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#### NATIONAL NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTING CHAPTER ACTIVITIE

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

#### October 2017 Fall National **Executive Council Meeting**

The 2017 Fall Executive Council Meeting was held at the Midway Marriott Hotel in Chicago Illinois on October 18-21, 2017. This meeting was the first for the 2017-2018 administration. The following new members were welcomed to the National Executive Council for 2017-2021: Myrna Robinson, Marjorie McDaniel, Yvonne Ben, Joyce Williams, Frances Faulks, Anona Huntley, Brenda Jackson, Barbara Nettles, Anita O'Neal, Ruth Curry, along with Dr. Etta F. Carter, Supreme Basileus. This meeting helped to define the goals of the Administration 2017-2021. Sorors took group and individual photos for future use in magazines, journals and other publications. Chicago Area Chapters welcome us: Mu Chapter of Chicago, Illinois; Beta Mu of Gary, Indiana; and Zeta Gamma of Maywood, Illinois. Members joined the Council for the Final Fellowship Luncheon on October 21, 2017. Additional meetings were held by Members of Perpetual Scholarship Foundation Board and National Anthropos Officers.

From the Office of the Supreme Basileus, Dr. Etta F. Carter

#### **Affiliate Organizations**









Sorors are asked to stay informed about our partners as we are Affiliate Members of the following organizations.

- National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) - Membership is paid each year. NSPDK was selected to present a profile at the national meeting. Beta Chapter represented NSPDK.
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Each year there is a Silver Life Membership for an NSPDK deserving past national officer. Two memberships are given at the Anniversary Conclave every two years.
- National Urban League (NUL) NSPDK Membership is paid each year.
- Black Women's Agenda (BWA) NSPDK was featured as the Spotlight Organization for six months. The opening photo was Eta Chapter, Eastern Region.



#### **NSPDK Celebates Its Biennial 96th Anniversary Conclave**

#### Hosted by Alpha Nu Chapter of St. Louis, MO and Midwest Region

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK), a professional organization of women in the field of education, will hold its biennial 96th Anniversary Conclave on July, 15-18, 2019 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

This biennial conference will be reflected in the professional development sessions, workshops and cultural and social events.

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPAINC. NSPDK's biennial 96th



CONCLAVE

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI JULY 14 - 18, 2019

**Anniversary Conclave** Coordinators are Dr. Carla F. Carter of the Southwest Region and Anita Totty of the Midwest Region.

Pre-Conclave is July 13-14, 2019 - It will include: tours, entertainment, shopping, a meal at Sweetie Pie's Restaurant, and

distribution of gifts to the Executive Council Welcoming Committee from Alpha Nu Chapter and the Midwest Region.

Conclave Week is July 15-18, 2019 - It will include: tours, shopping, casino tour, workshops (leadership, technology, learning how to use the webinar), entertainment, speakers, and more.

Sorors, please bring an outfit that is Afro-Centric for the President's Reception.

Submtted by Dr. Barbara H Gwinn, Alpha Nu Chapter Basileus

#### **National Directory Debut**

It's finally here! The new 2018-2019 NSPDK National Directory made its debut in the spring of 2018. This is the first National Directory to be published in at least five (5) years. It was distributed to Basilei, Sorors and National Executive Council members at some Regional Conferences and the U.S. Mail. Printed copies are still available at Headquarters. It is also located in the SORORS ONLY Section of the NSPDK website www.nspdk.org.

This directory is also slated to be the last printed directory. Therefore, it is very important that all Sorors' contact information is current. A special thanks to all chapters who sent their updated Circular 1 to the Supreme Epistoleus and Headquarters.



From the Office of the Supreme Epistoleus, Janice Mason





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#### NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC.



National Greeting from the

26th Supreme Basileus • 2017-2021

DR. ETTA F. CARTER

I am delighted to welcome you to the pages of the NSPDK 2018 Fall Courier, the national newsletter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. It's about you . . . the sorors, youth and affiliates . . . and your personal contributions to the sorority's ideas. It's about your

personal pursuit of excellence in your chosen career as a valued teacher and education professional, and as a person of character and dignity. Congratulations to each of you who exhibit pride in your career, in your life accomplishments, and your contributions to our beloved organization, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Thank you to Soror Queen Malone, National Director of Public Relations, who serves as the Editor of the NSPDK 2018 Fall Courier.

Be blessed.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. —NELSON MANDELA





National Greeting from the Olational Director of Public Relations

QUEEN E. MALONE

It has been a pleasure to assist as the Editor for the publication of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Fall Edition of the 2018 Courier. Our National Newsletter, The Courier serves as the bridge to inform, inspire, motivate, encourage, and create a desire for us to aspire and seek to do something to accomplish the goals of the National Sorority

of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. It was not possible to include all documents received in the due to the large quantity of material. Some items were edited to provide for inclusion. Again, I express my gratitude to all officers, chapters, regional directors, and sorors who submitted materials for The Courier that reflects the great activities being done that make our sorority shine, excel, and stand out. As eager as we are to showcase and publicize our work, we must continue to utilize our Regional and National Workbooks to present the broader picture of our Y.E.S. Program. I am excited to share this edition of The Courier. It reflects the exemplary Y.E.S. activities that you and the affiliate groups are doing across the country. Please continue to move National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. forward by showcasing and presenting your projects and activities in your community to influence chapter growth and make our great organization visible. Congratulations to each of you who exhibit pride in your career, in your life accomplishments, and your contributions to our beloved organization, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.





#### NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC.

"To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession"

SEPTEMBER	<ul> <li>NI* PDK Ponders (presented monthly at each chapter and youth meeting)</li> <li>Recruit Scholarship Candidates</li> <li>Publicize/Finalize Teach-A-Rama Program Plans</li> <li>National Sickle Cell Month</li> <li>Present Annual Program Calendar</li> </ul>
OCTOBER	<ul> <li>Provide Guidance for Youth SAT/ACT Candidates</li> <li>Send out National/Regional/Local Scholarship Applications</li> <li>Breast Health Awareness Month</li> <li>Achievement/Citation Portfolios due October 16th in St. Louis, MO</li> </ul>
NOVEMBER	<ul> <li>NI* Red Hot Sock Drop</li> <li>Teach-A-Rama         (Start Distributing/Collecting the READ ACROSS NSPDK Signature Sheets)</li> <li>American Diabetes Month</li> <li>National Education Week</li> </ul>
DECEMBER	Spread/Share Holiday Joy
JANUARY	<ul> <li>Martin Luther King Observation (3rd Monday) — January 21, 2019</li> <li>NI* Read Across NSPDK (3rd Monday) — January 21, 2019</li> <li>Workshop Applications for Conclave Presenters due January 15, 2019         (Sororial to Margarette Galloway &amp; Professional to Dr. Patsye Squire)     </li> </ul>
FEBRUARY	<ul> <li>African American History Observation</li> <li>Deadline for National Scholarship Applications (Brenda Jackson, Chairperson)</li> <li>Prepare Regional Reports</li> <li>Women Heart Health Week (1st Week)</li> </ul>
MARCH	<ul> <li>REGIONAL CONFERENCE — Far West: March 15-18, 2019 in Ontario, CA</li> <li>Youth Violence Prevention Week (last week in March)</li> </ul>
APRIL	<ul> <li>REGIONAL CONFERENCE — Southwest: April 4-7, 2019 in Shreveport, LA</li> <li>REGIONAL CONFERENCE — Southeast: April 11-14, 2019 in Nashville, TN</li> <li>REGIONAL CONFERENCE — Eastern: April 25-28, 2019 in Richmond, VA</li> <li>National Child Abuse Prevention Week</li> <li>Regional YES Chairs report due to National YES Chairs — April 1, 2019</li> </ul>
MAY	<ul> <li>REGIONAL CONFERENCE — Midwest: May 3-6, 2019 in Evansville, IN</li> <li>Founders' Day Observance Month</li> <li>High Blood Pressure Education Month</li> </ul>
JUNE	NI* Because We Care Education Month
JULY	<ul> <li>96TH ANNIVERSARY CONCLAVE: July 14-18, 2019 in St. Louis, MO Theme: "BOLD 21st Century Education: Cultural Relevancy"</li> <li>Displays &amp; Winning Activity Books due for Conclave — July 10, 2019</li> </ul>
	GUIDE:  NI* = National Initiative • FYI = Calendar Observances • Conclave Deadlines  Submitted by FSAB, September 2018



"BEING A QUEEN IS NOT ALL ABOUT SINGING.

AND BEING A DIVA IS NOT ABOUT SINGING.

IT HAS MUCH TO DO WITH YOUR SERVICE TO PEOPLE."

Aretha Franklin (RIH)

# Serving you as OFirst Supreme OAnti-Basileus made me feel a OQueen and a Diva.



Sorors, thank you for embracing and participating in the new initiatives. I love the interactions between sorors performing their monthly NSPDK Ponders at chapter and youth meetings. We must keep exercising our minds to focus and Move BOLDLY into

the 21st Century with Supreme Basileus Carter.

The National Program Committee is off to a great sororal year. National program chairs are in place and are ready to serve you. The calendar has been sent to chapters with special color coding to emphasize projects and deadlines. We are asking chapters to keep a pictorial journal on the highlighted initiatives to be shared at our 96th Anniversary Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri.

We are requesting the five regions to send in their 2018 and 2019 regional conferences' winning activity books and outstanding educational displays. We want all to see the exemplary works in our regions. Awards will be given for the winning activity books (2018 and 2019).

Sorors, **WE NEED WILLING WORKERS** to serve as workshop presenters during our Conclave. Applications have been sent to the chapters. If you are equipped to address Cultural Relevancy in Education for the 21st Century, please apply.

The awesome National Program Committee Members (2017-2019) that serve you are: Regional Directors—Noreen Little, Delores Hills, Dr. Francine Blake, Dr. Sylvia Williams, Velma Brown; Director of Public Relations—Queen Malone; Krinon Editor—Joyce Williams; Marion Wilson, Mildred Johnson, Dr. Gloria Griffin and Margarette Galloway, Chair.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your First Supreme Anti-Basileus. It seems like yesterday when I started this journey. The old adage, "Time Flies When You Are Having Fun", is true. It has been a glorious, exciting, rewarding and fulfilling journey.

Submitted by First Supreme-Anti Basileus Margarette Galloway

# Manual of Policies and Procedures

After eight years, the Manual of Policies and Procedures has been revised by National Executive Council Members 2011-2017 and finalized under the direction of Past Supreme Basileus Charlotte M. Williams. The organization of the Manual provides ease of access and locating specific answers to questions. The Manual was printed, shipped and distributed under the direction of Dr. Etta F. Carter, Supreme Basileus, in time for distribution at the 2018 Spring Regional Conferences, with remaining copies shipped to headquarters for future purchase.

