

2020

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
CONVENTION MINUTES

April 3rd –5th, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time	Session	Breakdown
9:00 AM	Opening: Welcome, Intros, Committee Assignments	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome ● Intros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Council ○ VIPs ○ District Council ● Delegate Seating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roll call ○ Chair Assignments ○ Committee Assignments
9:30 AM		
10:00 AM	Committee Block #1: Intros and Work Begins	Committee Block #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intros ● Review 2019 minutes ● Review charges
10:30 AM		
11:00 AM		
11:30 AM		
12:00 PM	BREAK	BREAK

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12:30 PM	12:45 Reconvene	12:45 Reconvene
1:00 PM	Committee Block #2: Discussion Wraps Up, Reports are Finalized	Committee Block #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review charges ● New charges ● Complete Report
1:30 PM		
2:00 PM		
2:30 PM		
3:00 PM	WiM Presentation	WiM Presentation
3:30 PM		
4:00 PM	Business Session #1: Committee Reports and Votes Presentation of the Slate	Business Session #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History and Sisterhood ○ Programs and Support ○ Membership ○ Ways and Means <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vote on budget ○ Jurisdiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vote on changes ○ Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Presentation of slate
4:30 PM		
5:00 PM		
5:30 PM		

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6:00 PM	BREAK	BREAK
6:30 PM	6:45 Reconvene	6:45 Reconvene
7:00 PM	Business Session #2: National Leadership Presentation, Officer Reports, and Awards	Business Session #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Presentation ● Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open the floor for nominations ○ President ○ VPM ○ VSPS ○ Sec/Treas ● Officer Reports (if time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sec/Treas ○ VPSP ○ VPM ○ President ○ District Counselors ● Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spike/Scrapbook ○ SED Awards ○ Focus on Five ○ National Awards
7:30 PM		
8:00 PM		
8:30 PM		
9:00 PM	Adjourn	Adjourn

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Saturday, April 4th, 2020

Called to order at 9:08 AM by the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District President, Nicole Warren

1. **Welcome by Southeast District President- Nicole Warren**

1. Thank you for being here! This is an amazing opportunity although it may not be ideal!
2. Please be 10-15 minutes early back from breaks in order to attend roll call!

6. **Introductions TBΣ Officers (Warren)**

- President: Nicole Warren, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- Vice President of Membership: Parth Patel, Iota Psi, Georgia State
- Vice President of Special Projects: Nasya Blackwell, Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T State University
- Secretary-Treasurer: Tatem Warminsky, Epsilon Xi, Troy University
- Parliamentarian: Michael Burrell, Eta Lambda, University of Alabama, Birmingham
- Historian: Sierra Corby, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- District Counselor: Lee Commander, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- District Counselor: Kelsey Reilly, Omega, University of Arizona
- District Counselor: Amber Scott, Theta Upsilon, Winston-Salem State University
- District Counselor: Neil Bleiweiss, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- Adrienne Rall - President
- Erika Pope - Vice President for Colonization and Membership
- Jonathon Markowski - Immediate Past National President
- SEDAA President- Chris Foster
- SWD President - Cierra Gibbs
- SWD VPSP- Wendy Stewart

Meet The Candidates

- **Secretary-Treasurer**
Maddy Long
- **Vice President of Special Projects**
Sierra Corby
Victoria Shrote
Indiah Stinson-Johnson

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- **Vice President of Membership**

Chanel Epps

Holleyanna Nolen

- **President**

Nasya Blackwell

Seating of the Delegates

- Alpha Omega – Angel Purganan, Official Delegate
- Beta Xi – Larissa Krinos, Official Delegate
- Beta Phi – Khadija Hyde, Official Delegate
- Gamma Epsilon – Kim Sookoo, Official Delegate
- Gamma Eta – Jabria Huer, Official Delegate
- Delta Theta – Jessica Lewis, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Alpha – Kendal Agne, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Theta – Samuel West, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Lambda – Tenay Harrell, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Xi – Jill Hurst, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Chi – not present (Madyson Harris)
- Zeta Beta – Layla Gray, Official Delegate
- Zeta Iota – Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Official Delegate
- Zeta Tau – Kyla Johnson, Official Delegate
- Zeta Psi – Nicole Grullon, Official Delegate
- Eta Beta – Grace Waldrop, Official Delegate
- Eta Lambda – Jessie Chandler, Official Delegate
- Eta Omicron – Candice Jackson, Official Delegate
- Eta Phi – Not Present (Vivienne Emda)
- Theta Alpha – Aaliyah Williams, Official Delegate
- Theta Zeta – Dominique Harper, Official Delegate
- Theta Lambda – Duncan Wisnieski, Official Delegate
- Theta Rho – Tamera Hill-Miller, Official Delegate
- Theta Sigma – not present (Tyra Rogers)
- Theta Upsilon – Mariah Pride, Official Delegate
- Iota Zeta – Janice Baker, Official Delegate
- Iota Lambda – Ava Smith, Official Delegate
- Iota Mu – Clare Arnold, Official Delegate
- Iota Nu – Katherine Tanji, Official Delegate
- Iota Omicron – Not Present
- Iota Phi – Not Present (Renada White)

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- Iota Chi – Jared Finkel
- Iota Psi – Emily Gunby, Official Delegate

The seating of delegates finished in 2019 with Epsilon Theta sitting for Iota Phi. For the following year, the third round of seating should begin with Epsilon Lambda.

Introduction of Committee Advisors, Assignments, and Chairs

- Jurisdiction Committee—Advisor: Neil Bleiweiss and Michael Burrell
 - Angel Purganan, Alpha Omega – Chair
 - Jabria Huery, Gamma Eta
 - Samuel West, Epsilon Theta
 - Aaliyah Williams, Theta Alpha
 - Duncan Wisnieski, Theta Lambda
- Membership Committee—Advisor: Erika Pope and Parth Patel
 - Emily Gunby, Iota Psi – Chair
 - Khadija Hyde, Beta Phi
 - Jill Hurst, Epsilon Xi
 - Jessie Chandler, Eta Lambda
 - Candice Jackson, Eta Omicron
 - Mariah Pride, Theta Upsilon
- Programs and Music Support Committee--- Advisor: Adrienne Rall and Nasya Blackwell
 - Dominique Harper, Theta Zeta – Chair
 - Kendal Agnew, Epsilon Alpha
 - Madyson Harris, Epsilon Chi
 - Tamera Hill-Miller, Theta Rho
 - Ava Smith, Iota Lambda
 - Clare Arnold, Iota Mu
- History and Sisterhood Committee—Advisor: Amber Scott and Sierra Corby
 - Layla Gray, Zeta Beta – Chair
 - Larissa Krinos, Beta Xi
 - Vivienne Emde, Eta Phi
 - Tyra Rogers, Theta Sigma
 - Katherine Tanji, Iota Nu
 - Renada White, Iota Phi

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- Ways and Means Committee--- Advisor: Jonathan Markowski and Tatem Warminsky
 - Jessica Lewis, Delta Theta – Chair
 - Kim Sookoo, Gamma Epsilon
 - Grace Waldrop, Eta Beta
 - Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Zeta Iota
 - Kyla Johnson, Zeta Tau
- Nominations Committee---Advisor: Lee Commander and Kelsey Reilly
 - Nicole Grullon, Zeta Psi
 - Tenay Harrell, Epsilon Lambda
 - Janice Baker, Iota Zeta
 - Jared Finkel, Iota Chi

Nicole entertains a motion to dispense the reading of the 2019 SED Convention

Minutes

- So Moved: Eta Omicron
- Second: Iota Psi
- Motion Passes

Nicole entertains a motion to accept the 2019 SED Convention minutes as published by SED Secretary-Treasurer—Jordan Dean

- So Moved: Eta Lambda
- Second: Epsilon Theta
- Motion Passes

Nicole entertains a motion to recess until 12:45 pm EST!

