



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Lafayette, LA
Chapter Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, September 19, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Clifton Chenier Center
220 West Willow, Lafayette, LA 70501

“Leading with Purpose...Serving with Passion”

Hymn & Pledge

Call to order / Time _____

Meditation

Minutes

Correspondence

Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus,
Presiding

Soror Thailund Porter-Green

Soror Deborah Garrett

Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair

Officer Reports

Basileus

Anti-Basileus

Tamiouchos

Pecunious Grammateus

Graduate Advisor

Historian (No Report)

Hodegos

Ivy Leaf Reporter (No Report)

Parliamentarian (No Report)

Philacter (No Report)

Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill

Soror Tynese Breaux, First &

Soror Lisa Lazard, Second

Soror Desiree Lemelle

Soror Anitra Ford-Scott

Soror Tanya Sias

Soror Chloeé Bello

Soror Monica Kincade

Soror Breannie Charles

Soror Chastity Wilson

Soror Suzanne Foster

Committee Reports

Program

Soror Tynese Breaux &

Soror Lisa Lazard

Subcommittee Reports:

Uplift Our Local Community

Target 5: Environmental &

Sustainable Action

Target 6: Arts Advocacy &

Cultural Awareness

Soror Andretta Porter-Williams

Soror Jamillia McKinley

Soror Breannie Charles

Debutante

EAF

NPHC

Nominating

Sisterly Relations

Soror Sharon Pierre &

Soror Suzanne Foster

Soror Verna Calais &

Soror Gwen Hollinger

Soror Elizabeth Reaux

Soror Tanya Sias

Soror Monica Kincade

Unfinished Business

New Business

Joint Meeting with Epsilon Beta - Fall 2026

Annual Chapter Photo - Saturday, October 17, 2026, Cost: \$75.00, Suggested line item:
Archives Budget (Balance: \$400.00)

2026 South Louisiana Cluster Service Project

Sisterly Moments

Announcements

- Chapter Executive Committee Meeting - October 7, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Chapter Business Meeting - October 17, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. - Location: Clifton Chenier Center, 220 West Willow, Lafayette, LA
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Leadership Seminar - New Orleans, LA, Dates: July 2027
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® 73rd Boule - Atlanta, GA, Dates: 2028
- South Louisiana Cluster - Baton Rouge, LA, Dates: October 23 - 24, 2026
- 95th SCRC 2027 - Grapevine, TX; Dates: April 2-5, 2027
- 96th SCRC 2028 - Host: Southeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD
- 97th SCRC 2029 - Host: Northeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD

Adjournment/Time _____



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Business Meeting Minutes
Lafayette, LA

“Leading with Purpose...Serving with Passion”

Date: August 15, 2026

Regular Meeting Number: 06 of 10

Pledge and Hymn

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the South Regional Library Auditorium, 6101 Johnston Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus.

It was moved by Soror Tynese Breaux and properly seconded to adopt the August 2026 business meeting agenda as presented.

All were in favor. There were no opposition and no questions. The motion carried.

Meditation, Soror Thailund Porter-Green. CHAPLAIN

The meditation was offered by Soror Monique Joseph: Trust in the Lord

Minutes, Soror Deborah Garrett, GRAMMATEUS

It was moved by Soror Deborah Garrett and seconded by Soror Tynese Breaux to accept the minutes from the May 2026 business meeting as presented.

All were in favor. No opposition and no questions. The motion carried.

Quorum was established.

There were 75 sorors in attendance, including four (4) visitors.

Tracey Biagas-Hill, Sandy Alexander, Janis Alston, Carlita Babineaux, Thomasine Batiste, Chloe Bello, Cynthia Bernard, Nicole Bernard, Philomena Bernard, Tynese Breaux, Linda Broussard, Tanya Brown, Connie Y. Butler, Breyone Carter, Dehvin Chaisson, Gabrielle

Chapman, Courtney Citizen, Tahisa Colbert, Shirley Cormier, Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Quinta Thompson Credeur, Yolanda Dauterive, Brenda Dugas, Donna Duhon, Zuwena Easterling, Jasmine Fitzpatrick, Terry Fontnette, Anitra Ford-Scott, Sylvia Fordice, Suzanne Foster, Natalie Foster, Patricia Frank-Senegal, Deborah Garrett, Charlotte Hutton, Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Ariba Jones, Blair Joseph, Monique Joseph, LaQuata Kennison, Monica Kincade, Karen King, Niccola Ledet-McNair, Desiree Lemelle, Bridgit Malveaux, Marilyn Marshall, Jameka McKinley, Jamillia McKinley, Anastasia McZeal, Joann Nixon, Sharon Pierre, Andretta Porter-Williams, Elizabeth Reaux, Bridget Richard, Jeneva Ruffin, Dorothy Scott, Peyton Sias, Tanya Sias, Christele Strowder, Marvel Swain, Chaisley Theyard, Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay, Danielle Thomas, Patricia Thompson, Angela Trahan, De'Angellica Vaughn-Allen, Felicia Washington, Natasha Washington, Tayla Weary, Kearia White, Chastity Wilson, and Sharron Wiltz.

Visitors: Soror Chimani Murphy, Soror Kemiah Owoh, Soror Monte Singleton, and Soror Devyn Washington.

Correspondence, Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair, EPISTOLEUS

The correspondence included: Thank you cards, 2026 financial cards, and mailings from the debutantes and tea girls for the debutante committee.

OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS	
BASILEUS Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill	Report as printed and presented. Highlights included: <u>ECO Business</u> - The following have been appointed to fill committee vacancies through the end of 2026, unless otherwise indicated: ❖ Collaborative Liaison: Brandi Clay, Chairman and Zuwena Easterling, Co-Chairman ❖ Strategic Plan: Ashanti Smith, Co-Chairman ❖ MLK Day of Service 2027: Consuella Charles, Chairman and Brittany Martin, Co-Chairman Please welcome the newly appointed Sorors! Thank you for your willingness to serve. - The SOAR administration has ended and all chairmen of the initiatives in place during that administration have been asked to provide summary reports of all events and/or activities through July 2026. - This is a friendly reminder to all sorors who are selected to serve as a delegate on behalf of Eta Chi Omega. Delegates are expected to be present for the entirety of the conference, which includes attending all workshops and plenary sessions. If a soror is unable to commit to doing so due to

	work or other commitments, they should remove their name from the delegate list. • Please continue to log your Black Dollar spending to track the money the chapter is investing in Black and women-owned businesses. The new link for 2026 is as follows: https://forms.gle/RR3EXCjud8uq49Yp7. <u>Regional News</u> • The 95th South Central Regional Conference will be held in Grapevine, Texas, from April 2 – 5, 2027. Please save the date. • The South Louisiana Cluster will be held on October 23-24, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Be on the lookout for an e-mail from the region regarding registration and additional information. <u>Corporate News</u> • The Spring mailing has arrived, and the packet has been uploaded to the chapter’s website. Flyers were provided with additional information regarding the service project, the boule choir, and Graduate Advisor Certification. • Madam Supreme Basileus, Charletta Wilson Jacks, was installed at boule along with the following officers: ❖ First Supreme Anti Basileus - Carrie J. Clark ❖ Second Supreme Anti Basileus - Noah Harris ❖ Supreme Grammateus - Mitzi Dease Paige ❖ Supreme Tamiouchos - Kiahna W. Davis ❖ Undergraduate Members At Large - Ivi Armstrong and Parker Buchanan • All constitutional amendments were approved, as well as the 2027-2028 budget. All regional directors and nominating committee representatives were ratified. • The 2026-2030 International Program Theme is “Championing Service. Empowering Sisterhood. Transforming the World.” The following are the new programs announced by Madam Supreme. Signature Program: AKA Foster the Future: From Here to Hope: ➤ Target 1: Educational Support & Advocacy ➤ Target 2: AKA Family Matters ➤ Target 3: Health Awareness & Well-Being ➤ Target 4: Economic Growth & Success ➤ Target 5: Environmental & Sustainability Action ➤ Target 6: Arts Advocacy & Cultural Awareness ➤ Target 7: The Global Community ➤ Target 8: Undergraduate Impact Program
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	• Additional information regarding the robust programs will be available on the chapter's website in the Members Only section following the retreat. • Current committee assignments are being reviewed. Chairmen will be reassigned to the new Targets/Programs to finish out 2026. The 2027-2028 ECO Administration will announce new assignments following the November 2026 election. • 2027 Leadership Seminar will be held in July 2027 in New Orleans, Louisiana. • 2028 Boule will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.
1st ANTI-BASILEUS Soror Tynese Breaux and 2nd ANTI-BASILEUS, Soror Lisa Lazard	Report as printed and presented by Soror Tynese Breaux. Highlights included: • August 2026 Program of Work – Activities • August 2026 Program of Work – Action Items
TAMIOUCHOS Soror Desiree Lemelle	Report as posted on Members Only site. Summary included: <u>Operating Account as of 31 May 2026</u> Beginning Balance: \$ 40,130.00 Total Income: \$ 705.00 Total Expenses: \$ 4,107.20 Ending Balance: \$ 36,727.80 <u>Operating Account as of 30 Jun 2026</u> Beginning Balance: \$ 36,727.80 Total Income: \$ 950.00 Total Expenses: \$ 1,440.74 Ending Balance: \$ 36,237.06 <u>Operating Account as of 31 Jul 2026</u> Beginning Balance: \$ 36,237.06 Total Income: \$ 300.00 Total Expenses: \$ 4,195.77 Ending Balance: \$ 32,341.29 ***** <u>Intl Program Account as of 31 May 2026</u> Beginning Balance: \$ 27,182.58 Total Income: \$ 0.00 Total Expenses: \$ 3,000.00 Ending Balance: \$ 24,182.58 <u>Intl Program Account as of 30 Jun 2026</u>

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PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS Soror Anitra Ford-Scott	Report as printed and presented. Highlights provided. Active Members: 159 Quorum: 53 - Total Funds Collected for Operating Account: Month of June \$705.00 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 5/31/2026</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2026 Chapter Dues</td><td>\$30.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026 Late Fees</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>EAF</td><td>\$375.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Transfer Dues</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2027 Chapter Dues</td><td>\$300.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reactivation Fees</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>\$705.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> - Total Funds Collected for Programing Account: Month of June \$0.00 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 5/31/2026</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2026 Programing Obligation</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>\$0.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> - Total Funds Collected for Operating Account: Month of July \$500.00	Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 5/31/2026		2026 Chapter Dues	\$30.00	2026 Late Fees		EAF	\$375.00	Transfer Dues		2027 Chapter Dues	\$300.00	Reactivation Fees		Total	\$705.00	Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 5/31/2026						2026 Programing Obligation						Total	\$0.00
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2027 Chapter Dues	\$500.00
Reactivation Fees	
Total	\$500.00

- Total Funds Collected for Programing Account: Month of **July**
\$1,500.00

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 6/30/2026

Debutante and Tea Girl Fees	\$1,500.00
Total	\$1,500.00

- Total Funds Collected for Operating Account: Month of **August**
\$300.00

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 7/31/2026

2026 Chapter Dues	
2026 Late Fees	
EAF	
Transfer Dues	
2027 Chapter Dues	\$300.00
Reactivation Fees	
Total	\$300.00

- Total Funds Collected for Programing Account: Month of **August**
\$50.00

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 7/31/2026

Debutante and Tea Girl Fees	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00

Recommendation

Soror Ford-Scott recommended that the chapter approve the transfer of \$100.00 from the contingency budget line to the Pecunious Grammateus budget line to be used for ink, binders and binder tab dividers.

