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Educators Pay Attention to Details!!!

The details of what one plans will yield a complete success of the mission, or the lack of detailed planning will result in failure. Whether its bringing a planned event to closure, acquiring supplies for children in the community during this pandemic, or planning and executing Professional Development, detailed planning is essential.

The pandemic said, “no” to the chapter executing our face to face Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show which was scheduled for March 14, 2020. However, careful planning and attention to details by the luncheon committee and its chair, allowed the organization to have an alternative for our supporters to acquire their meals at the Westwood Caterers and participate in a program to recognize our awardees. In addition, a Thank You note with a gratis raffle ticket was given with each meal. The Eighteen baskets scheduled to be raffled at the luncheon were won by our supporters at the Virtual Program on September 19, 2020. Because sorors maintained

a laser focus on the details, everyone was able to enjoy a successful event.

Educators maintain lesson plans that include details to insure thorough instruction. Since the summer, the science of the pandemic has caused many decisions to be made that affect our homes, schools and our organization.

Plans for the back to school needs of youngsters in our community were made by our Local Projects Committee working with our Children and Adults Benefits Committee. Whether there would be face to face instruction or more remote learning, the need for supplies remained. We planned and obtained items children needed for hybrid face to face instruction with safety foremost in our minds. Masks, hand sanitizers, tissues, and stationery supplies were collected and given to preschoolers, elementary and high school students. Details of having the tools for instruction completed our mission for children. Additionally, this effort was shared with the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity who had

an additional focus. Voter registration and completing the 2020 Census which helped to motivate the parents and children to attend the open-air venue, register and increase voter numbers.

The success of our Teach-A-Rama required the detail of planning and practice with the webinar format for our virtual program. Each educator in our organization has proven that we are accomplishing our mission and we know that the careful attention to details is the one strategy that has proven to be paramount to success. Details are the beginning and the end.



Perry Jackson
Basileus

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NSPSK, Inc... Who We Are...

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK) a 501C3 organization of educators was founded in 1923 by eight young teachers in Jersey City, N J. As a professional body 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 teachers, support good health habits, promote academic achievement, and explore African American History/Multicultural Activities.

Membership is open to women who have 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 forms the activity center of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. and is carried out by each of the 117 active chapters in the five regions of the United States. Youth, Education and Service (Y.E.S.) provide 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. 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, one of the organization's founders was a graduate and received her Honorary Doctorate Degree. Additionally, the NSPDK E-Learning Academy was launched May 2020. It may be visited at www.NSPDKAcademy.org

Alpha, the founding chapter, prides itself in carrying out local projects and activities to address the Y.E.S Program. The chapter sponsors the Lily Pearl Nutrition Education Program in Jersey City that works with the State of New Jersey to feed more the four thousand students in afterschool programs. It has 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 our founders; Gladys Cannon Nunery (School #29) and Julia Abury Barnes (School #12). Alpha Chapter proudly displays banners indicating who we are at 155 Dr. Martin L. King Drive, Jersey City, NJ.

A Virtual Conference

The Eastern Region of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. made history July 23-24, 2020 by holding its first virtual Regional Conference. The 80th Eastern Regional Conference was hosted by Beta Tau Chapter utilizing the theme: "Putting the Pieces Together: Sisterhood, Education, and Cultural Relevance." Eastern Regional Director, Dr. Patsy Squire chaired the event with approximately 311 sorors in attendance.

The Ritualistic Opening with a call to order by The Regional Director took place at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning with Soror Anona Huntley Member-At-Large introducing the Dais. Greetings were given by Sorors Glenda Sinclair, Beta Tau Basileus, Ann D. Black, Guest Past Supreme Basileus and Dr. Etta F. Carter, Supreme Basileus.

Soror Huntley introduced the Eastern Regional Director who presented the State of Region message. The Credentials Report, Rules of the Conference and approval of the Agenda took place which led into the reports from Eastern Region Committee chairpersons.

The Book Club chaired by Soror Karen Kelly had a detailed discussion on the book, *An American Marriage* and Soror Tatum Booth led the Every Member Forum: **Keke, Are You Teaching?** The RAP event focused on *Social Emotional Learning* with Soror Alicia Copeland, chair.

