

“TO FOSTER A SPIRIT OF SISTERHOOD AMONG TEACHERS AND TO PROMOTE THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION”

# National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated

## FEBRUARY 2023 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Supreme Basileus Margarete Galloway



The tapestry of the month of February embraces the complex combinations, of the expressions of love, and the threatened studies of our history. As Sorors of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, we must use thicker threads of love to weave for each other, and our Sorority. Africana Studies must be continuously embroidered on our tapestry to be shared within our schools and throughout our communities.

♥ *Happy Valentine's Day* ♥

### The Voice in the Wilderness

*Wilderness: A neglected or abandoned area of space and time. A position of disfavor.*

It was in the wilderness that God spoke to Abraham, Moses, Elijah and the Israelites, when each were in the presence of undesirable conditions. In 2023, we are seaching and listening for the voices as we continuously travel through the wilderness of *Racism* and *Inequality*. We search for the voices and actions that will help eradicate House Bill 1006 - disinvest in Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) and Police Brutality.

Thanks to the following Sorors for making their voices heard in the wilderness. Soror Clarena S. Jones, Basileus of Delta Pi, Alice Gordon, 1<sup>st</sup> Anti Basileus of Beta Xi, and Soror Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, Basileus of Gamma Omicron.

Clarena S. Jones (Delta Pi Chapter)  
Public Relations Director, Eastern Region

**“LACKING EDUCATIONAL VALUE AND HISTORICAL ACCURACY”  
R E A L L Y ? ? ? ? ?**

So, says the Florida Department of Education in their January 12, 2023 decision to ban an AP African American Studies Course. What’s inaccurate or of no educational value about: ***African men and women who were stolen from our homeland, stuffed into the hulls of slave ships (like packed sardines in a can), we were savagely shackled, beaten with whips, denied food, forced to renounce our African names, brought to a strange land, stripped naked and body parts examined in open slave markets – sold to the highest bidder, families separated, children pulled from the arms of their mothers, we were forced to work on farms and plantations from sunup to sunset – in the scorching heat; picked the cotton, tobacco and other crops that lead to the original wealth of White America, our men called ‘boy’ and ‘nigger’, our women were raped by their white masters, we weren’t considered citizens, our women nursed little white babies on one breast and their own child on the other breast, we were the nannies, cooks, seamstresses, carpenters, concubines; worked as sharecroppers, cheated of wages, tarred and feathered, lynched, laid the rails for the US railroad system, terrorized and massacred by the hate group Ku Klux Klan, separate and unequal schools, denied patents for inventions that profited and made whites rich, denied voting rights, forced to live in slums and ghettos, served unjust prison sentences for petty crimes and protesting for civil rights, denied economic, health, housing, and political opportunities; driving while Black, affirmative action, sit-ins, bus boycotts, The March on Washington (1963), the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Tulsa Race Massacre, Reparations, Emmett Till, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, whites only (drinking fountains, bathrooms, buses, movie theaters, hotels, clubs), redlining, police choke holds, the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration, The Schools to Prison Pipeline, tainted drinking water, George Floyd, the first Black President and First Lady, Black scientists, entrepreneurs, politicians, Religious leaders, educators, activists, entertainers, sports, law, business, military (Tuskegee Airmen); racial profiling, School suspensions/expulsions and special needs classification ??????***

John 8:32 says, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” by Sir Francis Bacon is *“ipsa scientia potestas est” (Knowledge Itself Is Power)*. To Gov. DeSantis and like-minded individuals, this is not just about the history of Black people, this is the history of the United States of America. The idea of excluding or limiting the history of Black people to protect the narrative as told by another is an egregious attempt to bury the rich legacy, struggles, and victories of this country as experienced by the African American citizenry.

Madam Supreme Basileus Galloway and Southeastern Regional Director Anderson,

I am writing on behalf of Beta Xi Chapter regarding the position that the Governor of FL has taken regarding the teaching of an AP African American History class in the FL schools.

I have copied (from Google) some of the topics that are floating around.

Appreciative,  
Alice J. Gordon  
Basileus  
Beta Xi Chapter

[DeSantis sparks outrage with rejection of African American ...](https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/3821500-desantis-sparks-outrage-with-rejection-of-african-american-studies-class/)

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## National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated

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

January 29, 2023

### Condolences for the Family of the late Mr. Tyre Nichols

By: *Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, Ph.D.*

*Through the mercy of God, may eternal rest be granted upon Tyre, oh Lord.  
And may light perpetual shine upon his soul, granting him eternal peace. Amen.*

Sending the most heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Row Vaughn Wells, mother, and Mr. Rodney Wells, stepfather, as they mourn the loss of their beloved son, Mr. Tyre Nichols, during this time. As well, deepest condolences and fervent prayers are offered to his precious son, dearest sisters and brothers, his endeared family, and his friends.

When a senior member of our village transitions at a seasoned age, people not only take comfort in celebrating the life the elder has lived, but they may additionally take comfort in knowing how their departure has come at a time, and as a part of the natural process of living. This is certainly not the same for you all, and for your family. As with this sudden, horrific, and unexpected death of your child, your brother, your family member, your friend; it is unspeakable.

On behalf of my dear Sorority, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, I am requesting of our over 5,000 sisters and affiliate members, to pray the same petition and devotion of some semblance of peace and justice for you, Mr. and Mrs. Wells. Please know that I am certain that my sisters are so very, very, very saddened for your unbearable grief, your unending sorrow and tears, and your incessant heart aches.

It pains us deeply, as we share in the national grief over yet another death of a black male, and again by on duty law enforcement, and again death by a violent, aggressive, beating. This time, a 29-year-old, black male, Mr. Tyre Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee, who died three days after his horrific beating.

Having to deal far too many times before and during our lifetime, with the untimely harm and loss of people of color; of our loved ones departed with films, photos and videos manifesting more than the appearance of excessive force used on them; and the disbelief of how some law enforcement treat them leading to hospitalization, serious injury, and unfortunately, too many times, death. We must work to control these negative, defeatist, and God forsaken actions, in our communities and in our lives.

It is my belief that we must make vivid statements and take swift steps, all working to make our country safer for all children and adults.

With my deepest sympathy and regards,

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated  
Margarette Galloway, National President



# Supremes' Sofa Connection



**Supreme Basileus  
Margarete Galloway**

**Supreme Parliamentarian  
Leatha Brooks**

Chapter Basilei, join your Regional Director and your Regional Officers, on the Supremes' Sofa Connection.

- Chapter members will submit questions/concerns to their Chapter Basileus to be addressed.
- Chapter Basilei will join the Supremes' Sofa Connection to engage in conversation.

