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HAWAII





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### ARTICLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome your submissions to share the impactful stories our chapter continues to make in our communities. Please note these general guidelines:

- Each article should be typed double-spaced and should include a heading and photo caption.
- Articles should not exceed 250 words.
- Contents should be timely to capture events within the publication period.
- Submit articles electronically to [aka.lcotechnology@gmail.com](mailto:aka.lcotechnology@gmail.com), Attn: Ivy Leaf Reporter
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  - July Issue: June 20
  - October Issue: September 20



## GREETING FROM THE BASILEUS, LETITIA BRYANT



Aloha Sorors,

2020 continues to build our resilience. Despite many challenges, uncertainty and unrest caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic, racial injustice and more, you returned from summer rest, REENERGIZED and READY, to continue the pursuit of ALOHA EXCELLENCE! In these times of darkness, you remained beacons of light in our local and global communities and uplifters and encouragers within our Sisterhood—this is the essence and the beauty of the ivy.

Sorors, the historic nomination of our Soror, Senator Kamala Harris, as the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee places our Sorority at the center of the political stage. Our Connection committee will be extremely busy this election season keeping us engaged and informed.

Our Sorority is truly demonstrating its exceptional resilience and adaptability. We held our first ever virtual regional conference and Boule. During the 91st FWR conference we bid a fond farewell to Soror Carol Dixon and welcomed Soror Shelby D. Boagni.

Sorors we Reign Supreme in the physical environment and we Exemplify Excellence in the virtual environment through our service. Thanks to our strong start earlier in May we remain ahead on the Top Teams list with over \$4500 raised for this worthy cause. Kudos to all members of the Pink Power Pearls Team! We need everyone's support to deliver the KNOCK OUT punch to cancer.

HBCU week was exciting and impactful. For the third straight year, we raised \$1 million in one day to sustain historically black colleges and universities. Thanks to everyone who donated, especially the officers and committee chairman who accepted my \$100 challenge to benefit the HBCU Educational Advancement Foundation. Mahalo to the sorors who took time to raise awareness of HBCUs by sharing the love they have for their alma maters during our HBCU video series.

In October we will hold our first virtual Miss Fashionetta pageant! Our mentees and their parents have been so awesome. We are also ecstatic and grateful for the support of Miss Hawaii USA, Samantha Neyland who will virtually crown our 2020 Miss Fashionetta winners! Many thanks to the Fashionetta Committee for continuing to make this a special event.

Sorors we may be engaging virtually but you haven't let that stop your momentum! Stay safe and keep up the awesome work!

In Pursuit of Aloha Excellence!

Soror Letitia

Aloha Excellence.....Be, Share, Live Aloha!

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## SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS MAKES "HERSTORY" AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - AUGUST 20, 2020

Last night on the nineteenth day of the eighth month, Senator Kamala Harris made “herstory” when she accepted the nomination as the Vice Presidential Candidate for a major political party. Americans, including little Black and Brown girls, watched with amazement, pride and a renewed sense of hope. We congratulate Senator Harris and wish her the best on this historic journey. This is, indeed, a proud moment for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Divine 9. It is a proud moment for women all over this nation and particularly for Black women. It is a proud moment for any citizen of this country who believes in the possibilities that America represents regardless of race, color or creed, sex, nationality or political party. While Alpha Kappa Alpha does not endorse political candidates, we cannot overlook or understate the significance of this historical moment for our sisterhood and for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Indeed, this moment is long overdue. Alpha Kappa Alpha is poised to continue our important work of voter engagement and mobilization during this election season. We remain committed to ensuring that individuals vote. Our 300,000 members comprising more than 1,025 chapters around the world understand that voting is a serious matter, and we are answering the clarion call at this inflection point to serve mankind through our election efforts.