Many chapters have reported exciting chapter activities used to present the Manual to their members and have fun exploring the content. One such activity was a scavenger hunt to find where specific information is located. Another idea is to write 10-20 scenarios and have sorors find the location of the correct responses to address the scenario. We know that the Manual is a living document in that the contents will change as procedures and bylaws change. A single page may be removed and replaced when needed.

We are all very happy to have this important document readily available now, and in the future available to current members and new members. The cost is \$20 and may be ordered from NSPDK Headquarters.

From the Office of the Supreme Basileus, Dr. Etta F. Carter



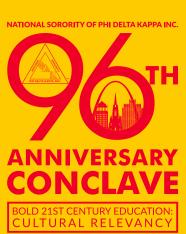
#### **Monthly e-Newsletters**

One of the major initiatives of Supreme Basileus Dr. Etta F. Carter is the creation and distribution of the Monthly e-Newsletter. In 18 months, including pre-conclave, there has been a consistent encouraging message to the sorors of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. The messages relate to encouraging sorors to always stay true to our national theme: "The Pursuit of Excellence – A Challenge to Fulfill." This theme reflects the goal of each teacher who walks into a classroom or meets a student each day. Also, the e-newsletters contain teaching strategies and notable monthly highlights, events, and celebrations.

The e-Newsletter is sent out the first week of each month, and it will be placed on our Official Website: www.nspdk.org. When you receive the e-Newsletter, please read and forward it to colleagues who are sorors and non-sorors. This is a good recruitment and public relations tool. Thank you, sorors.

From the Office of the Supreme Basileus, Dr. Etta F. Carter







#### HOSTED BY ALPHA NU CHAPTER AND MIDWEST REGION

**JULY 14-18, 2019** 

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI St. Louis Union Station Hotel

JULY 13-14, 2019 — PRE-CONCLAVE ACTIVITIES TOURS • ENTERTAINMENT • SHOPPING • AND MORE

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#### Black Women's Agenda Spotlights National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.



Black Women's Agenda (BWA) selected the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK) to highlight as the featured collaborating

partner on its Website from June 2018 through October 2018. This was a distinct honor for NSPDK. BWA is a collaboration of twenty organizations that focus on the health, financial stability, and overall comprehensive wellbeing of African American women. Eta Chapter of Camden, NJ took center stage with the opening photo on the "Spotlight" section featuring a children's literacy project.

Thank you to Soror Queen Malone for her facilitation of the BWA interview with Supreme Basileus Carter, gathering appropriate photos, and communicating with the BWA team.

We are extremely happy that noteworthy organizations, such as BWA, are focusing on the importance of the teaching profession and services provided by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.



Eastern 78th Region Conference 2018 Literacy Luncheon in Durham, NC. Books and donations to R.N. Harris Elementary School.



Because We Care Community Service Project, Project H.O.P.E. 94th Anniversary Conclave 2017 in Little Rock, AK



Eastern 78th Region Conference 2018 Literacy Luncheon – Violin Ensemble, R.N. Harris Elementary School, Durham, NC lead by Ann Bauer



# "Sorors Only" Section of NSPDK Official Website

At www.NSPDK.org, our Official Website, there is a section available only for Our Sorors! It contains technical articles, forms, and reports along with copies of various documents. To gain access you must be a member of NSPDK, a soror.

If you are a soror, please fill out the form on the bottom of the Sorors Only Website page to request your account. Your request will be sent to NSPDK National Headquarters for approval.

If you have any questions about this section of the Website, please contact Soror Donna Thompson, National Technology Coordinator, NSPDK Headquarters at nspdkhdq@aol.com.



# NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC. 2018 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

#### **EASTERN REGION**



VICTORIA MCKENZIE GAMMA CHAPTER



ANTHONY MAFFEA JR.

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER

#### **SOUTHEAST REGION**



AALIYAH CUMMINGS ALPHA BETA CHAPTER



TORRANCE BUNTYN JR.

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER

#### **MIDWEST REGION**



ZHARIA DODSON BETA MU CHAPTER



MICHAEL BRITTEN ALPHA XI CHAPTER

#### **SOUTHWEST REGION**



AMUNIQUE SWAN

DELTA BETA CHAPTER



WILLIAM ANDERSON

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

#### **FAR WEST REGION**



TIERA CUMMINGS-SCALES

BETA NU CHAPTER



MALACHI DAVIS

DELTA RHO CHAPTER

#### **SOUTHWEST REGION – KOT RECIPIENT**



JASMINE
WILLIAMS
DELTA BETA
CHAPTER

# IN MEMORIAM PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS 2017-2018





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MEMBER 1991



HARRIETT
CROUCH
SUPREME
TAMIAS
1997-2001
MIDWEST REGION
ALPHA NU CHAPTER



MILDRED LORAYNE DOUGLASS PAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR 1983-1987 FAR WEST REGION BETA TAU CHAPTER



HAVARD

PAST REGIONAL

DIRECTOR

1971-1975

FAR WEST REGION

BETA NU CHAPTER

# AROUND THE REGIONS EASTERN REGION NOREEN LITTLE — EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR





## 78th Eastern Region Conference

The 78th Eastern Region Conference was held in Durham, NC, hosted by Beta Zeta Chapter. The theme of the conference was; "Education Through Diversity." The conference began with the distribution and tutorial on the usage of the Manual of Policies and Procedures. During the Welcome Reception, we were entertained by our very talented sorors who sang and or lip-synced songs expressing the emotion and choreography of popular entertainers. A good time was had by all.

On Friday morning, we hosted the Basilei Institute and Every Member Forum, followed by the highlight of the day, the Literacy Luncheon. We were entertained by students from the R.N. Harris Performing Arts Elementary School. They played instruments and their drum core accompanied the dancers. It was a heartwarming performance! It verified our belief in diversity and how well our children work together. Author, Cee Cee Michaela, read/dramatized her book; "The Adventures of Zoe Greene," and generated audience participation with reciting, in concert, a repeated story line question. The Regions' Chapters donated hundreds of books and \$1,300 to the R.N. Harris Elementary School. The program and the author were impressive to all.

The professional development workshops were well attended. The technology workshops were facilitated by first time conference attendee, Kimberly Phillips from Delta Phi Chapter, assisting Soror Chaleeta Hines, Epsilon Alpha Chapter.

The Regional book club met to discuss Carter G. Woodson's "The Miseducation of the Negro." The significant discovery of the book discussed was that the principles leading to miseducation continue to be relevant even today, eighty-five years later. Very disappointing! The Rap Dinner topic, "Merit Pay for Educators" incited very spirited conversation among the sorors, both active and retired sorors shared their experiences and opinions concerning the issue of Merit Pay.

Our opening Plenary Session was carried out with professionalism in a timely manner. Following the plenary session many sorors participated in a Paint and Sip subscription event. The paintings were beautiful! The Vital Issues Breakfast speaker, The Honorable Patricia Evans, spoke to us about her work with young men in the Durham community. Her outlook validated the conference theme regarding "diversity." She presented in such an interesting manner, (story telling) that we could have listened for hours. Judge Evans is a role model for those in the Criminal Justice system, expressing empathy for our young men who need a second

chance and someone to believe in them. She is a person to network with in the Durham community!

During the Cally Lilly Banquet, The Citation Award honoree, Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Bishop, and Achievement Award honoree, Soror Valeria Edwards were presented their awards; the Perpetual Scholarship winners were announced, plaques and certificates awarded to Beta Omicron and Gamma Chapter; and, the Eastern Region Anthropos serenaded the audience with pride. We were so lucky to have the men in our lives support us and joined us in celebration at the regional conference. The evening ended with a dance.

Sunday morning, Alpha Zeta's own Soror Rev. Deborah Long Burroughs, brought the message with another personal story-telling delivery that brought the message up close and heart-felt with the entire attendance. Our sorors have many talents and they made us so proud.

The conference ended with us recognizing the III and Deceased Sorors followed by the Ritualistic Ceremony.

Sorors departed re-energized and ready to continue the work of the sorority. Let's keep NSPDK alive and growing!

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Achievement Award honoree, Soror Valeria Edwards



Citation Award honoree, Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Bishop



#### 78th Eastern Region Conference (cont'd)



Eastern 78th Region Conference 2018 — Violin Ensemble, R.N. Harris Elementary School, Durham, NC lead by Ann Bauer



Sorority Paint Night

Submitted by Noreen Little, Eastern Region Director

#### Alpha Chi Chapter Awards Scholarship

The Alpha Chi Chapter proudly presented Amia Te'Aron Houston with a scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Amia will be attending Tidewater Community College, Portsmouth, VA Campus. She will be majoring in Education Psychology. Amia was a member of National Honor Society, a faithful and dedicated member of the Xinos for three years and held office of Vice President. She was also a presenter at the 2017 Youth Conference, played Volleyball and volunteered at the Food Bank for numerous years. This young lady served as a visible representation of what we expect from our Xinos. It was with great pleasure that we presented Amia a scholarship.



Left to right: Jacquela Poyner, Basileus Marian Carey, Scholarship Recipient Amia Te'Aron Houston, Bernita Johnson, Scholarship Chair Deryl Winborne, Chair, Marjorie McDaniel, and Queen E. Malone

#### **Eta Chapter Highlights**

Eta Chapter of Camden, NJ participated in numerous activities and programs. Basileus Aaryenne S. White. See list below:

- Teacher Appreciation Week Gave Thinking of You cards to over 450 teachers
- International Projects included: Clothes to Sierra Leone, West Africa; Pill bottles to assist families in Uganda, Africa
- Funds2Flourish
- Local Scholarships
- Cluster 2 Delta Lambda Host
- Easterna Regional Conference
- Founders' Day Philadelphia, PA
- Community Service Projects include assisting with the following:
  - OEO Homeless Shelter
  - South Jersey Food Bank
  - Cooper River Cancer Walk
  - Stop Human Sex Trafficking
  - Joseph's House Shelter
  - Mother's Day Brunch CCRSVP



Founders' Day - Philadelphia, PA



Local Scholarship Winners



Funds2Flourish

## Alpha Mu Chapter inducts 3 New Sorors

Welcome, welcome, welcome! At the Brooklyn Park Library on Saturday, May 17, 2018, Alpha Mu Chapter of Annapolis, MD inducted three new Sorors into our illustrious sisterhood!

We are excited and look forward to the upcoming sororal year!



Left to right: Cheryl McKinney, Susan Henry Matthews, and Dondra Davenport

## Alpha Zeta Chapter inducts 3 New Sorors

Alpha Zeta Chapter was fortunate to increase its membership with three young ladies who are interested in the goals of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. The Induction Service was in May, 2018. We were happy and excited to have them become a part of our chapter.



