

THE FOUNDATION REVIEW



Summer Edition · 2026 — An Historic 80th-Anniversary Season

80 YEARS OF LEGACY	7 PHASE I SESSIONS	\$14.7K VOLUNTEER VALUE	\$12.9K GIVING TUESDAY
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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

01 A Message of “Greatness”

As we conclude the first half of 2026, the theme of “Greatness” has resonated through every initiative we have undertaken. We have successfully transitioned from the foundational rigors of Phase I into a season of high-impact deployment. This year is not merely about maintaining momentum; it is about setting a new standard for what a non-profit foundation can achieve when it operates with intentionality. From the oratorical development of our young men to the strategic branding of our signature gala, we are building an ecosystem of leadership that distinguishes our participants — and our organization — as leaders of thought and action.

Dr. Gregory J. Harris

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AELF

WHO WE ARE

02 Mission & Vision

OUR MISSION

To develop the academic, leadership, and character potential of young men in grades 3–12 through rigorous educational programming, scholarship, and mentorship — empowering scholars to become the next generation of community leaders.

OUR VISION

To stand as the premier educational and leadership foundation serving the Tallahassee community — a model of fiscal stewardship, brand prestige, and measurable impact, advancing the eighty-year legacy of the Gamma Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

COVER STORY · MARCH 20, 2026

03 An Evening of Alpha Brilliance

The 80th Anniversary Commemoration & Scholarship Ball, held **March 20, 2026** at the **FSU University Student Union Ballroom**, was a cornerstone event elevating the Foundation's brand to the level of "Alpha Brilliance." Beyond a social gathering, the gala served as a sophisticated brand-building platform — bringing together corporate sponsors and community stakeholders for an evening defined by upscale execution, a formal **City Proclamation**, and a soulful set from the **Twin Towers band**.

SUCCESSES	STRATEGIC ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational savings: negotiated catering from per-dozen to per-person — securing \$8,300 for 300 guests. • Atmosphere: lighted "GML" signs and "7 Jewels" recognitions throughout the ballroom. • Guest experience: seamless valet service and coordination with FSU Union staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue optimization: expanded corporate sponsorships and payment plans for individual brother tables. • Schedule logistics: shift start to 8:30 PM and streamline intermission to sustain energy. • Communication: explicit valet and parking instructions on every invitation.

Looking ahead: *The 81st Anniversary Scholarship Ball in Spring 2027 will be themed "An Evening of Alpha Prestige."*

PROGRAMMATIC EXCELLENCE

04 Phase I — Oratorical, Scholarship & Leadership

Phase I of our 2026 calendar serves as the primary vehicle for developing young men from grades 3 through 12 — building the **Alpha Rise Academy**, **Alpha Leadership Program for Higher Achievement**, and **Alpha Millennium Academy** pipelines. The phase began with a Parent/Student Orientation on January 24 and moved through seven intensive sessions, culminating in the Awards Banquet on May 9 with over 85 attendees and a special recognition for **Mrs. Chicarla Pye** for her invaluable bookkeeping support.

<p>Parent / Student Orientation JANUARY 24, 2026</p>	<p>Cyber-Security & Digital Literacy SESSION 2</p>
<p>College Panel & Etiquette GO-TO-HS / GO-TO-COLLEGE</p>	<p>N.O.B.L.E. — Crime Solvers COMMUNITY SAFETY</p>
<p>Project Alpha CITIZENSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY</p>	<p>11th Annual FAMU STEM Day TECHNICAL INNOVATION</p>
<p>Oratorical Contest APRIL 11, 2026</p>	<p>Awards Banquet MAY 9, 2026 · 85+ ATTENDEES</p>

VOLUNTEERISM & ECONOMIC IMPACT

05 \$14,763 in Equity to Leon County

The true value of the Foundation's work is found in the economic equity we provide to Leon County. By utilizing a highly skilled volunteer force from the **Gamma Mu Lambda**, **Beta Nu**, and **Iota Delta** chapters — along with their respective Royal Courts — we maintain exceptionally low overhead. This efficiency ensures that a significantly higher percentage of donor dollars goes directly into the hands of students via scholarships. We use the **National Volunteer Rate** of **\$34.79/hr** to quantify the professional-grade service our brothers provide.

<p>23</p> <p>AVG STUDENTS / SESSION</p>	<p>17.3</p> <p>AVG VOLUNTEERS / SESSION</p>	<p>\$34.79</p> <p>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RATE</p>	<p>\$14,763.2</p> <p>4</p> <p>TOTAL ECONOMIC VALUE</p>
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<p>Gamma Mu Lambda LEAD CHAPTER · 80 YEARS OF LEGACY</p>	<p>Beta Nu COLLEGIATE PARTNER</p>	<p>Iota Delta COLLEGIATE PARTNER</p>
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP & DONOR RECOGNITION

06 2026 Asset Progression

DATE	TOTAL ASSETS	CONTEXT
January 5, 2026	\$26,601.86	Influx from Giving Tuesday / December campaigns
February 2, 2026	\$33,568.57	Growth from pre-Ball ticket and table sales
April 13, 2026	\$39,979.53	Peak assets following the 80th Anniversary Ball
June 1, 2026	\$20,920.74	Post-Ball / post-Banquet deployment of student resources

<p>GIVING TUESDAY / DECEMBER CAMPAIGN</p> <p>\$12,929.06</p> <p>Anchored the start of 2026 — exceeded campaign goal and fueled Phase I deployment.</p>	<p>ANNIVERSARY BALL INVESTMENT</p> <p>\$2,499</p> <p>Strategic brand investment beyond immediate revenue — premium signage, decor, and imagery to establish prestige for the 81st.</p>
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FUTURE OUTLOOK · PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT

07 The Teacher Mini-Grant Initiative

The Foundation is launching a new **Pipeline Development** strategy: the **Teacher Mini-Grant Program**. By directly supporting Leon County K-12 educators, we turn teachers into Foundation ambassadors. Each grantee is tasked with referring 3–5 eligible students to our Alpha Rise, Leadership, and Millennium academies — creating a sustainable recruitment cycle.

<p>FALL 2026 PILOT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$350 PER GRANT</p> <p>Curriculum enhancement · Classroom technology · Supplies — turning the classroom into a recruitment engine.</p>	<p>2026–2027 ROADMAP</p> <p>Phase II — June / July 2026</p> <p>Phase III — August 2026 · Back-to-School Backpack Drive</p> <p>Spring 2027 — 81st Anniversary Scholarship Ball: “An Evening of Alpha Prestige.”</p>
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FOUNDATION GOVERNANCE

08 Board of Directors

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