- Epsilon Theta So Moves
- Iota Chi seconds
- Motion Passes

Session called to order at 12:47 pm EST by SED President Nicole Warren

Roll Call of Delegates:

- Alpha Omega – Angel Purganan, Official Delegate
- Beta Xi – Not Present
- Beta Phi – Khadija Hyde, Official Delegate
- Gamma Epsilon – Kim Sookoo, Official Delegate

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- Gamma Eta – Not Present
- Delta Theta – Jessica Lewis, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Alpha – Kendal Agne, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Theta – Samuel West, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Lambda – Tenay Harrell, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Xi – Jill Hurst, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Chi – Not Present
- Zeta Beta – Not Present
- Zeta Iota – Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Official Delegate
- Zeta Tau – Kyla Johnson, Official Delegate
- Zeta Psi – Nicole Grullon, Official Delegate
- Eta Beta – Grace Waldrop, Official Delegate
- Eta Lambda – Jessie Chandler, Official Delegate
- Eta Omicron – Candice Jackson, Official Delegate
- Eta Phi – Not Present
- Theta Alpha – Aaliyah Williams, Official Delegate
- Theta Zeta – Dominique Harper, Official Delegate
- Theta Lambda – Duncan Wisnieski, Official Delegate
- Theta Rho – Tamera Hill-Miller, Official Delegate
- Theta Sigma – not present (Tyra Rogers)
- Theta Upsilon – Mariah Pride, Official Delegate
- Iota Zeta – Not Present
- Iota Lambda – Ava Smith, Official Delegate
- Iota Mu – Clare Arnold, Official Delegate
- Iota Nu – Katherine Tanji, Official Delegate
- Iota Omicron – Not Present
- Iota Phi – Not Present
- Iota Chi – Jared Finkel, Official Delegate
- Iota Psi – Emily Gunby, Official Delegate

Candidates Roll Call

Nasya Blackwell - present
HolleyAnna Nolen - present
Chanel Epps - present
Sierra Corby - present
Victoria Schrote - present
Indiah Stinson-Johnson - present
Maddy Long - present

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Session will split into committee meetings until 4:00 pm EST

Nicole entertains a motion to recess session until 4:00 pm EST

- So Moved: Zeta Tau
- Seconded: Iota Lambda
- Motion Passes

Session called to order at 4:01 pm EST by SED President Nicole Warren

Roll Call

- Alpha Omega – Angel Purganan, Official Delegate
- Beta Xi – Larissa Krinos, Official Delegate
- Beta Phi - Khadija Hyde, Official Delegate
- Gamma Epsilon – Kim Sookoo, Official Delegate
- Gamma Eta – Not Present
- Delta Theta – Jessica Lewis, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Alpha – Kendal Agne, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Theta – Samuel West, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Lambda – Tenay Harrell, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Xi – Jill Hurst, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Chi – Not Present
- Zeta Beta – Layla Gray, Official Delegate
- Zeta Iota – Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Official Delegate
- Zeta Tau – Kyla Johnson, Official Delegate
- Zeta Psi – Nicole Grullon, Official Delegate
- Eta Beta – Grace Waldrop, Official Delegate
- Eta Lambda – Jessie Chandler, Official Delegate
- Eta Omicron – Candice Jackson, Official Delegate
- Eta Phi – Not Present
- Theta Alpha – Aaliyah Williams, Official Delegate
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- Iota Lambda – Ava Smith, Official Delegate

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- Iota Mu – Clare Arnold, Official Delegate
- Iota Nu – Katherine Tanji, Official Delegate
- Iota Omicron – Not Present
- Iota Phi – Not Present
- Iota Chi – Jared Finkel, Official Delegate
- Iota Psi – Emily Gunby, Official Delegate

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Committee Reports

- Committee Report on the *Committee for History and Sisterhood* (report attached)
 - Layla Gray entertains a motion to approve the History and Sisterhood committee report.
Seconded: Iota Nu
Motion Passes

- Committee Report on the *Committee for Programs and Music Support* (report attached)
 - Dominique Harper entertains a motion to approve the Programs and Music Support committee report.
So Moved: Theta Zeta
Seconded: Iota Chi
Motion Passes

- Committee Report on the *Committee for Membership* (report attached)
 - Emily Gunby entertains a motion to approve the Membership committee report.
Seconded: Epsilon Theta
Motion Passes

- Committee Report on the *Committee for Ways and Means* (report attached)
 - Jessica Lewis moves to approve the Ways and Means 20-21 committee report.
Seconded: Epsilon Xi
Motion Passes
 - Nicole Warren entertains a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget as seen in the committee report.
So Moves: Eta Lambda
Seconded: Epsilon Xi
Motion Passes

- Committee Report on the *Committee for Jurisdiction* (report attached)
 - Angel Purganan moves to approve the 2019-2020 Jurisdiction committee report.
Seconded: Epsilon Lambda
Motion Passes

 - Angel Purganan moves to pass the proposed Constitution changes as seen in the committee report.
Second: Beta Xi

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Motion Passes

- Angel Purganan moves to approve the District Operations Manual changes as seen in the committee report

Second: Epsilon Xi

Motion Passes

· Committee Report on the *Committee for Nominations* (report attached)

- Nicole Grullon moves to approve the 2019-2020 Nominations committee report.

Second: Iota Psi

Motion Passes

Slate

President-Holleyanna Nolen

Vice President of Membership - Empty

Vice President of Special Projects- Victoria Shrote

Secretary-Treasurer- Maddy Long

Nicole entertains a motion to recess until 6:45 pm EST

So Moves: Iota Psi

Seconds: Alpha Omega

Motion Passes

Called to Order at 7:00 pm EST by SED President Nicole Warren

Roll Call of Delegates

- Alpha Omega – Angel Purganan, Official Delegate
- Beta Xi – Larissa Krinos, Official Delegate
- Beta Phi – Khadija Hyde, Official Delegate
- Gamma Epsilon – Kim Sookoo, Official Delegate
- Gamma Eta – Jabria Huer, Official Delegate
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- Epsilon Alpha – Kendal Agne, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Theta – Samuel West, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Lambda – Tenay Harrell, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Xi – Jill Hurst, Official Delegate
- Epsilon Chi – Not Present
- Zeta Beta – Layla Gray, Official Delegate
- Zeta Iota – Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Official Delegate
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- Zeta Psi – Nicole Grullon, Official Delegate

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- Eta Beta – Grace Waldrop, Official Delegate
- Eta Lambda – Jessie Chandler, Official Delegate
- Eta Omicron – Candice Jackson, Official Delegate
- Eta Phi – Not Present
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- Theta Zeta – Dominique Harper, Official Delegate
- Theta Lambda – Duncan Wisnieski, Official Delegate
- Theta Rho – Tamera Hill-Miller, Official Delegate
- Theta Sigma – Not Present
- Theta Upsilon – Mariah Pride, Official Delegate
- Iota Zeta – Janice Baker, Official Delegate
- Iota Lambda – Ava Smith, Official Delegate
- Iota Mu – Clare Arnold, Official Delegate
- Iota Nu – Katherine Tanji, Official Delegate
- Iota Omicron – Not Present
- Iota Phi – Not Present
- Iota Chi – Jared Finkel, Official Delegate
- Iota Psi – Emily Gunby, Official Delegate

Candidates:

President:

Nasya Blackwell

Vice President of Membership:

Holleyanna Nolen

Chanel Epps

Vice President of Special Projects:

Indiah Stinson-Johnson

Victoria Schrote

Sierra Corby

Secretary-Treasurer:

Maddy Long

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National Council Presentation

- Thank you for being so flexible with this Virtual Convention! Thank you to Nicole for all of her hard work, to the District Council and the Counselors for putting in the hard work these last few weeks!
- If you have attended SED in person, then you'll know that the National Officers give a presentation. We will be uploading that video to our Nationals Page soon!

Announcements

Adrienne Rall

- National Headquarters is closed down, staff is working from home. If you need to get a hold of Headquarters for any reason, email them! You can find everyone's emails on the National Website. Don't hesitate to reach out if you're having trouble!
- Ritual Workbooks
 - The Ritual Workbooks are finished and were planned to be given at the Conventions! We don't want to mail them to your campus staff so they don't get lost. We are planning to send those during band camps.
 - Because you have questions, we are going to include a cover letter with each new Ritual Book. It will explain all of the changes and anything that can be explained.
- Risk Management Policies
 - The Risk Management Policy changes were going to be explained at the Convention, but yet again, it was not able to happen. We share our Policies with Kappa Kappa Psi and this past year we updated our policies. Adjustments are going to be rolled out on the websites and emails at the end of the month. These will also be sent to your Director of Bands and Sponsors.
 - Videos will be made about the updated policies to make sure everyone understands the language that was updated.
- Baton Awards
 - Highest honors that an active member can achieve in our organization. These are postponed until the July workshop. Those awards are not forgotten!
- Lee Commander
 - Thank you so much for 6+ years of service! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

Erika Pope

- Overture 2.0 has been released! Please start using this particular version.
 - Thank you so much to the Southeast District, thank you so much for taking Overture and running with it. A huge thank you and shoutout to Parth Patel for all of your hard work throughout this last year!
- Once you come back from this pandemic, please make sure to take your new candidates through those rituals.