Left to right: Brenda Taylor, Willy Ann Barr Davis, and Zymora Scott



#### Beta Lambda Celebrates Biennial Cinderella Ball

More than 300 people attended the Biennial Cinderella Ball sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Beta Lambda Chapter. The event was held Sunday, May 20, 2018 at St. John CME Church located at 350 Crawford Place in Winston-Salem, NC. The Cinderella Ball is open to students in grades Kindergarten to 12th. This event provided cultural, academic, and social events for developing student potential. Students attended workshops to learn about Financial Literacy, Dressing for Success, Social Graces/ Etiquette, and from Social to Ballroom Dancing. The Cinderella Ball also provided opportunities for students to raise funds towards their educational endeavors. This final rite of passage formally introduced our teenage participants to society.

The evening began with Valeria Edwards and Felicia Williams serving as Mistress of Ceremony. They provided the introduction: of parents, members of the sorority, the King and Queen Court, the reigning Miss Cinderella (Latrese Golden), and the 2018 Cinderella Ball contestants. The younger students performed a skit of the Cinderella Story narrated by Benita Brown. The Cinderella Ball participants stood to receive and recite their Rite of Passage into society. The entertainment segment followed allowing contestants to showcase their talent. Bethany Mack and Jada Moye performed dance routines.

Contestants vying for Tiny Miss Cinderella and Tiny Master Prince were Kindergarten through third graders; Little Miss Cinderella and Master Prince were fourth through eighth graders; and Miss Cinderella and Prince were ninth through twelfth graders.

Each participant and escort received a Certificate of Participation and a gift. Over \$1,000 was awarded towards scholarships. Congratulations to our 2018 Cinderella Ball Winners:

- Tiny Miss Cinderella (K-3), Miss Genysis
   Hickman, a rising 4th grader attending Griffith
   Elementary School, the daughter of Robert and
   Letitia Hickman.
- Tiny Mister Prince (K-3), Master Zavion Razzak, a rising 1st grader attending Smith Farms Elementary School, the son of Dorothy White and Zahir Razzak.
- Little Miss Cinderella (4-8), Miss Bethany Mack, a rising 7th grader attending Paisley IB Magnet School, the daughter of Brittany Orange and Brent Mack
- Master Prince (4-8), Mr. Zion Moye, a rising 8th grader attending Paisley Magnet School, the son of Herman Dee and Charmayne Moye.
- Miss Cinderella (9-12), Miss Kendal O'Neal, a rising 12th grader attending West Forsyth High School, the daughter of Leslie and Kenya O'Neal.

• Prince (9-12), Mr. Kendall Williamson, a rising 12th grader attending Parkland High School, the son of Koren John and Darien Williamson.

After the award presentations, the Mistress of Ceremony called for the "The Grand Promenade". The contestants danced eloquently and gracefully to the Waltz. Donna Mickens, the president of Beta Lambda Chapter gave closing remarks and thanked committee members for their hard work on this most rewarding endeavor for our youth. Special recognition was given to Regenia Huntley of Carver High School for choregraphing the Waltz and consistently meeting with participants. The evening ended with sorors, participants, parents, and guest mingling and enjoying refreshments. Soror Valeria Edwards, Chairperson and Soror Patsy Squire and Soror Ann Moye served as Co-Chairs.







# 70th Eastern Region Youth Leadership Conference

The 70th Eastern Region Youth Leadership Conference was held at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino in Dover, Delaware, hosted by Alpha Pi on March 9-11, 2018. There were 14 chapters in attendance along with advisors, parents and chaperons. The theme of the conference was "Three E's to Youth Success: Empowerment, Engagement, Employment".

The weekend started Friday with a "Meet and Greet'. On Friday evening, the Oratorical and Step Competitions were held. We introduced the "Tricky Baskets" event; there were 13 baskets donated by sorors from the chapters in attendance along with the Mega Basket from Captain Sweat and his wife.

Saturday, during breakfast, the groups greeted each other with one-line pep cheers, which was followed by non-competitive performances and educational workshops. After lunch, there was a group activity lead by Soror Hines, the Unity Step performance, and Talent competition as well as judging of the Art, Science and Activity Books. The night ended with the Awards Banquet, Senior Parade, Tricky Basket Raffle, dancing and the Ritual Services.

Sunday morning breakfast and spiritual worship service with song and a liturgical dance took us home as we said our goodbyes to both old and new friends.

Submitted by Chaleeta N. Hines, Xinos Chair and Marilynn C. Jones, Kudos Chair











# Rho Chapter's 1st Summer Sorority Social

Rho Chapter sorors were looking for a solution to two problems. How could we promote sisterly relationships during the summer? How could we interact with our prospective Krinons before September?

On July 12, 2018, Rho Chapter had their first Summer Sorority Social. The evening included sorors, our prospective Krinons, line dancing, food, and games. Soror Alice Faulkner provided games that were not only fun, but also made us think. Winning prizes took the games to another level! We ate and then burned off calories line dancing. We had a chance to interact with each other, all social, no business. We loved the conversations we were able to have with our prospective Krinons. The Summer Sorority Social was a success!







Submitted by Soror Lisa Mims, Rho Chapter Public Relations. Dorothy Taylor Basileus

#### **Beta Tau Krinon Induction**

Five Wicomico County educators inducted into Beta Tau Chapter located in Salisbury, MD.



(Left to Right). Joyce Lewis, Sierra Collier, Sheree Douglas-Johnson, Kaimais Love and Dianna Williams.

#### Delta Lambda Chapter Creates Krinon Club



On March 17, 2018 the Second Anti-Basileus Geraldine Brooks of Delta Lambda Chapter, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, held an organizational meeting to form a Krinon Club. Basileus Andrea Stroud welcomed the pledgees. The following Krinons were introduced by Soror Brooks: Turkessa Lee, Joycelyn Parker, and Regina Tronu.

A short introduction of the National Sorority Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated and Delta Lambda Chapter was given. Responsibilities, fees and other obligations were discussed with a question and answer period. The Basileus administered the Krinon Pledge and Krinons were presented with a pledge pin. Deans of Pledgees Sorors Marilyn Carter and Jean Barksdale were introduced, and each Krinon was presented with a handbook. An election of officers took place, meeting dates and place were discussed for the next meetings.

Refreshments were prepared, and everyone welcomed the little sisters with open arms making them feel extra special.

Our new Sorors spent a lot of time learning about the different aspects of NSPDK and Delta Lambda Chapter. By the end of the pledging period they knew about their sorority's purpose, philosophy, history and values. The Krinons spent eight weeks straight which bonded them to feel like family through meetings, forming their scrapbook, making paddles, fundraising and preparing for an educational presentation for their big sisters. Whenever they had questions or concerns during pledging and didn't want to confront the Deans, they could go to their sponsor for help. They were inducted on May 19, 2018, at the Touch of Italy in Egg Harbor Township. Delta Lambda Chapter admires their amazing work ethic and are proud and



honored to share this moment with other chapter sisters.

#### Zeta's 2018 Krinon Line

Names of prospective candidates were submitted to the Second Anti-Basileus Jane Gregory and an Interest Tea was held. The Interest Tea was designed to be interactive with a minimum of five Zeta sorors at Delta shaped tables, discussing Youth, Education and Service (Y.E.S.) as prospective candidates rotated from table to table, at fifteen-minute intervals. Zeta sorors got to know the candidates and with a rubric, rated the candidates. It was the first time that the majority of Zeta Sorors knew prospective candidates prior to joining the Sorority.

The process was successful, despite it got off to a rocky start because Zeta Chapter was overwhelmed with the passing of their beloved Basileus, Hope Henry. The newly installed Basileus, Dr. Eloise Robinson-Redd was committed to unifying the chapter and increasing membership. To achieve that goal, Soror Robinson-Redd committed that all Sorors would work together on every aspect of a project, from beginning to end, thereby educating all sorors to the process.



The Krinon Line was official and included: Zeta's first mother/daughter pledgees, Carmen Craig Williams, Morgan Craig Williams, retiree, Sandra Gardner, and Patricia Johnson.

The Krinon Line was placed under the direction of Dean of Pledgees Marsha Wells with co-chairs, Cynthia Henderson and Joyce Banks Second Anti-Basileus. The Krinon Line had an intensive six weeks of NSPDK indoctrination. The Krinon Line's presentation was titled, "Tell Them, We Are Rising".

Pledgee Morgan Craig Williams presented an interactive science and dance learning video with her first-grade class, while Pledgee Sandra Gardner presented a monologue of the history of education, and Pledgee Patricia Johnson, recited Maya Angelou's "And Still I Rise". Pledgee Carmen Craig Williams was committed to becoming a soror although she had knee replacement surgery and was in a wheel chair throughout pledging.



Zeta Chapter inducted the four ladies into the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa on May 18, 2018. Sisterly affection was displayed in the form of gifts, inspiring conversations, and a delicious repast. The following day, the new sorors were introduced as part of the "I Want You Back Reception" hosted by the Basileus. The whirlwind weekend continued with attending Founders' Day, with Zeta and Eta Chapters at Vine Memorial Church in Philadelphia. A new Krinon Line is being considered.

Submittted by Dr. Eloise Robinson-Redd, Basileus, Zeta Chapter

#### Dr. Florence Steele Hunt Education Scholarship



On August 23, 2018, Supreme Basileus, Dr. Etta F. Carter, PhD., traveled to New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ to present the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc.'s 2017-2018 contribution to the Dr. Florence Steele Hunt Education Scholarship endowment fund. She was accompanied by Eastern Regional Director Noreen E. Little, Eastern Region Member-at-Large and National Committee Member Anona Huntley, Eastern Regional Tamiouchos Veronica Sawyer-Boyd, National Committee Member and Alpha Soror Donna Scott-Motley, and Alpha Chapter Sorors Perry Jackson, Verna Sims,

Diana Ondande, Hazel Williams, and Shawnte Williams. They were greeted by New Jersey City University President, Dr. Sue Henderson, who graciously received our contribution, Jane McClellan, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, Kwi Brennan, Executive Director of the NJCU Foundation, Richard A. Rodney, Director of the NJCU Fund, as well as, other staff members. The Florence Steel Hunt National Committee is chaired by Past Supreme Basileus Della O. Oliver and Co-Chaired by Soror Mary E. Ennon, Alpha Chapter. Founder Hunt's Scholarship was instituted in 2001 by Past Supreme Basileus Oliver.





#### **Iota Chapter Observes 90th Anniversary**

"Pursuing Excellence In Education for 90 Years"



The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., lota Chapter, Atlantic City, New Jersey celebrated its 90th Anniversary on November 4, 2017 at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club. The theme of the observance was "Pursuing Excellence in Education for 90 Years."

Through contact with Founders Gladys Merritt Ross, Gladys Cannon Nunery and Julia Asbury Barnes of Jersey City, lota Chapter was chartered on November 12, 1927, becoming the ninth chapter of NSPDK. Throughout its existence lota Chapter has been active in the Atlantic City area through its sponsorship of a variety of creative and aesthetic initiatives. lota has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving youth, enabling them to realize their dream of pursuing a higher education, while also training young people in the attributes that would enable them to become better citizens, who will make positive contributions to our society.