## Supremes' Sofa Connection Schedules

Region	Date	Time	Time Zone
East	Monday, February 6, 2023	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	ET
Southeast	Tuesday, February 7, 2023	6:00 PM-7:00 PM 7:00 PM-8:00 PM	CT ET
Midwest	Monday, February 6, 2023	8:00 PM-9:00 PM	ET
Southwest	Thursday, February 9, 2023	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	CT
Far West	Friday, February 10, 2023	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	PT

# NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY PRAYER CALL



**Ctrl + Click here to join: [Prayer Meeting](#)**

**6 PM - CST**

**Meeting ID: 832 2671 9974**

**Passcode 178964**

**Dial in by telephone: 1-312-626-6799 or 1-346-248-7799**

**Hosted by Regional Chaplains:**

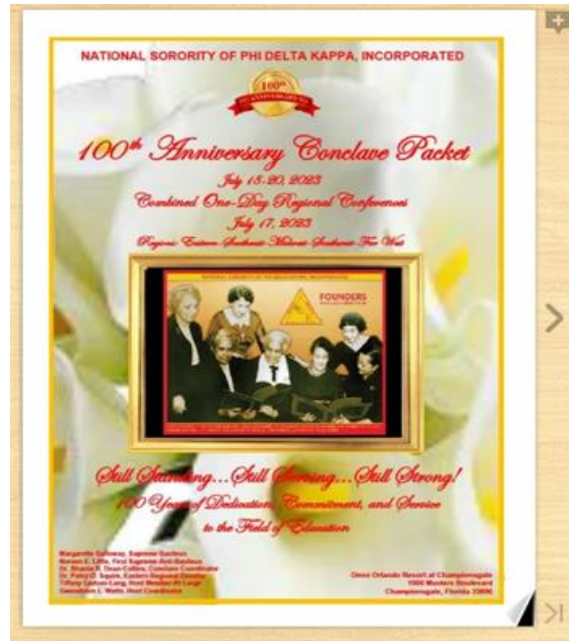
**Sandra Crocket (SW), Maggie Burnes (MW), Debra Moody (FW), Jerrie Foster (SE) Naydene Williams (E)**

**JOIN US  
W. A. I. T. TIME  
WOMEN ANCHORED IN TRUST**

From the Desk of...

Soror Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Anniversary Conclave Coordinator Chair

*Still Standing... Still Serving... Still Strong!*  
*100 Years of Dedication, Commitment, and Service to the Field of Education*



The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave Packet was forwarded to all Sorors via Flipping Book!

Please note that this packet has been updated to include the *Membership Luncheon*, *Officers Installation*, *\*Ill and Deceased* and *\*Torchlighting* (uninterrupted white). You may access this packet for updated information using the link that follows. You may also save this link to always have the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave Packet at hand!

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/385163646/>

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE & CONCLAVE REGISTRATION COSTS

- Late Registration - \$625.99 February 2, 2023 – April 30, 2023

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

- Dual Region/Conclave Registration - Online Registration and Payment, must be completed as delineated above.
- Upon completion and payment confirmation, you will be receiving an email and link to complete hotel reservations.

Hotel reservations are requested to be made for **ONE reservation per Soror**.



From the desk of...  
Debra Wade  
Supreme Epistoleus

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCLAVE WORKBOOK COMMITTEE REPORTS!**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS IS MONDAY MAY 15, 2023  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT DEBRA WADE, SUPREME EPISTOLEUS.**

[nspdkepistoleus@gmail.com](mailto:nspdkepistoleus@gmail.com)



*Soror Carlean Clark*



# Omega Chapter



*Soror Marian Wells  
Zeta Chapter*



*Stacey Abdul-Qawi  
Alpha Chapter*



*Soror Thelma Maclin Sparks*







## Parliamentarian's Corner

### Sorority Tidbits

#### “Roles of the Parliamentarian”

- Consultant to an organization.
- Advises the president and other officers, committees and members.
- Advisory and consultative role during meetings.
- Assist with interpreting bylaws and rules.
- Assist in planning and steering of business to be introduced (before meeting).

#### During a meeting

- Give advice to chair and, when requested, to any other member.
- Call attention of the chair to errors that may affect the substantive rights of any member (inconspicuously).
- Understanding that members may need to stand at ease for president to consult with the parliamentarian.
- Should only speak to the assembly on the most involved matters.
- Should sit next to the chair when possible.
- Chair has the final duty to make the final ruling. If chair habitually disregards advice, the parliamentarian may wish to resign at end of present engagement.

#### Member of assembly serving as parliamentarian

- Same duty as presiding officer to maintain a position of impartiality, does not make motions, does not participate in debate or vote, except in the case of a ballot vote
- **Cannot** temporarily relinquish his/her position in order to exercise such rights on a particular motion.



### NSPDK e-LEARNING ACADEMY

In Collaboration with

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



### Common Collaborative Conversations

[Human Trafficking Prevention/Intervention Toolkit | National Center on Safe Supportive Learning](#)  
[Environmentcollage mlk day1s \(NCSSLE\) \(ed.gov\)](#)



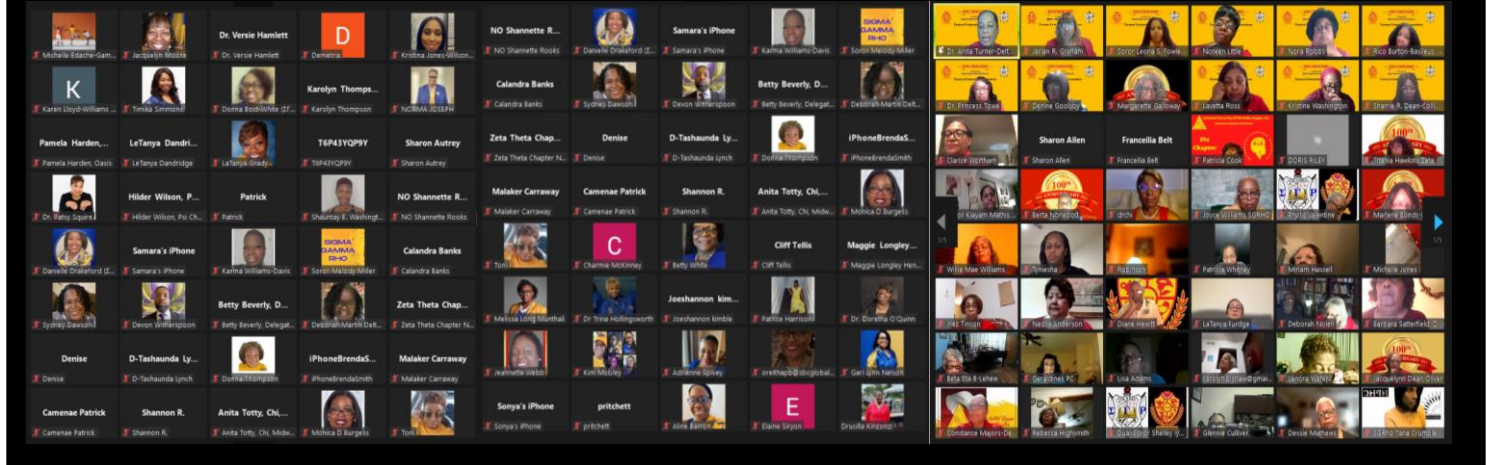
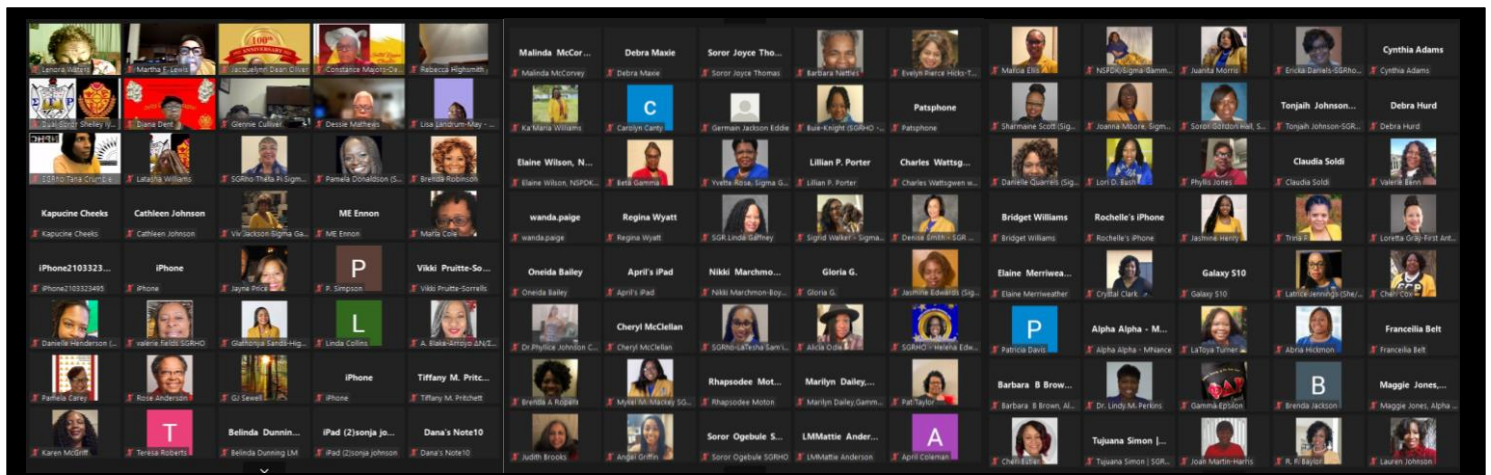
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## A Definition of Human Trafficking

