



## ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

### LAMBDA ETA OMEGA CHAPTER

Saturday, January 9, 2021

Soror LaKiesha Harris, Basileus, Presiding

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Happy New Year Sorors,

It is my hope that you and your families are all doing well. I again want to express my gratitude and enthusiasm over the opportunity to serve as your Basileus. As we rise and strive together, I hope that you know that I am committed to ensuring Lambda Eta Omega operates effectively, efficiently, and most of all safely. As we continue to adjust to the obstacles we're facing during this pandemic, I ask for your support and patience.

We have a busy January ahead of us. We've had to make adjustments to some scheduled events as we get notice of activities from the corporate office and as we are informed about activities that are not permissible under our current virtual guidelines. Below are several announcements and dates and times to add to your calendars.

1. The 2019-2020 Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver Soror celebration is on Sunday, January 10, 2021. It will stream live on the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Facebook Page and on the YouTube Channel.
2. As of now, our activity for January 15 is on pause as we wait on the specific details of our Soror Vice President-Elect Harris' Founders' Day visit. We will still have a Reactivation Day celebration, but we might have to adjust our date and time.
3. The Membership Committee will provide details about our J15 t-shirt (shirt, sweater, sweatshirt) contest. We have secured judges from outside of our chapter to select the winner. Please submit a picture of your shirt by the January 12<sup>th</sup> deadline to Soror Shon Watts ([vachonwatts7@gmail.com](mailto:vachonwatts7@gmail.com)) and Soror Melcie Guyton ([melcie@gmail.com](mailto:melcie@gmail.com)).
4. MLK Day of Service is on Monday, January 18, 2021, new details about those activities will be included in the Anti-Basileus report.
5. Our Pretty Girls wearing Chucks & Pearls Inauguration Watch Party will be on Wednesday January 20, 2021. Additional details will be provided by the Connections Committee at a later time.
6. The Basileus Retreat will be held virtually and is scheduled for January 29-31<sup>st</sup>, the registration cost was \$65 and I thank you for affording me the opportunity to attend.
7. The February Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 6:00pm. A Zoom link will be provided.

8. For all our Reactivating and Transferring Sorors, our Virtual Chapter Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The ZOOM link will be forwarded via the Monthly newsletter.

9. The SER Conference Charter Day is April 6, 2021. I will share more details as I receive them.

10. Our first ever virtual South Eastern Regional Conference will be held April 8-11. Registration is \$75. I hope that many of you are able to attend as the event marks our Centennial year. Lambda Eta Omega has several Sorors serving on regional committees and I want to thank you each for volunteering your time and effort. If you haven't already done so, please email me the committees you are serving on. I'm serving on both the Regional Awards Committee and the Plenary Committee. Each graduate Chapter is required to submit a \$200 awards' fee regardless of whether or not we submit awards, along with the rewards eligibility form. Two designees will be allowed to submit the chapter's virtual submissions into the regional dropbox. The award deadline is on February 19, 2021. I have included a copy of last year's awards booklet as the 2021 booklet is not available at this time. Only a few changes have been made to these awards so if you are interested in applying for an award please contact myself or Soror Iesha as we will be the ones allowed to submit these virtual powerpoint presentation award submissions. Each chapter is also asked to submit a five slide presentation of the Chapter's History. I will work with our Historian and the Archives committee to determine what information we will include in our presentation.

In other exciting news, I've been asked to announce the resumption of our Membership Intake Process. The Membership Intake Committee will provide additional details in their report.

Again, I want to sincerely thank everyone for their support and patience not only as we traverse these unprecedented times but also as we transition administrations. I ask that you remember to keep our Sisterly Concerns in your thoughts and prayers.

Sisterly,

*LaKiesha Harris*

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