

AKA chapter gives scholarships

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The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. recently presented three lovely and studious young ladies scholarships at the Ivy Arms.

Nicole Bruce, Danielle Hairston and Marquetta Smith received the "AKA stimulus package" of \$1,000 each toward their college education.

Bruce is the daughter of Kevin and Tilda Bruce. She is a graduate of Mount Tabor High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Hairston is the daughter of Terri Scales Smith. She graduated from Simon G. Atkins High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke this fall.

Smith is the daughter of Daryl and Mary Smith. She graduated from Mount Tabor High School and plans to attend North Carolina State University.

Monica Johnson, the chairperson of the scholarship committee, and Trudy Smart, the co-chair, planned the program. Phi Omega Chapter's President Malinda Jowers welcomed everyone. The invocation was given, and then Monica Johnson gave the purpose for the occasion and introduced her committee.



Sorority members and guests recently gathered at Ivy Arms for the event.

The introduction of the 2009 recipients was done by Natafie Harding. Motivational moments were shared by the speakers Ladessa Cunningham-Pearson and Barbara Puryear.

A box was presented to each recipient with a picture and printout that reminded them of the theme of Michael Jackson's song "Man in the Mirror."

Mertice Williams, Larue Cunningham, Irma



Richardson and other sorority sisters served the guests. Mary Jenkins served as the reporter and Mr. Bailey was the photographer. Barbara

McKinzie is the International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.



This year's Summer High School Transportation Institute participants.

A&T welcomes students to annual Transportation Institute

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Twenty high school students are participating in North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Seventeenth Annual Summer High School Transportation Institute. The summer study and career awareness program in transportation started June 24 and ends Aug. 3.

The students were selected to participate in the Institute based on their academic performance and interest in transportation.

Students participating are Morgan M. Booker, Cyera N. Clegg, Tia S. Diggs-Ingram, Ene P. Ekoja, Mariam Folarin, Wesley T. Freeman, Teleza M.

Genwright, Janae B. Jackson, Denzel H. Jones, Jalen T. Lawson, Joseph R. Level III, Shante M. McNeill, Ashley H. Moore, Jalisa L. Oshunsanya, Raveen S. Reese, Keith D. Robinson, Jessica M. Rober, Katryse R. Smith, Charlene N. Wamban and Imari I. Watkins.

Participants in the 2009 Summer High School Transportation Institute are being introduced to theoretical and practical aspects of all forms of transportation and learning about the career possibilities in the transportation industry. Additionally, they are exposed to transportation related disciplines such as

engineering, economics, marketing, computer science and public policy.

The participants will receive a weekly stipend and a college-level University Studies course critical-thinking and writing, tuition free. Credit from this course can be "banked" toward future enrollment at N.C. A&T. Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded certificates.

The Institute is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (through a grant with South Carolina State University), the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Southeastern Transportation Center, The Dow Chemical

Company, Kimberly Clark, Wal-Mart, Southeastern Freight Lines, Caterpillar, and the Transportation Institute of A&T's School of Business and Economics.

Lesson

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central focus for today's lesson - Jubilee.

Lesson: When God created the heavens and the earth and all that's within, He rested on the seventh day. Not only did He rest, He blessed that day, making it holy (Genesis 2:2-3). There are many Scripture references to the significance of that day. In keeping with that practice, once they control Canaan, they are to expand that idea of resting and implement a new type of economic system. They are instructed to rest the land every seventh year. There is to be no planting. They will live solely on what on what the Lord provides. The year after the "seventh sabbaths of years" will be celebrated as the Jubilee Year. That fiftieth year is set apart as holy unto the Lord. Jubilee comes from the Hebrew meaning "ram." The translation is "the year of the blowing of the ram's horn" (Catholic Encyclopedia). It

is also referred to as the year of release. This part of the Law (much more than Ten Commandments) has three features. First, the land will lay fallow. It will rest, even though it rested during the forty-ninth year. Life is to be simple as they eat whatever grows spontaneously. Even the landlords can't store up food on their land. Everyone has access to food. Secondly, land lost due to poverty will be returned to its owner or the next of kin. This will definitely set them a part! The third feature of Jubilee is the release of slaves. If, for whatever reason, an Israelite sold themselves into slavery, freedom comes during the Year of Jubilee. Oh freedom, how sweet it is. "The design of Jubilee is that those people of God who, through poverty or other circumstances, had forfeited their personal liberty or property to their fellow brethren, should have their debt forgiven by their co-religionists every 50 years" (Catholic Encyclopedia). Are you being a good steward of what's been given to you?

Does this practice alone make them different? There is no evidence that this was carried out.

Application: The Year of Jubilee represents dependence on God, the end of exploitation, and forgiveness. We need to be reminded that during this period of "slow down," God is the ultimate provider. Hold on and keep the faith. We are learning that "less is more." Look at His track record and be encouraged! The practice of giving back the land prevents the few from dominating the many. That sounds a little strange in our society, Christians, if we are to be different, how then can we take advantage of someone? Forgiveness affords us a new opportunity to begin anew. Freedom from the slavery of sin is a gift. Notice that nothing is said about earning or deserving it! When God extends forgiveness to us, how can we justify holding back on each other? Let's do a better job of representing His mercy and justice as we walk humbly with Him. Amen!

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