

ALPHA ACADEMY

PROGRAM GUIDE

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President's Welcome



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The Brothers of the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated are excited to invite you to submit your application for the Alpha Academy, which is a mentoring and leadership development program dedicated to empowering the next generation of leaders

Alpha Academy is designed to provide young men with meaningful guidance, personal growth opportunities, and leadership training that will prepare them for success both inside and outside the classroom. Participants will engage in interactive workshops, mentoring relationships, college and career readiness sessions, and community service experiences while developing the confidence, discipline, and vision needed to thrive as leaders in their schools and communities.

Our chapter and Alpha Academy Committee are fully committed to ensuring every participant has an impactful and inspiring experience. With Alpha Phi Alpha's rich legacy of leadership and service, we are proud to extend our knowledge, network, and resources to help students achieve their full potential.

We invite you to consider this opportunity to be a part of something greater will challenge, encourage, and empower students to rise to their highest calling.

With enthusiasm and commitment,

Arthur E. Doctor, Jr., Ed.D
President



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Director's Welcome



Greetings

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in Alpha Academy, the premier youth leadership and mentorship program of the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Alpha Academy develops young men of character, scholarship, leadership, and service through mentorship and experiences that prepare them for college, careers, and life. Throughout the year, students participate in monthly leadership sessions, college and career exploration, community service, financial literacy, public speaking, cultural enrichment, and brotherhood-building activities. Each grade level follows a curriculum designed to support their growth and prepare them for future success.

Eligible seniors have the opportunity to culminate their Alpha Academy experience by participating in the Beautillion, a formal celebration recognizing their academic achievement, leadership, service, and personal growth.

We are excited that you are considering joining the Alpha Academy family. We encourage you to complete the application thoughtfully and look forward to learning more about you.

Onward and Upward,

Austin G. Myers, Ed.S
Director of Educational Activities



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History and Objective



In alignment with the fraternity's national program Go to High School, Go to College the Alpha Academy provides young men with opportunities that strengthen their academic readiness, leadership and civic engagement. The program connects students with mentors and peers who share similar goals, creating a supportive network that encourages excellence and accountability. Through civic and cultural activities, participants gain experiences that extend well beyond the traditional high school curriculum, preparing them for the transition to college and adulthood.



Founded in 2004 as Building Men for the Future the Alpha Academy was established to recognize and celebrate the achievements of young minority males across the Midlands. At the same time, the program provides tools that build character and confidence, equipping participants with the skills needed to thrive in higher education and professional careers. Over the past two decades, dozens of young men have advanced through the Academy and continued on to colleges and universities throughout the country. Many have become doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators and leaders in their chosen fields, representing the program's long- standing impact.



Alpha Academy participants, known as Beaux, engage in monthly interactive sessions focused on five key areas: Leadership and Mentoring, Professional and Academic Enrichment, Personal Growth, Cultural Awareness and Community Service.

Leadership and Mentoring



Participants in the Alpha Academy, known as Beaux, are introduced to leadership styles and techniques that prepare them to become effective leaders. Mentors bring a range of professional expertise to help guide Beaux as they work toward academic success and future careers.

Professional and Academic Enrichment

Beaux attend monthly sessions that focus on college preparation, career planning, resume writing, leadership development, public speaking, dinner and business etiquette and personal finance. These sessions are designed to provide both practical and professional skills needed for success beyond high school.

Public speaking is further developed through participation in the Alfred F. Young Oratorical Contest. Beaux are given three months to prepare a speech with guidance from their mentor. The contest winner earns a college scholarship and presents his speech during the Alpha Beautillion in June.



Personal Growth

In addition to participation in professional and academic enrichment, Alpha Academy engages Beaux in personal growth activities. Beaux are required to attend Project Alpha Youth events, which provides young men with the opportunity to interact with representatives from local community organizations. Workshop sessions include topics on bullying, peer pressure, violence, responsibilities of manhood, and teen pregnancy prevention.



Cultural Awareness and Community Service

Alpha Academy Beaux take part in programs and events that promote cultural awareness and appreciation of African American heritage. In past years, participants have attended the City of Columbia MLK Celebration, college tours, the International African American Museum, the Harambee Festival, the Columbia Museum of Art, the USC McKissick Museum and other cultural programs.

Community service is a core part of the Academy's mission to develop productive citizens. Beaux are required to complete service projects that provide meaningful opportunities to give back while working alongside mentors outside the classroom. Projects have included Families Helping Families, March for Babies, and the MLK 5K Race.



The Alpha Beautillion

The Alpha Beautillion serves as the culminating event of the program, showcasing the achievements of its participants. After months of workshops designed to strengthen them academically, socially, and personally, participants are formally introduced to society. A highlight of the evening occurs when the Brothers of Alpha encircle the young men, present the Mantle of Manhood, and anoint them with the Alpha Hymn. Each participant who successfully completes the program receives a college scholarship. Over the past 20 years, the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter has awarded more than \$130,000 in scholarships, demonstrating its longstanding commitment to investing in the educational success and future leadership of young men.



Attendance Policy



Students are expected to attend all scheduled Alpha Academy sessions and required program activities. Attendance will be recorded at each meeting.

Parents/guardians must notify the Director of any planned absence at least 48 hours in advance. Absences reported fewer than 48 hours before a session will be considered unexcused, unless due to an unforeseen emergency.

Excused absences include illness, medical appointments, family emergencies, death in the immediate family, school-sponsored activities, religious observances, or other circumstances approved by the Director.

Students who accumulate two (2) unexcused absences may forfeit eligibility for Alpha Academy scholarship awards. Students with perfect attendance may be eligible for additional scholarship consideration and special recognition.

Application Requirement



Applicants must complete and submit the online application by **October 7, 2026, at 11:59 PM.** One recommendation from a teacher, school staff member, mento, coach, employer, pastor, or community leader is required. Family members and friends are not eligible to serve as references. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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