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Dear Sorors,

Another Sad Time in History

I started planning this message with the theme focused on the "Effects of the Coronavirus on the African American Community" especially with the majority of the 104,000 victims being African American. Then, overnight, the theme changed due to the spontaneous 8 minute 58 second film showing an unarmed, handcuffed, breathless black man, lying face-down, on the ground, with a police officer's knee pressed on his neck. What an unbelievable lasting image!

The timing of this crime does not mean that the COVID-19 is over; that families have mourned their deceased family members; that first responders are no longer called to serve; that the country does not need to be cautious anymore; we no longer need to practice social distancing; that students are back in school; employers have called workers back to jobs; all the household bills are paid; our bodies are renewed after taking care of ill family members; businesses are reopened; that we now gather at our churches to worship; restaurants are open to serve customers; or that we can hug and visit family and friends. No! It means that our primary worries related to COVID-19, on which we have focused for four months, moved aside to make room for another pandemic, the systemic racism in America. This racial pandemic has a tendency to stay dormant after sweltering and festering underground, and every now and then it rears its evil head with another violent attack on an African-American perpetrated by those in authority.

In the midst of mourning for the life of Mr. George Floyd the boiling point of those who see themselves and family members as potential victims of systemic racism started to become hotter and hotter. The only acceptable manner of response to unrest has been a peaceful protest. These peaceful protests through the years have resulted in some gains, or at least, voices were heard. However, this time, with the combined effects of the pandemic, i.e., no school, 104,000 deaths in 3 months, little work, loss of income, and the potential for bankruptcy, violence and destruction took over the theme of "peace." The helpless call to restrict the authority of those who initiate and project physical violence, the police, has become lost. Therefore, cities are burning, families are homeless, young people are angry and our country is in crisis.

Sorors, I pray for those who are victims; for those who are involved in the destruction of neighborhoods; for our children who are naïve, disappointed, and helpless; for our country which needs empathetic and fair leadership, not dogmatic punitive leadership; for our families who need supportive communities, and minds that are calm and peaceful. Do not be disheartened. God is our God during pandemic times and calm times, and He knows how much we can bear!

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More Than Mental Health

Covid-19 Mental Health Reminder

More Than Mums

Get Dressed
Even if it's just into comfort clothes, this will help you feel more productive and less in a rut.

Do You Hair/Makeup
Even if you're not going anywhere this can help make you feel "normal" in a very chaotic time. Pople also often feel relaxed when doing hair or makeup and you deserve that.

Eat New Healthy Recipes
If you can, eat a variety of food and try diffrent recipes. This will give your day variety and keep your body feeling healthy

Get Some Fresh Air
Fresh are will help you not feel so cooped up or "stuck" in your home. Getting outside would be best but even standing at a window will be beneficial.

Be Creative
Try doing new activities or bring back old ones. Getting creative is a great way to keep your spirits up and your mind relaxed.

Unplug
Everyone everywhere is talking about the virus. Turn off your devices and get some well deserved time away.

Stay Connected
Even though we cant go visiting, make sure you stay connected. A good way is Video chatting or even just a phone call. This will help you and the people you are talking to feel less isolated.

Reach Out
Mental health is alway important but it is especially important during times like this. Reach out if you need to and remember to check in with your friends and family. We are all in this together!

PRAYER IN HARD TIMES

Father God, we lift up those who are facing hard times. You know every worry, every tear they cry, and every battle they face. Even when things seems hopeless, we ask that you would renew their faith. Remind them of your faithfulness, and your promise to work everything out for our good.
In Jesus' name, Amen!

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World

World Environment Day – June 5, 2020

Climate Change, Conservation, Environment, Global Focus, Health, Wildlife

World Environment Day urges all of us to protect our natural surroundings. The stunning facts? An estimated 7 million people die each year from causes related to air pollution, with a majority occurring in the Asia-Pacific region. This day, which falls on June 5, encourages worldwide activism. That means everything from littering to climate change. World Environment Day is both a global celebration and a platform for public outreach.

China, which now owns half the world's electric vehicles and 99 percent of the world's electric buses, hosted the 2019 event. "The country has demonstrated tremendous leadership in tackling air pollution domestically," said Acting Head of UN Environment Joyce Msuya. "It can now help spur the world to greater action." The UN first established World Environment Day in 1972.

U.S.

Flag Day – June 14, 2020

American, Civic, Historical

America's Flag Day marks the Second Continental Congress' adoption of the first U.S. national flag on June 14, 1777. The first flag, thanks to Betsy Ross' sewing prowess, featured the same 13 red and white stripes we see today. The number and arrangement of stars, however, has changed as the number of states have increased over the centuries. The current flag has remained the same since 1960. Will we ever go from 50 to 51? Read on for a look at some possible statehood candidates. And consider this a warmup for Independence Day — in just 20 days.

U.S.

Juneteenth – June 19, 2020

American, Civil Rights, Cultural, Historical

Juneteenth, which marks the end of slavery in the U.S., commemorates African American freedom — while emphasizing education and achievement. Texas became the final state to comply with the abolition of slavery in 1865 — more than two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. General Gordon Granger arrived in the city of Galveston to make the announcement on June 19. Attempts to explain this two-and-a-half-year delay have varied.

Here is the notice that Granger delivered to the people of Texas:

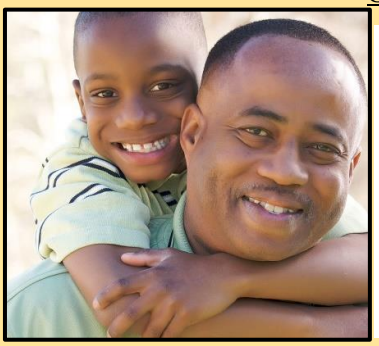
"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

(Pictured above: The Juneteenth Memorial Monument at the George Washington Carver Museum in Austin, Texas.)

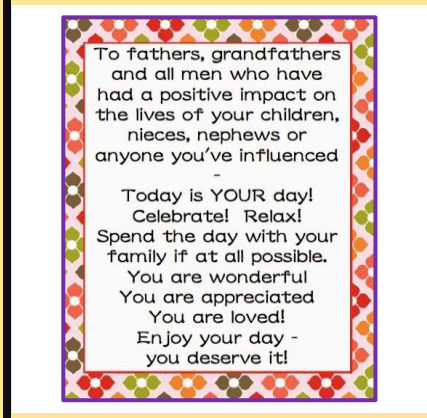
U.S.

Father's Day – June 21, 2020

Children, Extended Family, Family, Love, Parents



Where would we be without dads? Honestly, who would show off "dad jeans," tell the same amusing jokes at Thanksgiving, or spin those charming childhood stories? But of course, there is far more to dads than their wardrobe choices and endless nostalgia for the 1970s. (Elton John, David Bowie, and Queen — we get it.) Still, dads are heroes. On June 21 be sure to let him know how much he means to you. Oh, and don't forget to check out National Today News for last-minute Father's Day gift ideas.



National Men's Health Month – June 2020

Activities, Fitness, Health, Men's Health

June is National Men's Health Month! This month is all about encouraging the men in your life to take care of their bodies by eating right, exercising, and working to prevent disease. The official symbol for the month is a blue ribbon and the purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases including cancer, heart disease, and depression.

CHILDREN'S DAY – Second Sunday in June

The second Sunday in June is known as National Children's Day in the United States. A day to honor the children in our lives, National Children's Day is a time to slow down our fast-paced lives, turn off the tech and refocus on the important things. Taking one day may not be enough but using it as an opportunity to redirect our family's lives may be an important step in a child's life.

TEACHER RESOURCES…

TEACHING STRATEGIES

Innovative Ways to Make Coronavirus a Teachable Moment

When the world feels dangerous, harnessing learning can provide some measure of clarity and perspective. *By Sarah Gonser April 3, 2020*

The massive public health challenge of Covid-19, in spite of its many unknowns, offers teachers the unique instructional opportunity to tap into students' innate curiosity about the virus and deliver lessons that are timely, prompt kids to dig deep, and—ideally—provide a modicum of comfort during a time of alarming headlines and copious misinformation.
From simple concepts that work well for younger kids—like why hygiene matters and how germs spread—to more complex topics like ethical decision-making, the science behind how viral infections work, or the mathematics underpinning pandemics—teachers are finding ways to help kids rise above the noise with unique, thoughtful lessons.

THE MATH BEHIND PANDEMICS

Math, often considered a strictly rational discipline, can play an important emotional and psychological role during uncertain times, giving students productive tools to battle fear and misinformation.

Frank Wang, a math teacher and the president of Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, began teaching kids the math of epidemics during a summer program he taught in 2010 to students from Clark County, Nevada. At the time, it seemed like a lively way to make math more

compelling to the middle school students enrolled in the program. Now, he's showcasing some of that content on Facebook and providing resources for middle and high school students to grapple with the mathematics behind how an epidemic grows and spreads.

"What's unfolding is a catastrophe, but it's also a time to share rich math and teach about the concepts of calculus—the mathematics of change. For young people, it can be a way to motivate their learning of mathematics," says Wang. "Where teaching about exponential growth might have them scratching their heads in the classroom, now we can show that these models are being used in hospitals to calculate things like: how many ventilators, or how many hospital beds, will they need?"

In one scenario, Wang uses the Las Vegas strip as ground zero for a worldwide epidemic. "Forty million people visit that little patch of land. They stay a couple days and then go back home," says Wang. "Kids can play around with these models and change the parameters—like the incubation period or mortality rate."

