

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
69<sup>th</sup> Boule Part II and 2021 Leadership Seminar Report  
“Exemplifying Excellence in the Pink Easy”  
New Orleans, LA (Via Chicago, IL)  
July 12-16, 2021

Delegate Report-Linda G. Thomas, Graduate Advisor

## **2021 Leadership Seminar**

**Monday, July 12, 2021**

8:00 am – Greetings from the Supreme Basileus- Soror Glenda Glover

12:00 Noon – Forum with Soror Star Jones and Anthony Anderson on life and health issues.

3:30 p.m. – Leadership Seminar Workshop- Session I

Using the MIP Toolkit: Ensuring A Proper Membership Intake Process Presenters:  
Soror Cynthia J. Finch, Soror Mary Connor, Soror Braxton Simpson, and Soror Yolanda Murdock  
Information given on the Current MIP procedures (information attached)

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021:** Workshops

9:00: Undergraduate Chapter Operations- Presenters: Sorors Geraldine Horton, Panayetta Burch, and Soror Tara Fikes

Discussed: How Undergraduate Chapters can effectively and efficiently conduct chapter meetings and keep proper Standards.

10:30 am: Alpha kappa Alpha Sanctions Guidelines- Undergraduates: Presented by Soror Erma Barron, Soror Jo Celeste Pettway, Soror Shelby Boagni, Soror Valencia Bean

Discussed the Sanctions that can be placed on Sorors and Chapters for different infractions committed.

EAF Forum was postponed from 12 until 1:30

2:00 p.m.: AKA Sing-Along a New Upbeat Songfest- Presenters: Soror Gail Atley, Soror Lynette Henley, Soror Dee Martin, Soror Kathryn Walker and Soror Felicia Bessent.

Taught different AKA songs.

8:00 – Regional Gathering was very nice and entertaining!! “We Let the Good Times Roll” From Mixology to Jambalaya to a Concert and the DJ was excellent!! I had a wonderful time.

**Wednesday Morning -July 14, 2021**– 9:00 – Alpha Kappa Alpha Housing Foundation Annual Meeting. The report of the Foundation was given. President Dr. Glenda Glover presiding. She gave a report on the activities of the Foundation and that it is sound. Soror Gayle Miles Scott gave the treasurers report and revealed the Foundation is in sound financial standings. Meeting was adjourned.

9:15 am – AKA EAF Annual Meeting was held. – President Glenda Glover presiding. She gave a report of activities conducted by the Foundation. She discussed the scholarships that were given, and Soror Gayle Miles Scott gave the treasurers report, and the finances are sound.

## 69<sup>th</sup> Virtual Boule II- July 14, 2021

- 10:00 am – Called to Order by the Supreme Basileus Glenda Glover with a wonderful meditation by Soror Patricia Russell-McCloud.
- Regional Greetings from all ten of the Regional Directors followed by the Virtual Boule Choir singing the Sorority Hymn.

Greeting from the four Former Supreme Basileus:

- Soror Mattelia B. Grays, 18<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus
- Soror Norma Solomon White, 25<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus
- Soror Carolyn House Steward, 28<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus
- Soror Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, 29<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus
- Greetings from the 69<sup>th</sup> Boule-Part II Chairman Soror Sheryl Rodriguez and her Co-Chairs followed by the Response from 69<sup>th</sup> Boule-Part I Chairman Soror Terri Dean
- The Charter was presented by Soror Cynthia Howell, Executive Director followed by the Registration Report, Delegate Strength by Regions and Total Delegate Strength.



REGION	REGISTRANTS
Central	2,310
Far Western	1,416
Great Lakes	2,074
International	298
Mid Atlantic	3,424
Mid Western	587
North Atlantic	5,215
South Atlantic	6,115
South Central	4,182
South Eastern	3,288
Total	28,909



SOUTH EASTERN REGION	
ENTITLED DELEGATES	631
CERTIFIED DELEGATES	556



TOTAL DELEGATE STRENGTH	
ENTITLED DELEGATES	5,435
CERTIFIED DELEGATES	4,968

- Delegates were all seated and very comfortable.
- Rules Committee Report was presented by Sorors Bonnie Washington Murdah and Martha Perine Beard- Rules of the 69<sup>th</sup> Boule Part II Passed.
- Agenda was adopted
- The following Sorors were appointed and Ratified by the Delegates:
  - Resolutions- Soror Valarie A. Hill
  - Rules- Soror Bonnie W. Murdah and Soror Martha P. Beard
  - Tellers- Soror Arlene Leland
  - Time and Place – Soror Tiffany Moore Russell

12:30- 2:00- Legacy Celebration and Chat with Soror Vanessa Bell Callaway- Enjoyed the Conversation along with all the Legacy photos presented as well as the Legacy Litany.

