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ALPHA PHI ALPHA HONORS GOLDEN LEGENDS AND TRAILBLAZERS IN THE COMMUNITY

(RICHARDSON, TX) On September 13, 2014, the Rho Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, hosted the Kenn Manous Scholarship Gala at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson, Texas. Themed “A Royal Egyptian Affair: Honoring the Golden Legends in the Community,” this event paid tribute to “golden legends” **Tony Grimes**, president, NAACP, Irving-Carrollton chapter, and **Tracy Eubanks**, CEO, Metrocrest Social Services. **Kym Strong**, author and owner of Strong Consultants, and **Reverend Oscar Benavides**, executive director, Leveraging and Improving Neighborhood Connections (LINC) of North Texas, were also honored as “golden trailblazers” in the community.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on the principles of manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind. Chartered in 2002, the Rho Nu Lambda Chapter adopted the standard of servant leadership to address the needs of the community. In selecting recipients of the Golden Legends and Golden Trailblazers awards, the chapter felt it was imperative to find community leaders who not only understood the servant-leadership principle but also epitomized it through their work.

“I am honored to be a recipient of the Golden Legends award,” said Eubanks. “Being recognized by an organization that is truly committed to serving the needs of the community is sincerely humbling. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Rho Nu Lambda Chapter are committed to helping their neighbors in their time of need.”

This sentiment was also shared by fellow Golden Legends Awardee Tony Grimes.

“It is certainly an honor to be recognized by such a noble organization as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,” said Grimes. “The Golden Legend award is one that I will cherish forever.”

The event culminated with the presentation of the Alpha Honors Scholarship to **Mark Adams, Jr.**, a Dallas-area high senior with a 3.29 grade point average. Adams was the winner of the Alpha Honors Scholarship Contest.

“This scholarship will go to good use,” said Adams after receiving the scholarship check. Adams plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

In 2002, Rho Nu Lambda established the Alpha Scholars Education Foundation, a free-standing, 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization to support the program goals of the fraternity—particularly through providing college scholarships for deserving young men. Through Alpha Scholars, male high school students are recognized for their hard work and dedication. Chapter brothers serve as mentors to these future leaders and help to guide them on their journeys from high school to college and beyond. The scholarships offered through this program help young men realize their academic potential as they prepare to become tomorrow’s leaders.

About Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

Founded December 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, develops leaders, and promotes brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy for our communities. It continuously supplies voice and vision to the struggle of the downtrodden. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, aims to encourage the highest and noblest form of manhood and to aid the oppressed in its effort to achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status. The fraternity serves the community through more than 600 chapters (college and alumni) in the United States, Europe and the Caribbean. Visit <http://www.alpha-phi-alpha.com> for more information.

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