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A Message From Our Basileus



DAWN WRIGHT
2018-2020 BASILEUS

Sorors, it has truly been a privilege to navigate this office and formally represent Alpha Sigma. We have had some great accomplishments and made it through many challenges as we progressed through the year. From each success and mistake we made this year, it is my hope that we have gained more knowledge and perspective to ensure our efforts for next year will be even greater.

As you review highlights from our spring efforts, please begin to think about how you served this sorority year and how you would like to serve next year. It is up to each member to set the tone for our chapter. It is up to each of us to establish what we will tolerate and encourage within our sisterhood. It is important to remember that Alpha Sigma can only grow and flourish with the love and affection each chapter member brings to the table. I remind myself daily that we find joy where we create it. We are our best resource when we

positively support each other and work as a collective. Thank you to everyone who has supported Alpha Sigma this year, let's keep the momentum going for 2019-2020.

Yours in Sigma,

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Letter from The Editor

Hello Sorors!

This Sorority year is truly flying by. We have accomplished so much as a chapter, and continue to make moves within the Indianapolis community. This Spring issue of The Poodle Pages highlights some of our past events, including our Youth Symposium, Central Region Conference, and panel discussions with local professionals. We also shoutout some of our Sigma graduates, our amazing Rhoer Club, and our R3 initiatives at the UG and Alumnae level.

For our next issue, we would love to hear from YOU! Be on the lookout for how to get your voice heard. We are looking forward to seeing your accomplishments as well as your creativity. As always, it is a pleasure to serve.

In Service and In Sigma,



Kaylin Rae Greer
2018-2020 Epistoleus



Letter from Our Chaplain

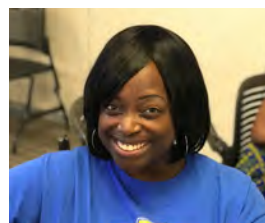
Hello to all of my beautiful Sorors!

My name is Andrea Terrell, serving as your 2018-2020 Chaplain. How exciting it is to be a part of a sisterhood where we are growing and truly learning how to be our sisters' keeper. My goal as Chaplain is to provide encouragement wherever possible. We may never know when someone is smiling to hide their hurt and discouragement. If you find that YOU are that Soror who is flashing a beautiful smile knowing that your heart is shredded to pieces, please know that you are surrounded by love and support within this sisterhood.

The Bible says in Proverbs 17:17, "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need." This is true of us as sisters! Like true sisters, we may not always see eye to eye, but love will be what keeps us lifted. "All for one, one for all or none!" Please continue to keep your heads up to the sky with expectations of great things to come! God is truly able to exceed our wildest dreams!

Be Blessed.

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Mission Possible: Sigma Youth Symposium



On Saturday, March 9, 2019, Alpha Sigma joined Sigma Gamma Rho chapters nationwide in hosting the annual Youth Symposium. Under this year's theme "Mission Possible: A Safe Space for Our Youth", we discussed human trafficking and how youth, parents, and guardians can protect themselves and others from becoming victims.

Soror Jennifer Love led our opening prayer and Tamika Smith facilitated our icebreaker teambuilding activity. Sorors Sher'ron Anderson, Jocenelle Alcimé and Rishawnda Archie hosted the photo booth area. Soror Daphne Gilmore led the registration and food distribution teams with the support of Sorors Charlene Williams, Tammy Bowman, Alexis Holland and Kathy Jones. Special thanks to Sorors DeShara Doub and Megan Thomas who assisted with greeting guests and overall event support.

There were 3 presentations given, one session focused on defining Human Trafficking to our youth attendees and included a video highlighting recent cases of trafficking. At the same time, there was a session given to parents and guardians on how to be more aware of signs of human trafficking.

The group came back together for a presentation titled "Finding Yourself vs. Losing Yourself" to discuss self-esteem and things around you that can affect self-image and self-esteem. During this presentation, attendees were asked to comment on photos and share others things that can heavily influence self-esteem in today's world.

Guest Speakers: Ascent 121, Pathways International, Cynecqua Goodridge, Olisha Mafu, Herbert Mutumba. Community resources were provided by Family & Community Partners Counseling Services. We had 81 attendees total at the event. This includes 41 youth, 28 sorors and 12 guests. Special thanks to the organizations, speakers, sorors, friends and family who supported this year's event!



Living Our Best Life: 79th Central Region Conference

This year's Central Region Conference took to the seas as an historic and groundbreaking conference for not just the Region, but the Sorority as a whole. Central Alumnae, Undergraduates, Sigma Gents, and guests sailed away on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas, porting in beautiful Cozumel, Mexico. The conference boasted its usual workshops and plenary sessions, but did not fall short in the "fun" category after business was taken care of. A full day of excursions, as well as nonstop cruise entertainment, made for an exciting and action-packed conference for all. Check out some of the highlights below, captured by Alpha Sigma chapter Sorors!



