

“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

## APRIL 2023 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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*A* good day isn't always  
*P*erfect. It challenges you to  
*R*elease your potential and  
*I*nspires you to appreciate the  
*L*ittle amazing things in life.

### A Floral Greeting to my Beautiful Sorors

*Each of you is a beautiful flower that blooms in our NSPDK garden.*

In three and one-half months we will experience our 100th Conclave Anniversary, a once in a life time celebration. Blessed, fortunate, privileged, and excited are just a few positive adjectives that describes my feelings about this celebration.

However, my excitement has been threatened by the lack of chapter responses for souvenir journal ad, PAVES request for “Tell My Story” videos, and sorors participation in the National Giving Day. All functions were designed to Provide Avenues of Visibility for our Educational Sorority by making a colossal donation toward human trafficking, providing historical videos of sorors over 80 and by creating a memorable journal of our 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

I wish I had the the power to remove these negative words, can't, not able, that's too much, and can't afford from NSPDK's vocabulary. However, I do have the platform to ask each soror to repeat and embrace this powerful quote by Willie Nelson.

*“Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having POSITIVE results”.*

Sorors, let's BLOOM together....



Sorors, please join me in applauding this awesome committee for creating the perfectly expressed CALL TO ACTION on the following 2 pages.

Dr. Princess Towse

Dr. Caarolyn Gibson

Angela Alexander

**Basilei**, Please read the Call to Action to your chapter.

**Sorors**, please write your state senators and representatives.

**A CALL TO ACTION**  
**NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC.**  
**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MATTERS**

**WHEREAS**, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc, National President, Margarette Galloway, and its members, who are African American educators, due hereby make the following calls to action.

**WHEREAS** the first African slaves landed at Point Comfort (today's Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA) aboard the English private ship the White Lion in late August 1619.

**WHEREAS** the 20-30 enslaved Africans were traded for supplies and days later, another ship, the Treasurer, brought additional enslaved Africans.

**WHEREAS** the English colonists in Virginia in late 1619 *did not* invent slavery, however, the trading of Africans for supplies marked the beginning of race-based bondage that defined the African American experience in the United States.

**WHEREAS**, as stated by Luci Cochran, Executive Director of the Hampton History Museum, *"If for no other reason, it is important we have a conversation about what took place at Point Comfort in 1619 because it forever changed the course of the country. The legacy of this event affects us all and understanding this complex history and legacy helps us to come together as Americans."* (Source: Future Ed. Org)

**WHEREAS** the first Africans' arrival at Point Comfort began the system of oppression that shaped the United States history, tells us that what took place in Hampton, Virginia symbolizes the complexities of history of slavery. Hampton, Virginia is where slavery began; it is also where slavery began to end. (Source: Hampton.org)

**WHEREAS**, in the early days of the Civil War, three enslaved men sought freedom and made their escape to Fort Monroe. These three men's actions spurred a massive resistance movement to slavery and ignited a shift in the United States policy towards emancipation and abolition of slavery.

**WHEREAS** it is over 400 years that slavery began in the United States. The beginning of slavery is still surrounded by misconceptions and debate.

**WHEREAS**, today, in 2023 the misconception and debate about slavery continues and 23 state legislatures have created 47 bills to limit or prohibit the teaching about the history of racism in the United States. Sources: (FutureEd. Org) (Contributions @the 74 million.org) (Brooke Le Page-ThinkTank@Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy)

**WHEREAS**, states such as Florida, Alabama, Texas, Arizona, Idaho, Iowa, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Arkansas, South Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Mississippi, Missouri, Wisconsin, Georgia, Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, and Indiana have governors who have signed or will sign bills that prohibit teaching "diverse concepts" such as racism because they feel the teaching of

these diverse concepts make students feel guilty because of their race or makes students feel inherently racist because of their race, not being a people of color. (FutureEd. org)

**WHEREAS**, those governors, who either signed or will have signed legislation to prohibit the teaching of African American history, want to ignore and repeat the history of oppression and by redistricting the voting lines to lessen the impact of Black voters on election results.

**WHEREAS**, if possible, it appears that those same governors who want to prohibit Black history would, if they could, re-emphasize the Constitution of the United States Article One Section 2, which states that “any person who was not free (*Are we free?*) would be counted as three-fifths of a free individual for the purpose of determining congressional representation. The governors’ changes in the voting districts want to treat African Americans as if we were enslaved again.

**WHEREAS** African American History is American History.

**WHEREAS** a historical knowledge is critical for a true understanding of the impact of slavery and race relationship in the United States.

**WHEREAS** the discrimination today towards African Americans has been determined by what took place in the past (history).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that African American history does matter;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. will contact Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Secretary of Education, and present its belief that African American History matters;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. will encourage all of its members to write their state senators and representatives, local and state boards of education to express the need to maintain African American History in the public schools’ history and language arts curricula.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. on the shoulders of its eight founders during its centennial year (2023), will share through its members their history as African American educators in the United States in order to leave its legacy for African American History.