	Rationale: The cost of ink (sale price-\$184.68 with tax) and other supplies have gone up as compared to previous years. Discussion It was stated that there are remaining funds in the Basileus Boule budget line item. However, the decision to take funds from the budget line item stated in the recommendation remained. No opposition. All in favor. The recommendation passed. Funds will be taken from contingency.
GRADUATE ADVISOR Soror Tanya Sias	Report as printed and presented. Highlights included: • Undergraduate Roundup is returning and will take the place of cluster. Roundup will be held September 11-12, 2026 in Houston, Texas. Roundup registration for the 34 Epsilon Beta members is \$125.00 per undergrad. Hotel rate is \$169.00 per night. The undergraduates plan to travel to Houston by charter bus. Any donations to help defray costs are appreciated. Donations may be made by check to Epsilon Beta. Deadline for roundup registration is September 6, 2026. • At the end of the Spring Semester, Epsilon Beta voted to have initiation of new members in the fall 2026 semester. The chapter is waiting for further instruction/directives from regional membership representatives. <u>Soror Spotlight</u> • Soror Kaitlyn Hill – Kaitlyn participated in the Insights into LSU VetMed 2026 program at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and interned at Zoosiana in Broussard, LA. • Soror Morgan Jones – Morgan interned in the YEP Summer Program with the Fort Bend County Court in Houston, Texas. • Soror Shalisa Gabriel – Shalisa participated in the Imani James Interior Summer Interior Design Intern Program. Participation was virtual as the Design House is in Atlanta, GA. • Soror London Williams – London completed an intensive summer Health Professions Education Program at Rutgers University in New Jersey. • Soror Alasca Wilson will serve as the Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator for the South Louisiana Cluster, October 23-24, 2026 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana <u>Important Dates</u>

	• Summer Graduation: August 7th at 10:00 a.m. (Soror Laila Perrier is graduating) • Freshmen Move-In: August 20-22, 2026 • First day of class: August 24, 2026 • Get on Board Day: August 26, 2026 • EB Standards Retreat: August 23rd or 30th
HISTORIAN Soror Chloe Bello	NO REPORT
HODEGOS Soror Monica Kincade	Report as printed and presented. Highlights included: <u>MAY</u> • Soror Breyone Carter and her family on the passing of her three-year-old nephew, Khaine Carter. • Soror Gwen Hollinger and her family on the passing of her father, Mr. Joe Wilson. <u>JUNE</u> • Soror Calvary Sampson and her family on the passing of her husband's grandmother, Mrs. Thelma Coleman. • Soror Chastity Craven on her surgery recuperation. • Sorors Quinta Thompson Credeur, Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Dwan Jackson and Carmen Jackson on the passing of their cousin, Mr. Perry Martin, who is also the brother of our former ECO member Soror Chantel Taylor. <u>JULY</u> • Soror Terry Fontnette and her family on the passing of her nephew, Jaelon Fontnette. • Sorors Lisa Lazard and Taylor Perry and their family on the passing of their father/grandfather, Mr. Leon Wilson. <u>AUGUST</u> • Soror Crystal Ledet on a recent medical procedure and following-up rehabilitation • Sorors Lisa Lazard and Taylor Perry and their family on the passing of their brother/uncle, Mr. Winston Anderson • Soror Kayla Jones and her family on the passing of her father-in-law, Mr. Tommy L. Jones • Soror Dehvin Chaisson on her recuperation after a vehicular accident • Marilyn Marshall and her family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Mr. Aaron Marshall. • Soror Hillary Guidry on her recuperation from a recent surgical procedure. <u>Introduction of Visiting Sorors</u>

	★ Soror Chimani Murphy – Initiated through the Eta Chi Chapter at Northwestern State University during Spring 2025. She is from Opelousas, Louisiana. ★ Soror Kemiah Owoh – No information was provided ★ Soror Monti Singleton – Initiated through the Eta Chi Chapter at Northwestern State University during Spring 2025. She is from Breaux Bridge, Louisiana ★ Soror Devin Washington – Initiated through the Mu Pi Chapter at Spelman University. She is from Rayne, Louisiana
IVY LEAF REPORTER Soror Breannie Charles	NO REPORT
PARLIAMENTARIAN Soror Chastity Wilson	NO REPORT
PHILACTER Soror Suzanne Foster	NO REPORT
REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE, STANDING, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES	
Disposition of Committee Report was:	
A. Referred back to committee B. Postponed C. Placed on file	D. Adopted in part (explain) E. Adopted in its entirety. F. Referred to another committee (explain)
PROGRAM Soror Tynese Breaux 1st Anti-Basileus Soror Lisa Lazard, 2nd Anti-Basileus	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No. Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Tynese Breaux. Highlights included: <u>VIDEO</u> – Supreme Basileus Soror Charletta Wilson Jacks presented the sorority’s new initiatives and targets. <u>Reminder</u> - The designated committee soror will complete and submit all initiative reports within 5 days of your event. The initiative report form is found in the Members Only section of the ECO website under Resource Documents. Completed reports should be e-mailed to: <u>ECOEventReports@googlegroups.com.</u> - Please submit all outstanding vouchers and receipts within 30 days of purchase. Reimbursements may not be given if not turned in timely.. <u>Upcoming Events</u> - Debutante Workshop/Tea Girl Workshop #1, Saturday, August 22, 2026 West Regional Library 501 Old Spanish

	Trail, Scott, LA , Tea Girls- 10:30am- 12:30pm, Debutantes- 1:00pm- 3:00pm <u>Outstanding Reports</u> • “We Are One” Day of Service • Leadership Development Seminar • Heart Sister Week & Reveal • Love Your Heart Line Dance • CHIPP Packing • Our Seniors Technology Workshop • Mental Health Month Event
PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEES	
	EMPOWER OUR FAMILIES, Soror Lisa Lazard, Committee Chairman. Report was presented for acceptance by Soror Tynese Breaux, 1st Anti Basileus. Highlights included summaries of activities and workshops presented for each subcommittee. Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No. Report was prepared and presented for acceptance by Soror Lazard. <u>YLI</u>: Soror Keena Jean Louis, Subcommittee Chairman • Sharing Our Experience with the World (Final Presentation) ➤ Several of the YLI members worked together to create their final presentations in June 2026. The final slide show presentation captured their leadership discovery while participating in YLI events. The final presentation was submitted for international recognition at boule. <u>Our Seniors</u>: Soror Marilyn Marshall, Subcommittee Chairman • Our Seniors’ Buddies - Ongoing ➤ Pair chapter seniors with a Gen-Next soror and/or chapter soror based on common interests (Ongoing) • Technology Workshop – Completed on Saturday, April 25, 2026 • Wills and Trusts Workshop – Completed on Saturday, May 30, 2026 <u>Mental Health</u>: No Report

	<u>CHIPPTM</u>: Soror Breannie Charles, Subcommittee Chairman • Partner school: Westside Elementary in Scott, LA • CHIPPTM Enrollment: 100 students • Last purchase: \$300 Visa Gift card and Thank you Card to Anthony Guy of Progressive Baptist Church on 05-19-2026 • Total bags delivered for 2026: 1,900 • Total bags delivered for the 2025-2026 school year: 3,500 • Total bags delivered overall since first delivery in Nov 2023: 6,752										
	BUILD OUR ECONOMIC WEALTH: Report as prepared and presented for acceptance by Soror Desiree Lemelle, Chairman. Highlights included: <table><tr><th>ECO Supports Black Owned Businesses</th><th>2025 Final</th><th>2026 Goal</th><th>2026 YTD</th><th>Amount needed to meet goal</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$116,000</td><td>\$125,000</td><td>\$16,278</td><td>\$108,722</td></tr></table> <u>Black Dollar Days</u> - Focus on leveraging our collective buying power to funnel revenue to black-owned businesses and brands. • Corporate’s weekly themes: (from 2025) - Google Form asks Sorors to provide information for black owned businesses to share throughout June. ❖ Week 1 (June 5): Food and Beverage ❖ Week 2 (June 12): Beauty, Wellness & Self-Care ❖ Week 3 (June 19): Financial & Professional Services ❖ Week 4 (June 26): Fashion, Accessories & Home Decor <u>Support Women Entrepreneurs:</u> Focused on efforts to promote, celebrate, enhance, reach, raise visibility and offer access for greater revenue-generating opportunities. • Pink Pages: Directory of local Soror-owned businesses - Sorors who own a business to fill out a google form with specific questions about their business: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLyD	ECO Supports Black Owned Businesses	2025 Final	2026 Goal	2026 YTD	Amount needed to meet goal		\$116,000	\$125,000	\$16,278	\$108,722
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	6AgnavzsnAfFIUJrcd0tN7oO6UKV7pyS3nUFDJLYsKeQ/viewform • Workshops and education on how to become an entrepreneur and networking <u>Sister Circles:</u> Accountability groups designed to help set and achieve personal savings, investing, and giving goals. • Upcoming Events: ❖ Informational Campaign: online posts relating to either saving, investing or giving ❖ Sister Circle Group Webinars in the Fall - Saving, Investing, and Giving <u>For Members Only Credit Union:</u> The first black-owned, woman-led, sorority-based, digital banking financial institution in the history of the United States.
	ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT: Report as prepared and presented for acceptance by Soror Jamillia McKinley, Chairman. Highlights included: Upcoming Events: • Parish Proud Day with the Love Our Schools Foundation – on Saturday, September 26, 2026; 8:00 am-11:30 am at Northside High School • Moncus Park: Garden Meditations, Trail Treks, Art in the Park. Please visit their website or Facebook page for more details.
	UPLIFT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY: Report as prepared and presented for acceptance by Soror Andretta Porter-Williams, Chairman. Highlights included: April 2025 • Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build 2025: Eta Chi Omega chapter was a ground breaking corporate sponsor of Lafayette Habitat for Humanity ‘s Women Build 2025. Women Build is an initiative that brings women together to raise funds, form volunteer construction teams, and build affordable homes for families in the Lafayette community. September 2025 • Walk on the Wild Side: Pearls with a Purpose for Autism met at Zoosiana on Saturday, September 6, 2025. The event raised \$650 to support local programs for autistic individuals and their families.

