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# Press Release



## **NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC. CELEBRATES ITS BIENNIAL 94<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCLAVE**

**Hosted by Gamma Nu Chapter of Little Rock, AR**

Chicago, Il, July 13, 2017– The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK), a professional organization of women in the field of education, will hold its biennial 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave on July, 15-20, 2017 at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel, Little Rock, AR.

*NSPDK, an organization of nearly 3,000, was Founded in 1923, in Jersey City New, Jersey; its philosophy is dedicated to the task of educating youth of America.*

With 118 active chapters across the country, NSPDK, Inc. believes education is a potent factor in maintaining and perpetuating democracy as the most ideal form of life.

NSPDK members from five regions in the United States will join the National President—Charlotte M. Williams and her National Executive Council at the conference. The local Gamma Nu Chapter, under the leadership of Chapter President—Deborah Bledsoe, will host this event.

National President Williams says, “this biennial conference promises to be one of intellectual and enlightenment. Our deliberations are designed to meet the needs of NSPDK members, as well as a sisterhood dedicated to promoting education. Our theme—*“Embracing the Standards, Raising the Bar: Narratives of Bravery and Hope”*, will be reflected in the professional development sessions, workshops and cultural and social events throughout the conference.”

The following events are open to the public: Because We Care Community Service Project, An Evening with the Anthropos, the Public Meeting, Educational Workshops, Vital Issues Breakfast, and Gala Night. Details of each event are showcased below.

The major pre-conclave event, “Because We Care Community Service Project,” will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 12noon – 4pm in the Marriott Hotel, Riverview Room. This event includes a health fair and support of Project H.O.P.E. First, there will be a health fair providing a safe, confidential atmosphere where conversation may take place with health care professionals on topics to include diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer – current issues affecting African-American and other minority communities. Second, support will be provided to Project H.O.P.E. where Gamma Nu Chapter of Little Rock, AR has adopted Stephens Elementary School and runs Project H.O.P.E. to support the needs of the students.

An Evening with the Anthropos (Men in Our Lives) will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 7pm – 10pm (Ticketed event). Rev. Malik Saafir will be the moderator of a panel viewing of Excerpts from the award-winning “**13th.**” The panelist and award honorees are Attorney John Walker and Attorney Omavi Shakur.

Professional Development for Educators, a full day of workshops and presentations, will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017. Presenters will include internationally renowned educators in several areas of curriculum and instruction, especially literacy. The keynote presenter is Chelonnda Seroya, member of Dr. Harry Wong’s Professional Development Team.

The Public Meeting event will be held Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6pm. This event will honor the four HBCU Presidents along with Dr. Jones President of Henderson State University. Dr. R.L. Smothers, Philander Smith College President will be honored with a citation award. Other honorees are Dr. Joyce Elders, Ms. Hattie Frazier, and Mr. James Jones.

The Vital Issues Breakfast will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 8:30am – 11:30am (Ticketed event). The guest keynote speaker is Tananarive Due, Author. She is a former Cosby Chair for the Humanities at Spelman College. She has written a dozen supernatural suspense novels. She has won the American Book Award, and the NAACP Image Award. Honored guest will be Elizabeth Eckford and Thelma Mothershed-Wair of the Little Rock Nine.

The Gala Night will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 6:00pm to 10pm (Ticketed event). Its theme is “Women Who Rocked the Nation.”

To Purchase Tickets, EMAIL [nspdkgammanu@gmail.com](mailto:nspdkgammanu@gmail.com).

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