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# MESSAGE FROM THE BASILEUS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Since 1949, mental health has been highlighted to fight the stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for policies that support millions of people affected in the U.S. by mental illness. We salute the sorors who work in the area of mental health to provide services, support, and guidance daily to individuals and their families.

In the Beta Delta Omega Chapter, May is a month that we will celebrate our 89th Charter Day on May 28, 2023. Activities have been scheduled to celebrate this day. We honor the Beta Delta Omega's Charter members Sorors Inez B. Prosser, Katie M. Wilson, Helen Griffin, Aquila Jones, Florence O. Alexander, and L. Zenobia Coleman.

This year, the Annual Jazzy Jeans Brunch (JJB) was hosted in May (due to scheduling conflicts with the venue). This is the first time it was held in person since the pandemic. The day was full of fun, fellowship, food, and festivities. The JJB committee chairs and co-chairs did a yeoman's job with this event. It was bigger than ever with the largest attendance and profit to date.

Although we will break from business meetings until September 2023, the summer is filling up with many programs and community service activities. We will also attend Leadership in Chicago. Please be on the lookout for information on the summer activities.

Sorors, thank you for your continued support as I complete the first quarter of this administration. Each of you has shown your commitment to the Beta Delta Omega Chapter. Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you.

Sisterly in Service,

Soror Sharron U. Williams  
Basileus







# Fashion Meets Flavors: Recap of the 2023 Jazzy Jeans Brunch

**By Soror Tasha McCullar  
President, CAP, Inc.**

The Jazzy Jeans Brunch 2023 was a delightful event that combined delectable cuisine with live music and entertainment experiences for all who attended. The fundraising event took place Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson and provided an atmosphere of pure joy, socializing with friends and family and a jazzy experience.

Our more than 1,100 guests highlighted jazzy jeans' versatility and timeless appeal, complementing the jazzy atmosphere and adding a visual flair to the event. The Jazzy Jeans Brunch event has a long-standing reputation for encouraging attendees to embrace their creativity by incorporating jeans into their high-fashion attire. From bedazzled denim jackets to ripped jeans paired with stilettos, the fashion choices were as diverse as the crowd. Attendees confidently flaunted their unique styles, turning the venue into a runway for denim-inspired fashion.

The JJB committee planned and executed an event to remember! The event was filled with line dancing, strolling, and captivating performances.

The event also incorporated a community service aspect. A video was shared with our guests on the various community service projects and programs provided by Beta Delta Omega Chapter members. Additionally, during the brunch, the chapter presented checks to the endowed scholarships at Tougaloo College and Jackson State University and presented the winner of our HBCU scholarship recipients. Proceeds from the JJB will benefit the community through our local and international programs and activities, emphasizing the event's commitment to making a positive impact.

The Jazzy Jeans Brunch combined the pleasures of music, performances, delicious food, family, and friends for an immersive and entertaining experience. Fashionistas and foodies alike eagerly await the return of the Jazzy Jeans Brunch next year, a true testament to its ongoing success and appeal. We cannot wait to see what Jazzy Jeans Brunch 2024 promises. Thank you, Sorors, for a beautiful experience!





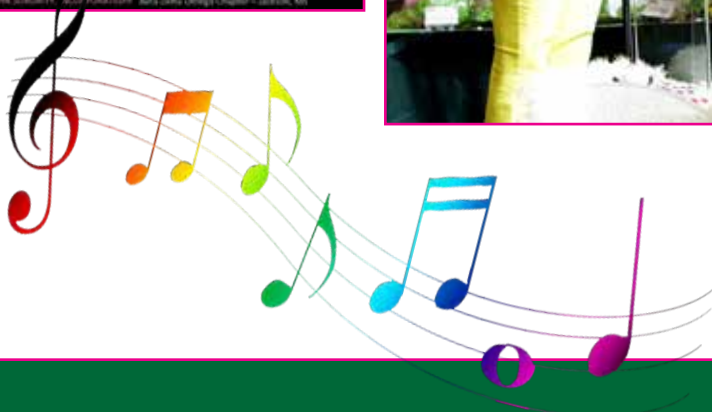


**JAZZY**  
**PO**  
**BYE BYE**

**SOLD OUT!**

Saturday  
**MAY 20, 2023**  
 Mississippi Trade Mart  
 1200 Mississippi Street | Jackson, MS  
 Vendor Market: 10:00 AM  
 Branch: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Presented by:  
 COLEMAN ALEXANDER PRODUCTIONS, INC. (CAAP, INC. DBA, INC.)  
 In partnership with:  
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## Enhance Our Environment Committee collaborates with Ivy AKAdemy to share information with youth

The Enhance Our Environment Committee of Beta Delta Omega in collaboration with the Ivy AKAdemy concluded a two-part session on May 11, 2023, with eight kids in the after-school program at the Bethlehem Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Each session was designed to engage the kids and teach them the importance of planting trees, how the ecosystem works and how trees are important to our daily lives. Prior to starting the second session activity, the committee recapped the activity from the first session. The kids eagerly reminded committee members what was learned from *The Lorax* – a book they read in the first session. They recalled that trees are important because they are a source of food for humans and animals, that trees help clean the air of pollutants and that pollutants are bad for the soil and could stop the trees from growing. The children also recalled enjoying completing *The Lorax* activity worksheet.

In the second session, the committee members helped the children decorate pots and planted potted flowers for their mothers for Mother's Day. Allowing the kids to participate in planting and tending to the flowers helped them build a meaningful connection of learning how to garden, promoted respect and responsibility for the planet, and presented a unique learning experience. Sorors enjoyed the event, and several mentioned they look forward to returning to the farm to plant more trees.



