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Juneteenth

*A Celebration of
Freedom*

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MESSAGE FROM THE BASILEUS

Sorors,

The Summer break is finally here, but Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's events continue. June is Black Dollar Month. This is when we WEAR PINK, SPEND GREEN, AND BUY BLACK! Beta Delta Omega partnered with the Metro Jackson Chapters (Rho Lambda Omega, Upsilon Upsilon Omega, and Omega Beta Omega) to host the Pretty Black Dollar Day – Pink Pop-up Shop where over 25 Black-owned vendors were able to sell items customized and unique items. Shoppers came from all around to spend hundreds of dollars. In the end, the day was a huge success. The Black-owned vendors will continue to set up on Fridays for the remainder of the summer at the Farmers Hand Farmers Market.

Beta Delta Omega Chapter also partnered with the Women for Progress of Mississippi, Inc. to host a Candidate Forum – MS House District 72. Each candidate expressed their concern and reasons for vying for this office. Every Election is an Important Election. Under the Advocate for Social Justice Initiative, sorors are charged with equipping communities with the tools, knowledge and support to activate their voices. Let's be an active voter and participant in political issues because it affects all of our lives positively or negatively.

Sorors, how did you celebrate JUNETEENTH? This is the 3rd year that it has been a national holiday. I hope this was a time for you to celebrate with your families and communities to commemorate the hardships endured by our ancestors. It is a Day of Reconciliation. Hopefully, you were able to start or continue traditions during this time.



Sorors, while you are on this break, I hope you are taking the time to relax, travel, and rejuvenate. The Fall season will be here before you know it and we will be much busier than ever. Have a great summer. Remember to stay cool and hydrated.

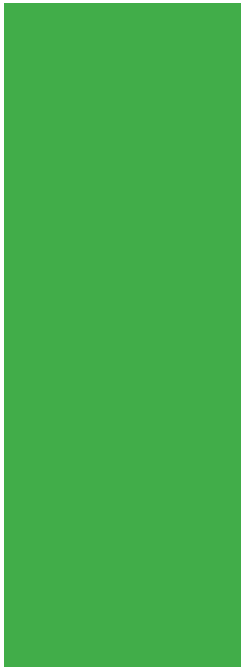
Sisterly in Service,

Soror Sharron U. Williams
Basileus

Enhance Our Environment



BDO hosted a Community Shred Day on June 3, 2023. The public event allowed individuals within the community to dispose of confidential documents in an effort to decrease identity theft as well as taking an eco-friendly approach to enhance the environment. This event would not have been a success without the partnership with Magnolia Shredding.



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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

JUNETEENTH

JUNE 19TH

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023



“Even though the story has never been tidy, and Black folks have had to march and fight for every inch of our freedom, our story is nonetheless one of progress.”

Michelle Obama



SOROR SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations Soror Dee!

Congratulations to Soror Demetrica “Dee” Bookert-Nixon on her outstanding grand opening held June 20, 2023 of her new business and venue called The Rookery-MS. The venue is nestled in downtown Jackson, Mississippi and located at 234 E. Capitol St. The Rookery offers a wide range of services such as event planning and coordination to catering and entertainment. We pray that this business is a success.





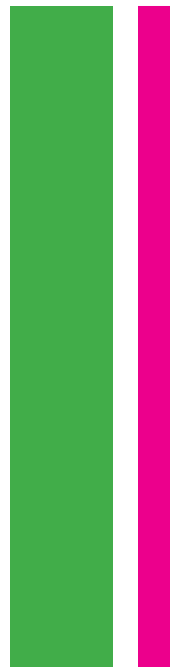
Advocate for Social Justice

Beta Delta Omega was one of several hosts of the Candidate Forum of MS House District 72 held on June 13, 2023 at Stronger Hope Church. Residents of MS House District 72 were given the opportunity to meet and hear from the four candidates vying for their votes during the forum. Citizens also had the chance to learn the candidates' leadership style, platforms and thoughts on important issues. The seat for MS House District 72 was left vacant after Soror Debra Gibbs was elected to the Hinds County Court. MS House District 72 stretches across Hinds and Madison counties and includes residents of North Jackson, Ridgeland and Clinton. The candidates were Synarus Green, Rukia Lumumba, Justis Gibbs, son of Soror Debra Gibbs; and Dr. Ailean Stingley.



Build Our Economic Wealth

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Metro Jackson Chapters hosted a Pop-Up Shop from 4-7 p.m. June 16, 2023 in an effort to support black business owners. The event was held at The Farmers Hand Farmers Market located at the Jackson Medical Mall. Several small business owners throughout the metro area came out to promote their products and gain new customers. Customers had several options such as food, jewelry, clothes, and more. Pop-Up Shops are becoming more and more popular and give small business owners a cost-effective way to gain exposure.




Celebrating BDO Charter Day

89 Years!

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OF SERVICE TO THE
JACKSON METRO AREA



**CELEBRATING CHARTER DAY ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**

Worship Service
Brownsville M.B. Church 10:00AM
7565 Bolton-Brownsville Rd. Bolton, MS 39041

Luncheon Dutch Style
SnS Burgers & Blues 12:00PM
120 Jackson St. Bolton, MS 39041

Community Service
Harmony Court Ice Cream Social & Towel Drop-off 2:00PM
5411 I-55 North Frontage Rd. Jackson, MS 39206

Beta Delta Omega Chapter was chartered May 28, 1934. In celebration of 89 years of service, BDO members worshipped together at Brownsville M.B. Church in Bolton, Mississippi on June 4, followed by a Dutch-style luncheon at a local eatery. The day concluded with a community service project at Harmony Court Assisted Living facility in Jackson, Mississippi.



*Happy
Birthday!*



Monica White	1-Jun
Stephanie Smith-Jefferson	6-Jun
Ethel J. Gibson	7-Jun
Dorothy Stokes Gentry	7-Jun
A. Carolyn Hackett	12-Jun
Krystle Clay Love	12-Jun
Jerelyn E. Butler	14-Jun
Regan Jackson	14-Jun
Laquita Brown	17-Jun
Ashley Molden	20-Jun
Tekita L. Thomas	21-Jun
Maggie Terry Harper	23-Jun

Happy Birthday Sorors!

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Soror Shamira Ervin-Parker, Ivy Leaf Reporter

Soror Aliyah Atkins

Soror Denise Drake

Soror Vickie Terrell Miller

Soror Shanderia Minor

Soror Iely B. Mohamed

Service & Sisterhood