

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Delta Theta Omega Chapter  
89<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Virtual Regional  
Conference Soror Mitzi Dease Paige-  
Regional Director  
April 6-11, 2021

Delegates Report-Soror Debra O. Davis - Graduate Advisor- Epsilon Upsilon Chapter

The 89<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Conference was held virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic but nevertheless it was an informative conference.

**April 6, 2021 – Virtual Charter Day Celebration**

The 100 Year Celebration was opened with greetings from the South Eastern Regional Director, the Supreme Basileus, the Chairmen for the 89<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Regional Conference and the Charter Day Chairman.

There were greetings from local, state and national officials from Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi.

There was a Passing of The Torch with all former Regional Directors. Each Regional Directors including the current Regional Director placed into a time capsule information about the Programs that were implemented during their tenure. The time capsule will be placed at the Corporate office to be opened in 2121.

Pi Chapter – Fisk University, the oldest chapter in the South Eastern region presented a historical video by Soror Taylor Woodard the Basileus of Pi Chapter.

The evening ended with DJs Showcases Talent, with a DJ in rooms from each state of the region.

**April 8, 2021 – Virtual Orientation & Forums**

An orientation was held to assist the conference attendees with navigating around the virtual platform. It was a user-friendly platform.

The Constitution and Bylaws Forum introduced amendments that will be voted on at the Virtual Boule/Leadership Conference to be held in July.

Amendments:

1. Regional Directors to be elected to a 4 years term as oppose to the current 2 years term
2. Connection Committee to be renamed Connection/Social Action Committee
3. Building and Properties – To include future expansion of members to the committee
4. Technology Committee – to include a member from each region
5. Risk Management Committee – will become a standing committee
6. New Life Members provisions will be incorporated.

**First Plenary Session – April 9, 2021**

- Greeting was given by the 89<sup>th</sup> Chairman-Soror Jenean F. Davis and a response from the 88<sup>th</sup> Chairman-Soror Ola Blackmon-McBride.
- Meditation was by Soror Audrey Hall of the Spiritual Oversight Committee.
- Introduction of the dais guests was done by Soror Azande Williams, Chairman of the South Eastern Protocol.
- Soror Jenean Davis, Chairman of the Conference presented the South Eastern Regional Director, Soror Mitzi Dease Paige, and the 89<sup>th</sup> SERC was officially opened.
- Presentation of the Alabama South Eastern Legend Soror Virda Lester.
- Soror Lakisha Prowell, Chairman of the Registration Committee presented the registration report, there were over 600 Sorors that had registered for the Virtual Conference. The delegates were officially seated in the Delegates Room.
- Soror Ramona Hill, Regional Parliamentarian presented the Conference Rules.
- Roll Call was a video presentation from each chapter Basileus, Graduate and Undergraduate. There was the adoptions of the Conference Agenda and the Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> SERC.

- The Conference Officers were appointed and approved, which included Soror Ramona Hill, Delta Theta Omega as the Regional Parliamentarian.
- Presentation of the South Eastern Regional Director was done by Soror Toni Moore, South Eastern Chief of Staff.
- The State of the South Eastern Regional is as following:
  - Commended the health care workers and acknowledged the number of lives lost (42) in the region due to COVID-19 .
  - South Eastern is currently the fourth largest region with 108 chapter – 61 Graduate and 47 – Undergraduates. Currently, there are 11,247 members in the region.
  - There were 23 undergraduate chapters that were approved for MIP before the pandemic struck only two chapters were able to complete, Lane College and Jackson State University (currently suspended). Fall 2020, sixteen (16) undergraduate chapters completed MIP.
  - Birmingham Southern will be chartered and there are seven (7) interest groups.
  - Chi Chapter – Talladega College has been suspended for three (3) years by the University.
  - AKA Day at the Capitol will be virtual and will be held May 6, 2021.
  - There were 10 Leadership Fellows from SE in 2020.
  - Webinars have been held on various topics, virtual Presidents Retreat and monthly prayer calls.
  - Tribute was given to Soror Esther Martin Rigsby, the 17<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Regional Directors as an Ivy Beyond the Wall.
  - Tribute and acknowledgment were given to former South Eastern Regional Directors
- Awards were presented by the Awards Committee
- Closing prayer was by the 25<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Regional Director, Soror Mary B. Connor.

