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Capital Region's educational and community service leaders to be honored at the upcoming Kappa Charities of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.'s (KCGCR) 2013 Black & White Scholarship Ball on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 6pm. The event will be held at the Colonie Golf and Country Club located in Voorheesville, NY.

About the 2013 Black & White Scholarship Ball

A number of scholarships will be awarded to deserving youths from across the Capital Region. In addition, KCGCR will acknowledge members of the community who have made a positive impact in the areas of community service, mentorship and furthering the education of young people in our communities. This year's award recipients include **Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.**, President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), **Betty P. Shadrick, Ph.D.**, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, University at Albany, **Reverend Leonard D. Comithier Jr.**, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church and **David Bowie** of the Albany (NY) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The keynote speaker for the evening will be **Dr. John B. King**, Commissioner of the New York State Education Department.

The Scholarship Ball is KCGCR's major fundraising event which supports its scholarship and mentorship programs. Since the scholarship fund's inception, more than 50 students in the Capital District area have received scholarships. State Farm Insurance is the Exclusive Diamond Sponsor of the 2013 Black and White Scholarship Ball.

About Kappa Charities of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

Kappa Charities of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. (KCGCR) is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The charitable organization was founded by the Albany (NY) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. The mission of Kappa Charities of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. is to create strong communities and assist area youths in developing options and increased opportunities for success. This is delivered through the Fraternity's national leadership programs, the Guide Right Program and Kappa League.

About Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is a collegiate Greek-letter fraternity founded on January 5, 1911 at Indiana University Bloomington. The fraternity has over 150,000 members with 721 undergraduate and alumni chapters in every state of the United States, and international chapters in the United Kingdom, Germany, Korea, Japan, United States Virgin Islands, Nigeria, and South Africa. The fraternity sponsors programs providing community service, social welfare and academic scholarships and is a major supporter of many worthwhile national organizations such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The fraternity's motto is "Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor."

The Albany (NY) Alumni Chapter was granted a charter on December 4, 1971. In keeping with the traditional, ideals and principals of the fraternity, the chapter is involved with many community service activities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity and the Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Community Day Dinner.

More information about the event can also be obtained at www.albanynykappa.com/foundation/scholarship-ball/.

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