

A National Invitation

From Supreme Basileus Galloway

To all NSPDK Chapters

Please join us for a virtual
National Torch Lighting Ceremony
Sunday, May 21, 2023 (EST) @ 10:30 AM
Celebrating Alpha Chapter's
100th Founder's Day



Zooming live from Jersey City, New Jersey
Mother Chapter of Our Dear Founders!
Click the link below to join the National Torch Lighting Ceremony

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81200632739>

Meeting ID: 812 0063 2739

Dial in by telephone: 1-312-626-6799; 1-301-715-8592; 1-346-248-7799



“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

MAY 2023 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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*“Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp,
but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.”*

Nathaniel Hawthorne



The National Executive Council was pleased to receive four proposals for our International Project that were researched thoroughly by the International Project Committee. We are now able to pick up and carry the torch of service to Ethiopia. We are proud to announce the NEW International Project: **Meseret Humanitarin Orgnization.**



This Project will provide Free Quality Childcare Services for Poor Mothers, Informal workers and women by scaling-up the MHO community with an Early Childhood Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Center will be named:

“ National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Early Childhood Center”

Our annual donation will help construct, supply needed materials and maintain staff for the center. Following page is an invitation to a **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY** to attend the Center’s Inauguration.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

In anticipation of the inaugural of the “National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa” Early Childhood Center at Meseret Humanitarian Organization (MHO), in Addis Ababa, I am inviting you to a memorable, a once in a lifetime tour of Ethiopia, the “Land of Origins.”

The five-night, six-day Historic North and Omo Valley and Beyond Tour include the following November 29-December 13, 2023: \$1598

Package Price Includes:

1. Hotel accommodations
2. Twenty-Eight (14) meals
3. Meet and greet service.
4. English-speaking guide service
5. Airport transfers
6. All ground transportation, as outlined in the itinerary
7. All entrance fees, as outlined in the programs
8. Bottled water will be provided in vehicles
9. Village & Museum Fees
10. All government taxes

Package Price Excluded:

1. International flight airfares
2. Domestic Airfares inside Ethiopia
3. Airport taxes
4. Visas
5. Personal travel baggage
6. Travel protection insurance (budget approximately \$250 Guzo will assist in purchasing)
7. Incidentals such as telephone, laundry, and any other personal items
8. Tips/gratuities for servers, tour guides, bus drivers, etc.

Payment schedule Five night six-day Omo Valley and Beyond Tour: December 6-14, 2023

30% deposit due with registration on June 1, 2023, \$479.40

July 1, 2023, \$279.65

August 1, 2023, \$279.65

September 1, 2023, \$279.65

October 1, 2023, \$279.65

You can also make a total payment of \$1598 upon registration.

Registration:

A picture of the first page of a valid passport must be accompanied by a full payment or a 30% deposit by June 1, 2023

Payment Method:

Zelle to Bank of America Updraft Communications LLC at 817-917-6618

Check payable to: Updraft Communications LLC

4321 Fieldgate Ct

Arlington, TX 76016

We accept all major credit cards. However, a 3.5% plus a .50 credit card fee will be added to each payment.

Additional information is available for an eleven-day tour from Nov 29-Dec 13th < \$4000.

If you are interested in this **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY**, click and complete the link below.

<https://forms.gle/2nLuXX4jtc8v8rsE9>



From the Desk of...

Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, 100th Centennial Anniversary Conclave Coordinator & Chair

Still Standing... Still Serving... Still Strong!

100 Years of Dedication, Commitment, and Service to the Field of Education

SUITCASES OUT...KISSIMMEE, HERE WE COME!



Highlights...

Regional Conferences – Historical Museum – Vendors – Choirs – Elections

Awards – PAVES – Perpetual Scholarship – KOT's

Darling Diva's Lounge (80+) – Teachers' Lounge – 1st Time Attendees

Opening Ceremony, 7/18, 9:00 am & 1st Plenary 7/18, 10:30 am (African Attire, any color)

2nd Plenary 7/19, 10:30 am (Business Sororal Colors attire)

3rd Plenary 7/20, 9 am (Uninterrupted white –Installation, Ill and Deceased, Torchlighting)

