand what motivates him to continue his pursuit of academic excellence at the secondary and collegiate levels.

## “WHAT IS LOGICAL TO YOU ISN’T ALWAYS GOD’S PLAN”

**L**eaving the nest of a Pre-12 school principal after 15 years was an emotional change. In some ways, the community felt let down by my departure. With many triumphs and achievements over some of education’s most difficult challenges in Florida’s greatest yet most impoverished community, God has always kept his hands on me because I certainly never did any of it by my own might. This time, when I thought about the answer to what’s next, what could make the next impact, my line brother reminded me that what is logical to you isn’t always “God’s Plan.”

So, I launched out into the deep and unknown with Faith. The opportunity with the University has blessed me to enlarge my territory, see education with a broader lens, and provide me the unique flexibility to try different projects that a daily K-12 schedule won’t allow. Even though I believe I am good at what I do, I am humble enough to realize every transition won’t be a linear move. Take a lesson from Luke 14. The humble side of achievement is to walk in and take the lowest seat at the table among those with higher achievements.

Be willing to allow God to pull you back in order to push you forward. Through His grace, not on your merit, they’ll see you and offer you a higher seat. Boom! It happens all in God’s timing. For me, this work is not solely about me. It’s about the service, elevation, and achievement for all kids and empowering the communities we all purposed to serve.

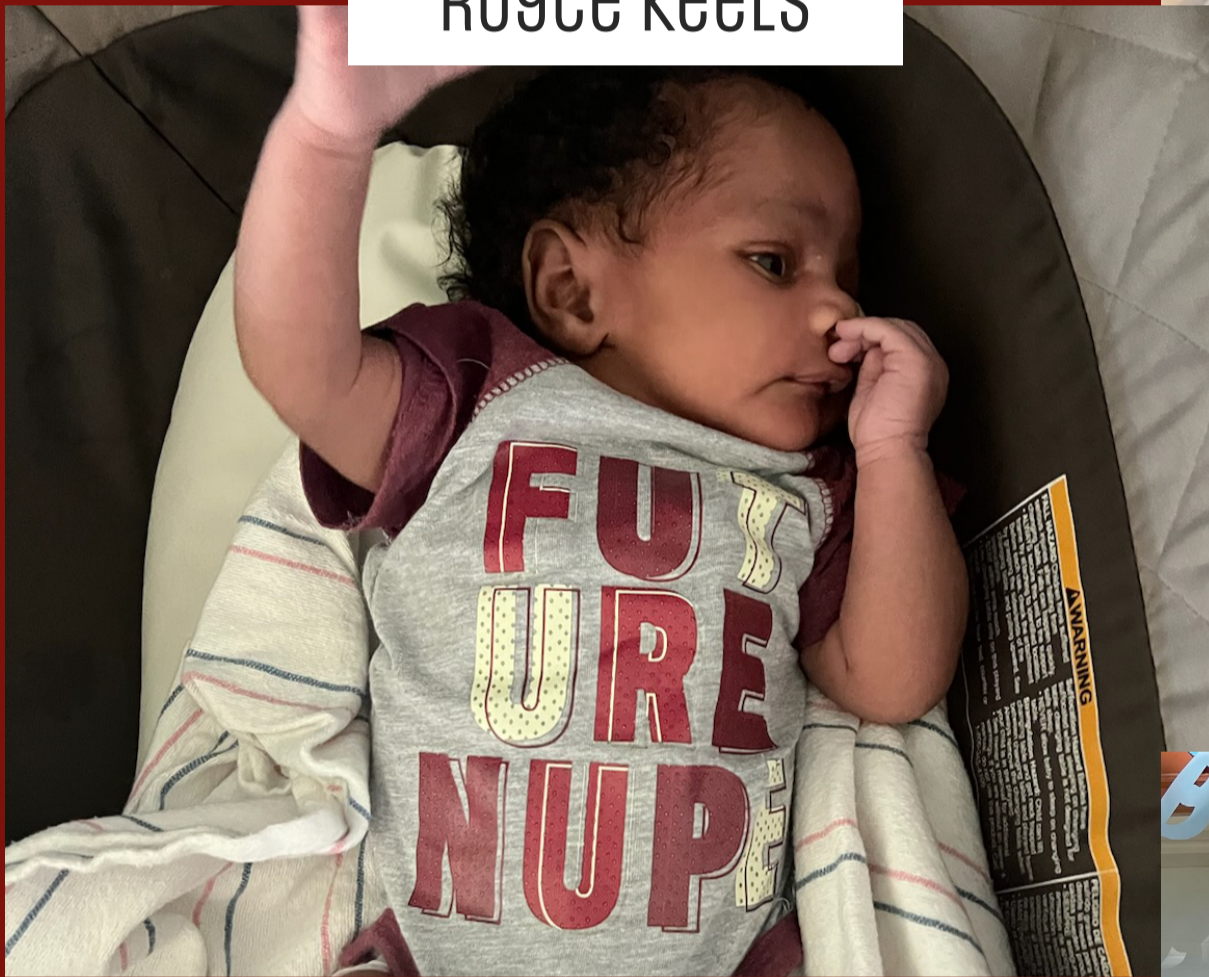
## “THE HUMBLE SIDE OF ACHIEVEMENT IS TO WALK IN AND TAKE THE LOWEST SEAT AT THE TABLE AMONG THOSE WITH HIGHER ACHIEVEMENTS”