Dr. Glenda Glover  
International President



# *E Komo Mai & A Hui Hou!*



Shelby R. Boagni  
26th Far Western Regional Director



Carol R. Dixon  
25th Far Western Regional Director

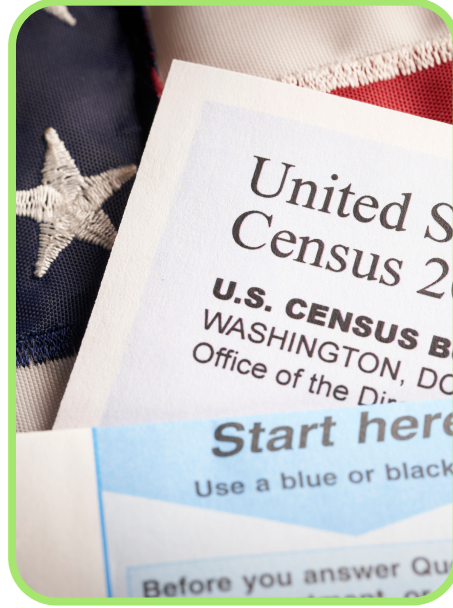
## REGIONAL DIRECTOR HAIL & FAREWELL

**JULY 18, 2020**

Congratulations to Soror Shelby Robinson Boagni, the new Far Western Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. The Ladies of Lamba Chi Omega Chapter extend our warmest welcome to the 26th Far Western Regional Director!

Mahalo nui loa and aloha a hui hou to Soror Carol R. Dixon, 25th Far Western Regional Director. It has been the esteemed pleasure of Lambda Chi Omega Chapter to serve under your leadership as our FABULOUS Regional Director for the past four years. Leading the sorority's largest geographical region has been no small task but success is inevitable with you, Soror Carol. As you imua (move forward) in this next chapter of your life, we thank you for your tenacious leadership and your lead-by-example work ethic; we thank you for your professionalism and your service to our great sisterhood. Thank you for your vibrance, thank you for your infectious commitment and of course we thank you for DARING TO BE DIFFERENT!





## PROGRAMS

SOROR ANNETTA BUTLER

Programs are at the heart of all we do to advance the mission of our sorority with #AlohaExcellence. Sorors, again you have risen to the challenges of the time to make a way when it seemed there was no way--more than that your spark of joy in difficult times made it all the more special. This is the AKA way.

Thank you for giving your time, imagination and creativity continue to support our local community and global initiatives. Enjoy the much needed break this summer. Take care of each other and be safe!

Target 1: HCBU - A Call to Action  
Chairman: Soror Sabrina Bradley

Target 2: Women's Healthcare & Wellness  
Co-Chairman: Sorors Jana Sanders  
Co-Chairman: Christel Thompson

Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy  
Chairman: Soror Ayanna Whitesides

Target 4: The Arts!  
Chairman: Soror Lakiesha Stanley

Target 5: Global Impact  
Co-Chairman: Soror Megan Barrett  
Co-Chairman: Soror Niea Gardner

Signature Program #CAP  
Chairman: Soror Lorraine Butler

## AKA CONNECTION - GET OUT THE VOTE!

VOTER ENGAGEMENT WEEK SEPTEMBER 14 - 18, 2020

Soror Niea Gardner was appointed to be the Hawaii State Coordinator within the Far Western Connection Committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. The 2020 Census and 2020 General Elections are two crucial and categorical imperatives within our community which face additional challenges due to social distancing restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Without hesitation, Soror Niea led the Connection Committee and Lambda Chi Omega to deploy our AKAs L.E.A.D. Get Out The Vote (GOTV) program and Census 2020 responses. To combat the increasing concerns of voter suppression, a Voter Engagement Week was held on September 14-18, 2020 to elevate the power of the black vote. As we approach the 100 Day Countdown to Decision 2020, the Connection Committee continues to implement strategies to increase voter participation and integrate virtual mobilization strategies into chapter operations and activities. We invite chapter members to share creative and innovative ways to increase voter registration by 25,000 in 2020. The Lambda Chi Omega Chapter AKA Connection Committee members also include Soror Michelle Dewberry, Soror Tam Reed and Ex-Officio Soror Letitia Bryant. Together, with the assistance of our GOTV partners, we will educate, register, mobilize and lead our community to the polls on November 3rd.