- 7/15 1 pm – Here's to Your Health, Keeping it 100 Health Fair (Casual attire)
- 10 pm – Paint & Sip (Casual attire)
- 7/16 9 am – Worship Service (Church attire – hats and all!)
- 1 pm – Basilei Institute (Business Sororal Colors attire)
- 4 pm – Public Meeting (Business Sororal Colors attire)
- 6 pm – President's Reception & Fashion Show (Business Sororal Colors attire)
- 7/18 7 pm – Soulful White Party (Casual all White Party, 70's attire)
- 7/19 8:30 am – Vital Issues Breakfast (Business Sororal Colors attire)
- 7 pm – Evening with the Founders Dramatic Presentation (Roaring 20's attire)
- 7/20 7pm – Calla Lily Awards Reception Banquet (Formal attire, any color)



**Regional/Conclave - 1st - Attendance Check (receive items, specifics)
2nd - Registration by Region (receive materials, items, specifics)
Location - Rotunda Area**

7/15 10 am – 1 pm, 3 pm – 6 pm
 7/16 11 am – 1 pm, 3 pm – 4 pm, 9 pm – 10:30 pm
 7/17 7 am – 7:50 am, 4 pm – 5 pm -- and *Credentials 7 am – 7:50 am*
 7/18 8 am – 8:50 am -- and *Credentials 8 am – 8:50 am*
 7/19 6:30 am – 7 am -- and *Credentials 6:30 am – 7 am; Voting 7 am – 8 am*
 7/20 8 am – 8:50 am



There is NO Hotel Shuttle! See Conclave packet, page 34 for details!
Reserve your airport pick up and return arrangements now.

Meals Options! Selective options and selective dietary restrictions offering.
Information forthcoming.

Local Attractions! Information and Tickets:

Kissimmee and Orlando, FL attractions and information were included in the Registration Packet, for your choice outside of Regional and Conclave meetings and activities. Sorors shared wanting more information/tickets... Please click on the Kissimmee Guest Services link below to access special ticket purchasing options, and preorder tickets for you and your families. Tickets for: July 10 – July 23, 2023

All purchases via Kissimmee Guest Services <https://kgstix.com/nspdk/>

Professional Development! Professional development learning opportunities will be offered virtually and face-to-face, including sessions and communities of practice, supporting professional and personal growth for Sorors. Expectations for professional development completion include viewing the respective link(s) of interest, completing a one-page synthesis concisely summarizing details and data presented, making recommendations, and connecting the topic to your Chapter work, or your daily practices, research, and job responsibilities.

Certificates of Completion QR code provided in Conclave Packet.

Centennial Cutie

On this PAVES Day, we celebrated our beloved Susan Browne. On April 24th, she celebrated 105 trips around the sun!! This was the best cake I ever made. -Vicki Pendleton, Alpha Pi Chapter



Soror Susan Browne



LEST WE FORGET...

As the 100th Anniversary of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated approaches, it is a good time to pause and take an evaluation of ourselves.

No lesser One than the Almighty, guided and selected friends who were to become our Founders. Through the years they developed their most outstanding characteristic which was inserted in the Ritual so long ago. Each individual is the result of his/her many forefathers; so the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated is a result of the character qualities of each of its Founders.



Gladys Merritt Ross is the first pearl. She is the symbol of ideals. Because of devotion to ideals, we now extend from coast to coast and across the ocean.



Florience Steele Hunt is the second pearl. She has given us femininity. What she has given us is inestimable. May we always remember that we were created to be the mothers of men, not their rivals. Let Phi Delta Kappa forever add the gentle but firm hand of the loveable and kindly woman to all of its endeavors.



Mildred Morris Williams, the third pearl, gave us vivacity. The life and gusto with which we tackle all and any thing we undertake, is her gift to us. Three or four years ago she went to Omega Chapter while still in the lively, vibrant years of life. Let us carry on for her by keeping the love of life in each chapter.



Marguetite Gross is the fourth pearl who is concentration and stick-to-it-tiveness. In spite of herself she has given us her backbone. When we make our own decisions we concentrate on them and carry them through just as she does.

We Speak Their Names...



Julia Asbury Barnes is the fifth pearl. She is the symbol of dignity. The name of Phi Delta Kappa must always carry dignity. It must never be the object of jokes. Through the years she and it have developed grace and elegance. The dignity which our sorority has acquired locally, nationally and internationally have sprung from her quality of dignity. Not haughty or disdainful, but natural, quiet dignity is the essence which she has given each member.



The sixth pearl is Gladys Cannon Nunery. She is the symbol of power. The power and fortitude to get things done, which is so true of our dear sorority, was given to us by her. We have the power to attract the finest teachers in the world. The power to help and uplift all ages. May we always have the power and strength to fight for what we believe in whether it be in Alabama, New Jersey, or New York.



