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LETTER



Greetings Sorors,

As I conclude four wonderful years as the Basileus of Lambda Epsilon Omega, I thank you for your support, kindness and unwavering commitment to our chapter. This has not been an easy road traveled. We have suffered unbearable loss, experienced immeasurable pain and overcome unspeakable hardships. These circumstances impacted us as individuals and as a chapter. However, we forged ahead using our unique talents and untiring tenacity to ensure that our chapter remained focused. Our members understood the assignment of service to each other and the DeKalb County community.

Sorors, we have memorialized 15 Sorors over the past four years, eight in 2021 alone. Six of our Sorors became widows in 2020, each with 40 years or more of marital bliss. The losses of parents, children, siblings, and other family members have been staggering. Many have become caretakers due to serious illness. Some would ask, "How can we possibly speak of gratitude, let alone devote ourselves to anything other than ourselves?" Yet, Sorors we did it. Our focus became the everyday blessings that are so easy to take for granted. Finding gratitude in Lambda Epsilon Omega was easy. Calling a Soror, delivering an unexpected meal, sending a card to let a Soror-friend know that you are thinking about her are all wonderful acts of kindness that continue to take place in our chapter. We have and continue to be present and committed to this chapter and to this Sisterhood.

I would be remiss if I did not give tea roses to our magnificent Anti-Basileus, Soror

Basileus LETTER

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Qualena Odom-Royes; her leadership has been second to none. The execution of Programs during this unique time has not been easy; but, she has assembled a team that makes it appear effortless. Each month, Sorors were provided with opportunities to engage with each other as well as the community. We prepared COVID-19 kits, stocked Pearls Closet, collected shoes and eyeglasses and the list continues. Sorors Morgan Birch and Reneisha Campbell continue to maintain active social activities, monthly birthday and sisterly relations activities. Leadership Development and the Bylaws Committees conducted workshops that increased our knowledge about Alpha Kappa Alpha. The Membership Committee held mentoring modules for our re-activated Sorors and invited "The 47" to remain involved in order to receive extended knowledge about Lambda Epsilon Omega. Meanwhile, our phenomenal Technology Team ensured that each event was flawlessly executed. A special thank you to each committee chairman for a job well done!

My term as your Basileus has made me more conscious of what is important. Life is fragile and uncertain. I began in 2018 addressing the importance of kindness, respect and service to the community. This still holds true in 2021. As we move into a new season, it is my hope that we will continue to respect the mission and vision of this illustrious Sisterhood, our chapter members and most importantly, the regional and chapter leadership.

It has been an honor to serve as your Basileus for the past four years. I thank you for your support. Thank you for your phone calls, emails, texts, cards or a special gift. I sincerely appreciated each gesture of sisterly love, encouragement and support. SORORS, I APPRECIATE YOU!!

It has been an amazing four years!

Sisterly in Service,
Soror Luevenia M. Holloway, Basileus

Soror Stephanie Byrd



Soror Stephanie Byrd is the daughter of Golden Soror Beverly Edmond and Gregg Edmond. She was born in Atlanta and raised in Decatur, Georgia. Stephanie is the only child with her mother but has one brother and three sisters with her father. Stephanie graduated from Albany State University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a Master of Management (MSM) degree from Troy University in 2009. Soror Stephanie is currently pursuing a doctorate in education leadership at Trevecca Nazarene University. Soror Stephanie was initiated into the Gamma Sigma chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at Albany State University in Spring 2004. For the last 16 years, she has worked at Spelman College as a Program Manager and currently as the Assistant Director of a research training program. This federally funded program exposes students to the many career opportunities available for individuals with terminal degrees in biomedical science fields. The program seeks to encourage and prepare students to enroll in research-orientated Ph.D. programs directly after completing their undergraduate degrees. Under Stephanie's leadership, the program has exceeded its stated goals and continued funding for students at Spelman. For the last five years, 80% of the graduating seniors were accepted and enrolled directly into top-tier doctoral programs around the country. Stephanie is dedicated and passionate about increasing the number of women of color who pursue postgraduate degrees in the sciences. Her experience in higher education has made me aware of the underrepresentation of African American women in STEM and the barriers students of color face in the pursuit of doctoral degrees. Soror Stephanie has been married to the love of her life Garvin Byrd Jr for 13 years; they have two boys, Austin (11) and Aiden (7). She enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping, and brunching in her free time. Her motto is "living my life like it is golden."