*“The more things change, the more they stay the same.”*

**Resources:** FutureEd.Org, Hampton.gov, Contribution@the74million.org, ThinkTank@Georgetown University, McCourtSchoolof PublicPolicy / Brooke LePage

Sisterly submitted, per the request of Supreme Basileus Margarett Galloway, by:  
Committee Members

Dr. Princess Towe, Delta Pi Chapter, Eastern Region, Chair

Dr. Carolyn Gibson, Pi Chapter, Eastern Region, Author

Angela Alexander, Epsilon Chi Chapter, Eastern Region



We just **got together** to buy an Ad.  
We can't wait to be featured in the  
Conclave Souvenir Journal.

Will you be featured ???

It's Not too late....



# 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**

# BLACK HISTORY

*We Will Not Be Silenced!*



**NSPDK e-LEARNING ACADEMY**

In Collaboration with  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



**Common Collaborative Conversations**

**Welcome....**Noreen Little

**Prayer.....**Nora Robb

**Greetings...**Margaret Galloway, NSPDK President

Marcia Harris, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, SGRho Sorority Inc

Rasheeda S. Liberty, International President, SGRho Sorority Inc.  
International President

**Facilitator...**Rico Burton

**Summary....**Denine Goolsby



*Good Conversation...*



*Job Well Done...*

From the desk of...  
Debra Wade  
Supreme Epistoleus



# Omega Chapter



**Soror Annie Richardson**  
Charter Member/Basileus



**Soror Delphynne Davis**  
Basileus



**Soror Dr. Carrie Laverne Crum**  
Basileus

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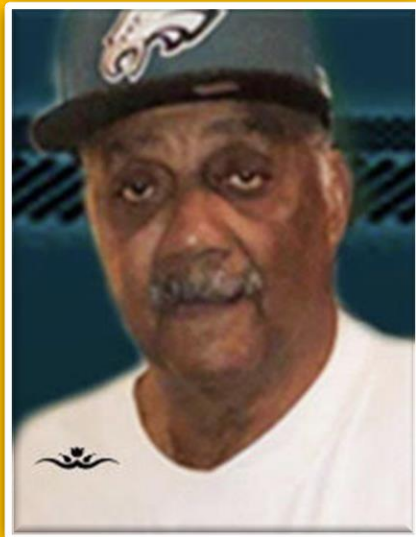
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**Anthropos Bennett Wells**  
Zeta Chapter  
Past Eastern Region Anthropos President



From the Desk of...  
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*



**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave Packet Flipping Book**  
<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/385163646/>



**There is NO hotel shuttle!** [See Conclave packet, page 34 for details!](#)  
**Reserve your airport pick up and return arrangements now.**

**Attractions! Information and Tickets**

Kissimmee and Orlando, FL attractions and information was 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/>

**Ribbon Cutting! May 27, 2023**





## Parliamentarian's Corner

### Sorority Tidbits

#### Election of Chapter Officers (Review section IV page 42)

- The Election Committee shall be composed of **three** to **five** members appointed by the Basileus at least one month prior to the election.
- Officers shall be elected by secret ballot no later than the May meeting of the election year.
- The Epistoleus shall prepare the ballots.
- In a chapter of more than **twenty-five** members, a Soror's name may be listed under one office only.
- Before ballots are distributed, the number of eligible voters should be ascertained.
- If there is an even number of voters present, provision must be established for handling a tie vote.
- A tie assemblage may be defined as having a run-off of ten ballots.
- Results of the voting shall be announced by the Election Committee immediately after the tally has been completed.
- 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.

*Thank  
you*



From the desk of...National Health, Hypertension and Nutrition

Chair Sharon Oliver-Henderson



## HEALTHY FEET HEALTHY HEART

Why should we take better care of our feet? Your feet are the work horses of your body (counting your steps could be 5,000 steps/2.5 miles per day). They bear the weight of your body in every step.

It has been documented that feet are like your second heart. Feet are a good indicator of a healthy heart. If you have changes of having cold feet or toes, it can often be a sign of diabetes, poor blood circulation, vascular issues, or peripheral artery disorder or could be that they need a pair of cozy warm socks. If you have concerns, always check with your health care provider. It is important to wear proper fitting shoes and soles and provide special hygiene and care for your feet.

Here are a few exercising tips for healthy feet:



Centennial Legacy Walkway & Beautification Project

## National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated

Margarette Galloway, National President

Lisa M. Frieson, Perpetual Scholarship Foundation President



Perpetual Scholarship  
Foundation

### Centennial Walk for Education

You do not have to be in attendance at the Conclave to give your donation of \$104 (\$1 a week/52 weeks/2 years) to the “Walk for Education” at our 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration



*Each chapter may accept individual donations and bring a chapter check along with a list of participants and the donation amount.*

*You may also send individual donation checks by mail to:*

**Shelia Evans - 69 Burke Avenue - Towson, MD 21286 or  
Zelle:psf1923@gmail.com**



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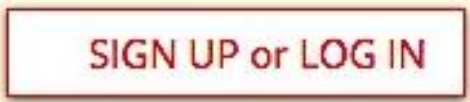
From the desk of...



**Patricia A. Turner**  
Assistant Office Manager  
NSPDK, Inc. Headquarters

All Sorors have access to the **SORORS ONLY** pages on the **nspdk.org** website. There you will find National Forms, directories, logos and many informative publications.