VIROLOGY AND BIOLOGY

Students in anatomy and physiology teacher Scott Johnson's class at Century High School in Bismarck, North Dakota, already completed a unit on virology, so for an upcoming lesson on the respiratory system, he plans to have his students examine an article about how the coronavirus impacts the body in an effort to provide what the National Science Teaching Association calls 3D Learning—a scaffolding of learning that more closely reflects real-life scientific inquiry.

"Johnson's goal isn't to limit the discussion to the unit he's covering, but rather to find ways to explore a wider lens and encourage deeper learning," writes Stephen Noonoo for EdSurge. "He asks students to evaluate the sources of information they're reading and, where possible, gets them to think about how other disciplines, such as biology or the social sciences, are involved. The idea is to get students to think like scientists and consider the sequence of questions that need to be asked and answered in order to make sense of the virus."

JOURNALISM

Teaching students to become storytellers—to find and tell the unique stories that exist as a result of living through the pandemic, accurately and compellingly—is a powerful learning experience that not only helps prepare kids to become civically engaged, productive adults, but also to process the extreme changes they're coping with as a result of coronavirus.

"For teenagers, every day is an entire period in their lives—so much happens in one day, in one moment. So they're feeling this in ways we don't understand as adults," says Leah Clapman, managing editor and founder of PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs. "So what we're seeing is a real reckoning with that, they're thinking through it. And being able to express themselves by making videos—not just for their friends, but for people outside of that space—is really powerful and allows them to explain what that feels like."

The PBS unit, which runs labs in 150 schools teaching students video journalism, offers a free curriculum called Making Sense of Coronavirus that helps teachers get started on teaching students to cover the basics of local video journalism from their homes.

MAKERS OF HISTORY

When teachers ask students to journal—in writing, sketches, videos, or other forms of expression—they are harnessing a powerful tool for providing an outlet for kids' feelings. At

the same time, journaling allows students to create a record of their daily lives at a time when the new normal stands in stark contrast to life even just one month ago.

"When future historians look to write the story of life during coronavirus, these first-person accounts may prove useful," writes Amelia Nierenberg for The New York Times. "History isn't usually told by the bigwigs of the era, even if they are some of its main characters. Instead, it is often reconstructed from snapshots of ordinary lives."

Bryan Shaw, a social studies teacher at Ygnacio Valley High School in Concord, California, created a Covid-19 Student Journal assignment—a simple one-pager that provides guidance for students to record changes in their communities, in the country, and the world at large, and then asks them to critically analyze it and develop their own interpretations. The document recently went viral and has been adapted into ten versions in at least four languages, says Shaw.

"I've always been interested in rethinking history curriculum: how can we make it interesting?," says Shaw. "At least 85 percent of my students are on Free and Reduced Lunch and so there are real Wi-Fi access issues, and I'm not a fan of too much learning on a computer. So this is something kids can do without a computer, a way to think about what's going on in my family, my neighborhood, the world around me."

ASKING HARD ETHICAL QUESTIONS

Now that students around the world are grappling with the realities of life during a pandemic, there is ample opportunity for teachers to fold current events into lessons and provide opportunities—especially for middle and high school age kids—for debate and critical thinking. When done well, writes Linda Flanagan for KQED, these may open the door for students to experience empathy, self-reflection, and even personal growth.

For example, teachers might take on the news reports from Italy where doctors, facing an overburdened healthcare system in the Northern part of the country, must decide which patients stand a better chance of surviving—and then deny care to the sickest. With this type of sensitive topic, teachers might give students the opportunity to opt out, or pick another subject, such as exploring the digital divide and reflecting on the social justice issues that it raises.

MEDIA LITERACY

Teachers can play an important part in improving students' skills at determining what's true and what isn't when it comes to online information, especially now, when online hoaxes abound. In a 2016 study, Stanford education and history professor Sam Wineburg and a team of researchers surveyed nearly 8,000 students across 12 states and concluded that: "Overall, young people's ability to reason about the information on the Internet can be summed up in one word: 'bleak'," Wineburg wrote.

Students need to learn how to evaluate sources on their own, and the best way to do that is to teach them to think like professional fact-checkers. In a piece for Education Week, Wineburg noted three guiding principles teachers can tap into when teaching media literacy:
Read laterally: While students tend to read vertically, fact-checkers read laterally, Wineburg writes, leaving the original page to open up new tabs and read more deeply from other sources, and dig into other ways to verify a story.

Don't trust the 'about' section: Fact-checkers never evaluate the veracity of a site based solely on that site's description of itself. Teach students to leave the page, google the name of the organization, or its leadership, read other stories about it, and generally go beyond the "about" section.

Scroll to the bottom of search results: Fact-checkers, Wineburg writes, don't trust whatever results pop up at the top of, say, a Google search on a topic. Rather, they scroll way down to the bottom of the search results and make up their own mind about what they'll read and trust.

"None of this is rocket science. But it's often not taught in school," Wineburg writes. "In fact, some schools have special filters that direct students to already vetted sites, effectively creating a generation of bubble children who never develop the immunity needed to ward off the toxins that float across their Facebook feed, where students most often get their news."

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

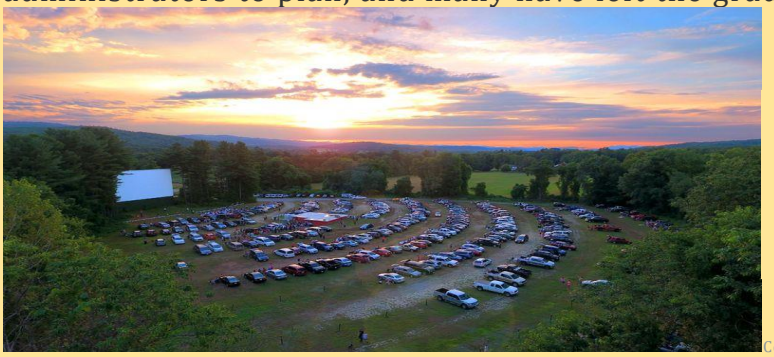
4 Ways to Celebrate High School Graduation This Year

With coronavirus school closures extending into the fall, districts are coming up with clever alternatives to give seniors the graduation ceremony they deserve. By Nora Fleming, Emelina Minero April 29, 2020

In high schools, the last few months of the school year are typically filled with a flurry of celebrations—prom, pep rallies, yearbook signing—culminating in the final rite of passage for seniors: graduation.

But coronavirus school closures this spring have upended the traditional pomp and circumstance, leaving students across the country, especially seniors, feeling untethered and a bit lost. "I felt very disappointed, cheated, and forgotten when all of my milestone experiences were canceled," shared Charlotte, a senior in Atlanta, who wonders if she will get to wear her graduation robes and cap. "It's hard knowing that I might not ever see my graduating class in its entirety ever again."

Although a number of states have already decided they won't reopen schools this school year, many districts are still waiting for news from state leaders, making it a challenge for administrators to plan, and many have left the graduation decision unresolved.



Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts, is celebrating their graduation at the Northfield Drive-In this year.

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For students, families, and teachers, it's left them frustrated, we've heard. "I understand the reason behind waiting for more information to be gathered before making any large decisions, but it is hard to cope with the countless 'maybes' given by school administrations everywhere," said Olivia, a senior in Hillsdale, New Jersey. "The most helpful thing for me to have from my school right now would be some answers. I want to know what the plan is if graduation and other activities are canceled. Are they out of the question entirely or just postponed? Will they take on a new form?"

But while many districts are still undecided—or have set a later date for graduation and are hoping for the best—other districts have come up with clever alternatives to give seniors a send-off at the end of a tumultuous school year.

RECOGNIZING SENIORS

With or without a decision on an in-person graduation, a number of districts are finding ways to recognize and commemorate seniors now.

Courtesy of Caseville Public School

Caseville Public School honored its graduating Class of 2020 by displaying each senior on streetlamp banners through town, which seniors will get to keep.

In the Caseville Public School district, in Caseville, Michigan, banners with every senior's class photo have been hung on lampposts that line the streets in town (they'll get to keep them), while in Hillsdale, New Jersey, a parent organization at Pascack Valley High School distributed yard signs with the message, "Class of 2020—#PVStrong—We're with you!" for local families to display. Every Friday night at 8:20 p.m. (20:20 military time), the school's football field lights are lit up for 20 minutes and 20 seconds to recognize the Class of 2020.Since everyone is stuck inside, a number of schools, including Pascack Valley High, have turned to social media platforms like Instagram or other digital tools to commemorate seniors publicly.

Schools have posted senior class photos to showcase students' college acceptances, accomplishments in high school, or just memories through the years. Others are creating virtual yearbooks that students can sign or making videos with teachers' reflections about each student. And at Vernon Hills High School, in Vernon Hills, Illinois, Principal Jon Guillaume spent four hours painting a mural at his high school with every senior's name and the words "Seniors: Not Forgotten." The final, celebratory video has already amassed over 77,000 views.

GOING VIRTUAL

Palm Beach County School District in southern Florida has committed to holding virtual graduation ceremonies for all 23 of its high schools in May that will air on local TV—Comcast and AT&T U-verse—and stream on the district's website. During the virtual ceremony, students and their families will hear prerecorded messages from speakers, edited together in the flow of

a traditional graduation ceremony, and their names will be announced with their photo displayed. Similarly, Natomas Unified School District, in Sacramento, California, will broadcast a graduation video on YouTube and the district website that includes prerecorded graduation speeches.

Other districts have looked outside the school system to give students something special this year. On social media platforms, educators have asked celebrities like John Krasinski, from the TV show *The Office*, and even Barack Obama to record graduation speeches or messages for seniors. iHeartRadio, a music and podcast app, is also hosting a podcast of Class of 2020 commencement speeches from well-known celebrities, like John Legend, Jimmy Fallon, and Hillary Clinton, on May 15.