The Awards Ceremony hosted by Soror Glenda Sinclair highlighted the following: National Scholarship recipient Samyla Copelin, Beta Chapter; Gladys Merrit-Ross Memorial Scholarship winners, Hunter Samuel, Epsilon Alpha Chapter and Chase Knox, Xi Chapter. The 2019 Youth Essay Winners were Caiya Edwards-Walker of Alpha Chapter, who presented her essay and Justin Croft of Zeta Chapter. The Citation Award was presented to Rev. John G. Moore, Sr. and the Achievement Award went to Soror Annie Moye, Beta Lambda Chapter. The evening concluded with a Roaring Twenties Virtual Tea hosted by Soror Evelyn Jermott-Jackson. Sorors were invited to wear Roaring 20's attire and bring their favorite tea cup and tea to **Celebrate and Fascinate About the Great Eight!**



Rev. John G. Moore, Sr.
Citation Award Recipient



Soror Evelyn Jermott-Jackson
Virtual Tea Hostess



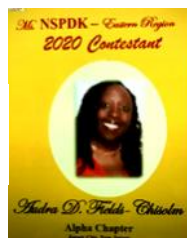
The Fennell Adventures
Memoirs of young travelers



Soror Jasmine McTague,
Alpha Chapter soror and Ms
New Jersey American Nation



Soror Audra
Fields-Chisolm
Ms Alpha Chapter



Dr. Patsy O. Squire
Eastern Region Director



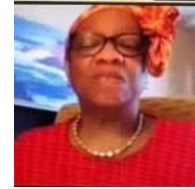
Dr. Etta Carter
Supreme Basileus



Soror Anne D. Black
Guest Past Supreme
Basileus



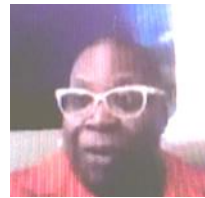
Soror Anona Huntley
Eastern Region
Member-At-Large



Soror Glenda Sinclair
Basileus
Beta Tau Chapter



Soror Perry Jackson
Alpha Chapter Delegate



Soror Francenia
Britton-Sheppert,
Alpha Chapter Delegate



Dr. Lavetta Ross, Alpha Chapter
Alternate Delegate
ER Professional Development chair



Saturday's session began with the Call to Order, Roll Call and Credentials report. Soror Marilynn Jones, Elections chair provided Election results. The Nominating Committee 2020-2024 was selected: Sorors Monica Lewis (Gamma), Francenia Britton-Sheppert (Alpha) and Bettie McClarien (Xi). Members appointed by the Regional Director were Sorors Mary Ennon (Alpha) and Drusilla Kinzonzi (Epsilon Chi) All recommendations passed and will be instituted in 2021-2022 sororal year.

Financial reports, audit and budget were presented followed by Committee Reports. Supreme Basileus Etta Carter presented an invitation to the 2021 Conclave and the One Day Regional conference in Florida. She also, gave a National update which included the activities the organization has accomplished to date.

The Virtual Literacy Luncheon with Soror Maria Allmond, Literacy chair featured three young authors; Jiyah, Jace, and Merl Fennell and their mother who inspired these children to transpose memoirs of their travels around the world into a unique 5 book series.

Following the announcements and the Ritualistic Closing, the Service for the Ill and Deceased and Torch-Lighting were held.

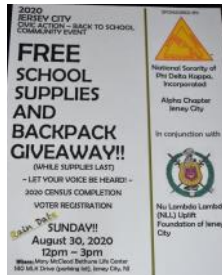
Professional Development chair, Dr. Lavetta Ross presented a workshop titled, "Do You Really Know Me?" which provided SEL Activities for the coming school-year. Additional workshops available included: Starting Your Own Business, Resilience and Loneliness, and Want to Write a Book?

The Ms. NSPDK Pageant with Tania Green-Clark, Fundraising chair and Soror Annie Moye, Mistress of Ceremonies was the final event of the conference. Nine chapters participated. Alpha Chapter was represented by Soror Audra Fields-Chisolm. Additionally, words of encouragement were given by Alpha Soror Jasmine McTague, Ms New Jersey American Nation. The winner was Soror Valeria Edwards, Beta Lambda Chapter.

Community Outreach Soror Doreen Bryant



Alpha Chapter's Local Projects Committee in partnership with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Jersey City Graduate Chapter (Nu Lambda Lambda), and the Alpha Chapter Children and Adult Benefits Committee sponsored a community outreach event in Jersey City for Voter Registration, 2020 Census Awareness and a School Supply distribution. The event was held on Sunday, August 30 from 12:00 to 3:00pm in the Mary McLeod Bethune Center parking lot.



Four tables were utilized; the table to sign up for the census was managed by the Omega Psi Phi brothers, the Voter Registration table was managed by the Local Projects Committee, and the other table was managed by the Children and Adult Benefits Committee who distributed 120 bags of school supplies for elementary and high school students. The Xinos had a table for Pre-K to 3rd grade students. The Omega Psi Phi Brothers oversaw the entrance to the parking area and Alpha's Anthropos supervised the exit gate to insure everyone's safety. The event was a huge collaborative success.



