



# TAU BETA SIGMA

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## 2025 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



# CONVENTION MINUTES

## March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025





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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<u>District Leadership and Host Chapter Meeting</u>
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	<u>Registration</u>
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<u>Welcome Mixer</u>

#### Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	<u>Registration</u>
8:30 am – 8:55 am	<u>Joint Opening Session</u>
9:00 am – 11:00 am	<u>Separate Sessions #1</u>
11:00 am – 11:10 am	<u>Transition to Workshop Block 1</u>
11:10 am – 12:10 pm	<u>Workshop Block #1</u> Atlanta Alumni Association Graduating Senior Presentation <i>Atlanta Alumni Association</i> Secretary Workshop <i>Amber Scott and Nicole Deloach</i> VPSP/FocusOnFive Workshop <i>Allison Leeman and Siobahan Berrian</i> VPM/Ritual Workshop <i>Holleyanna Nolen and Carissa Kettering</i>
12:15 pm – 12:45 pm	<u>Committee Meeting Block #1</u> <i>Nominations (Closed)</i> <i>Jurisdiction (Closed)</i> <i>Ways and Means (Moderated)</i> <i>Programs and Music Support (Open)</i> <i>Membership (Moderated)</i> <i>History and Sisterhood (Open)</i>
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<u>Lunch + Marketplace Break</u>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<u>Music Hour</u>
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<u>Music and Auxiliary Showcase</u>
3:40 pm- 4:35 pm	<u>Workshop Block #2</u>



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Translating TBS Into Your Resume

*Caleb Morris*

Personal Budgeting

*Kathy Webster*

What is Leadership?

*Rosalyn McDonald*

Effective Communication/Emotional Intelligence

*Zach Rebarcheck*

**5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Dinner Break

**8:15 pm - 11:00 pm**

Step Show

### **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**7:30 am – 8:45 am**

Committee Meeting Block #2

*Nominations (Closed)*

*Jurisdiction (Closed)*

*Ways and Means (Moderated)*

*Programs and Music Support (Open)*

*Membership (Moderated)*

*History and Sisterhood (Open)*

**8:00 am - 8:45 am**

Breakfast with the SED Counselors

**8:55 am - 10:30 am**

Separate Session #2 and 3

**10:40 am - 11:30 am**

Workshop Block #3

Finding Your TBSigma Purpose

*Monika Monk*

Treasurer Workshop

*Kelsey Riley and Nicole Deloach*

TBS Songs Workshop

President's Panel

*Jayden Rhodes*

**11:45 am - 1:00 pm**

Tau Beta Sigma Ritual

Membership Candidate and Petitioners Meetup

**1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

Lunch + Marketplace Break

**2:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

Separate Session #4



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**5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Recess for Banquet

**8:00 pm - 10:30 pm**

Banquet and Awards

Joint Closing of the 2025 Southeast District Convention



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**Friday, March 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
***OPENING JOINT SESSION***

*Call to order at 8:38 am by the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District President Jayden Rhodes and the Kappa Kappa Psi Southeast District President Zaymar Peak*

**1. Welcome by Southeast District Presidents**

**2. Introductions TBS Officers (Rhodes)**

- o Vice President of Membership: Carissa Kettering, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- o Vice President of Special Projects: Siobahan Berrian, Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University
- o Secretary-Treasurer: Nicole Deloach, Eta Lambda, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- o Webmaster: Katelynn Turney-Rudisill, Beta Xi, University of Florida
- o Parliamentarian: Deneé Lichtenberg, Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida
- o District Counselor: Amber Scott, Theta Upsilon, Winston-Salem State University
- o District Counselor: Nikki Lyons, Zeta Kappa, Albany State University
- o District Counselor: Caleb Morris, Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina
- o District Counselor in Training: Holleyana Nolen, Eta Lambda, University of Alabama at Birmingham

President: Jayden Rhodes, Eta Lambda, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**3. Introductions KKY Officers (Peak)**

- o Vice President of Membership: Sydney Peak, Zeta Chi, University of South Carolina
- o Vice President of Programs: Cole Snellgrove-Block, Nu Kappa, Georgia Southern University
- o Secretary/Treasurer: Dayna Parker, Kappa Tau, University of South Florida
- o Parliamentarian: Ethan Abercrombie, Kappa Tau, University of South Florida
- o Webmaster: Kenyon Castle, Nu Kappa, Georgia Southern University
- o District Governor: Kalem Graham, Zeta Psi, Virginia State University
- o District Governor: JP Davis, Zeta Chi, University of South Carolina
- o District Governor: Danielle (Dani) Wade, Mu Beta, Florida Atlantic University

President: Zaymar Peak, Kappa Kappa, Miles College

**4. Introduction of National Officials**

- o TBS (Rhodes)
  - National Vice President for Communication & Recognition: Kelsey Reilly
  - Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees Chairperson: Rosalyn McDonald
  - Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees Member: Zack Rebarcek
  - Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees Member: Jason Dornbush
  - National Alumni Association Chairperson: Dr. Thea Murphy
  - National Alumni Association Vice Chairperson & Communications Director: David Alexander
  - National Alumni Association Finance Director: Tyra Yiare-Halloway
  - National Alumni Association Relations Director: Jessica Smith
  - District Counselor: Amber Scott
  - District Counselor: Nikki Lyons



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- District Counselor: Caleb Morris
- District Counselor in Training: Holleyanna Nolen
- Chapter Visitation Assistant: Amber Tubbs
- Chapter Visitation Assistant: Monika Monk
- o KKY (Peak)
  - National Vice President for Membership Expansion: Dr. Nic Rorrer
  - National Vice President for Public Relations: Dr. William Lake
  - National Vice President for Programs: Daniel Miller
  - Trustee Vice-Chairperson: Evan Thompson
  - Board of Trustees Member: Jessica Lee
  - National Chapter Field Representative: Mason Thomas
  - National Alumni Association Board of Directors Vice Chair for Membership: Marina Guiot
  - National Alumni Association Board of Directors Communications Director: Dr. Donald Lee
  - National Alumni Association Board Member: Dino Cardenas
  - National Alumni Association Board Member: Greg Boike

### 5. Introduction of Special Guests

- o TBS (Rhodes)
- o Northeast District Counselor: Christopher Lucasick
- o National Accounting Manager: Kathy Webster
- o National Events Coordinator: Lisa Croston
- o Past National President & Senior Manager of External Affairs: Dollie O'Neill
  - TBS District Honoraries
    - Allison Leemann
    - Dr. Thea Murphy
    - Monika Monk
    - Kalem Graham

### 6. Introducing our Spring 2025 Petitioning Groups

- o Tau Beta Sigma- Clark Atlanta University
- o Kappa Kappa Psi- University of West Alabama

***ENJOY CONVENTION!!***

### Announcements and Expectations

- Be sure to keep up with the ever changing schedule through the BAND App and the live schedule that can be accessed through the QR code.
- Please turn off or silence cell phones and **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY!**



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- Remember that we are guests at Courtland Grand Hotel, so please remain professional and courteous.
- Be aware at all times
- Be in committee sessions or workshops, whenever you are not on break.
- If you have allergies to peaches, Please let us know during the first separate session.
- Make connections with people

***JOINT SESSION IS RECESSED until Saturday at 10:00 PM***



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### ***OPENING SEPARATE SESSION***

*Call to order 9:06 AM by Jayden Rhodes, President*

- **Introduction of the 2025 Leadership Team and Special Guest**
  - See joint opening for more details
- **Description of Convention's Expectations**
  - NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY
  - Be attentive in all sessions
  - Arrive early, not late
  - Participate in all programming
  - Be mindful of the space around you
- **Fundraisers at the Southeast District Convention**
- **Southeast District Convention Service Project**
- **Seating of the Delegates**
  - Alpha Omega – Morgan Cole (Official Delegate)
  - Beta Xi – Elizabeth Stoeber (Official Delegate)
  - Beta Phi – Raquel Russell (Official Delegate)
  - Gamma Epsilon – Sarah Warren (Proxy- Alpha Omega)
  - Gamma Eta – Alexis O'Neal (Proxy- Beta Phi)
  - Delta Theta – Jada Bostic (Proxy- Beta Phi)
  - Epsilon Alpha – Will Barr (Official Delegate)
  - Epsilon Theta – James Ragazino (Official Delegate)
  - Epsilon Lambda – Kalaeya Redding (official Delegate)
  - Epsilon Xi – Amani Hicks (Official Delegate)
  - Zeta Beta – Elliot Anders (Proxy- Epsilon Theta)
  - Zeta Iota – Tianah Cherry (Proxy- Epsilon Lambda)
  - Zeta Kappa – Jasmine Dixon (Official Delegate)
  - Zeta Pi – Hailey Russell (Official Delegate)
  - Zeta Psi – Sunny Cooperstein (Official Delegate)
  - Eta Beta – Ashley Rehage (Proxy- Eta Lambda)
  - Eta Lambda – Claire Belcher (Official Delegate)
  - Eta Omicron – Cailynn Hopkins (Official Delegate)
  - Eta Phi – Caradine Walker (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Alpha – Delmarea King (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Gamma – Sarah Holmes (Proxy- Epsilon Xi)
  - Theta Zeta – Myla Peterson (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Lambda – Jacob Mann (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Omicron– Nacosha Hammock (Proxy- Theta Alpha)
  - Theta Rho – Dynasia Jett (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Sigma – Moenique Riley (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Upsilon – Keemyah J. Craig (Official Delegate)
  - Theta Omega – Tiara Harewood (Official Delegate)



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- o Iota Gamma – Brooklynn Dennis (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Zeta – Shai McKenney (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Theta – Riana Bingham (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Lambda – Kellie Finch (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Mu – Kaitlyn Alonso (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Nu– Jayde Hobbs-West (Proxy- Epsilon Alpha)
- o Iota Omicron – Brittany Mackey (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Phi – Conswayla (Shay) McNelley (Proxy- Zeta Pi)
- o Iota Chi – Bella Eckhardt (Official Delegate)
- o Iota Psi – Lizzie Oliver (Official Delegate)
- o Kappa Beta – Skylar Cofer (Proxy- Theta Rho)
- o Kappa Gamma – Amira Johnson (Official Delegate)
- o Clark Atlanta Petitioning Group- Zoey Siegel (Official Delegate)

### **Round Robin rotation next year start with Zeta Psi**

- **After seating all delegates with selected proxies, proxies were assigned alphabetically beginning with Beta Phi. At the end of this third round of seating, the final proxy to be sat was Zeta Pi for Iota Omicron. Next year we will begin this process with Zeta Psi.**

### **Women in Music Speaker**

- Siobahan Berrian introduces our Women in Music Speaker, Divinity Roxx
- She is offered Honorary Membership in the National Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma

### **Candidacy Announcements**

- Jada Bostic (Beta Phi) announces her intent to run for District President
- Ellie Lawhorn (Epsilon Alpha) announces her intent to run for District Vice President for Membership
- Anuska Phuyal (Eta Lambda) announces her intent to run for District Vice President for Membership
- Mariah Delgado (Kappa Beta) announces her intent to run for District Vice President for Special Projects
- Nicole Deloach (Eta Lambda) announces their intent to run for District Vice President for Membership
- Katelynn Turney-Rudisill (Beta Xi) announces her intent to run for District Secretary-Treasurer

### **Introduction of Committee Advisors, Assignments, and Chairs**

- o Jurisdiction Committee—Advisor: adult and Deneé Lichtenberg
  - Iota Zeta – Chair
  - Epsilon Alpha
  - Eta Lambda
  - Eta Omicron
  - Iota Phi
  - Kappa Beta
- o Membership Committee—Advisor: Dr. Christopher Lukasik and Carissa Kettering
  - Delta Theta + Delta Theta Proxy – Chair



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- Epsilon Theta
- Epsilon Xi
- Theta Gamma
- Theta Omicron
- Theta Upsilon
- Iota Mu
- o Programs and Music Support Committee--- Advisor: Monika Monk and Siobahan Berrian,
  - Theta Zeta– Chair
  - Epsilon Lambda
  - Zeta Kappa
  - Zeta Pi
  - Eta Beta
  - Iota Nu
  - Kappa Gamma
- o History and Sisterhood Committee—Advisor: Lisa Croston and Katelynn Turney-Rudisill
  - Beta Xi – Chair
  - Beta Phi
  - Gamma Eta
  - Theta Rho
  - Theta Omega
  - Iota Lambda
  - Iota Chi
- o Ways and Means Committee--- Advisor: Jason Dornbash and Nicole Deloach
  - Iota Psi – Chair
  - Alpha Omega
  - Gamma Epsilon
  - Zeta Iota
  - Theta Sigma
  - Iota Gamma
  - Iota Omicron
- o Nominations Committee---Advisor: Amber Tubbs
  - Zeta Psi – Chair
  - Zeta Beta
  - Eta Phi
  - Theta Alpha
  - Theta Lambda
  - Iota Omicron

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### **General Announcements from Day 1**

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, Separate Session 2 is moved to the following day.