Presented by:  
**M. Rico McCoy Burton**





**Remember**

Trafficking can also take the form of exploitation for the purpose of forced criminality, such as pickpocketing, shoplifting and drug trafficking.

Knowing the "Red Flags" can go a long way in helping to identify victims.





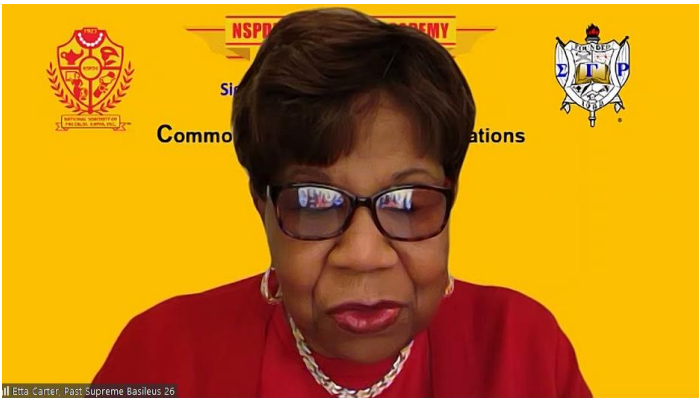
**Congratulations, e-Learning Academy Committee!  
January 18, 2023, Collaborative Town Hall was an awesome informative learning experience.**



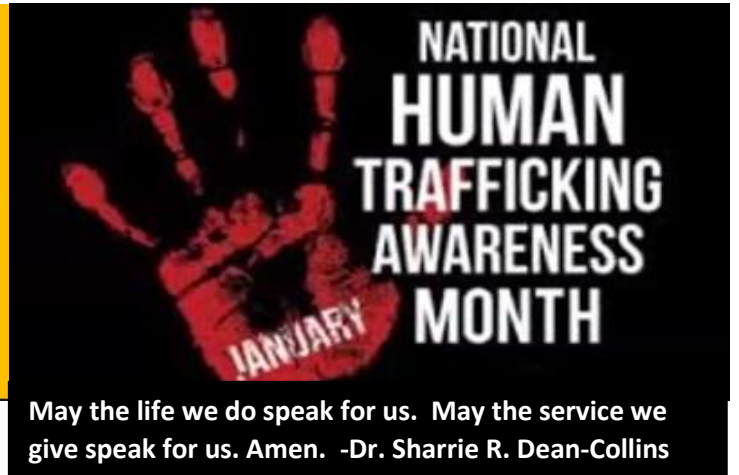
**Greetings: Supreme Basileus, Margarette Galloway**



**Welcome: Noreen Little, 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus**



**Prayer: Dr. Etta F. Carter, Past Supreme Basileus**



**May the life we do speak for us. May the service we give speak for us. Amen. -Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins**

“It is a pleasure to be a part of the e-Learning Academy and to see the continued growth of this initiative. You, the committee, have grown to address and meet the current needs of educators and the community. When this initiative was created in 2020 it was the outgrowth of the national shutdown of schools due to the Covid Global Disaster. It has moved through lesson planning, curriculum development, professional development, and now Town Halls including a collaboration with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. This initiative has shown us that our resilience and faith will move us forward no matter what is ahead of us. Congratulations to Supreme Basileus Galloway, Soror Noreen Little, and the committee of dedicated Sorors. I am very proud of the expansion of the e-Learning Academy. Thank you for all that you do. Can’t wait to see what’s ahead.” -Dr. Etta F. Carter, Past Supreme Basileus

**PRESENTERS:**

**Dr. Rico Burton  
Nora Robbs  
Dr. Princess Towne  
Denine Goolsby  
Leona Fowler  
Dr. Anita Turner  
Dr. Sharrie Dean-Collins**

## **NSPDK YOUTH CONFERENCES 2023**



### **EASTERN REGION 75TH ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**March 17-19, 2023  
Location: Norfolk, VA  
Host Chapter: ALPHA CHI - Portsmouth, VA**

### **SOUTHEAST REGION ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**June 8-11, 2023  
Location: TBA  
Host Chapter: GAMMA PSI - Jackson, TN**

### **MIDWEST REGION 61ST ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**April 14-16, 2023  
Virtual  
Host Chapter: GAMMA RHO - Shaker Heights, OH**

### **SOUTHWEST REGION ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**February 24-26, 2023  
Location: Dallas, TX  
Host Chapter: EPSILON BETA - Tyler, TX**

### **FAR WEST REGION ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**April 15-16, 2023  
Virtual  
Host Chapter: GAMMA LAMBDA - Pasadena, CA**



From the desk of...

National Health, Hypertension and Nutrition Chair

Sharon Oliver-Henderson

# Respiratory Tract Infections: How do You know the Difference?



Respiratory tract infections (RTIs) affect breathing. Most get better without seeking medical treatment, but sometimes you may need medical assistance. If symptoms persist from getting better, don't wait go seek professional medical care. Here is a chart that will help identifying some RTI.

To reduce the risk of contracting any of these infections: wear your mask in crowds, wash hands, eat healthy and rest. Consult with your Health Care Provider with questions and concerns.

**6:55**

ABC News

## Symptoms of COVID-19, RSV and Flu

	COVID-19	RSV	Influenza
Onset of symptoms	Gradual	Gradual	Sudden
Cough	Common	Common	Common
Diarrhea	Sometimes	Rare	Sometimes*
Fatigue or tiredness	Common	Sometimes	Common
Fever	Common	Common	Common
Headache	Sometimes	Common	Common
Loss of taste and smell	Common	Rare	Rare
Muscle or body aches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Runny or congested nose	Common	Common	Common
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Common	Sometimes	Rare
Sneezing	Common	Common	Common
Sore throat	Common	Common	Common
Vomiting	Sometimes	Rare	Sometimes*
Wheezing	Rare	Sometimes*	Rare

Experts say the only way to confirm a diagnosis is with testing. No matter the symptoms, people should stay home when sick and seek medical help if they experience any trouble breathing.

\*MORE COMMON IN CHILDREN  
 SOURCE: CDC, MAYO CLINIC

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*Let's Step  
Out!*



# PAVES DAY

**23RD OF EACH MONTH**

Sorors are asked to wear red and gold on this day to remind us of our 2023 Centennial Celebration.