Edna McConnell is the seventh pearl. She so typified purity, that God in his goodness, took her to Himself before we had even *begun* to grow. He only lent her to us as a reminder that as she has gone, so we too must ere long go.



The final pearl in the Phi of your pin, stands for Ella Wells Butler. She has given the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, the warm sincere friendships which each member may find. To have a friend one is to be a friend.



Parliamentarian's Corner

Sorority Tidbits

Remember! Newley Elected Officers

- ❖ In those chapters where elections are not staggered, the term of office may be either two or four years---with the option of officers serving a second term. **In no case, will an elected Soror serve more than four consecutive years in the same office** (Exception, an officer who fills an unexpired term may run in her own right).
- ❖ Installation of officers shall be the last item of business at the **June** meeting of election year.
- ❖ All materials shall be transferred to new officers not later than August 1 of election year.
- ❖ The incoming officer shall become familiar with the Chapter's Bylaws, the National Constitution and Bylaws, the Manual of Policies and Procedures, the Regional Bylaws, and the Chapter's Standing Rules. She shall become familiar with accepted precedence, the unwritten laws and practices of the Sorority. She shall obtain Robert's Rules of Order, Newley Revised, the accepted Parliamentary Authority and other reference books as the occasion demands. (Please review, Section XI Page 10, Officer Protocol).



National Program:
 Children and Adult
 Benefits Project
 Southwest Director- Anita
 O'Neal
 Oneida Bailey, Basileus
 Joyce Lewis – National
 Chairperson
 April 15, 2023

Observing Earth Day: Goal to bring joy and enlightenment to both the Sorors and Children about how to inspire the Earth Day movement.

Each Chapter will participate in the National projects in April of each Sororal year.

Thanks for participating and completing the 2023 Earth Day National Project! NSPDK, INC Chapters: **Delta Epsilon Chapter** and **Epsilon Lambda Chapter** both Southwest Region. Also, **Zeta Theta Chapter**-Far West Region.

Hope you all enjoyed, as well as learned something about Earth Day!

Soror Joyce Lewis,
 National Chair of the Children and Adults Benefits Committee



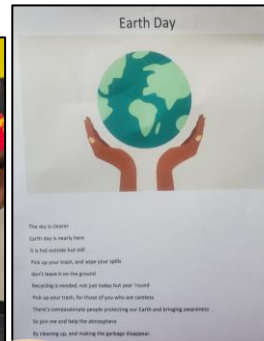
Far West Region Poster, Zeta Theta Chapter

Soror Tylynn Carter's classroom students created the poster honoring our Earth and sharing what they could do to lend a helping hand to Mother Earth. The project was completed in class so there was no cost. The poster will be displayed on our Chapter Facebook and Instagram pages.

Delta Chi Chapter

Students in Soror Tyechia Hamilton’s English II class were instructed to create a poster or poem about protecting and saving our Earth. The students for each of her classes worked together in group and thought of ways to express what they felt about the Earth and how to protect it. The students were delighted to complete the project and each group was rewarded for their efforts. The photos are a small sampling of some of the hard work of the students.

-Pamela Bolden , Chair



Joyce Lewis and Latasha Bell
Delta Epsilon Chapter-Southwest
 Sorors and Kudos had Earth Day Cleaning the
 Pleasant Run Elementary School playground.



Epsilon Lambda Chapter- Southwest-Christina Anderson

The students at B.T. Washington Elementary School planted seeds in their Science class. Each student plans to nurture and watch over the plants as they grow. This Earth Day project introduced them to an important way to preserve our earth and to help keep it green. An annual garden at one of our Soror’s house also made a good contribution to the movement and provided lots of home-grown veggies.



NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED



2ND 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**

**DELTA BETA CHAPTER – SOUTHWEST REGION
POST - APRIL 2023 CHAPTER MEETING
ENJOYING OUR SISTERHOOD AND
REFRESHMENTS!!**

PAVES DAY!



