



# National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated

## Alpha News

### Welcome to A New Year!



**Esteemed Founders**  
Gladys C. Nunery, Julia  
A. Barnes, Gladys M.  
Ross, Florence S. Hunt,  
Ella W. Butler,  
Marguerite Gross,  
Mildred M. Williams  
Not Shown- Edna McConnell  
\*All are in Omega Chapter

"Together we are better," is the statement our Eastern Regional Director expressed at the end of her newsletter. As your Basileus, I call it "Moving Forward." That is what we will do with each of you my sisters thinking, creating and consistently collaborating for the good of the chapter's Y.E.S. Program. My installation was a moment of deep thought after repeating the words, "for there are others who trust me." This is something I hold dearly.

Our June planning meeting was my beginning to set a plan in place. The strategy first is to reclaim some of our inactive members. We know them; we see them at the diner, at the supermarket and at church. We smile and talk about what's going on in the political scene and the last play we saw. Our conversation, my sisters should be, "when are you planning to be reinstated, and what can we do to encourage you to return to the chapter?"

Public Relations, from the hand-held communication device; i.e. the cellular phone to the World Wide Web, is an important item. Alpha Chapter has already developed a space to

verbalize. By utilizing many thoughts and pictures on the Facebook, we strive to enhance our coverage. We will continue to observe and share media outlets to make our chapter and its activities more visible to the general public. Sorors, Public Relations is a must!

We need to add more willing workers to Alpha Chapter with additional energy to serve. They may possibly have ideas to share about what we can do to assist our children educationally, socially and emotionally. It is through service in the classroom as well as the community at large, that we help develop our youngsters. Perhaps the newer educators are for that kind of support group for themselves. I believe we are a unit that will be able to collaborate and discover additional ways to benefit our youth.

Our Sisterly Activities are designed to take us away from the formal setting to provide time for sorors and their guest to relax and enjoy each other's company. It may also be a time to discuss ideas about different work experiences.

Retirement calls for a different kind

of work and if one is retired, they may have time to share practices or possibly mentor the new educator. It is my hope that many sorors will be available to participate in the planned Sisterly Activities. Also, I hope new members or potential members will be encouraged to spend time with us.

So, my sisters we must prepare ourselves to plan, organize and institute our program components as we make ourselves more visible.

Remember, a picture is worth a thousand words. We must show everyone that **we are Alpha!!**



Your Soror, Moving Forward,  
Perry L. Jackson

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## NSPDK, Incorporated—Who We Are



The **National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.** a 501C3 organization of educators was founded in 1923 by eight young teachers in Jersey City, N J. As a professional institution of instructors, the Sorority addresses strong educational issues through numerous programs designed to improve instruction and offer opportunities to scores of young children, youth and adults. NSPDK has sponsored initiatives to assist beginning teachers, support good health habits, promote academic achievement, and preserve African American History.

**Membership** is open to women holding a degree from accredited colleges or universities who are state certified and actively engaged in the field of education, or women with same qualifications who retired within the last five years. The Sorority seeks to attract individuals who possess good moral character, exemplify respect for themselves and others and exhibit admirable integrity.

**The National Program** constitutes the activity center of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. and is carried out by each of the 115 active chapters in the five regions of the United States. **Youth, Education and Service (Y.E.S.)** provides activities for high school young ladies, Xinos and gentlemen, Kudos, and college students entering the education field, Kappa Omicron Tau (KOT). **Scholarships** are provided to two eligible graduating seniors entering the education area of study in each of the five regions. Local Chapters also provide scholarships to qualifying high school seniors entering the area of education. Additionally, all chapters support Sickle Cell Research at Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, TN, Afri-care, and the Florence Steele Hunt Endowment at New Jersey City University, in Jersey City, NJ. Dr. Hunt was one of the organization's founders.

As the founding chapter, Alpha Chapter prides itself in the numerous local projects and activities completed to address the Y.E.S Program. The chapter sponsors the Lily Pearl Nutrition Program in Jersey City that works with the State of New Jersey to feed more the four thousand students in afterschool programs. Additionally, the chapter instituted the Ella Wells Butler Book Scholarship, named for one of our founders. We celebrate this recognition along with two elementary schools in Jersey City named for two of our founders, Gladys Cannon Nunery (School #29) and Julia Abury Barnes (School #12).

Alpha Chapter proudly displays banners indicating who we are and the nutrition program we sponsor in front of its office located at 155 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Jersey City, NJ.

## Xinos Initiaton Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On July 1, 2019 the Alpha Xinos inducted six young ladies into the group. Big sisters presented the new Xinos jackets and other gifts as they received specially made pillows from the pledges.

Family members were in attendance to support the young ladies. Following the initiation ceremony, remarks were made by the Xinos Advisors, Rhonda Baskerville and Shawnte Williams and Chapter Basileus Perry Jackson. Refreshments were served and congratulatory remarks were given by others in attendance.