Soror Charlotte M. Williams, the charming and talented 25th Supreme Basileus, delivered the keynote address, stressing the qualities that make a chapter successful. She also drew parallels between family life and community service, citing poignant and amusing examples from her own experience. She captivated the audience with her extraordinary address. She complimented lota Chapter for its service, adherence to excellence and emphasis on high standards throughout its existence. She worked closely with lota as the chapter hosted the Eastern Regional Conference during her final term as Eastern Regional Director in 2011.

Soror Noreen Little, Eastern Region Director, extended remarks on behalf of the Eastern Region, stating that lota and her own chapter, Beta Omicron of Queens, New York, have enjoyed a close relationship throughout the years. She mentioned the numerous times that the lota has hosted the Eastern Regional Conference. She also applauded several lota members who have served as National Officers including the late Soror Julia Goens, who was the 5th Supreme Basileus during the 1930's, and commended those sorors who have chaired Eastern Region Committees. She congratulated lota for its contributions to NSPDK and the

community during the past 90 years. Soror Shelia Evans, Immediate Past Eastern Region Tamias and a member of Gamma Chapter, Baltimore, MD, was a special guest.

An outstanding highlight of the 90th Anniversary Event was the presentation of the special Calla Lily Award by Basileus Agnes D. Howard to Soror Mamie G. Jackson, the longest serving member of the chapter, who has contributed her time, talent and support for over 70 years. As a professional educational organization, lota was delighted to present Distinguished Service Awards to several local educators for their contributions to the field of education and service to the community including lota Soror Sherry Spence-Leslie, Assistant Principal of Leeds Avenue School in Pleasantville, NJ.

Other educational and community honorees were: Traci Barnes, Assistant Principal at Uptown School Complex; Joseph Beaman, retired Title I Coordinator, Atlantic City Public Schools; William Burch, School- to Career Coordinator/Business Education Teacher at Pleasantville High School; Gabrielle Caldwell, Director of Elementary Education, Atlantic City Public Schools; Cynthia Ruiz Cooper, Principal of Washington Avenue School, Pleasantville, New Jersey; John Demones, Teacher at Uptown School Complex; Donald Harris, Director of Secondary Education, Atlantic City Public Schools; Diane Saunders, Director of Human Resources, Atlantic City Public Schools; Dianne H. Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Services, Stockton University, and Bridget White, retired Curriculum Instructor in Central Administration, Pleasantville Public Schools.

The Honorable Donald L. Guardian, Mayor of Atlantic City, NJ and Augustus Harmon, Deputy Mayor of Pleasantville, NJ, presented proclamations and commended lota Chapter for its 90 years of dedication and commitment to education and community service. Soror Jacqueline L.C. Brown was the Mistress of Ceremonies and Dr. LaQuetta Small introduced the dais and other guests.

Sorors Lula Pope-Howard and Nicole Williams recognized the award recipients. Basileus Howard

lit memorial candles in commemoration of the following sorors who have entered Omega Chapter since the 85th Anniversary in 2012: Morganza DeBaptist, Lethetta D. Forbes, Alberta C. Jackson, Doris Jackson and Elizabeth Stroud.

Past Eastern Regional Director Juanita J. High and lota Chapter First Anti-Basileus Elaine Milan were 90th Anniversary co-chairmen. The 90th Anniversary Steering Committee received accolades for its diligence, steadfastness and role as a prime example of new and experienced sorors working together for a common goal.

Submitted by Sorors Juanita J. High and Elaine Milan

# Xi Chapter 85th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Xi Chapter marked its 85th Anniversary with a celebratory luncheon on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Ballroom at the Phoenix, Chichester, PA.

The theme, Xi Chapter "Then & Now" (Honoring the Past, Focusing on Educational Issues, Envisioning the Future), highlighted Sorors with longevity, unwavering programmatic contributions, and recognized all extraordinary Sorors for their humanitarian deeds in the sorority and the community. The event benefited scholarships for graduating seniors who are members of Xi Chapter's Xinos and Kudos Youth Guidance Groups.

Over 150 members and guests gathered to witness the recognition of two "50 Years" Sorors and other extraordinary Sorors committed to advocacy for the youth and the community. We were graced with the presence of visiting Sorors from Zeta, Rho and Alpha Epsilon Chapters. Soror Diane S. Ginn and Soror Suzanne A. Gibbs received accolades for "50 Years" of commitment and service in Xi Chapter. Soror Yvonne B.Toney and Soror Leola J. Williams were awarded for their continual quest in educating, tutoring, and giving philanthropic support to the youth and in the community.

Our Omega Sorors, M. Gertrude Thomas, Anna Mae Harrison Fisher, and Ella Mae Gaines McFarland were lovingly remembered with a "bell ringing" and a moment of silence. Their families accepted acknowledgements in their memory.

Many Sorors contributed to make this event a colossal success. Soror Leola J. Williams compiled and created fantastic displays depicting a chronology of Xi Chapter's history. Other Sorors created and donated several beautifully stocked baskets for the Raffle. Anthropos Van Buren Payne, an artist, donated one of his original watercolor paintings of

#### Xi Chapter 85th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon (cont'd)

the historic "Chester Bridgeport Ferry" for the Silent Auction. Soror Felecia Laury created the centerpieces for the guest tables and Basileus Mary L. Payne created the centerpiece for the head table. As an effort in continuing to archive our history, Anthropos Van Buren Payne was vigilant in photographing this historic event with or without having guest pose with the 85th anniversary photo frames. A token of thanks was given to Soror Veronica Blalock, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, for publishing the souvenir journal & program booklet. Basileus Mary L. Payne offered commendations to the Anniversary Committee, chaired by Soror Bettie McClairen and co-chaired by Soror Karen O. Kelly, for spearheading the occasion.

Thank you, Sorors R. Perry, S. Diggs, Dr. L. Driggins, S. Hudnell, V. Mitchell, Dr. E. Kirkland, A. Brown, M. Camper and F. Howie, for your assistance and support. Basileus Mary L. Payne, was indeed proud to lead such a significant, spectacular, historical event!

# Xi Chapter's Annual Xinos and Kudos Closing Program

On May 27, 2018, Xi Chapter hosted their Annual Closing Program for the Xinos and Kudos Youth Guidance Groups. The event was held at the Ballroom at the Phoenix, Chichester, PA. The Eastern Regional Kudos Chair, Marilynn Jones, graced us with her presence and presented the 2018 Youth Leadership Conference Participation Certificates to the Xinos and Kudos who attended and participated in the Youth Conference.

The Xinos won in five categories plus the Eastern Regional Director's Essay Contest. The Kudos won in four categories. All of the winners were acknowledged and given certificates during this Program. Our Youth attended and participated in all aspects of the Conference; thank you to the Youth and all of the Advisors!

The primary focus of this closing program was twofold. First, to recognize our graduates as well as our youth who had excelled in all areas (such as community service, literacy workshops, attendance, conference participation, personal growth, and leadership) of our youth guidance program. Second, to have our youth replicate their conference participation so parents will have an opportunity to see what was done at the youth conference.

This event culminated a year of activities for these dynamic youth groups. After entertaining the guest with their replications, narrations and a step performance, they received a plethora of certificates, awards and gifts from their Youth Advisors, namely Sorors Suzanne Gibbs, Karen O. Kelly, Rose Robinson, Maria Camper, Felecia Laury, Mary L. Payne (Basileus), Bettie McClairen, and Kim Joseph. Soror Sheena Hudnell, Hub Parent Advisor, presented certificates of commendations to all the Hub Parents. The Hub Parents surprised their Advisor Soror Sheena Hudnell, and all of the Youth Advisors with acknowledgements and gifts of appreciation. Soror Regina Perry, 1st Anti-Basileus, and Soror Rose M. Robinson, Eastern Regional Hub Parent Chair, assisted in all faucets of the program.

Leaving Xi Chapter's fold this year were seven Xinos and one Kudos. Each of the graduating seniors received a bountiful basket of goodies that would meet any college student needs. The Advisors and Basileus Payne announced the Xinos and Kudos of the Year. All of the graduating seniors received Book Awards. Kudos Kahree Caulk was awarded Xi Chapter's \$1,000 scholarship.

The Guests included local city officials, former Xinos and Kudos, visiting sorors from other chapters, Hub Parents, Anthropos, family, and friends. Thanks to everyone, the Xinos & Kudos Annual Closing Program was as success!

#### Delta Pi Chapter Krinon Line

Magnificent Three



Andrea Howard • Gail McCoy-Cathey • Michele Morgan-Roberts

The three ladies, who were the magnificent three, had a six week schedule of classes, breakout sessions and activities lead by Margaret Franklin and her krinon committee. These ladies persevered despite their rigious work schedule and were honored with a final ceremony of prays, fellowship and memories to last a life time.



# AROUND THE REGIONS SOUTHEAST REGION DELORES DAVIS HILLS — SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR





#### Alpha Gamma Chapter's 2018 Officers and Members Retreat



Left to right: Front row — Dr. Barbara Green, Tiauna Benton-Thorbs, Past Supreme President Ann Davis Black, Roseland Johnson, Lonnye DeSue, Jeanette Ali, Joyce Taylor, Elandra Jones, Carolyn Adams.
Left to right: Back Row — Sharon Linton-Gallon, Martha Johnson, Ajuna Williams, Clara Smith, Mary Smith, Doretha Smith, Jacquelyn Williams, E. Trudy Dixon — President and Maggie Jones — Retreat Chair.
Not shown: Cynthia Smith Candidate for Duval School Board, Samantha Newman-Westbrook, Jhordan Speed-Johnson and Letecia Newman.

The DoubleTree by Hilton on the River Front, Saturday, August 18, 2018, was the site of Alpha Gamma Chapter's Annual Officers and Members Retreat. Maggie Jones, the immediate Past First Vice President and her committee planned activities that were the spring board that led to a great learning experience for all attendees. The committee chose the theme, "Strong Foundation... Educators for Life."

Past Supreme Basileus Ann Davis Black; a member of the Board of Trustees, Nashville, TN was the Motivational Speaker for this event.

Each year at the Retreat several awards are presented to members for their dedication and meritorious work.

President Estella Dixon presented Maggie Jones, immediate past First Vice President, the Soror of the Year Award. Jeanette Ali, Second Vice President and Membership Chair, was the recipient of the Membership and Recruitment Award. Lonnye B. DeSue was the recipient of the Support and Commitment as Dean of Pledgees Award.



Ann Davis Black, Past Supreme Basileus and member of Board of Trustees

The incumbent First Vice President, Doretha Smith immediate past membership Chair, presented Jacquelyn Williams a Retirement plaque for 34 years of dedicated service to the students in Nassau and Duval Counties. Martha O. Johnson, Frances Walker and Dr. Barbara Green their distinguish 25 years Membership pins with distinction.