Telephone Chairman

Soror Taniece Eure



Soror Taniece Eure was born in Plainfield, NJ and was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Spring 2003 at Prairie View A&M University, Zeta Gamma Chapter in Prairie View, Texas. She has a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in biology and chemistry and a masters in public health - Epidemiology, from University of Georgia. She is currently a Health Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), specializing in antibiotic resistance in long term care and COVID-19 surveillance of healthcare workers.

Soror Taniece has a passion for serving within Lambda Epsilon Omega, as Technology Chair and Webmaster. "I enjoy helping others and making a difference, no matter how small that may be". She joined the chapter in 2019 and immediately wanted to become active and involved. She also enjoys traveling (10 countries and counting), spending time with her family and two boys (Zayden, 8 and Jordan, 4), watching movies, and scrapbooking.

An interesting fact about Taniece is that while in undergrad at PVAMU she was the clarinet section leader in "The Marching Storm" and was initiated in Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, where she still participates on a graduate level. She still even whips out the clarinet from time to time. :)

Technology Chairman

Standards Committee

Your Chapter Standards Committee is responsible for ensuring adherence to established guidelines for effective chapter operations as described in the documents of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Did you know that...

✓the Standards Committee is responsible for updating the Chapter Operations Handbook?

✓the Standards Committee provides each committee chairman with a summary evaluation of her committee's activities?

✓the Standards Committee provides each active member a copy (electronic or printed) of the Chapter Operations Handbook?

✓the Standards Committee receives Monthly Committee Reports with attendance sheet?

✓the Standards Committee conducts the annual Chapter self-assessment evaluation?

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Jenice V. Brinkley



"I don't know what God is doing, but He's doing something, and I'm going with Him." That is how we have sustained and why we are committed to excellence."

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Congratulations to **Soror Caren Dias** who was recognized on November 13, 2021 at a Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #313 Virtual Prayer Breakfast. She spearheads a lot of the Court and parish service projects for the underserved in our community.

**2021 LEADERSHIP AWARD
RECIPIENT WINNER**

LADY CAREN DIAS



Congratulations to **Soror Reneisha Campbell** who passed her Georgia Board Exam on June 11, 2021 She is now a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Cue the Confetti

AKAlades

Congratulations to **Soror Loren Brereton** on her twin grandchildren Axil (male) and Berlin (female.)



Congratulations to **Soror Yvonne Ervin** who closed on her new home on August 17th,.

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EAF Spotlight

SOROR RUTH C. EASLEY **"A WOMAN OF GREAT MEASURE"** **EAF GERONTOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



EAF at It's ABSOLUTE BEST!

Our Ivy Beyond The Wall, (2019) Soror Ruth C. Easley did not only serve as the 25th North Atlantic Regional Director of The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated from 1982-1986, but was active in many other facets of her beloved sorority and community organizations. Soror Ruth was a "Life Member" and an active "Golden Soror" of the Omega Omega Chapter in Philadelphia, PA. At the international level of the sorority, she served on the Program, Standards, Directorate Training and Leadership Development Task Force Committees.

She was a retired educator with 35 years of experience as a classroom teacher, tele-teacher, homebound investigator, guidance counselor and public relations consultant. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Bennett College, a Master of Arts degree in Guidance/Personnel Services from New York University and a post-graduate certification from Pennsylvania State University.

Soror Ruth was known locally, statewide and nationally for her community involvements. Her numerous affiliations included Top Ladies of Distinction, National Adoption Center, Ladies of Alpha, Girl Scouts of America, Frontiers International Auxiliary, Afro-American Museum, Tribune Charities, American Association of Retired Persons and Life Member of NAACP.

EAF Spotlight cont.