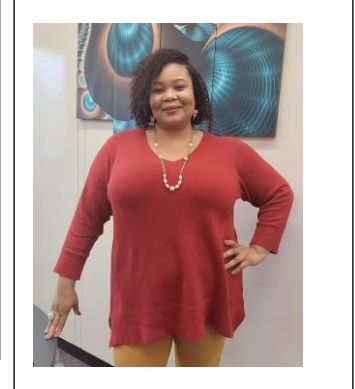
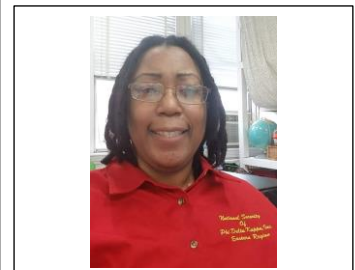




Alpha Mu Chapter presented new Superintendent Dr. Bedell with welcome gifts at his public Listen & Learn session. Looking forward to building a partnership with his office to support the teachers and children of Anne Arundel County



ALPHA RHO CHAPTER SORORS  
 Monique Lunsford Erika Lampkin Newtonia Hemphill





# P A V E S...

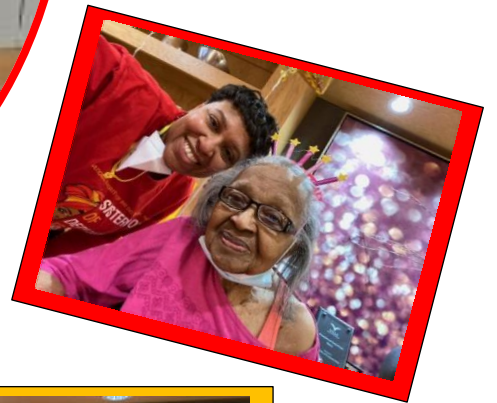




# Centennial Cutie



*Soror Norma Holmes*

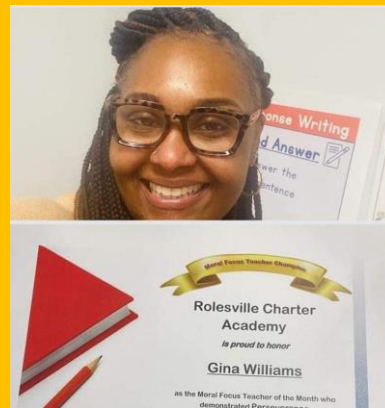


Mu Chapter Sorors celebrated Soror Norma Holmes 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on PAVES Day! Here's to an incredible century of memories and experiences! You have done more than most people could ever dream and are such an inspiration to your family of sorors and friends. We are grateful to have you in our lives and cherish all moments we spend with you.



Soror Augustina West, a Charter Member of **Epsilon Chi Chapter**. On Tuesday, January 3, 2023, the East Ramapo Central School Board of Education approved Dr. Augustina West's promotion to Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. Dr. West's responsibilities in supervision of five secondary schools, home schooling, and home instruction.

Soror Sonna Williams Livenere, **Beta Lambda Chapter** educator has earned the prestigious title: Certified Instructional Employee of the Year at Carter High School



We are so proud of our Beta Zeta Pearl...Gina Williams-Hayes. She is an exceptional educator and now named the Moral Focus Teacher of the Month! She shows her educational talents at Rolesville Charter Academy in North Carolina.

Special shout out to Dr. Donna Beck, an esteemed Irvington educator from **Delta Pi Chapter**, who was honored at Irvington Public Schools' 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemorative Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Tau Chapter** Soror Tonia Huckleberry is the new Dean of Students at Pike High School!



*Congratulations*



## Proposed Initiative: Vision Boards- "Designing Your Future"

### Initiative Purpose

The purpose of the vision board initiative, "Designing Your Future", will serve as an opportunity for children and adults to create a tangible form of the goals they desire to achieve over a self-determined period. Participants will come together to create the boards in a warm, welcoming environment which promotes self-care, self-hope, self-advocacy, and external support.

### Initiative Participants

- Children (All ages welcome- Ages 5-13 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)
- Xinos, Kudos, HUB parents, family, friends, and Sorors.

Vision board materials and refreshments are donated by the Sorors and/or purchased by Adult & Children Benefits Committee.

Thanks to the 20 participants to create their Vision Boards "Designing Your Future."

Soror Joyce Lewis, Children & Adults Benefit National Committee Chair/ **Delta Epsilon Chapter**

*National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.*  
*Alpha Rho Chapter*

**Alpha Rho Goals**

1. Stimulate professional growth among teachers
2. To foster true sisterhood
3. Increase adult, youth and KOT membership
4. To facilitate programs
5. Serve our community

**VISION BOARD 2023**

*National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.*

*Epsilon Lambda*  
*2023 Vision Boards*

LET'S START OFF 2023 WITH A CLEAR **VISION!**

*"Designing Your Future"*

All ages welcome  
(Children ages 5-13 must be accompanied by an adult)  
Help make this event a success by donating magazines (old or new)!

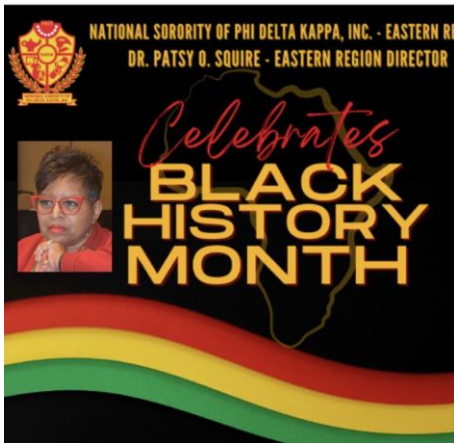
When: January 8, 2023  
Where: Alta Mesa Park Baptist Church  
2939 Palo Alto Drive Dallas, TX 75241  
Time: 3:00pm

Registration: December 11th -31st

Click here







**The Black Prayer**

By Wykeshia McCallister

In the midst of the injustices throughout America, I often wonder:

Lord, Why Did You Make Me Black  
 Lord, Why did you make me Black?

Why did you make someone the world would hold back?...  
 Black is the color of dirty clothes, of grimy hands and feet.....  
 Black is the color of darkness, of tired beaten streets...

Why did you give me thick lips, a broad nose and kinky hair?  
 Why did you create someone who receives the hated stare?

Black is the color of the bruised eye  
 when someone gets hurt...  
 Black is the color of darkness,  
 Black is the color of dirt.

Why is my bone structure so thick, my hips and cheeks so high?  
 Why are my eyes brown, and not the color of the sky?

Why do people think I'm useless?  
 How come I feel so used?  
 Why do people see my skin and think I should be abused?  
 Lord, I just don't understand...  
 What is it about my skin?  
 Why is it some people want to hate me  
 and not know the person within?

Black is what people are "Labeled" when others want to keep them away...  
 Black is the color of shadows cast..  
 Black is the end of the day.

Lord you know my own people mistreat me,  
 and you know this just ain't right...  
 They don't like my hair, they don't like my skin, as they say I'm too dark or too light!

Lord, don't you think it's time to make a change?  
 Why don't you redo creation and make everyone the same?

God's Reply:  
 Why did I make you black?  
 Why did I make you black?

I made you in the color of coal from which beautiful diamonds are formed...  
 I made you in the color of oil, the black gold which keeps people warm.

Your color is the same as the rich dark soil that grows the food you need...  
 Your color is the same as the black stallion and panther,  
 Oh what majestic creatures indeed!

