

# PLENARY SESSION 1 – 89<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Regional Conference

**Highlights: Plenary 1 April 9, 2021**

**Session time: 9:00 – 11:00 am.**

**Welcome:** Soror - Chairperson of the 89<sup>th</sup> SERC

**Response:** Soror Ola Blackman McBride – Chairman of the 88<sup>th</sup> SERC

**Honoring all three states (Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee)**

## **89<sup>th</sup> SERC Critical Report:**

- Delegates - 628
- Alt. Delegates - 259
- Gen. Membership Delegates - 12
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- General Delegates - 499
- Undergraduate Delegates - 129
- Total number of Delegates from Alabama - 246
- Total number of Delegates from Mississippi - 185
- Total number of Delegates from Tennessee - 185

Soror Pamela Boyd moved to approve the adoption of the Critical Report. Report was adopted.

Parliamentary Rules Report was presented as a video presentation by Soror Ramona Hill (89<sup>th</sup> SERC Parliamentarian). Soror Hill moved for adoption of the 89<sup>th</sup> SERC rules. Report received a unanimous vote, conferences rules were adopted.

Roll call Basileus for all three states acknowledged their presence.

89<sup>th</sup> Chairperson international Conference agenda with flexibility. Soror Terry Smith motioned for adoption, and Soror Leah Wiggins seconded the motion. **RESULTS of VOTES:** 464 (yes), and 0 (no).

A motion was made by Soror Shanel Walker to adapt the minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> SERC. Soror Mirical Avery second the motion. **RESULTS of VOTES:** 475 (yes), and 0 (no).

Southeastern Regional Director Misty Paige Deese officially approved the Parliamentary Rules, and verified that there are 11,247 members in the southeastern region.

### **Undergraduate Report:**

- 2020 26 MIP request received only 2 was completed during COVID.
- 2 chapters suspended Jackson State University and Lane College.
- 16 chapters were able to complete intake Fall 2020.
- 7 graduate chapters approved for membership process before pandemic.
- 38 undergraduate approved to have MIP this Spring.
- 7 approved graduate chapters approved to have MIP.

Total number of service hours reported for (Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee) = 502,690.

- HBCU Impact day exceeded goal of passing 1 million for the third time. Contributions were received from the following colleges: Tugaloo College (\$50,000), Lane College (\$50,000) and Lawson State Community College (\$10,000).

AKA Day at the Capitol will be held for the first time virtually on May 6, 2021.

Talladega College suspended for three years or until the late Soror graduates.

### **NAME OF AWARDS GIVEN:**

- Cynthia Finch
- Ester Rigsby
- Ida Martin Reactivation Award
- Nancy Gardner Sewell Education Award

## **PLENARY SESSION 2 – 89<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Regional Conference**

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- Golden Soror of the Year- 51 years of Service. She has been the Basileus, Anti- Basileus, Grammateus, Anti- Grammateus, Epistoleus, and Cluster Coordinator; **Nominee- Linda L. Simmons of Phi Lambda Omega Chapter**

### **Target 1- HBCU**

- #CAP
- 60% increase since 2019.
- 5627 admitted in 2020.
- 7.5 million in scholarships awarded.

### **Target 2- Womens Health**

- 1.5 million women received education on healthcare and wellness.
- Breast cancer, heart health, nutrition, and caregiver have a total of 4.4 million volunteer hours.
- 157,000 mammograms given during mobile miles.
- Mammograms provided at the Mexican border.
- 42 million steps recorded with Walking with the Supreme.

### **Target 3- Economic Legacy**

- 4.3 million received training.
- Over \$29 million spent with Black Owned Businesses.
- Black Business Directory created.
- 3300 Alpha Kappa Alpha assisted programs.

### **Target 4- The Arts**

- 146,000 middle and high school students exposed to the Arts.

### **Target 5- Global Impact**

- As of December 31, 2020- 148,000 pair of eyeglasses have been donated; 14,807 shirt have been turned in; 100,958 dresses have been turned in; 554,958 shoe have been donated; and \$54,047 have been donated to Soles 4 Soles.

### **Membership-**

- 89,572 ended in 2019.
- 8334 reactivated in 2019.
- 2398 reactivated in 2020.
- 1255 Undergraduate Sorors.

### **Finance and Constitution Report**

- Total assets of \$45,235,345 at the year end of 12/31/2019.

2021 Audit is in process for filing.

### **Amendments to be Voted On:**

- Article 1: Section 15 I
- Article 1: Section 15 J; Revised number in Building and Finance Committee
- Article 1: Section 15 M; Committee composition
- Article 1: Section ; add Risk Management as a Standing Committee
- Article 2: Section 20; Chapters are not pre- standing
- Article 4: Section 9; Add Subsection
- Article 4: Section 32; Changing Co -Sponsor to Recommending Sponsor
- Article 15; By-law amendments will be added to the Chapter By- laws

### **Collaboration of AKA University:**

- Five (5) successful program webinars were provided for Chapter Leadership with an attendance average of more than 2000 Chapter Basileus and Anti- Basileus.

### **Excellence Impact Day:**

- Over 1 million volunteer hours performed at the end of our 7 Impact Days.
- Impact Day for 2020 was three times more than 2019.
- AKA tripled its service impact to families and communities needing it the most.

### **HBCU Task Force:**

- Need for HBCU were highlighted more during the onset of Covid 19 and the entire year.
- More than 200,000 Sorors have participated in marketing and supporting HBCUs since the start of the Excellence Program.
- In 2020, 346 Chapters reported adopting HBCUs; over 21,000 Sorors reported being a HBCU graduate while more than 8000 Sorors reported being active members of their HBCU alumni association.

### **Revised Toolkit for #CAP**

- This included recommendations for activities in a virtual setting and resource guide to assist them.
- More than 2200 reports were completed from 632 chapters.
- Decrease in the number of students participating in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- Total number of student participating since 2018 was 75,000 which exceeded the goal of 50,000.

### **2020 Caregivers Day**

- Focused on Nutrition for Life for those who take care of others and often time forget about themselves.
- Along with our community partner, AARP, a healthy cooking webinar featuring Chef Daniel Thomas was held in November to observe our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Caregiver's Impact Day.
- Chapters reported nearly 1900 Caregivers Day activities.

### **Financial Well-being**

- Is critical for the household and communities that we serve.
- Workshops presented information on credit repair, homebuying, identity protection, and business start-up. Using Region Bank Financial Literacy program along with other financial material.
- In 2020, more than 116,00 individuals were trained in a mixture of virtual and in person workshops. This included a webinar, in collaboration with Region Bank featuring Madame Supreme Basileus as the guest speaker.
- More than 20,000 joined on social media with each of the Divine Nine presidents participated.

I want to thank the Ladies of Delta Theta Omega Chapter for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as a delegate for the 89<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Regional Conference. It has been a pleasure and an honor to represent DTO.

Submitted by: Soror Sonya D. Rodgers  
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