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- Step Show Winners
  - o Beta Phi- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
  - o Delta Iota- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University



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**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**  
***Second and Third SEPARATE SESSION***  
***Call to Order at 9:07 AM by Jayden Rhodes, President***

- **Roll Call of Delegates**

- Alpha Omega
- Beta Xi
- Beta Phi
- Gamma Epsilon
- Gamma Eta
- Delta Theta
- Epsilon Alpha
- Epsilon Theta
- Epsilon Lambda
- Epsilon Xi
- Zeta Beta
- Zeta Iota
- Zeta Kappa
- Zeta Psi
- Eta Beta
- Eta Lambda
- Eta Phi
- Theta Alpha
- Theta Gamma
- Theta Zeta
- Theta Lambda
- Theta Omicron
- Theta Rho
- Theta Upsilon
- Theta Omega
- Iota Gamma
- Iota Zeta
- Iota Theta
- Iota Lambda
- Iota Mu
- Iota Nu
- Iota Omicron
- Iota Chi
- Iota Psi
- Kappa Beta
- Kappa Gamma

**Tardy:** Iota Lambda, Iota Omicron, Theta Omicron, Iota Gamma



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**Absent:** Zeta Pi, Eta Omicron, Theta Sigma, Iota Phi, Clark Atlanta Petitioning Group (Here but did not sit)

- **National Council Announcements**
  - Presented by Kelsey Riley
- **DEIA Workshop**
  - Led by Caleb Morris
  
- **2024-2025 Southeast District Webmaster Final Report—Katelynn Turney Rudisill**
- **2024-2025 Southeast District Secretary Treasurer Final Report—Nicole Deloach**
- **2024-2025 Southeast District Vice President for Special Projects Final Report—Siobhan Berrian**
  - All reports can be reviewed at the end of the minutes in the order that they were presented

*Transitioned to Workshop Block # 3*

***SEPARATE SESSION RECESSED UNTIL 2:30 PM***



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## *CLOSING SEPARATE SESSION*

*Call to Order 3:13 PM by Jayden Rhodes, President*

### Roll Call

- Alpha Omega
- Beta Xi
- Beta Phi
- Gamma Epsilon
- Gamma Eta
- Delta Theta
- Epsilon Alpha
- Epsilon Theta
- Epsilon Lambda
- Epsilon Xi
- Zeta Beta
- Zeta Iota
- Zeta Kappa
- Zeta Psi
- Eta Beta
- Eta Lambda
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- Iota Lambda
- Iota Mu
- Iota Nu
- Iota Omicron
- Iota Chi
- Iota Psi
- Kappa Beta
- Kappa Gamma

Absent: Theta Alpha, Theta Sigma, Theta Omicron, Theta Omega



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- **2024-2025 Southeast District Vice President for Membership Final Report—Carissa Kettering**
- **Vote to accept the 2024 Convention Minutes**
  - Motion to accept the minutes by acclamation
  - No oppositions to a vote by acclamation
  - Motion Passes
- **2024-2025 Southeast District Convention Committee Reports**

*In an effort to save time, the only reports read at convention were the Jurisdiction, Ways and Means, and the Nominations Committee reports. All reports can be found at the bottom of this document.*

- Jurisdiction Committee
- District Operation Manual
  - Motion to approve the “with the National Constitution” grammar change
    - Motion: *Kappa Gamma*
    - Second: *Zeta Psi*
    - Motion passes
  - Motion to approve Eighth Note Committee detail, “There shall be four members from each organization, including the chair from that organization of each committee,” strike
    - Motion: *Iota Phi*
    - Second: *Eta Beta*
    - Motion passes
  - Motion to approve strike of Shells newsletter
    - Motion: *Theta Lambda*
    - Second: *Iota Gamma*
    - Motion passes
  - Motion to strike dates from expected paperwork completed by the host chapter of the Southeast District Convention
    - Motion: *Iota Lambda*
    - Second: *Eta Lambda*
    - Motion passes
  - Motion to change “Joint Actions Committee” to “Joint District Councils” for Eighth Note committee report
    - Motion: *Theta Gamma*
    - Second: *Iota Gamma*
    - Motion passes



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- Motion to remove all mentions of “Joint Actions Committee” throughout the DOM
  - Motion: *Iota Mu*
  - Second: *Zeta Psi*
  - Motion passes
  
- Changes all mentions of “Vice President of Membership” to “Vice President for Membership”
  - Motion: *Theta Omega*
  - Second: *Iota Gamma*
  - Motion passes
  
- Change all mentions of “Vice President of Special Projects” to “Vice President for Special Projects”
  - Motion: *Iota Phi*
  - Second: *Iota Gamma*
  - Motion passes
  
- Change all mentions of “Colony/Colonies/Colonists” to “Petitioning Groups/Petitioning Group Members”
  - Motion: *Theta Omega*
  - Second: *Iota Mu*
  - Motion passes
  
- o Constitution
  - Change all mentions of “Vice President of Special Projects” to “Vice President for Special Projects”
    - Motion: *Iota Gamma*
    - Second: *Theta Omega*
    - Motion passes
  
  - Changes all mentions of “Vice President of Membership” to “Vice President for Membership”
    - Motion: *Zeta Kappa*
    - Second: *Zeta Psi*
    - Motion passes
  
- o Ways and Means Committee
  - Motions to approve the Southeast District Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year
    - Motion: *Iota Mu*



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- Second: *Zeta Beta*
- Motion Passes
- o Nominations
  - Motions to accept the given slate of officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year
    - Motion: *Beta Phi*
    - Second: *Eta Lambda*
    - Motion passes
  - *The 2025-2026 slate of officers goes as follows:*
    - President: Jada Bostic from Beta Phi
    - VPM: Anuska Phuyal from Eta Lambda
    - VPSP: Nicole Deloach from Eta Lambda
    - Secretary- Treasurer: Open

### Elections begin for the 2025-2026 District Council begins

#### Floor Opened for Nominations for President

- *Slate-* Jada Bostic from Beta Phi
  - o Motion to Vote by Acclamation- Epsilon Alpha
    - No abstentions
- **Vote by acclamation for the office of 2025-2025 SED President**

#### **2025-2026 Southeast District President is Jada Bostic, Beta Phi**

#### Floor Opened for Nomination for Vice President for Membership

- *Slated-* Anuska Phuyal from Eta Lambda
- Ellie Lawhorn from Epsilon Alpha
- The floor is closed for nominations.
- The floor is open to voting
  - o 5 minute timer
- **Vote by secret ballot to elect the 2025-2026 Southeast District Vice President for Membership**

#### **2025-2026 Southeast District Vice President for Membership is Anuska Phuyal, Eta Lambda**

#### Floor Opened for Nominations for Vice President for Special Projects

- *Slated-* Nicole Deloach from Eta Lambda
- Mariah Delgado from Kappa Beta
- The floor is closed for nominations



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- The floor is open to voting
  - 5 minute timer
- **Vote by secret ballot to elect the 2025-2026 Southeast District Vice President for Special Projects**

**2025-2026 Southeast District Vice President for Special Projects is Nicole Deloach, Eta Lambda**

### **Floor Opened for Nominations for District Secretary-Treasurer**

- ***Slated-open***
  - Katelynn Turney-Rudisill
  - Ellie Lawhorn
  - Najia
  - Deneé Lichtenberg
  - The floor is closed for nominations
- 
- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2018-2019 SED Secretary-Treasurer**

**2025-2026 Southeast District Secretary-Treasurer is Katelynn Turney-Rudisill**

### **Awards and Recognition**

- Focus on Five Showcase
  - Epsilon Xi- First chapter to complete the 2024-2025 Fo5 Campaign in the District and Nationally
  - Zeta Psi- completed all Fo5 stripes plus two lyre pieces
  - Eta Lambda- completed all Fo5 stripes plus two lyre pieces
  - Iota Lambda- completed all Fo5 stripes plus two lyre pieces
  - Beta Phi- implementing the most creative/unique service projects during the year
  - Kappa Beta- Most improved chapter in service
- Recruitment and Intake Showcase
  - Iota Lambda- Most Creative Recruitment
  - Theta Rho- Most Creative Recruitment Strategy
  - Epsilon Xi- Best Joint Recruitment
  - Beta Xi- School Spirit Award
  - Eta Lambda- Innovative Involvement
  - Delta Theta- Earliest Birds for MEPs
  - Zeta Psi- Earliest Birds for MEPs
  - Clark Atlanta Petitioning Group
- Paperwork Showcase
  - Spring Activity Report- 100% of the chapters in the district submitted on time
  - Chapter Personnel Report- 89.5% of the chapters in the district submitted on time



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- Fall Activity Report- 97.4% of the chapters in the district submitted on time
- **2024-2025 Southeast District President Final Report—Jayden Rhodes**

***SEPARATE SESSION IS ADJOURNED on Saturday at 5:15 PM***



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### *CLOSING JOINT SESSION*

*The closing session occurred at banquet*

#### **Roll Call: Kappa Kappa Psi (Peak)**

- Quorum is met

#### **Roll Call: Tau Beta Sigma (Rhodes)**

- *Chapters present:*
  - o Alpha Omega
  - o Beta Xi
  - o Beta Phi
  - o Gamma Epsilon
  - o Gamma Eta
  - o Delta Theta
  - o Epsilon Alpha
  - o Epsilon Theta
  - o Epsilon Lambda
  - o Epsilon Xi
  - o Zeta Beta
  - o Zeta Iota
  - o Zeta Kappa
  - o Zeta Psi
  - o Eta Beta
  - o Eta Lambda
  - o Eta Phi
  - o Theta Alpha
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  - o Iota Mu
  - o Iota Nu
  - o Iota Omicron
  - o Iota Chi
  - o Iota Psi



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- o Kappa Beta
- o Kappa Gamma

**Closing Remarks stated by Zaymar Peak, 2024-2025 Southeast District President, Kappa Kappa Psi**

**Closing Remarks stated by Jayden Rhodes, 2024-2025 Southeast District President, Tau Beta Sigma**

**Motion to Adjourn the 2025 Southeast District Convention**

- Motion: Epsilon Alpha, Tau Beta Sigma
- Second: Zeta Chi, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Kappa Kappa Psi Motion Passes
- Tau Beta Sigma Motion Passes

***The 2025 Southeast District Convention of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma  
is adjourned at 10:00 PM.***



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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Membership Committee Report

##### **Committee Chairs:**

Jada Bostic – Delta Theta Proxy Delegate, Beta Phi, Florida A&M University Dynasty

Bennet – Delta Theta, Alabama State University

##### **Advisors:**

District Vice President for Membership – Carissa Kettering, Alpha Omega Life Member, Florida State University

TBE Northeast District Counselor – Dr. Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta Life Member

##### **Charges to the 2025 Membership Committee:**

- Review the 2024 SED Membership Committee Report.
- Review the role of the District VPM.
- Review the role of the chapter CMEP committee and progress during the year (which includes documents, handbooks, activities, etc.).
- Continue to evaluate Overture and how it is being implemented in the District.
- Continue to evaluate the progress of active members and big sisters' involvement in Membership Education Plans.

