



# Pink Rose Gazette



SEPTEMBER 2023

## Rho Omega Chapter

Quarterly  
Newsletter  
Publication

July  
August  
September

- Basileus
- Soror Rosanna Jivens
- Anti-Basileus
- Soror Ericka Williams
- Grammateus
- Soror Richara Richardson
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- Soror Lillian McCree
- Tamiouchos
- Soror Shannon Moore
- Pecunious Grammateus
- Soror Tina Henry
- Epistoleus
- Soror Sandra Gavin
- Ivy Leaf Reporter
- Soror Dianna Harris
- Historian
- Soror Kristen West
- Hodegos
- Soror Tempie Walton
- Zeta Graduate Advisor
- Soror Caye Elmore
- Beta Xi Graduate Advisor
- Soror Elana Elmore
- Parliamentarian
- Soror Lynn Ayers
- Chaplain
- Soror Gloria Dillon



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®**  
**Rho Omega Chapter**  
*Annual Retreat*  
**Having The Vision To Soar To Greater Heights**



**Saturday, August 26, 2023 ~ 9:30am - 4pm**  
**Xenia YMCA ~ 336 Progress Ave, Xenia, OH**  
**Attire: Pink & Green Casual (Paraphenalia)**

**Light Breakfast ~ 9:30am**  
**Information Sessions ~ Sisterly Relations Activities**  
**Service Project ~ Door Prizes ~ Lunch**  
**Sorors Only**




SATURDAY  
June 10  
AKA Chapter  
Meeting

PO Box 461, Wilberforce, OH 45384  
Instagram: @akarhoomega  
Facebook: @akarhoomega

*"Greater Together in Service  
and Sisterhood"*

**Thank you for visiting our website. We encourage you to stay connected and informed by following us on social media. For additional information regarding the International programs, leadership, and the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, please feel free to visit [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com).**



## Soror Achievements



SUMMER TIME

ACTIVITIES  
&  
VACATIONS



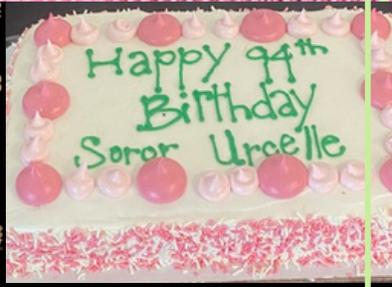
"The love of a family is a  
life's greatest blessing."  
Eva Burrows



Sorors Angie Hogan,  
Barbara Nooks, Shanda  
Allen, Taylor Fields, Family  
& Friends



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
SOROR URCELLE WILLIS!**



**Sorors Caye Elmore &  
Dianna Harris**



**Dayton Dragon's  
Baseball Game  
with Gem**

**Soror Dianna  
Harris**



**The Ohio State  
Fair with the  
Buckeye Guy**



**Soror Gaelle-Amazan-Ivory**

**Soror Na'Asiaha Simon**



**Accepted Position  
Wiley College  
Marshall, TX**

**Wilberforce University  
Alumni Conference  
Cincinnati, OH**

**Sorors Jackie Brown  
Tempie Walton  
Madeline Green  
Gwen Brown**



**Young Alumni Award  
Wilberforce  
University**

**Congratulations &  
Much Success.  
We will miss you!**



**Soror Taylor Fields  
relocating to Dallas, TX**

**#1 Soror Squad  
Lunch at Olive Garden  
Sorors Carmen Dyer, Tosca Biles,  
Alice Marshall, Lugene  
Bailey, Gaelle Ivory & Shanda Allen**