Siobhan Wilkes

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- Fo5 2.0 options! Continue to work on those for the next few months and get your projects in! The SED has about 51%! Shoutout to the Alpha Omega, Delta Theta, Epsilon Theta, Theta Zeta, Theta Sigma, Iota Psi chapters for completing the F05 campaign!

Leslie Gartin

- Thank you for your support on showcasing one another for the showcase spotlight! Each chapter is able to nominate a member to be showcased on our social media!
- I am looking for more active members to be interviewed!

Carolyn - Board of Trustees

- Thank you for everything you do! Keep it up!

Christ Foster - TBSAA

- Thank you for what you're doing! You've kept great face!
- When you're missing Tau Beta Sigma, and you want to get with other sisters and network!
- 3 weeks ago would have been Wava's 100 birthday! TBSAA has been selling the Wava 100 pins! Limited Edition item!
- 5K hosted every year to raise money for the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. The foundation raises money to give instruments to secondary schools instruments! This year's 5K is April 25th! If you register by Monday, they'll send you a shirt to wear!
- Feel free to send us any questions that you need answers!

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Officer Reports

- **2019-2020 Southeast District Secretary-Treasurer Report—Tatem Warminsky**
 - **Nicole entertains a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Secretary-Treasurer Report (report attached)**
 - Motion: Epsilon Xi
 - Second: Zeta Psi
 - Motion Passes

- **2019-2020 Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects—Nasya Blackwell**
 - **Nicole entertains a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Vice President of Special Projects Report (report attached)**
 - Motion: Zeta Beta
 - Second: Theta Upsilon
 - Motion Passes

- **2019-2020 Southeast District Vice President of Membership – Parth Patel**
 - **Nicole entertains a motion to approve the 2019-2020 SED Vice President of Membership, Parth Patel (report attached)**
 - Motion: Iota Psi
 - Second: Alpha Omega
 - Motion Passes

Elections

Slate:

- President: Holleyanna Nolen
- VPM: Empty
- VPSP: Victoria Shrote
- Secretary-Treasurer: Maddy Long

Floor Opened for Nominations for President

- Holleyanna Nolen
- Nasya Blackwell

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Floor is closed.

Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2020-2021 SED President

2020-2021 Southeast District President is Nasya Blackwell

Floor Opened for Nominations for Vice President of Membership

- Holleyanna Nolen
- Chanel Epps

Floor is closed.

Vote by secret ballot to elect the 2020-2021 Southeast District Vice President of Membership

2020-2021 Southeast District Vice President of Membership is Chanel Epps

Floor Opened for Nominations for Vice President of Special Projects

- Victoria Schrote
- Sierra Corby
- Indiah Stinson-Johnson

Floor is closed.

Vote by secret ballot to elect the 2020-2021 Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects

***2020-2021 Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects is Indiah
Stinson-Johnson***

Floor Opened for Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer

- Maddy Long

Floor Closed

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Epsilon Xi moves to elect Maddy Long by Vote of Acclamation

Seconded: Iota Psi

Motion Passes

2020-2021 Southeast District Secretary-Treasurer is Maddy Long!

Congratulations to the new district officers!

Announcements:

_____The Southeast District extends honorary membership to Do’Nyal Webb, Kelsey Reilly, and Amber Scott!

Officer Reports

2019-2020 Southeast District President – Nicole Warren

- **Nicole entertains a motion to approve the 2019-2020 SED President Report (report attached)**

So Moved: Alpha Omega

Seconded: Epsilon Xi

Motion Passes

2014 -2020 District Counselor - Lee Commander

Nicole entertains a motion to approve Lee Commander’s Officer Report (report attached)

_____So Moved: Alpha Omega

Seconded: Iota Chi

Motion Passes

District Council for 2020-2021:

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President: Nasya Blackwell

Vice President of Membership: Chanel Epps

Vice President of Special Projects: Indiah Stinson-Johnson

Secretary-Treasurer: Maddy Long

Nicole entertains a motion to adjourn the 2019-2020 Southeast District Virtual Convention

So Moves: Alpha Omega

Second: Zeta Psi

Motion Passes

The 2019-2020 Southeast District Convention is adjourned at 9:32 pm EST!

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AWARDS

Focus On Five - 100%

- Alpha Omega
- Delta Theta
- Epsilon Theta
- Theta Zeta
- Theta Sigma
- Iota Psi

Focus on Five - 50%

- Beta Xi
- Gamma Epsilon
- Epsilon Alpha
- Epsilon Xi
- Zeta Iota

Diamond Card Recipients

- Alpha Omega
- Delta Theta
- Epsilon Theta
- Theta Zeta

Spike Competition

- Chapter Spirit: Epsilon Xi
- School Spirit: Beta Xi
- Creativity: Iota Psi

Scrapbook Competition – Digital

- Epsilon Theta

Joint Relations Award

- Epsilon Theta

Most Improved Award

- Delta Theta

Art of Music Award

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- Epsilon Xi

Community Development Award

- Alpha Omega

Leadership Development Award

- Iota Psi

Chapter Excellence Award

- Theta Zeta

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

History and Sisterhood Committee Report

Chair:

Layla Gray, Zeta Beta, Tuskegee University

Advisors:

Amber Scott- SED District Counselor - Theta Upsilon

Sierra Corby –Alpha Omega, Florida State University

Charges to Committee:

- Review 2019 Committee on History and Sisterhood Report
- ~~If implemented, evaluate the effectiveness of the Legacy Project Committee.~~
- ~~Evaluate status and effectiveness of Legacy Project.~~
- Evaluate status and effectiveness of Spike mascot competition.
- Evaluate status and effectiveness of digital scrapbook submissions.
- Over the past 3 years that Legacy Project has been implemented, the councils have found that this project is not achievable. There was also no Legacy Project Committee. It is recommended to be taken out of the charges.
- We have recommended that Historian be taken off of the District Council as an appointed officer. Instead, the Historian may sit as a co-chair with the Webmaster for the Social Media Team.
- Evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the Social Media Team
- Discuss the best practice for means of communication i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Website, Email, etc.
- Ensure that there is a new district logo that is implemented into our district online presence

Implementation of Charges:

- Review 2019 Committee on History and Sisterhood Report
- Evaluate status and effectiveness of Spike Mascot Competition.
 - Create a Google Doc to ask if chapters are going to submit Spike
 - Have Historian in charge of Spike Mascot submissions
- Evaluate status and effectiveness of digital scrapbook submissions.
 - Allow digital and physical submissions
 - Have competition as one category with both digital and physical submissions

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- Have Historian in charge of scrapbook competition
- Ensure that there is a new district logo that is implemented into our district online presence
 - Make it a competition starting after SEDC
 - Official start/end date should be at the discretion of the Historian
 - Chapters can submit multiple logos
 - Voting can be through a Google Doc sent to each chapter president for their chapter to vote
 - Logo should include all 7 states
- Over the past 3 years that Legacy Project has been implemented, the councils have found that this project is not achievable. There was also no Legacy Project Committee. It is recommended to be taken out of the charges.
 - Charges will be removed
- In the past year, the position of District Historian has been reevaluated by the National and District Council. We have recommended that Historian be taken off of the District Council as an appointed officer. Instead, the Historian may sit as a co-chair with the Webmaster for the Social Media Team.
 - Historian should serve as co-chair to the Webmaster on Social Media Team
- Evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the Social Media Team
 - There have not been enough graphics used with announcements corresponding to emails
 - Have more interactive post on SED pages involving other chapters in the district
 - There have not been enough members on the Social Media team
 - There has been a lack of delegation on the Social Media team
 - The website has been underutilized
 - The implementation of Chapter Spotlights on the Instagram were successful
 - Instagram Stories were utilized successfully
- Discuss the best practice for means of communication i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Website, Email, etc.
 - Have a post to correlate with email regarding important information
 - Incorporate more graphics with announcements corresponding to emails
 - Have more interactive post on SED pages involving other chapters in the district