##### **Implementation of Charges:**

- Reviewed the 2024 SED Membership Committee Report.
- Reviewed the role of the District VPM.
- Reviewed the role of the chapter CMEP committee and progress during the year (which includes documents, handbooks, activities, etc.).
- Evaluated Overture and how it is being implemented in the District.



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- Evaluated the progress of active members and big sisters' involvement in Membership Education Plans.

### **Charges to the 2026 Membership Committee:**

- Review the 2025 SED Membership Committee Report.
- Review the role of the District VPM.
- Review the role of the chapter CMEP committee and progress during the year (which includes documents, handbooks, activities, etc.).
- Continue to evaluate Overture and how it is being implemented in the district.
- Continue to evaluate the progress of active members and big sisters' involvement in Membership Education Plans.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 Continuing Membership Education Program Committee:**

- Create a video webinar educating the district on the importance of the CMEP and why it should be implemented.
- Work with the Social Media Committee and Webmaster to utilize Social Media as an outlet to educate and remind our sisters of sorority songs.
  - Post videos of the individual voice parts to the Instagram page for future use.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 District Officers:**

- Charges to the District Vice President for Membership & Webmaster:
  - Create a Newsletter or Publication that showcases important information regarding the District VPM, CMEP Committee, etc.
  - Educate the District on the purpose behind hosting events like the Membership Education Retreat and the District Leadership Conference.
    - Continue to use online platforms (like Zoom) to host these in order to maximize accessibility.
- Charges to the Vice President for Membership:
  - Develop and communicate a general understanding of Big Sister/Little Sister



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## 2025 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



relationships distinguishing the friendships from the business.

◦ Collaborate with the Chair of the District's CMEP Committee to utilize Social Media as a means to educate the District on the importance of Continuing Membership Education.

- Ensure there is a focus on teaching Chapters how to implement these programs.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 District Council:**

- Continue to find and implement new strategies to increase engagement across the District.
- Schedule more workshops that have a focus on personal growth within the organization for the 2026 Southeast District Convention.
- Consider hosting a District Songs Workshop during the Thursday evening activity block for the 2026 Southeast District Convention.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 National Curriculum Committee:**

- Create educational resources on navigating the 7 different Membership Statuses of the Sorority.



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Respectfully Submitted,

***Committee Chairs:***

Jada Bostic – Delta Theta Proxy Delegate, Beta Phi, Florida A&M University Dynasty

Bennet – Delta Theta, Alabama State University

***Advisors:***

District Vice President for Membership – Carissa Kettering, Alpha Omega Life Member, Florida State University

TΒΣ Northeast District Counselor – Dr. Christopher Lukasik, Delta Delta Life Member

***Committee Members:***

Delta Theta (Chair), Alabama State University – Jada Bostic (Proxy), Beta Phi, Florida A&M University

Epsilon Theta, Georgia Institute of Technology – James Ragazino Epsilon Xi,

Troy University – Amani Hicks

Iota Mu, The University of Memphis – Kaitlyn Alonso

Theta Gamma, Alcorn State University – Sarah Holmes (Proxy), Epsilon Xi, Troy University

Theta Omicron, Livingstone College – Nacosha Hammock (Proxy), Theta Alpha, Fayetteville State University

Theta Upsilon, Winston-Salem State University – Keemyah Craig

***Additional Members in Attendance from:***

Epsilon Theta, Georgia Institute of Technology

Epsilon Xi, Troy University

Zeta Psi, The University of Central Florida

Eta Lambda, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Theta Omicron, Livingstone College

Theta Upsilon, Winston-Salem State University

Iota Mu, The University of Memphis



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## 2025 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



### *Programs and Music Support Committee Report*

#### **Committee Chair:**

Myla Peterson – Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

#### **Advisors:**

District Vice President for Special Projects – Siobahan Berrian, Theta Rho Life Member,  
Bethune Cookman-University  
Chapter Visitation Associate– Monika Monk, Epsilon Sigma Life Member

#### **Charges to the 2025 Programs and Music Support Committee:**

- Review the 2024 SED Programs and Music Support Committee Report.
- Evaluate District projects.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of District Lyre Piece.
- Review the format and progress of the Eighth Note

#### **Implementation of Charges:**

- The 2024 SED Membership Committee Report was read and reviewed.
- District projects were reviewed and revised.
- Rainy Day Fund
  - Ask Alumni to donate; ask Chapters to donate.
  - Request application form.
  - Create media for promoting Rainy Day Fund.
  - Have a limit/percentage of fund for each semester or year per chapter.
  - Have challenges that are within Risk Management Policies.
  - “Giving Tuesday” like donation days
  - Challenge idea: Can you do this stroll off?
  - More exposure about fund.
- Eighth Note
  - Send out quarterly or semesterly email communication at the beginning of the semester.
  - Advertise on the Band app or District communication platform.
  - Should have its own page: Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Lambda, Iota Nu,
  - Theta Zeta, Zeta Kappa.
  - District Lyre Piece
  - Communication with other Chapters and connecting is an issue.
  - Had committee meet one another.
  - Have the Chapters follow Eighth Note page and do the Chapter Service Swap from that



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### **Charges to the 2026 Programs and Music Support Committee:**

- Review the 2025 SED Programs and Music Support Committee Report.
- Review the Rainy Day Fund and application process.
- Review the effectiveness of the District Lyre Piece.
- Review the effectiveness of the Eighth Note.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 District Vice President for Special Projects:**

- Plan Service Project.
- Create the requirements and application process for the Rainy Day Fund.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 District Council:**

- Increase Chapter unity and communication

Respectfully Submitted,

#### ***Committee Chair:***

Myla Peterson – Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

#### ***Advisors:***

District Vice President for Special Projects – Siobahan Berrian, Theta Rho Life Member, Bethune Cookman-University

Chapter Visitation Associate– Monika Monk, Epsilon Sigma Life Member

#### ***Committee Members:***

Theta Zeta (Chair), North Carolina A&T State University – Myla Peterson

Epsilon Lambda, North Carolina Central University – Kalaeya Redding

Zeta Kappa, Albany State University – Absent

Zeta Pi, Tennessee State University – Absent

Eta Beta, The University of North Alabama – Ashley Rehage (Proxy), Eta Lambda, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Iota Nu, East Carolina University – Jayde Hobbs-West (Proxy), Epsilon Alpha, The University of South Carolina

Kappa Beta, Florida Memorial University – Mariah Delgado

Kappa Gamma, The University of Georgia – Amira Johnson

#### ***Additional Members in Attendance from:***

Annu Rice, Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University

Tahira Johnson, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

Olivia Stokes, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

Katlynn Robberts, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

Decaris Ray, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

Octayvia Bridgewater, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

Brianna Nichols, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University

Anaiah Lewis, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University



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### History and Sisterhood Committee Report

#### **Committee Chair:**

Elizabeth Stoeber, Beta Xi, The University of Florida

#### **Advisors:**

District Webmaster – Katelynn Turney-Rudisill, Beta Xi, The University of Florida KKΨ & TBΣ

National Events Coordinator – Lisa Croston, Alpha Life Member

#### **Charges to the 2025 History and Sisterhood Committee:**

- Further develop the new SED guidelines to build on previously established National Policies.
- Develop guidelines for a District banner making event to be held at Convention.

#### **Implementation of Charges:**

- Charge 1: Social Media Guidelines
  - No further discussion because we would like our Chapters to be their own entities, and the District already has the branding.
- Charge 2: Banner Making
  - Virtual Banner Making
    - Designing the banner for Convention Band.
    - What time do we have in the Convention?
    - Easier way to do the online one because we will do something that is common.
    - Digital would make it more accessible to the people who do not go to Convention.
      - How would this be advertised? – Maybe a charge for the Webmaster.
- Charges from last year did not relate to the description for the Committee. • What are we



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thinking about?

- Alumni Relations & Engagement
- Discussion
  - Quality of music resources on the SED website.
    - Individual parts for accessibility.
  - Step Database
    - Dropbox/Google Drive
    - Whole Videos and slow teaching.
      - Could help with Alumni relations.
      - Reach out to surrounding Chapters to learn/teach step.
    - Unified collection to build off of.

### **Charges to the 2026 History and Sisterhood Committee:**

- Review the quality of the existing Music resources for the District on the SED Website.
- Review the quality of the step resources.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 District Webmaster:**

- Add Step resources to the website from Chapters across the SED.
- Add Music resources to the website, including recordings of individual voice parts.



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Respectfully Submitted,

***Committee Chair:***

Elizabeth Stoeber, Beta Xi, The University of Florida

***Advisors:***

District Webmaster – Katelynn Turney-Rudisill, Beta Xi, The University of Florida KKΨ & TBΣ

National Events Coordinator – Lisa Croston, Alpha Life Member

***Committee Members:***

Beta Xi (Chair), The University of Florida – Elizabeth Stoeber

Beta Phi, Florida A&M University – Raquel Russell

Gamma Eta, Mississippi Valley State University – Alexis O’Neal (Proxy), Beta Phi, Florida A&M University

Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University – Dynasia Jett

Theta Omega, Claflin University – Absent

Iota Lambda, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Kellie Finch Iota Chi, The University of South Florida – Bella Eckhardt

***Additional Members in Attendance:***

Jahrmetria Martin, Kappa Beta, Florida Memorial University

Dar’Neisha Mack, Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University

Tianna Brown, Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University

Denise Fenil, Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University

Myka Battles, Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University

Diamond Williams, Iota Zeta, Savannah State University



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### Jurisdiction Committee Report

#### **Committee Chair:**

Shai McKenney- Iota Zeta, Savannah State University

#### **Advisors:**

District Parliamentarian – Deneé Lichtenberg, Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida

Senior Manager of External Affairs – Dollie McDonald O’Neill, Psi Life Member

#### **Charges to the 2025 Jurisdiction Committee:**

- Review the report of the 2022 Jurisdiction Committee
- Ensure that all revised language is applicable and relevant
- Ensure that the DOM is in correspondence to the Constitution
- Review and implement language from the 2024-2025 District Council and District Counselors regarding the Rainy Day Fund and District Convention Host Chapter information as per the charges below into the appropriate sections of the Constitution/DOM.
- Revise the titles of District Officers to be in correspondence with the titles listed in the National Constitution

#### **Implementation of Charges:**

- Review the report of the 2022 Jurisdiction Committee.
  - Read and reviewed.
- Ensure that all revised language is applicable and relevant.
  - Updated/revised obsolete language within the DOM and Constitution.
    - All revisions can be found at the end of this report.
- Ensure that the DOM is in correspondence to the Constitution.
  - Updated/revised obsolete language within the DOM and Constitution.
    - All revisions can be found at the end of this report.
- Review added language regarding specialized district committees to ensure language is still accurate/appropriate with input from 2024-2025 District Council.
- Revise the titles of District Officers to be in correspondence with the titles listed in the National Constitution.
  - Updated/revised obsolete language within the DOM and Constitution.
    - All revisions can be found at the end of this report.