Meanwhile, some students are even taking matters into their own hands. Ruby Allison, a senior at Hunter College High School in New York City, and about 10 of her classmates built a replica of their school on Minecraft to host a virtual graduation. Instead of the typical speeches, it will be an opportunity for the almost 150 seniors to connect as a group one last time. Students can join a group call, and the event will be streamed for students who don't have Minecraft.

STAY IN YOUR CARS

The Hanover Area School District, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for example—and others, like Pioneer Valley Regional School, in Northfield, Massachusetts, and Idaho Falls School District #91, in Idaho Falls, Idaho—are turning to a relic from the past: the drive-in movie theater.

Hanover Area School District families in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, will be celebrating their seniors at the Garden Drive-In.

In Wilkes-Barre, the Hanover district is hosting their graduation at the old Garden Drive-In—a local staple that families have enjoyed for generations. The ceremony will kick off with a car parade at the high school led by the local police officers and firefighters. In a single-file line, families will slowly drive five miles to the theater, greeted by socially distanced staff, cheerleaders, and the marching band along the way. At the drive-in, a prerecorded ceremony, with messages from the principal, valedictorian, and salutatorian, will play on the big screen, while families will tune in to the radio to listen.

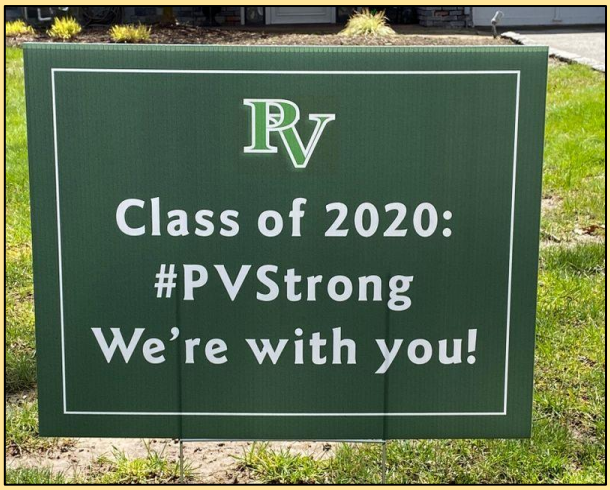
Nathan Barrett, the district's superintendent, says they're also planning on having a cap toss at the end of the ceremony, and photos will be taken for the yearbook. "It's been quite the ride since the announcement," says Barrett, referring to the news of the school closure. "We're creating great attention for these students who thought they were losing out. They're actually experiencing something more significant than the traditional ceremony, in my opinion."

In Kentucky, Boyd County High School recently announced that it would be hosting a drive-through graduation in mid-May. Led by the school's valedictorian and salutatorian, students and their families will drive through a designated loop in the high school parking lot while prerecorded speeches from school staff and students are broadcast over the radio. Students will be able to get out of their car at a designated spot to have their name called and their picture taken; photos will be distributed afterward to families for free.

GRADUATION, THE SOCIAL DISTANCING VERSION

Other schools are planning a hybrid in-person and virtual graduation ceremony to adhere to social distancing mandates while giving students the experience of walking across a stage to get their diploma. New Jersey parent organization at Pascack Valley High School distributed yard signs to local families to celebrate seniors.

Marshal County School District, in Marshal County, West Virginia, for example, is scheduling small groups of seniors to come to the high school and walk across the stage, six feet apart from their peers, and receive a prop diploma from the principal, who will wear a mask and gloves. (An official diploma will be mailed to students later.) A videographer will film each student to make a compilation video afterward, and a representative from the Health Department will be on hand to ensure that safety protocols are followed.



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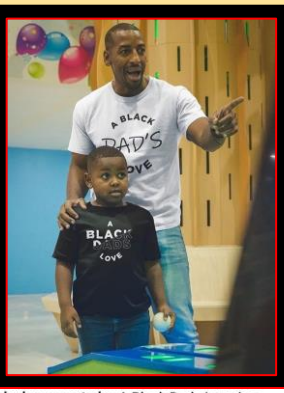

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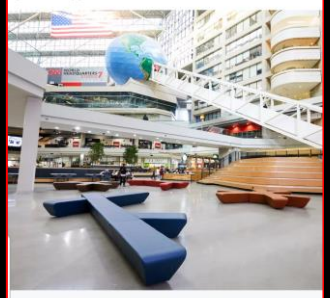

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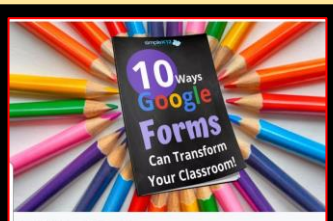

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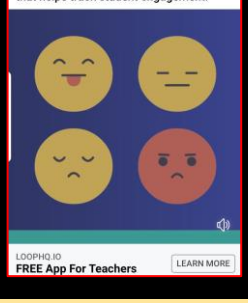

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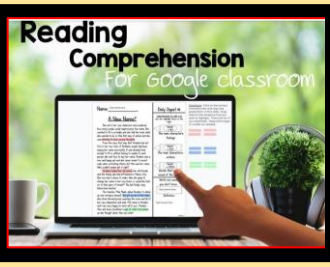

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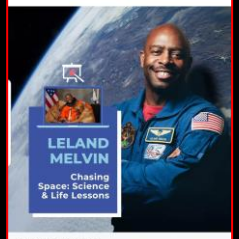

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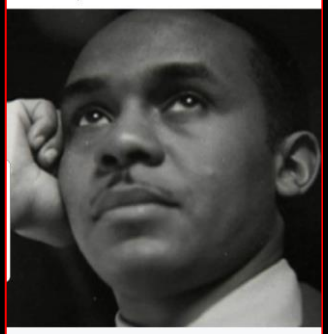

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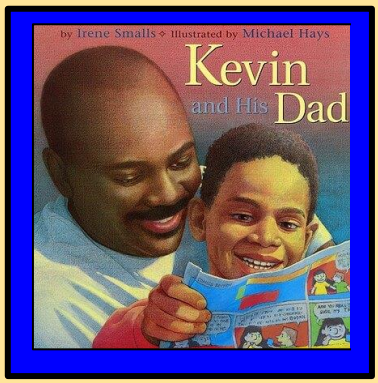

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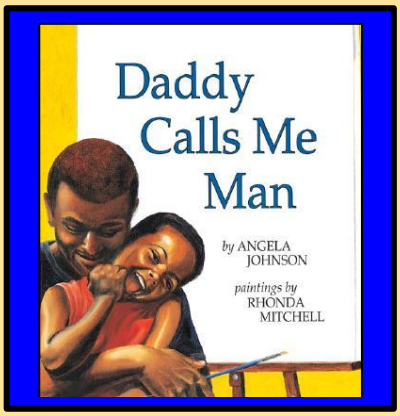

