



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter

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Dear Educational Constituents:

The Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. takes great preference in inviting you to be participants in our Oratorical Contest, which will be held on **Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** in **Clarksdale, MS** at the **Coahoma Community College Pinnacle**. The fraternity has selected high schools in Bolivar, Washington, Sunflower, and Coahoma Counties. Each high school is asked to select one student to represent their respective school. Each school district will prepare their nominees for an oratorical Zoom contest that will result in only one student being selected to move forward to the January 16th MLK event. All other oratorical Zoom contestants will receive a gift card. The judges for the Zoom oratorical contest are not a part of Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter. The nominees should submit a small biographical sketch before October 31, 2020 containing his or her *name, age, grade, parents' name, and future goals* via the chapter's email, alphaexl1951@gmail.com.

The theme for the oratorical contest is **"Let's Keep Shining Our Lights and Building Bridges Over our State's/Nation's Troubled Waters During the COVID-19 Era"**. Time allotted is 2 to 4 minutes for each orator.

The first-place recipient wins **\$1000**, second place wins **\$750**, third place wins **\$500** and fourth place **\$100**.

Scholarships will be paid directly to students for educational expenses of their choice. Please inspire your student to participate in this scholarship opportunity.

Thanks for Your Support,

Tracy Mims

Dr. Tracy Mims,

**Vice President of Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter
Chair/MLK 2021**