Go to **nspdk.org** and click on **SORORS ONLY**:



Complete this form to **SIGN UP** only if you are new to **SORORS ONLY**:

**LOG IN** here if you have previously been given access:

**Sign Up for SORORS ONLY Access.**

What is your name as shown on NSPDK Membership Roster? \*

What is your NSPDK Membership Number \*

What is your REGION? \*

What is your CHAPTER? \*

What is your EMAIL ADDRESS? \*

Create a PASSWORD. \*

**SIGN UP**

Already a member? **Log In**

**Log In**

Not an approved member of SORORS ONLY? [Sign Up](#)

Email \*

Password \*

[Forgot password?](#)

**LOG IN**

If you have forgotten your password, click on **“Forgot password?”** and then create a new one. Check your email for confirmation.

Be sure to answer ALL questions on the form. When requests are received, NSPDK membership is verified and checked for previous requests. When verification is complete you will receive an email. Check your Spam Folder as mail from unfamiliar senders sometimes goes there.

Several Sorors have requested access using a different email address who are already site members. An email is then sent to the Soror asking if their intention is to delete the old email address. If no response is received the new request is deleted.

Please use a personal email address when signing up. Access is not based on Chapter, Regional or National position held. Using an email address based on an office creates a problem when you are no longer in that office. Requests using school district email addresses will not be granted access.

**Create New Password**

Please enter your email address

Email

**Create Password**

Please contact Soror Patricia A. Turner, at Headquarters, if you have questions or need assistance on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Central Time.

Email: [nspdkhdq@aol.com](mailto:nspdkhdq@aol.com)  
Telephone: 773-783-7379



**ANNOUNCING GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!**

**COUNTDOWN TO PLACE ADS FOR  
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY  
CONCLAVE SOUVENIR JOURNAL!**

**SORORS, FRIENDS, AND CORPORATIONS  
CAN NOW PURCHASE ADS  
EXTENDED DEADLINE MAY 1, 2023  
DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO  
BE A PART OF HISTORY!**



Ad Specifications~ All ads are in full color.	Ad Rates	
❖ Ad and photo files should be camera-ready and submitted as a PDF file.	Full Page-\$250	Patrons-Platinum-\$100
❖ Make sure that all photos are high resolution with at least 300 dpi.	Half Page-\$200	Patrons-Gold-\$75
❖ The size of your ad should be the size that you are ordering for the journal.	Corporation/Business-\$500	Patrons-Silver \$50
❖ The page margins for your ad should allow for 1" margins on the left, right, top, and bottom.	Candidates-\$100	Patrons-Bronze-\$25
❖ A hard copy of your Ad should be included with your completed form and payment.	Send payment by May 1, 2023, to Dr. Carolyn Gibson P.O. Box 37 Atco, NJ 08004	
❖ Email Ad to: <a href="mailto:conclavejournalad@gmail.com">conclavejournalad@gmail.com</a>		

## **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  
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

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".



*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.

# P.A.V.E.S.

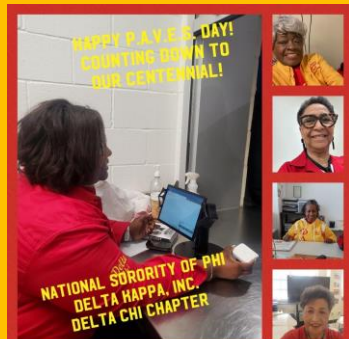
## Beta Kappa



100th  
1923 ANNIVERSARY 2023

PIC • COLLAGE







Welcome To the Vineyard of Willing Worker...



Soror Hazel McCullough Way to Go!!

**Gamma Chapter** Sorors supporting the Greater Baltimore Section of NSPDK's national affiliate the National Council of Negro Women. GBS-NCNW's 7th Biennial Spirit of a Woman Celebration- Alicia Copeland

Sisterhood  
Sisterhood

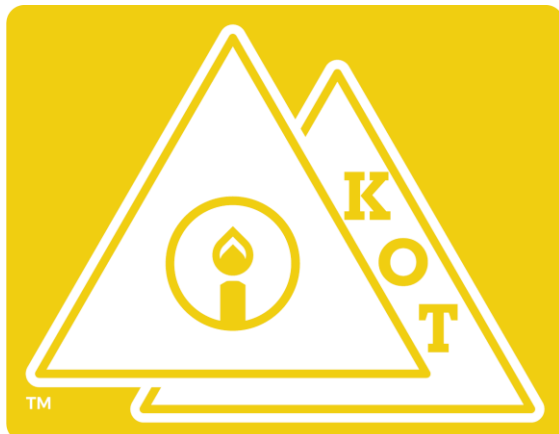


Another UMaZing **Zeta Iota Chapter** Soror, Catherine Powell *Barbie Poupée* was recognized for exemplary service to students in Charles County Public Schools for the Month of March!

The Board of Education of Charles County at its March 14, 2023 meeting honored five outstanding Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) staff members for their commitment to the school system and student success. Each month staff members are chosen by their school principals who demonstrate their dedication to teaching and learning.