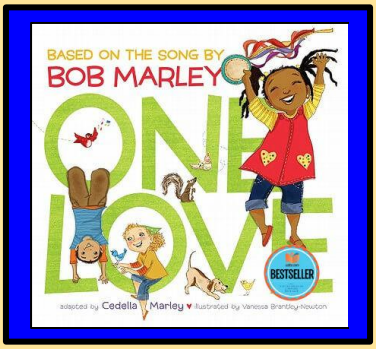

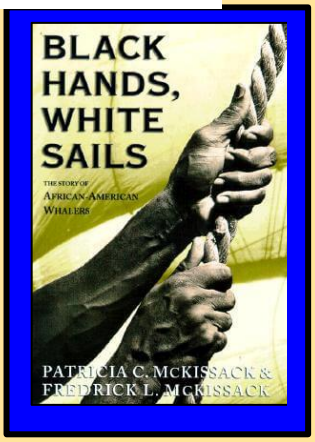

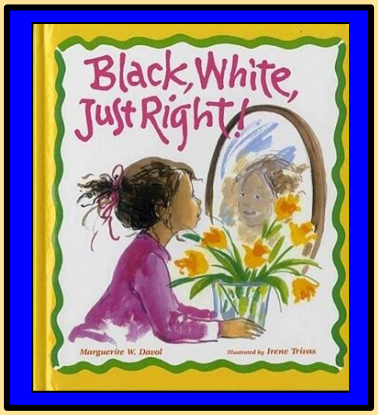

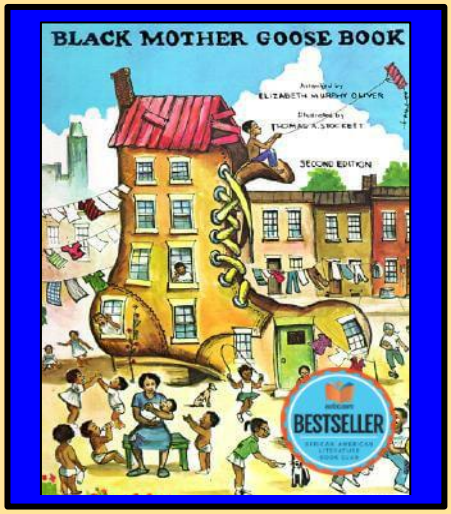

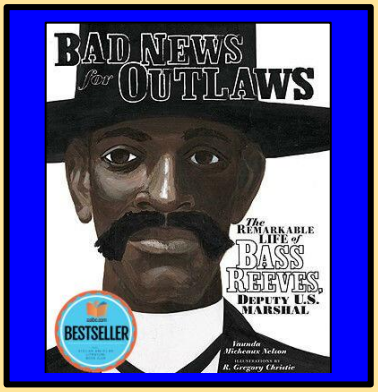

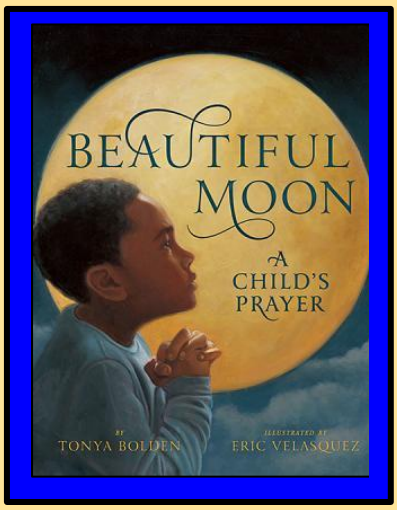

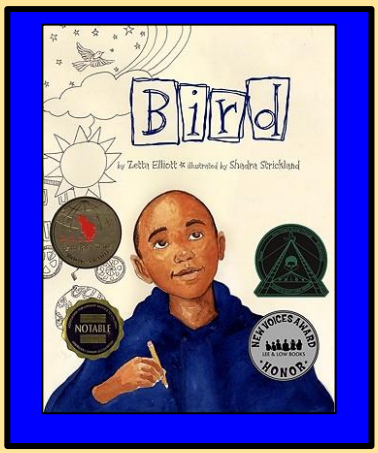

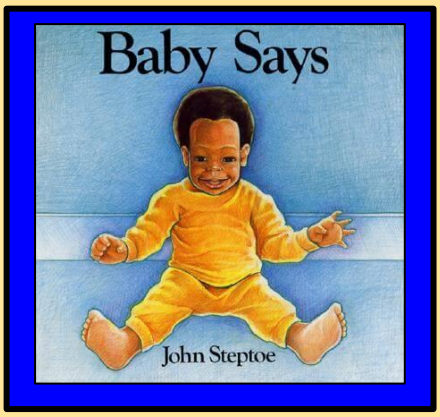

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Epsilon Alpha's 1st Chapter meeting on Zoom with 36 Sorors!

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NSPDK e-Learning Academy Committee 1st Zoom meeting

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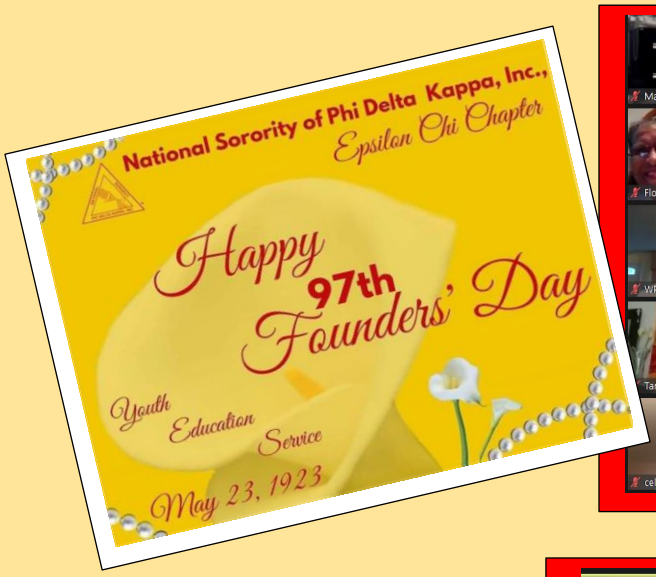

