



# Alpha Kappa Chats



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## PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Greetings Sorors,

The month of April is Business Month in totaland. Before I begin this missive about Business Month, I must first congratulate the members of Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Congratulations! Your hard work and perseverance has paid off. We took care of Business at the 76th Southwestern Regional Conference ( March 23-26, Katy, Texas ) and then elegantly dressed in shades of green, we graciously took the journey to the Grand Re-Opening of Emerald City at Southwestern Blvd. We received accolades, awards, and celebrated your work on Iota AK's chapter programs and projects. Many thanks to the SWR Executive Committee, Soror Rosetta Davis, Regional Director for the Leadership and host chapter President ,Soror Tonia Cotton, Epsilon Chi for your Southern hospitality with a Louisiana Flair.

The Pinnacle of all of Iota's programs and projects is Business Month. Throughout the month of April, AKC will continue to place emphasis on National's theme " Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment "You've set an amazing example of. empowering each other to "Level Up". The stage is set, and the ground work has been laid - now let us bring the vision to fruition Proverb 31:29 " Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all " Connie /AKCP



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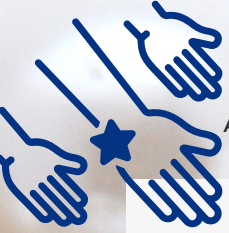


## FIL AT COLLEGE FAIR

Caught wearing green while attending the Houston HBCU Alumni Association College Fair on Saturday, March 4, 2023! Wiley College welcomes FIL Connor Davis! Connor received on-the-spot admission to Wiley College. Attendees were able to visit with over 100 colleges and universities.

## FILS SPRING BREAK KICKOFF - A DAY AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS





# AK IN THE COMMUNITY

## TOYS U CAN'T RETURN

### Wrap Up Toys “U” Can’t Return Six Week Session at Kashmere High School

“Obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it. Micheal Jordan

How do you Evaluate the Success of a Program? Glad you asked. Alpha Kappa Chapter Soror Joanna Lockridge and Pelati Joyce Beal spent six weeks at HISD Kashmere High School teaching one of the sessions of the Power of Becoming Me- **The Power of Loving Me**. The intent of the program was to serve teen mothers, however, the young ladies continued to invite their friends to support them, and before we knew it our participant numbers had increased from two to as many as six in some of our sessions. Wow! The girls' reaction was, “Is this what’s going on in here?” So what started out to be an IMAP initiative became a Toys “U” Can’t Return Program. Soror Lockridge and Pelati Beal would like to thank everyone that poured out blessings into this heartfelt initiative. We would like to give shout-outs to owner Carolyn Christie of Blinging with Chris for the beautiful heart jewelry she donated to each of our girls; Lekeesha and Javocka for the donation of T-Shirts for the girls, and 3+Me for their artwork for our logo.

Throughout each session, we accentuated Micheal Jordan's quote on not allowing obstacles to force you to not accomplish your goals. Under the guidance of Pelati Joyce Beal who facilitated the vision board activities with our young ladies, they elaborated on the fullness of the acceptance of this quote. Through their vision boards, each young lady reflected on their growth and how they developed skills to learn to love themselves. Each young lady gave a heart-felt winning presentation of their boards that brought about joyful tears to all of us.

Lastly, Alpha Kappa Chapter's Pelatis presented a beautiful basket of goodies to our teen mother that consisted of baby wipes, socks, bottles, brushes, towels, onesies, baby bath products, and Pampers. Kashmere High School Wraparound personnel Mrs. Roberts and Ms. Lancelin a visiting HISD pregnancy coordinator also donated a basket of Pampers and baby items. Soror Lockridge and Pelati Beal donated Subway sandwiches and cupcakes from Small Cakes and gave each young lady a gift bag as well.

So how do you spell success? When the program should have come to an end and the young ladies' says, “No we are not finished, we have to complete a session on Self-Care, We will see you next week!”

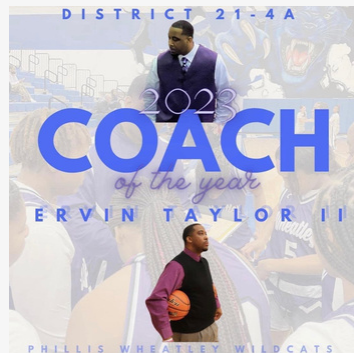




# AK AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

## MOI Achievements

MOI Ervin L. Taylor II says that God is amazing! He was named Houston ISD's Girls Basketball Coach of the Year for the 2021-22 school year at Booker T. Washington High School and again in 2022-2023 at Phillis Wheatley High School as well as being named Houston ISD's AllStar Girls Basketball Coach for the All-Star Game to be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023. His resume continues to grow as a Child of God, Man of Iota, Husband, Father, Educator, Coach, and Mentor. A product of Houston ISD, this thirty-something-year-old educator realizes that he has been given the ability to change lives. He takes nothing for granted. He has been employed by HISD for the past 5 years and looks forward to many more years. His daily grind consists of assisting students as a Special Education Teacher where he was recognized earlier this year for his abilities and actions in the classroom. MOI Ervin Taylor II has also experienced success as an AAU Coach where he was recognized as a Past AEW Community Influencer for coaching young ladies that have been successful in the collegiate arena and the WNBA. Proud of his association with Iota-AKC through his mother, Soror Linda Raye Taylor he realizes that it's a family affair. His daughters participate in the FIL component and his uncle and nephew (James Davis III and Damien Davis) are active MOI as well. In closing, he wants to thank the circle of family and friends that have supported him and is keeping his eye on the prize. Congratulations Coach Taylor!

