

# THE IVY CONNECTION

ETA CHI OMEGA

May 2026



Lead with Purpose. Serve with Passion.  
Impact with Intention.

The first half of 2026 has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you for your service! Eta Chi Omega stands strong with an active membership of 159! We have moved to large chapter status and with that comes large chapter expectations. We must continue the upward trajectory continuing to be visible in our community as we **“Lead with Purpose and Serve with Passion.”** Let us be intentional and strategic in our actions. As we prepare for Boule and the new initiatives to be announced, let us ask how can we expand our reach in the community? What ways are we able to increase our engagement and bring our service where it is needed most? Our actions must not be self-serving, but instead uplifting and empowering. We have a responsibility to educate and advocate for the causes that are vital to preserving our basic rights and ensure our community's ability to flourish.

As we prepare to elect the next leadership team to carry Eta Chi Omega to new heights, let us be reminded of our responsibility as members of our great sisterhood. Serving in a leadership role should not be a popularity contest nor should it be one where members are voted on because they campaigned and urged others to cast their votes for them.

Instead, we should look for those who possess the ability to work well with others, uplifting and empowering, while operating within the guidelines of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Among other qualities, a good leader embodies a blend of character, clarity, and compassion, guiding others with both purpose and integrity. They lead with vision, seeing beyond the moment to inspire a shared future, while grounding their actions in honesty and accountability. They listen deeply, communicate with intention, and make space for diverse voices to be heard. A strong leader remains adaptable in times of change, courageous in moments of challenge, and humble enough to keep learning. Above all, they lead through service, uplifting others, strengthening community, and creating an environment where people can grow, contribute, and thrive.

I encourage all Sorors to think of the future of Eta Chi Omega when considering candidates for 2026-2027. May we continue to thrive in our community and our sisterhood, exceeding all expectations and setting new standards!

*Tracey Biagas Hill*

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**“LEADING WITH PURPOSE....SERVING WITH PASSION”**



## Basileus Chat

Do you have ideas for future projects? Are you looking for a Soror to meet up with for a walk in the park? How about chatting over coffee or meeting up for lunch to get to know your Soror(s) and foster sisterly relations?

Look no more. Your Basileus will “pop up” in a neighborhood near you at least once per quarter to get to know the Sorors of ECO better. Feel free to drop in...stop by...or meet up for a friendly chat.



## 2026 2nd Quarter Stop:

Mae Ann's Taste of Soul

135 W. Landry Street

Opelousas, LA

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

**Breakfast@9:00 a.m.**

**Submit your  
Recommendations  
(337) 739-1039 or  
tabiagas@aol.com**



## Support Black-Owned Businesses

During 2026, let us track our spending in Black-owned businesses to monitor the economic impact of our membership. Whether you have your hair done weekly, or like to shop online for fashions or paraphernalia marketed by Black-owned businesses, every dollar counts and makes a difference. While our current International Program tracks spending in June of each year, let us maintain that focus year round.

Please track/enter in spending using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/GEU8AQ2N7Pf2WmS46>



## Black-Owned Business Spotlight

### Magnolia Springs Venue

1255 Capritto Forty Arpent Road  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
(337) 342-2322  
magnoliaspringsvenue.com

### Tim's Kitchen

1000 Albertson Parkway  
Broussard, Louisiana

### Luxe Whip Bar

Lafayette, Louisiana  
(337) 342-9226  
luxewhipbar@gmail.com



### 2026 Habitat for Humanity Women Build: Strong Women Build Strong Communities

Eta Chi Omega members joined Habitat for Humanity for the second year as a corporate sponsor, sponsoring two teams, and building two homes. Financially, we have contributed \$4,000 to our community through this project. The hard work and commitment of our members helped provide families with a safe space on a firm foundation to live and use for generations to come. Since 2025, Eta Chi Omega has assisted in the building of four homes, which has made a tangible impact in our community. Job well done!



### 2026 Black Dollar Tracking to Date

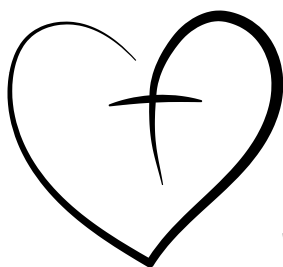


Continue tracking  
Spending in  
Black and Women-Owned Businesses  
in 2026

[Click Here](#)

# Chaplain's Corner

By: Soror Thailund Porter-Green



“But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.”

*-Isaiah 40:31 NLT*

## ***Waiting Is Always Connected To A Promise***

When waiting, it means we have an expectation, and we anticipate a wonderful end, but this end was based on a promise we received. The promise we receive is both a seed and a harvest. When we first get a promise, it is actually in seed form, and then we must wait a while before we can see that seed turn into a harvest hence the reason for the waiting process. Our waiting is based on an expectation of the seed turning into a harvest.

A mother expects a baby after she gets the news she is pregnant, and she then gets excited. She eats carefully, she thinks about the color of the baby's room, and though her tummy is still flat, she now has a hope and expectation for the end result. When a woman gets engaged, her ring is the seed that the harvest of marriage is coming, and she starts with great anticipation to prepare the way in advance for the happy ever after with the perfect guy. When a man is granted his first business loan, it is the seed he will one day reap a harvest of owning a multimillion dollar corporation. So you see everything we are waiting on began with a seed.

In life sometimes we lose track of the promise, and when we do our waiting process becomes hard, long, laborious, and frustrating. We blame God for the delay, and we can even become rebellious towards God and the people we do life with. The bible tells us there is seed time and there is harvest time, and this suggests that between the seed and the harvest, there is the thing called "TIME." Maybe you are in this place where you are losing faith, growing weary, and frustrated and you feel like running ahead of God, but I want to encourage you to hold on, go back to the promise God gave you in seed form and envision the harvest. What does it look like? What were your desires, dreams, and vision when God gave you the seed?