Men In Our Lives Soror Bernadette Robinson

The Alpha Anthropos joined the Children and Adults Benefits and the Local Projects Committees' **Back to School Drive**. Vice President Kenneth Bryant, Public Relations Director Cornell Robinson and member Joshua Gaines provided a day of support to assist individuals as they exited the parking area during the drive which took place across from the Bethune Center on Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City, NJ August 30.

The Anthropos were able to support Children, Adults and Community with donations for the giveaway Bookbags and incentive for Census and Voter Registration. This event was a day of collaboration and community outreach which involved our affiliates "The Anthropos," the Xinos and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Jersey City Graduate Chapter (Nu Lambda Lambda). The men were also available to assist with cleanup and transport of materials at the conclusion of the affair. As always, their assistance was greatly appreciated.



Team Jeopardy Soror Rhonda Baskerville

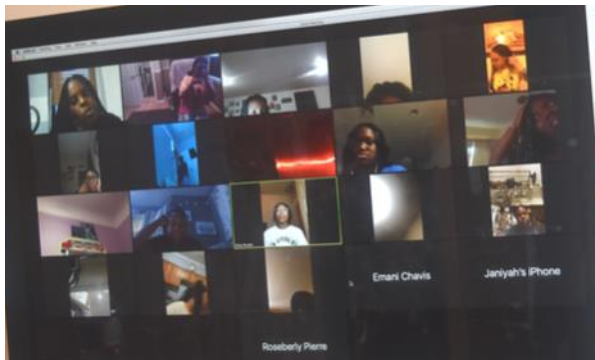
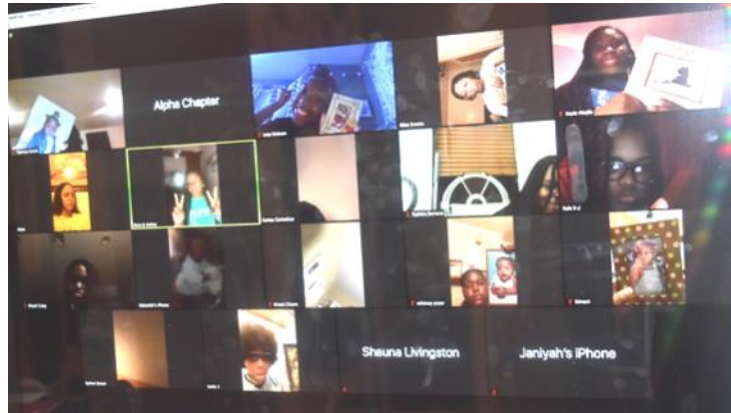
On September 13, 2020, the Alpha Chapter Xinos pledges the (Sonix) were put into teams to see which group knew their pledge information best. It was nice to see the young ladies assisting each other to come out front-runners. The winners, Ashley, Janelle and Kimani, received Dunkin Donuts gift cards for their 'slam-dunk performance'!



Scavenger Hunt Soror Rhonda Baskerville

Wednesday, August 12 was a fun-day for the Xinos and the pledge group (SONIX). They challenged each other during a Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Advisor Soror Rhonda Baskerville had fun watching the young ladies run and grab items that everyone seemed to have versus the ones that not many people currently own; for example, a rolling pin.

Xinos Lacy Dobson found 19 of 20 items on the list and SONIX Sydnei Brown and Kimani Culbreath had to break a tie. Sydnei did that with a wall calendar she spotted instantly. The three young winners received gift cards valued at \$25, \$15, and \$10 to the store of their choice. It was a fun event and the young ladies definitely want to do it again.



Youth Support Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Xinos and SONIX worked together to prepare several "Welcome Back to School" bags for students in grades Pre-K to 2 on August 26. The bag was designed to be a survival kit that included necessary school items and even a few treats.

In collaboration with the Chapter and the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., a group of our young ladies distributed those bags to families on Sunday, August 30 at the Jersey City Civic and Community event that focused on distributing school supplies, Voter Registration and the 2020 Census.



Scholarship Luncheon Soror Verna Sims

The Annual Marie A. Bagby Scholarship Luncheon scheduled for March 14, 2020 was postponed due to the Covid19 pandemic. Soror Verna Sims, chairperson made arrangements for the chapter to have a virtual luncheon which was held September 19, 2020. Arrangements were made for guests to obtain their food at the Westwood Caterers between the hours of 11:00am and 1:00pm. The formal luncheon program began at 5:00pm as a Webinar. Honorees and other recipients were notified in advanced and invited to make a video if they would be unable to participate virtually.

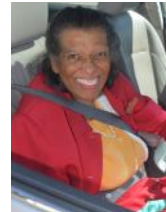
Guests arrived on a beautiful Saturday morning to get their meal, receive a journal, raffle tickets, and have their photo taken. A little socialization between sorors made the day even more enjoyable.