*(L to R) Sorors Brenda Rogers,
Lena Caldwell, Edith McKinney &
Estelle Brooks*



Soror Beverly Piper



Soror Brenda Kay Fowler



*(L to R) Sorors Crystal Jones &
Esther "Pixi" Phillips*



Soror Ramona Jones



*(L to R) Sorors Altamese
"DeeDee" &
Chastity Colbert-Davis*



*(L to R) Sorors Dr. Carolyn Golden
& Carolyn Wilson*



**Proving Avenues of
Visibility for Our
Educational Sorority**



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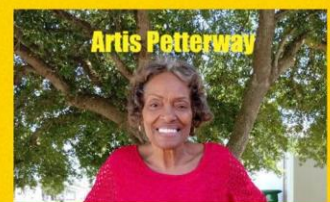
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Tyechia Williams Hamilton

Linda Simmons

Vivian Henderson

Artis Petterway

**National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.
Delta Chi, Houston Chapter
P.A.V.E.S.
April 23, 2023**



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Beta Alpha Chapter
Basileus Carolyn E. Baker
April 23, 2023
PAVES DAY

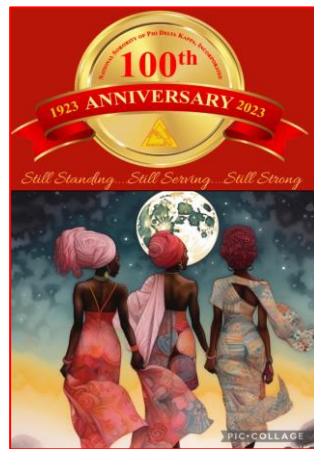


Sorors Mary Nash Robinson and Dottie Bell
Honored by Extensions of Excellence Performing Arts



Caddo Parish Commission Meeting
Receiving Proclamation Honoring
Soror Geneva Moore for the 100th
Conclave Anniversary

Pictured (L-R):
Commissioner Steven Jackson,
Soror Cathleen Johnson,
Basileus Carolyn E, Baker, and
Commissioner Roy Burrell



May 1, 2023

Greetings My Beautiful Sorors,

We are so excited to welcome the Month of May. The many celebrations are all about us: National Teacher Appreciation Day (May 2) College Graduations, Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12), NSPDK Centennial, and NSPDK Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It is a Celebration!

Thank you for Growing the Legacy! We welcome new Sorors from the following chapters during our Centennial Year: Delta Nu, Zeta Epsilon, Epsilon Chi. Pulling up the rear includes Epsilon Alpha and Beta Lambda Chapters. Many chapters are reclaiming Sorors to Empower the Sisterhood!

I just cannot keep calm, it's our Anniversary! The light in the East shines brightly on our eight illustrious Founders! Join us in counting down to our May 23rd Centennial Founders' Day by participating in our Centennial Calendar of Activities. Be sure to post daily activities on social media. A frame to include your picture will be posted on the Eastern Region Facebook page. Thank you for Following the Light!

Our light will continue to beam as we celebrate in grand style during our 100th Anniversary Conclave in Championsgate, Florida. Hopefully, Sorors have returned the Special Meals Form or the Extra Tickets Form. Please encourage **EVERY** Soror to donate \$19.23 towards the Giving Campaign. If every Soror (3,600) donated, we could well exceed our national goal of \$50,000. Check out the thermometer on the national website. <https://www.nspdk.org/nspdk-national-online-store>





Dr. Vilicia Cade, Superintendent of Capital School District appointed to Presidential Advisory Commission

Congratulations

Congratulations, Dr. Vilicia Cade, **Rho Chapter** to the newly appointed Superintendent to President Joe Biden’s Educational Advisory Commission. NSPDK applauds you on this prestigious appointment!



*Past National Military Service Chair
Eastern Region Military Service Chair*



Welcome Sorors! **Epsilon Chi Chapter** presents “The Enlightened Xonacious Centennials” 2023 Line- Keepers of the Legacy!



Soror Vanessa Jenkins, Eta Chapter created for NSPDK, Inc. Committee to recognize Sorors who served in the military.



Alpha and Epsilon Alpha Chapters PAVES Day worshipping together.

Just spreading a little **Beta Zeta** love to one of our Senior Sorors on her new initiative for the children. The funds will be used for the NCAD Scholarship Fund. Soror Lonita Whitted-celebrating 50 years serving the Durham, NC Community and surrounding areas.



PAVES DAY- Delta Pi Chapter Flames aboard Anthem of the Sea Cruise Ship

Happy Earth Day 2023!



Soror Tanisha Dorvil planting a tree and names her Sarah! The Ranger said Sarah has a "new home".

Zeta Epsilon's Pop Up Museum
Neptune High School Neptune, NJ



Happy PAVES Day!

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack and Union Baptist Church for welcoming **Beta Lambda** Educators to teach during the STEAM Program on our PAVES Day, April 23, 2023.



