

DIAMOND DIGEST

Launching New Dimensions of Educational Excellence

2017 South Atlantic Regional Conference Newsletter

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A Message From The Executive Director

We had a phenomenal 2016. The Educational Advancement Foundation Corporate Office applauds you for your hard work and dedication in helping us achieve our philanthropic objectives.

With your financial support, we exceeded our fundraising goals. Thank you for your high level of commitment to EAF's programs as evidenced by your ongoing participation in EAF at all giving levels.

During the first quarter of 2016, our office added a new staff position to help meet the growing needs of more than 70,000 active members. This operational change allows us to receive, batch and deposit \$1.4 Million in overall contributions to the organization more efficiently. We could not have achieved this without your support of numerous fundraisers at the regional and chapter levels.

Additionally, your support of our communication efforts, activities, and events helped EAF reach its goal of increasing our social media presence. We successfully redesigned our website after much feedback from members, donors and scholars. The new site, which was unveiled during the 2016 Boule, is more efficient and user-friendly. The website has also enabled EAF to showcase its many programs and scholarship offerings. We hope it continues to be motivating and inspiring to those seeking scholarship funding as well as for those seeking to contribute to a worthy cause.

To date, we've awarded over \$476,000 in scholarships, endowments and community assistance awards to over 379 worthy students and community organizations. Our year end giving efforts were launched with our second #GivingTuesday campaign, which generated over \$33,000 in online donations on November 29. We concluded the year with over \$170,000 in online donations which was a 140 percent increase over 2015. We feel online donations are a strong indicator of the future direction of philanthropy and with your help, are well on our way to meeting the demands of an ever changing donor base.

We look forward to seeing you at our Scholarship and Awards Luncheon during our 2017 Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, NV on Friday, July 14, 2017. This year's luncheon theme is "Educational Excellence Reigns" and while "reigning" in our purple attire with a touch of green, we will highlight our outstanding scholarship recipients, Platinum Chapters and dynamic donors with a wonderful raffle and program that you don't want to miss.

Thank you again for an outstanding EAF year and for helping us continue to Launch New Dimensions of Educational Excellence!

Erika V. Everett, Executive Director



"Let the Good Times Roll for EAF" South Atlantic Region Sorors!

EAF Empowers her members. EAF Empowers her students. In the South Atlantic Region, we have a monumental opportunity, with our 15,000 active sorors and 168 chapters to change the lives of students through the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation, the largest foundation managed by African-American women in this country.

Our fundraising goal at the 2017 South Atlantic Regional Conference is to raise **\$50,000** during the Friday afternoon **EAF Emeralds & Pearls Plenary Appeal. Please Give \$19.08 or Give \$44 or Give what you can. We are asking Every Soror to Wear Their Mask, Join the Second Line, Wave Your Envelope and Every Soror Give!!**

Congratulations Chapter SAR Basilei and Thank You SAR EAF Captains!

Thank you for your EAF chapter contributions. We have over 70 chapters in the South Atlantic Region that have achieved either Platinum, Gold or Silver distinction by February 15, 2017. We are elated to announce that we have **26 Platinum Chapters, including two undergraduate chapters!** With great momentum, the South Atlantic Region has achieved amazing results for the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation. We continue to spread EAF Emeralds & Pearls excitement around the region. Sorors of the South Atlantic Region, as we measure our results, we are EAF Proud! We would like to say **Thank You for your outstanding EAF fundraising to-date.**

In 2017, We are Jazzy about Our Brilliant Calling to Give!

As we look to 2017, we have a tremendous responsibility to continue to offer our generous financial support to our EAF Scholars, strengthening the bridge for them to complete their education. Emeralds & Pearls for EAF Educational Excellence. Emeralds are precious gems. Emeralds revive passion and are soul stirring. Emeralds are great gems of vision. Emeralds symbolize hope for the future. Derived from living creatures, Pearls are the ancient gemstone of the sea. Pearls lift our spirits and represent all the best in us: generosity, femininity, integrity, purity and wisdom. Emeralds & Pearls are the embodiment of our AKA Educational Advancement Foundation mission. Let's Get Jazzy About "Emeralds & Pearls" EAF Excellence in the South Atlantic Region.