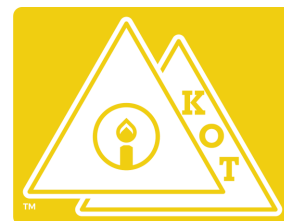
Congratulations



**Mu Chapter** welcomes their 2023 Spring KOT Line  
(Kappa Omicron Tau)

**“The Roaring 4”**

- #1 Sheryl Smith**
- #2 Lolanthe Drew**
- #3 Tatiana Kelly**
- #4 LaTia Robinson**





Greetings My Dear Sorors,

I hope the Spring season revives your spirit as we proudly march towards our 83rd Eastern Region Conference and our 100th Anniversary Celebration of our illustrious Founders and the vision they set forth to empower our communities. Let's celebrate with thoughts from the following authors,

“Spring is made of solid, fourteen-karat gratitude, the reward for the long wait. Every religious tradition from the northern hemisphere honors some form of April hallelujah, for this is the season of exquisite redemption, a slam-bang return to joy after a season of cold second thoughts.”— Barbara Kingsolver

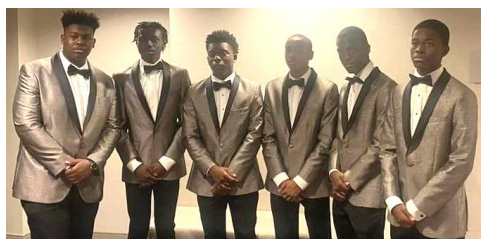
“This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have. Stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until the first or fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you die, until you are born again to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy.”— Crystal Boyd

Be Blessed! Be Safe! Be Happy!

It took a village called the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, **Alpha Chi Chapter**, to host the 75<sup>th</sup> Youth Leadership Conference held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel. On board were the Eastern Regional Director, Dr. Patsy Squire, President Queen Malone, Conference Co-chairs, Youth Advisors, Xinos and Kudos, Committee Members, Anthropos, and HUB Parents. Job well Done! -Marian Carey







Happy March PAVES Day! Under the guidance of Soror Suzanne Gibbs, **Zeta and Xi Chapters** had a book giveaway at Mitchell Elementary School. Students in grades k-3 received 2 books each. Thank you, Soror Suzanne Gibbs, for the book donation and Basileus Dr. Eloise Robinson-Redd for coordinating this event.



**Eta Chapter** Sorors once again enjoy the traveling experiences of our very own travel agent diva, Soror Vanessa Jenkins-Travel With Starr Travel Agency. Soror Vanessa shared beautiful photos of the Indonesian culture with Sorors.



From the desk of...  
 Rose Anderson  
 Southeast Regional Director



It's spring 2023, a time of new life and regrowth. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us be reminded of the joy and inspiration we receive during this season of the year.

As the darkness is diminishing, the light is getting brighter and flowers are blooming, let us spring forward and bring new life into our membership. We must continue to grow and keep "standing, serving, and being strong".

Let us also spring toward our celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. I'm looking forward to the celebration of our beginning and honoring the foundation of our professional organization, our Founders. Let's accept our new "normal" and spring forward with a renewed mindset as we face the changing dynamics of our profession and continue our legacy.

## A BEND IN THE ROAD BY HELEN STEINER RICE

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads  
 And we view what we think is the end.  
 But God has a much wider vision  
 And he knows that it's only a bend.

The road will go on and get smoother  
 And after we've stopped for a rest,  
 The path that lies hidden beyond us  
 Is often the path that is best.

So rest and relax and grow stronger,  
 Let go and let God share your load  
 And have faith in a brighter tomorrow  
 You've just come to a bend in the road.



## Gamma Psi Annual Literacy Luncheon

**Gamma Psi** hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Literacy Luncheon on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Students grades 6 - 8 and graduating seniors were encouraged to write an essay on “What does it mean to live in a Democracy in the United States, and why is it important”. A high school graduating senior was awarded as the winner a \$1,000 scholarship. Three middle school students were awarded a mini laptop computer and a monetary gift. All received certificates. Mrs. Melody Hawkins, a former Xinos of the chapter and now an administrator with the Knoxville County Schools, spoke on “Literacy Matters”. Xinos, Kudos, and Anthrosops were also in attendance. Dr. LaToshia Chism is the Basileus.







Hard work really pays off. Serenity Mitchell, 11th grader, one of our very own Xinos, scored a 36 in Reading on the ACT. She had a composite score of 30. **Gamma Theta Chapter** is so proud of this young lady!

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we donated and delivered instructional supplies and essential items to Little Hands Childcare Center in Brewton, Alabama.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we represented NSPDK, Incorporated

**GAMMA THETA WILL WEAR RED AND GOLD HERE**

**GAMMA THETA WILL WEAR RED AND GOLD THERE**

**GAMMA THETA WILL WEAR RED AND GOLD ANYWHERE!!!**

Soror Jamia Riley used Oreo cookies to teach her class about the different phases of the moon. How creative is that?! I wonder how many moons stayed glowing, LOL

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Soror Carolyn Bivins came to W. S. Neal Elementary School and read to students. She had a blast and so did the students. Oh, the places you can go when you read a good book! Robbie McWilliams, the designer of **Gamma Theta's** website, presented a technology workshop on using the website and setting up different categories. Thank you, Robbie, for using your talents and sharing them with Gamma Theta. WE appreciated you!! -Andrella Nettles

Serenity Mitchell



Composite  
**30**  
Highest Score  
Reading 36



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



Happy Spring Sorors! We have entered a new season. A new season of blossoming out of our winter cocoons into new rewarding butterflies. While we are in our winter cocoon we hibernate as we plan and create for what is next. We may go through some struggles, struggles of lessons that will make us a stronger individual. As we break out of our cocoon with great anticipation, know that the wait is well worth it. The butterfly awaits a new beginning. The butterfly message is a new journey, a new cycle of life! Sorors spring forward like a butterfly and await to what is new on your new beautiful journey!