The chapter presented Ann Davis Black with a basket and a CD of Jacksonville's talented Artist a gesture to enhance her weekend stay in Jacksonville, FL.

#### Gamma Eta joins their Sister Chapters Alpha Gamma, and Delta Delta to celebrate our 95th Founders' Day and Gamma Eta Chapters 50th Anniversary



Left to right: Gamma Eta Basileus Sonee L. Carswell, Speaker Dr. Edwidge Bryant Ed.D. and Soror Dr. Christine Hicks Ed.D.

A Luncheon was held at the beautiful Doubletree by Hilton on Saturday, May 19th. The theme for the occasion was "Down Through the Years." The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Edwidge Bryant. She spoke on Education through the Years. All Sorors were encouraged to wear a hat in honored of Soror Almarene C. Lowndes who couldn't attend. She was the backbone of our chapter as long as her health would allow. Lonnye Bell Desue, who is a member of Alpha Gamma, and Hazel Simpson, was honored and recognized as chartered members of Gamma Eta. A Certificate and Gift bag were presented to both.

While attendees were eating their lunch, a power point was shown of Gamma Eta through the years. Included were pictures of Gamma Eta sorors with some of our beloved Founders. A small gift was given to each attendee to remember the occasion.



Soror Willie Willis-Steward, Mildred Williams, Gaila Washington, Dr. Christine Hicks, Ed.D. \*Not pictured: Almarene T. Lowndes, Almarene C. Lowndes, Hazel McCall, Saundra Kenon, Carolyn Smith and Dr. Eliza Horn-McCall, Ed.D



Soror Willis/Steward, Chartered Members Hazel Simpson and Lonnye B DeSue

#### Gamma Theta Chapter Soror Glennie N. Culliver Receives Achievement Award 2017-2018



Soror Glennie N. Culliver of the Gamma Theta Chapter in Brewton, AL received the Achievement Award at the Southeast Regional Conference on April 14, 2018 in Mobile, AL. She retired on May 21, 2013 after 35 years of teaching.Her true passion was teaching 5th grade science with the Escambia County Board of Education.

She spent 33 years watching students marvel about science. She spent countless hours in workshops embracing the Alabama Math Science and Technology Initiative to improve math and science teaching. During her tenure in education, Soror Culliver has served as Science Olympiad Teacher and Coordinator, and science teacher for the 21st Century after school program. While education has and continues to be her passion.

For the past 10 years, she continued her love of education as a member of the Gamma Theta Chapter. She has served as First Anti Basileus, chairman of the Scrapbook committee, chairman of the Anthropos, Dean of Pledgees, and is currently serving as Basileus 2018-2019. She is an active member of her church 2nd St. John Missionary Baptist church, matron of the Olive Chapter #153 Order of Eastern Star, treasurer of District 4 Order of Eastern Star, serves as an advisor to the Illustrious Women of Vision, Inc.

# Alpha Phi Chapter says "KNOW YOUR SORORITY"

Newly elected Alpha Phi Basileus Debra Haynes was informed by Soror Sylvia Todd who is now a neighbor of Clarice Butler, age 104, NSPDK's oldest living member, was now living in Florida due to Hurricane Harvey, as her family sort refuge from Texas to their family home in Pensacola.

On October 7, 2017 the Alpha Phi Chapter of Pensacola, FL, celebrated it's annual "KNOW YOUR SORORITY" by visiting Clarice Butler, after their monthly meeting. "What better way to celebrate than pay a visit to the oldest living member of the sorority, as well as one of the founders of this chapter", said Debra Haynes.

Each member wore their shirt to the visit. Basileus Haynes presented Clarice with a new sorority T-shirt that was personalized with the chapter name. She was so elated! Clarice's response was "This is how we do it, round and round we go, to and fro, up and up we go, we're Alpha Phi, don't you know?" Basileus Haynes stated, "She chanted these words repeatedly. Apparently, it may have been a sorority Pep Song at some point, however, she applauded my efforts and encouraged Alpha Phi to keep up the good work. The camaraderie among the members, and memories that she shared were both enlightening and a very rewarding experience for all the sisters".

Submitted by Jacqueline Miles, Publisher

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM FAMILY OF SOROR ALMARENE C. LOWNDES

Soror Almarene C. Lowndes Past Southeast Regional Director's family would like to thank the Mighty Southeast Region for all the cards, token of appreciation and flower. They were truly really appreciated. She was read each one and we know she was smiling her big beautiful smile on the inside. Thanks and blessing to everyone from her family.

SOROR SONEE L. CARSWELL DAUGHTER SOROR ALMARENE T. LOWNDES GRANDDAUGHTER

# Gamma Psi Recognizes Educator of the Year and Awards Scholarships

#### **DR. JANICE EPPERSON**

- Liberty Technology Magnet High School Principal
- Educator of the Year

#### TORRANCE LAMONT BUNTYN, JR.

- North Side High School senior
- Representing the Southeast Region
- \$6,000 National NSPDK Scholarship Award

#### **CIERRA S. WILLIAMS**

- Humboldt High School senior
- Female Student of the Year
- \$500 Scholarship Award

#### TIWONG LAMONTE NANCE JR.

- Madison Academic High School senior
- Male Student of the Year
- \$500 Scholarship Award

#### KARRINGTON MERRIWEATHER

- South Side High School senior
- Xinos
- \$500 Scholarship Award

#### **ALBURNEY NEELY**

- South Side High School senior
- Xinos
- \$500 Scholarship Award

#### **EREN BROOKS**

- Madison Academic High School senior
- Xinos of the Year



Dr. Janice Epperson, Torrance Buntyn, Jr., Tiwong Nance, Jr., and Erer Brooks



Karrington Merriweather and Delois Dailey, Xinos Advisor; not pictured was Cierra S. Williams and Alburney Neely

Submitted by Rose Anderson

# Creating Connections, Building Bridges: Preserving the Legacy of Nu Chapter Black Legacy Luncheon 2018

Nu Chapter was chartered February 1, 1931 in the "Magic City" Birmingham, AL. Even then, charter member Leila Butler knew that this chapter was destined for great things. This was the 13th chapter to be organized and the very first chapter to be chartered in the southeastern region, now the southeast region. Historically, this great legacy has continued for 87 years. Noteworthy facts are:

- 5 members held national offices;
- First chapter to start a reading room in a public library;
- More national scholarship winners than any other chapter in the region;
- National Anthropos song was written by the late Soror Mable Bohannan, a member of NU Chapter;
- Hosted the Conclave in 1944 and 2000;
- Hosted the first Xinos Kudos Conference in Birmingham, Alabama; and
- Two members have been regional directors.

The signature program for Nu Chapter is its **Annual Black Legacy Luncheon** which began in 1985 under the capable leadership of Nu Chapter's Basileus' the late Soror Lillie Fincher. This program gave recognition to individuals who have made significant and groundbreaking contributions to society. Additionally, Nu Chapter has been able to sponsor scholarships to several youths allowing them to complete their education on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

This year, Nu Chapter's theme was "Creating Connections, Building Bridges". The Luncheon was held at the renowned Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Regional Director Soror Delores Hills attended and participated in this event. The Luncheon celebration honored individuals who were first to make accomplishments in their areas. Recognition was given to the first mayor, first police chief, first president of the Birmingham Board of Education, first female Superintendent for Birmingham City Schoosl, and first Editor of the Methodist Magazine in Birmingham.

The Black Legacy Luncheon honored and presented awards to Donna Dukes, Founder and Executive Directive of Maranathan Academy, a school for at-risk students and adults; Rev. Dwight Peterson, religious leader of the community; and Bishop Calvin Woods, Sr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The Kudos of the Year was Kelan Roseman, and the Xinos of the Year was Saudia Lewis. The Anthropos of the Year was Jimmie Tyus. The highlight of the event was the naming of Soror Vickie Yeldell as the Soror of the Year. Nu Chapter serenaded Soror Yeldell with Calla Lilies as part of the ceremony. Moving forward, Nu Chapter plans to continue the Legacy started by Soror Leila Butler and the founding sorors of Nu Chapter.



Dr. Martha S. Barber, Basileus

# ALL ROADS LEAD TO ... WINSTON-SALEM, NC SAVE THE DATE! • FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - 17, 2019 NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC. EASTERN REGION 71ST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Downtown Marriott Hotel • 425 N. Cherry Street • Winston-Salem, NC Host: Beta Lambda Chapter — Donna Mickens, Basileus

### Alpha Gamma Chapter Krinon Induction

Alpha Gamma Chapter held its Induction Ceremony on June 29, 2018 at the Queens Harbour Yacht and Country Club. Alpha Gamma Chapter was proud to introduce nine young energetic, enthusiastic and vibrant young women to the community of sisterhood. The new Sorors are Kenya Smarr-White, Jhordan Speed-Johnson, Sharon Gallon, Leticia Newman, Samantha Newman Westbrook, Roseland Johnson, Cynthia Smith, Ajuna Williams, and Elandra Wilkins Jones. There were over 40 sorority members, family, friends and well-wishers in attendance. After a closed ceremony the new Sorors were photographed and introduced to all in attendance.

#### **NEW SORORS**



Left to right: Ajuna Williams, Roseland Johnson, Leticia Newman, Sharon Linton Gallon, Kenya Smarr-White, Samantha Newman Westbrook, and Jhordan Speed-Johnson. Not shown: Sorors Elandra Wilkins Jones and Cynthia Smith.

#### **SORORS**



Back row left to right: Basileus E. Trudy Dixon, Maggie Jones, Mary Smith Clara Smith, Lonnye DeSue, Tiauna Thorbs, Martha Johnson, Doretha Smith, and Jacquelyn Williams.

Middle row left to right: Carolyn V. Adams, Edith Witherspoon and Jeanette Ali.

#### Seated: Barbara Green and Ovida Hardy



Back row left to right: Archie Gallon, Basileus E. Trudy Dixon,
Maggie Jones, Mary Smith, Clara Smith, Lonnye DeSue (Dean of
Pledgees), Tiauna Benton-Thorbs, Martha Johnson,
Doretha Smith, Mr. Johnson, and Soror Jacquelyn Williams.
Middle row: Anthropos Presiding Elder Thomas B. DeSue,
Carolyn V. Adams, Edith Witherspoon, and Jeanette Ali.
Seated: Barbara Green, Ovida Hardy and
Anthropos Claude Smith.

#### Prompt. Helpful. Industrious. Alpha Epsilon's 2018 Krinon Club — The Challenger 9

On June 15, 2018, the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Atlanta, GA inducted the Challenger 9, 2018 Krinon Club. These nine educators not only stood out as a group but each possesses exception skills as educators, with many years of combined experience.