Soror Ruth and her husband, the late Waverly L. Easley had two daughters. Lambda Epsilon Omega's very own, Soror Wyvetta Easley Mallory and Soror Raquel Easley of Omega Omega Chapter, Philadelphia, PA.

The Ruth C. Easley Gerontology Scholarship Fund is available for African American undergraduate and graduate female students who are pursuing a career in research of geriatric health care and/or related services for the elderly.

Soror Ruth stated: *"While our future is in our youth, our elders provide a historical context and justly deserve quality care and attention. The Ruth C. Easley Gerontology Scholarship Fund will make that possible through its scholarship to deserving students ready to care for their elders."*



From Left to Right: Soror Ruth C. Easley (IBTW) with daughters, Soror Raquel Easley and Soror Wyvetta Easley Mallory (Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter)

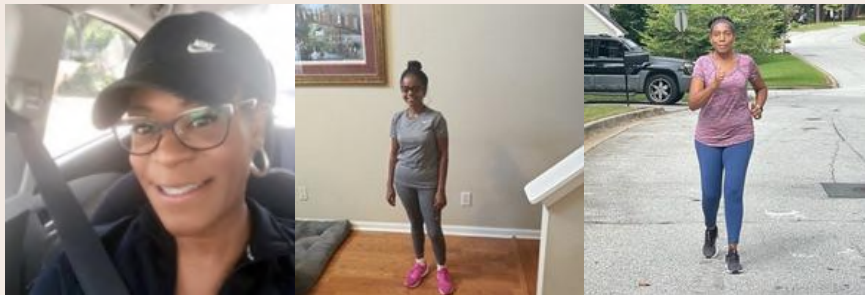
EAF Cont.



To promote lifelong learning is the mission of EAF since its inception in 1980. We as a sorority must continue to ensure that there will always be support for our oldest program of service, education!

Our "Nike Run Club" Challenge was initiated as a virtual/solo run during the COVID-19 Pandemic so that we could continue to raise additional funds to donate to EAF.

Take a look at our Top 3 Nike Run Club Winners...



From Left: Ms. Dee Crittle, (1st Place) friend of Soror Joyce Harris/Soror Rochelle Bridges Johnson (2nd Place)/Soror Minnie Baker (3rd Place)

Thank you, Sorors, for your Continued Support of EAF!

EAF Committee Members

Soror Loren Brereton, Captain
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Brenda Sims (IBTW)

From Then to Now... 45 Years of Service to All Mankind **Written by: Soror Brenda Sims**

God gave each of us a purpose in life before we were ever born. He gave us a reason to live as our parents raised us and trained us to become all that he required for us to be. We understand that none of us were born into perfection, nor were we raised to be perfect.

But as we mature and grow older, we come into full knowledge about our God-given purpose.

1. Our purpose never feels like we are working on a job. We are always willing to walk in our purpose because it gives us joy.

2. Our purpose is something that we do not always automatically know how to do. Sometimes we must work hard, take classes, learn from others, and be creative in fulfilling our purpose.

3. When God gives us our purpose in life, it is never for satisfying ourselves. Our purpose in life is always to serve others. Sometimes we might receive monetary benefits or get recognition or compensation for what we do while walking in our purpose. But ultimately, our goal is to serve others. Unless we are giving back to others, we are not walking in our purpose.

In 1908, our founders developed our sisterhood with this idea in mind. They wanted the sisterhood of professional college women to talk and relate to each other. They chose our colors to be salmon pink and apple green. They developed the rules, constitution, and bylaws that would govern us for years to come. But more than all of these, they required us to serve. Service to humanity has genuinely made us, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, a manifestation of our founders' dreams. Like our founders, serving together allows us to have the same mindset and be on one accord.

In 1976, 21 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. realized the need for a graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to serve in the Dekalb County area. As a result, the Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter received its charter in June 1976. Like our founders in 1908, the Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter has continued to serve the community in many ways

Archives Committee cont.