**Soror Tina Henry**

**Soror Tai'Lynn Jones**

**Published Author**



**Nursing Program  
Christ Hospital  
Cincinnati, OH**

**BOOK SIGNING**



**RANDOM ACTS OF  
SISTERLINESS**



**Soror Shanon Moore**



**Girls trip to Phoenix, AZ with Soror Michelle Thomas & Soror Mioshi Moses - Spelman BFFs!**



**Moved daughter Soror Lauren to Tallahassee, FL where she is starting a doctoral program at Florida University.**



**Soror Ericka Williams**



**Soror Dianna Harris  
55th Dunbar High School  
Class Reunion**



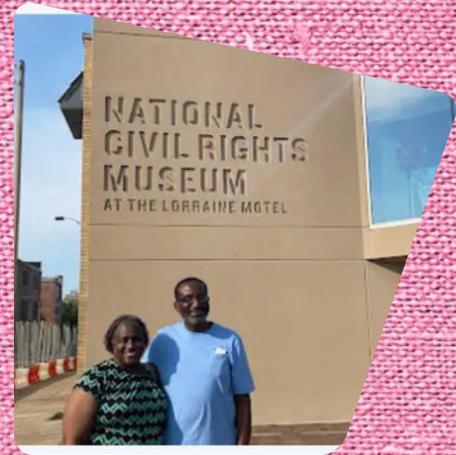
**San Diego, CA  
Vacation**

**Soror Lugene Bailey**



**Vacationing in Barbados**

**Soror Rosanna Jivens**



**National Civil Rights Museum  
Memphis, TN**

**Soror Tracey Jones**



**Vacationing in the  
Dominican Republic**



**Soror Sandra Gavin  
Soul Secrets Restaurant  
Cincinnati**

**Soror Ericka Williams  
Black Family Reunion  
Cincinnati**

# Soror Atreva Vaughan

Soror Atreva Vaughan's summer **Glamping** travels 2023 through the Great Plains. Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana



*Dignity of Earth and Sky*



Per one of my relatives Annie is related. No wonder she was such a good shot!

# Glamping



# Graduate Advisory Committee members attend Ungraduate Retreat of Zeta & Beta Xi Chapters



# Membership Experience Training

Graduate Advisors  
accompany members  
of Zeta & Beta Xi  
Chapters to  
Orlando, FL for  
ME Training



# Basilei Leadership Retreat Cleveland, OH



# BIRTHDAYS

July

Sorors Eugene Bailey  
Richarda Richardson  
Ramiah Caine  
Elana Elmore  
Urcelle Willis



August



Soror Geneva Brisbane

September



Soror Shannon Moore



Soror Natassia Roberts



Soror Morgan DeVond

# Pathways to Soar Leadership Seminar Conference Attendees



# Memorable Conference Moments!



Soror Tracey Jones



**CERTIFIED**  
Membership Experience



## SERVICE PROJECT





# Chapter Retreat



August 26, 2023

Program  
Presentations  
& Activities



**Chapter Awards - Soror Dianna Harris**  
**Chapter Vision Board - Soror Richara Richardson**  
**Strategic Plan Review**

**Grad/Undergraduate Relations - Soror Dionne Franklin,**  
**Regional Chairman Undergraduate Activities**  
**DPG(S) Recognition**

**Leadership Updates - Soror Melody Finnister,**  
**Soror Rosanna Jivens**

**Protocol Part 2 - Soror Ericka Williams**  
**Membership Updates - Soror Tracey Jones**  
**Program Updates - Soror Ericka Williams - Service**  
**Project CHIPP- prepare 100 bags**  
**Sisterly Relations Activity - Soror Ny Simon**



# PRESENTERS







# Chapter Programs

## Hayward Middle School Springfield, OH



### 100 Backpacks & Water Bottles Give Aways



**UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN - a Rho Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated initiative. During the annual School Year Kick-off Orientation at Hayward Middle School, Springfield, Ohio, the organization donated 100 reusable water bottles and 100 book bags. The school is located in a low-income neighborhood which is home to a diverse community including a large population of Haitian refugee families. The students and their parents were appreciative and excited to begin the academic year with new book bags and water bottles.**

# Home Herb Garden



Soror  
Lillian  
McCree



Dill  
Basil  
Mint  
Chives  
Oregano

## COMMUNITY & HOME GARDENS

Chapters and individuals will create community and home gardens to reduce negative environmental impact and promote sustainable agriculture.