## Plenary Session 2:

- Enjoyed the opening Singing by the different Sorors.
- The meeting was called to order by the First Supreme Anti-Basileus Soror Danette Anthony Reed
- Meditation presented by Soror Mia Wright – “And the Peace of God shall surpass all Understanding”
- Solo from Jennifer Fisher Banks- “Wind Beneath My Wings”
- Introduction of the Supreme Basileus by Soror Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus
- Supreme Basileus Report by Soror Glenda Glover. She gave a wonderful and inspiring report. Alpha Kappa Alpha is progressing forward, and "the Sun Rose and shines bright on Alpha Kappa Alpha." She gave the report on all Program Targets. All Target areas are on track. Active Membership is as high as it has ever been with 1,030 Chapters and 103,000 Active members. 13,500 Reactivations. Finances are sound with \$70 Million in total assets. \$45 million in AKA assets, \$24 Million in EAF and \$1 Million in Housing Foundation. The Online Black Dollar Directory was formed as well as the Online Membership directory. Set It Off is the Song for the National Stroll. All is well in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She encouraged all Sorors to keep it up. The Report was received with a standing ovation and Highest Commendations.
- The Virtual Boule Choir lifted us higher with “Every Praise”.
- Report of the International Program Committee led by Soror Ora B. Douglas- All Program Target are on track, and she thanked chapters for their hard work. The report was accepted.
- Undergraduate Activities Committee Updates: Soror Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus, Soror Alysse Gurrier and Soror Jasmine Williams Undergraduate Members-At-Large  
The Undergraduate Activities Committee has been hard at work to ensure that Undergraduate Chapters are implementing the Program Targets for this Administration. They gave a good report, and the Undergraduate Chapters are working hard. The report was accepted.
- International Connection Committee Report given by Soror Roslyn Brock; The Report touched on the Get Out to Vote efforts, the election of Soror Kamala Harris, Voting Rights issues and that all Chapters should continue with Voting issues. The report was accepted.
- Capitol Hill Liaison Report given by Soror Amirah Salaam gave an overview of the activities that she is involved in and the reports that are shared with the Supreme Basileus and others so that the Sorority is informed of issues when they arise on Capitol Hill. The report was accepted.

## 6:30-9:00 p.m. Public Meeting

- The Public Meeting consisted of acknowledgements from the HBCU Recipient’s words of gratitude for the Endowment funds received.

## Thursday, July 15, 2021

### Plenary Session 3-9:00-11:45 am-Wear White Session-Rituals

- Beautiful Musical Prelude from different groups
- Meditation brought by Pamela Bates Porch, International Chaplain and Chair of the Spiritual Oversight Committee
- Honorary Members and Awards Recognitions by Soror Staci R. Collins-Jackson, Chairman  
**Soror Ursula M. Burns**-1<sup>st</sup> Black woman to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 Company. She is a Board Director of Exxon Mobil and Uber. Senior Advisor of Teneo Ltd.  
**Soror Ruth E. Carter**-1<sup>st</sup> Black person to win the Academy award for Best Costume Design. She is also the first Black costume designer with a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.  
**Soror Debra Martin Chase** -1<sup>st</sup> Black female producer to have an overall deal at any major Hollywood studio. 1<sup>st</sup> Black woman to produce a film that grossed over \$100 million. Her company is Martin Chase Productions.  
**Soror Cynthia Erivo** is an Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress, a Grammy Award winning singer.

**Soror Lisa Leslie** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's National basketball association player to win Most Valuable Plyer for the regular season, the All-Star game and the finals all in the same season.

**Soror Robin Roberts** was the 1<sup>st</sup> Black anchorwoman on ESPN. Co-Anchor of ABC's Good Morning America.

**Soror Tracee Ellis Ross** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Black woman to win the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a TV Comedy or Musical in over 30 years.

**Soror Alice Walker** is a Pulitzer Prize winner, National Book award winner and New York Times Best-selling author for her novel "The Color Purple".