The virtual program began with Dr. Lavetta Ross, Mistress of Ceremonies introducing Basileus Perry Jackson who brought greetings. Soror Leisa Brown played the Black National Anthem, **Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing** and the Invocation was given by Soror Jessie Wilkerson. The first six of 18 Raffle prize numbers were called by Soror Adrienne Lofton with instructions for each winner to retrieve their prize.

Soror Mary Webb-Miller presented the chapter's scholarship winners. Each recipient offered gratitude for their award and informed the gathering of their plans for the future. Six additional raffle numbers were called by Soror Hazel Williams followed by a five minute musical respite.

The seven honorees were introduced by Basileus Perry Jackson and First Anti-Basileus Francenia Britton-Sheppert followed by the last raffle prize numbers being called by Soror Doreen Bryant.

The Xinos and the Kudos of the year were presented by Sorors Rhonda Baskerville, Xinos chair and Francenia Britton-Sheppert, Kudos chair. The event concluded with a video of the Snyder High School Fashion Program which was introduced by Soror Sandra Webster and closing remarks by Soror Britton-Sheppert.



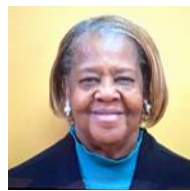
Gwendolyn Jackson
Executive Advisor
NSPK, Inc.
Alpha Chapter



James Johnson
Executive Director
College Preparatory
Incentive Program



Valerie Morris-Woods
Casper Program
Administrator
Jersey City Public Schools



LaVern Webb-Washington
Community Activist
Jersey City, New Jersey



Dr. Tanasha Simela
Dermatologist
Boutique Dermatology
and Aesthetics



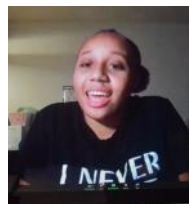
Clarelle DeGraffe
Director and General
Manager PATH
Rail Transit System



Ferris & Sandra Tune
Hub Parents
NSPK, Inc. Alpha Chapter
(Sandra Tune—Memorial)



Arianna La France-Green
1st Place
Scholarship Recipient



Racquel Petit-Frere
2nd Place
Scholarship Recipient



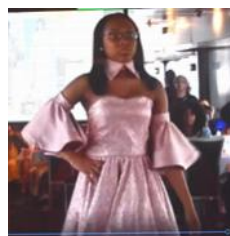
Kenya Woodson
3rd Place
Scholarship Recipient



ZaNiya McMillian
Xinos of the Year



Isaiah Moses
Kudos of the Year



Soror Sandra Webster provided information
about the Fashion Program at Snyder High
School of Jersey City, NJ



Xinos Induction-Summer 2020 Soror Rhonda Baskerville

Twelve high school young ladies were welcomed into the Alpha Chapter Xinos Club on Sunday, October 4, at the Liberty State Park's Empty Sky Memorial in Jersey City, NJ.

The pledges' parents and some family members were in attendance to support them. Additionally, several of Alpha Chapter's current Hub Parents were there to greet the pledging Xinos and welcome the new Hub parents.

Each of the pledges had to select the name of a big sister and surprise her with a pillow they made. In return, each pledge received gift bags from their big sisters.

Xinos Advisor, Soror Rhonda Baskerville extended a tremendous "Thank You" to all parents and members of "the village" who supported the young ladies throughout the summer to reach the point of their induction. **She and they** are looking forward to many great days ahead with the youth! Chapter Basileus Perry Jackson, youth advisors Sorors Shawnte Williams, Jamila Bass, Anona Huntley and Francenia Britton-Sheppert gave remarks and extended congratulations to the group.



Walking for a Cure Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The annual Breast Cancer Walk for a Cure was totally different this year. Alpha Chapter's Xinos and Kudos are usually parading the streets of Newark, NJ with bottles for water for participants, supporters, and survivors of Breast Cancer.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the American Cancer Society held a Pep Rally drive-by style in Newark, NJ on Saturday, October 18. Although the walk was not carried out in the same manner, the mission remained the same; to raise funding for cancer research for a cure.

Alpha Chapter was represented by its Xinos, Kudos and youth advisors, Sorors Rhonda Baskerville, Francenia Britton-Sheppert and Anona Huntley, and Chapter Basileus Perry Jackson. Sorors Huntley and Jackson are both survivors.