All colors of the heavenly rainbow can be found throughout every nation...  
 When all these colors are blended, you become my greatest creation!

Your hair is the texture of lamb's wool,  
 such a beautiful creature is he...  
 I am the shepherd who watches them,  
 I will ALWAYS watch over thee.

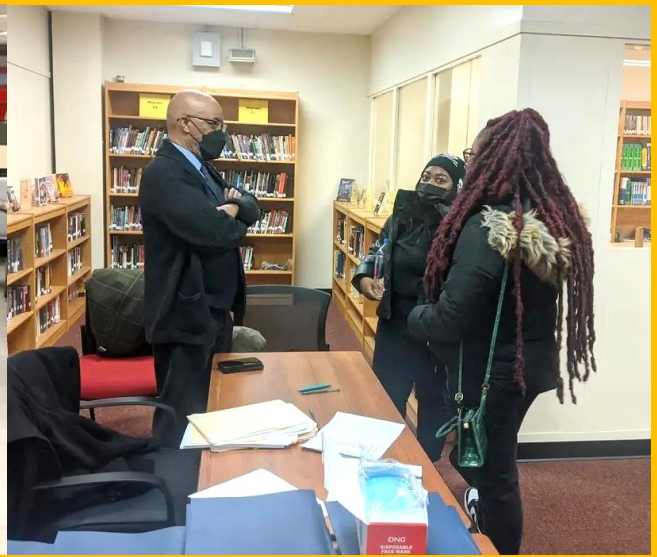
You are the color of the midnight sky,  
 I put star glitter in your eyes...  
 There's a beautiful smile hidden behind your pain...  
 That's why your cheeks are so high!

You are the color of dark clouds from the hurricanes I create in September...  
 I made your lips so full and thick, so when you kiss...they will remember!

Your stature is strong, your bone structure thick to withstand the burden of time...  
 The reflection you see in the mirror, that image that looks back, that is MINE!

So get off your knees, look in the mirror and tell me what you see?  
 I didn't make you in the image of darkness...  
 I made you in the image of ME!





**Theta Chapter** Xinos and Kudos Book Drive Community Service/Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend at Boys & Girls HS/Adelaide Sanford Institute/ Parent Conference. Theta Xinos/Medgar HS/College Scholars speaking to Dr. Lester Young, Chancellor of the Board of Regents for New York State Education Department/Adelaide Sanford Institute Board Member, who was a Guest speaker recently at Medgar High School. Theta Youth also attended a College Workshop. It was a beautiful day and an honor to serve. Thank you to Sorors, Youth and Parents. -Tanisha Dorvil



Soror Andrews-Jackson,  
Kudos Advisor



Hot diggity-dog! Yum, yum eat'm up!

**Eta Chapter** Xinos and Kudos had a successful fundraiser at the Original Hot Dog Factory in Voorhees NJ. The main menu had an enormous variety of hot dogs.! How exciting to find out the owner was a former Xinos seated second from the left. Photo l-r Soror Aleah Braxton Xinos Advisor, Owner Shanice Willis, Sorors Jarian Graham, Sharon Andrews-Jackson, and Cheryl Shelton with her granddaughters.

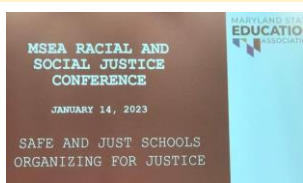


**Eta Chapter** donated cleaning supplies and coats to Cathedral Kitchen, Camden, NJ on MLK, Jr. service day.





Thank you, First Anti-Basileus Burner, Soror Monica Newell, and **Beta Lambda Chapter** for a relaxing activity to support our National Children and Adults Benefits Initiative! Vision Boards remind you to focus, reset, reflect, and engage!



**Alpha Mu Chapter** Sorors attending the MD State Department of Education Dr. King Celebration and Racial and Social Justice Summit.

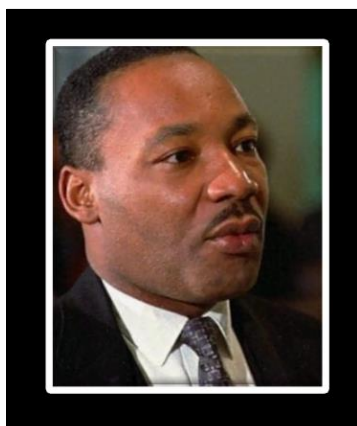


Please join us in welcoming **Alpha Mu Chapter** Kudos, Troy and DJ. We also welcome HUB Parent Donnell. **Alpha Mu** is beyond excited to welcome these wonderful young men.





National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated Beta Lambda Chapter President Cynthia Russell and Beta Lambda educators would like to thank the W-S Chronicle and Sponsors for providing Keynote Speaker, Chris V. Rey, JD-36<sup>th</sup> International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for the 2023 MLK Breakfast! We will continue to move the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Forward!





From the desk of...

Rose Anderson

Southeast Regional Director



Greetings Sorors....

We greet you this month on behalf of our ancestors who survived the inhumane treatment, conditions, un-acceptable and inappropriate language, and with no identification as to who they were. We're standing on the backs of those who endured conditions that help bring a better opportunity for us today. "I'm appreciative and give honor and recognition to my ancestors for their perseverance and determination." However, there are still opportunities for us today to continue providing opportunities for those who are under educated, improvised, and needing guidance to make a better life for themselves. We can't stop now, we must keep moving forward as we use our Y.E.S. programs to meet many of these challenges.

This month we observe African American History, better known as Black History. However, we should not let one month be the focus of our observance, but everyday should reflect who we are. In spite of it all, the attempts to erase our history for the history books as a part of the history study, lack of acknowledging accomplishments outside of the sports and arts areas, as well as the many attempts made to prohibit our voting privileges, We're still rising. In the words of Maya Angelou...

"You may write me down in history  
 With your bitter, twisted lies,  
 You may trod me in the very dirt  
 But still, like dust, I'll rise.....  
 You may shoot me with your words,  
 You may cut me with your eyes,  
 You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
 But still, like air, I'll rise.....  
 Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
 I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
 I rise.... I rise.... I rise...

Upon the courage of our eight Founders to organize a professional organization of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, we're still rising, being dedicated, and still serving. We're strong in our efforts to make this organization even greater in the years to come.

The month of February is the LOVE month. Let us take every opportunity to show our love for NSPDK, INC. as we support our leadership teams (National, Regional, and Chapter level) in the goals, and purposes of our organization. We rise to lift others and we do together in LOVE. We're a GREAT Sisterhood of Educators.

With





PAVES in the classroom  
December



PAVES, downtown Jackson, TN  
January



PAVES, at church  
October



PAVES, Thanksgiving cooking  
November



Epsilon Tau Chapter's first in person chapter meeting since February 2020. The sea of red and gold was a beautiful sight to behold! #nspdkeducator #educatorslife



Beta Kappa Chapter Xinos, Kudos, Anthropos had a cold blast at the MLK Day Parade.

Great job team!



**PAVES Initiative-**

Associate Member, Dr. Christine Hicks, participated in the Voorhees University Homecoming Parade in her hometown, Denmark, South Carolina, by entering her car with a banner. Thank you Soror Christine for sharing the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated and Southeast Region with your community.