- Rededication – Prayer was brought by Chelle Luper Wilson, Supreme Grammateus
- Ivy Beyond the Wall Recognition was led by Soror Nadine C. Bonds-Ritual Chairman-with participation from the Regional Directors. Tribute to Soror Faye Beverly Bryant, Soror Eva L. Evans, Soror Ester Martin Rigsby and Soror Nancy Gardner Sewell. All Ivy Beyond the Wall Sorors were listed by Region and Chapter. Delta Theta Omega had the following Sorors Listed: Mary Smith Andry, Augusta Donaldson Bradley, Gertrude Robertson Buskey, Carlinell Williams Chestang, Willette Michelle Andrews Foster, Mary E. Carter Hendricks, Hilda Roberts Jackson, Verna Smith Johnson, Mary Edith Gildersleeve rivers, Ruby Mickles Scott, Lucy Witherspoon Smith, Linda Ray Stiell, and Glenda Carol Webb.
- There was a recognition to all Heritage Club Recognition and Tribute to First Responders
- The report of the Executive Director was given by Soror Cynthia D. Howell.

Sisterly relations Celebration was present.

Plenary Session 4 -2:30-4:45-Pink and Green Session

- Called to Order by the Supreme Basileus-Soror Glenda Glover
- Meditation by Soror Brenda Smith from the International Day of Prayer Committee
- The following Reports were given during this Session:
  - Risk Management-by Kimberly Esmond Adams- Collaborated with all AKA Committees and trained 20,000 Sorors
  - International Constitution Committee – Voted on all amendment. All amendments passed and #7 dealing with MIP sponsors and co-sponsors was withdrawn and is under review.
  - Tellers Committee: The Vote on the Regional Director having a four-year term instead of a two-year term failed.
  - International finance Committee-by Gayle Miles-Scott- Audit was completed-Unmodified Clean opinion. No outstanding Liabilities. The Budget for Passed with no increase in fees.
  - International Investment committee- Soror Karla Hall -The Investment Portfolio is sound.
  - International Standards Committee-Soror Brenda Lewis -Virtual guides were presented and all Standards End of the Year Reports will be electronic

Soror Welcome Gala -6:30-8:30 PM

The Welcome Gala was wonderful. Enjoyed it from the comfort of my own space.

Friday, July 16, 2021 -9:15-11:45 AM

Plenary Session 5: Pink and Green Day

- Beautiful Musical Prelude
- Called to Order by Supreme Basileus Glenda Glover and Soror Jasmine E. McCoy presided over the session.
- Meditation by Soror Kendall Smith from Winston Salem University
- Committee Reports were presented by the following Committees

- Membership-Soror Tracey Morant Adams, Chair – She reported over 100,000 active members strong. Business online Directory is up and running, Transfer of members is available online and mentoring guide is available. Partnered with the DPGS Committee. The Reactivation Day will be January 15, 2022 – “You in 2022”. National Founders Day is January 14-15, 2022
- Membership Intake Process-Soror Cynthia Finch- 8586 New members from 2018-2021. Partnered with Standards and the Pandemic Task Force to ensure a safe MIP.
- Economic Impact study- Soror Vreda Williams-The Economic Impact of the Sorority is excellent on all levels.
- Pandemic Task Force by Soror Joy Elaine Daily, Chair- has worked hard to ensure the safety of the Sorority. Guidelines were sent out consistently to inform all members. Please continue to follow the Guidelines when conducting Alpha Kappa Alpha Business.
- Disaster Relief Task Force-Soror Jasmine A. Moore- Gave assistance to different areas during hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods.
- Building and Properties Committee -Soror Patricia Magee- Gave a report and showed the Properties owned by Chapters. South Eastern Region has 6 Properties and Delta Theta Omega is one of them.
- Leadership Fellows committee-Soror Elicia Spearman and Linda Brooks. - 47 Leadership fellows attended the Virtual Conference. EAF fully endowed the Leadership fellows Process.
- Resolutions-Soror Valarie Hill- Seven resolutions were presented:
  - 1.) Police Reform
  - 2.) Racism and Violence as Public Health Crisis
  - 3.) LGBTQIA in support of the protecting their rights
  - 4.) Voter Suppression
  - 5.) Vice President Kamala D. Harris and the work she is doing.
  - 6.) Philadelphia and New Orleans as host chapters for Boule I and Boule 2/Leadership Seminar
  - 7.) Supreme Basileus Glenda Glover for her outstanding leadership
- Time and Place committee-Soror Tiffany Russell -The 70<sup>th</sup> Boule will convene in Orlando, FL on July 10-15, 2022
- The Executive Director Thanked the Corporate sons and Platinum Sponsors as well as the Staff at the Corporate Office.
- Mississippi Health Project will be held Oct. 3-6, 2022.

The Supreme Basileus held Chats with the Graduates and Undergraduates.

The Closing Gala was very nice, and the members of the Directorate and Committee Chairs enjoyed themselves in Chicago at the Gala. They “SET IT OFF”.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Soror Linda G. Thomas, Graduate Advisor

Delegate

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