Teach-A-Rama 2020 Dr. Tamika Pollins

Alpha Chapter hosted its Annual Teach-A-Rama on Saturday, October 24, 2020. This event took place virtually through the use of a Webinar. Dr. Gretchen Long, a History Professor from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, spoke on the medical history of African Americans during slavery and emancipation. She is the author of the book titled: **Doctoring Freedom: The Politics of African American Medical Care in Slavery and Emancipation**. Participants had the opportunity to submit questions for Dr. Long to answer about her work and presentation.

Alpha Chapter's very own Soror Tynetta Harris shared a presentation on **Leveling Up in the Black Community**. Soror Tynetta is the CEO of BelovED Consulting and she reminded us the importance of doing our part and that we needed to Speak Up, Dress Up and Show UP in order to Level UP.

Participants which included our youth, Hub parents and visiting sorors also had the opportunity to have some fun in a virtual Teach-A-Rama photo booth to capture the moment. The photo booth allowed us to be sociable while being physically distant.



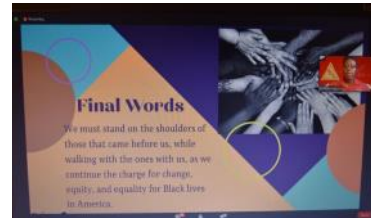
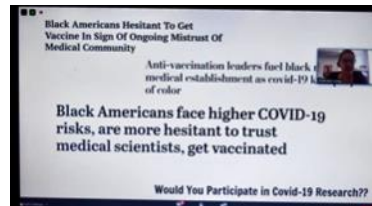
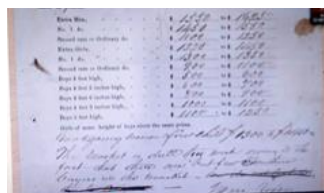
Dr. Tamika Pollins
Teach-A-Rama Chair



Dr. Gretchen Long



Soror Tynetta Harris



Dr. Princess Towle
Delta Pi Chapter

KOT Ribbon Ceremony Soror Stacey Abdul-Qawi



This month the chapter and Dr. Elaine Kirkland, Xi Chapter KOT Advisor attended the Virtual Ribbon Ceremony of the first KOT line for Alpha Chapter in several years. The four young ladies are

former Xinos of Alpha Chapter and are committed to becoming educators in the future. The 2021 Rosebud line is made up of Briana Woodson, President, Kenya Woodson, Vice President, Za'Niya McMillan, Secretary, and Jai'da Richardson, Treasurer. The young ladies all attend different colleges and are pursuing different majors which will lead to professions under the education umbrella.

The young ladies are excited about the planned activities that have been mapped out for them despite the restrictions of the pandemic. Their anticipated induction date will be some time after the new year. The Alpha KOT Committee, Sorors (Gail Andrew, Tynetta Harris, Natasha Stone, and Stacey Abdul-Qawi) and the members of Alpha Chapter proudly await the official induction of our future Kappa Omicron Tau members.



Kenya Woodson
Peters University
Vice President



Za'Niya McMillan
Hudson County
Community College
Secretary



Jai'da Richardson
New Jersey City University
Treasurer

Briana Woodson
Montclair State University
President



Halloween at Baby World Soror Rhonda Baskerville

Alpha Chapter Xinos normally visit the Julia A. Barnes School to give out treats to the students for Halloween. However, due to Covid 19, school buildings are closed and students are learning virtually. This year the Xinos packed Halloween bags for the children at Baby World Day Care Center in Jersey City. This is a new connection with which the chapter will be able to collaborate with in the community and provide support in the future.

Selected children were chosen to take photos. Sincere thanks are extended to Ms. Carlette for the warm welcome extended to the chapter's youth.



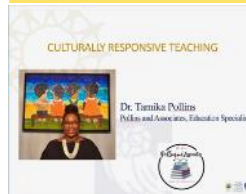
See America in Colors Dr. Tamiks Pollins



Alpha Chapter soror, Dr. Tamika A. Pollins was a panelist on Friday Night Flights of See America in Colors. The theme was **America's Got an Impostor Syndrome Delemma**. The event took place via Zoom on Friday, September 25. The discussion was designed to be informative and to help students fill the void from missing after school sports and activities, affect social issues and avoid pop up house parties.

The panelists delivered empowering insights on taking civic engagement and career dreams to new heights, civics education to live your best life and squashing biases for social impact.

Professional Development Dr. Tamika Pollins

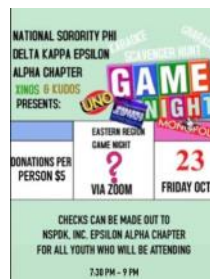


Dr. Tamika A. Pollins facilitated a professional development session for teachers and professors at Rice University in Houston, Texas. The teachers were all elementary and high school Science teachers in the Rice University's Texas Leadership Initiative for Inquiry Science Teaching Program.