In Sisterhood and Service,  
*Tiffany M. Pritchett*  
Midwest Regional Director  
2019-2023





**Mu Chapter** Soror Barbara Nettles with Dr. Kimako Patterson Superintendent of School District 144 giving a proclamation to NSPDK, Inc.



Soror Barbara Nettles and Soror Ruth Bridges receiving the Centennial Proclamation from the Village of Hazel Crest along with Village Manager Sawyer, and Village President Vernard Alsberry



Sisters and Sorors Patrice Newell and Wyvette Johnson supporting their daughter/niece in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk. They have Mu Chapter's part Basilei watching over them.



**Mu Chapter's** First Anti-Basileus, Tracy Michelle Netter has been included in Marquis Who's Who. AS in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all considered during the selection process. **Mu Chapter** is extremely proud of our Soror! -Pamela Seaton



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



### *Greetings Sorors,*

The Southwest Region is continuing to Plant the Seeds of Excellence throughout the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas by implementing the Y.E.S. programs. The Southwest Region is vastly planning and preparing this Spring session during our final phase of this sororal year. Many chapters in the SW region are being productive by Emerging, Enhancing and Embracing many programs and initiatives in their local chapters. Continue to Rise in your local cities. Reflect on "Still I Rise" by 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.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
 Why are you beset with gloom?  
 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
 Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,  
 With the certainty of tides,  
 Just like hopes springing high,  
 Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
 Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
 Shoulders falling down like teardrops,  
 Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
 Don't you take it awful hard  
 'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
 Diggin' in my own backyard.

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.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
 Does it come as a surprise  
 That I dance like I've got diamonds  
 At the meeting of my thighs?

Does my sexiness upset you?  
 Does it come as a surprise  
 That I dance like I've got diamonds  
 At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame  
 I rise  
 Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
 I rise  
 I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
 Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
 I rise  
 Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
 I rise  
 Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
 I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
 I rise I rise I rise.

Southwest Region Rise as we complete our final phase of the  
 2022-2023 Sororal Year.



**Delta Beta** Kudos at SW Youth Leadership Conference.  
L to R: Darrell Williams, Benjamin Sears, Aamari Brown, Jon Batiste, Joshua Austin, Colin Plummer, and Manson Harris



**Delta Beta** Xinos Conference Attendees. L to R: E’Mirrah Harris, Denise Cruz, Sydney Batiste, Melodi Tyson, Amari Williams, Jayla Williams, Tania Youman, Hannah Austin, Maya Crawford, Binee Sears, and Navea Hamlin

**DELTA BETA CHAPTER  
XINOS AND KUDOS  
Southwest Region Youth Leadership Conference**

**“Together Towards Tomorrow -T3”**

**by Dorcas Seals, Chapter Xinos Advisor and Elaine McKinney, Chapter Kudos Advisor**

The Xinos and Kudos of the Delta Beta Chapter (Austin, Texas) of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK, Inc.) had an inspiring time learning and exploring together towards tomorrow tapping into the power of three. The students gained valuable knowledge in key areas for present and future planning. Students were exposed to topics which included financial literacy, college exploration, job readiness, military options, and mental wellness. Our students left the conference with tools to make solid decisions to pursue their personal and professional goals.

The NSPDK, Inc. 50<sup>th</sup> Xinos and 40<sup>th</sup> Kudos Southwest Region Youth Leadership Conference was held February 24-26, 2023, at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport. The conference was hosted by the Epsilon Delta Chapter of Tyler, Texas. Over 325 students attended the conference, under the guidance and monitoring of member sponsors and parent chaperones. The students also participated in general sessions, professional development workshops, and competitions in academic excellence, informative speaking, singing, instrumental music, poetry, art, stepping and presentation of chapter activity digital scrapbooks.

National President Margarette Galloway (Alpha Rho Chapter, Dallas, Texas) states, “I truly love your theme, “*Together Toward Tomorrow-T3.*” “It is affirmation that we should embrace as we strive to narrow the negative lines of division in our country.”

Southwest Regional Director Anita O’Neal (Gamma Tau Chapter, San Antonio, Texas) states, “Again, this year we are committed to trying to instill in the mindset of all our youth leadership skills as they develop through life. We are a region that has a clear focus of “Emerging, Enhancing, Embracing and Digging Deep to make it Happen.””

Delta Beta Chapter Xinos earned the following recognitions: *Academic Excellence*—Hannah Austin, Sophia Dixon, Nia Goode, and Binee Sears; *Heritage Bowl Participants*—E’Mirrah Harris and Jayla Williams; *Step Show*—1<sup>st</sup> Place—Delta Beta Xinos, *Informative Speaking* - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Maya Crawford, *Talent* - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Melodi Tyson, and *Scrapbook* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Nia Goode.

