

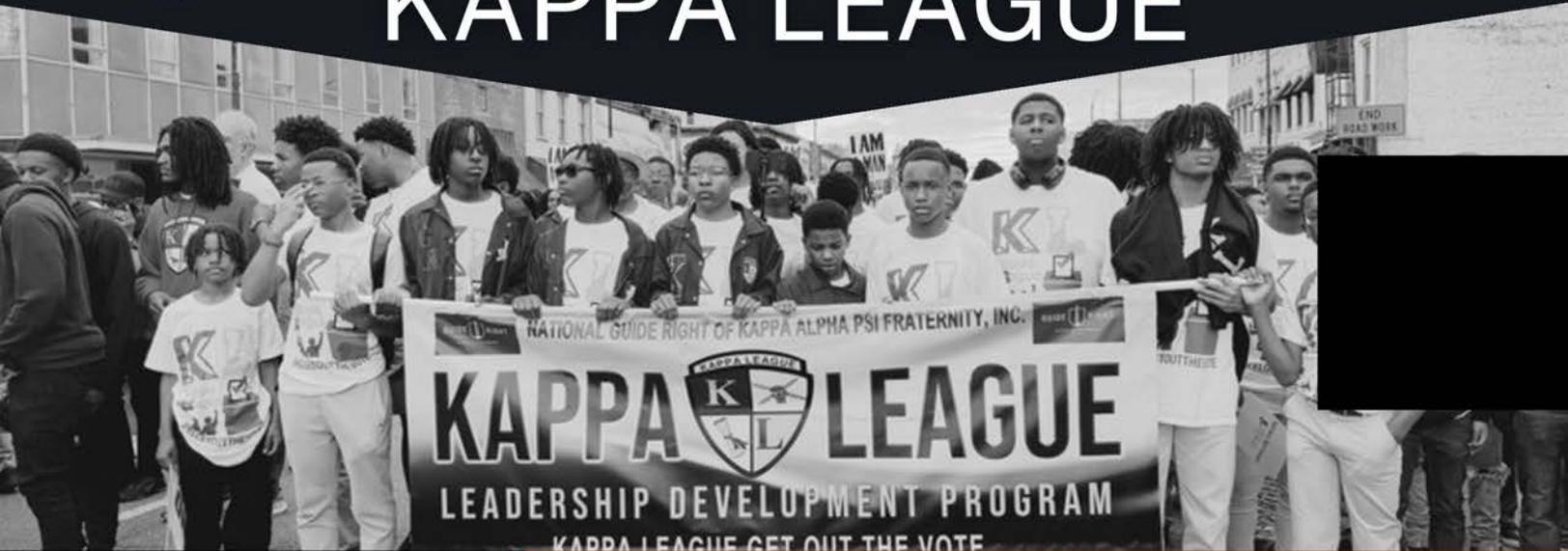
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RPA KAPPA LEAGUE



TAKING FLIGHT... ALABAMA OR BUST

Full of energy and nervous anticipation. The members of the Richardson Plano Kappa League met early at Dallas Love Field to fly to Atlanta. After arriving, the group took a brief trip to Auburn, Alabama, and toured the historic campus of Auburn University.

Afterward, the Kappa Leaguers met up with the Polemarch, Taylor Carey, of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, along with Mattison Downs, Miss Sophomore, and the group had an informative and historic tour of the Alabama State University Campus.

There, they learned how 9 freed slaves took \$500 and a land grant to create the largest HBCU in Alabama. Steeped in a rich culture of history, while acknowledging the past of Montgomery, Alabama, the Kappa Leaguers learned about the many offerings of the school.



Wrapping Up

To cap off a full day, the Montgomery Alabama Alumni chapter opened up their frat house to the Kappa Leaguers, who had a small mixer meeting with several other Kappa League chapters from across the country, including the Sacramento Chapter, the Baltimore Chapter, and the Columbus, GA chapter, among others. The Klers enjoyed a leadership and learning activity led by **Kevin Burnett**, which capped off a full day.



Remebering Our Past To Move Forward

Saturday morning began with a tour to The Legacy Museum in Montgomery that was soul-stirring and moving. Giving the Klers a view of the struggle of black people in the Americas from slavery through the fight for civil rights.