***"When AKAs L.E.A.D. we ensure that every voice in our community has the opportunity to vote and have their vote counted."***

***- Roslyn Brock***

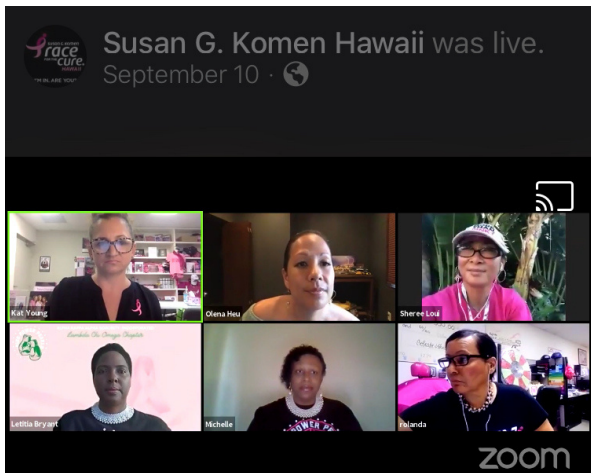


## SUSAN G. KOMEN

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS VEHICLE PARADE & ONLINE RALLY

The Pink Power Pearls are gearing up for the FIRST VIRTUAL Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in October 2020! Member LaTonya Conkleton and two of our chapter's breast cancer survivors, Michelle Dewberry and Krista Ray, kicked off this year's efforts on August 1, 2020 in a socially distanced, vehicle parade. Raising public awareness and encouraging early screening, hundreds of supporters decorated cars and drove from Kahala Mall to Kapiolani Park in Honolulu. In-person participation was limited due to health safety. Michelle Dewberry and chapter President, Letitia Bryant were featured in an online rally on September 10, 2020. Team members attended this virtual event along with others in the state to celebrate, honor and recognize top teams and sponsors.

The 2020 Team Captain for Pink Power Pearls is Soror Christel Thompson. They are off to a strong start in this year's race and have already surpassed its 2020 goal as well as last year's total giving. In fact, the Pink Power Pearls are leading the state of Hawai'i in monetary donations! All proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation to provide funding for research and means to find a cure to end breast cancer. Beyond raising monetary donations, survivors in the chapter have been instrumental in educating the public by sharing their personal experiences with this deadly disease and the importance of early detection for prevention and treatment. For more information on ways to support, visit [komenhawaii.org](http://komenhawaii.org).

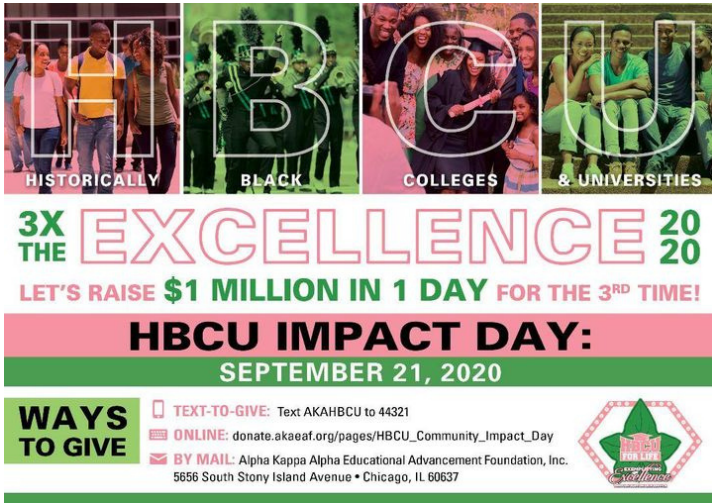


Members participate in vehicle parade and virtual rally in preparation for a Virtual Race for the Cure.



