



BARBARA A. McKINZIE
Centennial International President
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Barbara A. McKinzie is the 27th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Her four-year term is from 2006-2010 and encompasses the organization's 100-year anniversary in 2008. Because she will preside over the Centennial Celebration, she is affectionately known as the "Centennial International President."

McKinzie's administration is marked by the theme: **ESP**, which stands for **E**conomics, **S**ervice and **P**artnerships.

McKinzie is a Certified Public Accountant and has held Investment Advisor licenses in most states. She has served in high-level financial management positions at Coopers & Lybrand, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Salomon Smith Barney, Hollywood Casino Corporation-Shreveport, Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Housing Authority and Neighborhood Housing Services. In these positions, she managed multi-million-dollar portfolios and billion-dollar operating budgets. Her financial savvy, business acumen and commitment to fiscal responsibility saved these organizations over \$100 million.

She is currently Chief Executive Officer of BMC Associates, a five-year-old firm based in Olympia Fields, IL that specializes in contract, temporary and outsourced services for not-for-profit, government, telecommunications and professional services. The firm's professional offerings include auditing, chief financial officer, comptroller/treasurer duties, accounting and business process improvement.

Her professional triumphs have earned her prestigious designations and honors including: being named one of the Top 25 Outstanding Business Women of 2002 by the New York Network Journal; a listing in the International Who's Who of Professionals in the World, Midwest and Business; the Outstanding Service Award from the Certified Public Accountants Society; and the 2001 Woman of the Year award from the American Biographical Institute.

McKinzie has devoted nearly 30 years to Alpha Kappa Alpha. She has single-handedly donated, raised and executed plans that have generated millions of dollars for the organization. Her devotion to the Sorority has earned her a host of honors including the Carey B. Preston Leadership Award, one of the highest honors that the organization bestows upon its members.

She has earned particular acclaim for her financial vision. During her term as Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer of Alpha Kappa Alpha, she launched fiscal initiatives that generated income for the Sorority, while putting in place measures designed to streamline costs. During that same period, she administered the plan that generated \$2.5 million for the financing of the new international headquarters building. She negotiated a five-year contract with the Department of Labor that enabled AKA to operate several programs designed to enhance quality of life of the less fortunate. She was also financial advisor to the 20th and 21st international presidents.

In 1998, she was elected the Sorority's international treasurer. On the strength of her fiscal integrity and implementation of innovative financial programs, she ran unopposed in 2000 for a second two-year term. In this position, she continued to implement initiatives that made the Sorority fiscally vibrant. She also chaired the Strategic Planning Committee that issued a host of recommendations that will fortify Alpha Kappa Alpha for decades to come.

She is committed to nurturing leadership skills in our youth and preparing them for responsibilities of the future. To this end, she mentors young people and instills in them skills to prepare them to be our future leaders. She served as chairman of the board of three community organizations whose missions mirror her goal to improve the plight of our youth, the community and the collective society.

Barbara McKinzie holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and graduated cum laude from East Central University, where she is a past recipient of the school's "Outstanding Graduate" Award.