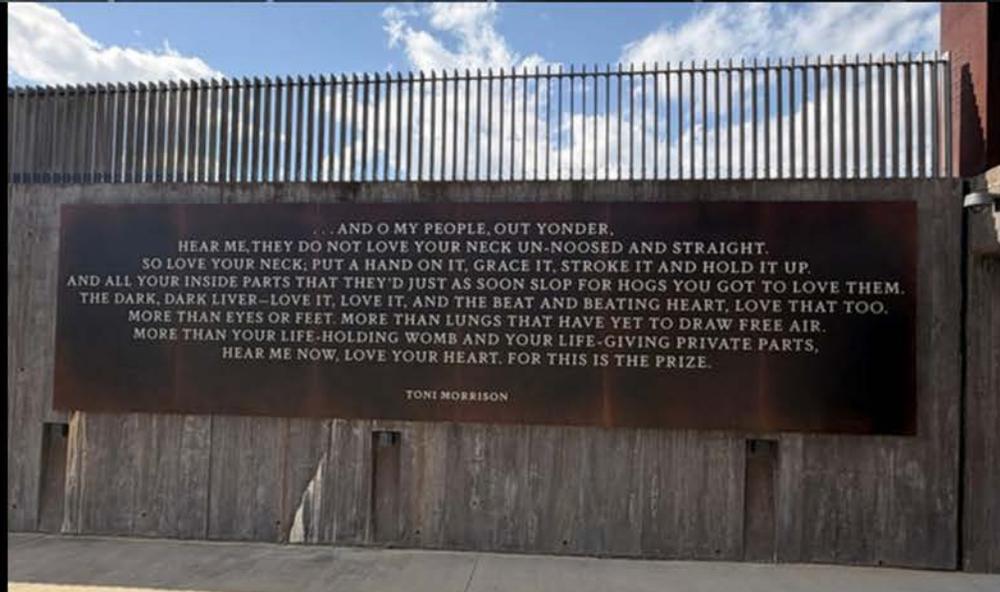
*We stand on the shoulders of many
who did so much more with so much less.
We resolve to honor their legacy and
continue the struggle.*



PEACE AND JUSTICE MEMORIAL CENTER

In Memory Of...

After a delicious soul food lunch at Pannie George's. The group toured the remembrance park where monuments were erected to commemorate the lives of black Americans who were lynched. As a powerful reminder of what it means to have liberty, the Klers were tasked with finding memorials that bore their family name. We must never forget our past and use that struggle to keep us moving forward.



Behold The Works of Our Hands

After a quick ride on the Alabama river the Klers toured the Freedom Monument Sculpture Park where we saw life size art dedicated to the plight of black Americans. The tour culminated at the Freedom wall

Visiting Tuskegee University

The group then loaded up to head to Tuskegee University to tour the home of the Tuskegee Airmen, and the nation's premier HBCU for Veterinary Medicine.

Brother Jeremy Hill, an alumnus, gave the Kappa Leaguers some insight and history into the school's founding and the significance of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver. The Kappa Leaguers took a photo in front of the famed "lifting the veil of Ignorance" statue. Signifying coming into knowledge through education and industry,



What Are We Doing?

Ending the information and historic night found us at the Montgomery Kappa House, where we met with **Brother Dr. Cleophus Thomas**, a Laurel Wreath Recipient, Elder Watson Diggs Awardee, and Byron K Armstrong recipient speak to the group about knowing our history and making sure that we make the connections to be able to "stand in the schoolhouse door" to help others



Bloody Sunday

Starting with praise and worship at the First Baptist Church of Selma, the Kappa Leaguers were treated to a rousing welcome and an occasion when Sister Wembley shared that the church is the oldest black church in Selma, founded in 1845 by enslaved people. She also shared that the church was the central hub for voting rights advocacy and the site where the march on the Edmund Pettus Bridge began during the Civil Rights Reform Era. She narrated what had happened and was extremely happy to see so many young men ready to learn and carry the torch, as her charge was that there was still work to do.



Forward Ever, Backwards Never!

Invigorated, the Kappa Leaguers met at Brown Chapel, where we joined with several civic rights groups to become a part of the great crowd that re-enacted the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The day was filled with excitement, and the crowd was emotionally charged to participate in such a meaningful and historic event. Our Kappa Leaguers left with a sense of pride in our history, what we have been through, and why we need to continue moving forward to achieve.



A Note of Thanks

It is an honor and a pleasure to share these experiences with the Kappa Leaguers. We appreciate the work of **Brothers Kevin Burnett, Jeremy Hill, Eric Gaines,** and a special note of thanks to **Brother Perry Woodard,** who helped coordinate this event nationally so Kappa Leaguers across the country could share in this.