Every Soror Every Year Please Give We are Alpha Kappa Alpha Women

We are members of the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation. We are Servant Leaders. We read the News. We know that we are living in strange, unpredictable times. What we know for sure, is that our students, both undergraduate and graduate, need our financial

We are Jazzy about Emeralds & Pearls EAF Excellence and The Power of South Atlantic Region Giving!

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support, now more than ever. Our philanthropic leadership in our communities is a constant.

We are asking you to keep EAF at the center of your charitable giving and programming. Think of EAF Chapter Contributions and EAF Individual Contributions as your **Yearly Commitment to EAF.** And, Think of EAF Endowments and Fellowships as your chapter's **Lifelong Commitment to EAF.** We would like for you to consider both commitments.

Learn about NCAP During SARC EAF Workshop

Don't Miss the EAF Workshop during SARC to learn more about how NCAP can help with your establishment of EAF Endowments and Fellowships! Also, ask your financial officers to join you at the EAF Workshop.

FIVE Easy Steps to Keep the SAR EAF Momentum to Leadership Conference 2017:

- #1 Advance your Chapter Contribution Level - **Jump from Silver to Gold or from Gold to Platinum**
- #2 Encourage your Family and Friends to Donate AKAEAF.org
- #3 Increase Individual Soror Contributions - \$150, \$250, \$500, \$1000 (Use Matching Funds)
- #4 Capitalize a Fellowship for \$5000 or Capitalize an Endowment for \$20,000
- #5 Support Your Dynamic and Hard Working EAF Captain!

Leadership EAF Luncheon

Friday, July 14, 2017

Las Vegas, NV

Sorors this event will sell out! Make sure to purchase your ticket when you register for Leadership. You must purchase a ticket to attend the Luncheon and participate in the Platinum Parade.

2017 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR CONFERENCE

WELCOME

To the 2017 EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS LUNCHEON

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Reigns

Featuring Soror Roy Agnes

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017
12:15 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. TICKET COST: \$85

LAS VEGAS, NV

ATTIRE: PURPLE WITH A SPLASH OF GREEN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sorors of South Atlantic Region!

Greetings Sorors!

Congratulations! Thanks to your efforts and support of our Educational Advancement Foundation, we continue to make an impact globally by providing grants, scholarships and fellowships to many deserving community organizations and students in pursuit of higher learning.

Let us applaud our EAF Chapter Captains. In 2016, we exceeded our annual giving goal for chapter contributions. Your creativity and enthusiasm towards boosting the support of our foundation is appreciated. EAF has sustained itself over the years through the generosity of you, your chapters, so many of our friends, corporate sponsors and community supporters. Together, we can achieve even more.

In 2017, we will launch three new endowments for our Alpha Kappa Alpha Founders and Incorporators. With the goal of capitalizing these endowments by the 68th Boule next year in Houston, we will be positioned to perpetuate life-long learning for future generations in the name of our beloved Sorority and Incorporators.

As our sisterhood continues to "Launch New Dimensions of Service," I am confident that EAF will continue to soar to "New Dimensions of Educational Excellence" in its support and commitment to meeting the needs of our students, as well as successfully impact communities worldwide.

During this Regional Conference, in addition to EAF Chapter Captains and Chapter Presidents, I encourage chapter financial officers, chapter scholarship committees, chapter finance committee members and members of your chapter's strategic planning committee to attend the EAF workshop where you will hear more about the benefits of EAF's programs.

Your sustenance through the years has been invaluable in growing EAF to the entity that it is today. We look forward to seeing you at our 2017 Leadership Seminar in Las Vegas for our Annual Meeting and Scholarship and Awards Luncheon. Thank you EAF members for your unfailing support and steadfast commitment to our mission of Promoting Lifelong Learning.

Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, President



2017 CHAPTER RECOGNITIONS

Silver

Beta Zeta Omega
Chi Pi Omega
Chi Upsilon Omega
Delta Kappa Omega
Epsilon Beta Omega
Epsilon Tau Omega
Eta Alpha Omega
Iota Lambda
Iota Theta Omega
Kappa Upsilon Omega
Lambda Kappa
Lambda Omicron Omega

Lambda Xi Omega
Mu Rho Omega
Mu Xi
Nu Iota Omega
Nu Omega Omega
Omicron Delta
Phi Omega Omega
Phi Pi Omega
Pi Zeta Omega
Psi Omega Omega
Psi Pi Omega
Rho Eta

Rho Zeta Omega
Sigma Chi
Sigma Omicron Omega
Sigma Sigma
Theta Nu Omega
Theta Omicron Omega
Upsilon Xi Omega
Xi Omicron Omega
Zeta Upsilon Omega
Zeta Xi Omega

Gold

Eta Eta Omega
Chi Tau Omega
Gamma Pi Omega
Gamma Rho Omega

Kappa Eta Omega
Kappa Omicron Omega
Phi Delta Omega
Psi

Psi Alpha Omega
Sigma Omega Omega
Xi Omega Omega
Zeta Tau Omega

Platinum

Chi Psi Omega
Epsilon Chi Omega
Eta Zeta Omega
Gamma Nu Omega
Gamma Sigma Omega
Gamma Theta Omega
Gamma Xi Omega
Gamma Zeta Omega
Kappa Kappa Omega

Kappa Omega
Lambda Epsilon Omega
Mu Pi
Nu Alpha Omega
Nu Iota
Nu Lambda Omega
Omicron Rho Omega
Phi Phi Omega
Phi Tau Omega

Pi Alpha Omega
Pi Eta Omega
Psi Theta Omega
Sigma Epsilon Omega
Theta Xi Omega
Upsilon Alpha Omega
Upsilon Sigma Omega
Zeta Rho Omega

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation

**Help your Region capture
the EAF Membership
Competition Cup!**

How?

Become at least a **Silver** status chapter or
maintain/move your chapter to the **Gold** or
Platinum level.

The Region with the greatest percentage
increase per status level by **June 15, 2017**
will grab the cup!

(Awards will be based on small, medium, and large Region categories)
Questions? Contact your EAF Regional Coordinator

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ENDOWMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Capitalized Endowments

- Upsilon Alpha Omega/Beauty P. Baldwin Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Lelia Anderson Bradby Memorial Endowment Fund
- Marsha Lewis Brown Endowment Fund
- William Lewis Dawson Memorial Scholarship Fund for Theta Omicron Omega
- Mikayla C. Fishburne Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Gamma Rho Omega Chapter Scholarship Fund
- Sonja W. Garcia Undergraduate Leadership Endowment in honor of Stella J. Lett
- Green Alpha Beta Communications Fund
- Claronelle S. Griffin Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Sharon Brown Harriott Community College Access & Equity Endowment Fund
- Taahsela K. Holton Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ann Elizabeth Laury Jones Endowment Fund
- Ella Springs Jones Scholarship Fund
- Kappa Omega Endowment Fund
- Irene W. McCollom Scholarship Fund
- Freddie Groomes-McLendon Endowed Scholarship
- Octavia Florence Michelle Legacy Fund
- Nu Lambda Omega Scholarship Fund
- Vertelle M. Middleton/Delores H. Oliver Human Service Scholarship Fund
- Phi Phi Omega Endowment Fund
- Dr. Mabel B. Perry & Dr. Claude A. Perry Sr. Fund
- Mary Shy Scott Arts Endowment Fund
- Claudia Silas Scholarship Fund
- Sarah R. Simmons EAF Endowment In Memory of Jayne Doctor
- Sorors of Gamma Theta Omega Chapter Scholarship Fund
- Sorors of South Carolina Scholarship Endowment Fund
- South Atlantic Regional Conference Endowed Fund
- Carolyn House Stewart Endowment Fund
- Lucretia Payton-Stewart Scholarship Fund
- The Cultured Pearls of Tau Pi Omega, Inc. Fund
- Mildred Logan Taylor Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Norma Solomon White Music Endowment Fund
- Solomon White Leadership Scholarship

