



# Graduate Keynote

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## Featured Chapter – Kean University, Alpha Pi Chapter

**F**ounded in 1855, Kean University has grown to become one of New Jersey's largest institutions of higher learning. While maintaining its significant role in the training of teachers, Kean is now a comprehensive institution offering 48 undergraduate and 28 graduate degree programs serving some 13,000 students. Across four undergraduate colleges and the Nathan Weiss Graduate College, Kean's academic programs cover an exceptional range of disciplines.



[www.Kean.edu](http://www.Kean.edu)



On December 4, 2006 a new AEL chapter was officially established at Kean University with five charter members, **Trevor Ramkissoon, Anel Mohammed, Carey H. Brown, Janelle Alexander and Coretta Grant**, and designated **Alpha Pi**, the 39th campus chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda.

Mr. Trevor Ramkissoon, Chapter Founding President together with the Founding Advisor, Dr. Kristie Reilly worked intensively toward the realization of Alpha Pi Chapter at Kean. The group celebrated its first ceremony on December 12, 2006 with the chapter founder presenting charter members with their AEL membership certificates.

"It is my pleasure and honor to be the founder and president of this prestigious honor society dedicated solely for graduate and professional school students. By chartering, the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda at Kean University, an avenue has been created for us to recognize graduate students for their academic and leadership achievement during their graduate education at Kean University. Now graduate students at Kean have an honor society, which encompasses all majors and helps to recognize graduate students for their achievements." said *Trevor Ramkissoon*.

Following Trevor's speech the other charter members shared their thoughts with the group, further enhancing the event's sense of comradely among this select group of student leaders.

"As a graduate student who has been actively involved in campus activities and serving as president for the Graduate Student Government, I had the opportunity to advocate for graduate students, develop my leadership skills and develop intellectually. I had the chance to practice what I learned in the classroom. It was a stimulating bonus to be recognized for my involvement at Kean University and my commitment to graduate students by being inducted into the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha Lambda Epsilon."

- *Janelle Alexander*

## AEL Chapter Honorary Member Award 2006 Dr. Kristie Reilly



**D**r. Kristie Reilly, Founding Advisor of Kean University's AEL chapter, was designated as the first Alpha Pi Chapter Honorary Member on December 4, 2006.

An alumna of Kean who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology in 1991, Reilly attended the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and received a Ph.D. in the neurosciences in 1995. While still a doctoral candidate, Reilly began working as an adjunct professor at Union County College and was hired there a year later as a full-time instructor, where she remained until accepting a position as assistant professor of neuroscience at Kean in 1995. In addition to balancing her research work with a busy teaching schedule that includes instructing doctoral students in gross anatomy and neuroscience in a joint program between Kean and UMDNJ, Reilly is actively involved in the cause of educating inner-city children.

Having impressed faculty, staff and students alike with her leadership, administrative and research abilities, Reilly was asked to serve as associate dean of the Nathan Weiss Graduate College in 2001, and now Dean of the Nathan Weiss Graduate College.

**We convey our sincere congratulations to Dr. Reilly on her honorable award of AEL Chapter Honorary Member 2006.**



Kean University campus

"I'm deeply honored to be a member of such a prestigious honor society for graduate and professional students. As graduate students, we need to promote leadership development and encourage intellectual development in intellectual forums. The Alpha Pi Chapter at Kean University will uphold the dignity and achievement of current chapters."

-Coretta Grant

"Being a part of AEL means to me that I have been chosen to be a leader among my peers and fellow students here at Kean University. It means that I must lead by example by following AEL core principles and traditions. This honor means to me that my academic achievements have been recognized and rewarded by being handed the responsibility to motivate and enhance as well as cultivate those at Kean university to strive towards nothing less than excellence in their academic roles as students and in their personal lives as citizens in our society. Finally, this honor means to me that I have been trusted by AEL to help organize and establish the Alpha Pi Chapter at Kean University from its foundation, which is the key element of any solid structure, this is a responsibility that I accept with great pride."

- Carey H. Brown



Photo Info: Trevor Ramkissoon (first from the left), Carey H. Brown (middle), Aneil Mohammed, Janelle Alexander (first from the left) and Coretta Grant

"To be a part of the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda at Kean University means a great deal to me at so many levels, personal and otherwise. It means that my colleagues and I were given the opportunity to be founding components of an honor society that encourages excellence, leadership and character development in service to fellow graduate and professional school students. On a personal level, I was deeply honored to be recognized for the foundation of values for which the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda at Kean University represents."

- Aneil Mohammed

AEL campuses nationwide congratulate Mr. Trevor Ramkissoon, Dr. Kristie Reilly and Kean University's Alpha Pi Chapter on their unique achievement, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

### Coming Soon

**A**labama A&M University is establishing a new AEL chapter. This will be chartered as the Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, the 40th chapter.

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