## “Not a Day Off, but a Day On”

The **Gamma Psi Chapter** Xinos and Kudos along with advisors and Hub Parents had not a day off, but a day on as they visited Mission Convalescent Home on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. The group presented a program with readings in observance of King’s birthday, sung spirituals, and the giving of personal care items as gifts. Mr. Cherry, the Administrator of Mission’s shared important information with the youth about the home. After the Mission Convalescent Home visit, the group did a social activity at the Bowling and Skating Family Fun Center. The Xinos and Kudos enjoyed bowling, playing games, and socializing with each other. **Gamma Psi Chapter** youth advisors and Hub parents were in attendance. The next activity the youth group will participate in is “Reading Across NSPDK” which is asking friends, classmates, relatives, and themselves to pledge to read for one hour by February 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Gamma Theta Chapter** has been busy in January. We started off 2023 with our first meeting of the year on January 7th. Retired RN Glenda Gant presented us with information on hypertension and how to prevent it. She also talked about the importance of eating healthy and exercising to regulate your blood pressure, as well as demonstrating the proper way to use a blood pressure cup. Below is a picture of Retired RN Glenda Gant pictured with Basileus Glennie Culliver.

We also donated nonperishable food items to Drexell & Honeybees “Donation Only” restaurant in Brewton, Alabama. This restaurant feeds people Tuesday- Thursdays from 11am-1pm and no one has to pay anything to eat, but you are welcomed to leave a donation if you desire. This restaurant is owned by Lisa and Freddie McMillan.

Gamma Theta’s next activity consisted of participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade on Saturday, January 14th. After the parade, we had a table set up for blood pressure checks, voter registration, and sign up sheets for Read Across America on Dr. King’s Day. We had several students register to vote as seen on a couple pictures below. Everything was a success!



## Gamma Psi Chapter Teacher Appreciation and Teach-A-Rama

Gamma Psi Chapter held its Teacher Appreciation Tea and Teach-A-Rama event on January 21<sup>st</sup> at Parkview Prep Academy with Ms. Chandra Maclin as Program Facilitator. The theme was "Rise Up and Excel in Education". The speaker for the event was Mrs. Tiffany R. Spight, Chief Academic Officer of the Jackson Madison County School System. She spoke on the program theme. Program participants were Mrs. Laura Payne, Mrs. Sheneca Williams, Dr. Calandra Ellison-Williamson, Mrs. Karen Phelps, and Mrs. Angela Searcy. Special program participants were Miss Leah Smith, who performed a Liturgical Dance as a Tribute to Teachers and Miss Shelby Bond, Gamma Psi Xinos, who also performed a vocal, "God Is". with her mom, Mrs. Sylvia Neely-Bond.

An activity, Rise Up, was facilitated by Mrs. Karen Phelps, which used topics of educational significance. The topics included: Government Funding for Education, School Safety, Technology in Education, Charter Schools and Voucher Programs, Common Core, Standardized Testing, Teacher Salaries, Poverty, Bullying, Teacher Tenure and Class Size. Attendees chose a topic by tables, discussed the topic, and planned a presentation for the group assembled.

Mrs. Frenchie Fuller recognized guest and awarded gifts to the special program participants as a token of appreciation. President Dr. LaToshia Chism gave closing remarks.





From the desk of...  
**Tiffany Pritchett**  
 Midwest Regional Director



Happy Black History Month! The month of February is with filled love and history. Our history is rich and expands over thousands of years. It is our duty as educators to educate our communities on our past, present, and future. The importance of educating is to produce wisdom of the unknown. As a community if we are unaware of our history then we repeat past behaviors. Education is Key! Yes, we are living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we have overcome many barriers, but we have yet to fulfill the dreams of our ancestors.

As members of the African American community, we should be on one accord with one another, uplifting and standing to together to promote justice among all mankind. As I sit here writing my February commentary my heart aches at the event of Tyre Nichols. The message from his event says we are failing as an African American community. We can no longer oppress our community. We have to send the message each and every day that we are one and greater together! We must continue to show love to drive out the hate. No one should ever abuse their power of position and act as if they are above the law. That power should be exercised to uplift members in our community. And work to repair a broken system that brings justice for all. We have to stand together because we are greater together.

Sorors, I charge you to be the light in your school community and educate the young people about our influential history and the importance of moving the African American community forward.

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2*

In Sisterhood and Service,

*Tiffany M. Pritchett*  
 Midwest Regional Director  
 2019-2023



*Congratulations*

Soror Catherine Woodard received the Bethune Height Clay Award from the National Council of Negro Women, Indianapolis Section at its Founders Day celebration. Her sisters were in attendance to witness this great achievement. Tau Chapter is so very proud of your accomplishment.

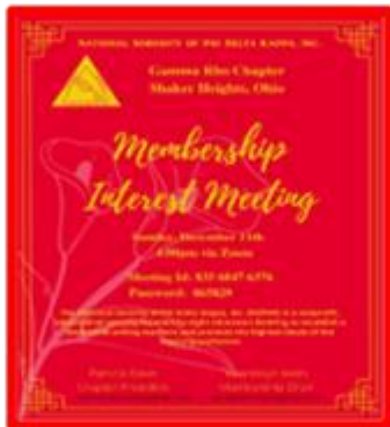


Sorors of **Gamma Rho Chapter** continue to celebrate 50 years as “workers in the vineyard” through actively participating and supporting the Y.E.S. Program.

**Sisterhood**-a Holiday Brunch Gathering of fellowship, games, prizes, and fun hosted by the Golden Anniversary Committee.

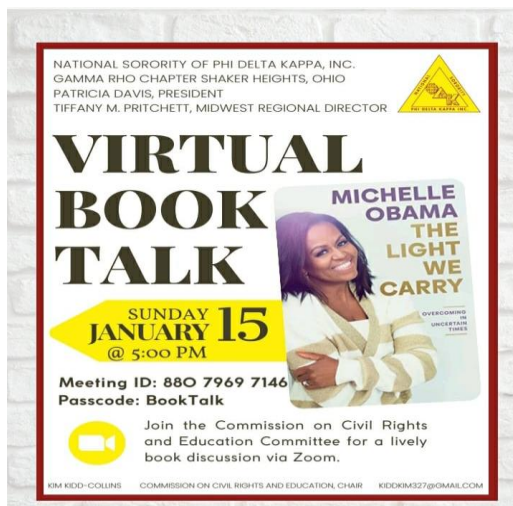


**Gamma Rho Chapter**  
**Celebrating 50 years of “Unity Through Service, Grace and Faith”**



**Membership**- a Membership Interest Meeting, sponsored by the membership committee. Several have expressed interest as future members of the 2023 Krinon Club.

**Commission on Civil Rights**- a virtual book talk featuring the “Light We Carry” by **Michelle Obama**, was attended and enjoyed by Sorors of Gamma Rho as well as Sorors from other chapters in the Midwest Region.



*Dr. Cassandra Dates-Shipp*

**Soror Shipp has been named as the new Assistant Superintendent of Clark-Pleasant School Corporation. Tau Chapter Sorors continue making an impact on educational systems! We are so proud of you, Soror!**

*Congratulations*





Introducing: **Gamma Rho Chapter Soror Amber Hawthorne-Spratlen**,  
Best Seller Author of Children's Books



- **Maria's Wonderland**-featuring a kindergartner who is bright and witty but has been diagnosed as a non-verbal communicator.
- <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/.../marias.../1142017810>
- **Blueberry Lucy**-featuring a vision impairment student who is learning to navigate her classroom environment and learn more about themselves.
- <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/.../blueberry.../1142679494>

Amber Hawthorne-Spratlen is an accomplished special education teacher. She is a professional speaker and author with a passion for engaging her audience, whether children or adults. She has over twenty years' experience working with children of varying ability levels. She has a passion for education and building relationships with children and families. Her books are written to provide children and families an opportunity to discuss their feelings, emotions, and overall self-awareness. These stories connect people, encourage confidence, and foster acceptance of our differences and similarities.