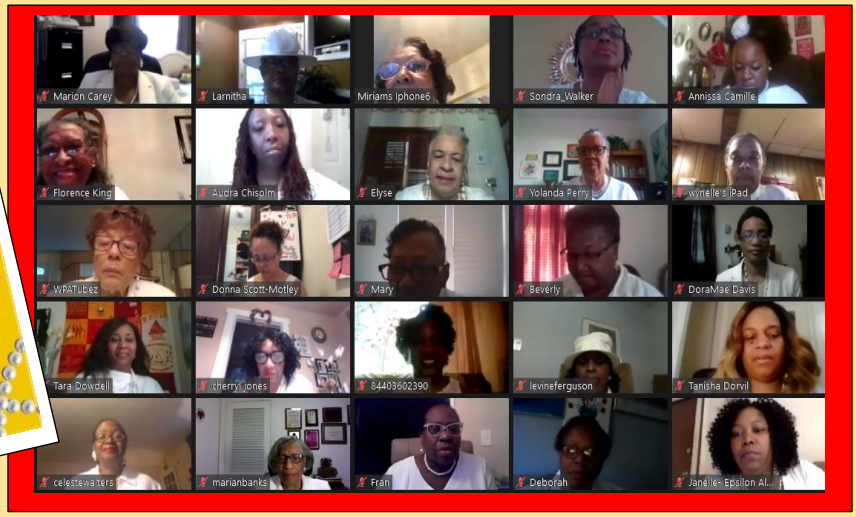

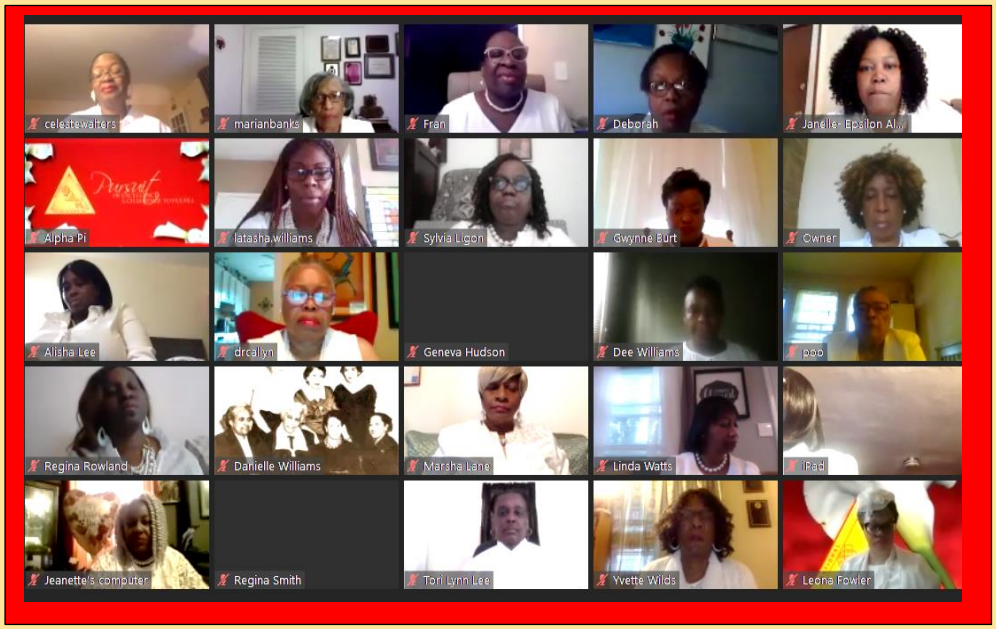
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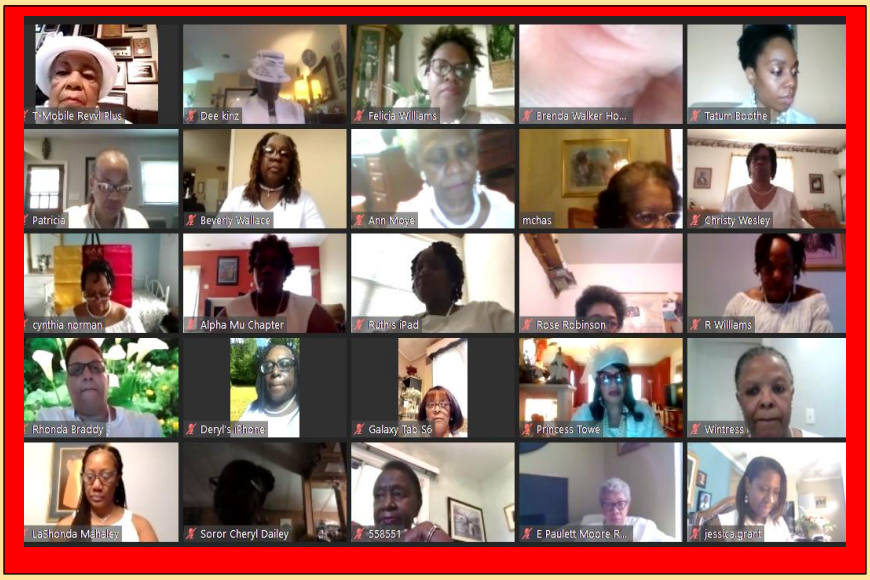
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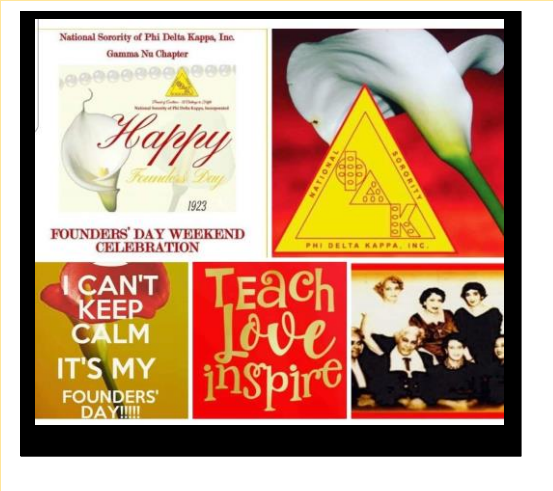
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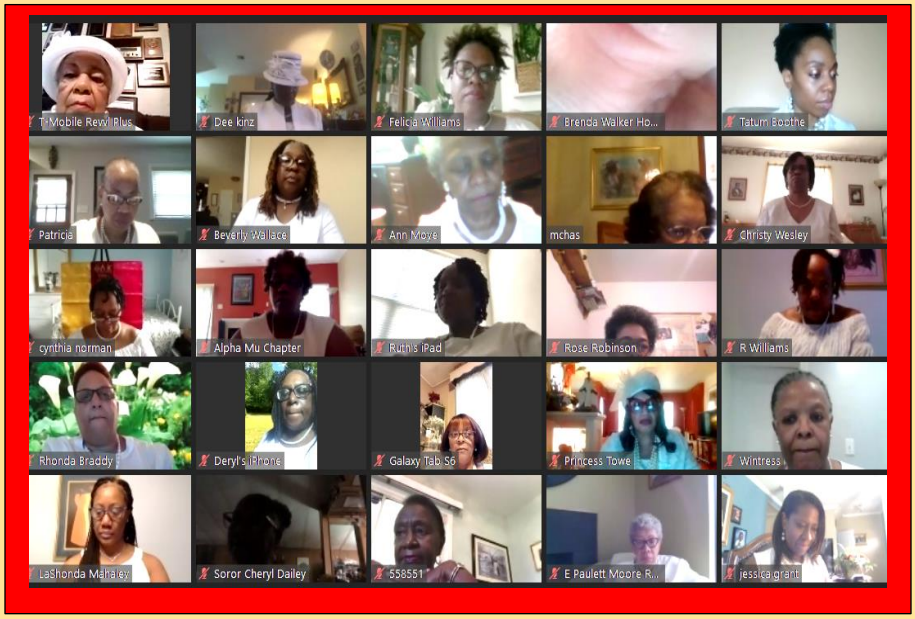
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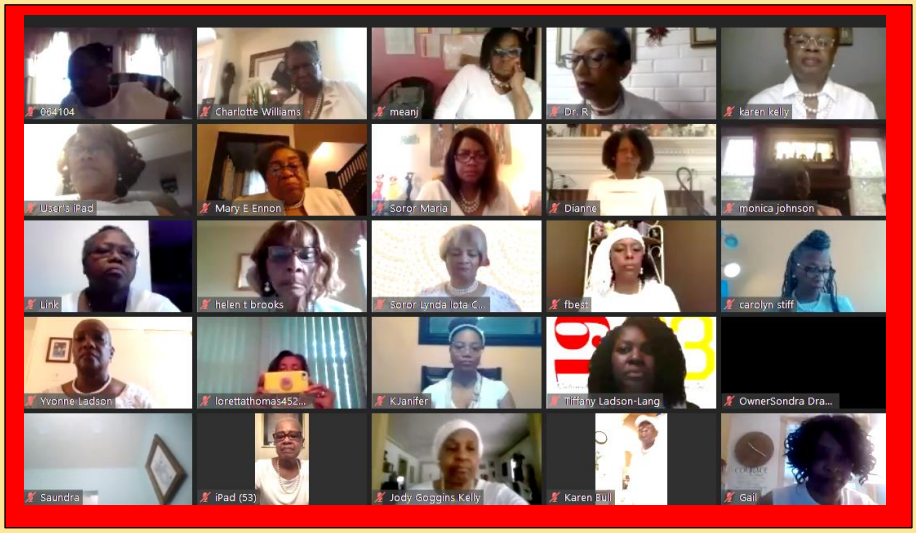
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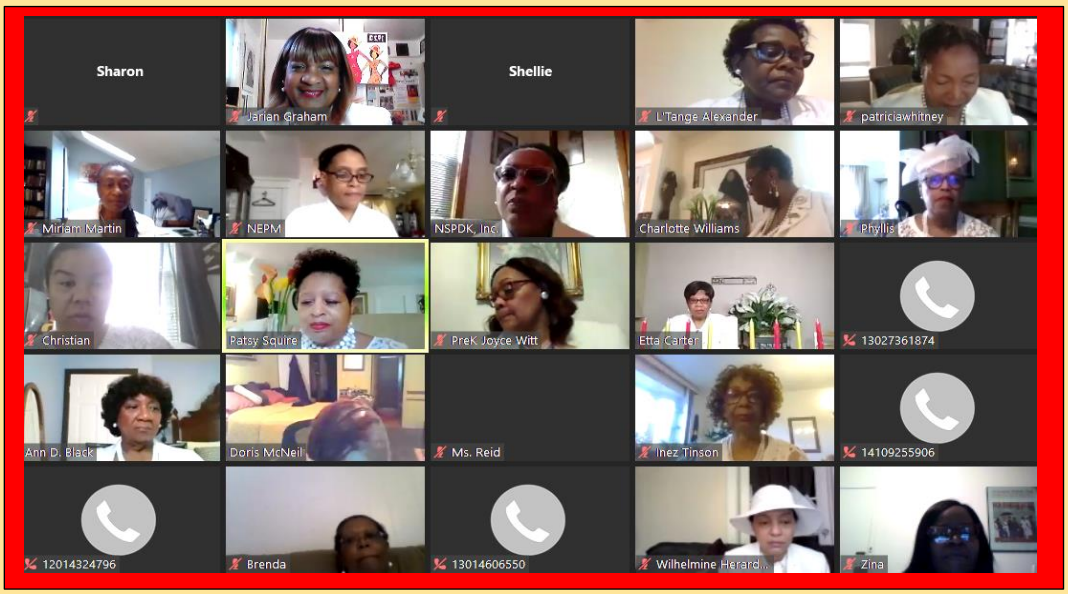
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May 23, 2020
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NSPDK Highlights
A Founders' Month Celebration
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FOUNDERS' DAY
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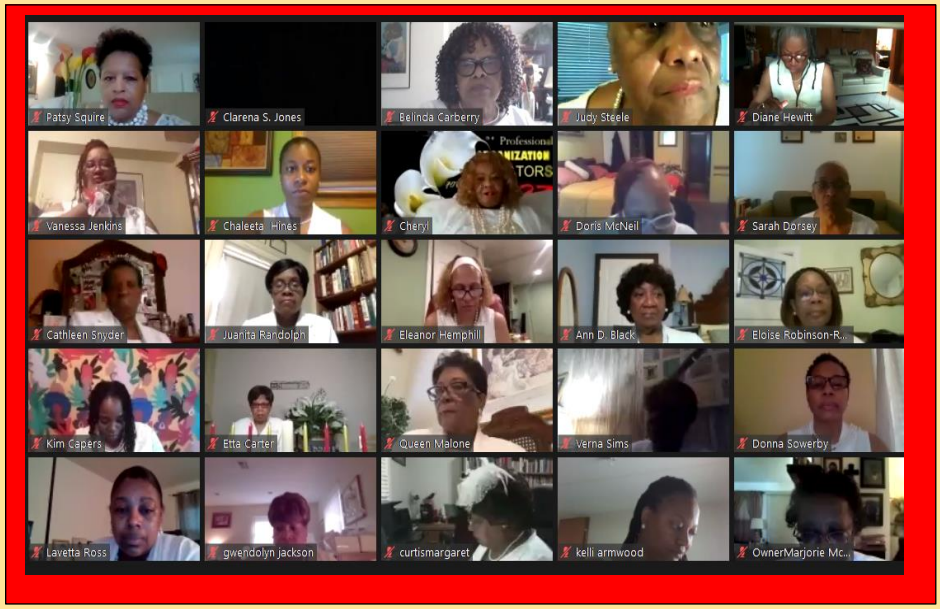
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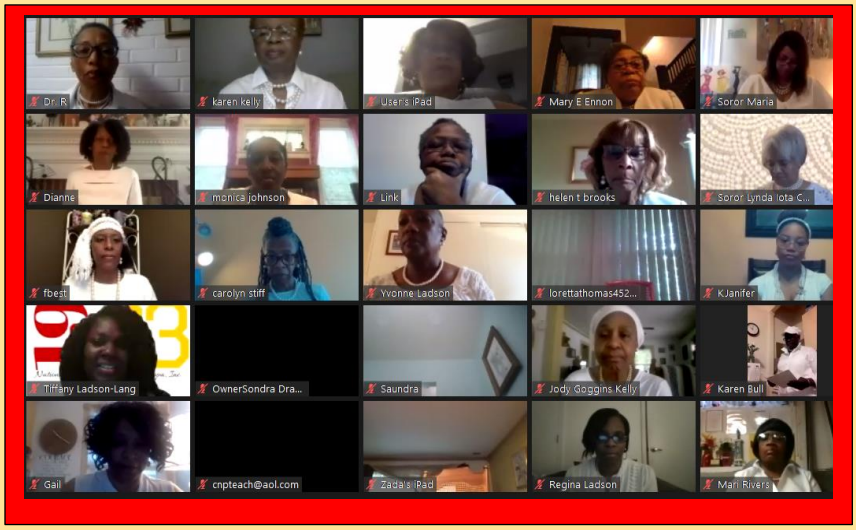
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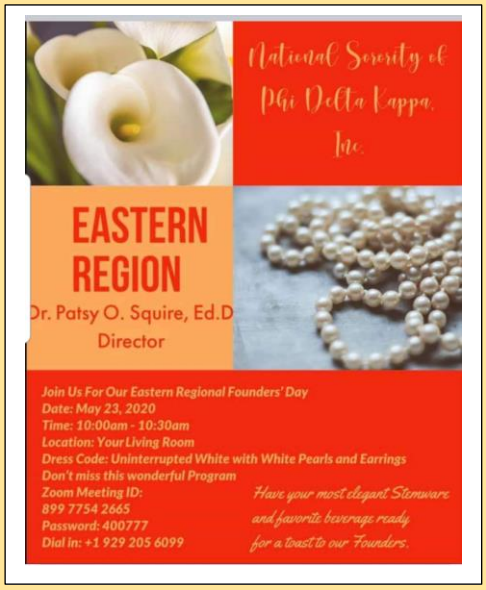
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Dr. Patsy O. Squire, Ed.D
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Join Us For Our Eastern Regional Founders' Day
Date: May 23, 2020
Time: 10:00am - 10:30am
Location: Your Living Room
Dress Code: Uninterrupted White with White Pearls and Earrings
Don't miss this wonderful Program
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Have your most elegant Stemware
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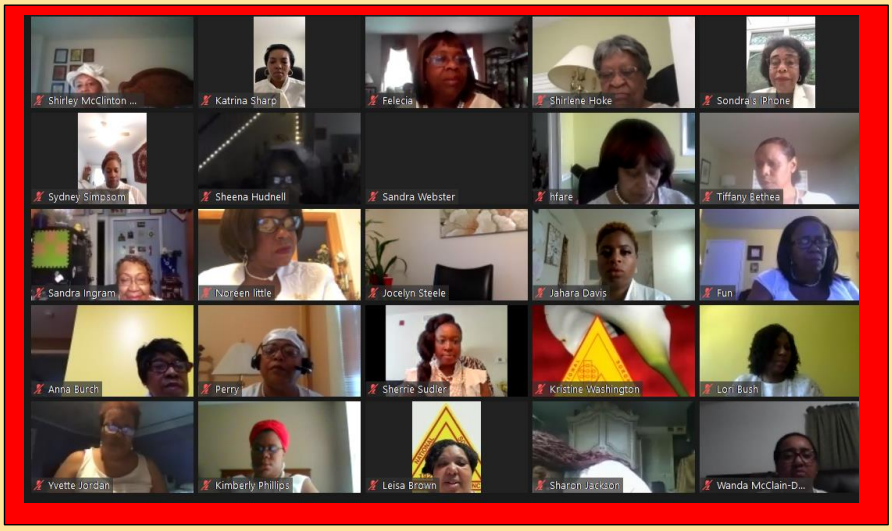
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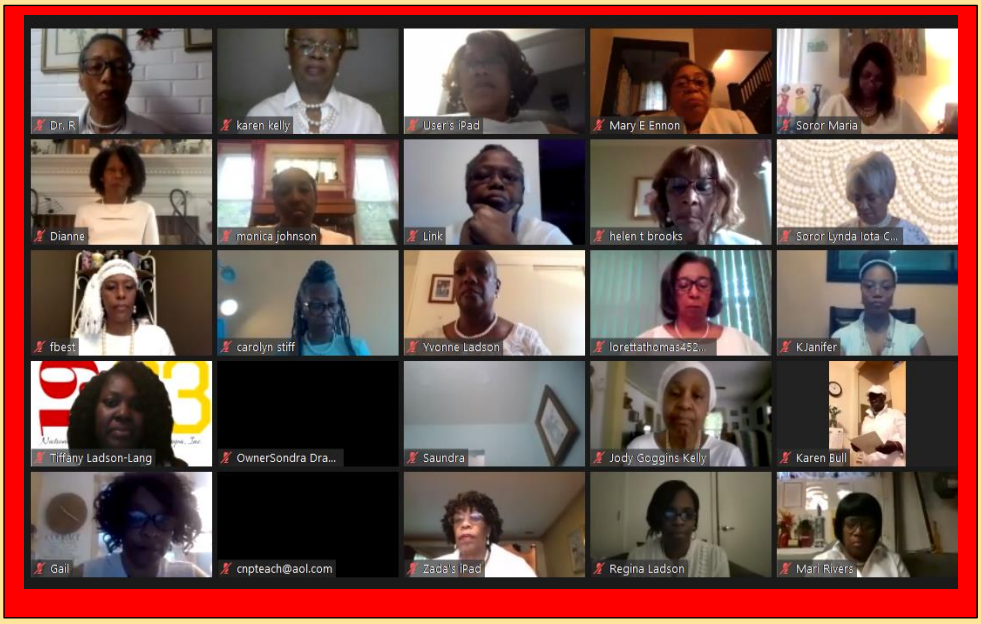
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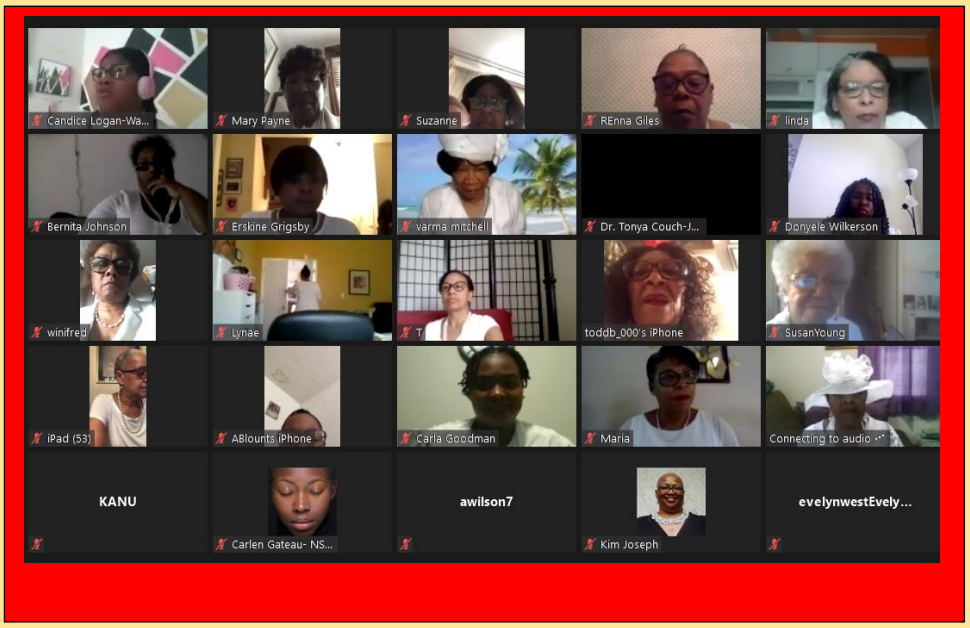
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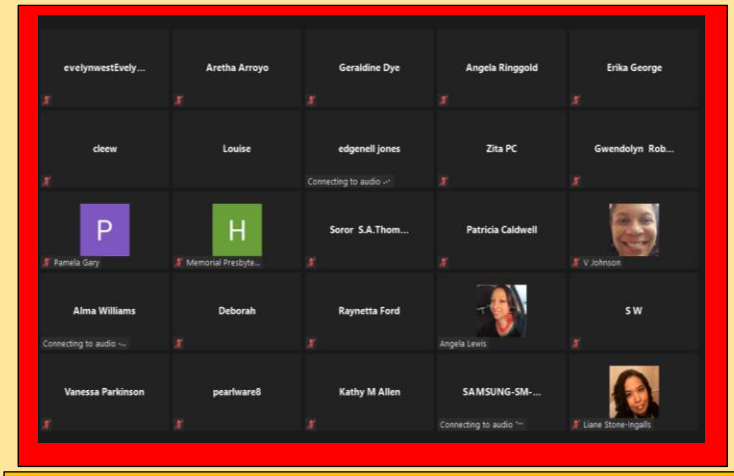