### Online Safety Tips

- **KEEP A CLEAN MACHINE**
  - Keep security software current: Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system is the best defense against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- **PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION**
  - Make your password a sentence: A strong password is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long. Have separate passwords for every account.
- **CONNECT WITH CARE**
  - Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots: Limit the type of business you conduct in public and protect your money: When banking and shopping, be sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://" which means the site takes security measures.
- **BE WEB WISE**
  - Back it up: Protect your valuable work, music, photos and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely.
- **BE A GOOD ONLINE CITIZEN**
  - Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community. Apply the Golden Rule.
- **OWN YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE**
  - Personal information is like money. Value it. Protect it. Share with care.



***"Historically Black Colleges and Universities have played an important role in enriching the lives of not just African Americans, but our entire country."***  
***- Ric Keller***

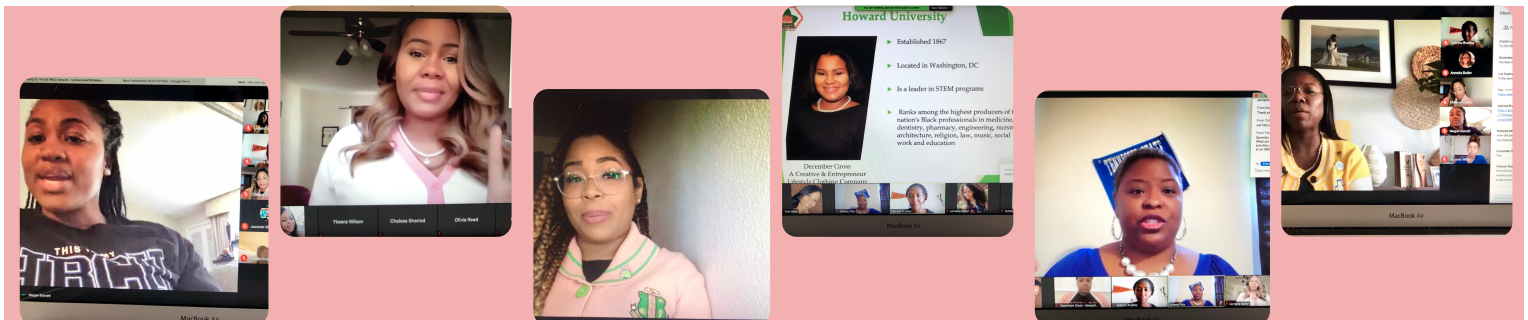
## HBCU IMPACT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 21 - 26, 2020

Bouquet of Tea Roses to Soror Sabrina Bradley and the HBCU Committee for spearheading an awesome HBCU Impact Week! Our community in Hawaii has developed a greater appreciation for Historically Black College and Universities and contributed financially to their sustainment. During the week and in coordination with local school counselors, chapter members held virtual HBCU information sessions with students across the state of Hawaii. These interactive sessions gave students opportunities to ask questions about student life, the application and admissions processes and alumnae campus experiences. Lambda Chi Omega partners with Leilehua and Radford High Schools as a liaison for HBCU admissions and information to bridge the gap between Hawaii's students and mainland schools.

Lambda Chi Omega Chapter is excited to share that for the THIRD year in a row, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated surpassed our goal of raising \$1 million in ONE day for HBCUs! In 2018, the sorority's 30th International President Dr. Glenda Glover set a four-year goal to raise \$10 million to establish and support endowments for HBCUs. Since then and in partnership with the Education Advancement Foundation, Alpha Kappa Alpha has established endowments and provided grants to 32 of 96 HBCUs in 2019. This year, a second round of 32 HBCUs and an additional 24 recipients will receive grants. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the effort can still make contributions by texting AKAHBCU to 44321, giving by mail or online at <http://aka1908.com/hbcus/donate-hbcu>.

Mahalo to the following panelists: Megan Barrett (Hampton University), Lorraine Butler (Spelman College), Chikyra Crabbe (Florida A&M University), December Gross (Howard University), Celena Pitts (Tennessee State University), Christel Thompson (Florida A&M University) and Lakiesha Stanley (North Carolina A&T University). Mahalo to Soror Jazmyn McGruder for the essential technology support!





## LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

### SOROR REGINA COOK

When you think of servanthood, what comes to mind? Do you envision a person at the bottom of the totem pole performing a so-called "menial" task for someone else's benefit? If so, then you have the wrong impression. Servanthood is not about position or skill. Servanthood is about attitude. We've all encountered people in service positions with poor attitudes toward servanthood: the rude worker at the government agency or the waiter who can't be bothered with taking your order. Just as you can sense when a worker doesn't want to help people, you can easily detect whether someone has a servant's heart. When you encounter a worker who has the attitude of a servant leader, everything changes. The best leaders desire to serve others, not themselves. In the end, the extent of your influence and the quality of your relationships depends on the depth of your care for others. That's why it is so important for leaders to be willing to serve. Three habits of a servant leader:

- 1. Perform small acts of kindness.** They find ways today to do small things that show other people they care.
- 2. Learn to walk slowly through the crowd.** They make it a goal to connect with others.
- 3. Move into action.** They perform acts of service.

Albert Schweitzer wisely stated, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." If you want to be successful on the highest level, be willing to serve on the lowest. That's the best way to build relationships—and your leadership!

Mark Cole in John C. Maxwell, Jan 2019



# I ♥ MY HBCU



Click on icons to view videos. HBCU alumnae of Lambda Chi Omega Chapter featured in Love Letters to My HBCU

## LOVE LETTER TO MY HBCU

SEPTEMBER 21 - 26, 2020

"HBCUs now, HBCUs tomorrow, #HBCU4LIFE!" Lambda Chi Omega Chapter President and Tuskegee University Alumna, Letitia Bryant punctuated the finale of a five-part series by chapter HBCU alumnae called "Love Letter to My HBCU" featured across social media platforms. Five chapter members highlighted their alma mater during HBCU Impact Week beginning with Soror Tam Reed of Tennessee State University, followed by Lakiesha Stanley of North Carolina A&T University, December Gross of Howard University and Christel Thompson of Florida A&M University. Members brought attention to these centers of excellence from their personal experiences in this special week which has been designated to honor and recognize Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These vignettes illustrated important contributions of HBCU alumni and sustains the legacy of HBCUs by educating younger generations of the role they played in shaping the world in which they live. Bryant added, "HBCUs were the original Wakanda. HBCUs were established out of necessity but still, today, are essential; we must and will sustain them." Click on the school images above to view the videos which are available for viewing on [YouTube @HawaiiAKA](#).

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated raised over \$1 million dollars in one day for the third year in a row in September 2020.



Samantha Neyland, Reigning Miss Hawaii USA

## MISS HAWAII SEEKS JUNETEENTH LEGISLATION

HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The Lambda Chi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated proudly supports Miss Hawaii USA's coalition to make Juneteenth a state holiday in Hawai'i. Samantha Neyland, graduate of Moanalua High School in Honolulu, is the reigning and first African American to be crowned Miss Hawaii USA. "As a state that prides itself on diversity and inclusivity, it is long overdue for the Hawaii Legislature to fully live out the Aloha spirit and stand with the 46 states that have chosen to make Juneteenth an annual day of remembrance and celebration." Neyland also adds in Miss News that a state calendar date will serve to better educate Hawaii's diverse youth on Black History while celebrating the importance of equality.

Many states and the District of Columbia celebrated Freedom Day this past June to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States; several states have approved paid leave for city employees. While the U.S. Congress has not approved a national holiday since 1983 when it honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., many lawmakers are working toward a change. Communities across Hawai'i have continued to honor this historic day through marches and festivals although Hawaii remains one of three states that does not designate Juneteenth as a state holiday. Miss Hawaii USA plans to change that and with strong advocates and community support, she will.

