



“MU STATE MUSE”



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CALL TO STATE CONVENTION

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This is your **official call** to the Mu State Kappa State Convention to be held on April 21-22, 2017. Alpha Delta, Iota, and Sigma chapters invite you to join them in “Capturing the Moment with Kappa” on the campus of Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, MS. Historically recognized for excellence in the preparation of future educators, BMC is an ideal location for the 56th State Convention of Mu State Kappa Kappa Iota. From the rich history of the BMC campus to the strong literary connections throughout the histories of neighboring cities, New Albany and Ripley, the hosting chapters have set the stage for a memory making moment for Mu State Kappas to capture!



Pre-Convention tour (Friday afternoon, April 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.) has been planned to tour the **Tippah County Historical Museum**. Following the tour will be a guided “Spirit Tour” of the Ripley Cemetery where several ancestors of author William Faulkner are buried including his great-grandfather, Col. William C. Faulkner, the inspiration for Faulkner’s character, Colonel John Sartoris. Tour will leave from The Peoples Bank, Operation Center.

Post Convention Tour (Saturday afternoon, following convention)
In keeping with the goal of enriching your experience in the northern hills of our state, a post convention tour has been



planned for Mu State Kappas to tour new developments on the **Blue Mountain College campus**.

MU STATE CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

The April 21st Friday night “Welcome Reception,” will be held in the Community Room of The Peoples Bank of Ripley located at 183 City Avenue North in Ripley. In addition to the Executive Board meeting, the “Welcome Reception” will also include a catered meal and entertainment.

The State Convention Agenda is as follows:

Friday, April 21, 2017:

- 5:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Registration for early bird arrivals (The People Bank Community Room)
- 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Pre-Convention Tour-Tippah County Historical Museum-all who wish to tour the home will need to meet in The Peoples Bank Community Room by 5:20 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. “Welcome Reception”, catered meal, and entertainment
- 8:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. Mu State Executive Committee Meeting (includes Mu State Officers, Past State Presidents, & State Committee Chairs)

Saturday, April 22, 2017:

- 9 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (Ray Dining Hall, BMC campus)
- 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mu State Convention
Lunch **Entertainment by The King Twins**
- 2:00 p.m. or before Post-Convention Tour-BMC



The State Convention Registration form is enclosed (on the back) and is requested to be completed and mailed to Danette Jackson, Registration Chair, along with \$35 (Saturday only) OR \$40 (Friday & Saturday) by Wednesday, April 12th.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE. Checks can be made payable to Iota Chapter.

There are several nice hotels and guest suites in the area to serve overnights. Make your reservations in plenty of time!

In Ripley: Inn on the Square, 113 North Main Street, 662-993-9350
\$85 + tax Website: www.innonthesquare.info

The Reid House, 304 East Pine Street, 662-815-0021
Suite Rental Facebook: The Reid House, Ripley, MS

Econo Lodge, 922 City Avenue South, 662-837-0002
\$79.99 + tax Website: www.choicehotels.com

In New Albany: Hampton Inn, 320 Coulter Avenue, 662-534-7722
\$119 + tax Website: http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com

Holiday Inn Express, 300 Hwy 30 West, 662-534-8870
\$ 95 + tax Website: www.ihg.com

Local Chapter Reminders

- Submit/mail yearly Philanthropic Report to Chair, Patti Davis 507A Davis Road Decatur, MS 39327 or email: pdavis273@yahoo.com by April 22nd Page 28—30 Mu State Yearbook/ Local President Packet
- Submit/mail yearly Membership Report to Chair, Joyce Graddy, 116 Windridge Dr. Ripley, MS 38663-9060 or email: jgraddy@dixie-net.com by April 22nd
- Submit/mail yearly Empathy Report to Chair, Karen Lott P.O. Box 382 Booneville, MS or email: karenlott@gmail.com by April 22 Page 36, Mu State Yearbook/ Local President Packet
- Submit/mail names of deceased members to Chair, Katherine Bumgarner 1304 S Church Brookhaven, MS 39601 or email: bumgarnerl@bellsouth.net by April 12
- Submit/mail signed Mu State Scholarship Applications to Chair, Silvia Thompson 1026363, New Albany, MS 38652 by April 15th (Application available online at www.nationalkappakappaiota.org -Click on the Scholarship tab on the left, then click on the Scholarship Application right below the National Scholarships header.) Also, all National Scholarship applications must be signed by the Local President or Campus Kappa Sponsor, State Scholarship Chair, and State President, so please bring your completed National Scholarship Application to Mu State Convention in Blue Mountain, MS on April 22nd.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION

2017 National Convention—Bus Trip Information

Mu State Kappas are hosting a bus trip to Asheville, NC. If you have never attended a National Convention, this is the time to change that—and without the hassle of driving! This trip to Asheville is a great way to experience a new place, make some new friends, and get closer with acquaintances. In addition to the convention, the Pre-Convention Tour on is to The Biltmore House and Gardens. What an adventure!