Parsley  
Rosemary  
Spearmint  
Cherry  
Tomato

# A Reactivation Event!

## Soaring with Rho Omega



**GUESTS**



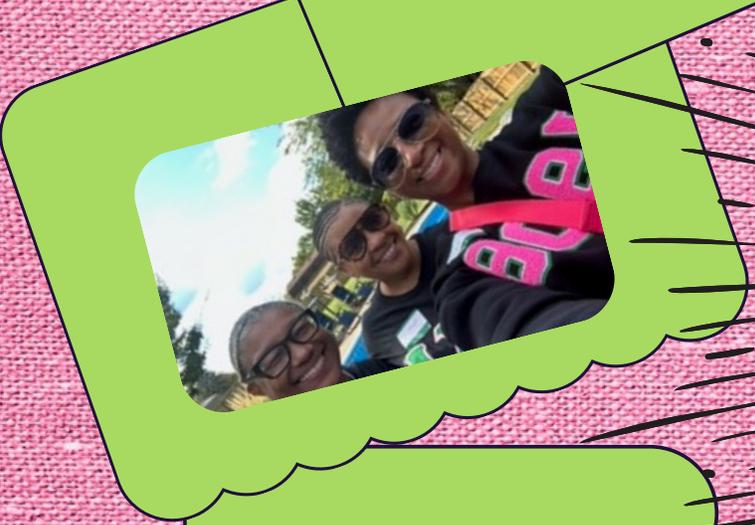
**Soror Geri Anderson Reese**



**Soror Jean Shoates**



**Soror Pamela Johns**



# Delicious Food



# Best of the Best!



## Dessert

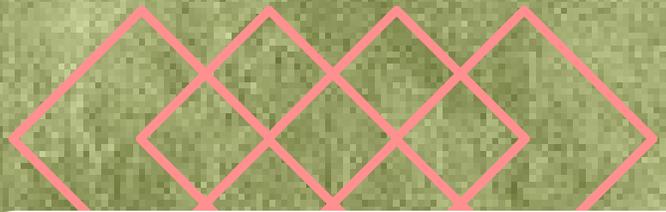


## Salad





## Program Calendar



**Uplift Our Community  
Collect & Donate  
Backpacks & Water Bottles**



**22 Birthday Party Luncheon  
Soror Urcelle Willis**

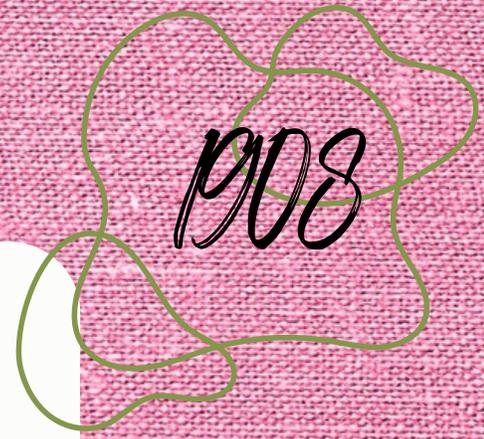
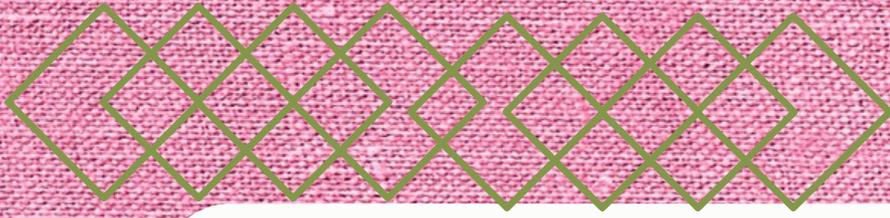


**21 Hayward Middle School  
Back to School Orientation  
Distribute Backpacks &  
Water Bottles**



**26 Rho Omega Retreat**



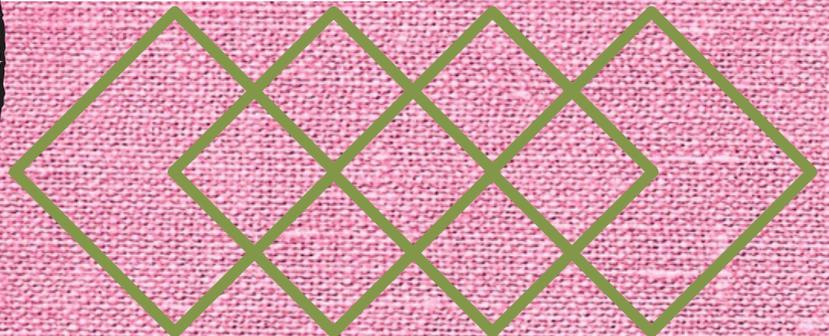
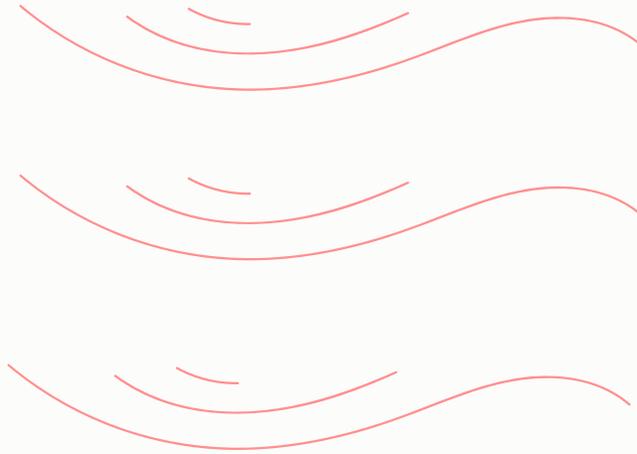