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- Keep all social media pages equal with information
- Utilize the pinning feature for the relevant announcements on Facebook
- Utilize Instagram stories more to send out deadlines and reminders
- Utilize “engagement” feature on Instagram and Facebook
 - This will allow the social media team to track the activity of the posts made
- Utilize the SED website to promote Facebook and Instagram post regarding information
- Continue to utilize email for important information

Charges to the 2021 Committee on History and Sisterhood:

- Evaluate effectiveness of the Spike Competition
- Evaluate status and effectiveness of digital/physical Scrapbook submissions
- Evaluate the implementation of a new district logo
- Create a new district logo
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the Social Media Team

Charges to 2020-2021 Webmaster and Historian:

- Webmaster and Historian should serve as co-chair of the Social Media team
- Historian should be in charge of the Spike Mascot competition and Scrapbook Competition
- Historian should evaluate rubric for the Spike and Scrapbook Competition
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the number of members on the Social Media team
- Delegate members to run the different social media platforms
- Evaluate the effectiveness with different means of communication (which platform works best)
- Utilize and update the SED website to include graphics
- Create a schedule to update the SED website

Charges to the 2020-2021 Secretary/Treasurer:

- Serve as an advisor to the Social Media team

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- Work alongside the President to relay information on different social media platforms

Charges to the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Ensure that Webmaster and Historian serve as co-chair of the Social Media team
- Ensure the Webmaster and Historian are aware of their responsibilities
- Ensure that information is clear when submitting scrapbooks for the Scrapbook Competition
- Ensure that information is clear when submitting Spike mascots for the Spike Competition
- Utilize the Social Media team to promote certain information and deadlines

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Layla Gray – Zeta Beta Chapter

Advisors:

Sierra Corby – Alpha Omega, Florida State University

Amber Scott- Theta Upsilon

Committee Members:

Beta Xi

Eta Phi - no delegate assigned yet

Theta Sigma

Iota Nu

Iota Phi

In Attendance:

Beta Xi, Theta Sigma, Iota Nu

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Programs and Music Support Committee Report

Chair:

Dominique Harper, Theta Zeta, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Advisors:

Nasya Blackwell – Theta Zeta, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University/VPSP

Adrienne Rall – Theta Mu, University of Nebraska/Life Member 2009

Charges to 2018-2019 Committee:

Review the 2019 SED Programs and Music Support Committee Report

Evaluate district projects

Evaluate the effectiveness of the District Lyre Piece

Review the progress of the Eighth Note

Evaluate the effectiveness of the timeline and consider submitting it to the District Operations Manual

Implementation of Charges:

Review the 2019 SED Programs and Music Support Committee Report

- Read and review

Evaluate district projects

- Look at what happened the current year
- Could the project be done, why? or why not?
- Determined if there is room for improvement
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the District Lyre Piece
- Great program choices
- Conduct Us with a Twist
- Service in Music Month
- Fall options: Host a donation drive, host band fellowship event, host band study session, host a campus beautification process, or serve a local music group Spring options: host a band study/fellowship session, host spring ensemble practice session, host a leadership workshop, or assisting a local school during their concert season (Operation Spring Concert)
- Preferred to keep that there are at least two options or more
- Think of options for bands that are not able to be as social with their community
- Possible combination with other stripes for Focus on 5
- Review the progress of the Eighth Note
- Refer to Eight Note Committee Report

Evaluate the effectiveness of the timeline and consider submitting it to the District Operations Manual

- Read and reviewed

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- Productivity in announcing and meeting deadlines

Charges to the 2021 Committee on (Programs and Music Support):

- Review the 2020 SED Programs and Music Support Committee Report
- Evaluate district projects
- Evaluate the effectiveness of District Lyre Piece
- Review the progress of the Eighth Note
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the timeline and consider submitting it to the District Operations Manual

Charges to 2020-2021 Eighth Note Committee:

- Refer to Eighth Note Committee Report

Charges to the 2020-2021 Vice President of Special Projects:

- Effectively communicate with National VPSP throughout term
- Facilitate District Lyre Piece with offering Conduct Us With a Twist and Service and Music Month
- Discuss other possibilities to implement District Lyre Piece
- Facilitate a way to recognize chapters who strive to do more programs than Focus on 5 (Diamond Card)
- Implement a Service and Music Month in the Fall and Spring semesters
- Determine deadlines to dictate which months of the semester will be for Service in Music Month
- Encourage chapters to host a Leadership Development session during the 2020-2021 school year

Charges to the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Create a database/group chat of chapter secretaries for ease of contact.
- Create more challenges for chapters to participate in throughout the year and for district events.
- (Conduct Us challenge, Spike Decorating Contest)
- o Consider virtual options
- Recognize chapters' service/FO5 projects more on social media.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Dominique Harper – Theta Zeta, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Advisors:

Nasya Blackwell – Theta Zeta, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University – SED Vice President of Special Projects

Adrienne Rall – Theta Mu, University of Nebraska/Life Member 2009 – the National President

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Committee Members:

Epsilon Alpha - Kendal Agnew

Epsilon Chi - Madyson Harris

Theta Rho – Tamera Miller

Iota Lambda - Ava Smith

Iota Mu – Clare Arnold

Eighth Note Chair – Ryan Klitz

In Attendance:

Epsilon Alpha, Epsilon Chi, Iota Lambda, Theta Zeta, Theta Rho

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Membership Committee Report

Chair:

Emily Gunby, Iota Psi, Kennesaw State University

Advisors:

Parth Patel –Iota Psi, Kennesaw State University

Erika Pope– Life Member #2610

Charges to the 2020 Committee on Membership:

- Review the 2019 SED Membership Committee Report.
- Review the role of CMEP Committee and progress during the year (which includes documents, handbooks, activities, etc.).
- Review the role of District VPM.
- Review the role of the District Council.
- Discuss the Membership Resource Database and the improvements that were made compared to previous concerns and comments.
- Negotiate and discuss the progress and benefits of Virtual Workshops that were made and how they may be improved.
- Evaluate the implementation of Overture in the Southeast District.

Implementation of Charges:

- Review the 2019 SED Membership Committee Report.
 - Read and reviewed.
- Review the role of CMEP Committee and progress during the year (which includes documents, handbooks, activities, etc.).
 - Focused less on CMEP because of the change to Overture. Focusing on building the resources in the fall semester and implementing them in the spring semester. Updated the handbook. Created a form where chapters can get in touch with the District committee.
 - CMEP committee will push the form for chapters to have individualized help making CMEP lessons.
 - How many chapters in this committee have a CMEP?
 - 2
 - What was your impression of CMEP this year?
 - Chapters like participating in interactive programs and hands-on workshops.
 - Push the CMEP for chapters
 - Chapters want to know more about CMEP in general and how to implement them.
 - Next CMEP committee and the VPM to push the programs in the fall semester, maybe after school starts for recruiting purposes.
 - What would you like to see in the future from CMEP?
 - Five and Eight Workshop
- Review the roles of the District and National Officers
 - Reviewed
- Review the role of District VPM.
 - Served as an advisor for the CMEP Committee.