# Service to All Mankind

## WRAP-UP!

### Beta Delta Omega is Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood

Service and sisterhood have been the cornerstone of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® since 1908. With the theme, Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood™, the 2022-2026 administration seeks to build upon AKA's rich legacy of service by its members. This administration seeks to have an impactful change on the communities it serves. As a result, Beta Delta Omega (BDO) has heeded the call in the five initiatives – Empower Our Families, Build Our Economic Wealth, Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice and Uplift Our Local Community. BDO sorors have worked collaboratively with each other to maximize our outreach.

#### Strengthen Our Sisterhood – “We Are One” AKA Service Day

On January 16, 2023, in partnership with Metro Jackson National Pan Hellenic Council, the Juanita Sims Doty Foundation and the Erick Dampier Foundation, Beta Delta Omega met from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Plaza, 2640 Terry Road in Jackson, Mississippi. BDO sorors collected coats, winter accessories, canned goods, and paper goods. All items were distributed to Stewpot Community Services, Billy Brumfield House, and various senior facilities in Jackson.

- 33 Beta Delta Omega sorors attended
- Youth Leadership Initiative students attended
- Coats and winter accessories – 1,810 items
- Toiletries – 323 items
- Paper goods – 3,050 items
- Canned goods – 4,150 items





## Empower Our Families

Alpha Kappa Alpha has a strong history of supporting and servicing families, for we understand a healthy family is the foundation of a healthy community. Empower Our Families is anchored in the belief that it is necessary to provide solution-building services that help address the most pressing needs for each family unit at key life stages beginning with childhood to senior life.

Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Packs (CHIPP™) – Beta Delta Omega has delivered weekly “Power Pack” meals over the weekend and holidays to 63 students at Lester Elementary School in the Jackson Public School District. From January to May, the chapter has packed and delivered 1,085 Power Packs.



## Mental Health Awareness

In collaboration with Gamma Omicron Chapter at Tougaloo College, Beta Delta Omega raised awareness and encouraged treatment for adults and families dealing with depression, anxiety, and trauma. The May 6 event included the following speakers: Dr. Tonya Hays (mindful breathing), Jamie Evans (certified mental health therapist), Corporal Anthony Johnson (Jackson Police Department – Crisis Intervention Coordinator), Soror Alexia Hammonds (yoga instructor), Soror Tritresher Sizer (BDO) and Soror Tonya Tate (BDO).

## Enhance Our Environment

The Soaring Administration has selected top key strategies to optimize Alpha Kappa Alpha's ability to improve and protect the environment. Beta Delta Omega sorors planted over 100 trees on Arbor Day, hosted a shredding event in June in collaboration with Tougaloo College, Gamma Omicron of Tougaloo College and Gamma Rho of Jackson State University, and collaborated with the Bethlehem Center and YLI. Other activities included placement of a recycling bin for plastic water bottles in the BDO Center, providing members with energy efficient kits from Entergy, collaboration with CAP Beautification to plant tulips in the raised flower bed, and participation in the Sip, Plant & Paint Sisterly Relations activity.



## Advocate for Social Justice

In response to the growing need to advocate for disenfranchised and marginalized communities, Beta Delta Omega sorors partnered with Women for Progress for a legislative candidate forum, challenged sorors to register at least one person to vote, and attended the 95th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet.





# *Our Programs of Service*

Our programs of service are at the core of our being. Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded to serve others, to advocate for others and to empower others to achieve. Sorors, let's continue to soar this fall and make Alpha Kappa Alpha supreme in service to all mankind.

*Soror Michelle Jackson Guy  
Anti-Basileus and Program Chair*

*Soror Akilah Irvin  
"We Are One" AKA Day of Service Co-  
Chairman*

*Soror Latasha Hadley  
CHIPP™ Co-Chairman*

*Sorors Kiara W. Seaton and Jessica Wilson,  
Youth Leadership Institute Co-Chairmen*

*Soror Ashley King, Mental Health Awareness  
Co-Chairmen*

*Sorors Felicia Gavin, Shaquita Burks and  
Jerricka Mabry  
Build Our Economic Wealth Co-Chairmen*

*Sorors Gale McGown, Sonya Bohannon and  
Tosha Garner  
Enhance Our Environment Co-Chairmen*

*Sorors Stephanie Booker Wynn and Michelle  
Byrd Love  
Advocate for Social Justice*

*Sorors Keneshia Lee, Geneen Russell, and  
Kimberly Holt  
Uplift Our Local Community Co-Chairmen*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY SORORS!



*Soror Juanita Sims Doty*

23rd South Eastern Regional Director

May 23rd

Patricia S. Daniels	2-May
Tamara Robinson	2-May
Alexis Smith	5-May
MaChandra Forest-Wilder	5-May
Sonya Bohannon	5-May
Michelle Guy	6-May
Precious Malembeka	6-May
Sylena Tensley	6-May
Jennifer Thompson	7-May
Burbette Taylor	8-May
Rosa Wilson	8-May
Melissa Twyner	11-May
Lorraine Hudson-Jackson	13-May
Jerrica Stimage	16-May
Tara B. Walker	16-May
Cherise McIntosh	17-May
Jerrika Mabry	20-May
Erika Tanner	21-May
Misty Bell	22-May
Juanita Sims Doty, Ed.D.	23-May
Sonya Boyd-Enyia	23-May
Teri Peters	23-May
Ashley King-Profit	24-May
Lilli Evans Bass	24-May
Kachelle Pratcher	30-May
Falana Burks, Ph.D.	31-May
Zanetta Andrews	31-May



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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