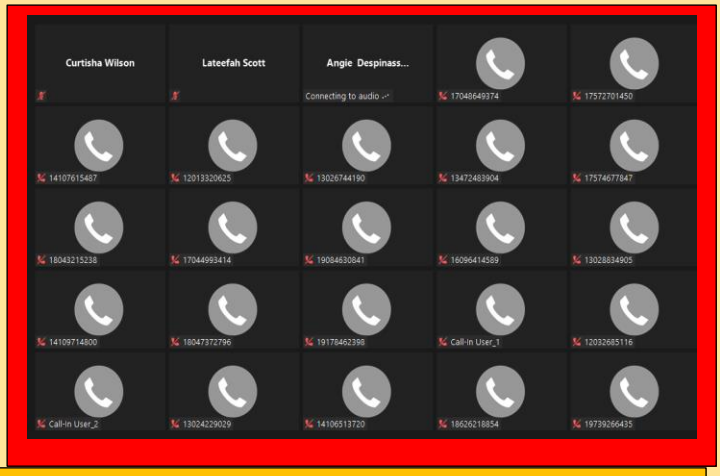

HAPPY FOUNDERS' DAY EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER

Happy Founders' Day. What a beautiful experience to participate in the virtual ritualistic celebration of the 97th Founders' Day Anniversary of the Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. My teaching sisters of Delta Nu chapter and I celebrated with chapters in the Eastern Division of Phi Delta Kappa, more than 200 strong. So uplifting!

Saluting Educators! Happy Teacher Appreciation Week.

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CELEBRATING 2020 FOUNDERS' DAY!

www.NSPDK.ORG... Started out at 10 AM, a caravan of 7 cars, and 8 team leaders ending up at 6:45 pm after greeting 50 sorors personally at their homes and presenting COVID–19 MASK to all. Sharing the love, the joy, the awe, the bond, the sisterhood lives on. NSPDK, Inc, Rho Chapter, together we are stronger! Happy Founders Day.

Midwest Region on the Move!

Greetings from the Mighty Midwest! Throughout it all, we still stand tall and believe in making a difference in our communities. The month of May we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week and saluted our Illustrious Founders' of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. We are in this together, we continue to foster a Spirit of Sisterhood, we continue to Move NSPDK Forward, by **E**very **S**oror **P**articipating!