Take a few moments today meditating on the seed God gave you and see hope arise again, God is good on his promises, and He will never fail you even though it may be taking longer than you expected. Many people give up halfway; they turn their backs on their dreams and vision because they became hopeless. Hope helps us carry on when life gets rough; to hope means to have a joyful, confident expectation of good and the only way we can maintain hope is by holding on to the promises of God. The main reason people take their lives is that they were convinced all hope was gone and the enemy loves to keep people hopeless. Our God is a God of hope so, please go back to your promise and be revived again!

*(From "Waiting on the Lord" a YouVersion reading plan.)*

## Birthdays

### January

Patricia Thompson (2)  
Charlotte Hutton (3)  
Dwan Jackson (7)  
Brenda Dugas (10)  
Reshelle Jones (11)  
Sandy Alexander (17)  
Anitra Ford-Scott (18)  
Shawn Arceneaux (25)  
Tricia Pierre (28)

### February

Evelyn Syrie (2)  
Cindy Duhon (7)  
Nelda Broussard (9)  
Rodricka Wilson (12)  
Alfreda T. Jackson (16)  
Bria Lockett (16)  
Mathilda Martin (16)  
Zuwena Easterling (20)  
Sylvia Fordice (22)  
Desiree Lemelle (24)  
Sharon Pierre (26)  
Thailund Porter Green (26)

### March

Andrea Brew Harrison (7)  
Latricia Olivier (7)  
Joelle Nixon (11)  
Gloria Angus (16)  
Terry Fontnette (17)  
Ariba Jones (18)  
Ariana Sims (20)  
Carlissa Ford (23)  
Gena Register (23)  
Taylor Perry (25)

### April

Breannie Charles (1)  
LaKeshia Reed (5)  
Shirley R. Cormier (6)  
Tracey Biagas-Hill (7)  
Keena Jean Louis (17)  
April Jackson (20)  
Cynthia Bernard (21)  
Angela Trahan (23)  
Myra Yvonne Narcisse (28)

### May

Quintella Baskerville (1)  
Tynese Breaux (2)  
Andretta Porter-Williams (3)  
Suzanne Foster (5)  
Verna Calais (7)  
Cathy McKinley Tolliver (8)  
Carmela Nadine Brown (9)  
Dolores Cormier-Zenon (10)  
Patricia Mouton (15)  
Elizabeth Reaux (20)  
Yolanda Notto (27)  
Monique Joseph (27)  
Chastity Wilson (28)

### June

Yolandria Dauterive (4)  
Carmen Jackson (6)  
Breyone Carter (16)  
Jeneva Ruffin (21)  
Niccola Ledet-McNair (27)  
Bridget Malveaux (25)  
Calvary Sampson (28)



**\*\*If your birthday is missing from the list, please complete a Tech Request, which may be found in the Members Only section of [www.akaetachiomega.com](http://www.akaetachiomega.com).\*\***

## Birthdays (continued)

### July

Anysia Senegal-Wallace (1)  
 Kenya Goodie (2)  
 Tanya Sias (5)  
 Melba Braud (8)  
 Haley Wilson (8)  
 Blair Joseph (9)  
 LaQuata Kennison (9)  
 Linda Broussard (13)  
 Gloria Young (16)  
 Chastity Craven (17)  
 Gwen Hollinger (18)  
 Connie Y. Butler (19)  
 Dorothy Scott (19)  
 Leslie Moore (23)  
 Quinta Thompson Credeur (28)  
 Lisa Lazard (31)

### August

Francheska Cormier (6)  
 Deborah Garrett (6)  
 Alonda Houston (7)  
 Myrtle Cain (11)  
 Gladys Mouton (13)  
 Consuella Charles (15)  
 Carole Broussard (21)  
 Sharron Wiltz (24)  
 Sonja Harrison (26)  
 Jasmine Fitzpatrick (29)

### September

Ashanti Smith (2)  
 Anastasia McZeal (3)  
 Patricia Frank Senegal (4)  
 Monica Kincade (4)  
 Yolanda Dauterive (5)  
 Pamela Simon (5)  
 Marilyn Marshall (8)  
 De'Angellica Vaughn-Allen (19)  
 Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux Clay (22)  
 Jameka McKinley (27)

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## REMINDERS:

### 72nd Boule

- July 19 - 24, 2026
- Las Vegas, NV

### 2026 Chapter Retreat

- August 8, 2026
- Downtown Convention Center, Lafayette, LA
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Business Meeting

- August 15, 2026
- Location: TBD
- 10:00 a.m.

### Committee Sign-up

- **[CLICK HERE](#)**

**DON'T FORGET**

## Community Corner

### Ovey Comeaux High School Navy JROTC Academy

Eta Chi Omega presented a Certificate of Excellence to Cadet Petty Officer First Class Kaydun Z. Williams for her outstanding academic achievement and service. Miss Williams maintained a 3.5 GPA. She was an active member for four years serving on the Unarmed Drill Team, Armed Drill Team, Exhibition Drill Team, Academic Drill Team and Athletic Team. Miss Williams plans to attend the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.



## Tech Tip

The documents from the 2026 Spring Mailing are available for viewing on the chapter's website. Visit: [www.akaetachiomega.com](http://www.akaetachiomega.com) and sign into the Members Only Section. Click on the button below and you will be able to view.

2026 BOULE DOCUMENTS & SPRING MAILING

2026 Spring Mailing

Chapter Foundation FAQs\_Spring 2026

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

**AUGUST 15, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m. @TBD**

**September 19, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m. - TBD**

*Thank you for your service!*

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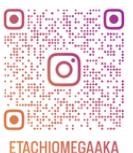
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