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### **Charges to the 2026 Jurisdiction Committee:**

- Review the report of the 2025 Jurisdiction Committee.
- Ensure that all revised language is applicable and relevant.
- Ensure that the DOM is in correspondence to the Constitution.
- Review and implement language from the 2024-2025 District Council and District Counselors regarding the Rainy Day Fund and District Convention Host Chapter information as per the charges in previous years into the appropriate sections of the Constitution/DOM. Review and implement SHELLS publication decision made based off of 2025's committee.
- Continue reviewing the Rainy Day Fund application process and identify a timeline for chapters to expect a response to their application. Include this language in the DOM.

### **Charges to 2025-2026 District Council and District Counselors:**

- Continue the Rainy Day Fund application process and identify a timeline for chapters to expect a response to their application. Include this language in the DOM.
- Determine and implement as needed a back-up plan/process to include in the DOM for District Convention Host Chapter(s) in the event they are unable to fulfill their duties or resign from serving as Host(s).
- Determine a back-up plan/process to include in the DOM for District Convention Host Chapter(s) in the event they are unable to fulfill their duties or resign from serving as Host(s). Have said information available and ready for review.



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## 2025 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



Respectfully Submitted,

***Committee Chair:***

Shai McKenney- Iota Zeta, Savannah State University

Advisor:

District Parliamentarian- Deneé Lichtenberg, Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida

Senior Manager of External Affairs – Dollie McDonald O’Neill, Psi Life Member

Committee Members:

Iota Zeta (Chair), Savannah State University – Shai McKenney

Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina – Will Barr

Eta Lambda, University of Alabama at Birmingham – Claire Belcher

Eta Omicron, Johnson C. Smith University – April Stubbs (Proxy), Theta Upsilon, Winston-Salem State University

Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University – Caradine Walker

Kappa Beta, Florida Memorial University – Skylar Cofer (Proxy), Theta Rho, Bethune Cookman University



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### 2025 Jurisdiction Committee Constitution and DOM Revisions

#### *Constitution*

- Change all mentions of “Vice President of Special Projects” to “Vice President for Special Projects.”
  - Rationale: Updating to align with National Constitution.
- Change all mentions of “Vice President of Membership” to “Vice President for Membership.”
  - Rationale: Updating to align with National Constitution.

#### *DOM*

- Change all mentions of “Vice President of Special Projects” to “Vice President for Special Projects.”
  - Rationale: Updating to align with National Constitution.
- Change all mentions of “Vice President of Membership” to “Vice President for Membership.”
  - Rationale: Updating to align with National Constitution.
- Remove all mentions of “Joint Actions Committee” throughout the document.
  - Rationale: Updating to align with District Constitution.
- Change all mentions of “Colony/Colonies/Colonists” to “Petitioning Group(s)/Petitioning Group Members.”
  - Rationale: Updating to align with National Constitution.

#### *Mail Out Due Dates 2.g.*

- Original: The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct two fundraisers for the SED during their term. In accordance to the Constitution Article III Section 4 subsection g, the Secretary-Treasurer must complete at least one district fundraiser.
- Proposed Change: The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct two fundraisers for the SED during their term. In accordance *with the* Constitution Article III Section 4 subsection g, the Secretary-Treasurer must complete at least one district fundraiser.
- Rationale: Change “accordance to” to “accordance with the” for grammar.

#### *Mail Out Due Dates 2.c.*

- Original: Send Shells to chapters via email or paper format twice each semester, with exact publication dates determined by the Executive Council.
- Proposed Change: ~~Send Shells to chapters via email or paper format twice each semester, with exact publication dates determined by the Executive Council.~~
- Rationale: Eliminate this whole section and adjust accordingly, Shells is no longer a publication.



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### *Specialized District Committees 1..a.*

- Original: Committee Membership. The Eighth Note Committee shall be composed of eight members and those members shall serve from the time of their selection until the close of the Southeast District Convention. There shall be four members from each organization, including the chair from that organization of each committee. All committee members shall be active members of their respective organizations. There shall be eight positions on the Eighth Note Committee, a position from Kappa Kappa Psi and a position from Tau Beta Sigma for each respective position: Chair, Editor, Public Relations (PR), and Graphic Designer.
- Proposed Change: Committee Membership. The Eighth Note Committee shall be composed of eight members and those members shall serve from the time of their selection until the close of the Southeast District Convention. ~~There shall be four members from each organization, including the chair from that organization of each committee.~~ All committee members shall be active members of their respective organizations. There shall be eight positions on the Eighth Note Committee, a position from Kappa Kappa Psi and a position from Tau Beta Sigma for each respective position: Chair, Editor, Public Relations (PR), and Graphic Designer.
- Rationale: Strike through the above sentence for better accuracy and to reduce redundancy.

### *Southeast District Convention*

- Original: If chosen to host Convention, the host Chapter(s) **must** meet the following National deadlines:
  - December 1 – Preliminary Budget from Host Chapter(s)
  - January 1 – District Convention Fact Sheet from Host Chapter(s)
  - January 15 – Convention Website Live & Mailers from Host Chapter(s)
  - May 5th Final Budget from Host Chapter(s)
- Proposed Change: If chosen to host Convention, the host Chapter(s) must meet deadlines set by the National Council to submit the following:
  - ~~December 1-~~ Preliminary Budget from Host Chapter(s)
  - ~~January 1-~~ District Convention Fact Sheet from Host Chapter(s)
  - ~~January 15-~~ Convention Website Live & Mailers from Host Chapter(s)
  - ~~May 5th-~~ Final Budget from Host Chapter(s)
- Rationale: Eliminate the dates as these are determined each year by the National Council and may vary.

### *Specialized District Committees: Roles, Goals, and Guidelines*

- Original: Eighth Note Committee chairs shall submit a final report of The Eighth Note to the Joint Actions Committee for review at the joint meetings at Southeast District Convention.
- Proposed Change: Eighth Note Committee chairs shall submit a final report of The Eighth Note to the *Joint District Councils* for review at the joint meetings at Southeast District Convention.
- Rationale: Change “Joint Actions Committee” to “Joint District Councils” since the Joint Action Committee no longer exists.



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## 2025 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



### Ways and Means Committee Report

#### **Chair:**

Lizzie Oliver–Iota Psi–Kennesaw State University

#### **Advisors:**

Nicole Deloach–Eta Lambda, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Jason Dornbash– Zeta Nu–University of Northern Iowa–Life Member–Board of TBS Trustees

#### **Charges to the 2025 Ways and Means Committee:**

- Review the role of Secretary-Treasurer
- Review the implementation of the 2024 charges
- Review and discuss possible fundraisers that can be held with the SEDAA
- Review and reflect on the effectiveness of Rainy Day fund initiatives
- Discuss the effectiveness of creating and fostering chapter secretary/treasurer relations
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Secretary-Treasurer and VPSP soliciting donations for the Special Projects Fund
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district

#### **Implementation of Charges:**

- Review the role of Secretary-Treasurer
  - Read and Reviewed
- Review the implementation of the 2024 charges
  - Read and Reviewed
- Review and discuss possible fundraisers that can be held with the SEDAA
  - Discussed in the next bullet point.
- Review and reflect on the effectiveness of Rainy Day fund initiatives
  - District wide Fundraisers; ideas can be transferred to other charges.
    - Percentage Nights; Ice-Bucket/Pie-A-Rah; Penny Wars
    - All profits go to RDF and/or chapters take a portion as incentive
    - Virtual fundraising: Raffle/Silent Auction; Online bingo cards/calendar/claim-a-square; Big chain (ex. Krispy Kreme) percentage
    - \$5-10 entrance fee to Step Show
    - Ask local AA's to help out chapters to fundraise
- Discuss the effectiveness of creating and fostering chapter secretary/treasurer relations
  - Transparency with the budget
    - Presenting Budget in chapter frequently
    - A workshop conducted by the positions for hands-on position education



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- Discuss the effectiveness of the Secretary-Treasurer and VPSP soliciting donations for the Special Projects Fund
  - Discussed that it was unsuccessful and encourage to fundraise instead
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district
  - Encourage chapters to run a FaceBook chapter page
  - Encouraging chapter Alumni Associations to help

### **Charges to the 2026 Committee on (Ways and Means):**

We charge the 2026 SEDC Ways and Means Committee to:

- Review the role of Secretary-Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
- Review the implementation of the 2024 charges
- Review and discuss possible fundraisers that can be held with the SEDAA
- Review and discuss the fundraising projects for the Rainy Day fund
- Review and discuss the effectiveness of creating and fostering district relations with chapter secretaries and treasurers
- Review and discuss the effectiveness of the Band App
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Secretary-Treasurer and VPSP fundraising for the Special Projects Fund
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district

### **Charges to 2025-2026 Committee:**

We charge the 2026 SEDC Social Media Committee to:

- Record more during SEDC
- Advertise more takeovers
- Utilize Instagram highlights

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 Southeast District Secretary/Treasurer:**

- Continue district-wide fundraisers
- Implement an ongoing district fundraiser
- Improve the communication between chapters and District Officers
- Implement at least one district fundraiser
- Create and utilize a virtual fundraising guide for use of the District
- Promote the Rainy Day Fund on the District website and social media platforms to make it be known in the entirety of the district
- Facilitate a fundraiser to provide a registration for convention with SEDAA
- Partner with the VPSP for creating a special projects fundraiser
- Fundraise for District special projects as needed
- Create an effective way to encourage chapters to share fundraising ideas with each other
- Plan a district workshop to share how to fundraise
- Plan a district workshop to share how to create a rainy day fund on a chapter level



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- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district
- To be updated by the Sec/Treas.

### **Charges to the 2025-2026 District Council:**

7. Any charges you want the whole district council to be considering throughout the next year
8. To be updated by the Sec/Treas.