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Event Highlights

MATTERS OF THE MINORITY MIND

This sorority year, Alpha Sigma introduced a new committee focusing on the mind and body. For their first event on February 28th, the Health and Wellness Committee invited four black mental health professionals to speak on a panel about their career and experiences within their respective fields. Panelists included: Soror ElWanda Haynes LCSW, George Middleton (Mental Health Counselor), Soror Ti'aua Williams (LMHC), and Dwight Holland (therapist and minister).

Facilitated by committee chair Alicia Seawood, topics ranged from self-care to inequality in our educational systems. The panelists were able to give a wide range of perspectives, with the common lense of a black individual. The panel quickly turned into a conversation, as attendees engaged in thoughtful and important discussion surrounding the Matters of the Minority Mind. Be on the lookout for Part 2!



TEACH+PLUS EDUCATORS PANEL



On Saturday, April 13, Sorors gathered with representatives from Butler University College of Education and Teach Plus Policy Fellows of Indiana. The event was focused on dialogue, learning, and connection with local educators. It was a great opportunity to engage with community partners, better understand the education requirements of local teacher and the challenges that they face in addition to managing their classrooms. Educator sorors were present and provided insight on their experiences and responses to state of local education.



Our panel members were Dr. Susan Adams, associate professor of Middle/Secondary Education at Butler University, Soror Marier Cox, a reading interventionist at Greenbriar Elementary School and 2018-19 Teach Plus Indiana Teaching Policy Fellow, Rachel Hathaway, Interim Executive Director at Teach Plus of Indiana, and John Riley, a math and physics teacher at Shortridge International Baccalaureate (IB) High School and 2018-19 Teach Plus Indiana Teaching Policy Fellow.

Dr. Susan Adams provided a great overview on how Butler University's College of Education degree programs prepare future educators, as well as education training requirements with the College and the State of Indiana. Adams spoke very frankly about issues challenging local teachers and the environments in which they teach.

Soror Marier Cox provided an overview of the mission of the Teach Plus program and advised on events and efforts that sorors can start to support and be more present in conversations that affect our teachers, students and local schools.



Special thank you to Soror Cox, Life Member #351, for bring your vision to this officer to share with the chapter. This event was a refreshing opportunity to reflect on state of education in Indiana in honor of our Founders who fought for the right to teach our communities almost 100 years ago. It is our legacy within Alpha Sigma to do our best to support local educators and school to the best our ability. It is my hope that we continue this type of discussion and tradition of taking on an advocate role for our educators and schools.

#EducatedPoodles

A GRADUATE FEATURE

by Soror Tabitha Barbour

When we say we are educated, motivated, skin-tight, mo' hype, hard working, we mean every word of it. To a women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, is to be one who values education and believes in nurturing one's mind for the continued excellence of themselves and world around them. The women featured in this article make no exception. Our Alpha Sigma Undergraduates and Graduates are excelling at their universities, receiving honors, and are looking forward to host of opportunities that await to them beyond graduation.

Soror Bianca Humbarger (Nu)



Ball State University
December 2018

Soror Bianca Humbarger received a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations with a concentration in Sociology. During her time at Ball State University she was the Vice President of Service for the NPHC. She also served on the executive board for Ball State University Dance Marathon. She currently works as Lowes Customer Care Professional in their corporate office. She hopes to use her degree to work as a social media specialist in the non-profit or private sector.

Soror Kayla Long (Alpha)



Butler University
May 2019

Soror Kayla Long will be walking across the stage to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Critical Communication and Media Studies and Bachelors of Arts in Spanish and a minor in Digital Media Production. She also is receiving a certificate of completion in Spanish (Communication) from the Instituto Franklin de la Universidad de Alcalá (Spain). She serves as a Central Region Collegiate Ambassador and was awarded the Sigma Gamma Rho Academic Excellence Media (2017-2018). She was named one of the Top 15 Outstanding Students at Butler University (2018-2019). She will be working as the Marketing Manager of wealth management company after graduation.



**DID YOU CELEBRATE
RECEIVING YOUR
DEGREE THIS
SORORITY YEAR?**

If so, we would love to celebrate you on the Chapter social media. Send an email to Soror Tabitha Barbour, tabithabarbour1@gmail.com, with a photo of you (Sigma Attire or Graduation Professional), a few awards and honors you have received this year, and a little about what you are hoping to do with your continued education.

