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Capital District Fraternity Invites Professionals to Wine Tasting Event

Albany, N.Y. – June 1, 2009 – The Beta Pi Lambda Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will host Swirl II, its second annual wine tasting and networking event, Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 6 pm to 9pm at the Albany Institute of History and Art on 125 Washington Ave, Albany, NY.

Guests will enjoy selections from New York State wineries in the Capital and Finger Lakes Regions including the featured Brookview Station Winery of Castleton, NY. Wines from Italy, South Africa, Argentina and California will also be included. Wines will be paired with fair trade chocolates provided by the New York State Labor-Religion Coalition, as well as an assortment of locally sold cheeses from the Honest Weight Food Co-op. Other activities include a silent auction of donations from local area businesses, artists and individuals, as well as a raffle and live entertainment.

Tickets to Swirl II are \$50 per person, and can be purchased from members of the fraternity or from the chapter's website, www.bpl1906.com. Donations are also welcomed. Proceeds from the event will be used to support costs associated with planning, developing, and implementing the chapter's community outreach agenda.

Founded at Cornell University in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated is the nation's oldest intercollegiate fraternity for African-American men, with over 700 undergraduate and alumni chapters worldwide and 200,000 members. Beta Pi Lambda, the local alumni chapter was established in Albany in 1939, and has been serving the Capital Region community for over 70 years. In 2006, Beta Pi Lambda created the George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation, which serves as the educational/community service arm of Beta Pi Lambda. The foundation's namesake, Mr. George Biddle Kelley, was a founder of both the national fraternity and local alumni chapter, as well as a native and lifelong resident of the Capital Region. Kelley was the first African-American registered engineer in the State of New York, and worked as an auditor for the NYS Department of Tax & Finance for 30 years.