In the Midwest Region we had Sorors that were recognized as Teacher of Year. In Chi Chapter, Detroit, MI Soror Patricia Reed as Teacher of the Year at Keidan Special Education Center. Congratulations Soror Patricia! Also, during Teacher Appreciation Week several Chi Chapter members placed white ribbons in and around their homes on behalf of Henry Ford Health System's White Ribbon Campaign in support of COVID-19 first responders. Great Job Chi!

In Tau Chapter, Indianapolis, IN Soror Mary Woods was a finalist for Teacher of the Year and she is also the Tamiouchos for Tau. Congratulations Soror Mary!

In MU Chapter, Chicago, IL a few Sorors gathered with students for a service project. Great Job MU!

In remembrance of Founders' Day Gamma Alpha Chapter in Columbus, OH paid homage to our Founders', their Charter members, and Past Basilei via Zoom! The Supreme Basileus Etta. F. Carter, Regional Director, Tiffany M. Pritchett, and past Regional Director Emma Henderson were present. Great job Gamma Alpha!

Alpha Xi and Gamma Rho Saluted our Founders' at their membership meetings via Zoom! Great job Alpha Xi and Gamma Rho!

And kudos to all the Midwest Sorors for participating in our National Founders' Day celebration on May 23, 2020! It was great seeing everyone. I deeply miss assembling with the Midwest for our Spring Conference.

Epsilon Xi and Sigma Chapters of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. have been invited to join a coalition of leaders and non-profits working to address the impact of COVID-19 on Cincinnati's African American and other vulnerable populations. The coalition launched in March by Cincinnati City Councilmember Jan-Michelle Lemon Kearney and Renee Mahaffey Harris, President & CEO of the Center for Closing the Health Gap.

Congratulations Sigma and Epsilon Xi!

Midwest Sorors! Continue to Rock What You Got!

Tiffany M. Pritchett
Midwest Regional Director
2019-2023

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week from the National President and Regional Directors of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. ❤️💛www.NSPDK.org

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YOUR NSPDK, Inc. ALPHA CHAPTER SISTERS – say HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!❤️💛

Saluting Educators! Happy Teacher Appreciation Week.

Wear Red For Ed Day! Happy Teacher's Appreciation Week! ❤️💛👩‍🏫🍎

Beta Omicron Chapter

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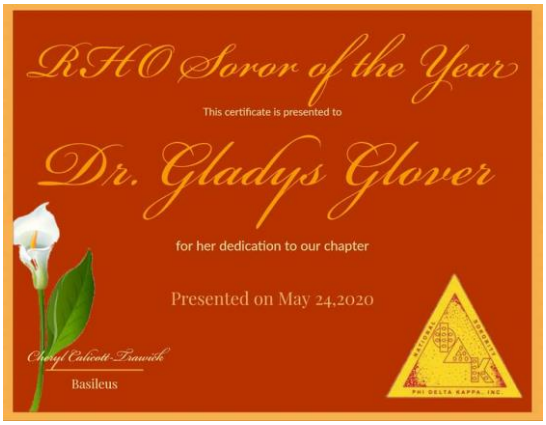

Rho Chapter

Gamma Nu Sorors went *Red for Ed* with the National Educational Association! Happy Teachers' Appreciation Week!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

PI CHAPTER HAS NSPDK APPAREL DISPLAYED FRONT AND CENTER

Epsilon Pi

We are in the midst of a pandemic and Beta Omicron Chapter Members are remaining vigilant and safe❤️💛🍎🛶.
#NSPDKSORORITY #TeachersMatter

YOUTUBE.COM
The Power of a Caring Educator | Lisa Mims | TEDxWilmingtonED

NSPDK MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER…

Nedra R. Allen, Ed. D. has published an article entitled "Lesson on Diversity through My Love Boat Experience: Mentoring as a Compass in Navigating General Education" in the Journal of National Association of University Women "A Legacy of Service and Commitment in Action".

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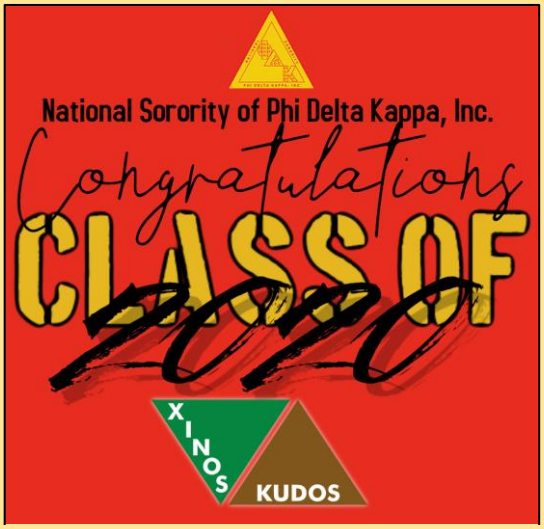
This was a project I was fortunate to be a part of as the Early Learning Specialist for Peshine Avenue School in Newark, NJ. The video was released during teacher appreciation week, but done in December.

YOUTUBE.COM
The Cost of Being a Hero || A True Story of Teachers' Sacrifice

Epsilon Alpha Soror Eleanor Wayman-Worrill

Epsilon Pi Sorors -Arlington Police Department


National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.
Congratulations
CLASS OF
2020
XINOS
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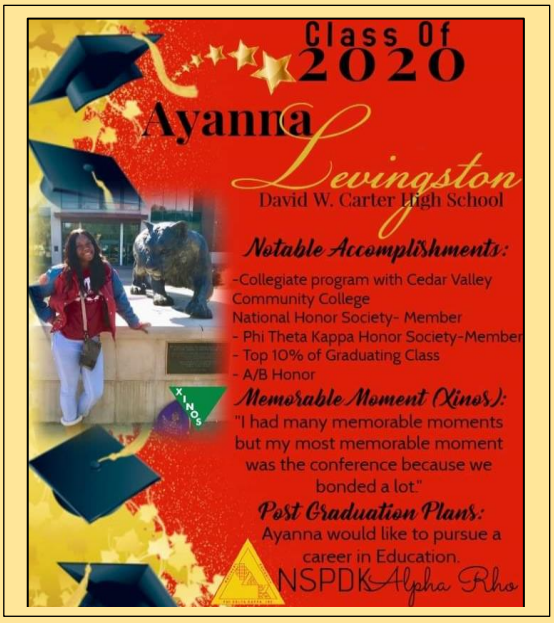
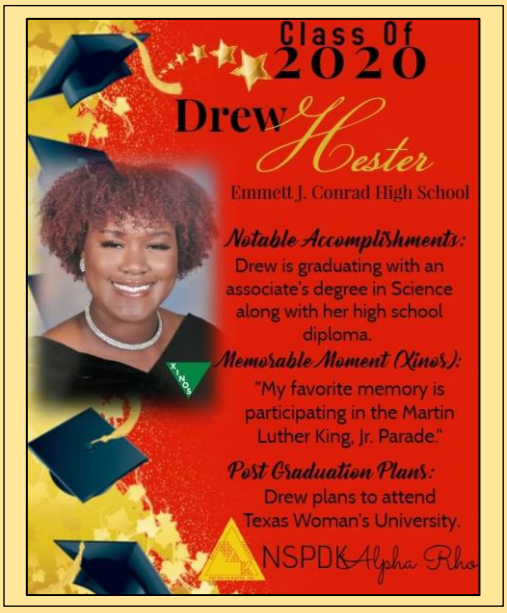
Class Of
2020
Jocelyn
Brown
Duncanville High School
Notable Accomplishments:
Jocelyn is a memeber of the Cosmetology Program.
Memorable Moment (Xinos):
"I enjoyed attending our Fair Park Christmas at the Park event. We gave bikes to children in needs."
Post Graduation Plans:
In the Fall, Jocelyn plans to attend Mountain View College.
NSPDK Alpha Rho

Class Of
2020
Mycah
Cannon
Townview School of Business and Management
Notable Accomplishments:
National Honor Society
Dallas Coaches Association Scholar Award
Track & Field 100 Hurdle Champion
200+ Community Service Hours
A/B honor roll
Memorable Moment (Xinos):
"I share fond memories attending regional conferences and step practice."
Post Graduation Plans:
Clark Atlanta University - Mass Media Arts
NSPDK Alpha Rho

Class Of
2020
Ellis
Herron
John Dubiski Career Hgh School
ENGINEERING PATHWAY
Notable Accomplishments:
- Researched opportunity business zones in the 75216 zip code in Dallas, Texas
-Interned with the City of Grand Prairie to help set up Prairie Lights.
Memorable Moment (Kudo):
"Having the opportunity to give and serve others through community service activities is one of my fondest memories about being a member of the Kudos youth group. I especially enjoyed volunteering during the Christmas in the Park at Fair Park event where we helped to give away bikes to needy families. I also really enjoyed attending the my first regional conference in Austin, Texas. I learned a lot and had fun. "
Post Graduation Plans:
Ellis will attend Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering..
KUDOS
NSPDK Alpha Rho


Class Of
2020
Ayanna
Levingston
David W. Carter High School
Notable Accomplishments:
-Collegiate program with Cedar Valley Community College
National Honor Society- Member
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society-Member
- Top 10% of Graduating Class
- A/B Honor
Memorable Moment (Xinos):
"I had many memorable moments but my most memorable moment was the conference because we bonded a lot."
Post Graduation Plans:
Ayanna would like to pursue a career in Education.
NSPDK Alpha Rho


Class Of
2020
Drew
Hester
Emmett J. Conrad High School
Notable Accomplishments:
Drew is graduating with an associate's degree in Science along with her high school diploma.
Memorable Moment (Xinos):
"My favorite memory is participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade."
Post Graduation Plans:
Drew plans to attend Texas Woman's University.
NSPDK Alpha Rho

Congratulations!