	• Prostate Awareness Event “Man Up! The State of Your Prostate” awareness event with Alpha Phi Alpha was held on Sept. 13th at Graham Brown Memorial Park. Chapter members hosted a voter registration information table. December 2025 • Warm and Cozy Inner and Outer Wear Drive: Chapter members collaborated with a local graduate chapter, Lambda Beta Omega, and collected coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and blankets from September through December . All items were donated to a local non-profit organization for distribution to the community. March and April 2026 • Women Build 2026: Chapter members, in collaboration with employees of the Lafayette Habitat for Humanity’s 2026 Women Build Day, assisted in completing several project activities at the construction sites for two new homes. The event took place on March 21, 2026 and April 11, 2026,
ARCHIVES	NO REPORT
AUDIT	NO REPORT
BUDGET and FINANCE Soror Desiree Lemelle, Chairman	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Lemelle Highlights included: The committee recommended the following revision to the chapter’s Financial Procedure: <u>Current:</u> Section III.A. Receipt of Fund The Pecunious Grammateus/Anti-Pecunious Grammateus will collect all funds and prepare receipts. In the event that the Pecunious Grammateus/Anti-Pecunious Grammateus is not available to collect funds, funds are to be mailed directly to the Eta Chi Omega Post Office Box, Attention Pecunious Grammateus. Non-financial officers or non-bonded officers shall not collect any chapter funds. <u>Recommendation:</u> Section III.A. Receipt of Fund The Pecunious Grammateus/Anti-Pecunious Grammateus will collect all funds and prepare receipts. In the event that the Pecunious Grammateus/Anti-Pecunious Grammateus is not available to collect funds, funds are to be mailed directly to the Eta Chi Omega Post Office Box, Attention Pecunious Grammateus. Non-financial officers or non-bonded officers shall not collect any chapter funds with the exception of the Founders’ Day and Debutante Chairmen along with a designee approved by the Basileus, who

	shall be permitted to collect funds associated with events that fall under their respective committees. <u>Rationale:</u> Allow for easier receipt of funds from sorors and non-members related to annual recurring events. <u>Discussion</u> • The “designee” included in the proposed recommendation would be added to the chapter bond. • The actual member or designated appointee would not be bonded. The position would be bonded • It was stated that the bond can include “designee”, if allotted spaces allow for it. • The designee cannot be identified as a” temporary” on the bond • A slot on the bond can be labeled ”Basileus designee”. CONCLUSION It was concluded that the recommendation would go back to the committee for additional clarification about the suggested designee(s).
CONNECTIONS	NO REPORT
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS Soror Chastity Wilson, Chairman	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Wilson. Highlights included: • The committee reviewed and discussed the draft of the chapter’s Standing Rules. NOTE: There was a correction to the report. The budget was indicated as “\$50.00”. The budget should be indicated as “ \$ 0.00”
DEBUTANTE Soror Sharon Pierre and Soror Suzanne Foster, Co-Chairmen	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Pierre. Highlights included: • Confirmations and deposits were received from 21 debutantes and 9 tea girls. Lyric Louis (Tea Girl) dropped from the cotillion program due to a conflict in activity schedule. • Cotillion subcommittees were formed: ➤ Hat Luncheon – Cynthia Bernard, Chair; Tanya Brown, Co-Chair ➤ Community Service – Danielle Thomas, Chair ➤ Refreshments – Niccola Ledet McNair, Chair

	➤ Financial Literacy Workshop, Desiree Lemelle, Chair ➤ Etiquette Workshop, Shirley Cormier, Chair • The community service subcommittee shared the following ideas for a service project for the debutantes: Gifting Grace, NPHC Annual Toy Drive, Second Harvest and SLCC Clothing donations. The committee will survey the debutantes for ideas they may be interested in for service projects. The service project date changed from October 24th to October 31st. Cluster has been scheduled for October 24th. • Tea Girl activities will include: ➤ Workshops on selecting a college ➤ ACT Prep ➤ Photo session ➤ Values Auction ➤ Yoga ➤ Service project • Attire: the same style dress will be used. David's Bridal will be used. • Upcoming Events ➤ Workshop 1 ✓ August 22, 2026 West Regional Library (Scott) ✓ Tea Girls – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ✓ Debutantes – 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm. ➤ Workshop 2 ✓ September 26, 2026 Lafayette Main Library (Congress St.) ✓ Tea Girls and Debutantes – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Next Debutante Committee Meeting: September 8, 2026 at 6:00p.m. Recommendation: Resolution Postponed The committee report included a recommendation that referenced the 2026-2027 cotillion budget. However, the budget was not attached to the report. Therefore, the discussion for and resolution of the recommendation was postponed until the September 2026 business meeting.
EAF Soror Gwendolin Hollinger and Soror Verna Calais, Co-Chairmen	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed by Soror Calais and presented for acceptance by Soror Chloe Bello. Highlights included: • Thanks to Soror Karen King for attending the EAF ceremony and accepting the chapter's Platinum Award at boulevards in Las Vegas.

	The committee is planning to host a talent/fashion show during the Fall of 2026. If approved by the chapter, details will be presented at a later date.
FUNDRAISING	NO REPORT
GRADUATE ADVISORY	NO REPORT
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	NO REPORT
MEMBERSHIP	NO REPORT
NPHC	NO REPORT
PROTOCOL	NO REPORT
PUBLIC RELATIONS	NO REPORT
RISK MANAGEMENT	NO REPORT
RITUALS	NO REPORT
SCHOLARSHIP	NO REPORT
SISTERLY RELATIONS Soror Monica Kincade, Chairman	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included: - July and August birthdays were listed and recognized SILVER STAR PRESENTATION Chapter members reaching the silver star milestone in 2026 were presented with their certificate and medallions. ♣ Soror Nicole Bernard ♣ Soror Danielle Cole Thomas ♣ Soror Thailund Porter-Green ♣ Soror Alfreda Thompson Jackson ♣ Soror Natashia Washington
STANDARDS Soror Linda Broussard, Chairman	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included: - The retreat was held at the SLCC Devalcourt Auditorium on August 8, 2026. Thanks to all involved in making it a huge success. - Final informatin will be provided in the next committee report
STRATEGIC PLAN	NO REPORT
TECHNOLOGY	NO REPORT
GENERATION NEXT AD HOC	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included: May and June Directives

	The committee collaborated with the Our Seniors subcommittee and held a Tea Party: “Pearls of Wisdom: Brewing Bonds” on Saturday, May 31, 2026, at the Progressive Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
MLK DAY OF SERVICE	NO REPORT
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
NEW BUSINESS	
December Chapter Business Meeting Date: December 5 or December 19	Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus - The December business meeting is December 19, 2026, which is close to the holiday break. - The suggestion was put on the floor for discussion whether the chapter wanted to consider a change to that 3rd Saturday date. - It was concluded that since no conflicts existed, the meeting date would remain as December 19, 2026.
Courtesy: Madam Regional Director Shawn E. Simmons (Pink Pizzazz)	Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus - The chapter members were given an opportunity to discuss a courtesy for the South Central Regional Director (RD), in the event of her attendance to the Pink Pizzazz on September 5, 2026 - Last year, the chapter presented a courtesy to the RD, in addition to a courtesy from the Ivy Legacy Foundation of Acadiana. It was moved by Soror Tynese Breaux and properly seconded that the chapter present Regional Director Shawn E. Simmons a \$500.00 courtesy, contingent upon her attendance at the 2026 Pink Pizzazz, with funds taken from the MRD Endowment budget line item. All in favor. No opposition. The motion passed.
SISTERLY MOMENTS	
Members offered thanks for the many, many acts of love and concern through calls, texts, cards and their presence during difficult times. Members extended compassion and emotional support that made burdens, grief, and illness a little lighter to bear. To God be the Glory !!!	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	

From the Floor:

- ★ Ivy Legacy Foundation of Acadiana reminded members about ticket sales and the importance of supporting Pink Pizzazz
- ★ Soror Anitra Ford-Scott announced that chapter members can see Soror Alfreda Thompson Jackson for their 2026 financial card.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chapter Executive Committee Meeting – September 2, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Chapter Business Meeting – September 19, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – Location: TBD
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Leadership Seminar – New Orleans, LA, Dates: July 2027
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® 73rd Boule – Atlanta, GA, Dates: 2028
- South Louisiana Cluster – Baton Rouge, LA, Dates: October 23 – 24, 2026
- 95th SCRC 2027 – Grapevine, TX; Dates: April 2-5, 2027
- 96th SCRC 2028 – Host: Southeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD
- 97th SCRC 2029 – Host: Northeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Basileus, Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, at 11:32 A.M.

Sisterly Submitted,

Deborah Garrett
Grammateus

Tracey Biagas-Hill
Basileus



September 2026

Correspondence Report

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Sender	Correspondence
Bailey Woods 272 Noahs Ark Blvd Cankton, La	Debutante Committee- Money Order-\$200.00

With Sisterhood in Mind,

Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair

Epistoleus

OFFICER REPORTS



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Basileus Report
Business Meeting
September 19, 2026

ECO Business

- ♣ REMINDER: The Basileus **must** approve all communication sent on behalf of the chapter. **This includes chapter email, social media posts, programs, tickets, ad booklets, and flyers.** In addition, all contracts for services can only be approved and signed by the Basileus.
- ♣ ECO Weekly Updates will be sent out on Mondays with information for upcoming meetings, events, etc. Information should be sent no later than Sunday of the preceding Monday. Occasionally, items are posted to ECO Connects in lieu of sending them via email. A decision regarding the method of sharing information is made on a case-by-case basis. See additional information below regarding weekly update emails.
 - The Zoom links for meetings will now be placed on the calendar in the Members Only section of the chapter's website.
 - If you are a committee chairman/co-chairman and need to announce an upcoming meeting, please provide all details of the meeting, including the Zoom link to the Anti Basilei with a copy to the Basileus no later than the Friday before the meeting date.
 - Any other members wishing to notify the chapter of upcoming events, announcements, etc. are to email the Anti Basilei with a copy to the Basileus no later than the weekend before they wish to have the announcement made.
- ♣ A list of all e-mail addresses and/or Google Groups utilized by the chapter is accessible in the Members Only section of the chapter's website.
- ♣ The annual chapter photo is being planned for October 17, 2026, at the chapter business meeting. The estimated cost for the photographer is \$75.00 to be requested from the Archives Budget, which is \$400.00 with all \$400.00 remaining as of this report. Additional details will be shared prior to the business meeting.
- ♣ Epsilon Beta has been contacted to obtain available dates for the Fall Joint Meeting with Eta Chi Omega. As soon as the date is confirmed, the chapter will be notified.

- ★ Please continue to log your Black Dollar spending to track the money Eta Chi Omega is investing in Black and women-owned businesses. The new link for 2026 is as follows: <https://forms.gle/RR3EXCjud8uq49Yp7>. As of today, ECO has logged \$52,766.08 in Black Dollar spending.

Regional News

- ★ The 95th South Central Regional Conference will be held in Grapevine, Texas, from April 2 – 5, 2027. Please save the date.
- ★ The South Louisiana Cluster will be held on October 23-24, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Registration is now open.
- ★ Faye B. Bryant Leadership Development Institute is opening Cohorts II and III for the Graduate Chapter Track. Each graduate chapter Basileus will nominate up to two Sorors (one for Cohort II and one for Cohort III) by September 28, 2026. This is for emerging leaders who plan to step into an elected or appointed chapter role within the next five years.
 - **ECO Sorors who are interested must submit a request in writing via e-mail by the end of day on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.**
 - See information below regarding requirements of the program.
 - NOTE: Chapter Basilei have received detailed information regarding the selection and submission of Sorors for participation. ***The goal of this program is to target sisters who want to move into an elected or appointed chapter role in the next five years.*** Years of service in the sorority or chapter are not determining factors. Thus, if your name is submitted and you are already serving in a leadership role, you may not be selected for the Cohorts. Your name, however, will be placed on a list for consideration for future cohorts.
 - Once selected, the commitment is for ***seven months, October 2026 through April 2027, with a wrap-up in May.*** Please read carefully before submitting your name:
 - Fourth Tuesday of every month, 7-9pm CST, virtual, camera on the whole time. Camera off more than 10 minutes and participant is marked absent.
 - **One** missed session, max, for the entire program. **No exceptions.**
 - Attendance at the Regional Conference workshop, Saturday, April 3, 2027, in Grapevine, TX is mandatory! Also non-negotiable.
 - Reading, research, and a group project run between sessions, not just during them.