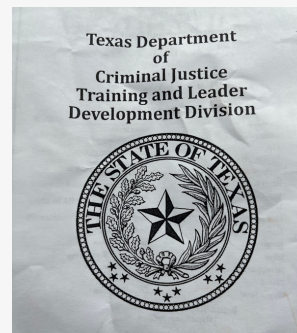




# AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

## MOI Achievements

MOI Micah Wilson graduated from TDCJ Correctional Officer training on April 7, 2023, coming in as CO4 he will be working with the pre-release team in Rosharon following in his father's footsteps.



# SOROR ACCOLADES

On March 19, 2023, Dr. Shelley McIntosh was presented with the Sheroes of the Diaspora Mary McLeod Bethune Education Award for embodying the principles of community, connectivity, and courage in Education. The event was organized by the Alkebu-lan Village Organization in Detroit, Michigan.



# AK HEALTH AWARENESS



## STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Be active—Take a dance break!

Close your eyes, take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.

Write down three things you are grateful for.

Check-in with yourself—take time to ask yourself how you are feeling.

Laugh!



# AK AND SISTERHOOD

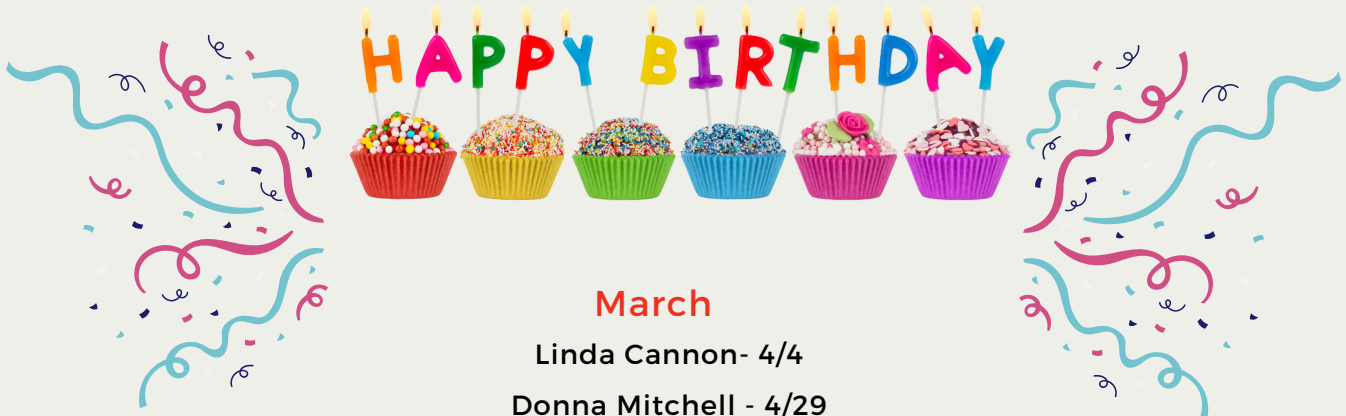
Taking Care of Iota Business and Connecting with our Sorors at the 76th SW Regional Conference



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**March**

Linda Cannon- 4/4

Donna Mitchell - 4/29



PRAYER REQUESTS



**Bobbie Ammons**

**Audrey Gassama**

**Marion Godine**

**Daisy Hall**

**Vahnita Loud**

# SORORITY NEWS



## Business Month

Members of the Business Month Committee have been certainly working and not shirking as we prepare for Business Month in April. We are excited! Some of our activities will be presented in our upcoming chapter meeting. Please remember to prepare your guest list for our April 22nd Business Month program, AK's BUSINESS BRUNCH PROGRAM. It's a chance to honor many of our honorees, scholarship winners, Outstanding Sorors, Outstanding Business Women, Young Entrepreneurs, and many other surprises!

## Upcoming Chapter Events

3/2 SW Regional Thursday Helpline  
3/4 AK Chapter New Member Reception  
3/10 Virtual AK Chapter Meeting  
3/23-25 SW Regional Conference

## Regional News

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The Sorors of Alpha Kappa work hard, play hard, and were elated that their efforts were commended with the following awards:

1st Place - Business Month  
1st Place - Technology Award  
2nd Place - Pelati Award  
2nd Place - Networking  
3rd Place - Man of Iota Award

3rd Place - Future Iota Leaders Award  
3rd Place - Community Service

Alma Mackey Essay Contest Winners  
3rd Place (High School) - Jayden Robins  
3rd Place (Middle School)- Lauren Mitchell

Years of Service Recognition  
45 yrs - Linda Cannon, Dr. Marion Godine  
25 yrs - Rosetta Davis, Dr. Ethel Bell,  
Daisy Hall  
20 yrs - Donna Mitchell  
5 yrs - Alma Banks-Brown, Shondra  
Chatman Taylor, Sharon DeRouesselle

## National News



The National Convention Planning Committee is excited to safely and efficiently bring members together for the 94th Anniversary National Convention. Convention registration begins on February 1, 2023, and ends on June 1, 2023. The convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan from July 12th to 16th. The host chapter is Epsilon Lambda. The theme is "Honoring Our Past, As We Step into Our Future".



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## WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR NEWS

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Contributors to this month's newsletter: Soror Shondra Taylor, Madame President Connie Anglin, Soror Donna Mitchell, Soror Dr. Marion Godine, Soror Shelley McIntosh, and Soror Linda Taylor

### Chapter Theme:

*"Elevating by Leveling Up: Expanding the Sisterhood, Leadership and Service"*

### Regional Theme:

*" Empowered Women: Together We Achieve the Extraordinary"*

### National Theme:

*"Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation of Generational Financial Empowerment"*

### National Motto:

*" Upward and Onward in Efficient Service"*

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