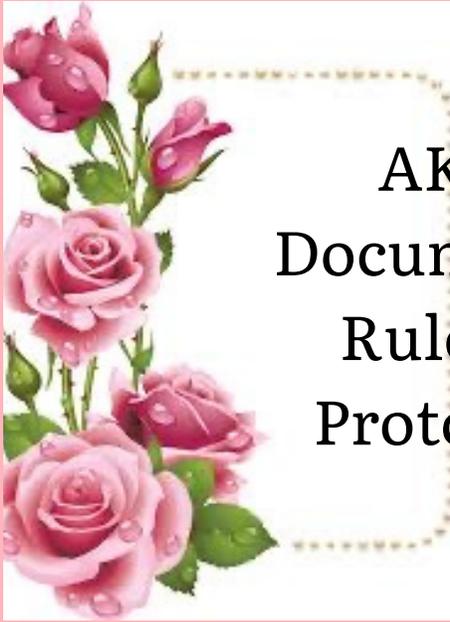
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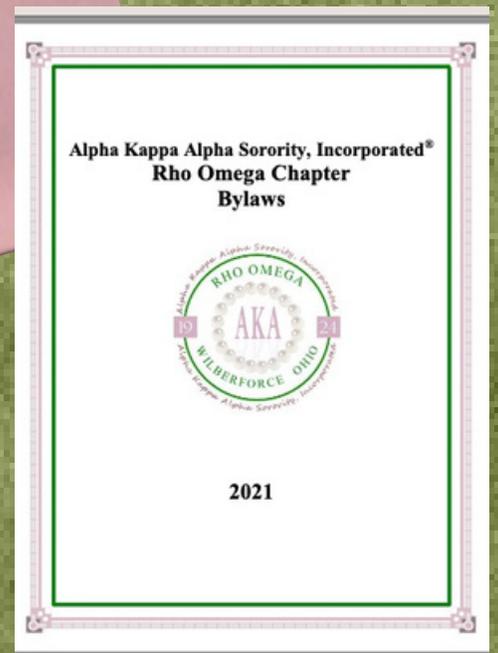
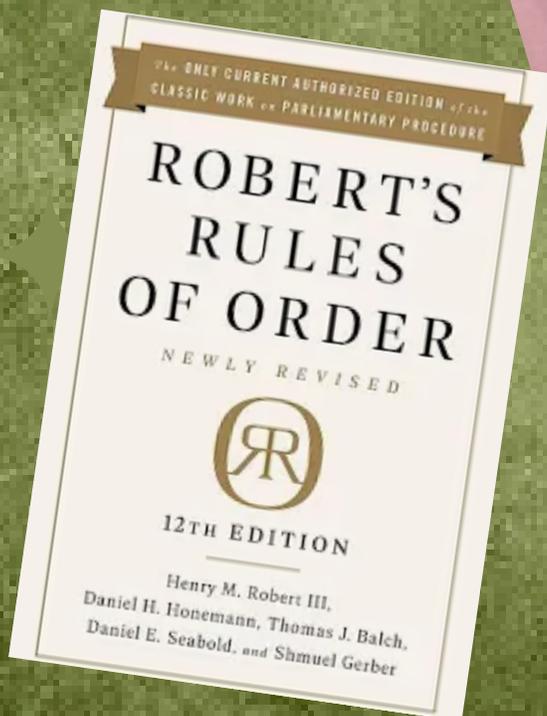
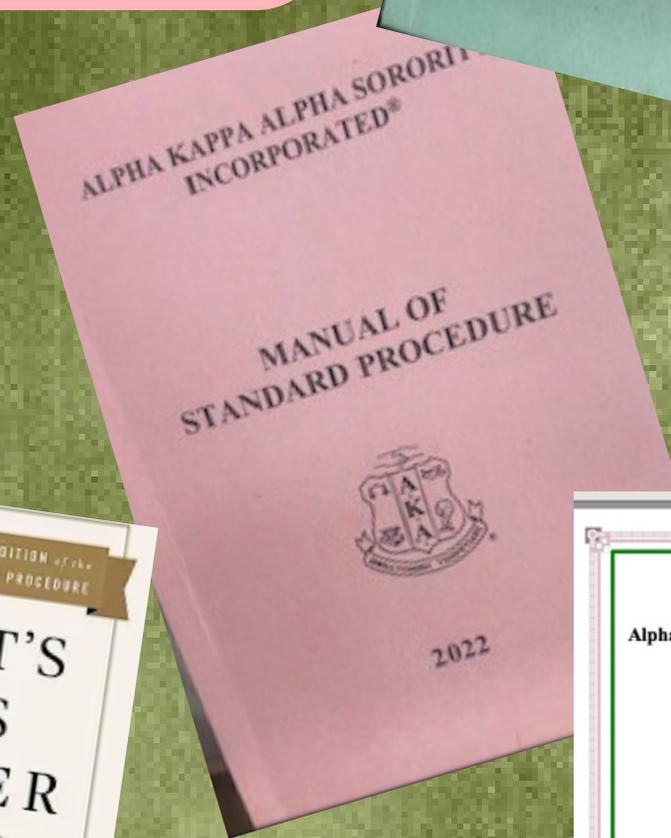
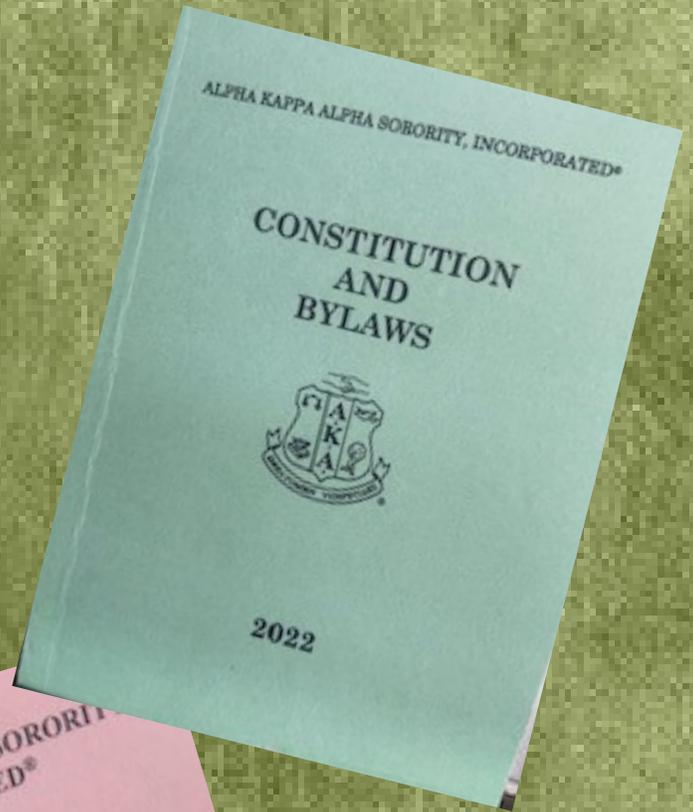
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Reactivation Day