- If any of the above does not work for your schedule, please do not submit your name for consideration.

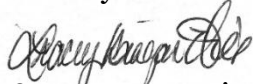
Sorors Financial Commitment

- **\$100 per person, paid in full by October 9, 2026.** No refunds after the cohort starts. Payment runs through Fonteva starting September 1, closing October 9, once nominees are cleared.
 - Attached to the Basileus report is a report from Soror Angela Trahan who participated in the inaugural Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute Cohort on behalf of Eta Chi Omega.
- ✿ Please visit the Resources section on the chapter's website to view the SLA Cluster Communique Summer Edition for highlights of the work being done in the South Louisiana Cluster.

Corporate News

- ✿ Continue monitoring your emails for the launch of training webinars/sessions regarding the 2026-2030 International Programs.
- ✿ The 2026-2030 International Program Theme is "Championing Service. Empowering Sisterhood. Transforming the World." The following are the new programs announced by Madam Supreme.
 - Signature Program: AKA Foster the Future: From Here to Hope
 - Target 1: Educational Support & Advocacy
 - Target 2: AKA Family Matters
 - Target 3: Health Awareness & Well-Being
 - Target 4: Economic Growth & Success
 - Target 5: Environmental & Sustainability Action
 - Target 6: Arts Advocacy & Cultural Awareness
 - Target 7: The Global Community
 - Target 8: Undergraduate Impact Program
- ✿ 2027 Leadership Seminar will be held in July 2027 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- ✿ 2028 Boule will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sisterly Submitted,



Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill
2025-2026 Basileus



Inaugural Cohort Report

The inaugural cohort of the Faye B. Bryant Leadership Development Institute, spearheaded by Madame Regional Director Shawn E. Simmons, was a six-month pilot designed to cultivate and prepare future leaders for service within the sorority.

The cohort participated in mandatory monthly virtual sessions featuring Sorors who shared their professional expertise, leadership experiences, and sorority knowledge. Participants also completed pre-work, articles, and readings to extend their learning and encourage personal reflection.

Leadership development topics included:

- Emotional Intelligence
- Interpersonal Communication
- Executive Presence
- Leadership Development

As part of the experience, participants read “Leadership 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know” by John C. Maxwell, providing a foundation for exploring leadership principles, influence, and personal growth.

The six-month journey culminated in a capstone project. Working in groups, participants analyzed assigned case studies involving organizational and leadership challenges and developed strategic solutions. The capstone provided an opportunity to apply leadership concepts, collaborate, problem-solve, and demonstrate strategic thinking.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
South Central Region
under the leadership of
Dr. Shawn E. Simmons

2026 South Louisiana Cluster Retreat

Service Project



Breast Cancer Awareness **R.E.A.L. CHAMPIONS**

The Project:

Beanies, Blankets, and Shawls

In honor of **Breast Cancer Awareness** and **Target 3: Health Awareness & Well-Being**, the South Louisiana Cluster will donate beanies/skull caps, lap blankets, and shawls to the **Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Foundation** in the Baton Rouge and Gonzales locations.

Chemotherapy patients benefit greatly from skull caps, lap blankets, and shawls because hair loss and circulation issues make them feel cold in the chilly treatment rooms. Please encourage all chapter members to support our breast cancer champions.



The items need to be new, clean, free of perfume, pet hair, and smoke, and placed in clear Ziplock-style plastic bags. There will be a drop-off location at Cluster.

Champion Donations:

We are also asking graduate chapters to make a monetary donation based on chapter size:

Small (1-75):	\$ 250
Medium (76-150):	\$300
Large (151 - 300):	\$350
Extra Large (301+):	\$400

Individual Donations in increments of **\$19.08** will also be appreciated.



The Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Foundation needs silver and salt-and-pepper wigs. Our monetary donations can help them purchase the wigs.

Please make your donation check payable to
**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. -
South Central Region**

and send your donation by **October 11, 2026**,
to **Soror LaKenya Collins, CPA, MS**,
South Louisiana Cluster Pecunious Grammateus
at **3813 Lennox Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70131**.

Thank you for your generosity; the impact will extend beyond
the physical warmth of a hat or blanket, as we are

Championing Service and Empowering Sisterhood

while *Transforming the World* by showing love for our

R.E.A.L. CHAMPIONS.



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® - ETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER
Anti-Basileus Report
September 2026– Business Meeting

Reminders:

- *Review the ECO calendar when scheduling/planning your committee meetings. Text or email committee meeting dates to Anti-Basilei for calendaring. The Anti-Basilei will do the best to avoid conflicts. No committee meetings will be scheduled on Tuesday before the Chapter Business Meeting. Please allow at least one week's notice of the meeting date and time to the chapter.*
- *There will be a 15-minute interval between committee meetings that are scheduled for the same day to allow a smooth transition between meetings.*
- *The Anti-Basilei sisterly request that if using the Chapter's Zoom link for committee meetings, do NOT record the meeting. The Chapter's Zoom account has limited storage space.*
- *If you use a personal zoom for a committee meeting, please send the link to Madame Basileus to include in the Chapter Update Email. All notices for committee meetings will be contained in the weekly Chapter Update Email.*
- *Asterisks and strikethroughs below denotes the 2022-2026 International Program Initiatives that have changed during the July 2026 Boule. New International Initiatives will be added to the 2027 Program of Work*

Corporate/ Regional News: See Basileus Report

September 2026 Program of Work – Activities

- ~~CHIPP Distribution*~~
- ~~YLI Activity *~~
- Reactivation Event
- ~~Build Our Economic Wealth Event *~~
- ~~Advocate for Social Justice Event–Voter Education *~~
- Sickle Cell Walk
- Autism Awareness Walk

September 2026 Program of Work – Action Items

- Finance and Budget Discussion- Preparation of the Budget
- Verification of Enrollment Status of Earline Pipkin Scholarship Recipient
- Continue 2027 Debutante Activities

- Continue Planning for Pink F.E.S.T.
- Constitutional/Bylaw Changes
- Debutante Ad Portal Open
- Submit 2027 Debutante Budget
- Begin Planning for Founders' Day 2027
- Begin Planning for NPHC Christmas Toy Drive
- Begin Planning 2027 Program of Work
- ~~Begin Planning for Advocate for Social Justice Event *~~
- Continue Planning for Breast Cancer Awareness Event
- Evaluation (Standards): Reactivation Event, ~~Build our Economic Wealth Event *~~,
Sickle Cell Walk, Autism Walk, ~~Advocate for Social Justice Event *~~

Submitted by Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Anderson Lazard

TAMIOUCHOS REPORT

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Pecunious Grammateus Report

September 19, 2026

Active Members: 162 Quorum: 54

- Total Funds Collected for Operating Account: Month of **August \$536.50**

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 8/31/2026	
2026 Chapter Dues	\$106.50
2026 Late Fees	
EAF	
Transfer Dues	
2027 Chapter Dues	\$430.00
Reactivation Fees	
Total	\$536.50

- Total Funds Collected for Programing Account: Month of **August \$9,600.00**

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 8/31/2026	
Debutante and Tea Girl Fees	\$9,600.00
Total	\$9,600.00

- **No New Sorors have been approved for Reactivation and 2 have been approved for Transfer into ECO:**
 - Soror Chimani Murphy
 - Soror Monte Singleton
- **2026 Dues after June 30, 2026:**
 - NonLife: \$399 **Late Payment of \$12.50 after 1.23.26**
 - Life: \$274
 - Golden-\$245
 - Golden and Life-\$120
 - Pearl/Diamond: \$145
 - Pearl/Diamond and Life: \$20
 - Reactivation NonLife: \$297
 - International Program Obligation (Formally Fundraising Obligation)-\$77

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Anitra Ford-Scott

Pecunious Grammateus: Financial Report: 2026 Active members—162 Quorum- 54
 Silver Stars--77 Golden Sorors --10 Pearl--0 Diamond--1 **LM--** Life Members--36

Soror's Name	DUES	2026 Founders' Day	Debutante Ball Tickets	2026 Program Assessment \$77	2027 Carryover/Dues	
	2026 Dues Paid to Corporate					
1 Alexander, Sandy	\$399	\$60.00	\$330.00			
2 Alston, Janis LM	\$274	\$60.00				
3 Angus, Gloria	\$399	\$60.00			\$6.00	
4 Arceneaux, Shawn Denise	\$399				\$1.00	
5 Babineaux, Carlita LM	\$274	\$60.00			\$110.00	
6 Baskerville, Quintella	\$399					
7 Batiste, Thomasine	\$399					
8 Bello, Chloe'e	\$399		\$55.00		\$21.00	
9 Bernard, Cynthia LM	\$274	\$60.00	\$110.00			
10 Bernard, Nicole	\$399	\$301.48				
11 Bernard, Philomena	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00		\$400.00	
12 Biagas-Hill, Tracey	\$399	\$60.00	\$110.00			
13 Bonhomme, Gail	\$399				\$50.00	
14 Braud, Melba (D) LM	\$20					
15 Breaux, Tynese	\$399	\$120.66	\$55.00			
16 Broussard, Carole LM	\$274	\$60.00			\$145.00	
17 Broussard, Linda	\$399	\$120.00	\$165.00			
18 Broussard, Nelda LM	\$274	\$60.00				
19 Brown, Carmela Nadine LM	\$274	\$60.00				
20 Brown, Tanya	\$399	\$60.32				
21 Burrell, Kaitlyn	\$399		\$55.00			
22 Butler, Connie Y. (G) LM	\$120	\$60.00				
23 Bynog-Barnes, Jamilla	\$399					
24 Cain, Myrtle (G)	\$245					
25 Calais, Kimberly	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00			
26 Calais, Verna	\$399		\$55.00			
27 Carmouche, Christi	\$399	\$120.49				
28 Carter, Breyone	\$399					
29 Celestine, Toni Brown LM	\$274	\$60.32			\$40.00	
30 Chaisson, Dehvin	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00			
31 Chapman, Gabrielle	\$399					
32 Charles, Breannie	\$399	\$60.32	\$55.00			
33 Charles, Consuella	\$399	\$60.32				