Delta Beta Chapter Kudos earned the following recognitions: *Academic Excellence*—Jon Batiste and Colin Plummer; *STREAM Project “Can God Exist in Math?”*- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Joshua Austin; and *Heritage Bowl Participants*—Jon Batiste and Manson Harris.

Special recognitions included the newly installed Southwest Region Youth Officers for 2023-2024 *Southwest Region Xinos —Parliamentarian*, Tania Youman; *Southwest Region Ambassadors 2023—Xinos* Benee Sears and *Kudos Benjamin Sears*; *Chapter Delegates—Xinos* Hannah Austin and Tania Youman; *Chapter Delegates—Kudos* Jon Batiste and Colin Plummer; and *Graduating Seniors—Xinos* Hannah Austin, Maya Crawford and Audrianna Fowler; *Kudos* Jon Batiste.

Special appreciation is extended to the *Xinos Sponsor—Dorcas Seals*; *Xinos Co-Sponsor* Esther Phillips; *Kudos Sponsor—Elaine McKinney*; *Kudos Co-Sponsor* Gwin Robinson; *Hub Parents Advisor—Crystal L. Jones*; *Hub Parents* Edward Austin, Danielle Austin, Nicky Carter and Vanessa Crawford who attended the conference. Many thanks to Nicky Carter and Danielle Austin who prepared the Xinos for their Step Show competition, Van drivers Edward Austin and Vanessa Crawford; and Delta Beta members for their consistent support of our youth throughout the school year, and for helping to prepare our youth for their regional leadership conference.

The Xinos (girls) and Kudos (boys) are in grades 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. NSPDK, Inc. is a professional nonprofit organization of active and retired female educators committed to the pursuit of excellence in education as they mentor, tutor and support the youth of the United States of America.

For information about membership into NSPDK, Inc. and its affiliate groups, please contact Delta Beta Chapter President Dr. Brenda Burrell at email: [deltabeta1977@gmail.com](mailto:deltabeta1977@gmail.com).

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Soror Mary N. Robinson



Soror Tunnisia Coleman, Stephanie Owens, and Dwynita T. Collins



Soror Janice Horton




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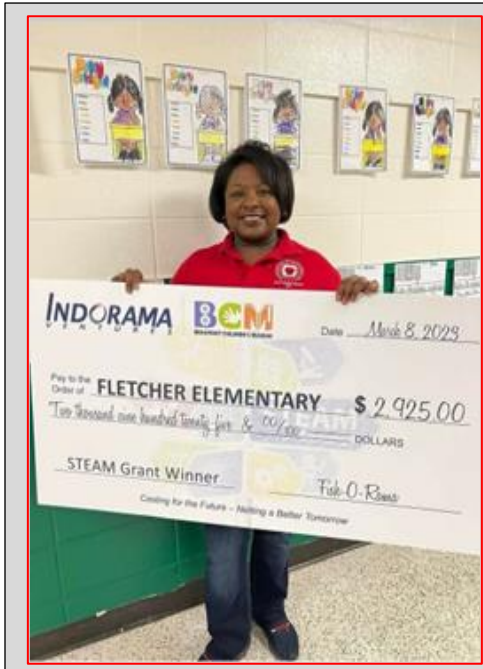
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Pictured L-R: Beverly Paige, Lanena Emanuel, Dwynita T. Collins, Khakillya Babers-Everett, Laterica Unique (Fitness Expert), Carolyn E. Baker (Basileus), LaShonda Ford, Tunnisia Coleman, Stephanie Owens, and Candice Webert



Soror Wendy Francois Richard  
Epsilon Theta Chapter  
Beaumont, TX  
Received  
Beaumont Children's Museum Information  
S.T.E.A.M. Grant  
\$2,925.00  
Soror Wendy plans to utilize the money to purchase supplies for students.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH Speaker Series**

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> - 11:00 AM  
STUDENT CENTER GYM

<b>TUESDAY, FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY, FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup></b>
<b>SPEAKER TOPIC: HISTORY OF NAACP</b> Dr. Jackie Mayfield and Mrs. Carolyn Mayfield, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	<b>SPEAKER TOPIC: EDUCATION</b> Christina Anderson, President of the Epsilon Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.
<b>TUESDAY, FEB. 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY, FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>SPEAKER TOPIC: SERVICE</b> Nia Lewis, LSCO Alum, Author, and Founder of Teams Making A Difference (TMAAD)	<b>SPEAKER TOPIC: HEALTHCARE</b> Dena Hughes, Triangle Area Network (TAN) Healthcare CEO Lifeshare Blood Drive

In partnership with the **NAACP** and **Lamar State College Orange**



Austin Independent School District presented a Proclamation celebrating the legacy of the 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial of NSPDK, Inc. to the members of Delta Beta Chapter in Austin, Texas.

The Epsilon Lambda Chapter was able to highlight NSPDK, Inc.'s 100 years of service, commitment, and strength to the field of education at the Orange Public Library and Lamar State College-Orange in honor of Black History Month. Each February, the Epsilon Lambda Chapter puts up a display at the library. This year's display served as a Pop-Up Museum for the Epsilon Lambda Chapter. Pictures were displayed of all members that have been inducted from 1991 – present. To further note the accomplishments of the Chapter, Basileus Christina Anderson, was invited by the Orange Chapter of the NAACP, in collaboration with Lamar State College-Orange, to speak on the topic of Education.