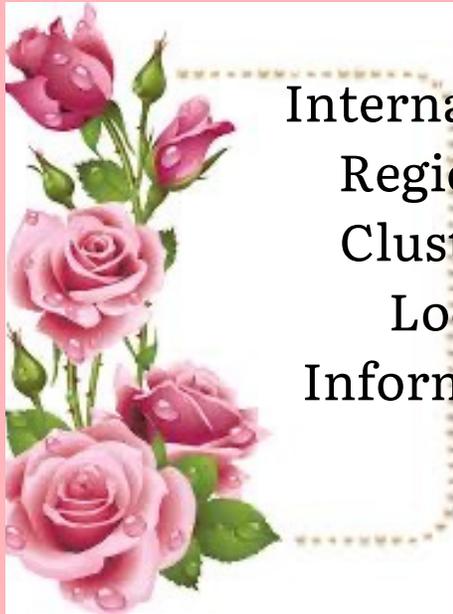




AKA  
Documents,  
Rules &  
Protocols



**INTERNATIONAL**



International,  
Regional,  
Cluster &  
Local  
Information



**Danette  
Anthony  
Reed**

*International  
President & CEO*

**THE FIRST!!!**  
**For Members Only  
Federal Credit Union**

**Ribbon Cutting**



**SORORITY-  
BASED**



**WOMEN-LED**

**BLACK-  
OWNED**

**#1**

**DIGITAL BANKING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**

# INTERNATIONAL

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
**Pathways to SOAR:**  
 Expanding Your Leadership Potential

Chicago

**2023 Leadership Seminar**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
**In Remembrance**  
 09.11.2001

Today, many of us will remember exactly where we were when planes hit the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and an open field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Some of us have very personal memories of sorors, their families or friends lost in or impacted by the attacks. Their stories have become a part of our shared history.