- Denise Foster-Williams Fund
- Frederica Wilson Endowed Fund
- Marjorie H. & Franka H. Young Scholarship Fund
- Lucille Ellis Floyd and Zeta Xi Omega Chapter Endowment Scholarship Fund

Uncapitalized Endowments

- Bernice Gordon Greene Educational Leadership Endowment Fund
- Marian Collins Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Pi Alpha Omega Chapter EAF Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Psi Theta Omega Jannie Johnson Mitchell Fund
- Alzena Robinson Fund
- Rho Zeta Omega Chapter Endowment Fund
- Betty P. Brown Wiggins Scholarship Fund

New Founders Endowments

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Founders Fund
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporators Endowment Fund
- Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Endowment Fund

Fellowships

- 44th President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama Fellowship
- Margaret Blake Roach Fellowship Fund
- Lillie King Lewis Fellowship
- South Atlantic Regional Conference Chairman's Fellowship Award
- Kay Madry Sullivan Fellowship

Fellowship Recipient

- South Atlantic Regional Conference Chairman's Fellowship Award Deandra Rucker

SOUTH ATLANTIC SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AWARD WINNERS

Undergraduate Scholars

Kayla Adams
Lincoln University

Alana Almeida Vaz
South Carolina State University

Alexis Arnold
Savannah State University

Aanuoluwa Ayoleke
Valdosta State University

Brooke Bowyer
Rollins College

Maya Brooks
Agnes Scott College

Iyanna Burton
Valdosta State University

Miriam Calamaro
Columbia International
University

Karen Campbell
Georgia Southern University

Rikisha Collins
Florida State University

Kalycia Harrell
University of North Carolina

Toni Jennings
Oglethorpe University

Julianna Johnson
University of Florida

Sabria Jones
Howard University

Alanna Joyner
University of North Carolina

Briana Luckey
University of South Carolina

Tamilea Marshal
Florida Memorial University

Gabrielle McCall
The University of Southern
Mississippi

Jazmin McCrea
University of South Carolina

Aravia Patterson
Bennett College

Alexander Pegues
Georgia Institute
of Technology

Ruth Pierre-Charles
Stetson University

Joycelyn Price
Winthrop University

Ikia Richardson
Kennesaw State University

Denerick Simpson
Savannah State University

Ashley Nicole Smalls
Winthrop University

Milagros Smith
Spelman College

Raven Waymyers
Winthrop University

Andreal Williams
Claflin University

Kiera Williams
Georgia Southern University

Graduate Scholars

Selom Avotri
Morehouse

Michelle Dao
Emory University

Lynn Desire
Columbia University

Quinetra Gathers
University of Alabama

Iesha Heyward
Medical University of South
Carolina

Jonathan Holloway
University of North Carolina

Morgan Isreal
South Carolina
State University

Michael Isreal
Medical University of South
Carolina

Kristin Lauterbach
Georgia State University

Saraya Perry
University of Central Florida

Graydon Ryan
University of South Florida

Natasha Stubbs
Barry University

Tiffany Tyson
Saint Leo University

Tashara Void
Interdenominational
Theological Center

SOUTH ATLANTIC SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AWARD WINNERS (CONT.)

Youth-P.A.C. Scholar

Karen Campbel
Georgia Southern University

Moriah Dakers
Florida State University

Tiera Smith
University of South Carolina

Patricia Walker
Florida A&M University

Kiera Williams Georgia
Southern University

***President's Scholars**

CliRae Bourke
University of South Carolina

Kyla Brown
Morgan State University

Jalia Dews
Xavier University of Louisiana

***Marriott Scholars**

LaNeicia Anderson
Johnson & Wales University

Jaedanne Kutz
Johnson & Wales University

Amanda Morrison
Cornell University

*These awards are handed out through the Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc. corporate office.

