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BENICIA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES SORORITY'S DEBUTANTE CROWN

Vallejo, CA | Benicia High School Senior Kameron Hatcher was crowned Miss Fashionetta at the 39th Annual Debutante Ball hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Kappa Beta Omega Chapter on November 19 at the Hilton Concord.

Twelve young ladies were selected from area high schools to participate in the competitive Debutante program which began last spring. To prepare for their debut, each participant completed 60 hours of community service, attended workshops on a variety of topics to prepare for college life and leadership, and participated in cultural and social activities. The debutantes were also required to solicit advertisements which support the chapter's scholarship fund.

Deonna Randolph was named First Runner Up. Jaeda Maddox was named Second Runner Up and Jaeda Gordon received the Miss Congeniality award. Also participating on the Debutante court were Aranessa Bynum, Danielle Fernandez, Junel Jefferson, Topaz Lewis, Mykaelah Mackbee, Rhana Menefee, Sierra Smith and Ti-Anna Taylor.

The Debutante program also provided an opportunity for young men attending high school or freshman year in college to serve as escorts and participate in the workshops and activities. Three escorts received distinguished awards for their participation. Zion Butler received the Vernon M. James Memorial Escort award. Charles Harrell was named Escort of the Year and Ethan Thomas received the Escort First Runner Up award. Other escorts included Carl Barnes, T.Y. Hunter, Elijah Johnson, Marquel Johnson, Quincy Patrick, Xavier Patton, Malachi Powell, Rasheed Reasons, Mickie Reynolds, DeAundre Roberts, Joseph Roberts and Jabbari Wallace.

The debutantes and escorts are students at Jesse Bethel, Alameda Community Learning Center, St. Patrick-St. Vincent, Benicia, Vacaville Christian School, NEA Community Learning Center/Connections Academy, The Branson School, Salesian College Preparatory School, Armijo, Mare Island Technology Academy, Diablo Valley College and Laney College.

The chapter awarded seven scholarships this year supported by the funds generated from the Debutante program. The recipients were Elyce Dixon, California State University, Fullerton; Roneisha Pierce, Morgan State University; Afrika Collier, San Diego State University; Essence Hori, Sacramento State University; Angeliqe McDowell, University of California, Davis; Taylor Crutison, Stanford University and Maya Miller, University of California, San Diego.

The annual Soror of the Year of the award was presented to Suzanne Crutison for her outstanding commitment to the sorority. Crutison has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha for 33 years and currently serves as chapter Second Vice President and Chairman of the Sisterly Relations Committee.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Founded in 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) is the oldest and first Greek-lettered organization established by African-American college-educated women. AKA's membership is comprised of over 260,000 distinguished women in graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States and abroad who boast excellent academic records, proven leadership skills, and who are involved in the global community through advocacy and service. Dorothy Buchanan Wilson is the 29th International President. Her 2014-2018 administration's theme is "Launching New Dimensions of Service." For more information on the Sorority, visit www.aka1908.com. Carol R. Dixon is the 25th Far Western Regional Director. The Far Western Region consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Utah. For more information on the Far Western Region, visit www.akafarwest.com.

Kappa Beta Omega Chapter was chartered March 23, 1974 in Vallejo, California. Charter members are Earline Briggs, Dorothy Brown, Lydia Elliott, Patricia Fortman, Janice Foster, Carolyn Jackson, Marsha Lee, Grace Patterson, Marva Rogers, Geneva Watts, Carmel Webster, Nona Webster, Mildred Welch, Hazel Wilson, Johnetta Wilson, and A. Marie Young.