## MISS FASHIONETTA VIRTUAL PAGEANT

HONOLULU, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Our trip to Harlem is still a go! Get your Event Brite tickets and Zoom passport ready for the Harlem Experience on October 3, 2020. The Crowning of Miss Fashionetta 2020 will be streamed live through Zoom Webinar platform to maintain compliance with the social distancing regulations. Our six contestants are excited to be weeks away from the launch of our new virtual platform for this year's signature scholarship event where friends and family can cheer them on from anywhere in the world. Led by Soror Michelle Dewberry, the committee is in full stride with its restructured program which embraces all the wonders of and creativity of today's technology. Our contestants are prepared to share their discoveries of excellence in the Harlem Renaissance which they experienced through workshops and mentoring sessions. We are truly grateful for the outpouring support in their growth and aspirations as we get closer to pageant day! Join us in our virtual presentation of the 2020 Renaissance Pearls of Paradise on October 3rd at 3:00pm Hawaii Time. Don't miss our very special surprise guest at this year's coronation to culminate our celebration of excellence!

JUL - SEP 2020



***"On the other side of a storm is the strength that comes from having navigated through it. Raise your sail and begin."***

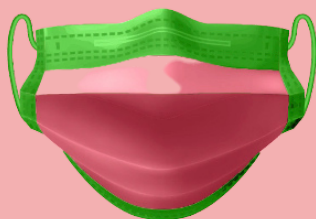
***- Gregory Williams***



# ON-GOING RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

### WEAR A MASK



### IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER!

### CHAPTER OPERATIONS

- Soror Helpline - A soror helpline has been established on our website [hawaiiaka1908.com](http://hawaiiaka1908.com). Sorors, please let us know if you need supplies and support.
- Chapter meetings will continue remotely until it is safe to resume in-person meetings. Full details and answers to FAQs are available in the Members Only section under the COVID-19 tab.
- In-person events are postponed in the interest of soror and public safety and we look forward to be together once again.
- Day of Prayer - We continue to join in by phone for corporate prayer on Thursday. We pray for impacted families, healthcare workers, first responders and other essential workers, our sisterhood, this nation and our world. We pray also for justice, an end to systemic racism and the courage to turn our grievances into righteous action.
- An established COVID-19 Pandemic Task Force will send sorority-wide weekly updates.

### SORORS ON THE FRONTLINE

Continue to pray for our chapter members who risk their own health and safety in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sorors, thank you for your selfless service and sacrifice during this unprecedented time.

# Sisterly Relations!



## NURTURING OUR IVY

September 5, 2020

Soror Celena Pitts was appointed to the Far Western Regional Sisterly Relations Committee. Sisterly relations is one of the pillars that form the foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In addition to engaging in impactful service to transform our communities, members recognize and appreciate the need to nurture our ivy to ensure the vitality and endurance of our beloved sisterhood. Sisterly Relations is the description for interaction and engagement from one sorority member to another. At the chapter level, Soror Jamila (Gina) Evans is the chairman for the Sisterly Relations "Aloha" Committee. This is an essential component of sorority membership in which members intentionally take time apart to socialize and fellowship in order to create genuine bonds and connectedness that form lifelong relationships based on affinity, love, trust, respect and shared goals and interests.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are excited to welcome Soror Lorraine Butler's newest addition to her beautiful ohana! In case you were wondering, our "BABY BUCKS" jar has also gone virtual! Gifts are welcomed via CashApp, contact Aloha Committee.

Mahalo to Soror Gina Evans and the Aloha Committee for the Pink & Green Virtual Shopping on September 4, 2020. Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming a scavenger hunt!



*Hau'oli la  
Hanau!*

## BIRTHDAYS

Soror Letitia Bryant  
Soror LaTonya Conkleton  
Soror Angela Lawler  
Soror April Whitaker  
Soror Krista Ray  
Soror Kia Neville  
Soror Regina Cook  
Soror Brittney Davis  
Soror Megan Barrett  
Soror Christel Thompson  
Soror Carolyn Williams

***"Sweet friendships  
refresh the soul and  
awaken our hearts  
with joy."  
- Proverbs 27:9***



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*"The Pearl of Wisdom"*



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*"To be first is an honor, but it is a tragedy to be the only."*

*- Dr. Glenda Glover*