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34	Citizen, Courtney	\$399				\$15.00	
35	Claiborne, Danielle	\$399					
36	Clay, Brandi	\$399				\$100.00	
37	Cobb, Mary Russell	\$399				\$5.00	
38	Colbert, Tahisa LM	\$274	\$60.00				
39	Cole-Thomas, Danielle	\$399	\$242.73	\$55.00			
40	Comeaux-Bienvenu, Patsy (G)	\$245	\$60.00				
41	Cook, Kezne'	\$399					
42	Corley, Alecia	\$399					
43	Cormier, Francheska	\$399		\$55.00			
44	Cormier, Shirley LM	\$274	\$420.00	\$55.00			
45	Cormier-Zenon, Dolores LM	\$274	\$120.00	\$55.00		\$186.00	
46	Craven, Chastity	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00			
47	Dauterive, Kimberly Smith	\$399					
48	Dauterive, Yolanda LM	\$274	\$60.00	\$110.00			
49	Dauterive, Yolandria	\$399					
50	Duhon, Cindy LM	\$274				\$50.00	
51	Duhon, Donna	\$399	\$60.00				
52	Dugas, Brenda	\$399	\$120.00			\$1.00	
53	Dunbar, Mickel	\$399					
54	Drake, Mary Alice (G)	\$245	\$60.00			\$0.00	
55	Easterling, Zuvena	\$399	\$60.00				
56	Finley, Stephanie LM	\$274					
57	Fontenette, Terry	\$399		\$55.00		\$1.00	
58	Ford-Scott, Anitra	\$399	\$60.00			\$281.00	
59	Ford, Carlissa	\$399	\$60.00				
60	Fordice, Sylvia (G) LM	\$120	\$180.00				
61	Foster, Suzanne	\$399	\$240.00	\$55.00			
62	Frank-Senegal, Patricia LM	\$274				\$300.00	
63	Garrett, Deborah LM	\$274				\$6.00	
64	George, Rionne	\$399	\$60.32	\$55.00			
65	Goodie, Kenya	\$399	\$60.00				
66	Harrison, Andrea B.	\$399	\$60.32				
67	Harrison, Sonja Rachelle LM	\$274		\$55.00			
68	Hollinger, Gwen LM	\$274		\$165.00			
69	Houston, Alonda	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00			
70	Hutton, Charlotte LM	\$274	\$60.00	\$55.00			
71	Jackson, Alfreda Thompson	\$399	\$540.00			\$26.00	
72	Jackson, April	\$399				\$2.14	
73	Jackson, Carmen	\$399	\$60.00				

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74	Jackson, Dwan	\$399				\$1.00	
75	Jean-Louis, Keena LM	\$274	\$60.32				
76	Jones, Ariba	\$399	\$60.32				
77	Jones, Reshelle LM	\$274					
78	Joseph, Blair	\$399	\$60.32				
79	Joseph, Monique	\$399					
80	Kennison, LaQuata	\$399	\$60.00				
81	Kincade, Monica Maire Gale	\$399	\$60.24				
82	Kincade, Monica S.	\$399	\$60.25			\$76.00	
83	King, Karen LM	\$274	\$60.24				
84	Lazard, Lisa Anderson	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00			
85	LeBlanc, Aliko	\$145				\$40.00	
86	Ledet, Crystal	\$399				\$1.00	
87	Ledet-McNair, Niccola	\$399		\$55.00		\$300.00	
88	Lemelle, Desiree	\$399	\$60.00			\$179.34	
89	Lewis, Angela	\$399	\$60.00				
90	Lockett, Bria	\$399					
91	Marshall, Marilyn LM	\$274	\$60.00				
92	Martin, Brittany	\$399	\$60.32				
93	Martin, Mathilda (G)	\$245				\$5.00	
94	McConnell-Fitzpatrick, Jasmine	\$399	\$121.12	\$55.00			
95	McKinley-Tolliver, Cathy	\$399	\$60.56				
96	McKinley, Jameka	\$399	\$60.32			\$50.00	
97	McKinley, Jamillia	\$399	\$60.56				
98	McZeal, Anastasia LM	\$274		\$110.00			
99	Mitchell, Jamiya	\$145					
100	Mitchell, Kristy	\$399					
101	Moore, Leslie	\$399					
102	Mouton, Gladys "CoCo"	\$399					
103	Mouton, Patricia LM	\$274	\$60.00				
104	Narcisse, Yvonne	\$399	\$60.00			\$100.00	
105	Nixon, JoAnn (G) LM	\$120	\$60.00			\$92.00	
106	Nixon, Joelle	\$399	\$120.00	\$165.00			
107	Notto, Yolanda	\$399	\$60.32	\$55.00			
108	Olivier, Latricia	\$399		\$55.00			
109	Perry, Taylor	\$399	\$60.32	\$55.00			
110	Pierre, Sharon LM	\$274	\$60.00	\$110.00			
111	Pierre, Tricia	\$399				\$175.00	
112	Pillette, Cassandra LM	\$274	\$180.49	\$110.00			
113	Porter-Green, Thailund	\$399	\$301.12				

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114	Prince-Wilson, Jennifer	\$399		\$110.00			
115	Reaux, Elizabeth Broussard LM	\$274		\$110.00		\$2.00	
116	Reed, LaKeshia	\$399					
117	Register Gena LM	\$274					
118	Riggs-Cook, Louella (G)	\$245				156.07	
119	Ruffin, Jeneva LM	\$274	\$60.00	\$110.00		\$12.00	
120	Sampson, Calvary Rumley	\$399		\$55.00		\$100.00	
121	Scott, Dorothy C.	\$399	\$60.32				
122	Senegal-Wallace, Anyisia "Nikki"	\$399				\$400.00	
123	Sias, Payton	\$399	\$60.00				
124	Sias, Tanya	\$399	\$60.00				
125	Simon, Pamela	\$399					
126	Sims, Ariana R.	\$399					
127	Singleton, Theresa LM	\$274	\$120.49				
128	Smith, Ahanti	\$399					
129	Strowder, Christele	\$399	\$60.00	\$110.00		\$300.00	
130	Swain, Marvel LM	\$274	\$60.00	\$55.00			
131	Syrie, Evelyn (G)	\$245	\$60.00			\$145.00	
132	Theyard, Chaisley	\$399				\$1.00	
133	Thibeaux-Clay, Mary Elizabeth	\$399	\$60.00	\$110.00			
134	Thomas, Kyla B.	\$399					
135	Thompson, Patricia Green	\$399	\$60.00	\$220.00			
136	Thompson-Creteur, Quinta Lennet	\$399	\$60.00			\$1.00	
137	Trahan, Angela	\$399	\$60.00				
138	Vaughn-Allen, DeAngellica	\$399		\$55.00			
139	Washington, Felicia	\$399	\$60.00			\$15.00	
140	Washington, Natasha	\$399	\$120.64			\$300.00	
141	White, Kearia McCants	\$399				\$350.00	
142	Williams, Andretta Porter	\$399	\$60.00	\$55.00			
143	Wilson Chastity	\$399	\$60.00			\$216.00	
144	Wilson, Haley	\$399					
145	Wilson, Rodricka 'Rocki'	\$399					
146	Wiltz, Sharron (G) LM	\$120	\$120.00	\$110.00			
147	Young, Gloria	\$399	\$60.00				
148	Breaux, Kelsey (T) 2025	\$145	\$60.33				
149	Ian, Kiandria (T) 2025	\$145					
150	Guidry, Hillary (R) 2025	\$419	\$120.32				
151	Hayes, Krystian (T) 2026	\$145					
152	Green, Aamina (R) 2026	\$419	\$60.00				
153	Weary, Tayla (R) 2026	\$419				\$1.00	

Pecunious Grammateus: Financial Report: 2026 Active members—162 Quorum- 54

Silver Stars--77 Golden Sorors --10 Pearl--0 Diamond--1 LM-- Life Members--36

154	Foster, Natalie (R) 2026	\$419	\$60.00				
155	Auguillard, Jayden (T) 2026	\$145					
156	Singleton, Jada (T) 2026	\$399					
157	Richard, Bridget (R) 2026	\$419	\$60.00				
158	Key, Jeanne (T) 2026	\$399					
159	Malveaux, Bridget (R) 2026	\$419					
160	Jones, Kayla (R) 2026	\$419					
161	Singleton, Monte (T) 2026						
162	Murphy, Chimani (T) 2026						

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Graduate Advisor Report
Business Meeting
September 2026

- The undergraduates will be attending Undergraduate Leadership Institute on September 11-12, 2026 in Houston, Texas. A huge thank you to all the sorors that sponsored an undergraduate or donated to help defer the cost for the undergraduates. Your overwhelming generosity and support is greatly appreciated! Thank you again for always showing up for the undergraduates.
- The undergraduates voted to have Membership Intake this fall semester. We are awaiting word from the regional membership liaison.
- We are in the process of updating the mentor-mentee pairings. This will be completed by the end of September. All parties will be notified via email.
- Epsilon Beta's step team will be competing in the NPHC Homecoming Step Show on Friday, October 2, 2026 at Blackham Coliseum. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and support the undergraduates if you are available. Tickets are now on sale through Posh. You can cut and paste or type the following link into your browser. <https://posh.vip/e/nphc-homecoming-stepshow>
- Please follow Epsilon Beta on their social media sites. That is how all of the events and activities are advertised.
 - Instagram – epsilonbeta_aka
 - Facebook – Epsilon Beta Chapter of AKA

Important Dates

- September 11-12, 2026 – Undergraduate Leadership Institute
- September 17, 2026 – Meet the Greeks
- September 20, 2026 – September Business Meeting

Soror Spotlights

- London Williams - Received the ACS Bridge Travel Award to attend the ACS Fall 2026 Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- Taylor Auzout – Accepted into the Trio Teacher Prep Program
- Madisyn Johnson – Received the David Trosclair Scholarship from the College of Education and Human Development.

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Tanya Sias
Graduate Advisor

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Hodegos Business Meeting Report

September 2026

Budget: Operations: \$1000.00 Current Available \$

September Courtesies

Illness:

Please keep Soror Kenya Goody in your prayers. Soror Kenya had surgery on August 19, she is recovering at home.

Please continue to pray for Soror Crystal Ledet as she is recovering at home from recent surgery.

Please keep Soror Hillary Guidry in your prayers. She is recovering at home and following her Doctor's orders.

Please keep our dear Soror Shirley Cormier in your thoughts and prayers. Soror Shirley has been hospitalized at Ochsner Lafayette General Hospital since Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Please continue to pray for Soror Crystal Ledet as she continues to recover. Recently, Soror Crystal was dismissed from her employment. Her family is holding a benefit dinner this weekend, Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to assist with medical and other expenses.

Bereavement

Please keep our dear Soror Kayla Jones and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Soror Kayla's father-in-law, Mr. Tommy L. Jones, passed away on August 5, 2026.

Sorors, let us continue to lift one another up in prayer trusting that the Lord is faithful to heal, comfort, and to carry us through every season. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Gentle Reminder Sorors, please notify the Hodegos if a courtesy needs to be extended, at ecocourtesy@googlegroups.com Viewed by Madam Basileus and the Hodegos

I am also available anytime at (337) 534-2962 via Text or phone.