Delta Lambda Chapter Sorors Geraldine Brooks and Camika Holland dropped off socks to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission! Y.E.S.!!





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



Greetings Sorors,

The teaching profession has been stated as a profession of giving instruction. Teaching is much more and our Sorors have shown this in the classrooms daily during their school hours of instruction. Meeting the challenges of a pandemic as well as environmental and political issues, teachers have put their heart into their profession. They have devoted themselves to the well-being and progress of their students. In appreciation to our educators, I'd like to honor them as they touch the lives of students across our nation and help give them the essential building blocks for their future success.

There is no substitute for the love, daily opportunities to grow and learn face to face as the teacher establishes creative ways of teaching and learning, ensure safety measures are in place, attend to individual student needs and taking care of their own well-being.

Sorors let us not forget those teachers who encouraged us as a child and may still give us encouragement and helping us believe we could do anything. Let us as we accept our “Pursuit of excellence - A challenge to fulfil” give encouragement and support to each other as our educators empower students with the knowledge and skills they need to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams.

A tribute to teachers.....

**Rose P Anderson,
Southeast Region Director**

Teachers

by Kevin William Huff

Teachers
Paint their minds
and guide their thoughts
Share their achievements
and advise their faults

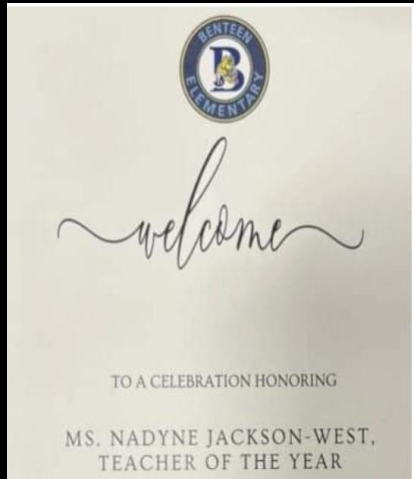
Inspire a Love
of knowledge and truth
As you light the path
Which leads our youth

For our future brightens
with each lesson you teach
Each smile you lengthen
Each goal you help reach

For the dawn of each poet
each philosopher and king
Begins with a Teacher
And the wisdom they bring.

Teacher of the Year...

Soror Nadine Jackson West, Epsilon Tau Chapter



DELTA ZETA CHAPTER

April's sorority meeting started out great with a sisterly bonding activity hosted by our Basileus, Carol Reed. Sisters participated in a "paint and sip" activity prior to beginning the business. Members listened to gospel music while painting and interacting with each other, which was fun and relaxing. Sorors enjoyed snacks following the activity and they were excited to begin the business agenda. Participating in person were Sorors: Krystal Johnson, Karen Ethridge, Dr. Linda Perry-Simpson, Tiffany Golden, Bettye Reese, Gia Kay, and Carol Reed. Participating via Zoom were Sorors Barbara Jordan and Ola Irvin. -Linda Perry-Simpson, Ed.D.



Beta Kappa Xinos and Kudos etiquette class at Cracker Barrel. The children had so much fun and learned life long skills!

Etiquette Review



Beta Kappa Xinos

Etiquette class



Beta Kappa Youth Group

Etiquette class at Cracker Barrel



Sorors and Beta Kappa Youth Group



**BETA XI CHAPTER HONORS TEACHERS, ADMININSTRATORS, STUDENTS DURING ITS 18TH ANNUAL
“CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF TEACHING” AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Chair: Dr. Clara Walters, Co-Chair: Soror Patti Moore, Soror Mildred Wilkerson; Basileus Alice Gordon



Sorors of **Beta Xi Chapter** and guest Soror Gaynell Wade, **Gamma Rho Chapter**, Cleveland, Ohio and Midwest Region Membership Committee Chair. **Beta Xi Chapter** recognized the work of the School Transformation Office of Orange County Public Schools and honored selected role models from the categories of improved school grades, outstanding instructional coaches, outstanding athletic coaching, and strong administrative leadership.



Photo of honorees joined by Dr. Michael Armbruster, Deputy Superintendent and other Orange County Public Schools district administrators.