Gift bags for the new members



Newly inducted Xinos celebrate with their parents



Newly inducted Xinos show-off their jackets



Pledges made pillows for the Big Sisters



Basileus Jackson gave remarks to parents and family members.



Soror Sims enjoying the celebration

## Gifts and Good Will Soror Adrienne Lofton



**Birthday Celebrations:** September- Sorors Frances Harold, 9/10; Verna Sims, 9/14; Leisa Brown, 9/16; Mildred English, 9/19;

Adrienne Lofton, 9/26; Hazel Williams, 9/30

**Birthday Celebrations:** October- Soror Stacey Abdul Qawi, 10/21

**Birthday Celebrations:** November- Sorors Gwendolyn Jackson, 11/3; Adrian Braker-Davis, 11/5; Sandra Webster, 11/26; Rhonda Prince, 11/28

**Celebrations:** Soror Adrian Braker-Davis-Retirement; Dr. Tamika Pollins, new Administrative Position; Soror Hattie Solomon, Delta Pi Chapter celebrated her aunt's 105th Birthday

**Recuperating:** Alpha Chapter, Sorors Cynthia Jones, Frances Harold, Mildred Dorsey, June Day; Sorors Estella White and Dr. Melrose Robinson, Rho Chapter; Soror Sheila Griffin, Alpha Pi Chapter; Sorors Suzanne Gibbs and Rose Robinson, Xi Chapter

**Bereavement:** Condolences to Zeta Chapter on the passing of Soror Marsha Wells; Beta Tau Chapter on the passing of Soror Winifred Dutton; Epsilon Chi Chapter on the passing of Soror Martine Cadet; Soror Felicia Lawry, Xi Chapter on the loss her mother; Soror Farela Howie on the passing of her brother; Soror Mary Jones, Delta Nu Chapter on the loss of her grandmother; Soror Carlen Gateau, Beta Omicron Chapter on the loss of her mother-in-law; Soror Melanie Martin, Eta Chapter on the

passing of her father, Sorors Doris and Lisa Frierson, Delta Mu Chapter (SW) on the passing of Soror Doris' Husband and Soror Lisa's father; Beta Omicron Chapter on the loss of Soror Carrie Shelton; Soror Valeria Edwards, and Beta Lambda Chapter on the passing of Anthropos Michael Edwards; Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Oklahoma City, OK (SW) on the passing of Soror Thelma Parks; Delta Phi Chapter on the passing of Soror Brenda Joyce Lang Thomas and Soror Lorraine; Sorors Perry Jackson and Rhonda Baskerville on the loss of Soror Perry's nephew and Soror Rhonda's cousin; Beta Chapter on the passing of Soror Florence Radcliffe at the age of 103 .



# Conclave- 2019—96th Anniversary

More than twenty Alpha sorors attended the 96th Anniversary Conclave in St. Louis MO. The theme: "Bold 21st Century Education: Cultural Relevancy," was prevalent throughout the various events which included Professional and, Sororal Workshops, Vital Issues Breakfast and the Calla Lily Banquet. A moment of silence was held in memory of Past Supreme Basilei: E. Lucille Minor, Marguerite McClelland, Della Oliver, Ardena Dixon, and Margaret Nelson during the Supreme Basileus' opening remarks.

Our sorors attended workshops of their interest and were extremely pleased with the information they received from the presenters. The President's Reception was exceptional with attendees dressed in African/ Wakanda attire. The Membership Luncheon recognized 25 and 50 Year members and introduced the New Regular Life, Ruby and Diamond Life Members.

Chapter sorors were able to visit some of the notable restaurants in the area, especially Pappy's Smokehouse and Sweetie Pies. We were also, able to visit the Gateway Arch which is a symbol of the Westward Expansion before we returned home.



Delegates-Soror Perry Jackson and Francenia Sheppert with Dr. Lavetta Ross as the Alternate



Sorors are beautifully dressed for the President's Reception



Alpha sorors Monica Johnson and Audra Fields – Chisolm took part in Gala Night Presentation.



Sorors Ennon and Jackson working with sorors from other regions at the ABCs of Protocol Workshop



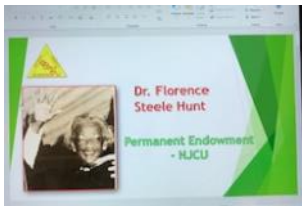
The food at Pappy's was "Smokin"



Soror Huntley, ER Member-At-Large presented a workshop on the Youth Groups of NSPDK, Inc.



Calla Lily Banquet entertainment featured Rhonda G and Sandy Redd. Both were phenomenal!