**Congratulations, Soror Amber Hawthorne- Spratlen**

Submitted by Gaynell Wade, Gamma Rho Public Relations Director  
Patricia Davis, Basileus



**Mu Chapter serving the community! We packed peppers and potatoes at the Greater Chicago Food Depository**



**Literacy-Mu Chapter's Book Club-**  
We are together to watch the movie, "Where the Crawdads Sing" after we read and discussed the novel by Delia Owens.



**KWANZAA: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF KUJICHAGULIA: SELF-DETERMINATION!**

On Tuesday, December 27, 2022, the second day of Kwanzaa, was a time of learning, family and celebration! The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.-Alpha Xi Chapter (NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi), partnered with the Warrensville Heights Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library and affiliate organizations: National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) Cleveland Section (NCNWCS), Cuyahoga County Section (NCNWCCS) and Western Reserve Section (NCNWWRS), and Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.-Greater Cleveland Chapter (TLOGGCC); for its Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, chaired by Tillie Taylor Colter. One-hundred twenty-five (125) participants came together in-person and virtually, to honor the ancestors, affirm the bonds between them, and to celebrate African and African American culture.

The processional began with African drumming by Sister AdeOlomo and the Kenyatta Company, and led by elders, NCNW Presidents and TLOGGCC President, Anthropos (NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi Male Affiliate Group), as they danced their way into the room. The ceremony began by Celebration Leaders Grovine Buffington, Regina Franklin and Loretta Gray (NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi), asking for permission from the elders, and was followed by an invocation. NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi Chapter President, Denine A. Goolsby and Shalissa Smith, Alpha Xi Xinos Youth Group, welcomed the partners and audience. Monica McClelland (NCNWCS President), Kemberley H. Jones (NCNWCCS President), and Annette Leftwich (NCNWWRS President), and Lady Ayesah Douglas (TLOGGCC President), extended greetings; and "Lift Every Voice and Sing," was sung by Danielle Bircher (NCNWWRS), highlighting Kwanzaa's focus on African American history and having faith.

Essence Doucet (NCNWCS) discussed the history of Kwanzaa, emphasizing that for the African American community, Kwanzaa is not just any "Black holiday." It is a recognition that knowledge of Black History is worthwhile. She discussed what is Kwanzaa and how it is celebrated December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. It was noted that Kwanzaa was created by activist Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa. Cassandra Carter (NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi) followed-up with the Libation and explained that Kwanzaa is a time of communal self-affirmation, when famous African American heroes and heroines, as well as late family members are celebrated. As the ancestors and family members were acknowledged, libations were poured into the plant and participants responded, "Asé." It was very moving! The Candle Lighting Ceremony was led by the youth: Shalissa Smith (Alpha Xi Chapter Xinos Youth Group), Bryana Smith (President, NCNW Cuyahoga County Youth Section) and Teen Eugene Smith (President, Top Teens of America-Greater Cleveland Chapter). As each Kwanzaa Principle was read (Umoja/Unity; Kujichagulia/Self-Determination; Ujima/Collective Work; Ujamaa/Cooperative Economics; Nia/Purpose; Kuumba/Creativity; and Imani/Faith), the candles were lit in the kinara. African drumming, singing, and dance were performed by Sister AdeOlomo and the Kenyatta Company, followed by "Happy Kwanzaa," a celebratory duet by Shawn Roberts and Lady Ayesah Douglas.

The celebration continued with a story by NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi Chapter member, Kwanza Brewer, President, National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc. She engaged students in a circle, asking "Habari Gani?" which means, "How are you?" and was answered with "Kujichagulia!" As the African Folktale was told about why the sun and the moon live in the sky, students interacted by repeating phrases and moving throughout the room. Bryana Smith read an original poem on believing in yourself and Bro. Ali Boyd, Manager Warrensville Heights Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library, gave a powerful message of Kujichagulia. Vonita Baber (NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi) presented Gifts of Kuumba (Zawadi), educational and symbolic of the labor and love of parents and the commitments made and kept by children. Acknowledgments were given by Tillie Taylor Colter, Kwanzaa Chair (NSPDK, Inc. Alpha Xi), thanking the elders, audience, partners, special guests and committee; stating, "May the candles of Kwanzaa continue to brighten the past, the present, and the future ahead!" "Harambee" which means "all pull together, was shouted enthusiastically seven times in unison. Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells NSPDK, Inc. Midwest Region Member-at-Large, closed the celebration with a Prayer of Kwanzaa and a powerful takeaway...have faith and translate Kwanzaa into everyday life, all year-long! -Submitted by Denne Goolsby





From the desk of...  
 Anita O'Neal  
 Southwest Regional Director

# SOUTHWEST REGION



*Greetings on behalf of the Southwest Region,*

The Southwest Region has been extremely motivated and engaged in implementing components of the Y.E.S. program. The Southwest chapters have been engaged in fulfilling one of the Adult and Children Benefit Programs. Many chapters developed and created outstanding Vision Boards for 2023. The next exciting event conducted recently in the region was the Southwest Youth Officers Leadership Seminar. The regional youth officers were exceptional during the seminar. They all displayed great professional leadership skills.

During the month of February many chapters are engaging in African American History events which is an annual celebration of achievements by many African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in history. The event grew out of the brainchild of Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. The Black History Theme for 2023 is focusing on the importance of **Black Resistance**. Many chapters will present unique and quality African American History events during the month of February.

The Southwest Regional Youth Leadership Conference will be held in Irving, Texas and hosted by the Epsilon Beta chapter Tyler Texas. February 24-26, 2023, and the theme this year is “Together Toward Tomorrow ~T3”.

*Anita O'Neal*  
 Southwest Regional Director







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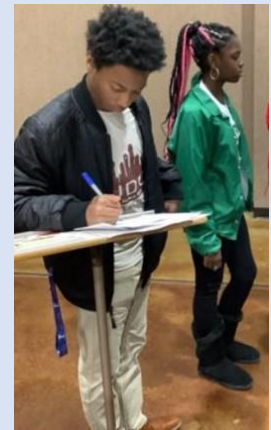
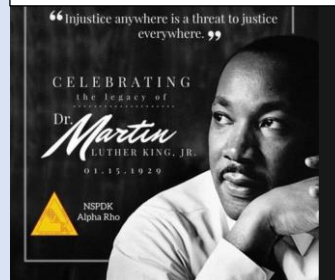


MLK January 16, 2023



IF I CANNOT DO GREAT THINGS, I WILL DO SMALL THINGS IN A GREAT WAY

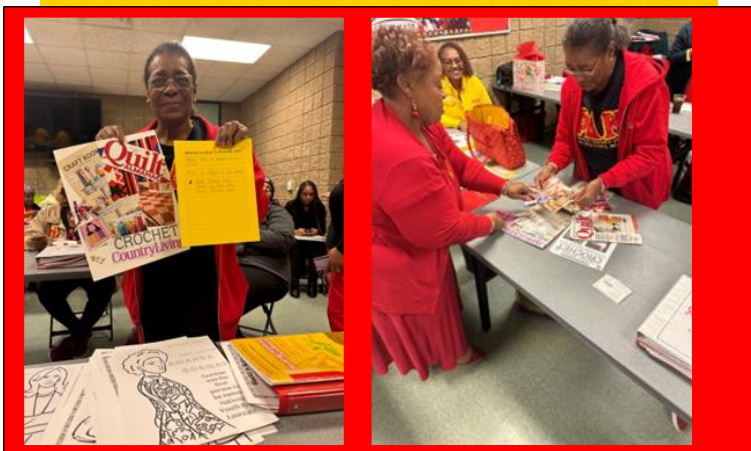
-Martin Luther King, Jr



VISION BOARDS- Delta Epsilon Chapter Children and Adults Committee-National Initiative