The cost per person for the bus trip decreases as the number of participants increases, so send in your intent form and \$100 deposit today!! Also invited to join us for the drive are the Theta Kappas of Alabama . Grab a potential Kappa, friend or family member and make plans with us for June 18-23. When it comes to Kappa fellowship, the more the merrier!

The cost per person is as follows:	25 people	\$195.00
	30 people	\$165.00
	35 people	\$140.00



SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING

On February 20, 2016, approximately fifteen Mu State Kappa sisters, representing your Mu State Officers, Past State Presidents, Standing Committee Chairs, and Local Chapter Presidents met in Tupelo, MS, at Harvey’s. Plans were discussed for the upcoming State Convention, and we heard many reports of great things happening in our chapters across the state. Many chapters volunteered to sponsor students at Blue Mountain College in an effort to support and encourage our Campus Kappas. Forms and self-addressed envelopes were given to each chapter to file reports to committee chairs no later than April 22nd.

Please continue to email Karen Lott, Mu State Empathy Chair at karenklott@gmail.com of Empathy News to share. Local Chapter Presidents, please be reminded to collect chances/payment during your meetings for our State Special Project, and turn in at State Convention to Bonnie Dalton for the drawing to occur at the State Convention.

The Nominating Committee (Mitzy Johnson-Mills-Chair, Jerrie Jackson, and Moise Jones) proposed the following candidates for the 2017-2018 Mu State Officers:

- President: Patti Davis (Upsilon)
- President-Elect: Joyce Graddy (Alpha Delta)
- First Vice President: Andrea Barrett (Gamma)
- Second Vice President: Janalee Leak (Iota)
- Recording Secretary: Daphne Gordon (Beta)
- Treasurer: Jan Eastman (Sigma)
- Parliamentarian: Sandra Amis, appointed by incoming President
- Immediate Past President: Katie Draper (Eta)

As the Mu State Bylaws state in Article VII-Elections, Section 1-Nomination, Mu State President in a newsletter is to announced the proposed candidates to local chapter presidents by March 20 so members will be informed prior to State Convention. Nominations may be made from the floor of the State Convention, provided consent of the nominee is provided. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work and to the proposed candidates agreeing to be brought forth to the body at State Convention to serve in a state leadership role.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS
(State Convention)
Blue Mountain College
Blue Mountain, MS**

From Corinth:

- Take US 72 West
- Take MS 2 to Ripley
- Turn left at the intersection of MS 4 and MS 15
- Follow MS 15 to enter Blue Mountain approximately 5 miles South of Ripley
- College Entrance in on the right
- Ray Dining Hall is at the top of the hill on the right

From Booneville:

- Take MS 4 to Ripley
- Turn left at the intersection of MS 4 and MS 15
- Follow MS 15 to enter Blue Mountain 5 miles South of Ripley
- College Entrance in on the right
- Ray Dining Hall is at the top of the hill on the right

From Tupelo:

- If coming in on I-22 West/US 72 W, take exit 64 to MS 15 North
- Continue North on MS 15 to enter Blue Mountain 16 miles North of New Albany
- College Entrance in on the right
- Ray Dining Hall is at the top of the hill on the right

From Jackson (via I-55):

- Drive North on I-55 N to Batesville.
- Take Exit 243A toward Oxford
- From MS-6 E, take the MS-7 exit for Water Valley/Holly Springs
- Exit MS-7 to MS-30 E toward New Albany
- Continue to New Albany
- Take the I-22/US-78
- Take exit 64 for MS-15/MS-30 E toward Pontotoc/Ripley
- Turn left onto MS-15/MS-30 E
- Continue North on MS 15 to enter Blue Mountain 16 miles North of New Albany
- College Entrance in on the right
- Ray Dining Hall is at the top of the hill on the right

Directions to The Peoples Bank, Operations Center (183 City Avenue North, Ripley)

- At the intersection of MS 15 and MS 4 in Ripley, go north
- Drive approximately 425 feet
- Operations Center is on the left

State Convention 2017 Registration Form

(Please Print)

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Local Chapter _____

Check All That Apply:

Mu State Executive Committee _____

Past State President _____

Year Served _____

Mu State Standing Committee Chair _____

Local Chapter President _____

Local Chapter Member _____

First Time Member Attendee _____

Guest or Prospective New Member _____

Please check all the events below that you plan to participate:

_____ Pre-Convention Tippah County Historical Museum and Spirit Tour (FREE)

_____ Friday night “Welcome Reception”

_____ Saturday State Convention (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

_____ Post-Convention Blue Mountain College Tour (FREE)

This is to assist the local planning committee on meal planning and seating arrangements along with providing a headcount on the Pre and Post Convention Tours.

Saturday Only Registration \$35

OR

Friday and Saturday Registration \$40

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

Make checks payable to Iota. Send check and form to:

Danette Jackson, 1040 CR 225, Walnut, MS 386831

Questions? Contact Marcy McMillin Bryant via e-mail at marcy@dixie-net.com.com
or Danette Jackson at danettejackson@hotmail.com.

(If local chapter presidents are going to mail all registration forms in one mailing with checks, please join registrations/payments together)

Join Us on the campus of Blue Mountain College to Capture the Moment With Kappa!