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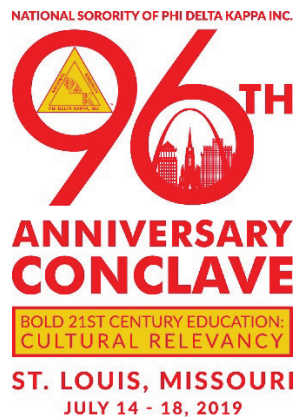
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# Press Release



## **NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC. CELEBRATES ITS BIENNIAL 96<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCLAVE**

**Hosted by Alpha Nu Chapter of St. Louis, Missouri**

St Louis, Missouri, July 1, 2019 – The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK), an organization of professional women in the field of education, will hold its biennial 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave July, 14-18, 2019 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton, St. Louis, Missouri.

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

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

five regions in the United States will join the National President, Dr. Etta F. Carter and the National Executive Council at the conference.

NSPDK's Biennial 96th Anniversary Conclave national coordinators are Dr. Carla F. Carter of the Southwest Region and Anita Totty of the Midwest Region. The local Alpha Nu Chapter, under the leadership of Chapter President, Dr. Barbara Gwinn, will host this event. Dr. Veola Martin and Dr. Cynthia Warren are local St. Louis Alpha Nu Chapter Coordinators.

National President Carter says, "This biennial conference promises to be one of intellectual and sororal enlightenment." Our theme – "**Bold 21st Century Education: Cultural Relevancy**", will be reflected in the professional development sessions, workshops and cultural and social events throughout the conference."

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

The major pre-conclave event, the "Because We Care" Community Service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Health Fair from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event includes the vendor from the Cancer Society. It will address breast cancer and prostate cancer; the Alzheimer's Research will present a skit about Alzheimer. Community Project recipients are Wilkerson Early Childhood Center and Madison Alternative School of the St. Louis Public Schools System, Dr. Kelvin Adam Superintendent.

The Public Meeting event will be held Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. This event will honor Rev. Dr. Carlton Caldwell of Galilee Baptist Church, Mr. James Clark, Community Outreach Director of Better Family Life, Mr. Martin Matthew of Matthews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club, Dr. Art McCoy, Superintendent of Jennings School District, and Dr. Dwuan Warmack, President of Harris-Stowe State University. Other honorees are Dr. Alice Roach, Dr. Billie Mayo, Bishop Elijah Hankerson III, and Soror Cynthia Warren.

An Evening with the Anthropos (Men in Our Lives) will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (ticketed event). The evening will feature music by St. Louis Blues, the Love Jones Band and local St. Louis musicians.

Professional Development for Educators, a full day of workshops and presentations, will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019. Presenters will include internationally renowned educators in several areas of curriculum and instruction, especially literacy. The keynote presenter is DuEwa Frazier, poet, speaker and educator. She has been a featured speaker, panelist, and author at NCTE's College Composition and Communication and annual conference, TEDx Ritenour Road "Speak Out" and others.

The Vital Issues Breakfast will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (ticketed event). The guest keynote speaker is Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook, religious leader, pastor and motivational speaker. In 1993 Johnson Cook earned a White House fellowship, where she advised President Bill Clinton on a range of domestic issues. In 2010 President Barack Obama appointed her to be the U.S. Ambassador–at-large for International Religious Freedom. Ambassador Johnson Cook left her post in October 2013 to return to private life.

The Gala Night will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (ticketed event). Its theme is “Education Through the Decades.”

The Red and Gold Calla Lily Banquet will be held Thursday, July 28, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. featuring Sandy Redd from The Voice 2018.

To purchase tickets, email [nspdkafricanu@gmail.com](mailto:nspdkafricanu@gmail.com).

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