One thing I hope stands out for each of us today is how our communities have been and will always be resilient.

May we always come together to comfort the things that seek to divide us and heal from our losses.

Sisterly,  
 Soror Danielle Anthony Reed  
 Supreme Basileus

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

**Thank You!**  
 for supporting  
**Leadership Seminar 2023**

**By the Numbers...**

- ...9,200 registered sorors
- ...96 workshops
- ...9 certification programs
- ...130 subject matter expert facilitators

We Experienced...

- ...Exciting Opening session & fireworks on Navy Pier
- ...Supreme Service by packing 15,000
- ...Childhood Hunger Initiative: Power Punks (C.H.I.P.P.S.)
- ...Seasonal Summer South Extravaganza in White
- ...Personnel E-commerce Service

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 EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT  
 FOUNDATION, INC.

*S soaring to Greater Heights*  
 OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
 IN THE Windy City

EAF SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023  
 Chicago, Illinois

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

**BLACK WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY DAY!**  
 July 27, 2023

**Build Our Economic Wealth**  
 ....Equal Work....Equal Pay!

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**Generation NEXT**

Greetings Sorors,

We hope this message finds you well and thriving within our beloved sisterhood. As we usher in a new season, we are thrilled to announce some exciting upcoming events designed for our dynamic "GenerationNEXT" members and our entire sisterhood: GenerationNEXT International Committee invites your chapter to host the following fall events:

**GenNEXT Brunch** (September): Kickstart the fall season with a delightful brunch event in September. Join us for a morning of connection, fellowship, and some delectable treats. Don't forget to capture the moments and share them with the hashtag #GenNEXTBrunch. Let's make this brunch unforgettable!

**Committee Sign-up Drive** (September): We value your input and involvement. Chapters are asked to host a committee sign-up drive, allowing sorors under the age of 40 to learn more about the committees' mission/responsibilities, and the areas where you can make a meaningful impact. Committee chairs should be the guide through this process. Share your journey with #GenNEXTworking.

**Game Night or Painting with a Twist** (November): As the leaves change colors, we invite you to join us for a game night or a creative painting session with a twist in November. Let's unwind, have fun, and bond with laughter and creativity. Share your artistry and game night snapshots with #GenNEXTGameNight and #GenNEXTPainting.

Mark your calendars. We can't wait to see your posts. Follow us on Instagram: @generationnext1908

If you have any questions, please contact your GenerationNEXT regional liaison at generationnext@akal1908.com

Soror Destiny Boykin - North Atlantic, Mid Atlantic  
 Soror Caitlin Nolan - Mid-Western, Central  
 Soror Candice Rodgers - South Central, South Eastern  
 Soror Melissa Woodson - Past of 1 Area, South Eastern

With sisterly love and anticipation,

Sisterly,  
 Soror Danielle Anthony Reed  
 Supreme Basileus

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

*Sons to the Polls*  
**National Voter Registration Day**

September 19, 2023

Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® celebrates National Voter Registration Day as we host our "International Public Policy Conference: Soaring to Justice."

We also mark the official kickoff of our national voter engagement campaign and countdown to the 2024 national election. It is critically important that every eligible voter is registered to vote, has the information needed to cast their ballot, and has access to the polls. In fact, with the 2024 presidential election quickly approaching, as well as many other key "down ballot" races, we must remember voter education, registration, and mobilization are very serious matters!

As part of our voter engagement campaign kickoff, we will host a voter engagement forum during our Public Policy Conference which will include executive branch officials, federal legislators, policymakers, advocacy experts, and strategists who will discuss challenges and provide advocacy solutions surrounding voter engagement. Even if you are not attending the conference, there are ways you can participate.

Sorors, on this National Voter Registration Day, we ask you to visit <https://themassemble.org> commit to the following:

- Check your voting status and encourage others to do the same.
- Register ONE new voter in your community.
- Use your social media platforms to share voter information. Our hashtags are: #staregisteredvote, #soarsthepolls.

We have an opportunity to "lean in" with our efforts to get every eligible voter in communities we serve registered to vote.

Let us be Advocates for Social Justice and SOAR TO THE POLLS!