. Our chapter has structured and completed many service projects over the years. Our service has expanded beyond Dekalb County, GA, to have a worldwide impact. We are excited that we have been serving our community and the world for 45 years. The sorors of Lambda Epsilon Omega are pleased to walk in our purpose and serve in many capacities. Our service projects have blessed countless people over the years, and we continue to expand our gifts and talents as God directs us to give to others.

We have grown from having 21 chartering members to over four hundred (400) current members walking in our sisterhood. We love to serve our community and the world. Our program targets are designed to advance the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha with excellence and underscore our commitment to sustainable service. The five program targets for 2018-2022 are: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action, Women's Healthcare and Wellness, Building Your Economic Legacy, The Arts!, and Global Impact. Some of our past and current projects include the following:

·Health Initiatives

·Cash Mobs

·Charting our Black Dollars Spending

·Walking with the Supreme

·McNair High School Closet

·Care for the Caregiver

·#CAPS

·Scholarships

·Pink Goes Red

·Voter Registration

·Mobile Mammogram Bus

·National Reading Seminars

·Women Involved in Global Issues

·Soles 4 Souls Project

·The Pillowcase Project

·Partnership in Mathematics and Science

·Etc.

Lambda Epsilon Omega has continued the legacy of the founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. We proudly do things that are worthwhile, and we do them with a smile! We serve with distinction, passion, commitment, and reverence, for we love our Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Lambda Epsilon Omega

"From Then to Now...45 Years of Service to All Mankind"



Carmen Johnson Benjamin
Leotine Bell
Dana Monique Burns
Charlotte D. Dudley
Janice Hammond
Lisette Brown
Monica Gray-Mays
Lonna Hollis
Yuanette O. Pleas
Leah Howard
Deborah Belcher
Jennifer Powell
Carmen Scott
Nicole Mills Clay
Bernetta Jones
Adrienne Griffin

Tanya D. Richey
Ladonya Horton
Patti Copenny Reed
Casey Robinson
Alvinette Maultsby
Phyllis Cole
Carolyn Allen Lovett
Glynis V. Lee
Rita Dawson Morgan
Stephanie Byrd
Carmen Sulton
Angela Dash
Jan Cecelia Kennedy





November

Sylvia Flippin
Cheryl Rogers
Keisha Hunt
Shaw Janice Shaw
Pam Starnes-Brayon
Tasia D. White
Patricia Coleman
Krystal Stuckey Brooks
Niah Humphrey
Peggy Daniel
Wyvetta Easley-
Mallory
Yasmine McKenzie

Sandra K. Roberts
Trudy Robinson
Kala White
Pamela Kefetew
Rowena Dennard
Elizabeth 'Kay' Jakes
CaSaundra James
Charlene Jones
Cheryl Grant
Letitia Hubbard
Patricia White
Nadiyah Bashir
Celeste Snow
Aynoka Bender

Jocelyn Parker Law
Francena Lewis
Ericka Stupart
Chakeita Cofield
Stacey Hall
Shelia O'Rear
Daphney Brooks
LaShandra Hawkins



December



Reneisha Campbell
Hillary Harris
Mia Nicole Skipwith
LaTanya Smith
Rita C. Wyatt
Asia Glover
Rochelle Bridges-Johnson
Julie Berry
Kenyatta Stephens
Geri Thomas
Chelsea Benjamin
Beth Pierce
Crystal Davis
Dorothy Augustine
Brittany Williams
Tamara Denise Hall
Dolly Banks
Lisa Kegler-Huckabee

Janice B. Davis
Japhia Bevelle
Renata Ellington
Nakesha Speed(Powell)
Dannette Giles
Cristina Whitley
Telecia (Niki) Hester
Raquel Jones
Yolanda McColumn
Kristin Roberts
Rowena Young Fielder
Stacey Bolden-Henry
Cheryl D. Williams-Fisher
Alicia T. Pennie
Chameka Mayes Smith
Cynthia Tucker
Rose Merry Brock
Tarnisha L. Dent
Lureece Lewis
Jacqueline Madison
Pat Davis



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As we approach the Holiday Season, let us stay encouraged and continue to lift up one another in prayer.