Award winning coach, former NFL defensive back noted for training 110 Jones High School Athletes who received college Scholarships during the past seven years



Soror Djuna Poole, Jones High Coach Elijah Williams with daughter, Basileus Alice Gordon presenter

District level and School level Instructional Coaches



Soror Leonard, Honoree McMillion, Basileus Gordon



Soror Tiffany Campbell, Mrs. Shaekba Shields, Basileus Gordon



Soror Gibbs- Godfrey, Honoree Guillaume, Basileus Gordon

Award Winning Principal



Soror Jones, Principal Brown, Phillis Wheatley Elementary School-Apopka, Florida with Student, Basileus Gordon presenter

Instructional Coach

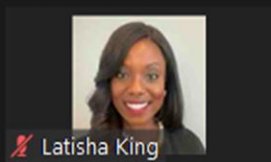
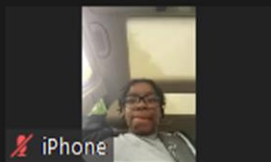
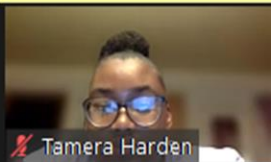
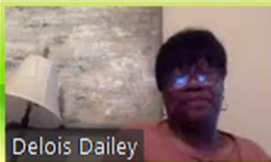


Soror Monroe, Honoree Kicklighter, Basileus Gordon

**Executive Area Director, North Learning Community Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, Florida
Ms. Lukeshia Miller, honoree**

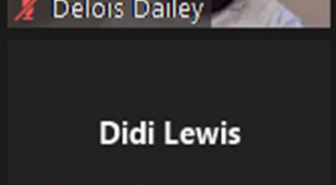
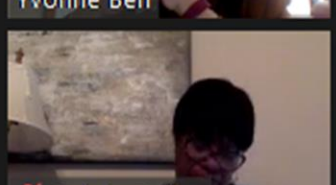
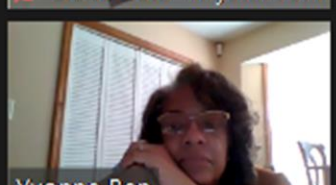
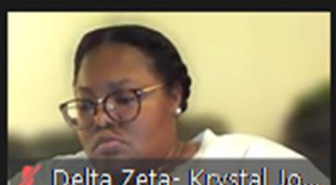
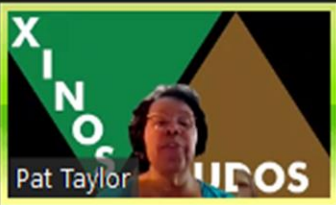


Recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award



**SOUTHEAST REGION
YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**Gamma Psi Chapter and
Southeast Region Youth
Chapter Advisors
Planning for the
June 8-11 Conference**



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



Greetings Sorors,

May is here and we celebrate the “Great Eight” with 100 years of Service and Sisterhood! Get ready, get ready, get ready for our Centennial Celebration in July at the Omni Resort in Orlando, FL. As I reflect on my service and dedication to this illustrious organization of Educators it is well within me that I’ve been dedicated to the mission, “To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession.” We are here to empower each other as educators and impact the world with our Legacy of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Our Legacy will continue to live on as we teach and love on our students daily. Reach one to teach one, impacting our communities with our Y.E.S! Y.E.S. we can make a difference and we will do so with Every Soror Participating!

Sorors Happy 100th Anniversary! I look forward to celebrating with all my sorors across the regions! We are Still Standing!..Still Serving!...Still Strong!-**Phi Delta Kappa stands True!**

A Mother's Love


Of all the special joys in life,
 The big ones and the small,
 A mother's love and tenderness
 Is the greatest of them all.
 ~ Anon.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Educators!


In Sisterhood and Service,

Tiffany M. Pritchett
 Midwest Regional Director
 2019-2023

Honor Our Past, Celebrate Our Present, Educate & Inspire our Future



Save the Date!
 National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated
GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER








60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023 12 NOON TO 3 PM

GRACE EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH 3502 LAPEER RD FLINT, MI 48503

TICKETS \$45

SEE ANY MEMBER FOR TICKETS OR CLICK BELOW TO PURCHASE

PHYLIS JONES, PRESIDENT, JANICE MCINTOSH, VICE PRESIDENT, TIFFANY PRITCHETT, MIDWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MARGARETTE GALLOWAY, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mu Chapter Soror and Former 2nd Supreme Anti-Basileus Dr. Sherelene Harris is the newly elected Trustee of the South Suburban Community College Board of Illinois. Congratulations, Soror Harris!



Welcome Sorors to **Tau Chapter's** Vineyard of Willing Workers...

Des 1 Oed for Perfection



Des 1 Oed for Perfection with Soror Daniels

Mu Chapter Literacy Committee, HUB Parents, and Xinos worked with Sorors at Chicago Public School-New Sullivan who spearheaded the Glow Up Literacy Night.