Soror Ennon provided a brief presentation on the Florence Steele Hunt Endowment at NJCU



Sorors enjoyed a meal at the famous Sweetie Pies Restaurant



Soror Baskerville reported on Sickle Cell Research at Meharry Hospital, and assisted in presenting a ten thousand dollar check to the director.



Ready for home after a great week!

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# Back to School Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Xinos and Kudos were asked to participate in a Back to School event hosted by Monumental Baptist Church, Jersey City, NJ. The event took place on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Dr. Erceel F. Webb Park.

The teens ran the popcorn, snow cone and other stations and assisted with registration. The Monumental Youth Organization gave out free school supplies, books and food. There were also games, music, and a table for health awareness.

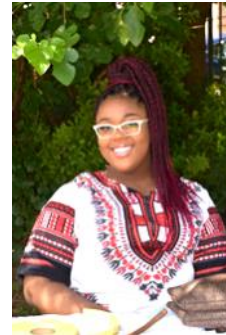
The Alpha youth had a great time doing something beneficial to others on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Thank you to the parents, advisors and sorors who supported this event.



Hub parents pause for photo opt with a Xinos



Soror Mary Webb-Miller offerig instructions



Youth Serving with smiles



Kudos working the popcorn machine



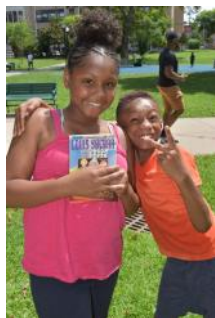
Xinos assisting youngster with refreshments



Youth Advisor providing assistance



Kudos passing out free refreshments



Parents enjoying a great day in the Dr. Erceel F. Webb Park



Advisors always ready to lend a hand



Soror Hazel Williams reads to a youngster



Free books for youngsters were provided



Hub parents actively involved

# Cluster 1 Meeting Soror Sandra Webster

On September 21, 2019, Delta Pi Chapter hosted the Cluster 1 meeting at Science Park High School in Newark, NJ. Sixteen (16) Alpha Chapter Sorors joined sorors from the other six Cluster 1 chapters and some members of the Eastern Region Executive Board for a day of, conversation, presentations and fun.

Our newly elected Eastern Regional Director, Dr. Patsy Squire (Beta Lambda Chapter) presented her perspective on improving the Y.E.S. Program (Youth, Education, Service) and how to create a unique recruitment vehicle to enhance membership. The session ended with an interest meeting for perspective members.



Eastern Regional Director, Dr Patsy Squire addressing the Sorors of Cluster i



ER Director with Regional officers and Cluster I Basilei



Alpha Chapter Basileus Perry Jakson speaking to the gathering



Sorors preparing for a great meeting



Soror Sandy Webster speaking about Teach-A-Rama



Alpha Chapter is in the house



## Alpha's Youth Sorors Anona Huntley/Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos began their new yearly activities by attending and participating in a nice "Welcome Back" joint meeting with Hub Parents on Sunday September 8, 2019. The Kudos are preparing three young men for induction into the group in early November. The Kudos will join the Xinos on Sunday, October 13, 2019 and participate in the "Making Strides" for Breast Cancer Walk.



Kudos advisor, Soror Francine Britton-Sheppert



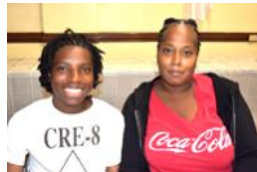
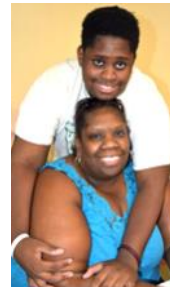
Xinos and Kudos enjoying the afternoon with parents



Xinos and Kudos enjoying the afternoon with their parents



Kudos advisor, Soror Anona Huntley



## Youth Presentation Soror Rhonda Baskerville

Following their regular meeting on October 6, Ms. Dionne L. Hallback facilitated a team building workshop for the Xinos. She captured the young ladies' attention and had them directly involved by providing a list of directives. She also, involved them in building the tallest structure utilizing only the objects in a bag. Ms. Hallback closed her presentation by reading some of the responses the Xinos wrote at the beginning and had the group recite the poem, "A Room Full of Sisters" by Mona Lake Jones.



Ms. Hallback actively engages and keeps the Xinos' attention



Xinos line up in groups according to their written choices



Xinos do a written activity on choices



Sharing a photo opt with the presenter



Xinos conduct Team-Building activity utilizing items in a bag



# Teach-A-Rama Soror Tamika Pollins, Ph.D

Alpha Chapter hosted its annual Teach A Rama on October 5, 2019 at the Hudson County School of Technology in Jersey City, NJ. There were over 80 people in attendance for an event that focused on "Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies." Participants were able to participate in Zumba (Tia Gist), Yoga (Kristen Beriloff), Nutrition (Lynette Hem-Lee), Meditation (Kristen Beriloff), Physical Fitness (Retro Fitness) and a session on how to keep their "Brain Fit" (Lisa Charles).