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- Making sure that workshops are leadership oriented.
- This year's workshops were based on: Chapter leadership, District leadership, Personal leadership
- Committee felt that communication was good except for giving the schedule for SED a little late
- Membership Resource Database has to do more with chapter operations rather than specifically membership
- Overture makes it so that there's not much of a need to have the Membership Resource Database
- Suggestion to the committee: push the next council to rebrand this to Chapter Resource Database
- This year, they had less time to implement Overture. Made a Facebook page with current VPMs from OMRS. Realized that Chapter Personnel Reports weren't updated for some chapters and were accidentally contacting previous VPMs.
- Communication was overall effective from the VPM
- Multiple ways of communication were helpful (email, text, phone call)
- Urge the next VPM to find out most useful forms of communication for each VPM
- Keep one on one sessions, but have some group sessions to see where everyone else is during their process
- Be up to the next VPM to decide whether they want to use GroupMes
- This year, SIS dissolved as an alternate district event
- Next council would reevaluate SIS and potentially add that on to MER
- Urge against adding more events than three
- How would you like to see the next VPM improve on these things?
- Communication can always be worked on
- District push to have members use chapter emails for communication
- Each member updates and evaluate what communication information they have in OMRS
- CMEP can be communicated more transparently and have a more hands-on approach to implementing CMEP in chapters
- Review the role of the District Council.
 - Membership Resources Database discussed prior.
 - The committee feels that the resources are easy to find on the website.
 - Work with the webmaster to update the district website and Facebook in a timely manner with officer information and event information.
 - How would you like to see the next District Council improve on these things?
 - Continue to remind the District Council to promote the resources so everyone knows that they exist. "Chapter Resource Database" CMEP
- Discuss the Membership Resource Database and the improvements that were made compared to previous concerns and comments.
 - Wanted it to be promoted more.
 - Potentially add information to the Membership portions of Pathway to Excellence that would be pertinent to VPMs
 - Rebranding from Membership Resource Database to "Chapter Resource Database"

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- Negotiate and discuss the progress and benefits of Virtual Workshops that were made and how they may be improved.
 - We don't do Virtual Workshops anymore. Due to low attendance, the program fell through.
 - For the next VPM, evaluate the need for virtual workshops and the content that will be presented in them.
 - CMEP workshop in the fall to talk about implementing the program.
 - Run-through of how to submit the membership form for Overture.
 - Nationals is doing Podcasts and videos, so there shouldn't be too much information saturation.
 - VPM can promote the national podcasts and videos that have to do with Membership.
- Evaluate the implementation of Overture in the Southeast District.
 - Overture was implemented at the 2019 NatCon. Overture was created because there were sisters that didn't know the same information. The goal is that we're all privy to the same information to create a stronger membership foundation within chapters.
 - The information and order of things can change in Overture. Each chapter can decide any extra things that they want their candidates to achieve before initiation through approval in the form.
 - Membership fact forms will be due December 1 st and June 1 st to start approvals earlier.
 - Want to have Nationally standardized dates for paperwork and approvals. Once you are done submitting your plans and have them approved, you don't have to get it reapproved the following semesters. The goal is that the only thing that will change are dates for chapters eventually.
 - If anything changes and is new and different from the fall to the spring with MEP, that needs to be approved by the council. The expectation is that you're using the same MEP from fall to spring.
 - Suggestions for activities for Overture should be sent in.
 - Concerns:
 - Before it was updated, it was a little unorganized.
 - Information and process was a little unclear at first, virtual workshops can help with that.
 - Some of the activities in the program were uninteresting.
 - Issues with Bigs not wanting to sit through long membership education classes.
 - Have VPM create a presentation for a workshop on being a big sister.
 - Reevaluate the big sister sitting through the membership education process with the little.
 - Reevaluate the role of the big sister.
 - Pros:
 - For chapters that did their process in less than eight weeks, it was manageable.
 - Module 0 was helpful for potential candidates to know what they're getting into.
 - The diversity of information was nice.

Charges to the 2021 Committee on Membership:

- Review the 2020 SED Membership Committee Report.

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- Review the role of District VPM.
- Review the role of the District Council.
- Review the role of the 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.

Charges to 2020-2021 CMEP Committee:

- Work with the District VPM to promote Continuing Membership Education Programs within chapters throughout the District, particularly in early Fall.
- Continue to update and enhance handbooks and documents for chapters within the district to use.
- Create and develop virtual workshops on CMEP as a program and how to implement them within chapters.
- Reach out to chapters and push for them to submit CMEP workshops for the District CMEP Google Drive.

Charges to the 2020-2021 Vice President of Membership:

- The VPM should continue to serve as an advisor for the CMEP committee.
- The VPM will continue to evaluate the usefulness of the District CMEP Committee.
- Work with the District CMEP Committee to promote Continuing Membership Education Programs within chapters throughout the District, particularly in early Fall.
- The VPM will reevaluate and rebrand the Membership Resource Database into a Chapter Resource Database because the information within the Database is Chapter Operations oriented as opposed to Membership Resource oriented.
- The VPM should continue to plan and delegate workshops based on necessity.
- The VPM should continue to share and promote information about District events and membership resources (ie. Membership resources including National videos and podcasts).
- The VPM should promote one on one communication with chapter VPMs to streamline communication in a way that is effective for the individual and will push chapter members of the district to update their contact information in OMRS.
- The VPM should evaluate the purpose of alternate district events concerning membership and determine its importance.
- The VPM will continue to work with chapters to ensure that they complete all of the necessary paperwork as it pertains to the Membership Education Program, including Membership Fact Form, Membership Candidate Registration, and Initiate Registration.
- The VPM shall evaluate the need for virtual workshops and the content that will be presented in them including information on how to submit the Membership Education Fact Form.

Charges to the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Work with the webmaster to update the district website and Facebook page in a timely manner with officer and event information.
- The District Council will promote and update resources so everyone knows that they exist including the Chapter Resource Database, CMEP, and Pathway to Excellence.
- The District Council should continue to share information on all district events often and in a timely manner.

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Advisors:

Parth Patel –Iota Psi, Kennesaw State University

Erika Pope– Life Member #2610

Committee Members:

Beta Phi – Khadija Hyde

Epsilon Xi – Jill Hurst

Eta Lambda – Jessie Chandler

Eta Omicron – Candice Jackson

Theta Upsilon – Mariah Pride

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Ways and Means Committee Report

Chair:

Jessica Lewis, Delta Theta, Alabama State University

Advisors:

Tatem Warminsky, Epsilon Xi, Troy University

Jonathan Markowski, Life Member

Members:

Kim Sookoo, Gamma Epsilon, University of Miami

Grace Waldrop, Eta Beta, University of North Alabama

Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Zeta Iota, Jackson State University

Kaiya Samuel, Zeta Tau, Valdosta State

Charges to the 2020 Committee on Ways and Means

- Review the 2019 SED Ways and Means Committee Report
- Review the role of Secretary-Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
- Discuss the means of fundraising by the 2019-2020 SED Council, and assess their performance and possible ideas for improvement
- 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
- Discuss proposed changes to the Rainy Day Fund presented by 2019-2020 Secretary-Treasurer
- Assess and discuss the use of funds allocated by the 2019-2020 District Council
- Review the proposed 2019-2020 budget
- Discuss the effectiveness of a Joint Fundraiser.
- Discuss and review the effectiveness of the new Rainy Day Fund procedure.
- Review the development and implementation of the new SHELLS format and determine the newsletter's effectiveness and relevance.

Implementations of Charges:

- Review the 2019 SED Ways and Means Committee Report
 - Read and Reviewed
- Review the role of Secretary-Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
 - Reviewed the role and the Rainy Day Fund and the implementation of fundraisers.
 - Discussed having more options for Fundraisers for chapters and to further the communication between the Secretary-Treasurer to district chapters.
- Discuss the means of fundraising by the 2019-2020 SED Council, and assess their performance and possible ideas for improvement
 - Discussed the observation
 - Suggested Reviving the “SED State Penny Wars for future district fundraisers”
 - Suggested District Wide Candy Grams and Raffle Baskets

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- Suggested District Paddles and Lapel Pins
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Secretary-Treasurer and VPSP soliciting donations for the Special Projects Fund
 - Discussed special projects fund deemed very effective and useful
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district
 - Discussed ways of more effectively marketing the database to the district
- Discuss proposed changes to the Rainy Day Fund presented by 2019-2020 Secretary-Treasurer
 - Discussed no changes to the format of the Rainy Day Fund
 - Discussed more effective ways of communication of the Rainy Day Fund.
 - More social media platforms and means of getting information out to all chapters in our district
- Assess and discuss the use of funds allocated by the 2019-2020 District Council
 - Discussed allocation of funds
 - Recognized the funds that were not used that would normally be used for travel to SED
 - Decided the Eighth Note and Copies and Postage were no longer effective in the budget
 - Added a budget line for District Leadership Convention and reassessed the budget lines of the officer positions
- Review the proposed 2019-2020 budget
 - Reviewed the proposed budget by the Secretary-Treasurer and suggested edits to the proposed budget.
 - *Jessica Lewis makes a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget to present to the delegation for approval*
 - Discussed the effectiveness
 - Decided that Joint Fundraisers are helpful in working towards our bond and to have each organization help the Southeast District
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 - Discussed the effectiveness
 - Decided that Joint Fundraisers are helpful in working towards our bond and to have each organization help the Southeast District
- Discuss and review the effectiveness of the new Rainy Day Fund procedure.
 - Discussed the new Rainy Day Fund procedure
 - Discussed how to further communication within the District to offer more resources and information to each chapter member.
- Review the development and implementation of the new SHELLS format and determine the newsletter's effectiveness and relevance.
 - Discussed the new SHELLS format; deemed it very effective.
 - Discussed the relevance of the newsletter and how it can be marketed more

