



Gamma Epsilon Alums Endow \$120,000 Gift for Tuskegee University Students

For Immediate Release [Tuskegee, Alabama, October 1, 2020] — Gamma Epsilon Alumni Association (GEAA) has mobilized its 700-member organization to generously endow \$120,000 in one year, of its \$1 million, ten-year campaign goal, to support undergraduate scholarships at Tuskegee University. The Association expects to award its first scholarships in 2023 on the 75th Anniversary of the Chartering of The Tuskegee University Chapter, the Gamma Epsilon of Kappa Alpha Psi, fondly known as The Lighthouse Chapter.

By providing these scholarships to deserving young men, GEAA will set a monumental example for other fraternal organizations and HBCU graduates to follow.

“Everyone knows about Booker T. Washington, but they don’t really know about Tuskegee. Students built Tuskegee. They made the bricks with their own hands. If they were able to do that, then it’s up to us to keep it going” said GEAA Vice President and Endowment Chair, Sam Sealey.

Moreover, these scholarships awards from the GEAA Endowment will make it possible for more young men from the National Kappa League Program of Kappa Alpha Psi to pursue their studies at Tuskegee, and raise awareness about the Fraternity’s and the University’s track record of excellence and achievement.

“We have doctors, educators, entrepreneurs, business leaders, engineers and sales executives,” shared GEAA Historian Billy Abrams. “The Lighthouse Chapter is a beacon of light for young men around the world. Because of our motto, we care about each student’s success and encourage them to become substantial members of society and achieve in every field of human endeavor. As we give those scholarships, that is our message - we are counting on you to be in place and do the best thing for the next person after you....It is expected of you as long as you live.”

In addition to financial support, the GEAA provides leadership development and networking opportunities. “We have 700 members across the globe of every age and in every field. Our association also creates a transition from life as an undergraduate to life as an alum. Working together across generations gives the association more time to nurture our students and help them find their path in life. For some, it may take until their early 30s to find it but we have a lot of touchpoints and can provide networking and advice when needed,” said Foundation President, Rigo Garcia.

Tuskegee President, Lily D. McNair, Ph.D., praised Gamma Epsilon’s efforts noting their “vital impact” on student success. She has placed a special emphasis on endowments during her presidency due to the rising cost of college tuition and expenses. In a note of gratitude to Henry Davis, who also serves on the University’s Board of Trustees, she wrote, “Having financial support allows our students to focus on their academics and leadership experiences. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and support of our future leaders.”

“Money provides a voice and a vision,” shared Henry Davis, “You have to give back to your institution. It is imperative that we lead and support future generations.”

The Gamma Epsilon Alumni Association, Inc. (GEAA), is a non-profit, 501 (c)3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to the advancement and support of the organizational ideals and programs of the Tuskegee University Chapter, Gamma Epsilon of Kappa Alpha Psi and Tuskegee University. Gamma Epsilon is also known as *The Lighthouse Chapter* and seeks to serve as a beacon of light to young men across the world.

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