

Contact: Starr Garrett, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Zeta Chi Omega Chapter  
Cell: 703-609-3438  
**Email: starrgarrett@aol.com**

### **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MEMBER CELEBRATES 75 YEARS IN BELOVED SISTERHOOD**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- January 2, 2011 -- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Zeta Chi Omega Chapter is thrilled and honored to recognize Diamond Member Ophelia Pinkard on January 8, 2011 at The Renaissance Garden at Riderwood, 3160 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, Md. from 3p.m. - 4:30p.m. She is being recognized for 75 years as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

Pinkard was initiated into the sorority in 1935 at Talladega College in Talladega, Ala. where she received her bachelor of arts degree in romance languages. Later, she received her master of arts degree from Howard University and studied at The Catholic University of America and Columbia University.

Currently a member of Zeta Chi Omega Chapter in Arlington/Alexandria, Va., she has been actively involved in projects that help the community. Pinkard has also served in a number of leadership roles in Zeta Chi Omega – including chapter President and a Charter Member of Zeta Chi Omega Chapter.

In 2011, she will also be recognized for her 75 years of service at events that will be held locally and nationally by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

Pinkard was born in Chicago and attended school in Baltimore and Kittrell, NC as a child.

She is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ in Washington and served as the first archivist for the church. Pinkard is married to John H. Pinkard, Jr., a retired physicist.

About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-American college-educated women. It is comprised of 260,000 members in 958 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Germany, Japan, South Korea and on the continent of Africa.

###