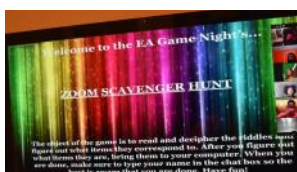
Teachers and professors engaged in conversation regarding how redlining and medical care play a role in the lives of children and their families, and how society impacts the academic success of students. Teachers and professors were also exposed to messages found in curriculum materials that marginalize black and brown students.

Game Night Soror Rhonda Baskerville

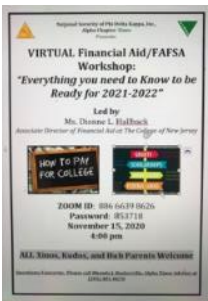
The Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos were invited to a virtual game night sponsored by the Epsilon Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos. The event took place on Friday, October 23 by way of Zoom. Epsilon Alpha's youth welcomed eighteen Xinos, four Kudos and advisors Sorors Rhonda Baskerville and Anona Huntley to an evening of fun. The youth and advisors enjoyed playing such games as **Bingo**, **Name that Tune** and conducted a **Scavenger Hunt**. Our youth thoroughly enjoyed the event. Some of them came away as winners!



Xinos and Kudos BINGO				
B	I	N	G	O
Lean on me	NSPDK	Xinos	From Advisors	
What's the deal?	advisors	Bingo & Game	"We are TOPS"	Compassion
What's the deal?	advisors	Free!	Compassion	Balance
Service	President	Family	2020-2021	Church Activities
First Psalm	Interfaith	Greek	Debate	Officials



Financial Aid Workshop Soror Rhonda Baskerville

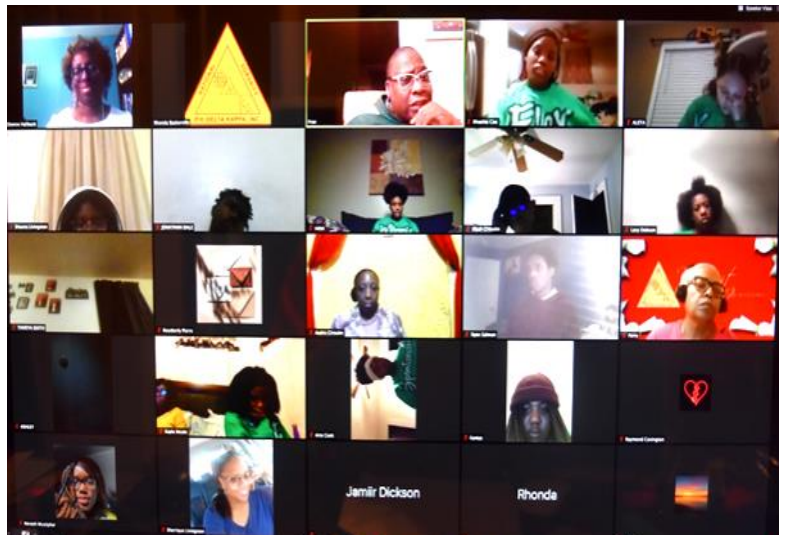


On Sunday, November 15, 2020, the Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos attended a Virtual Financial Aid/FAFSA workshop led by Ms. Dionne Hallback, Associate Director of Financial Aid at The College of New Jersey.

This is an essential time for our youth since 10 Xinos and Kudos are graduating in 2021 followed by 14 Xinos and Kudos in 2022.

Ms. Hallback presented a wealth of information to assist the students in preparing for what will be coming after high school and how they can begin the planning now. Ms. Hallback's own personal experience enlightened everyone as has her involvement with current students. Hub Parents in attendance were encouraged by the information provided. There was a question and answer portion at the end of the presentation which provided additional information.

As professionals, our job is to inform our youth about events that will be of major importance to them in the future. Alpha Chapter thanks Ms. Dionne Hallback for continuing to inform our youth and parents about financial aid in preparation for their impending college experience. Approximately 30 people were in attendance which included youth advisors and Alpha Chapter's Basileus.