Respectfully Submitted,

### ***Committee Chair:***

Lizzie Oliver - Iota Psi

### ***Advisors:***

Nicole Deloach–Eta Lambda, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Jason Dornbash– Zeta Nu–University of Northern Iowa–Life Member–Board of TBS Trustees

### ***Committee Members:***

Morgan Cole - Alpha Omega

Sarah Warren - Gamma Epsilon

Tianah Cherry - Zeta Iota - Proxy (Epsilon Lambda)

**No Show** - Theta Sigma

Dennis Brooklynn - Iota Gamma

Riana Bingham - Iota Theta

***In Attendance: \*Closed***



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## 2025 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



Southeast District Budget										
Summary										
Totals	Budgeted 2023-2024	Actual 2022-2023	Budgeted 2023-2024	Proposed 2023-2024	Actual 2023-2024	Over/Under 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Actual 2024-2025	Over/Under 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
Beginning Available Cash Balance	\$8,000.00	\$8,137.87	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,262.49	\$262.46	\$4,930.97	\$8,262.49	-\$3,331.52	\$4,930.97
Operating Income	\$2,900.00	\$0.00		\$2,900.00	\$1,583.34	\$1,316.66	\$2,900.00	\$2,220.00	\$680.00	\$2,900.00
Operating Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$3,500.00	\$844.69	\$2,655.11	\$3,500.00	\$4,274.44	-\$774.44	\$3,500.00
Difference in Income and Expenses										
Total Account Balance										
Available Cash Balance										
Operating Income										
Income Source	Budgeted 2022-2023	Actual 2022-2023	Over/Under 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Actual 2023-2024	Over/Under 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Actual 2024-2025	Over/Under 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
Spring Allocation	\$400.00	\$305.00		\$200.00	\$316.67	-\$116.67	\$250.00	\$316.67	-\$116.67	\$250.00
Fall Allocation	\$2,000.00	\$1,391.33		\$1,600.00	\$1,138.67	\$461.33	\$1,300.00	\$1,138.67	\$461.33	\$1,300.00
Fundraising	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$300.00	\$128.00	\$172.00	\$300.00	\$2,220.00	-\$1,920.00	\$300.00
<b>Total Cash Available for Use</b>	<b>\$10,900.00</b>	<b>\$8,137.87</b>			<b>\$9,845.83</b>		<b>\$1,850.00</b>	<b>\$10,482.49</b>		<b>\$1,850.00</b>
Operating Expenses										
Expense Source	Budgeted 2022-2023	Actual 2022-2023	Over/Under 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Actual 2023-2024	Over/Under 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Actual 2024-2025	Over/Under 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
Officer Allowances										
President	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Vice President of Membership	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Vice President of Special Projects	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Secretary/Treasurer	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	-\$150.00	\$50.00
Appointed Officers	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Expenses										
Special Projects Fund	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Merchandise	\$150.00	\$132.28	\$17.72	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$3,286.56	-\$3,286.56	\$0.00
Convention Awards	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NLC/National Convention	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$1,085.00	\$230.94	\$854.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Council	\$700.00	\$970.81	-\$270.81	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$123.88	-\$776.12	\$1,000.00
District Leadership Conference	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District Convention	\$700.00	\$2,558.73	-\$1,658.73	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	-\$500.00	\$1,500.00
District Joint Website	\$338.95	\$0.00	\$338.95	\$0.00	\$38.95	-\$338.95	\$350.00	\$264.00	\$86.00	\$350.00
<b>S.E.D. Fund</b>										
Honoraries/Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,273.95</b>	<b>\$3,661.82</b>	<b>\$2,590.64</b>	<b>#REF!</b>	<b>\$505.94</b>	<b>\$2,779.06</b>	<b>\$2273.12 over</b>	<b>\$5,260.44</b>	<b>-\$2,835.44</b>	<b>\$8095.88 under</b>
Allocations to Restricted Funds										
Allocations	Budgeted 2022-2023	Actual 2022-2023	Over/Under 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Actual 2023-2024	Over/Under 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Actual 2024-2025	Over/Under 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
<b>Total Allocations</b>			<b>At Budget</b>							
<b>Cash Balance After Expenses/Allocations</b>	<b>\$7,915.00</b>	<b>\$4,476.05</b>	<b>\$3438.95 under</b>							



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### Nominations Committee Report

#### **Committee Chair:**

Sunny Cooperstein – Zeta Psi, The University of Central Florida

#### **Advisor:**

Chapter Visitation Associate & SEDAA Executive Chair – Amber Tubbs, Iota Psi Life Member

#### **Charges to the 2025 Nominations Committee:**

- Review the 2024 SED Nominations Committee Report.
- Review and revise proposed interview questions, as needed.
- Meet prior to SEDC via Zoom or similar platform, to discuss a proposed schedule for all Candidates who turned in packets. The schedule should be planned for a time that works best for the Committee and also, during the Committee Meeting blocks on the SEDC schedule. Each Candidate receives a fifteen-minute interview window with at least five minutes between interviews. If possible, reserve a Committee Meeting block for those who become candidates by running from the floor.
- At the meeting prior to SEDC, review/discuss Candidate's packets.
- Add 5-8 "Floor Runner Questions" under the General Questions section for those who may run from the floor and may not have identified a specific position prior to the final separate session.
- Interview the candidates running for District Office, who have properly turned in Candidate packets.
- Slate a candidate for each District Office, if applicable.
- Create charges for the 2026 Nominations Committee.

#### **Implementation of Charges:**

- Committee members were sent packets by the Southeast District President prior to the start of Convention for members to review.
- The Committee Chair reviewed interview questions and planned an interview schedule prior to the beginning of Convention.
- A list of "Floor Runner Questions" were developed to ask people running for District



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Council questions regarding their general experience.

- Interviews were conducting during a Committee and Lunch block on the first day of Convention. The Committee block on the second day of Convention was used to discuss Candidates and discuss charges for next year's Committee and Council, and create our slate for this year.
- Slate was created after completion of interviews and discussion of Candidates, and charges were created after personal and group reflection of our experience at the 2025 Southeast District Convention.
- The Committee utilized the following questions:
  - President Questions
    - During your presidency, there will be a significant workload assigned to you. How will you delegate tasks and manage your time and duties to be fulfilled by this position?
      - If the sisterhood bond was compromised, as President, how would you handle this situation to ensure the Council can run fluently?
    - Describe a time when you have had to change plans suddenly – how did you adapt to these changes and what would you have done differently looking back, if anything?
    - How do you plan to balance District Office, Chapter obligations, and education?
  - Vice President for Membership Questions
    - What's your experience with Overture and facilitating it? How can you assist new VPMs with utilizing the curriculum and completing their MEPs?
      - What tactics do you intend to use to be able to connect with Chapter VPMs to give them information and updates regarding member education?
      - How would you assist a Chapter who is having trouble with recruiting members?
    - How do you plan to balance District Office, Chapter obligations, and education?
  - Vice President for Special Projects Questions
    - What experience do you have with the Tau Beta Sigma national programs, and utilizing them in the Focus on Five Campaign?
      - How would you assist a Chapter with finding service opportunities?
    - How do you plan to balance District Office, Chapter obligations, and education?
  - Secretary-Treasurer Questions
    - What is your experience working with budgets, financial



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documents, etc.?

- How would you foster a close relationship with the District Treasurers to improve Chapter financial literacy and official documentation amongst the District?
- What ways can you assist Chapter Secretaries to improve their processes and tools?
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- Establish communication prior to SEDC to review/discuss Candidate's packets.
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Respectfully Submitted,

***Committee Chair:***

Sunny Cooperstein – Zeta Psi, The University of Central Florida

***Advisor:***

Chapter Visitation Associate & SEDAA Executive Chair – Amber Tubbs, Iota Psi Life Member

***Committee Members:***

Zeta Psi (Chair), The University of Central Florida – Sunny Cooperstein

Zeta Beta, Tuskegee University – Elliot Andrew, Epsilon Theta, Georgia Institute of Technology

Iota Omicron, Benedict College – Brittany Mackey

Theta Lambda, Auburn University – Jacob Mann

Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University – Caradine Walker

Theta Alpha, Fayetteville State University – Absent

**2025 Nominations Committee Slate:**

- District President: Jada Bostic, Beta Phi, Florida A&M University
- District Vice President for Membership: Anuska Phuyal, Eta Lambda, The University of Alabama at Birmingham
- District Vice President for Special Projects: Nicole Deloach, Eta Lambda, The University of Alabama at Birmingham
- District Secretary-Treasurer: No Confidence



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### OFFICER REPORTS

#### President: Jayden Rhodes

When I began this journey three years ago, I never thought I would be standing in front of you today. To be completely honest, I had never even planned to go beyond the role of Recording Secretary within my own chapter. This organization has single handedly made me more confident, made me a better leader, and made me a better person. I am absolutely indebted to Tau Beta Sigma. There are 1 million things that I could say about my personal journey right now, but I'd much prefer to give thanks to those who have gotten me here.

First off, thank you to my big, Janna Ren, for guiding me throughout my membership candidate process. I love you dearly and am so excited to start medical school with you in the Fall.

To my littles, Mary Hodgen, Hannah Adcock, and Xavier Glaze, thank you for letting me mother you. I hope you have felt a sense of security knowing you can always reach out to me.

Thank you to my chapter, the Exquisite Eta Lambda chapter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. I have loved leading you the last two years, and am so excited to see how you continue to thrive and serve our band and community.

Thank you to my family, who have put up with me being chronically stressed out and busy the last year.

Thank you to Deneé. We have not known each other long, but I have enjoyed every moment I have spent with you. Thank you for putting up with me through the craziness of convention. I know I have been a little scrambled with things, but you have always been understanding and gracious about it. I hope you enjoyed becoming a part of our crazy team.

Thank you to Katelynn, who has been a rockstar every single day that I have had the honor of knowing you. You are the human embodiment of sunshine. I have never met someone who is so positive, caring, and supportive. I could not have made it through this year without you. I love you dearly and am so excited to see what you accomplish in the band world.

To Siobahan, you are that girl. Getting to know you more over the last few days has been an absolute blast. Your constant state of poise always makes me feel like I can take on the world.

Thank you for letting me keep you up until 3:00 AM to work on things. I promise you can sleep in after all of this. I wish you the best of luck in your future and beg you to please stay in touch.

To Carrissa, thank you for entertaining my late night phone calls and always having my back. I know this year has also been a little tumultuous for you, and I have been so grateful to have had someone who gets it.

To the District Counselors, thank you for being a second set of parents for me. It is no secret to the Council that this past month has been very difficult for me, and I am eternally grateful for your support. Caleb, thank you for



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your gentle and loving reminders, always making sure we are on track. Thank you for your attention to detail, ensuring every base is covered. Amber, thank you for always having my back. For being a voice of reason when I am about to have a come-apart. For being there to comfort and encourage whenever needed. Nikki, thank you for your tireless efforts to plan this convention with me. Thank you for entertaining my phone calls into the wee hours of the morning. All of you, thank you for being you. I couldn't have asked for a better counselor team.

I'd like to thank Holleyanna Nolen, for being the reason I joined Tau Beta Sigma. Holleyanna, I don't think I have ever had the opportunity to tell you how much you meant to me, so I'm taking it now. Seeing how your love for this organization ran so deep inspired me to want to experience something so special. You made me feel that our chapter was unconditionally loving, accepting anyone with a strong moral character and passion for service. You inspired me to be a leader, to take up your torch, and continue to cultivate excellence within our chapter. You were there for me when the chapter stressed me out, you were there for me when I wanted to reach new heights, and you were there for me to give me fortitude and courage, to see and ideal, to seize upon it, and follow it wherever it has led me in Tau Beta Sigma. You have been a guiding light on my journey every step of the way, and I'm so excited to see how our friendship evolved once I hit the alumni side.

Nicole Deloach... if Holleyanna was the reason I joined TBS, you were the reason I stayed. Never in my life did I think I would experience a friendship so pure, so dysfunctional, and so effortless. You are the 5 to my 8, the Yin to my Yang, the salt to my pepper, and all of the other stupid pairings you can think of. We began this journey together on November 27th, 2021, not really knowing each other. I just knew you were a friend of my big and wore crocs to band camp. Then we were the only two people who attended SEDC 2023. That is really where our friendship started. Our passions for the organizations aligned and intertwined, creating a team dynamic that has always been unstoppable. We plotted and schemed, and ultimately ended up on Executive Council together, in the exact positions we needed to be. Then, last year, we somehow ended up on District Council together, too. You are my friend, my calm, my harasser, my support system, and my sister. Thank you for challenging me to be better, in this sorority and in life itself. I can't wait to see how we continue to evolve and grow as people, but know you are stuck with me for the rest of our lives. I love you, Nicole.

Finally, I'd like to thank you, the Southeast District. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead this last year. Thank you for putting up with my incessant reminders, my late night BAND messages, and my crazy ideas. Thank you for always being ready to step up and lead. Thank you for supporting one another. Thank you for encompassing strength, excellence, and diversity.

