



# SHELLS

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# MEET YOUR 2020-2021 DISTRICT OFFICERS!

## Vice President of Special Projects: Indiah Stitson - Johnson



Indiah is a senior at Jackson State University located in Jackson, MS. She is currently an active member of the Zeta Iota Chapter.

Indiah was born and raised in Decatur, GA. A fun fact about her is that she is double jointed in her arms. Her favorite food is pineapples and chicken pizza. She also is a sister of Sigma Alpha Iota.

## Secretary-Treasurer: Maddy Long



Maddy is an active member of the Iota Psi Chapter at Kennesaw State University. She is a Junior and a history major. Maddy currently plays cymbals in the Marching Owls, and her main instrument is bassoon.

She loves to visit museums, coffee shops, and reading.



## **President: Nasya Blackwell**

Nasya is a Spring 2020 graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and a Life Member of the Theta Zeta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. She received a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in English with a minor in Spanish. Fun Fact: She has been to 10 different countries in 4 different continents.



## **Vice President of Membership: Chanel Epps**

Chanel is a 2020 graduate of Jackson State University with a BBA in Entrepreneurship. She joined Tau Beta Sigma in Spring 2018 as a member of the Zeta Iota chapter and is now a Life Member. She enjoys fashion design and styling, and in her down time she likes to play and sometimes stream video games. Fun fact about Chanel, her entire immediate family; mother, father, sister, and herself, are all members of the bond.



# Chapter Spotlight

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## Epsilon Theta at the Georgia Institute of Technology

What has your chapter been able to accomplish despite the pandemic, while following PIVOT Guidelines?

"We've been working hard to try and do what we can to support our band and local community in spite of the restrictions! To help our band, with the assistance of our brother chapter (KKPsi Iota), [we] helped finance bell covers for brass instruments and sleeves for woodwind instruments in our marching band. These were used as "instrument masks" to help prevent the spread of droplets created while playing. In addition, we helped our band's equipment managers by loading and unloading shelves off of our equipment trucks at the beginning of the semester."





"We've also done our best to stay involved in our local community during this unique semester. When the Atlanta-based Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps moved out of an old corps hall, several sisters drove to the old and new locations to help transfer merchandise, memorabilia, equipment, and other corps supplies. Additionally, to help fans (and the band) maintain social distancing in the stands during Georgia Tech football games, we attached signs to the bleachers to indicate recommended spacing. With the combined efforts of Epsilon Theta sisters and other on-campus student organizations, we were able to label over half the stadium in a single day! For all service events, mask-wearing was strictly enforced, and all sisters present were tested at some point in the preceding week through Georgia Tech's extensive COVID testing program."



Great work, Epsilon Theta! We are so proud of what you have accomplished this semester!



# Brainstorming

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## In a Virtual World

Has your chapter had some trouble brainstorming ways to be involved, hold fundraisers, or function as a chapter this semester? Here are some great ways other chapters in your district have been able to get around the obstacles standing in their way.

### Pen Pals

Iota Psi and Eta Lambda initiated a Pen Pal Program between their chapter members. The Corresponding Secretaries from each chapter sent out a form for sisters to fill out, and then used their responses to match up sisters! This was very successful, and had more than one round of participation!

### Virtual Socials

Connecting as a chapter can be difficult via Zoom. Just meeting for chapter doesn't replicate the kind of fun in-person sisterhood fosters. Many chapters have held virtual game/trivia nights, movie watching parties, get-to-know sessions, and much more. Virtual Socials are a great opportunity to invite other chapters, KKY brothers, or alumni to participate! Ask your CMEO or Social Chair if you would like to implement this into your chapter. You may also reach out to your district Sec/Treas, Maddy Long if you would like more details

### Fundraising

2020 is the year of no bake sales! Some chapters have found creative ways to fundraise for their chapter and their community! Here were some successful attempts at virtual fundraising: Charity Livestream via Twitch, Restaurant Spirit nights, online mask and t-shirt sales through Custom Ink! The key is to target YOUR audience, what would people want to buy and support? Feel free to reach out to your district Sec/Tres if you have any questions or concerns!

# Upcoming Dates

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**MEPS DUE BY  
JANUARY 8th,  
2021**

*Unless you are holding your virtual recruitment before, then you need to have it submitted before your recruitment starts.*

**SED MER IS  
JANUARY 10th,  
2021**

*This event will be virtual, details will be posted to the SED Facebook group.*

**SEDC WILL BE  
MARCH 19th - 21st,  
2021**

**SED DLC WILL BE  
END OF JANUARY  
OR EARLY  
FEBRUARY, 2021**

Stay tuned via the Facebook group and chapter email for updates on these events. MER and DLC are confirmed to be virtual, and SEDC may be in person at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA. Please contact your SED Council with any concerns or questions.



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Check to make sure your contact information is correct in OMRS

Make sure your email is a personal email, and not your school email. After you graduate we will not be able to contact you through your school email



## Stay tuned for an updated PIVOT Guidelines

Be sure to stay familiar with the guidelines next semester. If there are any changes made to the document, it will be announced by the national council. You and your chapter will be responsible for following the updated guidelines as soon as they are posted, if they are updated.

## Stay Safe and 6ft Apart!



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