On Wednesday, May 30th, the Alpha Epsilon 2018 Krinon Club hosted a panel discussion on School Safety at Bunche Middle School in Atlanta, GA, where a large number of the club's members are faculty members. The panel, moderated by Soror Rhonda Robinson, featured a school principal,

school resource officer, retired detective, and a middle school student. This event gave Sorors the opportunity to present their concerns regarding school safety to knowledgeable professionals who provided great insight and possible solutions.

Led by Soror Mamie Grimes, the Spring 2018 Krinon Club came just in time, bringing fresh ideas to help the chapter remain a staple in the Atlantaarea educational arena, while propelling it to even greater heights. The chapter is thrilled to have these new initiates and is looking forward to a productive 2018-2019 sorority year.





Community Event Display Table with artifacts created by Krinon Club members

Alpha Epsilon 2018 Krinon Club with Dean of Pledgees, Mamie Grimes. Left to right: Donnether Taylor, Dr. Marquita S. Blades, Kami Tucker, Tara Obleton, Kimberly Johnson, Mamie Grimes, Rhonda Robinson, Cheryl Miller-Holmes, Sandra Perrino, and Dr. Margie Jenkins

Submitted by Soror Dr. Marquita S. Blades, Alpha Epsilon

# Ben Makes Gamma Omicron Chapter Very Proud!

"Ben's Been Thru It Just Don't Do It" Movement

#### NO HAZING! NO BULLYING!

**BEN J. S. MCNAMEE** 

National Hazing Agent • Servant for Change • Speaker • Producer • Songwriter • Author • Choreographer • Dancer • Musician • Engineer



Ben J. S. McNamee is the son of Soror Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, 1st Anti-Basileus of Gamma Omicron Chapter, Southeast Region Professional Development Co-Chair, and President of the McNamee Corporation. He is also the grandson of Soror Cupidine D. Dean, and nephew of Southeast Region Director Soror Delores Hills, Soror Linda Rogers and Soror Dr. Gail Brown, all in Gamma Omicron Chapter.

Ben is Founder and CEO of Ben McNamee, Inc., 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation, and the Ben's Been Thru It Just Don't Do It Movement, No Hazing! No Bullying! With the heightened hazing (and bullying and coerced) incidents resulting in injury and death, across the USA, Ben has a personal testimony of the unsettling experience of being in the wrong place at the wrong time while a student at Florida A&M University. He participated in a fateful incident that yielded him being expelled from the university and facing criminal charges with the possibility of 21 years in prison...and sentenced to probation. This life changing, highly regrettable hazing/bullying incident, has led him to share his message and his story, to students and adults. He was Keynote and Concurrent Session Speaker at NSPDK Southeast Region's Youth Conference, hosted by Beta Xi Chapter in June 2016, in Orlando, FL.

In the last few years, via his Ben's Been Thru It Just Don't Do It Movement, he has volunteered and spoken to over 5,500 elementary, middle, senior and university students; met with approximately 40 community organizations, police departments, politicians, judges, Greek organizations; and addressed audiences at university conferences with his message.

As a self-proclaimed national hazing agent and servant for change, he facilitates the process for students to think of the unintended consequences of hazing and bullying; how to make better choices; being the leader they were meant to be; role-playing the McNamee Exit Strategies; and taking the Ben McNamee Pledge.

He says to students: "Hazing will not give you those invisible stripes of invincibility or superiority. You are in control of your decisions, your destinies. Design the great life you want." During the presentation, students are engaged in an interactive dialogue, and toward the end are encouraged to engage in reflective thinking reference his conversation with them and respond to a few questions about themselves. Audience participants receive McNamee brochures, tee shirts, silicone wrist bracelets, "fitted" caps, and they take a pledge home to review with parents/family.

McNamee's conversations with administrative staff and organizations include: hazing data, research, statistics, and his The Ten Step Collaborative Management No Hazing/Bullying Protocol for Institutional and Organizational Change©, to combat hazing and bullying within the organization. He has also produced and copyrighted, the original song *Ben's Been Thru It Just Don't Do It*. The song has a bridge with "catchy" lyrics that audiences easily identify, "vibe" with, and remember.

#### Ben Makes Gamma Omicron Chapter Very Proud (cont'd)

In its final editing stage, and with a Spring 2018 expected publication date, Ben has authored: No Hazing! No Bullying! The Ben McNamee Story.

The book written for students, teachers and adults, tells his story through the fatal hazing/bullying incident. It also includes an Instructor/Organization/Management Instructional Guide-and the: No Hazing! No Bullying! The Ben McNamee Story Hazing/Bullying Class 101: Elementary – Middle Students Worksheets A; Middle – Senior Students Worksheets B; and Senior – University Students Worksheets C.

Having worked with many companies, producers, and local artists in Miami-Dade, Broward County, and other states, Ben's musical talents include engineering, producing, songwriting and choreography. He has been a featured dancer in music videos, to have included DJ Khaled and in Black Entertainment Television (BET). Mr. McNamee created the beat for the original theme song Ben's Been Thru It Just Don't Do It. His musical instrumentation includes playing the bass guitar, piano, Euphonium (horn), drums and singing. He describes his sounds as rhythm and blues, soul, jazz, impulsive, up-beat, harmonious, new wave, Trap, Trip, Hop and Trill.

Born in Miami, Florida, Ben graduated with honors, in the top 5% of his class, from the Historic Booker T. Washington Sr. High School, Miami, FL, in 2009. He received many academic, community and service scholarships. He commenced at St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, FL, June 2017 with the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership; and was scheduled to complete SAE Institute audio and engineering certification program, June 2018.



PATRICK H. JOHNSON Senior Vice President Institutional Advancement

May 22, 2018

Ms. Etta F. Carter, Ph.D. Supreme Basileus 2017-2021 National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc 6403 Shirley Drive Little Rock, AR 72204-1571

Dear Ms. Carter:

The *Phi Delta Kappa's* ongoing commitment to Meharry Medical College means so much. On behalf of myself and the College, thank you for your recent gift of \$10,000 to the *Meharry Sickle Cell Center's National Project*. Private support is the cornerstone for which we sustain our position as a leading institution in the healthcare field.

I know you understand just how philanthropic support will benefit the students, campus, and community as we continue to grow. You are helping Meharry stay apprised of the latest technology and research that allows us to offer exceptional educational opportunities.

Again, thank you for your investment in and partnership with Meharry Medical College. We are grateful for your support.

Regards,

Patrick H. Johnson

PHJ/CLM

cc: Ms. Lisa A. Walker, Program Coordinator Meharry Sickle Cell Center

# Tau Chapter Graduates and Scholarships



DR. MARY F. WOODS — On March 13, 2018, Dr. Woods completed the doctoral program in Leadership and Organizational Change from Walden University. The theme of her dissertation was: Exploring Collaborative Methods in

Leadership Development Programs. Dr. Woods is an instructor for University of Indianapolis, School for Adult Learning and for Martin University. She teaches several courses, one of which is Return to Learning, SAL 101. Dr. Woods started teaching in August of 2008 and continues to perform in a passionate capacity of education.



DR. FRANCITA MCMICHEL Dr. McMichel earned a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Elementary Education. Her dissertation study title was, "Theory Into Practice: Response to Intervention with Novice Teachers in 6th Grade Self-Contained Classrooms. Dr. McMichel graduated in August of 2017 from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. She currently teachers 6th grade at Raymond Park Intermediate School

in Indianapolis. Dr. McMichel is also an adjunct professor at Marian University in Indianapolis.



TAU CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Tau Chapter awarded four book awards to the following high school students: Amanda Hart, Deja Pierce, and Lauren Graves. Each student received a \$1,000 book award to use this fall at Indiana colleges. Olivia Ford received a \$500 book award to continue her studies at Ball State University. All of the students had at least a 3.0 grade point average. Soror Lula Spann and Soror Lettie Harris were Scholarship Co-chairs.

## Beta Xi Chapter Adds 6 Sorors to its Krinon Club

Near the end of the 2017-2018 sororal year, Beta Xi Chapter added six outstanding educators to its roster. These high achieving sorors brought with them a range of rich experiences and responsibilities as educators in the Orange County Public School system, Orlando, FL. Members inducted were:

- Shronda Caudle, Digital Video Production Instructor, Orange Technical College, Jones High School;
- Cheryl Brown-Thomas, Principal, The Life Academy of Excellence, Eatonville, FL;
- Kelly McCaskill, Instructor, Academic Center of Excellence K-8 School (ACE);
- Claudette Monroe, Teacher, Eagle's Nest Elementary School;

- Sonya D. Poteat, Reading Teacher, Jones High School; and
- Tashia Youmans, Guidance Counselor, Oak Ridge High School.

One of the highlights of their activities as members of the Krinon Club were their educational project. They promoted books and reading by visiting and working with children in a Head Start classroom of Frontline Outreach, a local child development center. The group arranged to visit one classroom weekly over a period of three weeks to share the joy of reading. Their time with the children included reading to them and interactive games. Members chose to purchase and share from Kohl's children's book collection which features a book accompanied by the stuffed animal or character featured in the story. During each visit, after reading to the children, they presented books and stuffed characters as gifts for the classroom.

The Induction Ceremony and celebration of accomplishments was held at the Ideal Woman's Club, Inc., Winter Park, and climaxed several weeks of workshops, involvement in service projects, and educational activities. Krinon Club members found a large "Welcome to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc." wall sign and were welcomed by sorors along with Chapter Basileus Georgia Hicks, Membership Chair Alice Gordon, Deans of Pledges, Doris Jackson, and Epsie McCleese and the Membership Committee.

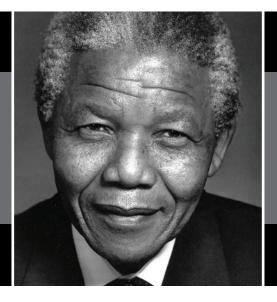
Following the Ceremony the sorors were presented with informational presentations, sorority gifts, a catered meal and cake, along with enjoyable sisterhood conversations.

Submitted by Lillian Lancaster



NEW SORORS — Front row, seated from left to right: Shronda Caudle, Cheryl Brown-Thomas, Kelly McCaskill, Claudette Monroe, Tashia Youman. Not shown, new member Sonya Poteat. Other sorors on rows 2 and 3 —

Members standing, row 2 left to right: Jeannette Tyson, Helen Green, Georgia Hicks, Epsie McCleese, Hilda Adams, Sheleen Kennedy, Cherry Jones, Velma Herrington, Lillian Lancaster, Doris Jackson. Members standing, row 3 left to right: Marionette Leonard, Santina Upshaw, guest soror, Eta Chapter, NJ; Altreese Coleman, Rose Cooper, Dr. Clara Walters, Dr. Della Paul, Dr. Chelsea Harris, Johnnie Glover, Shelia Jones.