Goals of Financial Aid Office

- Primary goal is to assist students in paying for college and is achieved by:
 - Evaluating family's ability to pay for educational costs
 - Distributing limited resources in an equitable manner
 - Providing a balance of gift aid and self-help aid
 - Implement federal and state regulations for their college/university

Types of Aid – Loans for Students/Parents (i.e. credit based loan)

- **State NJ Class Loan – fixed repayment options** (www.njclass.org)
 - NJCLASS Loan options are: principal/interest, interest only and deferment options are available all with a 3% fee
 - Fixed interest rates & terms
 - 10 Year Fixed Rate NJCLASS LOAN, starting at 3.70% (immediate payment principal and interest)
 - 15 Year Fixed Rate NJCLASS LOAN is 4.25% (interest only payments while in school)
 - 20 Year Fixed Rate NJCLASS LOAN is 5.10% (full deferment while enrolled at least half-time)
 - Students can borrow up to the cost of attendance and the student (with a co-signer) and/or parent can be the borrower.
- **Federal PLUS Program** Parent is the borrower. Loan is a 10 year loan and must be paid on a monthly basis (principal and interest) 5.50 % interest and origination fee 4.248% www.studentaid.gov
- **Private Education Loans** – Sallie Mae, Wells Fargo, PNC, etc. Interest rates vary fee based on credit scores
 - Loan Repayment options varies: (1) immediate payment principal and interest (2) interest only payments while in school and (3) full deferment while enrolled at least half-time.
 - Assistant: Student@SallieMae.com or Parent@SallieMae.com for the borrower

Institutional & Private Scholarships

Factors that may influence eligibility:

Academics	Athletic Ability*	Resources
SAT's	Geographic Diversity	• Library resources
AP Courses	Legacy (child of alumni)	• Local businesses,
Activities	Talent	• Civic organizations
Academic Track	Gender/Ethnicity	• Churches
H.S. Attended	Class Rank	• Sororities & Fraternities
		• Parent's employer(s)
		• www.hesaa.org
		• www.fastweb.com
		• www.collegeboard.org
		• www.mappingyourfuture.org
		• www.jycollegecounseling.com

* Athletic awards offered by NCAA Division I and Division II schools only.

Types of Aid – Loans for Students

- Federal Direct Loan Program (Dependent Students)

Student Status	Subsidized Stafford Loans	Unsubsidized Stafford Loans	Total Stafford Loan Eligibility (year)
First Year	3,500	2,000	5,500
Second Year	4,500	2,000	6,500
Third & Fourth Year	5,500	2,000	7,500

2020 – 2021 Award Year Interest Rates and Fees
Federal Direct Undergraduate Direct Loans are 2.75% plus a 1.059% origination fee
*Interest rates and fees are subject to change for the 2021-2022 award year.

Common Mistakes Made on the FAFSA

- Student's name as it appears on the social security card, social security number, and date of birth (**Data match**)
- Parent section vs. Student section (**duplicating income**)
- Number of people in the household (**immediate family**)
- Divorced/remarried households (**Step-parent information**)
- Skipping the gender question (**Males must register with Selective Service**)
- Including untaxable social security benefits.

Section III – Aid Packages

- Award letter format may vary by institution
- Available after FAFSA filed and student is admitted
- Used to compare aid packages

Cost of Attendance

- Tuition and fees*
- Room and board*
- Books and supplies, equipment, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses*
- Loan fees
- Study abroad costs
- Dependent care expenses
- Expenses related to a disability
- Expenses for cooperative education program

* Items included in a standard Cost of Attendance

Application #2: FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- 2021-2022 FAFSA available October 1, 2020 online at www.fafsa.gov via web browser, mobile phone or tablet.
- Apply in October of your high school senior year and submit the FAFSA yearly every October 1st for the following school year.
- FREE application that collects family's personal and financial information used to calculate the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- 2021-2022 FAFSA will require 2019 income information referred to as prior-prior information (2 years prior).
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool options allows tax filers to link to the IRS to download the majority of their income information.

Unexpected Costs

- Remediation Classes: extra 1 – 2 semesters
- Change in major: 1 – 2 years in addition
- Transferring: possible extra semester
- Unpaid internships: loss of Summer wages
- Study Abroad, Spring break, trips home and pledging costs
- Moving expenses and Summer storage

Other Resources

- Outside Scholarships
- Campus Administered Payment Plans
- Campus Employment
- Specialized Campus Opportunities
 - ✓ Residential Advisors
 - ✓ Student Ambassadors
 - ✓ Student Tour Guides
 - ✓ Internships/CO-OP'S

Xinos' Thanksgiving Soror Rhonda Baskerville

A group of Alpha Chapter Xinos assembled on November 22, 2020, to combine all the food items that had been collected from their group along with generous financial contributions. Two baskets were prepared for families at Founder Julia A. Barnes School # 12 and two were designated for families at Baby World Daycare Center in Jersey City.

The young ladies felt it gratifying to donate those baskets at both schools knowing that families would be blessed by their generosity. Sincere thanks to the Xinos who were able to assist with making the special deliveries. Thank you also, to Soror Helen Brooks for her generous donations from her church that added to the baskets, and to our 2020 Scholarship Luncheon honoree, Ms. Laverne Webb, for the turkeys that helped complete each family's meal.