2020 Education Scholarship Recipients

Rho Chapter

IVANA THOMPSON

TAARYN DENNIS

MAYA BIRCHETT

Remember the date…

We are still trying to celebrate our Graduates and our Honorees. We hope you will still be able to join us.

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.
Alpha Chapter

Presents Our

Annual Marie A. Bagby Scholarship
Citation Luncheon & Fashion Show

"Building Relationships by Bridging School and Community Service"

Honoring

Dr. Tanasha Simela
Dermatologist
Schweiger Dermatology Group

Ms. Clarelle DeGraffe
General Manager
Port Authority of NY & NJ

Mr. James Johnson
President
College Incentive Program

Ms. Gwendolyn Jackson,
Past Basileus
NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Chapter

Dr. Lamont Repollet
Commissioner
NJ Department of Education

Honoring

Ms. Valerie Morris
Casper Program Administrator
Jersey City Board of Education

Ms. Laverne Webb-Washington
Community Activist
Jersey City, NJ

Mr. & Mrs. Ferris Tune
Hub Parents
NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Chapter

New Date

to be held on
Saturday, September 19, 2020
12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm
at
The Westwood
438 North Avenue
Garwood, New Jersey
Donation: $70.00

Spring Fashion Show by the Synder High School Fashion Design Program

Vendors – Tricky Tray Baskets – Door Prizes

Email:
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for tickets or contact a member

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TO CELEBRATE
WITH YOU AGAIN . . .

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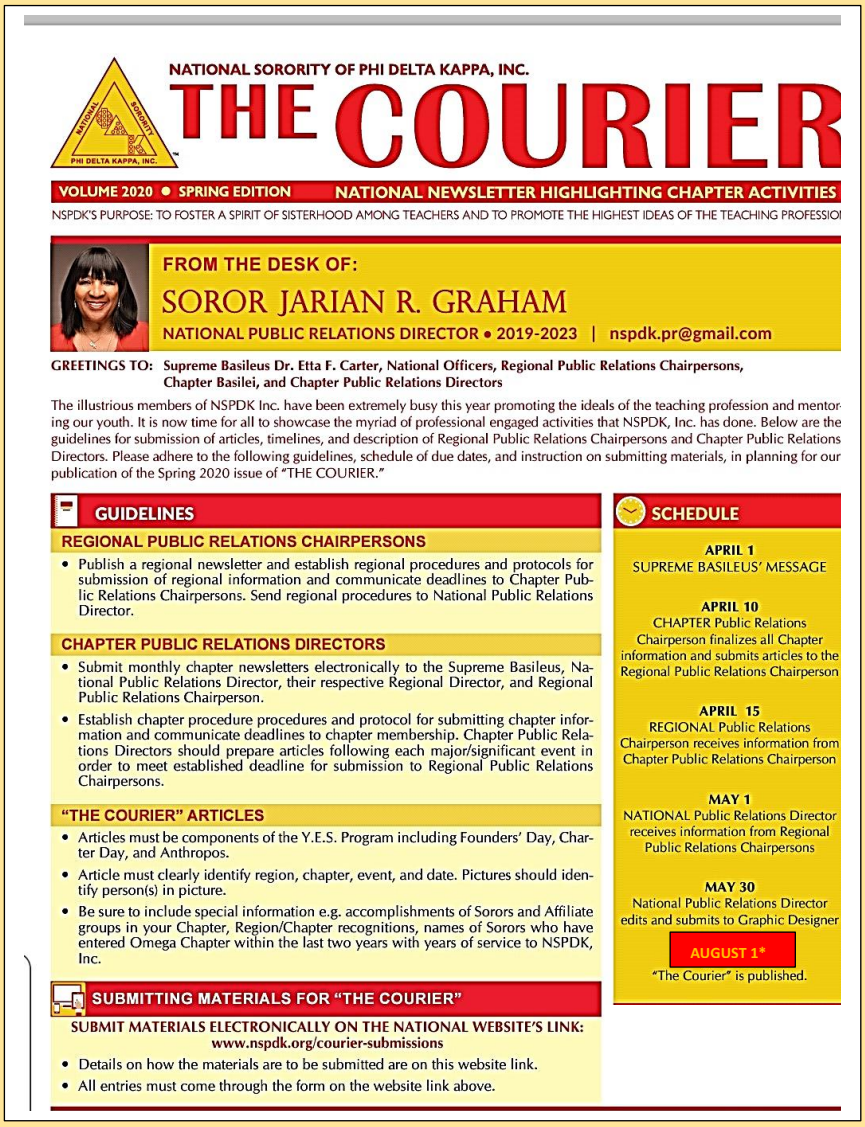


NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC.

THE COURIER

VOLUME 2020 • SPRING EDITION NATIONAL NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

NSPDK'S PURPOSE: TO FOSTER A SPIRIT OF SISTERHOOD AMONG TEACHERS AND TO PROMOTE THE HIGHEST IDEAS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSIO

FROM THE DESK OF:

SOROR JARIAN R. GRAHAM

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR • 2019-2023 | nspdk.pr@gmail.com

GREETINGS TO: Supreme Basileus Dr. Etta F. Carter, National Officers, Regional Public Relations Chairpersons, Chapter Basilei, and Chapter Public Relations Directors

The illustrious members of NSPDK Inc. have been extremely busy this year promoting the ideals of the teaching profession and mentoring our youth. It is now time for all to showcase the myriad of professional engaged activities that NSPDK, Inc. has done. Below are the guidelines for submission of articles, timelines, and description of Regional Public Relations Chairpersons and Chapter Public Relations Directors. Please adhere to the following guidelines, schedule of due dates, and instruction on submitting materials, in planning for our publication of the Spring 2020 issue of "THE COURIER."

GUIDELINES

REGIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSONS

- Publish a regional newsletter and establish regional procedures and protocols for submission of regional information and communicate deadlines to Chapter Public Relations Chairpersons. Send regional procedures to National Public Relations Director.

CHAPTER PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS

- Submit monthly chapter newsletters electronically to the Supreme Basileus, National Public Relations Director, their respective Regional Director, and Regional Public Relations Chairperson.
- Establish chapter procedure procedures and protocol for submitting chapter information and communicate deadlines to chapter membership. Chapter Public Relations Directors should prepare articles following each major/significant event in order to meet established deadline for submission to Regional Public Relations Chairpersons.

"THE COURIER" ARTICLES

- Articles must be components of the Y.E.S. Program including Founders' Day, Charter Day, and Anthropos.
- Article must clearly identify region, chapter, event, and date. Pictures should identify person(s) in picture.
- Be sure to include special information e.g. accomplishments of Sorors and Affiliate groups in your Chapter, Region/Chapter recognitions, names of Sorors who have entered Omega Chapter within the last two years with years of service to NSPDK, Inc.

SUBMITTING MATERIALS FOR "THE COURIER"

SUBMIT MATERIALS ELECTRONICALLY ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE'S LINK:
www.nspdk.org/courier-submissions

- Details on how the materials are to be submitted are on this website link.
- All entries must come through the form on the website link above.

SCHEDULE

APRIL 1
SUPREME BASILEUS' MESSAGE

APRIL 10
CHAPTER Public Relations Chairperson finalizes all Chapter information and submits articles to the Regional Public Relations Chairperson

APRIL 15
REGIONAL Public Relations Chairperson receives information from Chapter Public Relations Chairperson

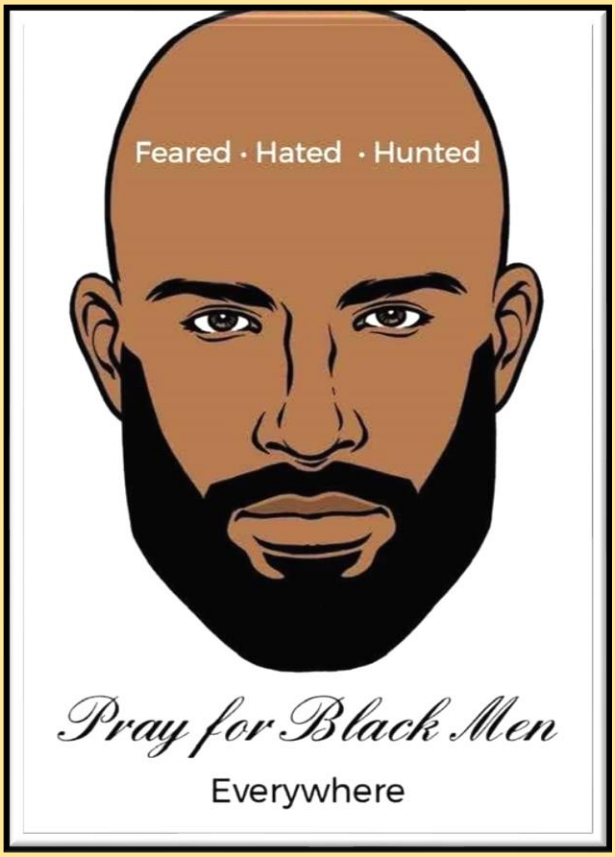
MAY 1
NATIONAL Public Relations Director receives information from Regional Public Relations Chairpersons

MAY 30
National Public Relations Director edits and submits to Graphic Designer

AUGUST 1*
"The Courier" is published.

***2020 *The Courier* will be posted on the NSPDK website the first week in August**

A little something to put a smile on your face…I know it did mine.



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