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Dear Friends,

We hope 2009 has been an exciting and productive year for you. We are writing to you to announce one of our scholarship initiatives, the 3rd Annual Senator Edward W. Brooke III Oratorical Scholarship Contest, and ask for your assistance. We need your help to identify eligible participants who are college-bound African American and Hispanic males in the Western Massachusetts area who are high school students and who have some experience or interest in public speaking. The participants will compete for scholarship prizes during a community-wide event at St. John's Congregational Church in Springfield on December 12, 2009. This year's theme is *"Violence, A Major Public Health Problem: How Is It Affecting the Lives of African American and Latino Youth and What Can We Do About It?"* This topic is intended to encourage reflection, analysis and dialogue about solutions and intervention strategies and to explore the social, cultural, political, and historical influences and contexts that have made this a local and national concern.

This year, scholarship awards will be given to the top three contestants and made payable upon college enrollment.

2009 Scholarship Awards:

First Place \$2,500.00
Second Place \$1,500.00
Third Place \$1,000.00

There will be eight (8) finalists who will compete during the culminating program. The finalists will complete a rigorous schedule that includes preliminary screening, two public speaking workshops and one on one coaching by an assigned mentor from the fraternity. Speeches must have original content and be between 5 and 7 minutes (1000 words) in length and submitted typed and double-spaced in advance (by November 22, 2009). All entries must be reviewed by an English instructor or guidance counselor prior to submission.

Students may register by completing the attached registration form. We have also included a copy of the rules, requirements and other contest details. The entry deadline for registration forms is November 13, 2009 (postmarked).

All registration forms and speeches should be mailed to:
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Attn: Oratorical Scholarship Contest Committee
P. O. Box 4233
Springfield, MA 01101-4233
or e-mailed to: oratoricalcontest@springfieldalphas.com

PLEASE SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH WORTHY STUDENTS WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM PARTICIPATION IN OUR ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO WANT TO SUPPORT OUR ENDEAVORS.

Persons seeking additional information regarding the Oratorical Scholarship Contest should contact a committee member:

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Thank you for your support.

Enclosures: Contest Registration Form, Contest Details and Flyers

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