There is no passion to be found playing small or in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

—Nelson Mandela

# AROUND THE REGIONS MIDWEST REGION FRANCINE E. BLAKE — MIDWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR





# Midwest Celebrates its 78th Regional Conference

The Midwest Region celebrated 78 years at its conference at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel Convention Center in Overland Park, KS. The theme was "Celebrating 78 years . . . Pursing Excellence – Through Educational Awareness." The Midwest Regional Conference was headed by Soror Monica Nance Basileus, and Sorors Rosilind Morgan and Daisy Young, Conference Coordinators.

During the conference, they remembered the life and legacy of our beloved founders who had a dream of such an organization for educators. We also focused on Sisterhood, Service, and Scholarship and enjoyed the warm hospitality of our sister chapter. We gathered together and visited historical sites to include: The Negro Leagues' Baseball Museum, The American Jazz Museum, and The Liberty Memorial located at The National World War I Museum.

Our 79th NSPDK Midwest Regional Conference will be hosted by Alpha Eta Chapter and held May 3-5, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Evansville, IN.





#### Midwest Youth Conference





The Midwest Region Xinos / Kudos Youth Conference was hosted by Beta Mu Chapter of Gary by way of Alsip, IL on March 22-25, 2018. The theme was "Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future".

Soror Onitta Parker Basileus and her Conference Co-Chairs Sadie Ethridge and Doris Wilson, hosted awesome workshops on robotics covering the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). They facilitated workshops for the youth on handling themselves in case they get stopped by the police and a workshop on career building. Our special guest at the youth conference was Dr. Etta Carter, Supreme Basileus.

Our 2019 Conference will be held March 21-24 at the Marriott Hotel in Columbus, OH.

#### **Epsilon Xi Chapter Highlights**

#### **Epsilon Xi Chapter presents Teach-A-Rama Program "The Power of Education"**

Epsilon Xi Chapter presented a Teach-A-Rama Program titled "The Power of Education" on November 5, 2017 at Kemper Road Christian Church, in Forest Park, OH. It was attended by the Chapter membership and members of the community. Presenters were Delores Rome Hudson, who spoke on the topic of the "School to Prison Pipeline," and Rachelle James who presented us with substantial information regarding "Nutritional Facts." The event was a success.

#### **Epsilon Xi Chapter Basileus** Rochelle S. Johnson's Church Honors Her



The great achievements of our Basileus Rochelle S. Johnson were honored by her church, Lee AME Chapel, Cincinnati, OH for her years of service in running the church's retirement home. Additionally, she was honored by the Church of the Resurrection,

Cincinnati, OH with the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Award on January 15, 2018. These two accomplishments along with the leadership training, demonstrate the great leadership within NSPDK and Epsilon Xi Chapter of Forest Park, OH.

#### Epsilon Xi Chapter Organizes Dynamic Women Event to Motivate Girls

Epsilon Xi Chapter organized a group of women who represented ten prominent predominately African American women's organizations (e.g. sororities, civic, and philanthropic organizations). These women voluntarily shared their time, expertise, and support encouraging young girls to become involved in their neighborhoods and communities. Each organization was asked to bring two or more young ladies to learn/hear about the different groups. The speakers shared their history, contributions to society, their mission, goals and accomplishments, as well as notable and distinguished members who made an impact on our world and in our local communities. The young ladies (12-18 years old) present were captivated and encouraged by the presenters who kept them engaged in learning about the different groups.

#### Mu Chapter Reunion Breakfast honors Soror Donna E. Thompson With Calla Lily Award





Mu Chapter designated their Reunion Breakfast as a time to recognize a sorority member to present the Calla Lily Award. Soror Donna E. Thompson, the epitome, of Sisterhood, was the winner. They made the presentation on September 9, 2017 at the T'Mari's Restaurant in Chicago, IL. Donna has been a very hard worker in Mu Chapter; she has instructed the sorors on the Internet, served as an officer, collected finances and paid bills; and she still has time to smile. The Citation Committee of Mu Chapter annually presents the Calla Lily Award to a well deserving member that has worked hard to promote NSPDK's programs based on a clear set of objectives instituted by the Manual of Policies and Procedures.

Points for selection of the Calla Lily Award are generated by the following:

- 5 Points Must be in good financial standing, Served as a Committee Chairperson, Attendance at Conclave, Attendance at OCCA training, Lead workshops at chapter activities.
- 3 Points Co-Chairperson, Attendance at Regional Conference.
- 2 Points Attendance at Founders Day (3 Points if held out of city), Attendance at Charter Day, Participation in at least 3 chapter activities:
- 1 Point Attendance at each committee meeting, ticket sales over and beyond the set amount.

Mu Chapters activities included the African-American History Program, Reunion Breakfast, Fashion Show and a trip to the Spa.

Citation Committee: Ruth Bridgers, Chair; Marquietta Beemon, Co-Chair; Aleen Donaldson, Co-Chair; Joyce McEwen-Bassette; Shannette Rooks

#### **JUST ONE**

By anonymous

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom, One heart can know what's true, One life can make a difference, YOU SEE, IT'S UP TO YOU!





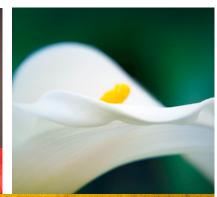
"Women have broken through the glass ceiling, and they're now more and more in the power seats."

Aretha Franklin

# AROUND THE REGIONS SOUTHWEST REGION

DR. SYLVIA M. WILLIAMS — SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR





#### Alpha Rho Chapter Retreat 2017

"Embracing a Sisterhood: Transcending & Transforming for the BETTER"

Alpha Rho Chapter's Retreat was held at the SIL International Center in Duncanville, TX on August 19, 2017.



#### Alpha Rho Chapter's Founders Day Luncheon Celebration

"Remembering the Past While Soaring Toward New Dimensions"

Event was held at Doubletree Hotel-Love Field, in Dallas, TX on May 19, 2018.



Epsilon Beta Chapter
Salutes
Soror Vennie Lee Jackson

#### HATS OFF! 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

The Epsilon Beta Chapter partnered with the family of Soror Vennie Jackson to celebrate her 100th birthday in Tyler, TX on September 1, 2018 at the Hollytree Country Club. The attire was dressy and ladies wore fabulous hats.



Soror Vennie Lee Jackson was born in Flint, TX on September 11, 1918. She was the second born of twelve children. She had no children, but was a mother to many, including her own siblings. She is the only survivor of the twelve. She also served many students as a seventh and eighth grade English teacher at Whitehouse ISD for 37 years until retirement in 1987.

Soror Vennie Jackson is a Charter Member of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of NSPDK, which was chartered on January 19, 1985. She was the very first Epistoleus. She currently serves as 1st Anti-Basileus, Scholarship Chair and wherever needed. She rarely ever misses a chapter meeting as well as regional conferences and conclaves. She attended the last conclave in Little Rock in 2017. She is very active in various other organizations, including her church where she has been a member for 71 years. She says staying busy and active is a key to her longevity. She also takes her daily three mile walks. Soror Vennie Lee Jackson is a PHENOMENAL WOMAN!!

Passion is **ENERGY**. Feel the **POWER** that comes from focusing on what **EXCITES** you."



#### **Delta Beta Celebrated Black History**

Delta Beta Chapter of Austin, TX held its Black History Month program on February 18, 2018 at the Mount Sinai Christian Academy in Austin, TX. The program theme was "Trailblazers of Courage: Celebrating Veterans and Educators." The dynamic mother-daughter educator duo, Sorors Vietta Fair and Paula Simmons, served as Co-Chairpersons for the event. The Chapter President is Soror Estelle Brooks.

During the program, the singing of Lift Every Voice and Sing was led by Soror Edith McKinney followed by a heartfelt prayer led by Anthropos Harriet Caldwell. Next, Kudos Jamal Hardin presented a guitar solo, then Kudos Christian McCauley delivered the MLK speech. Soror Annette Stephens stated the occasion for the program, followed by an inspirational dance performed by Xinos Amunique Swan, Za'Nyah Walker, Trinity Davids, Marnique Neille, Kennedi Carter, Keaira Townsend, Jayda Adams, Gasheaya Youman, Madison Arbuckle, Olivia Carjo and Kortney Jobe.

Soror Crystal Jones—a retired military veteran—spoke on the role of African Americans in times of war and gave a brief history of black women in the military. Closing out the program, local educators Ralph Henley, Raoul Howard, Jeremy Watson and Carita Forte; and six military veterans—Sorors Crystal Jones and Diane Williams; and Anthropos Ronald Fowler, Walter Shaw, Donald Thompson and James Wilson—were honored as Trailblazers of Courage. Following the program, a delectable soul food dinner was served by the members of Delta Beta.

Submitted by: Soror Crystal L. Jones, Director of Public Relations, Delta Beta Chapter



Seated left to right: Edith McKinney, Vietta Fair and Crystal Jones. Standing left to right, first row: Barbara Shaw, Brenda Kay Fowler, Carolyn Wilson, Esther Phillips, Brenda Rogers, Consuella Caldwell, Dr. Bobbie Bolen, Lena Caldwell, Hazel McCullough and Dr. Stella Cook Bell.

Standing left to right, second row: Carla Grace Roberson, Ida Hunt, Bessie Evans, Dr. Lenora Waters, Ramona Jones, Lola Carter and Paula Fair Simmons.

#### Gamma Upsilon Chapter is Committed to Enhancing Education



The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Waco, TX announced the addition of five new members to its roster. Initiated on June 29. 2018, these five members were eager and excited to join our ranks. New members are Savannah Carr. an 8th grade ELAR teacher; Joyce Hackworth, a 7th grade Writing teacher; Desiree Hardeman, an

Assistant Principal; Chemise Sora, an Assistant Principal; and Shenequa Williams, a 7th grade ELAR teacher. All of these ladies are employed at Indian Spring Middle School in Waco ISD.

These phenomenal ladies will be assets to our sorority, and they will represent us well in all our endeavors to educationally enhance and enrich the lives of future generations. We wholeheartedly welcome them to our organization. The Gamma Upsilon Basileus is Soror Jocelyn Pierce.



Left to right: Chemise Sora, Joyce Hackworth, Desiree Hardeman, Shenequa Williams, Savannah Carr

#### **Beta Rho Chapter Krinon Induction**

Beta Rho Chapter of Texarkana, TX inducted the following new members on August 2, 2018.



From left to right: Mary L. Warren, Herise Williams, Dametra Conway, Alice Wesley

Not Pictured: Dean of Pledgee, Mary G. Bruce Mary Scoggins Robinson, Basileus



## Gamma Epsilon Chapter Krinon Club

Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Oklahoma City, OK is proud to present the "Fabulous Four" Krinon Club members inducted into Gamma Epsilon Chapter on June 23, 2018.