Charges to the 2020 Committee on Ways and Means

- Review the 2019 SED Ways and Means Committee Report
- Review the role of Secretary-Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
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Charges to the 2019-2020 Secretary-Treasurer:

- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer with continuing district-wide fundraisers.
- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer with continuing district fundraising database and creating a form where chapters can submit their fundraisers for possible addition to the database.
- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer to improve publicity and communication of district fundraisers and events to chapters of the district.
- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer with having at least one Joint Fundraiser with Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer with digitizing the physical records.
- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer with creating and implementing a new monthly newsletter format (to replace SHELLS) in the style of the Tau Beta Tuesday newsletter.
- Charge 2019-2020 SED Secretary-Treasurer with coordinating with the SED VP of Membership or President to create a video guide for Sisters to log-in and update personal and contact information in the OMRS.

Charges to the 2020-2021 Secretary-Treasurer

- Charge 2020-2021 SED Secretary-Treasurer with continuing district-wide fundraisers.
- Charge 2020-2021 SED Secretary-Treasurer with improving the communication between chapters and officers via Google Drive, Chapter Emails, and Newsletters.
- Charge 2020-2021 SED Secretary-Treasurer with at least one district fundraiser.
- Charge 2020-2021 SED Secretary-Treasurer with marketing the SHELLS document to the district in an effective way.
- Charge 2020-2021 SED Secretary-Treasurer with having the Rainy Day Fund communicated to chapters and how to donate to this Fund.

Charges to the 2019-2020 District Council

- Charge the 2019-2020 SED District Council with facilitating the district fundraiser.
- Charge 2019-2020 District Council to help Chapters have set fundraisers to help benefit their Chapter and the future of SED.

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- Charge 2019-2020 District Council to improve communication between the council and chapters of the district on fundraiser events.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair:

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Advisors:

Tatem Warminsky, Epsilon Xi, Troy University

Jonathan Markoski, Life Member

Committee Members:

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2020-2021					
<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
<i>Revenues</i>					
0	Balance Forward			\$0.00	
0	Spring Allocation	\$400.00		\$400.00	
0	Fall Allocation	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
0	Account Interest/Service	\$10.00		\$10.00	
0	District Income/Fundraisin g	\$550.00		\$550.00	
0	Special Projects Fund Donation	\$50.00		\$50.00	
0	Miscellaneous			\$0.00	
	Total	\$3,010.00	\$0.00	\$3,010.00	
<i>Expenses</i>					
110	President	\$50.00		-\$50.00	
220	VPM	\$50.00		-\$50.00	
330	VPSP	\$50.00		-\$50.00	
440	Sec/Treas	\$50.00		-\$50.00	
111	Parliamentarian	\$75.00		-\$75.00	
	District Leadership Convention	\$700.00		-\$700.00	
333	Special Projects Fund	\$125.00		-\$125.00	
334	Eighth Note Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	
441	Copies and Postage	\$0.00		\$0.00	
442	Fundraisers	\$150.00		-\$150.00	
443	Convention Awards	\$250.00		-\$250.00	
550	District Convention (Council)	\$700.00		-\$700.00	

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551	Winter Council	\$700.00			-\$700.00	
553	National Convention	\$85.00			-\$85.00	
660	Miscellaneous	\$0.00			\$0.00	
	Total	\$2,985.00	\$0.00		-\$2,985.00	
<i>Rainy Day Fund</i>						
444	Initial Balance				\$0.00	
444	Donations				\$0.00	
444	Expenses				\$0.00	
	Total	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Balance Carried Forward	\$25	\$0.00		\$25	

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Jurisdiction Committee Report

Chair:

Angel Purganan, Alpha Omega, Florida State University

Advisors:

Michael Burrell – Eta Lambda, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Neil Bleiweiss– Life Member, Alpha Omega

Charges to Committee:

Council Charges:

- Review the following:
 - Constitution Article 7.2.a,b,c,e,f,g
 - Constitution Article 5.1
 - Constitution Article 2.1
 - Constitution Article 2.3e
 - Constitution Article 2.4h
 - Constitution Article 2.7c
 - Constitution Article 2.7j
 - Constitution Article 2.9 a-h

2019 Jurisdiction Committee Charges:

- They shall promote virtual resources for the Southeast District that covers Robert's Rules and parliamentary procedures that are adopted.
- Having a Constitution and Roberts Rules workshop at the District Leadership Conference and providing a virtual workshop.

Other Charges:

- Move Article 6.1 from the Constitution to the Publication subsection of the Eighth Note section of the DOM
- Review Constitution Article 6.1c
- Review Constitution Article 6.1d

Implementation of Charges:

• Constitution Article 7.2. a,b,c,e,f,g

- Original:
 - a. Beginning the respective fiscal year, Southeast District Convention will be placed at a host city or host school.
 - b. The Southeast District Councils will accept bids to host the next year's Southeast District Convention from host schools. Bids to host the convention in the following fiscal year must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the Southeast District Convention of the current fiscal year.
 - c. Each bid from host schools must contain at least two available dates and a proposed budget. The Executive Council, the District Governors, and the District Counselor(s) shall choose the final date.
 - d. Upon selection of the potential host cities, an event planner may be selected by the district counselors/governors to create an individual bid for each potential host city. Bids

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- for each city must be presented at the Southeast District Convention to the Joint Actions Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
- e. The host is not required to have a current active chapter of Tau Beta Sigma or Kappa Kappa Psi.
 - f. The Joint Actions Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma will review each individual bid to determine the slate for the host school or city for the following fiscal year.
- Proposed:
 - a. Beginning the respective fiscal year, Southeast District Convention will be placed at a ~~host city or host school.~~ host site vetted by the National Event Planner and selected by the Southeast District Council.
 - ~~b. The Southeast District Councils will accept bids to host the next year's Southeast District Convention from host schools. Bids to host the convention in the following fiscal year must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the Southeast District Convention of the current fiscal year.~~
 - ~~c. Each bid from host schools must contain at least two available dates and a proposed budget. The Executive Council, the District Governors, and the District Counselor(s) shall choose the final date.~~
 - ~~d. Upon selection of the potential host cities, an event planner may be selected by the district counselors/governors to create an individual bid for each potential host city. Bids for each city must be presented at the Southeast District Convention to the Joint Actions Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.~~
 - ~~e. The host is not required to have a current active chapter of Tau Beta Sigma or Kappa Kappa Psi.~~
 - ~~f. The Joint Actions Committee of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma will review each individual bid to determine the slate for the host school or city for the following fiscal year.~~
 - Rationale: With the recent appointment of an Event Planner at the National Headquarters, the National Council has decided that potential convention sites be suggested by this position. They also have decided that these sites be held in a convention center and not on a university or college campus. This will be enacted nationally. We just need to revise the Constitution on a District Level to match this change.

