

# MU STATE MUSE

MU STATE NEWSLETTER

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Mu State Executive Committee  
2018-2019

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## Call to Fall Workshop



This is your **official call** to Mu State Kappa Fall Workshop to be held on **August 24-August 25, 2018** in Ripley, MS at **The Red Barn** (7721 Co Rd 701). The Alpha Delta Chapter is so excited to host the workshop at this fantastic, local venue. Its rustic charm is the perfect backdrop for our Fall Workshop as we begin to reach into to our communities and “Light the Way with Kappa” in 2018-19.

On Friday, August 24, the Executive Committee Meeting for the Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, and Mu State Past State Presidents will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Meet and Greet at The Red Barn followed at 7 p.m. with a BBQ meal with all the fixings. The Executive Board will meet immediately after the dinner.

On Saturday, August 25, the Fall Workshop for all Mu State Kappa members and Campus Kappas will begin with Registration, along with breakfast items and beverages at 9:30 a.m. The Fall Workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will include committee updates, a keynote speaker, and chapter pictures.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Daniel (Dan) Gadke, director and founder of the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic on the campus of Mississippi State University. Currently serving as Interim Head of the School Psychology Department at MSU, Dr. Gadke is a licensed psychologist who has worked with children and families with autism and other pediatric developmental disabilities for over a decade. Today, more and more families are being affected by autism and the services of the ADDC benefit many of those Mississippi families. Building on this year’s state theme of lighting the way for others, our State Philanthropic project will encourage Kappas to ‘Light It Up Blue’ for Autism Awareness and donate to a local Autism Center.

## Available Lodging near Ripley

Inn on the Square	113 North Main Street, Ripley, MS 38663 (662)993-9350
Econo Lodge Inn and Suites	922 City Avenue South, Ripley, MS 38663 (601) 837-0002
The Hampton Inn	320 Coulter Avenue, New Albany, MS (662)534-7722
Holiday Inn Express	300 Hwy. 30 West, New Albany, MS (662)534-8870

## National Convention Highlights

The 69<sup>th</sup> National Kappa Kappa Iota Convention was held from June 24 – July 1, 2018 aboard the Norwegian Cruise ship, The Getaway, leaving from the Port of Miami, Florida. The Mississippi delegation arrived on Saturday and stayed their first night at the Holiday Inn – Miami International Airport in Miami Springs, FL.

Mississippi was represented well by eighteen Mu State Kappa members and guests. The check-in for the hotel and the Convention Registration went smoothly for all involved. Kappas were greeted with a smile and a bag full of “happies” from the Florida hostesses. The Florida Kappas even had a special gift of a stuffed manatee with two children’s books for the littlest Kappa guest, 14 month old Harmyn Grace Graddy.

Incoming State President, Joyce Graddy, represented Mississippi in the flag ceremony which was conducted in the Spice H<sub>2</sub>O Lounge overlooking the ocean at the rear of the ship. The Getaway pulled away from Miami while the First General Session was conducted and, by the time we adjoined for the evening, land was nowhere in sight. The Keynote Speaker was Rick Miller, the founder of the Kids at Hope organization. He challenged his audience to look beyond ‘kids at risk’ and see ‘kids at hope’ by instituting change in their environment so they can achieve success. He was an excellent speaker to kick off the convention.

During the course of the cruise, Kappa members were able to attend three General Sessions and a beautifully conducted Memorial Service. All sessions were planned well and scheduled around shore excursions so that Kappas could enjoy their time in port.



Mu State members present for the Second General Session in the Tropicana Room were: (l-r) Kim Hardy, Moise Jones, Mitzy Johnson-Mills, and Joyce Graddy. Not pictured is Maudeen Sanders.

### National Executive Committee 2018-2019

- President:  
Jennifer Otradovec  
(Missouri)
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(Kansas)

### National Theme:

*Kappas Making Memories and Friendships*

### Mu State Theme:

*Light the Way with Kappa!*



## National Convention Highlights (Continued)

During the Third General session awards, our own Kappa sister, Mrs. Moise Jones (Gamma), was recognized nationally with the Incentive Award for her diligence in increasing Kappa Kappa Iota membership in Mu State. In the 2018-19 year, Mu State plans to grow its membership as we “Light the Way with Kappa” through mentorship. Mrs. Moise has helped to set an example for all of us as we move into the coming year.



The convention concluded with the installation of the 2018-2019 National Officers and State Presidents. A former Kappa Kid, Jennifer Otradovec was installed as the National President. The final event of the convention was a delicious closing night dinner which included our families and traveling companions.



Incoming President Jennifer Otradovec presented each State President with a hand-made quilt square and a small ‘treasure chest’. Each quilt square was individualized and sown in the pattern of the state president’s respective state. The ‘treasure chests’ were designed and created by the incoming National President and her parents. The chests were filled with tiny items such as violets, a red apple for the teacher, a school bell, as well as teddy bears and books reminding Kappas of our Books and Bears program. State Presidents or their representatives carried the quilt squares and their “treasure chests” during the installation ceremony. Joyce Graddy was installed as the Mu State/Mississippi State President.



**Fall Workshop 2018 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 President-Elect \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> VP \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> VP \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter 3<sup>rd</sup> VP \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter Imm. Past Pres/Empathy \_\_\_\_\_

Other Local Chapter Officer (list title) \_\_\_\_\_

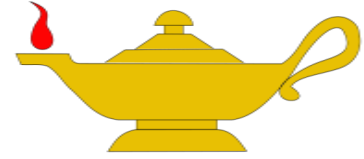
Local Chapter Member \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check appropriate response to assist with meal planning of Friday night's Executive Committee Meeting.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend. \_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not plan to attend.

**TOTAL \$30 REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Light the Way**



**with Kappa!**

**Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by Tuesday, August 21, 2018.**

Make checks payable to **Alpha Delta**. Mail check and completed form to:

Kristy McBryde

10130 Rd. 505

Ripley, MS 39365

If you are unable to mail by the deadline, **contact Joyce Graddy** via email at [jgraddy@dixie-net.com](mailto:jgraddy@dixie-net.com) or call/text 662-837-5608 to confirm your attendance. Registration may be paid at the door.

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