Our youth were also engaged in fitness of the mind and body as they learned to meditate, discussed the importance of physical fitness and participated in physical activities. Mr. James Johnson, Ex. Director of The College Preparatory Incentive Program, Inc. (CPIP) also, shared with parents, Xinos and Kudos the importance of planning early for college and information on where they could find resources.

A Pharmacist from Shop Rite was on site and administered 13 flu shots. Hudson Sport and Spine provided 15-minute massages for anyone who needed to release some stress. Alpha Chapter also sponsored a voter registration drive that was staffed by one of our former Kudos, Joshua Gaines the son of our Kudos advisor and First Anti-Basileus, Francenia Britton-Sheppert, April Williams, author of *Dreams Come True*, spoke with participants about her passion and process for writing and had her book available for purchase. An interest table was used to provide participants with information on the sorority and an opportunity to review activity books so that they could see the work our chapter has done.



Chair and co-chair, Dr Pollins and Soror Webster



Pharmacist gave flu shots



Voter Registration



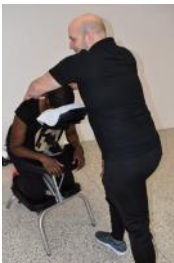
Meet the Author



Information about NSPDK, Inc.



Registration; smooth and pleasant



Hub Parent Meditating



Youth in Yoga and meditation activities



Mr. James E. Johnson, Exec. Director CPIP, Inc.



Yoga and meditation to begin the day



Youth and Hub Parents



Participants do chair yoga



Basileus Perry Jackson



Attendees enjoyed a healthy lunch



Youth enjoying a healthy lunch and "together" time



Youth advisors with basileus



Sorors spend time with former high school teacher

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Congratulations to Alpha Chapter's Conclave First Time Attendees!



Soror Shawnte Williams  
Xinos Co-chair



Soror Diane Ondande  
3rd Anti-Basileus



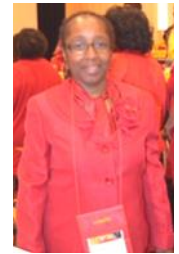
Dr. Lavetta Scott Ross  
Grammateus



Soror Adrian Braker-Davis  
Committee Member



Soror Audra  
Fields-Chisolm  
Epistoleus



Soror Monica Johnson  
Tamiouchos



Our visit to the Gateway Arch

## Children & Adults Benefits Sorors Doreen Bryant and Stacey Abdul Qawi

The Children and Adult Benefits Committee organized Alpha Chapter's "Red Back-to-School Book Bag" donation. Several chapter sorors supported this project by donating the cost of the book bags at the September meeting. Delivery was made to the Glenn Cunningham Early Childhood Center located at 218 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, NJ on September 16, 2019 by Soror Bryant and Basileus Jackson

Mrs. Kathleen Miick, teacher of the four year old students and Mr. Hani Ileya, Principal were very grateful for the donation and expressed their thanks to the committee and those who made contributions.



School is named for the first African American Mayor of Jersey City, NJ

On September 20, 2019, Soror Stacey Abdul-Qawi returned to her former school, George Washington Carver-Bruce Street School for the Deaf, in Newark, NJ, to deliver a few backpacks for the school's emergency supplies.

Having worked at Carver-Bruce for 9 years, Soror Stacey knew that it was important for the school to have school supplies to pass out year-round; not just in September.

Ms. Bonnie Gill, Vice Principal and Ms. Sjockier Jackson, Office Staff Member, were both delighted to reunite with their former colleague as they happily received the book bags on behalf of the school.



Soror Bryant waiting to see Principal Ileya



Soror Doreen Bryant, committee chair with Basileus Perry Jackson greeting and presenting book bags to Mrs Miick's students



Soror Stacey presenting book bags to vice principal and office staff member



# Walking for A Cure Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On Sunday, October 13, 2019 the Alpha Chapter Xinos, Kudos, Hub Parents, youth Advisors and sorors met in Newark, NJ for a very worthy cause; the annual "Walk for a Cure" Breast Cancer Walk. Not only did the young people cheer on the participants in their Walking, they passed out water to help them stay hydrated. Additionally, the youth group raised more than \$800. to donate to the American Cancer Society. Job well done to all who took part in this event!!



Xinos are ready to work the water station with the Kudos



Advisors and Basileus join the Walk



Hub Parents, advisors and sorors



Kudos co-chair and Hub Parents are ready to Walk



Alpha's Youth are waiting to get started



Father and son team



Kudos with Hub Parent dads



Alpha's Kudos are ready to work



Letting the public know one of the water suppliers



Hub Parent moms are happy to assist