Constitution Article 5.1

- Original:
 - ▪ Chapter Progress Reports. Chapter Progress Reports must be completed by the Chapter and postmarked at least three weeks prior to District Convention in order for that Chapter to be considered for any awards.
- Proposed:

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- ~~Chapter Progress Reports. Chapter Progress Reports must be completed by the Chapter and postmarked at least three weeks prior to District Convention in order for that Chapter to be considered for any awards.~~

- Rationale:
 - The CPR has its own deadline set by Nationals and is not considered for district convention aspects

Constitution Article 5

- Original:
 - ▪ Article V: Reports
 - 1. Chapter Progress Reports. Chapter Progress Reports must be completed by the Chapter and postmarked at least three weeks prior.
 - 2. District Officer and Committee Chair Reports. All District Officers and Committee Chairs shall submit typewritten copies of all reports to the Executive Council by the end of each District Convention. One copy shall be given to each of the District Officers and Counselor(s).
 - Proposed:
 - To remove entirely and redistribute subsection 2 to other sections of the Constitution:
 - Add Article 3.3: Committee Chairs shall submit typewritten copies of all reports to the Executive Council by the end of each District Convention. One copy shall be given to each of the District Officers and Counselor(s).
 - Add Article 2.3: All District Officers shall submit typewritten copies of all reports to the Executive Council by the end of each District Convention. One copy shall be given to each of the District Officers and Counselor(s).
 - Rationale:
 - We felt like it was unnecessary to have this section dedicated to reports when these responsibilities could be placed elsewhere

Constitution Article 2.1, which would require rewording in Articles 2.2 and 2.4c

- Original
 - ▪ 2.1: The elected officers shall consist of the President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Special Projects, and Secretary-Treasurer. The appointed officers shall consist of Historian and Parliamentarian.
 - ▪ 2.2: The District Executive Council shall consist of the four elected officers, the two appointed officers, and the District Counselor(s). The appointed officers shall be non-voting members of the Executive Council.
 - ▪ 2.4c: [The President shall] Appoint the various committees, committee chairs, the Parliamentarian, the Historian, and song leaders for the District Convention.
- Proposed

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- 2.1: The elected officers shall consist of the President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Special Projects, and Secretary-Treasurer. ~~The appointed officers shall consist of Historian and Parliamentarian.~~ The Parliamentarian shall be an appointed officer for District Convention.
- 2.2: The District Executive Council shall consist of the four elected officers, ~~the two appointed officers~~, the Parliamentarian, and the District Counselor(s). The appointed officers Parliamentarian shall be non-voting members of the Executive Council.
- 2.4c: [The President shall] Appoint the various committees, the committee chairs, the Parliamentarian, ~~the Historian~~, and the song leaders for District Convention.”
- Rationale: In the past year, the position of District Historian has been reevaluated by the National and District Council. We have recommended that the Historian be taken off of the District Council as an appointed officer. Instead, the Historian may sit as a co-chair of the Social Media Team with the Webmaster with the advisement of Secretary-Treasurer and the assistance of the President. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed for convention.

Constitution Article 2.3e, which would require rewording in Articles 3.9a and 6.1e

- Original
 - 2.3e: Following District Convention, the Executive Council shall appoint a Webmaster to maintain the District’s website(s) and update it at least monthly. The Webmaster shall regularly correspond with the Vice President of Special Projects in order to execute his or her duty.
 - 3.9a: [The Committee on Programs and Music Support shall:] Examine, recommend, and submit to the delegation all propositions related to the programs of the District as they find necessary, including propositions related to awards, the District website, District Leadership Conference, the newsletter, and the Eighth Note.
 - 6.1e Website and Distribution. The primary source of the Eighth Note shall be the website where it is hosted. If the committee sees fit to do so there shall be a print publication of the Eighth Note to be presented at the Southeast District Convention. Following each cycle of the Eighth Note, the digital publication shall be sent to National Headquarters for record keeping purposes.
 - The Vice President of Special Projects shall be in charge of maintaining the website and ensuring it is updated.”
- Proposed:
 - 2.3e: Following District Convention, the Executive Council shall appoint a Webmaster to maintain the District’s website(s) and update it at least monthly. ~~The Webmaster shall regularly correspond with the Vice President of Special Projects in order to execute his or her duty.~~ The Webmaster serves with the Historian as co-chairs of the Social Media Team which is under the advisement of the Secretary-Treasurer and the assistance of the President.
 - 3.9a: [The Committee on Programs and Music Support shall:] Examine, recommend, and submit to the delegation all propositions related to the programs of the District as they

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- The Vice President of Special Projects Webmaster shall be in charge of maintaining the website and ensuring it is updated.”
- Rationale: As stated before, the Webmaster is a co-chair of the Social Media Team with the Historian which is under the advisement of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Adding Constitution Article 2.4h
 - Proposed:
 - 2.4h [The President shall] assist the Secretary-Treasurer in advising the Social Media Team
 - Rationale: The History and Sisterhood Committee deemed the team as essential to our Constitution.
- Constitution Article 2.7c
 - Original
 - [The Secretary-Treasurer shall] Oversee the social media team in collaboration with the Historian
 - Proposed
 - [The Secretary-Treasurer shall] ~~Oversee the social media team in collaboration with the Historian~~” Advise the Social Media Team with assistance of the President
- Constitution Article 2.9 a-h, with the addition of new Article 3
 - Original
 - [The Historian shall]
 - a. Lead the Historian Committee, delegating responsibilities to committee membership.
 - b. Correspond with the SED Council President
 - c. Photograph all District events.
 - d. Preserve historical items and traditions for the sake of posterity.
 - e. Advise the Committee on History and Sisterhood.
 - f. Create and maintain a new volume of the District Scrapbook
 - i. Collect pictures and scrapbook pages from each chapter throughout the year within the Southeast District.
 - g. Coordinate the chapter scrapbook competition at each SED Convention.
 - h. Work with the Webmaster to update and maintain the historical information available on the website.”

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o Proposed

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- ~~g. Coordinate the chapter scrapbook competition at each SED Convention.~~
- ~~h. Work with the Webmaster to update and maintain the historical information available on the website.”~~

● Article III: Other District Leadership

1. Historian

- a) Co-chair the Social Media Team alongside the Webmaster.
- b) Report to the Secretary-Treasurer
- c) Photograph all District events.
- d) Preserve historical items and traditions for the sake of posterity.
- e) Advise the Committee on History and Sisterhood at the discretion of the president
- f) Create and maintain a new volume of the District Scrapbook
 - a. Collect pictures and scrapbook pages from each chapter throughout the year within the Southeast District.
- g) Coordinate the chapter scrapbook competition at each SED Convention.
- h) Work with the Webmaster to update and maintain the historical information available on the website

2. Webmaster

- a) Co-chair the Social Media Team alongside the Historian
- b) Report to the Secretary-Treasurer
- c) The Webmaster shall be in charge of maintaining the District and Eighth Note website and ensuring they are both updated.
- d) Work with the Historian to update and maintain historical information available on the website.

● Constitution Article 2.7j

o Original:

- [The Secretary-Treasurer shall] Assist the President in organizing various awards to be conferred at the District Convention.

o Proposed:

- ~~[The Secretary-Treasurer shall] Assist the President in organizing various awards to be conferred at the District Convention.~~

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- Rationale: The VPSP has the main responsibility of organizing awards and this is already outlined in their section
- They shall promote virtual resources for the Southeast District that covers Robert's Rules and parliamentary procedures that are adopted.
 - Discussion: We felt like it was best to charge this to the District Council
- Having a Constitution and Roberts Rules workshop at the District Leadership Conference and providing a virtual workshop.
 - Discussion: We felt like it was best to charge this to the District Council
- Move Article 6.1 from the Constitution to the DOM
 - Discussion: We felt it was best to move this to the Publication subsection of the Eighth Note section of the DOM
- Review Constitution Article 6.1c (will be moved to DOM)
 - Original:
 - Committee Selection. The committee shall be selected by way of applications to the committee. Applications shall be distributed to the District by September 1st. The application deadline shall be determined by the standing councils. The Committee shall be decided and established by October 10th.
 - Proposed:
 - Committee Selection. The committee shall be selected by way of applications to the committee. Applications shall be distributed to the District by ~~September 1st~~ June 1st. The application deadline shall be determined by the standing councils. The Committee shall be decided and established by ~~October 10th~~ July 15th.
- Rationale: This was submitted to us from Psi. Changing the dates to earlier allows president to get out the information as soon as possible
- Review Constitution Article 6.1d (will be moved to DOM)
 - Original:
 - Deadlines and Content. The Eighth Note shall be published online throughout the school year prior to the District Convention, with the viewing of the Eighth Note available at any time in its online format. The deadline for submission of articles shall be rolling throughout the school year prior to the District Convention. The following themes are required to appear in the Eighth Note in each cycle: Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Musicianship/Music, Service, and Leadership.

