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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA -- Kareema J. Gray, assistant professor of social work and graduate program director at Winthrop University, represented the university's chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi—the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines—at the 43rd Biennial Convention held August 7-9 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Gray currently serves as president of the Winthrop chapter and attended the convention as the chapter's voting delegate.

The convention brought together more than 300 attendees including 175 chapter delegates. The two-day event featured a keynote address from West Virginia University President E. Gordon Gee and a plenary address from generations expert and XYZ University founder Sarah Sladek. Other highlights included a panel of three provosts discussing issues impacting higher education, presentations by Phi Kappa Phi award winners, regional meetings, chapter development trainings, and elections for the 2014-16 board of directors and regional vice presidents.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. The society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.

More About Phi Kappa Phi
The society inducts annually approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. Since its founding, more than 1.25 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. The society has awarded approximately $15 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, more than $1 million is awarded each biennium to qualifying students and members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, member and chapter awards and grants for local and national literacy initiatives.