#EducatedPoodles

Soror Charnel Forbes (Alpha Sigma)



Indiana State University
May 2019

Soror Charnel Forbes is receiving a Masters of Science in Health Sciences with a concentration in Public Health. She presented her research at two major public health conferences, where her poster sessions were published. Post graduation she will continue to excel within Indiana Department of Health, where she was recently promoted to a new position and program. Her career goal is to take her current program, Help Me Grow Indiana, statewide.

Soror Amanda Ware (Alpha Sigma)



Purdue University
May 2019

Soror Amanda Ware will be receiving her Masters of Arts in Communication with Minors in African-American Studies and Critical Education Studies. She is the recipient Brian Lamb School of Communication Departmental M.A. Service Award (2019), the New Member Spirit Award and the Presidential Award for Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA). She served on the executive board for BGSA and as an instructor for Record for Fundamental Speech Class for two years at Purdue. Post graduation she looks forward to a career in higher education with a focus in higher education policy and government.

Soror Ashley Williams



Ball State University
May 2019

Soror Ashley Williams is receiving her Masters of Science in Information and Communication Sciences. While at Ball State, she served as the President of the Black Graduate Student Association. Post graduation she is looking forward to pursuing a career in data analysis, social media analysis or cybersecurity and having more time to travel.

Affiliate Corner

RHOER CLUB INDUCTION

On Saturday, February 23rd Alpha Sigma welcomed 11 young ladies into the Rhoer Club! After the induction, family, friends, and Sorors fellowshipped at the Rhoer meet and greet. Our newest Rhoers were met with much love and open arms. We are overjoyed to welcome these young women into our growing Sigma Family! Special thank you to Rhoer Club Advisor Yolanda Mattox leading the growth of our Rhoer Club chapter and formally representing Alpha Sigma during the very first Central Region Rhoer Club Conference.



CENTRAL REGION RHOER CONFERENCE by Soror Rolanda Herron

It was a Butterfly Takeover in Indianapolis April 4-7, as Rhoers and Advisors, converged on the capital city. After the General Session, where the young ladies discussed and voted on the year's regional service project, The weekend was packed with workshops, where they learned about etiquette, dressing for success, representatives from Microsoft lead a computer coding class, a breakout session for seniors, campus visits to IUPUI and Butler University, a Butterfly Brunch, and a stroll competition.



R3: Membership Highlights

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Congratulations to our Anti-Basileus, Soror Shira Amos, our 1st Anti-Basileus, Ti'auna Williams, our rockstart UG advisors (TaMeca Joshua: Alpha; Dannielle Yelder: Mu), and the entire Alpha Sigma Membership Committee, on a year of expectional growth for the chapter, our undergraduate chapters, and our affiliates! As we continue to grow, our impact in our communities will only continue to expand. Job well done Sorors!

Upcoming Chapter Events

APRIL

26 The Rhoyal Crowning: Alpha Sigma Spring 2019 New Member Presentation | 7:22 pm

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
IUPUI in the Campus Center Theater

27 April Community Service | 9am-1pm

We will participate in the Far Eastside Festival Clean-Up. This service is being hosted by CAFE: Far Eastside Community Council. All Sorors, Rhoers, and Interests are invited to participate. Please contact AlphaSigma.WeServe@gmail.com if you are willing and able to attend.

Iota Xi Sigma Blackout Masquerade Event | 7:22pm – 12am

Alpha Sigma sorors are encouraged to attend the BlackOut Masquerade hosted by the Iota Xi Sigma Chapter at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel South Bend.

This will be a great way to show sisterly love to our fellow Indiana Poodles. Attire is listed as all-black, semi-formal. Please email Basileus Wright directly if you are planning to attend.

28 Alpha Sigma Awards & Achievement Luncheon | 12:30 – 3pm

IUPUI Taylor Hall Room 104
Theme: “7 Seas of Alpha Sigma” (Nautical)
Send questions to Soror Dannielle Yelder at divadyelder@gmail.com.



MAY

- May 4: Torch Level 1 Training at 10:30 am | NPHC Cinco De Mayo event 6pm - 10pm (Harpers Bar & Grill)
- May 5: Hatitude Event (Alpha Sigma Sigma - Gary, IN)
- May 10: Executive Board Meeting
- May 11: Chapter Fundraiser at Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- May 15: Water Safety Day Campaign
- May 18: May Chapter Meeting (Fairbanks 1110) | Swim 1922 Event (Bloomington, IN)
- May 19: Chapter Fundraiser at Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- May 22: Adopt A Median Clean Up 6pm -7:30pm
- May 24-26: Chapter Fundraiser at Indianapolis Motor Speedway