

THE IVY CONNECTION



ETA CHI OMEGA
December 2025



Together We Rise: Celebrating Impact, Inspiring Action

As we step boldly into 2026, let us pause to honor the remarkable work we accomplished together in 2025. Eta Chi Omega truly had an extraordinary year. We closed the year with more than **4,700** hours of community service, a testament to our unwavering commitment to those we serve. But we did more than give our time—we invested in our community. Together, we infused nearly **\$116,000** into Black-owned and women-owned businesses, strengthening the very ecosystem that supports and uplifts us.

Throughout the year, Eta Chi Omega Sorors served with consistency, compassion, and purpose. In December alone, we made meaningful contributions to Gifting Grace through our collaboration with Lambda Beta Omega and The Ivy Legacy Foundation of Acadiana, Inc. We also provided toys and donations to NPHC for distribution to the Lafayette Housing Authority and Gulf Coast Teaching Services, and we gave generously to Healing House to help restock their Free to Be Me Room.

As Basileus, it has been both an honor and a joy to serve alongside each of you. Time and again, Eta Chi Omega rose to every challenge and exceeded every expectation. We move into 2026 strengthened by our

accomplishments and united in purpose—ready for even greater impact.

Let us move into this new season with courage—unafraid to step beyond our comfort zones, to stretch ourselves, to serve more deeply, and to seek meaningful partnerships with organizations that align with our mission.

I encourage each of us to reach out to Sorors in our community who may be inactive or searching for a chapter to call home. Eta Chi Omega is a welcoming space where every Sister can serve in the capacity that fits her gifts, her time, and her season. There is much work ahead, and there is room for every hand and every heart to contribute. We each bring unique strengths, talents, and perspectives. And when we come together—united in purpose and committed to collective excellence—we shine our brightest and achieve far more than we ever could alone.

Tracy Biagas-Hill

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Basileus Chat

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

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

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

—Maya Angelou



2026 1st Quarter Stop:



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



Support Black-Owned Businesses

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

Please track/enter in spending using the link below:
<https://forms.gle/GEU8AQ2N7Pf2WmS46>



Black-Owned Business Spotlight

La Vintage Suite Event Center
206 North Church Street
Carencro, Louisiana
(337) 435-2227
lavintagesuite@gmail.com

Sugar Du Jour
415 Lee Avenue
Lafayette, Louisiana

KJ's Lawn & Landscape Solutions
Lafayette, Louisiana
(337) 296-9931
landscapebykj@gmail.com



United We Soar

“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8

Together, Eta Chi Omega, Lambda Beta Omega, and The Ivy Legacy Foundation of Acadiana, Inc., in collaboration with Gifting Grace collected and donated 224 warm and cozy items. Because of your generosity, commitment and leadership, more than 200 homeless children across nine parishes will have warmth during cold wintery days. More than 200 homeless children across nine parishes will feel the love of a community that cares.

As we prepare to move boldly through 2026, let us rededicate ourselves to serving our community and expanding our reach. May we continue to explore partnerships and collaborative opportunities to maximize our impact. All Sorors have a voice and are invited to share their ideas at committee meetings, the Basileus pop-ups, and one-on-one.



2025 Black Dollar Tracking



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



Birthdays

October

Cassandra Pillette (1)
 Crystal Ledet (4)
 Danielle Thomas (6)
 Toni Celestine (7)
 Chloe Bello (10)
 Theresa Singleton (10)
 Kearia White (11)
 Jamillia McKinley (13)
 Alecia Corley (16)
 Karen King (18)
 Thomasine Batiste (20)
 Felicia Washington (20)
 Aliko Leblanc (26)
 Angela Lewis (27)
 Kimberly Calais (27)
 Rionne George (27)
 Monica Marie Gale Kincade (30)

November

JoAnn Nixon (1)
 Janis Alston (3)
 Dehvin Chaisson (7)
 Christele Strowder (8)
 Carlita Babineaux (11)
 Mary Alice Drake (13)
 Brandi Clay (14)
 Monica Taylor (16)
 Tanya Brown (18)
 Gabrielle Chapman (21)
 Natasha Washington (21)
 Jamilla Bynog Barnes (21)
 Philomena Bernard (27)

December

Chaisley Theyard (1)
 Brittany Martin (2)
 Nicole Bernard (4)
 Kaitlyn Burrell (7)
 Danielle Claiborne (16)
 Jennifer Wilson (17)
 Courtney Citizen (18)
 Mary Russell Cobb (20)
 Tahisa Colbert (20)
 Patsy Comeaux (24)
 Peyton Sias (26)
 Marvel Swain (31)



****If your birthday is missing from the list, please complete a Tech Request, which may be found in the Members Only section of www.akaetachiomega.com.****

REMINDERS:

2026 Winter Cotillion

- January 3, 2026
- DoubleTree by Hilton, Lafayette, LA
- 7:00 p.m.

2026 Founders' Day

- February 22, 2026
- Church Service: Progressive Baptist Church, Lafayette, LA
- Luncheon: Downtown Convention Center, Lafayette, LA

94th South Central Regional Conference

- March 25-29, 2026
 Shreveport, LA

Committee Sign-up

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

DON'T FORGET

Community Corner

We Are One AKA Day of Service

Eta Chi Omega is planning multiple service projects to take place leading up to and including on MLK Day, which is Monday, January 19, 2026. Please check weekly emails for committee meetings and feel free to join the meeting to hear about the many opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, contact our MLK Day of Service Adhoc Committee Chairman, Soror Francheska Cormier at (337) 852-7535.

Have a Community Project idea?

There are many opportunities to serve in the community. If you learn of an opportunity you would like Eta Chi Omega to consider, please send the information via email to your Anti-Basilei, Sorors Tynese Breaux and Lisa Lazard for review. The information will then be routed to the appropriate committee. Keep in mind, last minute projects are unable to be considered due to the processes in place with our Corporate office as well as the time needed to be brought before the Executive Committee and/or the Chapter, especially if funding is needed.

Tech Tip

Need to find a form or have a question about which email to send something to? Go to the Members Only Section of the Chapter's Website. Click Resource Documents.

Thank you for your service!

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