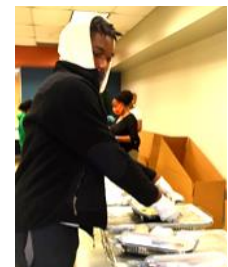


Thanksgiving Dinner Soror Rhonda Baskerville



A special thank you is extended to Moni-que's Techniques and Mo'Hair Foundation in Jersey City, NJ for enabling Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos to lend a helping hand on Thanksgiving Day.

2020 has been difficult for many people and families. However, it was an absolute pleasure for us to come together to support this 24th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Approximately 700 dinners were packed for deserving people. Our young people thought it was a privilege to serve others.



Kudos' Baskets Soror Francine Britton-Sheppert

The Alpha Chapter Kudos were able to prepare five Thanksgiving baskets for distribution; thanks to everyone who made contributions toward their efforts. The young men gathered at the office to stock the baskets.

Thanks to Soror Diana Ondande for making it possible for the family of a student in her class at the Rev. Dr. Ercel F. Webb (PS # 22) School in Jersey City to receive a basket for which they were very grateful. Kudos Ryan Solomon recommended that one of his neighbors who is raising her grandchildren receive a basket. Three baskets were delivered to Praise Temple Church in Newark, NJ for designated families there.

The Kudos would like to thank everyone, again for their contributions towards this endeavor.



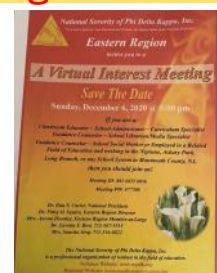
Ribbon Cutting

Soror Mary Ennon attended the virtual Ribbon Cutting of the Frank Guarini Institute for International Studies at the New Jersey City University (NJCU) November 18. Dr. Sue Henderson, President spoke of the numerous qualities this donor has and thanked him for his contributions. Included in the ceremony were the mayor of Jersey City and several students who spoke positively of their experiences with international studies. NJCU is also the home of the Founder, Dr. Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship Endowment.



Interest Meeting

The Eastern Region of NSPDK, Inc. held a Virtual Interest Meeting for educators in Monmouth County, NJ school districts. It is desired that a chapter may be chartered in that area. Soror Anona Huntley, Eastern Region Member-At-Large, led the meeting with a welcome to all, an introduction of sorors in attendance, and the Eastern Regional Director who gave remarks followed by Alpha Chapter Basileus who also provided information about our organization. Each perspective candidate provided information on their position and school district. Alpha Chapter soror Dr. Lavetta Ross provided a beautiful presentation on the organization. Another meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2020.



Alpha Got Out the Vote!



Gifts and Goodwill Soror Adrienne Lofton

September Birthday Shout-outs: Sorors Frances Harold, 9/10; Verna Sims, 9/14; Brenda Calloway, 9/14; Leisa Brown, 9/16; Mildred English, 9/19; Adrienne Lofton, 9/26; Hazel Williams, 9/30

October Birthday Celebrities: Sorors Lauren Brown, 10/3; Stacey Abdul-Qawi, 10/21; Jawharah Muhammad, 10/24

November Birthday Applauses: Sorors Gwendolyn Jackson, 11/3; Adrian Braker-Davis, 11/5; Sandra Webster, 11/26

Merry December Birthdays: Sorors Gail Andrew, 12/8; Marilynn Jones, 12/16; Donna Scott-Motley, 12/19; Naomi Huntley, 12/23

Happy New Year January Birthdays: Sorors June Day, 1/1; Helen Brooks, 1/20; Shawnte Williams, 1/22; Lavetta Ross, 1/31

The Sorors of Alpha Chapter are extending prayerful thoughts to all who are suffering from illnesses and/or the loss of love ones. We sincerely hope our sisterly love will help to ease these painful challenges.

Praying for our Chapter Sorors Cynthia Jones, June Day, Dorcia Berry, Mildred Dorsey and Stacey Abdul-Qawi.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Soror Bernadette Robinson on the passing of her father.



A huge Shout-Out and Thank You for Your Service

to Alpha Chapter Anthropos who were in the Military:

Anthropos Richard Jackson, Jr., Kenneth Bryant, and Alvin "Duke" Sims.



Alpha Chapter celebrates our most Senior Soror; Soror Dorcia Berry who is 98 years young. Her daughter and caregiver Chantal Dalton says, she has a fighting spirit.

Soror Dorcia became a member of Alpha Chapter in 1943 and was very active in many areas of the (PERTY) Program which changed to YES. She was chapter Basileus in the middle to late 1970s. Soror Berry relocated to Washington, DC in the early 1990s to be near her daughter because of declining health. While our sorors miss her presence at meetings, we remain in touch by sending greetings cards and our newsletter.