Mu Chapter is proud of our Xinos at the 2023 Midwest Regional Conference

Xinos Advisor Malisha Donald is a third generation Soror and former Xinos as well! This was her first Conference as Advisor, and we are very proud of her!



Sorors supporting the Xinos at the Youth Conference.



**MIDWEST
2023
YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**



1st Place
Math Competition and Art
Trinity Nicholson



2nd Place
Poetry
Harmony Dixon



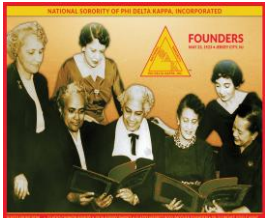
2nd Place
Dance
Shyla Callwood



From the Desk of Anita O'Neal, Southwest Regional Director



Greetings on Behalf of Anita O'Neal, Southwest Regional Director



“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character that is the goal of true education”. ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The month of May we would like to remember and pay tribute to the esteemed Founders of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. We are extremely proud to implement the mission of the sorority. “To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession”. We are very excited to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary during the month of May 2023. Special thank you to our Founders for developing and implementing such an outstanding professional organization of women in the field of education. Many chapters in the Southwest Region will be celebrating many types of Founder’s Day events during the month of May 2023.

Special salute to all the teachers in the sorority during the National Teacher Appreciation this month.

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

Anita O'Neal
Southwest Regional Director





Greeting Sorors,

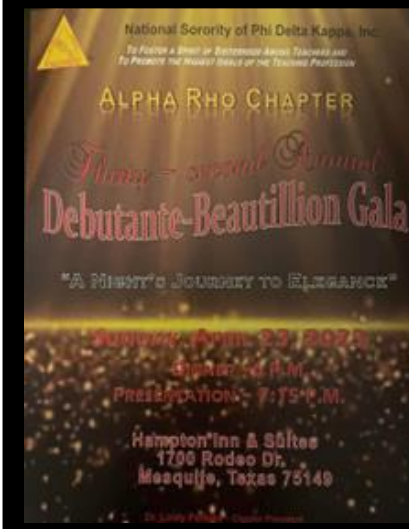
Zeta Beta Chapter, Port Arthur, Texas participated in the Earth Day 2023 after the Xinos and Kudos meeting April 18, 2023, at 5p,m, at the Public Library Classroom. One of the Earth Day projects was a poem title, "Earth Day" written by Xinos Zaria Warren. The other project was a painting titled, "Amongst the Trees" by Xinos AaNaujah Diggles.



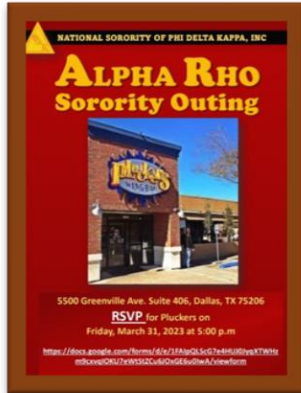
On Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 7:30 a.m., for a community activity **Zeta Beta Chapter** joined with the City of Port Arthur Earth Day 2023, "A Green Earth Makes a Clean Earth" at the Downtown Pavilion-501 Procter Street. Sorors [Germain Jackson Eddie](#) and [Hw Myles Scott](#) took pictures and videos of the event and helped with registration. Anthropos [Rodney RaRa Eddie](#) was supportive. Xinos AaNayjah Diggles help served Chick-Fil-A box lunches.

The vent was well attended! Kudos to the City of Port Arthur for a job well done!

Submitted by Joyce Lewis



I had the pleasure of being the Chairperson for the NSPDK Alpha Rho Chapter's 32nd Annual Debutante-Beautillion Gala. Thank you to the best committee and great parents.



Alpha Rho Chapter Fostering Sisterhood





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



The year is moving so fast that it is difficult to stay ahead of activities and events happening around the world. We have just completed Easter/Resurrection Sunday known as the “Holy Week.” Now, we have observed “Earth Day.” We continue to press forward into the next special day of the year, which is Mother’s Day.

If you are or were a teacher, you are/were a mother. This day is set aside for honoring motherhood, not only if you have given birth. A woman does not have to give birth to be recognized on Mother’s Day. As we celebrate the special days of the year, we must remember the turmoil that this world is currently faced.