Submitted by:

Soror Monica Kincade

Hodegos

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® - ETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER
Program Report
September 2026- Business Meeting

Reminders:

- ★ *The Designated Committee Soror will complete and submit all initiative reports within 5 days of your event. The initiative report form is found in the Members Only section of the ECO website under Resource Documents. Completed reports should be e-mailed to: **ECOEventReports@googlegroups.com**. The form will be updated to include the formula for calculating total volunteer hours.*
- ★ *Please submit all outstanding vouchers and receipts within **30 days of purchase**. Reimbursements **MAY NOT** be given if not turned in timely.*
- ★ *Please complete the Google Form regarding 2026-2027 Committee placements and indicate all committees you are interested in leading.*
- ★ *Initiative and Committee Chairs should be reviewing the 2026 Program of Work to adequately plan chapter events and activities. Activities in the Program of Work have been approved by the chapter. Budgets and specific details will need chapter approval. Reviewing the POW regularly allows for timely approval.*
- ★ *All prior GroupMe should be deactivated. If you would like a GroupMe set up for your committee, please contact Soror Tynese Breaux, First Anti-Basileus*
- ★ *The new report template has been sent to all committee chairmen and officers. If you have not received the template, please contact Sorors Tynese Breaux or Lisa Anderson Lazard.*
- ★ *Complete a tech request for QR sign-ins for committee/initiative events.*
- ★ *All committee reports will need to be submitted by the deadline (Tuesday prior to chapter meeting) to be included in the agenda. Should there be any extenuating circumstances, please contact Madame Basileus and Madame Grammateus to discuss and receive further instructions.*

Upcoming Events

- ★ *Ivy Legacy Foundation of Acadiana Pink Pizzazz, Sunday, September 6, 2026 Doubletree Hotel, 1521 W. Pinhook Rd. Lafayette, LA 70503 11:00am.*
- ★ *Walk on the Wildside For Autism, Saturday, September 12, 2026, Zoosiana 5601 Highway 90 E. Broussard, LA 70518. 5:30pm-7:00pm.*
- ★ *2026 Sickel Cell Walk/Run & Health Expo, Saturday, September 19, 2026, George Dupuis Rec Center/Graham Memorial Park. Walk begins at 8:00am/Expo begins at 8:30am.*
- ★ *Debutante/Tea Girl Workshops. Saturday, September 26, 2026. Details TBA.*

2026-2030 International Initiatives: Championing Service, Empowering Sisterhood, Transforming the World-

Signature Program: Foster The Future

Target 1: Educational Support & Advocacy

Target 2: Family Matters

Target 3: Health Awareness & Well-Being

Target 4: Economic Growth & Success

Target 5: Environmental & Sustainability Action

Target 6: Arts Advocacy & Cultural Awareness

Target 7: The Global Community

Target 8: The Undergraduate Impact Agenda

Committee Chairmen

- ★ Foster The Future- Soror Andretta Porter Williams & Soror Kenya Goodie
- ★ Educational Support & Advocacy- Soror Keena Jean Louis & Soror Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux Clay
- ★ Family Matters- Soror Calvary Sampson
- ★ Health & Well-Being Awareness- Soror Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Soror Marilyn Marshall, & Soror Felicia Washington
- ★ Economic Growth & Success- Soror Desiree Lemelle & Soror Gabrielle Chapman
- ★ Environmental & Sustainable Action- Soror Jamillia McKinley & Soror Chloe Bello
- ★ Art Advocacy & Cultural Awareness- Soror Breannie Charles & Soror Kezne Cook
- ★ The Global Community- Soror Lisa Lazard
- ★ The Undergraduate Impact Agenda- Soror Tanya Sias, Soror Jameka McKinley, and the GAC as needed

Program Committee Meeting Update:

- Date of Meeting: August 25, 2026
- Members attended: Tynese Breaux, Tracey Biagas- Hill, Donna Duhon, Zuwena Easterling, Natasha Washington, Chastity Wilson, Ariba Jones, Gabrielle Chapman, Breannie Charles, DeAngellica Vaughn-Allen, Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux Clay, Keena JeanLouis, Tahisa Colbert, Joelle Nixon, Tanya Brown.
- Summary of meeting: Program committee met to review the 2026 Program of Work to determine what activities/actions planned will fit under new initiatives. The committee also began to discuss the 2027 Program of Work. Sorors are encouraged to monitor emails from the corporate office and attend scheduled webinars that will provide further guidance on programing with the new initiatives. The committee determined that the 2027 Program of Work will be a broad working document that will allow the chapter to add activities and action

items once more information from corporate office is provided. Long standing ECO events will be maintained on the Program of Work.

- Summary of event planning:
 - Soror Breannie Charles discussed a possible collaboration with Creole Culture Inc. for an event on October 3, 2026. This event would fall under Art Advocacy & Cultural Awareness. More details to follow.
 - Soror Tahisa Colbert discussed an Alzheimer's Awareness event that will take place on the ULL campus September 18, 2026. Soror Colbert will forward the information so that it can be shared with the chapter.
 - The committee reviewed and discussed participation in the Sickle Cell Walk/Health Expo that is being held by the 100 Black Men of Acadiana and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated® Eta Gamma Lambda Chapter. The event will be held September 19, 2026 at Brown Park. The walk/run begins at 8:00am and the Expo begins at 8:30am.
 - A sign up link will be included in Madam Basileus' weekly report for the walk/run. The cost is \$35 and participants may receive a tee shirt if registered by 9/1/26. Soror Breannie Charles agreed to be the walk/run captain.
 - A sign up link will be included in Madam Basileus' weekly report for the health expo. The times will be 7:30-8:30 for set up and one-hour shifts until 11:30am. 3 Sorors will be needed for each shift to man the table.
 - The table will include healthy snacks and voter education
- Committee Recommendations: The committee recommends utilizing a budget not to exceed \$150 to purchase healthy snacks (granola bars, baked chips, etc.) for the table at the Sickle Cell Walk/Run/Health Expo: with the money coming from the Uplift Our Local Communities budget line. That current budget line item is \$1350.

NOTICE:

- ★ **If you are aware of any activities that would provide service opportunities for members of Eta Chi Omega, please submit the information and details to Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Lazard for review.**
- ★ **Attendance must be recorded and tracked for all committee meetings and events. Request QR codes for all events at least ten days before your scheduled event.**
- ★ **Contact the Standards Chairman regarding event post-event surveys prior to your scheduled event.**

★ **Monthly reports should be printed, signed by the respective chairman, and given to the Grammateus at each Business Meeting.**

Submitted by: Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Lazard

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Uplift Our Local Community Chapter Business Meeting Report

September 2026

Budget: Fundraising: \$1,350 Current Funds Available: \$1,350

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting- August 24, 2026, 7:15 pm
- Members attended -Andretta Porter-Williams, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tynese Breaux, Lisa Anderson Lizard Zuwena Easterling, Cassandra Pillette, Tanya Sias, Carlissa Ford, Breannie Charles, Chastity Wilson, Tahisa Colbert, De'Angellica Vaughn-Allen, Consuella Charles.
- Summary of meeting- The objective of the meeting was to plan and coordinate Walk on the Wild Side for Autism, scheduled for September 12th, 5:30 pm to 7 pm, Zoosiana, \$25 per person. Pearls with a Purpose has adopted the flamingo again as the team mascot and will participate in the Fan Favorite T shirt contest, with entry designed by Soror Zuwena Easterling. All Sorors will be encouraged to walk and/or donate.
- The meeting also covered remaining UOLC activities included on the 2026 Program of Work: 2026 Sickle Cell Walk & Health Expo, Pink F.E.S.T. and Warm & Cozy Coat Drive.
- The 2026 Sickle Cell Walk/Run & Health Expo will occur on Saturday, September 19th, George Dupuis Rec Center at Graham Brown Memorial Park. Registration for the Walk/Run begins at 6:30 am and race begins at 8:00 am. The Health Expo opens at 8:30am. The Chapter will enter a team in the Walk/Run and provide voter education, assist with verifying voter registration status, and providing healthy snacks. Madam Basileus stated Participants will receive an excused absence from the September Chapter Business meeting.
- The Pink F.E.S.T. Subcommittee will be chaired by 2nd Anti- Basileus Lisa Anderson Lizard. Pink F.E.S.T. will be held at Progressive Baptist Church in collaboration with Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy. The specific date and time in October is pending. Sorors will be encouraged to join the committee and contribute to this Signature Eta Chi Omega community service event.
- Eta Chi Omega will collect gently used and new outerwear, hats, and gloves for the Warm & Cozy Coat Drive. Collections will occur at the monthly Chapter Business Meetings, beginning in September and ending in December. Donations will be given to Gifting Grace Project which empowers homeless children.
- Summary of Event:
Pearls with a Purpose, Family, and Friends participated in Walk on the Wild Side for Autism on September 12th. The Team were adorned in Pink Flamingo Themed T-shirts designed by Soror Zuwena Easterling and crafted and customized by Madam Basileus Tracey Biagas-Hill.

Pearls with a Purpose placed First in the Fan Favorite T-shirt Contest and received a Gold Lion Trophy. Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight dollars (\$778) was donated to the Autism Society of Acadiana and resulted in a third place finish as the Top Fundraising Team. A Bronze Elephant Trophy was rewarded.

Eta Chi Omega Donors were: Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tanya Brown, Tahisa Colbert, Monica Kincade, Lisa Anderson Lizard, Jamillia McKinley, Jamiya Mitchell, Cassandra Pillette, Andretta Porter-Williams and De'Angellica Vaughn-Allen, Sharron Wiltz.

ECO Walkers included: Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tanya Brown, Carlissa Ford, Charlotte Hutton, Ariba Jones Monica Kincade, Lisa Anderson Lizard, Jamillia McKinley, Jamiya Mitchell, Taylor Perry, and Cassandra Pillette. Also, Friends and Family: Christine McClue and Jevetta Rouge.

- Pending Committee Items -
Sickle Cell Anemia Walk
Pink F.E.S. T.
Warm & Cozy Coat Drive
Collections

September 19, 2026
October 2026 (date pending)
September - December 2026

- Committee Recommendations-None

Submitted by:

Soror Andretta Porter-Williams and Soror Kenya Goode

Committee Chair

Committee Co-Chair



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Target 5: Environmental & Sustainability Action Committee Meeting Report

September 2026

Budget: Fundraising: \$1,000

Current Funds Available: \$875

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting: Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00pm via Zoom
- Attendees: Tracey Biagas-Hill, Lisa Anderson Lazard, Tahisa P. Colbert, Deborah Garrett, Joelle Nixon, Jamillia McKinley
- The committee discussed the new Environmental and Sustainability Action Target activities and areas of focus, Parish Proud and Love Our Schools at Northside High, National Recycling Week in November, and highlighting Black farmers and growers via social media throughout the year.
- Highlights: Fightingville Fresh Market at 315 W Simcoe St in Lafayette, Louisiana is open Tuesdays from 3 to 5pm and Saturdays from 1 to 4pm. They have local Black farmers and growers that sell produce and herbs routinely. If you so happen to stop by, or patron any other Black farmers in Louisiana, please take a picture with a farmer and/or showcasing your locally sourced goods!
- Upcoming Events:
 - Parish Proud Day w/Love Our Schools Foundation (registration full)
 - Saturday, September 26, 2026 @8:00-11:30
 - Northside Highschool
 - Moncus Park: Garden Meditations, Trail Treks, Art in the Park
 - (Please visit their website or Facebook page for more details)
 - National Recycling Week
 - November 9th-15th
 - Closer to November, please anticipate more information on the parameters for recycling glass during the chapter meeting. Information will also be sent out regarding submitting photos showcasing chapter members supporting local farmers and recycling efforts across Acadiana.