CITY OF DALLAS







**National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.**  
 Margarette Galloway, National President  
 Anita O'Neal, Southwest Regional Director  
 Dr. Cheryl Monts, Southwest Regional Member-At-Large  
 Carolyn E. Baker, Beta Alpha Chapter President



## HOLIDAY SOCIAL



Pictured from Left to Right: Amy Whitaker, Chelsea Jackson, Carolyn Baker (Basileus), Dwynita T. Collins, Dr. Mary Nash-Robinson, Dr. LaShonda Ford, Shandreka Roberts, Khakillya Babers-Everett, Denise Washington-Cornelius

## SOCK DRIVE



Pictured from Left to Right: Chelsea Jackson, Shandreka Roberts, Khakillya Babers-Everett, Phyllis Gardner, Margaret Thomas, Pittre Walker, Carolyn Baker (Basileus), Beverly Paige, and Carolyn Nickleberry



**Epsilon Beta Chapter PAVES**



### Delta Beta Celebrates MLK Day "A Day of Serving and Reading Across NSPDK"

**Delta Beta Chapter** joined the march and celebration at Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, Texas, to observe Dr. King's birthday. Delta Beta's Xinos, Kudos, and Sponsors marched from University of Texas to Huston-Tillotson. Youth group participants were Xinos Benee Sears, Melodi Tyson, Nia Goode, and Hannah Austin. They were joined by Kudos Colin Plummer, Amari Brown, Joshua Austin, and Benny Sears. Soror Dorcas Seals, Xinos Sponsor, accompanied them. Sorors Hazel McCullough and Diane Williams represented Delta Beta in the march. As marchers arrived on campus, they were asked to sign a pledge to read one hour on Monday, January 16th to honor Dr. King's birthday and legacy. Sorors were circulating through the crowds or seated at the Delta Beta table to greet marchers and answer questions as they signed pledge forms. Signers were given a sticker with pledge information so they would remember to read later that day. Sorors who participated in the effort to obtain signatures were Elaine McKinney, Christella Cain, Crystal Jones, Nancy Thompson, Esther Phillips, Elaine Benton, and Ramona Jones. - Soror Ramona Jones, Editor-to-the-Krionon, Delta Beta Chapter



**Epsilon Beta Chapter**  
**Sorors Alice Mosley (L)**  
**and Sharon Mosley (R)**  
 celebrate the 86th  
**Birthday of Soror Clara**  
**Warren (C)** with her  
 family members at  
**Jalapeno Tree**



**NSPDK Delta Beta Chapter's Centennial Exhibit**



Left to right: **Bessie Butler-Evans, Chapter Director of Public Relations** and **Dr. Brenda Burrell, Chapter President**

**Mu Chapter, Local**  
**Projects Chair,**  
**Lynette Millner-**  
**Clothing donation**



**DELTA BETA CHAPTER'S**  
**NEWEST KRINON CLUB "SASSY SIX"**

*Bessie Butler-Evans, Delta Beta Chapter,  
 Director of Public Relation*

The members of the Delta Beta Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (also called "NSPDK") welcomed six new members of its Krinon Club into the sorority, under the approval of Dr. Brenda J. Burrell, *Chapter President*, and the leadership and guidance of Brenda Kay Fowler, *Dean of Pledges*.

Members of the Krinon Club "Sassy Six", and the positions they held includes **Jacquelynne Dukes (President)**; **Teri Saunders (Vice President)**; **Jocelyn Satterwhite (Secretary)**; **Leslie Oduwole (Assistant Secretary)**; **Krystyn Saunders (Treasurer)** and **Betty Muldrow Willoughby (Assistant Treasurer)**. President Jacquelynne Dukes states, "We chose the name *Sassy Six* because of the spunky and unique personalities the six of us each possess."



Left to right: *President* Dr. Brenda Burrell, new members Betty Willoughby, Krystyn Saunders, Leslie Oduwole, *National Officer* Esther Phillips—*Chief Editor* of The Krinon (national publication), Jocelyn Satterwhite, Jacquelynne Dukes, Teri Saunders, and *Dean of Pledges* Brenda Kay Fowler.

From th desk of...  
Dr. Elcendia Nord  
Far West Regional Director



As we continue to look at this New Year, we conceptualize “new”, it may represent a change that arrives with little certainly. Let’s resolve this year to approach the concept with a mind toward positive movement – stepping into any situation to make magic happen!

We understand that it may take time to accomplish certain things that involve others – but these things that uplift your own mental, physical, spiritual wellbeing are dictated to each person’s own momentum. What are those things that gives us mental nourishment – that sparks motivation, innovation, and hunger for education? How we are going to bring balance and peace into our life’s depends on each individual.

The small but mighty Far West Region has embraced this new year with great anticipation of a phenomenal year. We plan to explore new territories, new activities, new programs all to promote National Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated especially the Far West Region. We look forward to a new and exciting year.

Let’s begin with the anticipation of our 100th Year Founders’ Day Celebration to be held virtually in May. Next, we look forward to our Conclave to be held in July in Orlando, Florida. We expect to have a magnificent time in Florida. I will be our first gathering since the pandemic. It will be wonderful to greet our sisters from near and far. This will certainly be the highlight of our year!

## Regional Director Highlight



Cherita McFrazier Elaiho



Cherita McFrazier Elaiho is the Soror of the Month. She was the only soror to respond to a request for suggestions for our Souvenir Journal ad for Conclave. Her suggestions made our ad look more professional.

Thanks, Cherita, way to go!!!





Regional Director Dr. Elcendia Nord and Soror Berta Norwood at MLK Parade



Katherine Wilson, Anita Scott, Adeola Davies-Aiyeloja, and Gigi Jackson



Pat Williams-Dennis and Adeola Davies Aiyeloja



**Delta Xi Chapter** had an amazing Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. On Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, some of us attended the Alzheimer's Association Reception and Concert held at the Miracle Theater in Inglewood, CA. We had the opportunity to meet the staff members that work for the Association, the producer of the play, *Unforgettable*, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, and some of the cast and crew members. "Response to the play has been overwhelming," said Garrett Davis, *Unforgettable* creator and award-winning playwright and filmmaker. Sorors heard testimonials from community members whose lives have been affected by the Alzheimer's disease. Sorors can visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) for additional information. Moreover, on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, four Sorors attended the play, *Unforgettable*, on a very rainy day at the Wilshire Ebell Theater. The play told the story of one family's journey and how they dealt with a disease they know nothing about and were unprepared for the effects of caring for a loved one who seemed to be fading in front of their eyes. You can also visit the website: <https://www.unforgettableplay.com> for more information.

On Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, several Sorors attended the Los Angeles MLK Parade or watched it on television as well as attended the 37<sup>th</sup> MLK Awards Breakfast at the Proud Bird sponsored by the UNCF, Inter-Alumni Council, Los Angeles.

Lastly, for the MLK Day of Service, one of our Sorors visited and elderly woman in the local community as an outreach activity.