Thank you for coming out and attending the 2025 Southeast District Convention. Thank you for being my sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayden "PHoenix" Rhodes

Eta Lambda Chapter

2024-2025 Southeast District President



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### Vice President of Membership: Carissa Kettering

Sisters of the SED,

I'll admit that having to do this again snuck up on me. My time as District Vice President for Membership went by in what feels like a mere instant, but it's been a productive and rewarding year, both personally and for the District. I'll begin with the facts: I left last year's District Convention in planning mode, sketching out goals and a timeline for what I wanted my term to look like: I knew that I wanted to cultivate a culture of collaboration and personal accountability within the CMEP Committee, that I wanted to provide clarity in MEP feedback to reduce the average rounds of revision before approval, that I wanted to bring back Membership Education Retreat and District Leadership Conference at their full potential, and that I wanted to *be there*—for my Council, for my District, and for my Sisters.

After setting my individual goals, the Council and I attended the National Leadership Conference, where we were challenged to create our joint goals. NLC challenged me as a person and a leader, and it served as a major inspiration for the curation of MER and DLC this year. In my opinion, NLC transformed this District Council from individual leaders into a cohesive team. From then through the rest of my term, I knew everyone on this Council had my back. I hope that this District Convention can serve that role for some of you here this weekend.

Beginning in July, fall MEP season began; I hit the ground running with MEP reviews and created a new feedback template that aligns with the organization of the National MEP Template and helped streamline reviews, allowing me to save time jumping around the checklist and chapter VPMs to save time revising. I had an ambitious goal with MEP turnarounds and held one-on-one meetings with chapter VPMs who needed my support, which proved to be some of my favorite memories from my term. As hectic and busy as MEP season is, clocking in at 23 MEPs (averaging about 20 pages each), this was one of my most treasured experiences as VPM. I cherished seeing every chapter's traditions and unique personalities, and I was struck by how much creativity and innovation there is in our District. Each and every chapter put so much care into their MEPs, and I feel lucky to have gotten a glimpse into your chapters' cultures.

As MEP season came to a close, work with the Continuing Membership Education Program Committee ramped up as we worked to create a social media series, Mini CMEP of the Week, and prepare for Membership Education Retreat in December. In all honesty, I saw the preparation of MER and DLC as the most intimidating part of the VPM job, but the CMEP Committee aided me so graciously and with immense skill. To Jada, the CMEP Committee Chair, and to Will, Ellie, Imani, and Ashley: thank you for all of the wonderful ideas you brought to the Committee and the hard work you poured in this year. I couldn't have asked for a better team to lean on. Through careful planning, teamwork, and some creativity, we held a highly interactive Membership Education Retreat (on my birthday!) that focused on engaging attendees in thoughtful discussion and



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transforming each workshop into action. Fun side quests like Turtle Trek offered incentive to reflect on the workshops consistently; attendees were prompted to reach out to chapters and Sisters who inspired them; we took the Daring Leadership Assessment together and discussed the nuances of leadership; and Sisters even created vision boards to set goals and explore what they want to get out of the weekend. We brought MER back with *flare*, and I believe the District is poised to make the next MER even better.

Following MER, I dove into the spring MEP season (34 MEPs received, on my count). This stretch took a lot of teamwork, planning, and patience to make it through, but I'm happy to say that we've managed to make it through the business of the season. Through this season, I learned one major lesson: never be afraid to ask for help when you need it. I also juggled MEP season with hosting District Leadership Conference jointly with Kappa Kappa Psi, working closely with their SED VPM, Sydney Fulcher. Combining our styles of leadership and conference planning was such a rewarding experience that resulted in an event neither of us could have imagined on our own; Brothers and Sisters across the District were able to discuss what leadership looks like in their bands, in their Chapters, in the District, and in their professional lives. We again sought to create an interactive and engaging event that challenged participants to expand their definitions of leadership and seek active leadership development.

I have also worked closely with the District Counselors and Council to plan out Ritual for Convention, breaking from the recent trend of only performing Third Degree to perform Second, as well, and including our latest Petitioning Group at Allison Leemann's suggestion.

In relation to my duties as VPM, I was also invited to serve as one of the member educators for the Petitioning Groups at Clark Atlanta University in our very own Southeast District and at Bowie State in the Northeast District; it has been an incredible honor to witness the passion and brilliance of these groups, and I know both the SED and the NED will benefit from the addition of these incredible chapters!

There are many thanks that I owe, and there isn't enough time or even space in the Convention minutes to properly convey how much these people have helped me, shaped me, and served our District. They have exhibited qualities of the highest character and demonstrated the Five Qualities and Eight Essential Factors in every facet of their lives.

First, to the 2024 Southeast District delegation, thank you so much for trusting me with this position. I could never have imagined how much I would learn and grow this year, and I can't thank you enough for believing in me and giving me the honor of serving you again. I hope I did right by you—it was at the forefront of my mind in everything I did.



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To my big sister, Sam Otte, thank you for pouring into me. Thank you for encouraging me back when I was a meek, nervous candidate and for helping me grow in confidence and in compassion for myself. You have had my back since the moment you placed my candidate pin on my dress, and I can't imagine where I'd be without your guidance and support.

To Rylee Mehr and Marin Kelly, thank you for being my mentors. Rylee, you've believed in me and challenged me to reach new heights since I first became a candidate, and you've continued to invest in my journey. You are a key reason that I'm here today and one of my finest role models in the sisterhood. I want to be Rylee Mehr when I grow up! To Marin, I can't thank you enough for forcing me to run from the floor last year. I went into Convention in 2024 thinking I had served my time and was ready for a rest, but your boundless belief in me helped relight the fire in me, and I'm so grateful.

To the CMEP Committee, thank you for having my back every step of the way. When I had wacky ideas, you were on-board and helped me transform them into something great. When I was spread too thin and starting to unravel, you were there to support me instantly. There's nothing quite as relieving as having a strong committee to lean on, especially for a task as big as putting together MER and DLC, and I can't thank you all enough. To Jada, thank you for being so ambitious and passionate about the CMEP Chair position. Your ideas and boundless enthusiasm are so motivating, and the District is so lucky to have you. To Ellie, thank you for being my cheerleader and grounding force in the committee; your reliability and diligence are so admirable. To Ashley, thank you for your flexibility and calming presence; when things didn't go as planned, you were always ready to jump in with a backup plan. To Imani, thank you for sticking with the committee and offering your wisdom! It was so grounding to have a returning committee member there to keep us on track. To Will, thank you for always having unique and innovative contributions to help us improve. I appreciate having your voice on the committee.

To Denee, thank you for jumping into the Council with so much enthusiasm and for being such a grounding presence! Your ability to balance level-headed logic and compassion is so admirable and so integral to the Parliamentarian role. I know it can be a big challenge to come into Convention and seamlessly integrate with the existing Council, but you've done it beautifully. Know that you are honored and appreciated, and I treasure the time we've had together this weekend.

To Katelynn, my Panama City buddy, thank you so much for all of your kind words and for the almost scary intensity you fulfill your position with. You are the definition of a "be there" friend and leader, always there for the rest of the Council when we need to vent about a situation or we need help with a task. You truly are the task-master of the Council, and we are so lucky to have had you in the role of Webmaster. I am personally so lucky to have served with you, and I know your tenacity, passion, and diligence will take you so far in life.



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To Nicole, the “resident realist” of the Council group chat, I am so grateful to have gotten to know you and work with you this year. Thank you for always being your authentic self with us and for reminding me that I need to show up as I am. Your honesty and accountability are so strong, and I so admire how you’ve stepped outside of your comfort zone and embraced both sides of the Secretary-Treasurer position. You’re so skilled at making people feel comfortable and *whole* when they’re around you—something that I needed a lot this year. Please know you are so deeply appreciated.

To Siobahan, it’s impossible to exaggerate how elated I was to see you elected last year. As the previous DVSP, I was desperate for someone to step into the role who could accomplish all of the things I failed at and take the District to the next level in service. Under your watch, service in the District has absolutely flourished, and you’ve elevated the position to new heights. I couldn’t be happier to be a worse VPSP than you! Thank you for doing right by the District, and thank you for being my Life Member buddy as we navigate the transition into the adult world. I’m so grateful to have someone I can talk about the joys of adult money and the woes of adult jobs with, and someone who can understand what it’s like to occupy the strange space between Active Member and District Has-Been. You may be a woman of silence, but when you speak, you make an impact. I wish I could’ve met you sooner.

To Jayden, our fearless leader and absolute rock, thank you, thank you, thank you—for everything. For holding the Council accountable, for establishing a culture of collaboration and clear communication, for giving me a poke when I needed it, for letting me call you when I was flummoxed and vice versa, for not being afraid to risk “annoying” someone when it benefited the District. You are such a strong leader and so fantastic at putting on your “President” hat and your “friend” hat at just the right times. The District has benefited *so* much from your leadership, and you’ve helped make my second term on Council one of my most treasured experiences in Tau Beta Sigma. Even when I was stressed about my own tasks, I never had to worry that our District would struggle because I knew we were in good hands with you. Your leadership is what made this Council a real team, and your friendship is something I hope to treasure for a long time.

To Amber, Nikki, Caleb, and Holleyanna, thank you so much for all of your support, guidance, and encouragement this year (and last). You’ve watched me grow a lot these past couple years, and your leadership has played a big part in that. You held me accountable; you helped me ask the right questions; you encouraged me when I was beating myself up (which I did entirely too much of; I’m trying to knock it off, I promise); and you challenged me to do more than I thought I could. I’m in awe of how you all have handled the Counselor (and Counselor-in-Training) position with so much grace. Thank you for being the embodiment of “Cultivation and maintenance of your emotional poise under all conditions.” I hope we made you proud this year.

To the National Council of Tau Beta Sigma, thank you immensely for all of the hard work you’ve poured into our Sorority. The countless hours behind the scenes, the endless meetings, the uncountable masses of



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spreadsheets in your Google Drives—you've handled it all with grace and joy, and your hearts for service are awe-inspiring.

To Kelsey, thank you for taking risks and joining the National Council. You've absolutely blossomed since I first met you, and I've loved getting to watch you in this transition and cheer you on. I hope you know you have some of your biggest cheerleaders in the SED. We miss you here, but we're so proud of you and all that you've accomplished. Thank you for your guidance last year and your warm support! You always have a home in the SED.

To Katie, thank you for jumping into the National Council and taking on the role of Vice President for Special Projects. Your flexibility and adaptability the past couple years has been inspiring, and I wish you all the best as you continue to flourish and grow in your service.

To Allison, thank you so much for being “my” National Council member. Being able to grow with you as you moved from VPCR to VPSP to VPM as I moved between similar roles has been so fulfilling, and your mentorship has helped me grow so much in my leadership. Your innovation and heart for connection have given the Sorority so much more than you know. You're the blueprint for the kind of impact I want to leave.

To Leslie, thank you for your kind and supportive leadership! Your note at last year's District Convention was part of the impetus for my growth this year; it helped me to see the good parts of my previous term and all of the opportunities I had to leverage my hard-learned lessons for the good of the District.

To the Alpha Omega Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, thank you so much for being my home, my cheerleaders, my friends, and most of all, my sisters. I am so immensely proud of all the hard work you've done this year and the impact you've had on your community, and I love all the ways you've shaped me. All my little quirks, like saying “the 8 and 5” instead of “the 5 and 8,” and many of my fondest memories in this sorority are thanks to you. I wouldn't be here without your support. I will forever be proud of you, and you will always have a supporter in me.

