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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
SIGMA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*– Volunteer Professional Service Organization Proudly Serving the San Fernando,
Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys since 1990 –*

– Commemorative 25th Silver Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, April 18 –

VAN NUYS, CALIF. – The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter (SLO) will celebrate its 25th anniversary this month, April 2015. It will host a special 25th Silver Anniversary Luncheon at The Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills on Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. to commemorate this noteworthy milestone.

“We are excited to have successfully thrived for this long, providing much-needed community outreach, programs and service to a diverse constituency,” said Beverly Murray, president of SLO. “Since our inception, we have been — and we will continue to be — wholeheartedly committed to performing acts of service that will make long-lasting, positive impacts in the lives of as many people as possible. We are fortunate to have existed for more than two decades, and we look forward to serving our communities for many more decades to come.”

Since April 1990, SLO has launched and sustained community service efforts for the San Fernando, Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys. The chapter has worked in a variety of different areas, including youth, health, education and financial empowerment.

SLO launched an endowed scholarship that has now provided more than \$90,000 in funds to 48 students. The chapter works in conjunction with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Fund that raises monies to award scholarships, fellowships and grants, with a portion of every donation received for SLO going towards its endowed scholarship.

Other program highlights throughout the decades include hosting a community health fair, conducting numerous voter registration drives and hosting an annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Breakfast. The chapter has also collaborated with scores of local and national

nonprofits and organizations, including: the Studio City Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

At its 25th Silver Anniversary Luncheon, SLO will honor other individuals and organizations within the local San Fernando Valley communities that have also made notable civic contributions. Honorees will include civil rights activist Jose DeSosa, Reseda Blvd. Church of Christ minister Dr. Dwayne Winrow and the Boys and Girls Club of San Fernando Valley. There will also be live musical entertainment.

Tickets to the luncheon cost \$65 per person and can be purchased directly through the [SLO website](#).

SLO was chartered on April 7, 1990 by 17 women. It currently comprises approximately 34 members, who have diverse professional backgrounds, ranging from senior level executives to graduate college students, in diverse fields such as entertainment, education, retail, the arts and health.

SLO is part of the larger Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the first and oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American, college-educated women. The sorority currently has 265,000 members and 986 chapters. Currently, SLO is focused on executing service initiatives related to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s 2014 – 2018 International Program, **Launching New Dimensions of Service**SM. Along with other Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. chapters worldwide, SLO will create beneficial events and projects within the International Program's five target areas for the next four years: Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership and Global Impact.

To learn more about SLO, purchase a ticket to the 25th Silver Anniversary Luncheon, support chapter programs or to make a donation, please visit www.aka-slo.com.

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About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of more than 283,000 members in 987 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, and South Africa. Led by International President Dorothy

Buckhanan Wilson, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as "America's premier Greek-letter organization for African American women." For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, log onto www.aka1908.com.

About the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter

Chartered on April 7, 1990, the Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc., is a volunteer professional service organization comprised of women of African descent who use the special skills and expertise developed in their working life to design and implement a program of service that addresses a broad spectrum of issues and concerns within five program areas. For more information, please visit www.aka-slo.com.

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