

THE IVY CONNECTION



ETA CHI OMEGA

September 2025



Resilient Pearls: Polished by Trials, Radiant with Purpose

The world we live in today may feel heavy, loud, and uncertain. It is far too easy to lose sight of our purpose when headlines scream and hearts ache. But even in the chaos, we are called. Even in confusion, we are equipped. We are pearls in motion - formed by pressure, refined by grace, and radiant with purpose. Our strength is not diminished by the noise around us. It is revealed through our response to it. So be encouraged to lead anyway. Serve anyway. Speak peace into the storm and extend hope to the hurting. Be the steady hand, the listening ear, the quiet light. We are not called upon to fix everything - just to show up with faith. Because in a world that feels fractured, our resilience is healing. Our story is a lifeline.

In August, we came together as a chapter at the annual retreat to reflect and renew our commitment to service. It was a time to be strengthened and to be reminded of who we are, why we serve, and how deeply our community needs what we bring to the table.

We were reminded that leadership is not confined to titles or stages, but rather lives in every seat. It's found in the hands that serve meals, the voices that speak encouragement, and the hearts that show up when no one is watching.

We understand now, more than ever, that hope is not a distant ideal - it is something we embody. It is something we extend. Let us go forward with grace, with grit, and with the quiet power of those who have been refined by reflection and reignited by purpose. Let us continue to be a beacon of hope and a symbol of resilience to those within our community.

Eta Chi Omega is growing by leaps and bounds. We are reclaiming our pearls and spreading our reach throughout the community. As we step into the second half of 2025, let us continue to walk boldly in our purpose. This is our moment to think beyond the expected and to dream beyond that which is familiar. The needs in our community are evolving. We must not be confined by tradition or comfort. Let us be architects of possibility, innovators of compassion and creators of change.

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.
3rd Quarter Basileus Pop Up Coming Soon.



“
 There will be people who say to you, ‘You are out of your lane.’ But don’t let that harden you. Resilience is crucial for leaders who are striving to make changes in the face of resistance.
 - Kamala Harris

Fourth Stop:



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



Support Black-Owned Businesses

During 2025, 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

Envious Events, LLC
 4304 Moss Street
 Lafayette, Louisiana 70501
 (337) 773-3689
 enviousesvents337@gmail.com

She Brews It
 2015 Cameron Street
 Lafayette, Louisiana
 shebrewsit.com

BeLuxxe Health & Wellness
 106 Oil Center Drive, Suite 104B
 Lafayette, Louisiana
 (337) 549-5800
 beluxxehw.com



Track Your Progress

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Reflection

A Harvest of Joy

"Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy" - Psalm 126:5

If we were to focus only on the here and now, we'd live lives of sorrow with intermittent glimpses of joy. If the harvest were dependent on only our efforts, it would hardly be worth the sweat and tears. Praise Jesus that He's the Lord of the harvest. (Matthew 9:38)

At some point, everyone will enter a season where all he seems to sow are tears. Death, divorce, and division can seem unredeemable. Yet we have the promise of a bountiful harvest with Christ. Our tears don't go unnoticed by our heavenly Father (Psalm 56:8); they water the ground, which in due time will produce sprouts of joy.

We must keep plowing and planting with patience, knowing it'll be worth it if we don't give up (Galatians 6:9). There can be joy in each day, in the midst of each pain, when we live with the harvest in mind.

Lord, give me the endurance and patience I need to sow seeds of faith so that at the proper time, I'll reap a harvest of joy.

-Taken from 365 Devotions for Living Joyfully by Victoria York

Random Acts of Sisterliness

Have you shared a random act of sisterliness with a Soror?

An area of focus under Strengthen Our Sisterhood is to perform Random Acts of Sisterliness. Doing so offers an opportunity for members to share random acts of care and compassion with our sisters.



Black Dollar Tracking to Date



Continue tracking
Spending in
Black and Women-Owned Businesses

**It's not too late to enter purchases made in early 2025.*

[Click Here](#)

Birthdays

July

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

August

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

September

Anastasia McZeal (3)
 Patricia Frank Senegal (4)
 Monica Kincade (4)
 Yolanda Dauterive (5)
 Pamela Simon (5)
 Marilyn Marshall (8)
 Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux Clay (22)
 Jameka McKinley (27)



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:

DON'T FORGET

2025 NAMI Walk

- October 4, 2025
- Teurlings Catholic High School, Lafayette, LA
- Registration Opens: 9:00 a.m. - Walk Begins: 10:00 a.m. - Event Ends: 12:00 p.m.

SLA Cluster

- December 5 - 6, 2025
- New Orleans, LA

94th South Central Regional Conference

- March 25-29, 2026
 Shreveport, LA

Committee Sign-up

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

Community Corner

Uplift Our Local Community:

Eta Chi Omega in collaboration with Lambda Beta Omega is collecting new and gently used inner and outer wear for the less fortunate children and adults in Acadiana and surrounding areas. The goal is to collect 1,000 coats and outerwear.
 Contact:
 Soror Andretta Porter Williams
 (318) 655-2439
 Soror Kyla Thomas
 (510) 280-8958

NPHC:

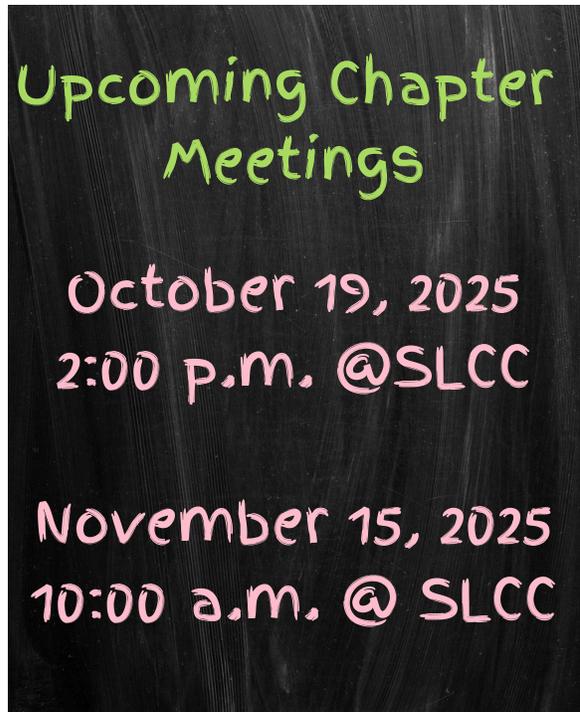
Please begin collecting toys for the NPHC Toy Drive. Eta Chi Omega has been a significant contributor to this annual event. Toys may be brought to chapter meetings. You may also contact Soror Elizabeth Reaux to arrange pick up/drop off. Once confirmed, information will be shared with all members regarding the gift wrapping event.
 Contact:
 Soror Elizabeth Reaux
 (337) 258-6315



*"May you be proud
of the work you
do,
the person you are,
and the difference
you make."
-Anonymous*

Tech Tip

Business Meeting Reports are now available in the Members Only Section of the Chapter's Website. Click Monthly Chapter Reports.



Thank you for your service!

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