# BROTHER SHAQ KEELS' NEW ADDITION

Brother Shaquil Keels and Silhouette Bryahna welcomed Royce Angel Keels on July 4, 2023. Welcome to the world Future Nupe! If brothers wish to contribute to Brother Keels' family, please visit their Amazon Registry.

ROYCE KEELS



## ANOTHER FUTURE NUPE IS LOADING

Brother Michael Combs, II and Silhouette Madinah are also expecting a baby boy in February 2024. Brothers Combs will share registry information for brothers who wish to contribute to the family.



**“CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD; THEY ARE A REWARD FROM HIM.” -PSALMS 127:3**

# SUMMER RECAP



## SENIOR KAPPA BRUNCH

Celebrating our Senior Kappa brothers for Charter Day.



## LADIES NIGHT

Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta joined the Nupes.



# SUNDAY BRUNCH CHARTER DAY





# 86TH KONCLAVE

# Tampa





# James Coleman Community GIVE BACK WEEKEND 2023

Assisting James Coleman at his 4th Annual Drive-By Backpack Giveaway and Food Distribution was a pleasure.



# BIRTHDAYS

**CHAUNCY E. HAYNES - SEPTEMBER 4**  
**DONALD MOORE - SEPTEMBER 7**  
**STEVEN MARSHALL - SEPTEMBER 9**  
**DERRICK POLLOCK - SEPTEMBER 15**  
**QUENTIN COOPER - SEPTEMBER 19**  
**ANDRE SMITH - SEPTEMBER 20**  
**EUGENE MATTHEWS - SEPTEMBER 26**  
**DR. EDWARD SCOTT, II - SEPTEMBER 26**



# KAPPA-VERSARIES

**HERBERT BAILEY - 9/24/1999 (24-YEARS)**  
**OTIS KIRKSEY - 9/24/1999 (24-YEARS)**  
**TALLAHASSEE (FL) ALUMNI**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**THE 2023-2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE DILIGENTLY PLANNING PHILANTHROPIC, SOCIAL, AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

## Fall/Winter 2023

- Autumn Brunch with the Nupes
- Bowling with the Nupes
- Graduation Party (Formerly KosmQ)

## Spring 2024

- Kappa Konnection
- Klassic Kool Brunch
- Kappa Klassic Golf Tournament - May 3

**NOTE: MOST EVENTS ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING. WE WILL UPDATE THE CHAPTER AS DETAILS ARE FINALIZED FOR EACH EVENT.**

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