Sisterly,  
 Soror Danielle Anthony Reed  
 Supreme Basileus

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
**Sisterhood is a GO Hazing is a NO**

NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK  
 SEPTEMBER 25 - 29, 2023

**SOAR Above Hazing**

**Monday September 25**

- Add our Hazing Prevention Week Frame to your profile picture on your social media pages by downloading [HERE](#)
- Sign the Anti-Hazing pledge [HERE](#) and share the link across your social media
- Attend the "Quality Hazing Prevention: A Panel of Experts Provide Insights" Webinar, provided by the Hazing Prevention Network at 2:00pm ET - Register for the Webinar [HERE](#)

**Greenlight Sisterhood**

**Tuesday September 26**

- Wear green with a strand of pearls and share some myths about hazing to your social media pages
- Attend the "Lost in Translation: Cultural Competency in Hazing Prevention Efforts - with Rasheed Ali Cromwell" Webinar, provided by the Hazing Prevention Network at 2:00pm ET - Register for the Webinar [HERE](#)
- Host a Generation NEXT committee sign-up drive with next generation sorors and chapter committee members. Post pictures using the hashtag #GenNEXTworking

**Leading with Kindness**

**Wednesday September 27**

- Perform a random act of sisterliness for a soror of your choice and share on your social media pages
- Send positive affirmations and encouragement to another soror

**Thoughtful Thursday**

**Thursday September 28**

- What does sisterhood mean to you? Share your favorite memories in Alpha Kappa Alpha to your social media page using the prompt, "What does sisterhood mean to me?"
- Host a brunch event during Hazing Prevention Week with your next generation members and post pictures, using the hashtag #GenNEXTBrunch

**Stronger Together**

**Friday September 29**

- Pair up with a member of another NPHC organization to show that we are stronger together against hazing - Co-coordinate a service project or initiative or collaborate on an anti-hazing event together

#StrongerTogether #SisterhoodIsAGoHazingIsANo

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

**Sisterhood is a GO, Hazing is a NO**

Hazing Prevention Week September 25 - 29, 2023

# REGIONAL

JULY 2023			
Wed. 12- Sun. 16	<b>2023 Leadership Seminar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Lakes Region Safety Plan – Health Safety   Environmental Safety   Active Shooter</li> </ul>	Print the safety plan – <a href="#">[CLICK HERE]</a>
Thursday 13	<b>Leadership Seminar Undergraduate Gathering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to undergraduate sorors only</li> <li>Join the undergraduate members of the Directorate and the UAC for an evening of fun, food, and sisterly fellowship.</li> </ul>	
Thursday 13	<b>Leadership Seminar Regional Gathering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen our Sisterhood Regional Gatherings with the Southeastern Region and International Region.</li> <li><b>Attire:</b> Great Lakes Regional Camouflage T-shirt and chucks</li> </ul>	
Friday 13	<b>UNITY DAY Greater Together Regional T-Shirt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a region, we will wear our regional T-shirt to show unity.</li> </ul>	
Saturday 15	<b>Undergraduate Summit</b> <i>An undergraduate event only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter operations, programs of service, AKA's legacy</li> <li>Small group sessions with your Soror Gwen Kirtley Regional Director</li> </ul>	
Sunday 30 6:00 am	<b>Western New York Cluster Seminar</b> <b>EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Standard Chapter Evaluations on Friday 10/6</b></li> <li><b>Cluster Seminar on Saturday 10/7</b></li> <li>Early registration from 7/30/2023 to 8/12/2023</li> <li>Undergraduate Cost: \$85   Graduate Cost: \$110</li> <li>Late Fee: additional \$25   Ends: 8/19/2023</li> </ul>	

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**GREAT LAKES REGION**  
*"Greater Together"*  
**GWENDOLYN L. KIRTLEY**  
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR




Michigan | Ohio | Western Pennsylvania | Western New York | West Virginia

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®  
 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 2023

# SOAR WITH

# G.S.I. In the Windy City

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023 | 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM  
 Attire: Camouflage & Chucks





Gwendolyn L. Kirtley  
Great Great Lakes Region



Tracy Morant Adams  
Sophisticated South Eastern Region



Carrie J. Clark  
Impetuous International Region

**Empower Our Families – Mental Health Awareness**  
 Calling on All Clinicians & Pastoral Care Providers

Dear Soror,

I have heard your concerns. Sorors need someone to talk to, provide real-time assistance and/or a place they can go to obtain help. Likewise, every Soror in crisis should receive a humane response that treats them with dignity and connects them to appropriate and timely care.

