

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Delta Theta Omega Chapter
Virtual 89th South Eastern Regional Conference
Delegate Report
April 6, 2021- SER Charter Day Celebration
April 8-11, 2021- 89th SERC

April 6th, 2021 -7:00-10:00 p.m.

Virtual Charter Day Celebration was a wonderful celebration.

Tour of the States of AL, MS, and TN (HBCU, Historical Sites and Favorite Eateries were presented)

The Celebration opened with Greetings from Madam Regional Director, Madam Supreme, and the Chairman of the SERC and Charter Day Chairman.

Continued Greetings from U. S. Representative Terri Sewell, State Rep. Juandalynn Givan, Congressman Bennie Thompson, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, State Rep. Harold M. Love, Jr. and Councilor Frances Witt McMahan

The Passing of the Torch Ceremony by the Former Regional Directors.

The information presented about the Programs implemented during their tenure were placed in a time capsule and stored at the Corporate Office to be opened in 100 years.

There was a Video of the History of Pi Chapter presented by Soror Taylor Woodard, Basileus of Pi Chapter at Fisk University.

The Anniversary Litany was read.

There was a closing video and then a big celebration with a DJ in rooms from each State of the Region. AL Room was DJ Chocolate, MS room was DJ Unpredictable, and TN had DJ C-Wiz.

Everyone was having a good time!!!!

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Virtual 89th South Eastern Regional Conference

The Virtual Orientation was held to help Conference attendees navigate around the Virtual Platform.

The Virtual experience was wonderful. I really enjoyed it.

Thursday evening began with Workshops consisting of:

- Virtual Orientation Workshop to train each attendee how to navigate the Virtual Platform
- The Budget and Finance workshop-by Soror Perine-Beard in the absent of Soror Myles-Scott. Alpha Kappa Alpha is financially sound.
- Constitution and By-laws workshop introduced the Amendments to be voted on at Boule/Leadership Conference in New Orleans in July by Soror Murduh
 - 1.) Regional Directors Term of office from 2 years to 4-year terms
 - 2.) Connections Committee Name Enhancement (Connections/Social Action Committee)
 - 3.) Building and Properties – Enable Future Expansion of Members to the Committee
 - 4.) Technology Committee-Change in Composition to have a member from each Region.
 - 5.) New Standing Committee -Risk Management Committee
 - 6.) Incorporating Provisions -New Life Membership Provisions

- 7.) Membership Intake Process- Concerning Co-Sponsors
- 8.) By-law Effective Date in the Chapter.

Friday Morning April 9, 2021

First Plenary Session

- Greetings from the 89th SERC Chairman-Jenean F. Davis
- Response from 88th SERC Chairman - Soror Ola Blackmon-McBride
- Meditation by Soror Audrey Hall-Chair of the Spiritual Oversight Committee
- Technical Problems with the Welcome Presentation I could not see it.
- The Dais was introduced by the Protocol Chair for South Eastern
- Presentation of the Regional Director by Soror Jenean Davis and the Formal Opening of the SERC by Madam Regional Director Mitzi Dease Paige, Esq.
- Delegates were seated in the Delegate Room.
- 1st Legend was introduced-from Alabama- Soror Virda Lester
- Registration Report- LeKiesha Prowell
- Conference Rules presented by our own Soror Ramona Hill (Cute Presentation)
- Roll Call of Chapter Presentation
- Introduction of Madam Regional Director by Soror Toni Moore-Chief-of-Staff
- State of the Region Address
 - 1.) Virtual Information
 - 2.) CDC Guidelines to follow
 - 3.) Commended health Care Workers, Acknowledge the number of lives lost within the Region (42) and the number of cases reported within the Region.
 - 4.) South Eastern is the 4th largest Region with 108 Chapters (61 Graduate and 47 Undergraduate) with 11,247 members in the South Eastern Region.
 - 5.) MIP Updates- Spring 2020- Gamma Rho Chapter – suspended
2020- Approved 38 Undergrad chapters for MIP and 7 Grad Chapters
Will Charter an Undergraduate Chapter in Birmingham and there are 7 Interest Groups
 - 6.) 2020 Leadership fellows from South Eastern -10
 - 7.) She hosted Presidents Retreat, Regional Webinars, and Monthly Prayer Calls.
 - 8.) Recognized Ivy Beyond the Wall Ester Martin Rigsby
 - 9.) Acknowledged the Former South Eastern Regional Directors

Awards were presented

Closing Meditation and prayer by Former Regional Director Soror Mary Conner –

Plenary Session 2

Greetings from Regional Director -Soror Carrie J. Clark

Meditation by Former Regional Director – Soror Ida K. Martin

Introduction of Dais

2nd Legend from TN- Golden Soror -Linda L. Simmons

- Salute to Perpetual Pearls Sheroes and Song “To God be the Glory-Darcie Finch
- Introduction of Madam Supreme Basileus by Undergraduate Member Soror Braxton Simpson
- State of the Sorority was given by Madam Supreme Basileus-Soror Glenda Baskin Glover
 - 1.) Thanked everyone for the Get Out to Vote
 - 2.) Discussed the HBCU money raised in the past 3 years and the impact that has occurred because of the funds that have been given.
 - 3.) Reactivations 23,000, 1255 new members in 2020

4.) She discussed the Targets and the Impact Days and the progress that has been made.

Workshop: MIP Workshop – Soror Braxton Simpson and Soror LaTonya

- Reviewed all of the Virtual elements of the Current MIP. Encouraged all to please adhere to the virtual guidelines. Reiterated some of the dos and don'ts for the Virtual MIP.

Workshop: Rituals

- Discussed the procedures for conducting the Virtual Memorial Service for an Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony and the logistics associated with the process. Contacting Family members, Sorors, presentation information.

Undergraduate Program

3rd Plenary Session

LEGACY PARADE

Greetings by Soror Twyla Buford- Regional Director

Meditation by Soror Vanessa Rodgers Long -Former Regional Director

Introduction of the Dais

Selection by – Soror Jada Barnes – “Watch God Change Things”

3rd Legend from MS- Soror Patricia B. McGee from Rho Lambda Omega Chapter

Registration Report -6124 Registered

Report from the Budget Committee

\$561,350 expected after 89th SERC expenses

Time and Place

2022 -Memphis 2023-Birmingham

Resolutions

- 1.) Concerning COVID-19
- 2.) Accolades to Madam Supreme Basileus Soror Glenda Baskin Glover
- 3.) Accolades to the Conference Dream Team
- 4.) Accolades to Madam Regional Director Mitzi Dease Paige
- 5.) Accolades to Madam Vice President of the United States Soror Kamala Harris
- 6.) Homage to Former Regional Director, Ivy Beyond the Wall Soror Ester Martin Rigsby
- 7.) SER Stance on the COVID-19

90th Invitation to Memphis TN in March 2022

Closing Prayer and Meditation by Former Regional Director- Soror Jo Celeste Pettway

DTO won the Jean Tolbert Newsletter Award and Best of the Best

I enjoyed the Virtual 89th SERC and the throw and portfolio that I received. A memorable Conference. The Closing GALA was truly an “Explosion of Excellence.”

Thank you for the opportunity to Serve this Wonderful Chapter, Delta Theta Omega!!

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Soror Linda G. Thomas

Delegate – Graduate Advisor (Pi Rho Chapter)