The darkness of our world has been incredibly apparent over the last few years. Covid has brought about many changes, but not everything can be blamed on Covid. Satan is running rampage. Suicide rates are on an all-time high as people struggle with feelings of loneliness, isolation, and despair. Today, we have mass killings. We have mothers and or fathers killing their children. Daily, we hear of teenagers killing one another. We even have teachers, police officers, lawyers, and doctors killing people. Every day, normal people killing one another for insignificant reasons. Our world is in a troubled state. Many of our children will never see adult hood. Their lives have been cut short by some unforeseen devastation. We look for answers and/or solutions to the current circumstances. I find only on answer.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will heal their land.”

II Chronicles 7:14

This is the only way! Our only weapon is prayer. Sorors, let us bind together and pray for our world. The world needs us! We have the calling, and we know the answer.

I know that I can count on the Sorors of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. to carry the torch of enlightenment everywhere. NSPDK, Inc. is still standing, still serving, still educating, and still praying!

God bless!
 Sisterly.
 Soror Nord

Happy
 Mother's
 Day!



FAR WEST YOUTH CONFERENCE
56th Far West Region Virtual Xinos/Kudos Youth Conference
Conference Theme: “Be Yourself, I am not a Stereotype”
April 14th – 15th, 2023
Gamma Lambda, Pasadena



The host chapter, Gamma Lambda, welcomed Kudos and Xinos along with numerous sorors, Hub Parents, and National Officers to a weekend of learning and growth. The Kudos and Xinos lead the conference.

The “Sister to Sister” Workshop guest speaker was Kyra Clipper, JD., Supervising Attorney at Mental Health Advocacy Services. She is a former Gamma Lambda Xinos. The “Brother to Brother” Workshop guest speaker was Benjamin Carter, at Broadsheet, a gifted marketing and communication professional. Ben is a former Gamma Lambda Kudos.

The theme was “*Be Yourself, I am not a Stereotype.*” We had 8 of our 11 chapters represented. We are grateful to Soror Lataska Pittman and Soror Sandra Mims, Gamma Lambda, host chapter, for the conference. The Regional Director, Dr. Elcendia Nord, Regional Leadership Team, Dr. Doretha O’Quinn, Regional Youth Conference, Soror Brenadette Schoby, Regional Xinos Advisor and Soror Mary Twegbe, Regional Kudos Advisor, worked collaboratively to ensure all virtual presentations, judges, youth advisors, and youth participants supported Gamma Lambda chapter for a successful conference.

We are so grateful for the National Youth Coordinator, Dr. Cheryl Monts, who led an outstanding workshop on “*Character Qualities of an Effective Youth Leader.*” Special thanks to the Regional Technology Team, Timekeeper and Judges, all Hub parents, and sorors who attended the virtual Youth Leadership conference.

The winners of the youth competitions are listed below:

Group Skit Competition:

Individual Talent

Kudos

Kudos

- 1st Place Beta Phi
- 2nd Place - Delta Upsilon
- 3rd Place Beta Theta

- 1st Place – Beta Nu – Anthony Stepney
- 2nd Place – Delta Kappa – Getajati Langley
- 3rd Place – Delta Upsilon – Alexander Turner

Xinos

Xinos

- 1st Place - Beta Phi
- 2nd Place - Delta Upsilon
- 3rd Place Beta Theta

- 1st Place - Beta Nu – Haley Riggs
- 2nd Place – Delta Kappa – Getajati Langley
- 3rd Place – Beta Phi – Brook’Lynn Price

Activity Book

Kudos

1st Place - Delta Upsilon
2nd Place - Beta Theta
3rd Place – Beta Nu

Xinos

1st Place - Beta Phi
2nd Place – Delta Upsilon
3rd Place - Beta Nu

Oratorical

Kudos

1st Place – Delta Kappa –Getajati Langley
2nd Place - Beta Phi – Aaron Miller
3rd Place Delta Upsilon – Alexander Turner

Xinos

1st Place - Beta Theta – Rachel Carter
2nd Place – Delta Upsilon – Ilori Baham
3rd Place – Beta Phi – Leatha Joyner

Chapter of the Year

DELTA Upsilon CHAPTER



Congratulations to All!



I'm still your Mother

When you no longer listen or care what I say, I'm still your mother. When you talk back and argue, I'm still your mother. When you move away and take a piece of my heart with you, I'm still your mother. And I will love you still as much as the first day I held you in my arms. I'm still your mother. I'll always have room for you and a hug to welcome you. I'm still your Mother. And until my last breath, I'll keep carrying your love with me. And I will thank God every day for the privilege and joy it's been to be called--your Mother.

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