

# Graduate Scholars Inducted into National Honor Society



The inaugural members of the Kean University Alpha Pi chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, a national honor society devoted exclusively to recognizing graduate students

Sixty-eight students from the Nathan Weiss Graduate College were inducted into the Kean University Alpha Pi chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda (AEL), at the organization's inaugural induction ceremony on March 30. AEL is a national honor society devoted exclusively to recognizing graduate students. Each student was recommended for membership based on meeting the following minimal requirements set forth by AEL: completion of at least 12 credit hours as a degree-seeking student in a graduate program, a grade-point average placing the student in the top 35 percent of campus graduate students, and a record of leadership and service to graduate students or graduate student organizations.

Those who attended the event in Kean Hall were welcomed by chapter founder and president Trevor Ramkissoon, who also detailed the history of AEL. "I am truly proud of the chapter's accomplishments thus far, and I congratulate the new inductees for their commitment to academia and leadership," said graduate student Ramkissoon.

Fittingly, Valerie Winslow, director for the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, was the evening's guest speaker. She spoke to the new inductees about her or his "official call to leadership"

as a member of the prestigious organization and the importance of having an attitude of a leader. "Remember, the call to leadership is not easy. It requires you to live responsibly, work diligently, think realistically, plan ahead and make the days count instead of counting the days," she said. "I challenge you to accept your call."

The national organization was founded in 1990 with the specific objective of recognizing the academic and leadership accomplishments of graduate and professional school students. Chapter growth has continued and currently includes 39 chapters installed in graduate or professional schools throughout the country which, like Kean, support its mission. That is, to confer distinction for high achievement, promote leadership development, promote scholarship and encourage intellectual development, enrich the intellectual environment of graduate education institutions, and encourage high standards of ethical behavior.

The Alpha Pi chapter is funded by a gracious donation from the Graduate Student Government Association of Kean University, Inc. For more information on Alpha Epsilon Lambda, visit <http://www.gradschools.org/>.

## 2007 Alpha Pi Inductees:

Syed Z. Abidi  
 Janelle C. Alexander, *founding chapter vice president*  
 Monica Alexandre  
 Melissa L. Banks-Shillingford  
 Katharyn E. Barnicle  
 Diana S. Bjorge  
 Carey H. Brown, *founding chapter secretary-treasurer*  
 Christine Casale  
 Natalie M. Chimento  
 Alison M. Clark  
 Jessica M. Cline  
 Brian C. Coniglio  
 Patricia M. Curreri  
 Meghan M. Curti  
 Lauren E. Davidson  
 Dana M. DeLair

Lidia A. D'Armiento  
 Thomas M. D'Elia  
 Geraldine Fallon  
 Edna Fameux  
 Alva J. Fogle  
 Yonette M. Fredericks  
 Marilyn S. Giordano  
 Zachary M. Goldstein  
 Milagros "Millie" Gonzalez  
 Coretta Grant, *founding member*  
 Louisa Grossi  
 W. Gerard Harris  
 Grant D. Harvey  
 Erica M. Holan  
 Jeffrey J. Jaegel  
 Sharonda S. Johnson  
 Melissa E. Kranz  
 Thomas C. Liss

Tara L. Makowka  
 Shawn W. McCabe  
 Ann C. McGovern  
 Sentheia L. McLeod  
 Aneil Mohammed, *founding member*  
 Consolata N. Mutua  
 Lewis Novod  
 Michelle Pastuzyn  
 Purvi A. Patel  
 Clara E. Plata-Stillwagon.  
 Susan L. Poage  
 Natalie Ponsoda  
 Trevor Ramkissoon, *chapter founder and president*  
 Susan Richardson-Murray  
 Allison J. Roedell  
 Sharmila Sachdev

Kimberlee J. Safranek  
 Christine L. Saliceti  
 Stephanie Scasso  
 Patricia Sciscione  
 Allison Tait  
 Bonifacio S. Tanchingco  
 Rosemary Tapia  
 Teresa M. Tenreiro  
 Vicki L. Texidor  
 Jennifer L. Thorne  
 Mark J. Toone  
 Lanolin C. Trower  
 Linda H. Volker  
 Kristy A. Weaver  
 Sheila M. Wegryn  
 Victoria M. White  
 Michael A. Wilson  
 Melissa L. Young