To the Southeast District of Tau Beta Sigma, thank you for being you. You are currently the largest district in the sorority, and you endlessly amaze me with your innovative service ideas, comprehensive recruitment, and strong leadership. You truly embody Strength, Excellence, and Diversity, and I have so much love for each and every chapter here.

I know I've shared this quote entirely too much, but there's a Vincent Van Gogh quote that neatly summarizes the one thing I want to instill in all of you: “It is good to love many things, for therein lies strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done with love is well done.”



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It has truly been an honor to be selected to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Carissa Kettering

SED Vice President of Membership 2024-2025

Life Member #4086



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### Vice President of Special Projects: Siobahan Berrian

*When I was first initiated into this position, I remember experiencing extreme imposter syndrome. The realization hit me fast: wow, you are on the council. I remember thinking, "You're going to fail at this. This is completely different from the chapter level; what did you sign yourself up for?" But once I met this group of people, I realized that they weren't going to let me fail. It simply was not an option. From the beginning, they welcomed me with open arms and helped me navigate through my term. They never got frustrated with me or yelled at me; they simply gave me the freedom to experiment and figure out what I wanted to do. Those truly are the kinds of people you need around you—people who push you to your highest potential.*

*In April is when all of this really began. I remember meeting on zoom with the counselors and Carissa and her giving me all the information I would need to be able to fulfill my position. I also remember looking at everything like "What now". But as time went by I started to get the hang of it and develop my own groove. I started taking risks and of course I had some failures and roadblocks along the way but I didn't let that stop me. I kept going!*

*This experience alone has allowed me to flourish in areas I never thought possible, personal and professional. From creating a social media challenge to hosting a service summit to standing in front of you today. It's all been surreal.*

*If I had listened to myself, I wouldn't be here today, which is why I have to thank not only my amazing council and counselors but also all of you for voting me in and trusting me, even when you didn't know anything about me.*

*To Jayden, thank you for being a wonderful president and an amazing person to follow. I used to think that I was a girl boss but you definitely have me beat.*

*To Carissa, thank you for always being patient with all my questions about VPSP—I know I probably stressed you out a ton! Also, thank you for always sending positive messages that reassured me that I was doing a good job. You did an amazing job as VPM and you should be very proud of yourself.*

*To Nicole, I know I definitely stressed you out for sure, but thank you for keeping up with everything I threw at you and for always keeping it real. Whenever I needed it you always gave me the necessary feedback to keep it going. You were always unapologetically you and I love that about you.*



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*To Katelyn, the most innovative and creative member of the team—ever since you were appointed, you hit the ground running and never looked back. Thank you for always lending a helping hand and lightening the load. We truly couldn't have done it without you! And if I never told you before—amazing work on the website!*

*To the counselors—whew! I sincerely thank each of you for bearing with me as I figured things out. It was a long journey, but you all stood by me and answered every question I had, no matter how crazy it seemed. You'll were and are amazing mentors and I appreciate everything you've done for me!*

*Now, a few personal thank-yous.*

*To my chapter, Theta Rho, thank you for continuously pushing me during my active years and helping shape me into the person I am today. When I joined in Spring 22 I never imagined going this far but you'll pushed me and continue to push me to the highest high. I'll admit, I might have been a little strict during my years, but trust me it was all out of love.*

*To the craziest yet most incredibly productive alumni I know, Ms. Warimu Njoroge, thank you for being a mentor in my time of need and for always being just a phone call away (even if that phone call lasted for hours). It truly didn't matter if it was 1 p.m. or 1 a.m.; you always came running and had my back. So when I say this, I mean it: I truly couldn't have done it without you.*

*Lastly, to my line sisters, The Gremlins, thank you for constantly being my shoulder to lean on and ear to listen. You've stood by me through every part of my TBS journey, helping me navigate through the good, the bad, and the ugly. Before you'll I was never the one to have sisters but each of you changed my viewpoint on that and now I have so many. So I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I love each of you more than you know!*

*I thank you all for giving me this opportunity, and I couldn't appreciate the amazing Southeast District more than I already have for truly fostering the values of Service, Music, and Sisterhood. Although my term has come to an end, I truly believe that it will always be an honor to be selected to serve. Thank you!*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Siobahan Berrian,  
2024-2025 Vice President of Special Projects*



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### Secretary-Treasurer: Nicole Deloach

Good morning my beau-tau-ful sisters of the south east district,

Whew. This has been a year of growth for us as a district. We started off the year with a huge curveball which was graciously known as using a budget template. If you were not aware, the Southeast District changed to a more unified way of creating our chapter budgets. This budget was accepted well across the district with over 50% of chapters utilizing this template to organize their chapter funds. I am absolutely proud of each and every one of you! We required you all to do something that was completely out of the norm for you. We were not very confident in the template at first but now I am confident that good budgeting tactics will be passed down for generations to come.

While I helped you grow, I was constantly learning myself. Social Media has never been my jam. To put things bluntly, I typically use Instagram maybe 5 times a year. Nonetheless, utilizing social media to promote the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma is critical, it's essential. This year, we were able to share updates for paperwork deadlines, various conferences and highlight all of the wonderful, amazing work that you all completed. Now I know that there are some people in this room that would like to chop my head off and put it on a stick, and to you all I say, you have my permission. Because this was an extreme learning curve for me, I needed so much support throughout the year. I could not have done it without my Krew, also known as the Social Media Committee. To Mariah, Bri, Katelynn and Georgia, thank you for always being there for me. You all are the true rock stars that always produced when we needed graphics and ideas for Instagram engagement. Thank you for always encouraging me!

Now, it is time for the sappy parts. To you, the Southeast District, thank you for always being patient with me. Thank you for being open to change and open to learn. We know that money is difficult at times, however, because you attended workshops and met with me individually, we were able to transform how your chapter viewed finances. I hope that these lessons that were shared stay with your chapter members for a long time.

To the National Leadership Team, where do I begin... Since Day 1, you all have been the backbone for each and every one of us. We could not be as successful as we were without your support and guidance. To Kelsey, thank you for your constant support throughout the year. Constantly checking in and having an open ear for our issues on the district level has been a great relief. Never stop being the leader that people want to imitate. I know that I will never stop looking up to you.

To my chapter, thank you for putting up with my foolishness over the years. I know that I have high hopes, dreams and ambitions for you all as sisters and as people. Just know that each and every one of you plays a part in making those dreams a reality. Thank you for giving me the platform to grow as a leader and as an individual.



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You all definitely put me through the ringer but I could not be more proud to call myself a sister of the Eta Lambda Chapter.

To Amber, Nikki, Caleb, and Holleyanna... as one of the greatest said, ""We did it Joe". Making it to the finish line with an unbelievable amount of support from our District Counselors team is one of the biggest blessings known to man. Amber, Miss. Keep it Real, Nikki, Ms. Get it Done, Caleb, Mr. Pocket of Information, and Holleyanna, My Original TBS Mother... each of you have added value into my life that I will hold till the end of time.

To Katelynn- YOU WERE MY ROCK! Let me say that I could not have done anything without you! Your constant encouragement to keep going and your constant support poured onto this council is something that will be missed. We would not have functioned without you and I could not imagine not working with you over this past year. From meeting you for the first time to now, we have seen each other for who we were. I know seeing my chaotic self at Winter Council has left an imprint in your brain forever. My hope is that you continue on your path to success. Never stop being the vibrant person that you've shown us over the past year.

To Siobahan- My Silent Killer. I know that you probably wanted to murder me over social media things. But, I am so happy that I had the opportunity to work with you over the past year. Getting to watch you work and be the exceptional human being that you are has brought me much joy. I loved learning about your leadership style and understanding how to apply your ambition and drive to my daily life. You are an innovative individual and I hope that flame never goes away. You will be missed as a district leader but now, you are entering the realm of old. May your journey as an alumni treat you well and please never forget about us little guys.

To Carissa- Congratulations, you are old now. While on council, you showered us with wisdom and love. Coming on this journey with an all new council was probably nerve racking. However, you took on this new council with no judgement and provided us with the tools to be successful. I am so happy that I've gotten the opportunity to get to know you. Thank you for all that you have done this year. I hope that your journey as a life member treats you with as much knowledge and joy that you have brought us throughout this year.

And last but not least, to the bane of my existence, my confidant, my motivator, my accountability buddy, my Tau Beta Bestie Jayden Alise Rhodes- Who would have known that we would be here together. And to think, our relationship began at SEDC 2023. Since then, we were glued to the hip. Hansel and Gretel if you will minus the witch. There have been so many life events that you have been a part of and I would not imagine doing TBS without you. You may get irritated and annoyed with me but there has never been a time that you did not support me. You will not allow me to make excuses, however, you will force me to be the best human being that I can possibly be. And for that I say, thank you for not allowing me to drown. Jayden, you are the most intelligent, systematic person that I've ever met. I know that you are younger than me but I do look up to you.



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Over the past 3 years, I've done my best to learn from you. You are slowly rubbing off on me, unfortunately. To this I say, never, ever believe the stupid negative things that you say. Where you see a rock, I see a natural pearl (rare and beautiful). I don't think you truly understand how much I will miss our Tau Beta Time together. T and BS will never be the same. As you go through Medical School and live a grown up life, you better not ever forget me. If you try, I will pack myself up alongside your dress with a little button and be at your doorstep in .5 business seconds.

Before my time comes to a close, here are my slight words of wisdom. Don't be scared to do you. Put yourself out there and allow yourself the opportunity to grow within our organization. Going out for a leadership position or attempting to become a leader in your chapter or band is scary. You may be nervous about how people view you or if you are ready for the responsibility. Trust yourself always and be yourself unapologetically. The final piece of advice that I will give is to never let your flame exhaust and when it is going out, allow the people around you to assist in bringing that flame back to life.

Thank you for having me this year! It is an honor to serve and be selected to serve. thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Your 2024-2025 District Secretary-Treasurer  
Nicole Deloach



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### **Webmaster: Katelynn Turney-Rudisill**

Serving in this role, as District Webmaster, has been an honor and a privilege. Showcasing our diverse district is such a beautiful thing that I am honored to have been selected for. My main goals going into this position were to showcase our district, make the district & convention websites accessible & user-friendly, and be a cheerleader for our district, our council, and our counselors. I will say – making the website accessible was not an easy feat, as adding alt text for every single photo or button on the website doesn't happen overnight.

My TBSU journey has been far from normal, but I would never change it for the world. From being my candidate class president (shoutout D1am0nd Decet), then being Fellowship chair (social chair) immediately following my candidacy, then having the honor to serve on last year's SED social media committee, then jumping in to help my chapter in the absence of a Secretary in Spring 2024, then getting re-elected Secretary for the 2024-2025 academic year, and finally applying and being appointed to be District Webmaster. My involvement in Tau Beta Sigma has been built on where I can jump in and help the most, even if I have to learn a completely new skillset (thanks Fellowship chair). Trust me when I say, I would not be here today if it wasn't for the support of all the sisters and brothers who have helped me along the way.

To Kenyon, I know you can't hear me through the partition in the wall or wherever you might be - I know I said this when we had our first Facetime call, but I still mean it when I say that I'll be your sister, no matter what. Thank you for your hard work, time, and dedication to the brotherhood in your time as webmaster!

To Alpha Eta - My brother chapter, I know you probably won't hear this but I wanted to thank you as well for standing hand in hand with Beta Xi and having phenomenal joint relations with our chapter.

To the Beta Xi chapter – you truly are my home. Thank you for taking me in with open arms, and looking past my service dog as I went through recruitment in Fall 2022, because I would never be on this podium without all of you. We truly are more than sisters, and more than friends. Your support throughout my journey in TBSU have been invaluable, and I am forever grateful for the opportunities and friendships you have honored me with.