- Committee Recommendations:
 - The Environmental and Sustainability Action committee recommends the chapter participate in glass recycling during the November chapter meeting, with a budget not to exceed \$250 for the cost of industrial/construction garbage bags, cut resistant gloves, and to cover the cost of recycling the glass with Backyard Sapphire. Participation aligns with Target 5's strategic focus: reduce waste and promote recycling and conservation efforts. The remaining budget for the target would be \$625.
 - Rationale: Backyard Sapphire is a local glass recycling company that charges a fee of \$11.50 per box for their drop-off recycling services. To transport the glass to them, we would need to purchase glass safe boxes, priced around \$7-\$9 per box. For the safety of volunteers, we would also need a pack of cut-resistant gloves, which can be purchased at Costco for around \$40 for a pack of 6 pairs. The gloves and transport boxes are reusable and will belong to Eta Chi Omega.

Submitted by:

Jamillia McKinley

Target 5: Environmental &

Sustainability Action Chairman

Arts Advocacy and Cultural Awareness Committee Report

Chapter Meeting: Saturday September 19, 2026

- Overview of Target 6 Arts Advocacy and Cultural Awareness:

 TARGET 6: ARTS ADVOCACY & CULTURAL AWARENESS Celebrate, preserve, and elevate arts, culture, and creative expression as powerful tools for education, empowerment, economic opportunity, and community connection.	 <table border="1"><tr><td data-bbox="683 667 954 1213"> STRATEGIC FOCUS • Expand access to arts education and creative experiences • Highlight African American culture, heritage, and contributions • Support emerging artists and cultural entrepreneurs • Foster intergenerational cultural appreciation • Use the arts as a catalyst for healing, unity, and transformation </td><td data-bbox="954 667 1263 1213"> CORE ACTIVITY AREAS • Creative Clubs – Visual arts, digital media & creative writing • Art & Literacy Labs – Reading through creative expression • Future Creators Showcase – Youth arts exhibitions • Legacy Through the Arts – Preserving stories through creativity • Elder Expression Exhibits – Celebrating senior artists </td></tr></table>	STRATEGIC FOCUS • Expand access to arts education and creative experiences • Highlight African American culture, heritage, and contributions • Support emerging artists and cultural entrepreneurs • Foster intergenerational cultural appreciation • Use the arts as a catalyst for healing, unity, and transformation	CORE ACTIVITY AREAS • Creative Clubs – Visual arts, digital media & creative writing • Art & Literacy Labs – Reading through creative expression • Future Creators Showcase – Youth arts exhibitions • Legacy Through the Arts – Preserving stories through creativity • Elder Expression Exhibits – Celebrating senior artists
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- **Committee Meeting**
 - 1st meeting held on Tuesday September 8, 2026
 - **Members attended:** Breannie Charles, Blair Joseph, Jameka McKinley, Tahisa Colbert, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Zuwena Easterling, Christelle Strowder, Joelle Nixon, Kezne Cook, Haley Wilson, Philomena Bernard, De'Angellica Vaughn-Allen
- **5th Annual Creole Culture Day during Creole Heritage Month**
 - Outdoor festival. Presented by Louisiana Creole Culture Inc. & Vues De Culture. Goal of the festival is to recognize and highlight the culture of Black Louisiana Creoles during the month of October which is Creole Heritage Month.
 - Saturday October 3, 2026 10am to 6pm at Town Hall Park Grand Coteau, LA
 - Free admission. Parking is \$10



- Activities include the following
 - Boucherie at Sunrise at 6:30am
 - French language cooking demonstrations
 - Creole heritage genealogy station to trace family lineage
 - Who Yo People family record-a Black Family oral history archive. Record your family's story in your own voice
 - French bingo
 - Live Zydeco music
 - Chicken run
 - Indigenous Art Station
 - Creole Marketplace with various local vendors
- More information at Creoleculturalday.org
- Suggested chapter activity: have a table, chairs, and chapter tent to do voter registration and education in shifts from 10 am to 6pm.
- The event relies on sponsorships and donations to keep the event free to the community. Sponsorship opportunities available:

Creole Culture Day — Become a Sponsor

Creole Culture Day is free and open to the public — sponsorship keeps it that way. Your brand in front of 78,000+ engaged followers and thousands on the grounds, recognized all year on creoleculturalday.org. Reserve by September 1 to lock full print and marketing inclusion.

Sponsorship Tiers & Benefits

LEGACY — \$5,000: Largest logo on the main stage backdrop & event banner; logo on the official step-&-repeat photo banner; top billing on the creoleculturalday.org sponsor page; live recognition from the stage during the headline set; inclusion in event press releases & media coverage; complimentary premium booth; 4 event t-shirts + 2 reserved VIP parking passes; premier social campaign to 80,000+ followers.

HERITAGE — \$2,500: Featured logo on the main stage backdrop & event banner; logo on the creoleculturalday.org sponsor page; live recognition from the stage during the program; recognition in press materials & media releases; complimentary vendor booth; 2 event t-shirts + 1 reserved VIP parking pass; dedicated social posts + recap-video recognition.

CULTURE — \$1,000: Logo on event signage & the creoleculturalday.org sponsor page; stage mention during the program; listed on the festival sponsor banner; 2 event t-shirts; dedicated social media spotlight post.

COMMUNITY — \$500: Name & logo on the creoleculturalday.org sponsor page; name on the community sponsor banner; featured in our community sponsor appreciation post; 1 event t-shirt; recognition in event-day sponsor shout-outs.

- Sponsorships pay for insurance, town and parish permits, food for volunteers and boucherie, musicians, portable restrooms, trash pickup and hauling, tent rentals, and photography.
- **Performing Arts Serving Acadiana (PASA) events are a way for the chapter to be involved with and support live performing arts in our local community. Upcoming events include the following:**
 - 9/27 - Branford Marsalis & Dianne Reeves Celebrate Coltrane (The Heymann Center)
 - 10/16 - Martha Graham Dance Company (The Heymann Center)
 - 11/13 - Frederick Douglass, starring Roger Guenveur Smith (The Theater at Baranco)
 - 11/12 - Special Event: Dog Man, The Musical (The Heymann Center)
 - 2/19/27 - Skye Isaac: Cinema Serenade (The Theater at Baranco)
 - 3/11/27 - Aquila Theatre - Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (The Heymann Center)
 - 4/16/27 - Jill Butler and her Joyride Band: Tribute to Burt Bacharach (The Theater at Baranco)
- **The Wiz Broadway in Lafayette**
 - Monday January 11, 2027 at 7:30pm at the Heymann Performing Arts Center

- The committee discussed sponsoring local elementary, middle, and/or high school students to attend at least one of the PASA events and possibly the Wiz Broadway show to foster exposure to the performing arts to youth in our community and plans to discuss logistics to present to the chapter at a later date.

Committee Recommendations:

- The committee recommends the chapter to participate in the Creole Culture Day providing voter registration and education and a budget not to exceed \$200 from the Empower Our Families CHIPP budget for water, voter registration and education materials, and other related materials/items that may be needed for the day.
- The committee recommends the chapter be a Community level sponsor for the Creole Culture Day at the amount of \$500.00 to be taken from the Empower Our Families CHIPP budget.

Report Submitted by:

Breannie Charles

Arts Advocacy and Cultural Awareness Committee Chairman

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Debutante Committee Chapter Meeting Report

September 19, 2026

Meeting Date: September 8, 2026

Members in Attendance: Suzanne Foster, Sharon Pierre, Alonda Houston, Andretta Porter-Williams, Cassandra Pillette, Chasity Wilson, Cynthia Bernard, Desiree Lemelle, Francheska Cormier, Joelle Nixon, Tanya Brown, Tahisa Colbert, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Yvonne Narcissee, Zuvena Easterling, Blair Joseph

Summary of Meeting:

1. Update given by Soror Pierre – we have 21 Debutantes and 9 Tea Girls. The 2026 Debutante Scholarship recipients all sent in verifications (Lauren Lewis, Clarke Carter, and Tori Bryant).
2. Souvenir Book Ad Information was presented by Soror Pierre. Special Pages (\$25 per entry), Life Member, Legacy, Silver, Golden. Regular Ads – Full page \$180, Half Page \$90, Fourth Page \$45. (Pictures will only be accepted for full page and half page ads).
3. Etiquette Subcommittee – Soror Pierre presented oral report from Soror Cormier. Presenters for this workshop were Yvonne Narcisse (Business Etiquette), Epsilon Beta -Kaitlyn Hill and Leah Notto (Social Media), Zuvena Easterling (Social Etiquette), Brandi Clay (Attire & Fashion Show), and Shirley Cormier (Dining & Table Manners). Expenses for this workshop totaled \$174.26. Donated items were: Shrimp & Grits, Pecan Praline Sauce (\$200) anonymous donor; mocktails- Christele Strowder, Decorations & water-Patricia Thompson & Tahisa Colbert; cake-Patricia Thompson; extra door prizes – Anastacia McZeal, June Bonhomme, Cynthia Bernard, Tahisa Colbert, and Patricia Thompson.
4. Financial Literacy & College Transition Subcommittee – Desiree Lemelle. Presented the agenda for workshop 2 scheduled for September 26, at 11:00 a.m. Welcome (Soror Sharon), Icebreaker (Soror Dolores, Soror Sandy, Financial Literacy (Candace Papillion Haynes, College Preparation (Sorors Alonda, Desiree, and Suzanne). The committee will meet before the workshop to finalize the agenda.
5. Mother Daughter Hat Luncheon Subcommittee – Cynthia Bernard. The Hat luncheon is scheduled for December 12th at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette at 11:00 a.m. Cost for chapter members to attend is \$40. The committee chose to go with a guest speaker (Soror Patricia Cottonham) and they will present the theme at the next meeting along with the menu choice.
6. Tea Girl's coordinator Soror Francheska Cormier gave an update on the tea girl activities. Workshop 1 consisted of a presentation on selecting a college and a bingo game dealing with aspects of college life. The girls were also presented with a welcome gift. The next workshop will continue with college preparation through mini research using their phones, and they will also be creation vision boards.
7. Upcoming Events were announced:

- Tea Girl & Debutante Workshop 2, September 26, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Main Library (301 Congress St.)
- Mother Daughter Hat Luncheon-December 12th, 11:00 a.m., Petroleum Club of Lafayette, Cost per member \$40.
- Winter Cotillion Ball – January 9, 2027, 7:00 p.m. Doubletree by Hilton Lafayette
- Attire for Cotillion Ball – Pink, Green, Pink & Green, or Black floor length gowns
- Next Debutante committee meeting via zoom – October 6, 6:00 p.m.

Committee Recommendations for Chapter:

Budget for 2026-2027: To accept the proposed estimated budget for 2026-2027 cotillion.

Rationale: To use as a guideline in making decisions for activities and to keep track of income and expenses.