Pictured below are members L-R:

Linda Lee, Cendy Hall, Christina Anderson, Emma Augustine, Myra Alexander, and Evera Enard.





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



We are now in the fourth month of the year. Needless to say, this year seems to be moving quickly. We invite spring into this month. Come springtime, families all over the world celebrate Easter. For some Christians, it's a traditional religious observation celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For others, it is a secular holiday of Easter bunnies and eggs. As we approach this month, we will celebrate the most sacred week in the Christian year. According to the Christian faith, Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. Just days later, Christians celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead on what we call Easter. Easter basically means triumph over death. However, Easter should be called Resurrection Day! There are many traditions associated with Easter/ Resurrection Day. Many Christians abstain from eating meat on Good Friday because "Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday (God's Friday). Of all of the Christian Holidays it is said the Easter is the "biggest day of the church calendar" because of the message that it represents.

As we conclude each month, it brings us closer to the 100<sup>th</sup> Conclave Celebration. We are in anticipation of the wonderful and exciting events that will occur. It will be the first "face to face" Conclave since 2019. We are eager to be a part of this outstanding occasion. The Small but Mighty Far West Region look forward to seeing our Sorors that we haven't seen for some time. It will be a time to renew, establish and promote the sisterhood spirit. We will share Conclave motto "Still Standing, Still Serving, Still Strong". We are that and more! Continue sisters to live this motto!

**WE MAKE OUR FOUNDERS PROUD!**



## FAR WEST SPECIAL DEDICATION SECTION

The Far West is dedicating the next pages to those sorors who have gone above and beyond to advance the Far West Region. Chapters were asked to highlight a special soror from their Chapter – past or present- that they feel fit this qualification. We are happy as we present these sorors for their dedication to the Far West Region. The Far West would also like to recognize sorors that have worked both Regionally and Nationally to advance the cause of our organization. Though all of us as members have and do this on a regular basis, we salute the following sorors.

### BETA THETA

Soror M. Lorayne Douglass



I would like to highlight Soror M. Lorayne Douglass for Women’s History Month. She was a woman of strength, determination, a mentor, and most respected by the sorors.

For thirty years, Soror Douglass asked me to become a member of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. My question to her was, “What is National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.?” She sat me down and explained in detail, making sure I understood. She continued to ask me to become a member, inviting me to activities, Teach-A-Ramas, fundraisers and to just tag along with her. Finally, I decided to join and become a member.

In 1999, I asked two teachers to become members along with me, in addition to two others brought in by another soror. We had a Krinon line of five prospective sorors. After becoming a member of NSPDK, Inc., Soror Douglass encouraged me to get involved, read the Manual of Policies and Procedures, as it was called at that time, attend Chapter Meetings, Regional Conferences and Conclaves. She emphasized to read, read, and read more!

Without Soror Douglass’ persistence, I would have not become a member of NSPDK, Inc. I told Soror Douglass, “I am never not going to be busy, so it’s now or never.” She will always be in my heart.

### BETA PHI

Soror Lolita Boone



Lolita Boone was initiated into Beta Theta, the first California chapter in the Far Western Region. Lolita, with 6 other charter members, laid the groundwork for the chartering of Beta Phi on April 28, 1961, becoming the 3<sup>rd</sup> California chapter in the Far Western Region. Eventually, under the leadership of Winnie Palmer, the Far Western Region was formed.

Lolita was an active member of Beta Phi until her death in 1988. She held many offices including Basileus. She was a strong supporter of the Five Point Program, chairing Teach – A – Rama, Black History, Assault on Literacy, and serving as Xinos Sponsor. Lolita was on the Beta Phi Debutante Ball Committee serving as chairperson of every subcommittee. She was Ball Chairperson in 1968 when “Bal Des Amants” was featured on KNBC’s “Shades of Black.”

Lolita was active at the regional and national level, never missing a regional conference or conclave. She served as Member-At-Large, Regional Director, and Conclave Coordinator. She was elected Supreme 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Basileus in 1981. During her term, she worked with the March of Dimes to implement the Reading Olympics Program in each region.

Lolita loved NSPDK, Inc. and lived its motto... “Pursuit of Excellence-A Challenge to Fulfill.”

**GAMMA SIGMA**

Dr. Elcendia Nord



Gamma Sigma is proud to highlight a soror from our Chapter that is well known by all, Dr. Elcendia Nord. Dr. Nord transferred into Gamma Sigma Chapter in 2000 from Beta Chi Chapter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Soror El- as we fondly call her - became a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. in 1969. She is a lifetime member.

When she transferred into Gamma Sigma she immediately went to work. She became our Chapter Basileus and held several other chapter offices. She has held several Regional Offices including Member-at-Large, Chaplain and Epistoleus.

Soror Nord was elected Far West Region Director in 2019. She has brought about many changes in the Far West Region during her tenure. She has chartered a new chapter – Zeta Theta- and will soon charter another one. She reactivated Gamma Iota Chapter in Sacramento; she has increased membership to over 200 members. The “Small But Mighty Far West is Still on the Move.”