To both my bigs and all of my littles from Beta Xi and Alpha Eta - I'm so proud of each of you for how far you have all grown in the bond. You all inspire me to do the things I do each and every day. Kayli, Maddie, Elizabeth, Kenzie, Emma, Andrew, Sienna, and my newest son Cole, I cannot wait to see the things each of you accomplish!

To Jayden - Ever since you messaged me right after what happened to me at the last convention (let me just say it was over in a flash) I knew our district was in good hands. I still to this day cannot believe you did a thesis at the same time that you have been Southeast District President. Your work ethic and your go-get-em attitude have never ceased to amaze me. Your hard work on planning this convention and working with the Brother Council has been something I've been honored to watch so closely. I hope that you know how truly proud I am of you and your time on council. I know no matter what happens in your life that you are going to succeed and I am truly grateful for your dedication to our district.



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To Carissa - Working with you on council has been a dream come true - ever since being in All-County band together, I have looked up to you! Being able to proxy for Alpha Omega last year, and getting close with you and Marin has been an experience I will never forget. I never thought that our paths would ever align to where we would be able to serve on the same council - but here we are giving our officer reports! It has been an honor to serve the district with you, and I look forward to seeing where your journey takes you next!!

To Siobahan - I am so incredibly proud of you and all you have done for the VPSP position this year! The SED 5 Weeks of Service social media challenge and Service Summit literally slayed!! To see you do so many other things to be more accessible to the district and highlight the individual chapters that make up the SED has been incredible to watch.

To Nicole – Being able to work closely with you has been a treat, especially since we worked together to update the website with accurate minutes and files since day one!! From being our bodyguard at Winter Council to combing through old minutes to make sure everything needed for the website was found, I am so inspired by your dedication and strength! You and Jayden’s hatred for each other is inspiring (just kidding, just kidding) but for real though - Winter Council would not have been the same without you and Jayden!

To Holleyanna – Ever since you were on-boarded as our district counselor in training, I knew you were going to be a wonderful addition to our Counselors. Your endless positivity and radiant self really added a new ray of sunshine to our team! Having you serve at the district while teaching is not an easy task, so I applaud you for taking on this role at the same time you’re teaching! I know that you have some great experience behind your belt after this year, and I cannot wait to see where your tenure as a counselor takes you!

To Caleb – Thank you for being a huge role model for me over the past couple years. At SEDC 2024, I’ll never forget your kind words about never giving up, and that there’s always a reason behind everything. You inspire me each day to be a more well rounded person, and to be inclusive of all those around me. I have been honored to work with you this year on council and I am so excited to see where you go in the next few years with being a counselor!

To Nikki – Hey friend, as you would say, from being in Beta Xi, where you were our chapter visitation assistant a couple of years ago to seeing you now as a counselor is just heartwarming. Your hard work and dedication to the council, counselors, and this organization knows no bounds. You have been an inspiration to me for a long time and it has been such an honor to work alongside you this year. I know that it has been a long haul for you and I know how much time and effort there was being put in, especially with the room situation for our workshops and everything over the past year. I am so incredibly proud of you Nikki, and I so appreciate your timely responses and feedback with everything you have been asking me for!

To Amber – I really want to say that I am unbelievably thankful for your time and dedication to this organization! I know that I really needed that Amber enrichment time when we were waiting for everyone to get to Atlanta for Winter Council! You have such a sweet soul, and I am so honored to be a part of this council with you as a counselor. Your knowledge of the district and the procedures of our organization truly shows your love for the Southeast District.



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To the Council as a whole – This is your friendly reminder to never doubt yourself, because I’ll always be your biggest cheerleader! It truly is an honor to be selected to serve, and I thank you all for entrusting me in this role for the past year, I hope I have made you proud.

Finally, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of our sisters – past, present, and future – for your unwavering commitment and support of this district. Your dedication to your band programs and chapters is the foundation of the strength, excellence, and diversity our district holds near and dear. From our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to our Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) and every chapter in between, I am consistently inspired by the remarkable work you, as chapters and individuals, accomplish every single day. I am forever grateful to have served as your 2024-2025 District Webmaster and it is an absolute privilege to be a part of this incredible District.

MOTS of love in the bond,

Katelynn M. Turney-Rudisill “ΠΑΔΙΑΝΤ ΜΑΣΤΕΡΜΙΝΔ”

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### **Counselor Report**

Greetings Sisters of the Southeast District,

We are excited to stand before you all today and share the incredible accomplishments of this District over the past year! We are your Southeast District Counselors, charged with supporting the District Council and all 40 chapters across the District in furthering our mission, purposes, and operations.

To put names to faces...

- Amber Scott from the Theta Upsilon Chapter at Winston-Salem State University
- Nikki Lyons from the Zeta Kappa Chapter at Albany State University
- Caleb Morris from the Epsilon Alpha Chapter at the University of South Carolina
- Holleyanna Nolen from the Eta Lambda Chapter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

### **Onboarding the Council & Council Shoutout**

Our first charge immediately after last year's Convention in Raleigh, NC was to onboard the newly elected District Council: Jayden, Carissa, Siobahan, and Nicole. It has been a joy to work with these formidable sisters, and we are so proud of their incredible work this year. They each had big ideas and made audacious moves in turning those ideas into action over the last year, as you have heard about in their respective officer reports. We are excited to see how each of you will continue to contribute to the Sorority for many years to come and we thank you for your service to the District. We also want to extend a special thank you to our appointed officers, Katelynn, for serving as webmaster and task master extraordinaire, and for Deneé for serving as our Convention Parliamentarian, as well as all those who have served on committees this year.

### **Spring Activity Report**

Once the Council was onboarded, our first team project was supporting you all in crafting and submitting the Spring Activity Report. Jayden created a great resource for District Presidents to help President's delegate paperwork and each of the Council members worked hard communicating with you all to check in on progress when it came to this report. We were overjoyed when 100% of our chapters completed the SAR on time. (hold for applause) We were the only District to accomplish this honor and you all should be proud of yourselves for making this happen.

### **National Leadership Conference**

Over the summer, we had the incredible opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference, hosted by our National Vice President for Membership and Expansion (and 2025 District Honorary) Allison Leeman for District Leadership across the nation. We were excited to be a part of the presenter team and share leading practices with the District Officer Corps.

### **Membership Accomplishments**

Another big task we were working on over the summer was MEP review. Between the Fall 2024



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and Spring 2025 MEP submission cycles, we reviewed and approved 53 MEPs. Thank you to Carissa for your immense help with this undertaking, we are so grateful for your leadership. Shoutout to all the VPMs in the District for the great effort you put into crafting a great membership education experience for your candidates. (clap clap clap) Because of you all's efforts, we have initiated 262 new members over the last year, 28% of the total number of initiates and the highest head count among the Districts. If you have been initiated in the past year, please stand up and be recognized (hold for applause).

### Special Projects Accomplishments

With the fall semester came renewed focus on educational achievement, the hustle and bustle of marching band season, and the launch of the 2024-2025 Focus on Five Campaign! We are excited to have 92% of our chapters participating in the campaign this year in some shape or fashion, the highest percentage of any district in the nation. Thank you to Siobhan for your leadership in getting our District engaged in this National initiative. As part of the Focus on Five Campaign Red Stripe, we reviewed 35 Budgets and Constitutions, gaining much insight into your chapter operations and plans for the year. Thank you to Jayden and Nicole for helping us conduct this review. Nicole, the Budgeting and Fundraising workshop you added to our Fall programming helped chapters move toward our goal of each chapter using an approved template. Shoutout to our Service Officers and Focus on Five Liaisons engaging with the campaign and living out our mission & purposes.

### Chapter Personnel Report, Fall Activity Report, and Chapters on Status

A critical component of our role is supporting you all in meeting national obligations, including paperwork deadlines. These reports offer crucial information to our National Leadership on the health and operation of our local chapters and must be completed on time (or early). Thank you to our District Council for their communication and engagement with you all in ensuring these reports were completed. For the Chapter Personnel Report due September 30, we had 90% On-Time Paperwork Completion (the highest percentage in the Nation), and for the Fall Activity Report due December 1, we had 98% On-Time Paperwork Completion (we were ranked third out of the six districts). While we hope for 100% on-time paperwork completion, we thank you to you all for working hard to craft detailed reports. With the Chapter Personnel Report, we learned our District Membership is strong at 788 members, the largest in the nation!

We have shared many successes this year, but we also need to mention that we have six chapters on discipline status for chapter operations concerns. Make sure you all are following through on your National Obligations: not completing paper work on time can result in disciplinary action, late fees, and ineligibility for awards. The easiest way to avoid this is completing your paperwork on time. Remember the upcoming Deadline for the Spring Activity Report is what (?) (June 1st).

### Expansion

We are very proud to be growing as a District. Over the last year, we have re-charted four chapters in the Southeast:



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- Theta Gamma at Alcorn State University in Alabama (Spring 2024)
- Iota Gamma at Fort Valley State University in Georgia (Spring 2024)
- Theta Omega at Claflin University in South Carolina (Fall 2024)
- Iota Theta at Edward Waters University in Florida (Fall 2024)

We are excited about our Petitioning Group this semester at Clark Atlanta University here in Atlanta, GA and look forward to their installation in April. Between our re-charted chapters and our petitioning group this semester, we are the fastest growing District in the Nation. Many thanks to the folks who have served as petitioning group advisors, including Leslie Gartin, Elizabeth Richmond, Misty Lovejoy, Katie Dukes, and two of our newest honoraries in Dr. Thea Murphy and Monika Monk.

We are also proud that Tau Beta Sigma now has a presence on 24 HBCU campuses in our District! Our District is stronger because of you all and we are so proud of you.

### Spring Programming

Because band service is a little more hectic in the fall with marching band season, we save our virtual and in person programming for the spring. Thank you to Carissa and Siobahan for planning three engaging events this semester: Membership Education Retreat in December, District Leadership Conference in February, and the Service Summit earlier this month. These professional development opportunities are for you all to grow your leadership and capacity for excellence in the various functional areas of the Sorority. We would love to see more engagement with these events next year.

We cannot believe we are here at the 2025 District Convention. This event has been a year in the making and we hope you are having a great time. Much love and thanks goes out to Jayden and Nikki for pouring your energies and blood, sweat, and tears in making this event happen. Please let's give a round of applause for your leadership and masterful planning! (applause) As District Leaders set a plan, it often requires many hands to carry out to fruition. We offer our sincerest gratitude to each chapter who answered the call to service for our 2025 SED Convention. While there are too many of you to name at this time, we are including you in our final written report, and will send a certificate of our appreciation to you in the coming weeks. At this time, Southeast District, please give a round of applause to each chapter, group, and volunteer who contributed to the successful implementation of our Convention plan!

### Next Steps

We do want to give you all a sneak peak into plans for the next term. Following convention, be on the lookout for outreach from us to schedule President's chats so that we can connect and check in, share information, and ideate the upcoming year!

We are excited for National Convention this summer and hope to see you all there in Lexington, KY! Registration opens on April 1, so be sure to get on that so we can make sure our voices are



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We are joyful to bring Holleyanna on board as our fourth counselor next year, and bittersweet that we will be spending our final year with Amber, as she is retiring at the conclusion of next year's convention.

Finally, be on the lookout for another impactful year with communication, engagement opportunities and programming to ensure we are living out our district motto: SED - Strength, Excellence, Diversity.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Southeast Counselors

Amber Scott

Nikki Lyons

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