Submitted by:

Sharon Pierre, Debutante Committee Chairman

Suzanne Foster, Debutante Committee Co Chairman

2026-2027 COTILLION BUDGET						
INCOME						
Debutante Fees 21 @ \$850.00						\$17,850.00
Tea Girl Fees 9 @ \$300.00						\$2,700.00
Total Fees						\$20,550.00
Souvenir Ads Debutantes 21 @ \$300.00						\$6,300.00
Souvenir Ads Tea Girls 9 @ \$150.00						\$1,350.00
Souvenir Ads Sorors						\$2,000.00
Total Ads						\$9,650.00
Ball Tickets Debutantes 546 @ \$55.00						\$30, 030.00
Ball Tickets Sorors 50 @ \$55.00						\$2,750.00
Total Tickets						\$32,780.00
Hat Luncheon 15 @ \$40.00						\$600.00
Total Income						\$63,580.00
EXPENSES:						
Debutante Workshop I				\$100.00		
Debutante Workshop 2				\$400.00		
Debutante Workshop 3				\$500.00		
Debutante Gifts/T-Shirts				\$500.00		
Snacks/Workshops (Tea Girls & Debs)				\$350.00		
Debutante Yard Signs				\$360.00		

Doubletree by Hilton (Facility for Ball)					\$27,000.00	
Practice Venue					\$300.00	
Decorations/Tablecloths/Chair covers					\$3,800.00	
Security for Ball					\$600.00	
Entertainment/DJ					\$1,400.00	
Saxophonist/Presentation Ball/Dinner					\$750.00	
Printing (Ball Tickets)					\$170.00	
Souvenir Book/Program					\$2,700.00	
Flowers/Presentation					\$1,360.00	
Mother/Daughter Hat Luncheon/Gifts					\$3,200.00	
Tea Girl Activities/Gifts/T-Shirts					\$800.00	
Photographer					\$500.00	
Informational Meeting					\$150.00	
Choreographer					\$600.00	
Debutante Academic Scholarships					\$2,500.00	
Miscellaneous (gift bags, receipt books, wristbands, cider, flutes					\$270.00	
Total Expenses					\$48,310.00	
Net Profit						\$15,270.00



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Eta Chi Omega Chapter
September 2026 – Business Meeting Report

Updates:

- ★ **February 2026** Business meeting we raised \$228.00 through the Cake Walk Raffle for \$5, the South-Central Region's Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary Cookbook for \$5, and we sold a couple of Ivy Box items. EAF Ambassadors reimbursed the \$228 to the generous anonymous Soror who fronted \$500 to fulfill the chapter obligation. Leaving a balance owed to the anonymous Soror of \$272.
- ★ **March 2026** Business meeting we did not fundraise for EAF. Rationale: Sorors were planning on attending Regional Conference (RC) and possibly saving funds to shop at RC.
- ★ **April 2026** Business meeting we sold Ivy Box items and raised \$160. \$160 was reimbursed to the anonymous Soror. Leaving a balance owed to the anonymous Soror of \$112. However, the anonymous Soror told us to consider the rest of the debt as paid in full! Thank you Soror!☺
- ★ **May 2026** we raffled off a brand-new small pink and green rolling luggage suitcase donated by Soror Monica Kincade. Raffle tickets were \$10. And as always, we continued Ivy Box sells. We RAISED \$375!!
- ★ **July 2026** Soror Karen King accepted our Platinum Award at Boule in Vegas for the 2025-26 year!!!!
- ★ **August 2026-** We were notified 2 days before business meeting; we could not have our EAF Ivy Box sells due to reported lack of space and a sisterly relations activity at our meeting space.
- ★ **September 2026-** Sorors who have reached out and those who may not have reached out re: Ivy Box items please bring items to September's Business Meeting for our September Ivy Box Store. **Please note: Ivy Box sells is not a garage sell, please donate new items or "like new" items.**
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Note: Soror Verna and I were not in attendance at August Business meeting. We would like to submit/ formally request our Tamioushos add the required \$500 Chapter Contribution (Silver) to the Budget for EAF Chapter portion. If this was taken care of at August Business meeting please disregard.

As Always, reach out to Sorors Gwen and Verna if you have items to donate, and/or other fundraising ideas for us to consider.

EAF Ambassador Co-Chairs: Sorors Gwen Hollinger & Verna Calais

National Pan-Hellenic Council Lafayette Chapter

September 3, 2026

NPHC Meeting



Opening Prayer was led by Omega Psi Phi

Roll Call Present: Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Delta Sigma Theta.

Absent: Sigma Gamma Rho

Welcome was led by President Joe Walker of Kappa Alpha Psi

Minutes: The minutes were read by Elizabeth Reaux of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. It was moved by Alpha Kappa Alpha and seconded by Omega Psi Phi to accept the minutes as presented and any corrections be given to the recording secretary in writing. MOTION CARRIED

Bills: No bills

Communication: Flyer from Dr. Chris Williams for the Grass Roots and Grill free community event scheduled for Monday September 7th from 3:00-6:00. They are in need of members to assist with serving food.

In response to the flyer NPHC Party with a Purpose the members opted to table the conversation until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: There are 2 more book stipends left to pay. Balance aa of September 2, 2026 is \$2,948.01. Dues are \$100.

New Business:

College Day Sunday, September 27, 2026 at Progressive Baptist Church at 9:00 am. All Divine Nine members are invited to sing in the choir.

Tonya Bolden-Ball suggested that we take a look at the budget and assign members to be in charge of committees.

Committees:

Budget and Finance

Tremaine Rossyion

Tonya Bolden-Ball

Tre Francis

Community Outreach

Dr. Erica Williams

Tre Francis

Marketing

Elizabeth Reaux

Tre Francis

Fundraising

Ronald Cormier

Kendall David

Linda Sam

Civil Engagement

Travis Faulk

Tonya Bolden-Ball

By-laws

Joelle Nixon Nelson

Jared Nelson

Sorority and Fraternity Updates

Delta Sigma Theta Deltas Honors Saturday September 26, 2026 at the Progressive Community Center at 6pm. We have members who are being honored: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated and Jared Nelson. They are asking members to purchase tickets to support our members.

Alpha Phi Alpha will take part in the Sickie Cell 3K/1mike walk/run along with the 100 Black Men on Saturday September 19th at George Dupuis Recreation Center.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Scholarship Ball in Cade, LA on Saturday November 21, 2026.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Pink Pizzazz on Sunday, September 6, 2026 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton.

Good News

NPHC gift wrapping and holiday cheer will be held on December 16, 2026 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at the Downtown Convention Center. Community Cares Supply Drive will be held on December 13, 2026 beginning at 1:30pm

Brother Vincent Wiltz thanked the members for their prayers. He is still receiving treatment so he asked for continued prayers.

September Birthdays: None

Closing Prayer: Omega Psi Phi

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm



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LAFAYETTE CHAPTER

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TO YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS AND
GIVE TO YOUR NPHC REPRESENTATIVE

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LAFAYETTE CHAPTER

Join NPHC - Lafayette Chapter for

Gift-Wrapping and Holiday Cheer



WHERE:
Downtown Convention Center



WHEN:
DECEMBER 16, 2026



TIME:
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.



RSVP Your NPHC Representative If Attending



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Nominating Committee Report
Business Meeting
September 2026

The Nominating Committee met via Zoom on August 4, 2026 to discuss and begin the process of selecting a slate of officers to be presented at the October business meeting and voted on at the November business meeting. All members of the nominating committee were present: Monique Joseph, Angela Trahan, Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay and Dolores Cormier Zenon.

Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Leadership Interest Survey that will be utilized to help develop the slate of officers. All members of the chapter are asked to complete the survey.
- Review of a document detailing all officers for election and the eligibility requirements and duties/responsibilities of each office. This document was shared electronically with all chapter members and was uploaded to the ECO website.

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Tanya Sias
Nominating Committee Chairman

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Sisterly Relations

Business Meeting Report

September 2026

Budget: Operations: \$1000 Current Funds Available: \$

Committee Meeting Updates:

The committee hosted a Sisterly Relations event honoring our 2026 Silver Star Members. The event was held during the Sisterly Relations Report. The Silver Stars were individually introduced as an AKA biographical questionnaire was read by Soror Marilyn Marshall. They were awarded their Silver Star Medallions and Certificates from Eta Chi Omega by the Basileus, Soror Tracey Biagas Hill. Afterwards they gathered for group and individual pictures and received their gifts from the committee. The committee would like to express gratitude to Sorors JoAnn Nixon, Quinta Thompson Credeur, Christelle Strowder and Ariba Jones for working together to make this a memorable event for our Silver Sorors. Congratulations, again to Sorors Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Bridget Babineaux Richard, Danielle Cole Thomas, Hillary Jolivette Guidry, Kayla Joseph Jones, Natasha Washington, Nicole Bernard, and Thailund Porter-Green!

Please join the committee as we wish the following sorors a Happy Birthday:

September 2026

Ashanti Smith (2)

Anastasia McZeal (3)

Patricia Frank Senegal (4)

Monica Kincade (4)

Yolanda Dauterive (5)

Pamela Simon (5)

Marilyn Marshall (8)

De'Angelica Vaughn-Allen

Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux Clay (22)

Jameka McKinley (27)

Submitted by:

Soror Monica Smith Kincade

Chairman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

❖ Joint Meeting with Epsilon Beta – Fall 2026

**❖ Annual Chapter Photo – Saturday, October 17,
2026**

Cost: \$75.00

**Suggested line item: Archives Budget (Balance:
\$400.00)**

❖ 2026 South Louisiana Cluster Service Project

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
South Central Region
under the leadership of
Dr. Shawn E. Simmons

2026 South Louisiana Cluster Retreat

Service Project



Breast Cancer Awareness **R.E.A.L. CHAMPIONS**

The Project:

Beanies, Blankets, and Shawls

In honor of **Breast Cancer Awareness** and **Target 3: Health Awareness & Well-Being**, the South Louisiana Cluster will donate beanies/skull caps, lap blankets, and shawls to the **Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Foundation** in the Baton Rouge and Gonzales locations.

Chemotherapy patients benefit greatly from skull caps, lap blankets, and shawls because hair loss and circulation issues make them feel cold in the chilly treatment rooms. Please encourage all chapter members to support our breast cancer champions.



The items need to be new, clean, free of perfume, pet hair, and smoke, and placed in clear Ziplock-style plastic bags. There will be a drop-off location at Cluster.



Champion Donations:

We are also asking graduate chapters to make a monetary donation based on chapter size;

Small (1-75):	\$ 250
Medium (76-150):	\$300
Large (151 - 300):	\$350
Extra Large (301+):	\$400

Individual Donations in increments of **\$19.08** will also be appreciated.



The Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Foundation needs silver and salt-and-pepper wigs. Our monetary donations can help them purchase the wigs.

Please make your donation check payable to
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. -
South Central Region

and send your donation by **October 11, 2026**,
to **Soror LaKenya Collins, CPA, MS**,
South Louisiana Cluster Pecunious Grammateus
at **3813 Lennox Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70131**.

Thank you for your generosity; the impact will extend beyond the physical warmth of a hat or blanket, as we are

Championing Service and Empowering Sisterhood
while *Transforming the World* by showing love for our
R.E.A.L. CHAMPIONS.

SISTERLY MOMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chapter Executive Committee Meeting – October 7, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**
- **Chapter Business Meeting – October 17, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – Location: Clifton Chenier Center, 220 West Willow, Lafayette, LA**
- **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Leadership Seminar – New Orleans, LA, Dates: July 2027**
- **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® 73rd Boule – Atlanta, GA, Dates: 2028**
- **South Louisiana Cluster – Baton Rouge, LA, Dates: October 23 – 24, 2026**
- **95th SCRC 2027 – Grapevine, TX; Dates: April 2-5, 2027**
- **96th SCRC 2028 – Host: Southeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD**
- **97th SCRC 2029 – Host: Northeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD**

ADJOURNMENT