Left to right: Dr. Gloria Anderson, Principal West Nichols Hills Elementary; Elsie Winston, Principal Telstar Elementary School; Lula Wilson, Teacher/Bio Med Program leader, Northeast Academy; Jessica Johnson, Principal Thelma R. Parks Elementary School

# EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE PASSION TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

-HARRIET TUBMAN

# Epsilon Pi Chapter Spring 2018 Krinon Line "12 Shades of Sophistication" Presents "Because We Care" Project

In Spring of 2018, "12 Shades of Sophistication" joined Epsilon Pi. These twelve ladies (teachers, interventionists, instructional specialist, and counselors) brought a variety of experience and knowledge to the Epsilon Pi Chapter. During their pledge period they worked on a project related to the service component of our YES programs, specifically Health. The "12 Shades of Sophistication" filled boxes with women and children personal necessities and donated them to the Women's Shelter in our local community.

Recognizing that most time care givers spend a lot of time taking care of others, these twelve ladies decided to interview a few care givers to determine how much time they actually spend with the person they are caring for



Top left: Jamie Chatman, Sandra Mitchell, Chloe Frazier, Jana McDonald

Top right: Karen Brooks, Sandra Mitchell, Brittany Smith, Chloe Frazier, Shonda Boston, Jamie Chatman, Jana McDonald, LaTamara Watts

Bottom left: Brenda Smith, Jana McDonald, Chloe Frazier, Brandi Washington, Sandra Mitchell, Linda Iglehart, LaTamara Watts

Bottom right: Chloe Frazier, Brandi Washington, Sandra Mitchell

and if they are maintaining their own physical and mental health. From the interviews, "12 Shades of Sophistication" presented a platform to remind health care providers that they cannot forget to take care of themselves, while caring for others. They discussed preventive health measures and strategies that care givers themselves can take in order to try and maintain a healthy lifestyle. To view their presentation, use the link http://bit.ly/BecauseWeCarePDK

#### **Alpha Rho Inducts 11 Educators**

On June 4, 2018 11 energetic educators were inducted in to the Alpha Rho chapter. Over the six weeks process, the Elite Jewel of Eminence learned a lot about each other and the illustrious sorority. The group came up with a can food community service activity in which the line collected various goods to donate to North Texas Food Bank. The efforts of the line brought in more than 50 can goods. Officers were chosen and represented the group very well through their leadership and willingness to work with the Dean of Pledgees, Yvonne Moss and Alpha Rho Chapter President Mildred Johnson.



Bottom left to right: Basileus Mildred Johnson, Dean of Pledgees Soror Yvonne Moss

Top right to left: Erica Lampkin, Donna Alexander, Dr. Tichina Williams, Terrenee Knight, Jean Jackson, Essence Jones, Nia Young, Vikki Coleman, Emily Hemphill, Erin Wilcots, and Tatum Rodgers

# Fall 2017 Epsilon Pi Krinon Line "Sensational Six" Focuses on "Domestic Teen Violence"

In the Fall of 2017, the "Sensational Six" joined Epsilon Pi chapter in Arlington, TX. These six ladies (Spanish and technology teachers, counselor, and administrator) brought a wide variety of experience and knowledge about today's education to our chapter. In an effort to build support and develop awareness in the community, this Krinon Club focused on "Teen Dating Violence" since domestic violence is becoming a hot topic in the United States and such discussion is needed to inspire youth to become more aware of this issue. It is our hope that such information will attain high ethical and social standards among our youth.

The "Sensational Six" presented a formal presentation that not only provided the latest statistics about teen dating violence, but discussed the different types of abuse, how to recognize the signs of each, how (as parents and educators) to get involved to help, as well as provided National Resources that are available for victims of Domestic Teen Violence. The presentation led to some great discussion among our chapter and how it could be shared with other educators and presented to youth especially those in which we work with in our organization. To view their presentation, use the link http://bit.ly/TeenDatingViolenceNSPDK.

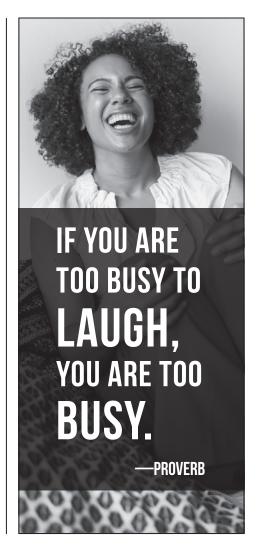


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Top right: Velma Woods, Brenda Smith, Shelley Parker, Debora Barrera, Lavetta Johnson, Deborah Jordan, Rubidel Peoples, Jackie Henson

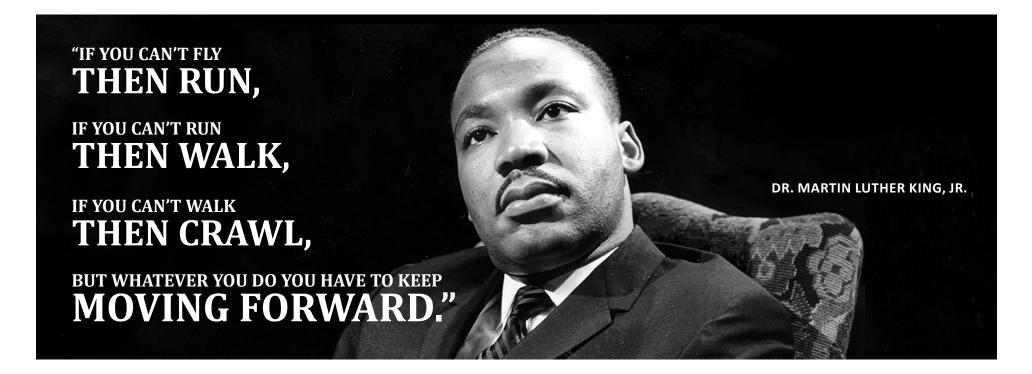
Bottom left: Kathye Porter, Anita Collins, Kendra Miles, Candra Rogers, Karlyn Murry, Falicia Tate

Bottom right: Velma Woods, Shelley Parker, Paula Jones, Rubidel Peoples, Deborah Jordan, Lavetta Johnson, Debora Barrera, Robert Peoples, Kathye Porter, Karlyn Murry, Kendra Miles, Jackie Henson, Falicia Tate, Anita Collins, Candra Roger





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#### **Far Western Annual Regional Retreat**



Far Western Regional Director Velma Brown and sorors attended the Annual Regional Retreat in Ontario, CA on August 11, 2018. Director Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the importance and its purpose. She acknowledged the emphasis was on Recruit, Refresh and Refocus. She also stated that Executive Board members would talk about "How to have a successful Regional Conference?" The Ice Breaker led by Member-At-Large, Ruth Curry, had members up, and out of their seats, walking around greeting one another. It was a very sisterly and friendly endeavor, as there were many new sorors attending the Retreat. Other issues discussed were: What would I have done differently as Chair, referring to hosting a Regional Conference, Protocol, Teach-A-Rama, Activity Books, 2018-2019 National and Regional calendars, as well as, any loose end business. Before the meeting ended, Executive Board and Chapters pictures were taken.

#### Far Western Regional Conference



Director Velma Brown at the 53rd Far Western Regional Conference posed with five Past Far Western Regional Directors, Opal Carter (seated) and standing Opal Hampton, Hattie McFrazier, Mary Jane McCoy, Director Brown and Lorayne Douglass.



Far Western Regional Director Velma Brown presented a donation to Pastor Weaver on Founders' Day at Atherton Baptist Church on May 20, 2018.



# Delta Upsilon Chapter — Nonprofit of the Year 2018

### Honored by Assemblymember Weber on California Nonprofits Day

Delta Upsilon Chapter in San Diego, CA was selected as a "2018 California Nonprofit of the Year" by Assemblymember Shirley N. Weber. They were among 100 other nonprofit leaders, who were honored by their state senators and assemblymembers. A celebration luncheon for them was held on California Nonprofits Day on June 6, 2018 to recognize them.



Basileus, Cheryl McClellan, along with Sorors Dr. Dione Taylor, Diana Dent, Dr. Debra McLaren, and Debra Maxie accompanied Assemblymember Shirley N. Weber on the flight from San Diego to Sacramento on June 6. Shortly after arriving in Sacramento, they were joined by Far West Regional Director, Velma Brown, and Soror Ethel Daniels, in the Assemblymember's office, where they fellowshipped with one another, discussed current education issues and posed for photos. Aftewards they joined the 100 other nonprofit leaders.

Delta Upsilon Chapter sorors, were deeply touched, humbled and excited to be recognized by our Soror, Assemblymember Shirley N. Weber as a Nonprofit of the Year. We were also very proud that our Far West Regional Director, Velma Brown, was able to participate with us, to witness one of her Chapters - Delta Upsilon being honored for their efforts in San Diego, CA.





# **2019 CONFERENCES**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

#### **EASTERN REGION**

Host Chapter: Alpha Zeta

April 25 - 28, 2019 Double Tree Hotel 10 Richmond, VA

#### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

Host Chapter: Alpha Beta

April 11 -14, 2019 Millennium Maxwell House Hotel Nashville, TN

#### **MIDWEST REGION**

Host Chapter: TBD

May 3 - 5, 2019 Airport Holiday Inn Evansville, IN

#### **SOUTHWEST REGION**

Host Chapter: Epsilon Rho

April 4 - 7, 2019 Sam Town Hotel Casino Shreveport, LA

#### **FAR WEST REGION**

Host Chapter: Delta Rho

March 15 - 17, 2019 Ontario Airport Hotel Ontario, CA

#### **YOUTH CONFERENCES**

#### **EASTERN REGION**

Host Chapter: Beta Lambda

March 15 - 17, 2019 Marriott Hotel Winston Salem, NC

#### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

Host Chapter: Gamma Eta

June 13 - 16, 2019 Hotel: TBD St. Augustine, FL

#### **MIDWEST REGION**

Host Chapter: TBD

March 22 - 24, 2019 Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel Columbus, Ohio

#### **SOUTHWEST REGION**

Host Chapter: Epsilon Delta

February 22 - 24, 2019 Hilton Garden Inn Suites Lawton, OK

#### **FAR WEST REGION**

Host Chapter: Epsilon Omicron

April 12 - 14, 2019 Hotel: Northern Quest Hotel & Resort Spokane, WA

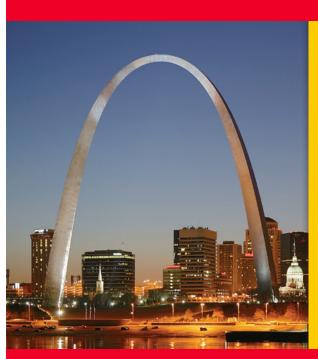
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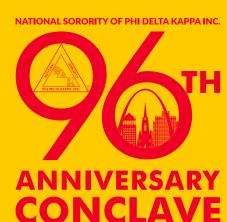
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