Every day, many of our graduate and undergraduate sorors struggle to get the help they need. Rates of depression, suicide, anxiety, and overdose are on the rise. Nearly half of adults who experience mental illness do not receive treatment.

Social isolation, despair, and chronic stress often culminate and exceed one's ability to cope and lead to a state of crisis. Historically, law enforcement, hospitals, and jails have been and remain the safety nets for people experiencing behavioral health crises, and not enough resources are available.

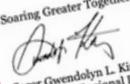
The Greater Together administration of the Great Lakes Region is calling upon active Sorors in the region (Graduate and General) with professional licenses (current or retired) as a/an Psychologists, Counselors, Peer Recovery Supporters, Therapists, Clinical Social Workers, Psychiatrists, Psychiatric or Mental Health Nurse Practitioners, Pastoral Counselors, and/or Social Workers to volunteer your time and talents to help.

**GREAT LAKES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES**

- Create meaningful dialogue through thoughtful virtual and in-person forums.
- Increase overall self-esteem to become more productive in our personal lives as we as valuable members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
- Reduce the stigma that creates additional barriers to receiving behavioral health care, and thus aren't taken seriously, exacerbating comorbidity issues.
- Learn to reduce or eliminate the dependence on social media influence.

Sorors, I need your assistance and guidance as therapists in bridging the pipeline to help Soror better understand and cope with her thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Would you stand with me and the Great Lakes Region in office endorsement and both in-person & virtual?

Please complete the short questionnaire [HERE](#) by Monday, July 31, 2023.

Soaring Greater Together,  
  
 Soror Gwendolyn L. Kirtley  
 Great Lakes Regional Director

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®  
 GREAT LAKES REGION

**NEW GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
 NEW AWARDS CATEGORIES AND INFORMATION SEMINAR

Change Agents,  
 I pray all is well with you and your families and that you are enjoying the remainder of the summer.

These will be a total of all graduate and all undergraduate regional events.

Click with your mouse to see the details:  
[Click Here to View the Details](#)  
[Click Here to View the Details](#)

Below is the tentative timeline for the 2023 Great Lakes Regional Conference agenda:  
 • Saturday, October 14, 2023 & Sunday, October 15, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Sunday, October 15, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Monday, October 16, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Tuesday, October 17, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Wednesday, October 18, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Thursday, October 19, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Friday, October 20, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Saturday, October 21, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Sunday, October 22, 2023 | Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards

You will have an opportunity to bring the conference at specified events:  
 • Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards  
 • Chapter and District Chairpersons Awards

If you have any questions, please contact Soror Aida Nicole Smith, Great Lakes Regional Director at [aidsmith@akalakesregion.com](#)

Soaring Greater Together,  
  
 Soror Gwendolyn L. Kirtley  
 Great Lakes Regional Director

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
 Great Lakes Region

# Greater Together in Faith



**Bi-Monthly Prayer Call**  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays | 6:00 pm EST**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Members Only. Registration required via Zoom.



# VOTE OHIO

## August 8

LOCAL

VOTE OHIO.GOV

### Voting in Ohio

Easy as 1-2-3

October 5, 2020 is the Deadline to Register to Vote for the November 3, 2020 Election

#### 1 Register to Vote

Online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

Click Register to Vote then Let's Get Started!

OR

Download a form at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) or pick up a form at any public library, high school, Job & Family Services office or BMV office.

#### 2 Select Voting Option

By Mail      Early In-Person      At Your Polling Place on Election Day

#### 3 VOTE Make Your Voice Heard

Frank LaRose  
Ohio Secretary of State

# VOTE!

LEARN MORE AT [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Learn more at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

Frank LaRose  
Ohio Secretary of State

Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood



Advocate for **Social Justice**

AKA

## Registering to Vote is Easy!

Register to vote online.



**We hope that you have enjoyed reading this quarterly edition of the Pink Rose Gazette as much as it has been our pleasure to gather, organize and publish a document reflective of our Chapter's collective achievements and your personal accomplishments. We encourage you to continue to send noteworthy news articles and photographs to [dyana1950harris1@hotmail.com](mailto:dyana1950harris1@hotmail.com)**

**Public Relations Committee  
Soror Dianna Harris, Chair  
Soror DeAnna Allen  
Soror Tai'Lynn Jones  
Soror Lillian McCree**