Community Assistance Awards

- New Image Youth Center, Inc., New Image Healthy Eating
- W.I.S.H. Foundation, Inc., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Symposium & Adult Leadership Program



44TH PRESIDENT BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA FELLOWSHIP



This Fellowship shall support students in a particular field of study. Continuing the global leadership legacy of the 44th President of the United States, we seek to inspire future scholars toward engaging their communities and catalyzing social forces to lead global change.

Graduate and/or professional degrees in:

- Public Policy
- Urban Development
- International Relations
- Social Responsibility
- Social Innovation
- Global Affairs
- Philanthropy
- Environmental Policy
- Community Engagement
- Values-Driven Leadership
- Law



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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY FOUNDERS ENDOWMENT FUND



EST. 2017 - TO HONOR THE DYNAMIC GROUP OF 16 WHO FOUNDED ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY FOR THEIR COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP.
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ETHEL HEDGEMAN LYLE LEADERSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND



EST. 2017 - TO HONOR THE YOUNG WOMAN WHOSE EXTRAORDINARY VISION LAUNCHED THE FOUNDING OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY.
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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATORS ENDOWMENT FUND



KEEP CALM AND INCORPORATE

EST. 2017 - TO HONOR THE GROUP OF 6 WOMEN WHO PUSHED FOR THE INCORPORATION OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY FOR THEIR VISION, COURAGE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTION TO PRESERVE THE NAME, PREMISE, IDEALS AND FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY.
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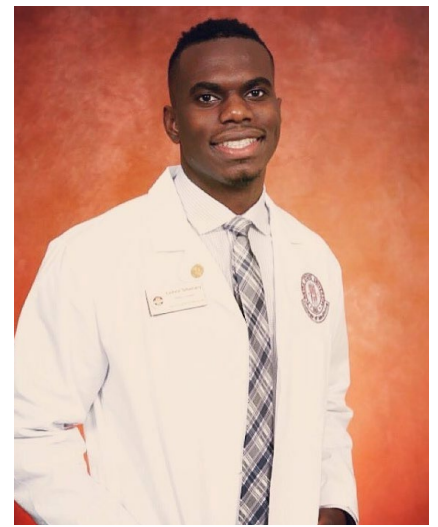


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Although born in Miami, Ludonir Sebastiany grew up in Bradenton, Florida where he was an International Baccalaureate Program student and participated in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). GAPP is an exchange program sponsored by the German Foreign Office and the U.S. Department of State. While attending college at Florida State University, Sebastian was a weekend warrior and member of the FSU Seminole football team, playing the cornerback position under the legendary head coach Bobby Bowden. Aside from participating in Division 1 football, Sebastian was also a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-professional honor society, where he was involved in community service events throughout Tallahassee, and U-SSTRIDE, a program devoted to serving rural, minority and underserved communities.



After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from FSU, Sebastian worked as a medical assistant at Dermatology Associates of Tallahassee under Dr. Armand Cognetta, a Mohs surgeon. From his experience as a medical assistant, Sebastian learned that attention to detail is critical in the art of medicine. After working for a year, Sebastian returned to his alma mater to earn his Masters of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences. Once there, he researched the use of video in minority patient education for type 2 diabetes alongside FSU faculty member Dr. Kendall Campbell.

Astonishingly, after discovering an insatiable appetite for entrepreneurship during his first year of medical school, Sebastian started his own business, LOY, a dry cleaning and laundry service that promotes physical activity. In the future, Sebastian hopes to utilize his fluency in Creole, French and German to improve the health of individuals both foreign and domestic.

Sincerely,

Ludonir Sebastiany, M.S.
Florida State University College of Medicine Class of 2018
Tallahassee, Florida

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