### **Second Plenary Session – April 9, 2021**

- Greetings was given by the Great Lakes Regional Director – Soror Carrie J. Clark
- Meditation by the 19<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Regional Director – Soror Ida K. Martin
- Introduction of the dais guests by the Protocol Chair – Soror Azande Williams
- Presentation of Tennessee South Eastern Legend and Golden Soror - Soror Lynda Simmons.
- Tribute was given to our Perpetual Pearls: Military, First Responders, Front Line Workers and Essential Workers – “To God Be The Glory” – Soror Darcie Finch
- Introduction of the Supreme Basileus by Soror Braxton Simpson, Undergraduate Member
- The State of the Sorority presented by the Supreme Basileus, Soror Glenda Glover

#### **She presented the following information:**

- HBCU: We have completed the third installment of \$1,000,000 raised in one day for HBCUs.
- #CAP: Chapters have assisted over 139,516 students with completing college applications. Over 9,537 have gain admission.
- She discussed the Targets and the Impact Days and the progress that has been made despite the pandemic.
- Thanked everyone for their work and effort with Get Out to Vote Campaign
- Committee Reports were given by the International Committees
- Awards were presented by the Awards Committee.
- Closing prayer by the 23<sup>rd</sup> South Eastern Regional Director – Soror Juanita Sims Doty.

### **Saturday, April 10, 2021 - Workshops**

#### **Managing Chapter Financial Operations**

Discussed different payment methods that chapters should be utilizing for dues and financial obligations.  
Suggested that chapter review the Pandemic Guide for Virtual Chapter Operations.

#### **Technology**

Discussed the different platforms that chapters could use storage of documents and utilizing technology in chapter meetings.

#### **EAF Sisterhood Tea Party**

- Epsilon Upsilon was acknowledged at the Silver Level for EAF
- Great Celebration with good entertainment.
- Raised over \$16,000 for scholarships

### **Third Plenary Session – April 10, 2021**

- Legacy Parade was wonderful even though virtual.
- Greetings was given by Soror Twyla Woods-Buford, Mid-Western Regional Director
- Meditation by Soror Vanessa Rogers Long, 20<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Regional Director
- Introduction of the dais guests by the South Eastern Protocol Chair
- Presentation of the Mississippi South Eastern Legend – Soror Patricia McGee.
- Beautiful Selection by Soror Jada Barnes – “Watch God Change Things”.
- Presentation of the International Undergraduate Activities Committee by the undergraduate members of the Directorate
- Regional Conference Time and Place: 2022-Memphis, TN, 2023- Huntsville or Mobile, AL, 2024-Birmingham, AL
- Final Registration Report – 6,124 Sorors were registered.
- The Regional Tamiouchos gave the finance report and the region expect to \$561,350 after all expenses from the 89<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference.
- Awards were presented by the Awards Committee – DTO received the Jean Tolbert Newsletter Award for X-Large Chapter.
- Resolutions were presented and accepted 1) Concerning COVID-19, 2) Accolades to Madame Supreme Basileus, 3) Commendations to the Conference Dream Team, 4) Accolades to Madame Regional Director, 5) Accolades to Madame Vice President of the United States, Soror Kamala Harris, 6) Homage to Soror Esther Martin Rigsby, 7) South Eastern Region stance on the COVID-19 virus.
- Cluster I presented the invitation to the 90<sup>th</sup> SERC in Memphis, TN - March 2022
- Closing prayer by the 21<sup>st</sup> South Eastern Region Director – Soror Jo Celeste Pettway
- The 89<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Conference was adjourned

The 89<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Regional Conference was closed out with Explosion of Excellence.

Sisterly Submitted  
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