Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the International Sociology Honor Society. Membership in AKD is open to Sociology and Criminology students with high academic achievement based on their overall grade point average of at least a 3.3, a GPA of at least a 3.0 in their major, and completion of at least four courses in sociology.

AKD was founded in 1920 at the University of Southern California by Dr. E.S. Bogardus. The name, Alpha Kappa Delta, represents the first three letters of three Greek words: anthropon (mankind), katamanthanein (to investigate thoroughly or to conduct research) and diakonesein (for the purpose of service). The name, freely interpreted, signifies social research for the purpose of service. There are more than 130,000 members in AKD and 670 chapters. AKD at John Jay was started in 2016 when the Sociology Department became a chapter of the Society, Beta Theta of New York.

All eligible students are invited to become members by the Sociology Department and to participate in an induction ceremony each spring. Inducted students can purchase honor cords they can wear at graduation. For more information about AKD, go to www.alphakappadelta.org or write to AKD Faculty Representative Professor Maria R. Volpe mvolpe@jjay.cuny.edu

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