Dr. Nord is highly qualified and demonstrates excellence in the field of education. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education, Master’s in Guidance and Counseling, Doctorate of Guidance and Counseling and Doctorate in Theology. After teaching for several years, she became an Elementary School Principal. After retiring, she moved to Las Vegas, but you would never know she is retired. She stays busy working with several organizations besides Gamma Sigma.

The rule that guides her daily life is: “Letting the Lord lead me. I have a message on my mirror which states: ‘Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all your problems today and I don’t need your help. So have a good day.’ I have discovered if I allow the Lord to take care of my problems and concerns, I will have a blessed day.”

We are proud to salute our member, Regional Director Dr. Elcendia Nord!

She truly believes in the Sorority’s purpose: “To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession.”

**DELTA XI**

Soror Hattie McFrazier



One soror in our chapter that has greatly influenced the Far West Region is a Life and Diamond member, Soror Hattie McFrazier. Soror Hattie McFrazier has exhibited leadership qualities in many capacities and has brought her diverse experiences to the table on numerous occasions. Soror Hattie McFrazier has worked with the youth as the National Youth Coordinator and was a Xinos and Kudos Chapter and Regional Advisor. She is the Past Far Western Regional Director, Past Member-at-Large, Past National Chairperson and has been the Regional Citation Chairperson. She is currently the Regional

Parliamentarian, Regional Service Chairperson and is on the Regional Newsletter Committee. Some of her accomplishments are the following: conducting workshops at the local, regional, and national level; creating the 1<sup>st</sup> Far West Region website and 1<sup>st</sup> Regional retreat, helping to reorganize Delta Xi Chapter; and receiving the National Citation Award and the National NAACP Lifetime Membership Award for her outstanding work. We are proud of the amazing contributions of Soror Hattie McFrazier!

**DELTA UPSILON**

Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley Weber



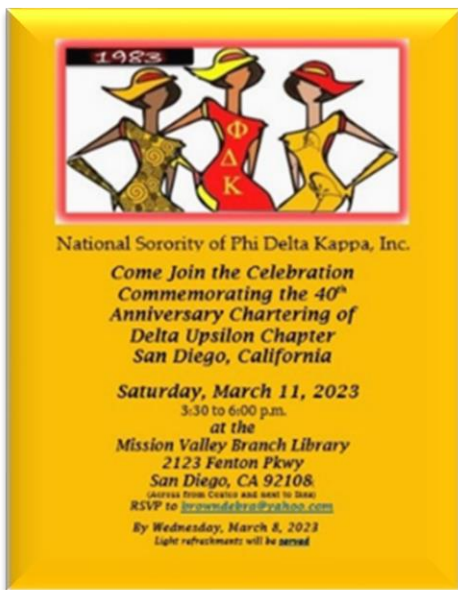
Dr. Shirley Weber attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where she received her BA, MA, and Ph.D. by the age of 26. Prior to receiving her doctorate, she became a professor at San Diego State University (SDSU) at the age of 23. She also taught at California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) and Los Angeles City College before coming to SDSU. She retired from the Department of Africana Studies after 40 years as a faculty member and serving several terms as department chair.

As an Assembly Member representing California's 79<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes parts of the City of San Diego as well as several cities and communities in the San Diego region, Weber also served as a member and chair of the San Diego Unified School District.

Dr. Weber's genuine passion and tireless quest for equality and fairness in all sectors of life have resulted in her pursuit of reforms in education and criminal justice. Her equity-oriented legislation includes school finance and accountability, classroom safety, ethnic studies, early learners, attendance and dropout rates, quality instruction, law enforcement's use-of-force and body camera practices, reparations, the CalGangs' database, Affirmative Action, inclusive jury selection and instruction, predatory lending, resources for exonerees, restorative justice, racial profiling, among others. Weber has also pursued public policy changes related to health, senior citizens, veterans, and military families.

As a Life member, she still attends meetings and offers the chapter many opportunities to serve the city and the state. Soror Shirley Weber served as the National Parliamentarian.

Delta Upsilon Celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Delta Upsilon was chartered on March 19, 1983 with 17 educators from around San Diego County. An invitation was distributed via email to community members, past honorees, and inactive sorors to join the chapter in a monumental event at the Mission Valley Library. All attendees got a first-hand account of the growth and the many accomplishments of Delta Upsilon in San Diego and across the state. The tables were filled with artifacts that tell the story of the chapter's history.



Charter Members: Jacqueline Jackson, Evelyn Lane, and Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley Weber

*As you sip your morning coffee or tea...*

*Happy Easter!*  
*JB*



*Always pray to have eyes  
that see the best in people,*

*A heart that forgives the  
worst,*

*A mind that forgets the  
bad,*

*And a soul that never  
loses faith in God.*



Conference/Conclave Late Registration	Now-April 30, 2023
NSPDK Day of Giving	Now-May 23, 2023
Conclave Souvenir Journal Ad/Payment	May 1, 2023
Conclave Proclamations	May 2023
100 <sup>th</sup> Legacy Walkway	May 27, 2023
KOT Conference	July 16, 2023
Regional Conferences	July 17, 2023
Anthropos Conference	July 17, 2023
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave	July 18-20, 2023