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- Revisions to the SEDC Section of the DOM:
 - Original:

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- Southeast District Convention will take place in a host city.
 - A. Prior to the beginning of the Southeast District Convention, the SED counselors and governors will determine three potential cities to host the convention for the following fiscal year.
 - B. Upon selection of the potential host cities, an event planner selected by the district counselors/governors will be called upon to create an individual bid for each potential host city
 - C. The host city is not required to have a current active chapter of Tau Beta Sigma or Kappa Kappa Psi.

o Proposed:

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o Rationale: Does not align with Constitutional changes

Charges to 2020 Committee on Jurisdiction:

- Review the report of the 2020 Jurisdiction Committee
- Ensure that the revised language is still applicable or needs to be revised
- Ensure the DOM is in correspondence to the Constitution
- Look into reformatting areas of the DOM that may not have consistent font or grammar
- Potentially look into adding a Social Media section to the Constitution to better organize positions and committees
- Look into other District leadership roles that may be better fit to put under the new Article III alongside Webmaster and Historian
- Work with Psi to look into adding a Joint Affairs article to the TBS and Psi Constitution

Charges to the 2020-2021 District Council:

- Identify means to promote virtual Robert's Rules resources early on in the convention season.
- Continue doing a Robert's Rules Workshop at DLC

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Angel Purganan – Alpha Omega

Advisors:

Michael Burrell – Eta Lambda, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Neil Bleiweiss– Life Member, Alpha Omega

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Committee Members:

Jabria Huery – Gamma Eta, Samuel West – Epsilon Theta, Aaliyah Williams – Theta Alpha, Duncan Wisniewski – Theta Lambda

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Nominations Committee Report

Chair:

Nicole Grullon, Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida

Advisors:

Lee Commander, Alpha Omega, SED Counselor

Kelsey Reilly, Omega, SED Counselor

Charges to Committee:

- Review the Nominations Committee report from the 2019 SED Convention.
- 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 2021 Nominations Committee.
- Streamline organization process of interviews, potential changes to schedule and communication with Nominations Committee Chair

Implementation of Charges:

- Reviewed the Nominations Committee report from the 2019 SED Convention.
- Interviewed the candidates running for district office, who have properly turned in candidate packets
- Slated a candidate for each district office, if applicable
- Created charges for the 2021 Nominations Committee.
- Streamlined organization process of interviews, potential changes to schedule and communication with Nominations Committee Chair by setting up online interviews, adjusting questions to ask candidates, and interviewing the candidates prior to the start of convention to be posted before the beginning of convention.

Interview Schedule:

3:30-3:45pm	<i>Indiah Stinson-Johnson, Zeta Iota, Jackson State University</i>
3:45-4:00pm	<i>Nasya Blackwell, Theta Zeta, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University</i>
4:00-4:15pm	<i>Hollyanna Nolen, Eta Lambda, The University of Alabama at Birmingham</i>
4:15-4:30pm	<i>Chanel Epps, Zeta Iota, Jackson State University</i>
4:30-4:45pm	<i>Victoria Shrote, Iota Psi, Kennesaw State University</i>

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4:45-5:00pm	<i>Sierra Corby, Alpha Omega, Florida State University</i>
5:00-5:15pm	<i>Maddy Long, Iota Psi, Kennesaw State University</i>

Questions asked to every candidate:

- What is your vision for this office and the district council during your term? How will your role benefit Sisters across the district?
- Would you accept a nomination to any other positions? If so, which one(s)?

Questions asked based on what officer position each candidate was running for:

· **President:**

- o During your presidency, you may find that you have more work than you can accomplish alone. How will you ensure that everything receives proper attention?
- o What is your background using the existing national and district resources? How will you promote their use in every chapter?
- o What do you currently see as the biggest weakness of the district? What action plans would you put in place to help counteract these shortcomings?

VPM:

You are reviewing a chapter's MEP and you come across something that is very different from your own experience as a candidate. What's your next step?

- o A chapter comes to you for advice on how to develop a Continuing Membership Education Program. What would you suggest?
- o What is your background using the existing national and district membership resources? Do you have a plan to help support newer members as they transition to active membership? If so, what is that plan?

· **VPSP:**

- o Give us a brief synopsis of a few of the district and national programs.
- o Chapters in your district are not participating in a national or district program. What steps would you take to improve participation?

· **Secretary/Treasurer:**

- o Have you ever created and disseminated minutes?
- o Have you ever created or implemented a budget?

Charges to the 2021 Committee on Nominations:

- Review the Nominations Committee report from the 2020 SED Convention.
- 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 2022 Nominations Committee.
- Streamline organization process of interviews, potential changes to schedule and communication with Nominations Committee Chair

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Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Nicole Grullon, Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida

Advisors:

Lee Commander, Alpha Omega, SED Counselor

Kelsey Reilly, Omega, SED Counselor

Committee Members:

Jared Finkle, Iota Chi, University of South Florida

Janice Baker, Iota Zeta, Savannah State University

Tenay Harrell, Epsilon Lambda, North Carolina Central University

2020-2021 Nominations Committee: District Officer Slate

SED President: Holleyanna Nolen

SED Vice President of Membership: Open (This is not indicative of the committee's lack of confidence in the candidates, however, a reflection of a standstill within the committee resulting in an inability to make a majority decision)

SED Vice President of Special Projects: Victoria Shrote

SED Secretary-Treasurer: Maddy Long

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President: Nicole Warren

Sisters of the Southeast District,

It has been an honor to be selected to serve you all for the past couple years. From starting my journey in Tau Beta Sigma to now, I've changed as a leader, a person, and a sister. A lot has happened, both good and not so good, but I'm pretty certain I wouldn't change a thing.

After the 2019 Convention, the council jumped straight into work as we prepared for our term. Our summer goal was to simply set ourselves up for success, which can definitely be easier said than done. However, this council rose above and beyond, and of course we couldn't do it without an equally great district. The first hurdle would be the Chapter Summary Report. I am so extremely proud to say that we had 100% of the SED complete this paperwork on time. From there, the council shifted to National Convention mode.

The 2019 National Convention was special as it marked our brothers 100th birthday year and allowed us to hold a convention where it all started, in Stillwater, OK. The council prepared for the National Leadership Conference which directly led into National Convention. It was truly one of my favorite memories in TBS so far, learning with other student leaders from across the Nation and representing the SED at such a big convention.

When the crazy summer was over, our term was only just beginning. SED Leadership applications were out and I'm so grateful for how many strong student leaders we have in this district. School was starting up again, Focus on Five was in full swing, and Parth began getting DLC and the return of MER together. We got to travel to the beautiful Mississippi State campus where our very own Zeta Iota killed it working alongside the Brothers at Epsilon. My last DLC and MER was truly one for the books!

In the middle of all the planning for DLC and MER, the council got to hold the Winter Council meeting at our stunning convention site at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA. Although it saddens me that we didn't get to put some of our ideas to work for physical convention, I'm very proud of all we accomplished as a council during that weekend. I am so grateful for the work the host chapters put in too. Thank you Jake Burchfield from Theta Lambda and their brother chapter Pi, for putting together a fantastic website, a sick shirt, and for being ready for anything when it came to all the crazy logistics.

As the world around us seemed to be coming to a halt, it all became very real to me when I was informed of the 2020 Southeast District Convention being canceled. I won't lie and say I didn't

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cry on the phone a bit with Adrienne, Kelsey, and Amber, but I also won't lie when I say that also in that moment, I became very excited for a new adventure. Rearranging everything that seems like it can only be done in person, to now be done virtually was definitely a difficult task. However, I cannot emphasize how happy I am that we live in a time where we can still achieve some convention business and fun.

With all this said, I wouldn't be anywhere close to where I am now if it wasn't for the incredible support team I have in life. I have a couple thank yous just to make sure I shower the people who've helped me the most with some love.

- To Michael and Corby, thank you for stepping up and being great leaders. Even in these short couple of weeks, the impact you've made will be seen forever.
- To the National Council, thank you for always having my back. Everything you guys do for this organization continues to drive me to match your passion. Thank you for giving me the chance to help on a National level. From those experiences alone, I've grown immensely. Most importantly though, thank you for letting me call you mom :)
- To Tatem, thank you for being such a breath of fresh air. Your smile will never fail at lighting up a room. Thank you for being that source of joy for the council.
- To Nasya, thank you for being such a personality. You never fail to make me laugh and I wish we had more time to take luxurious bubble baths and spill the tea.
- To Parth, my sweet death dropping angel! Thank you for being such a great friend. Whether I needed to be checked or sent a meme, you always knew exactly what to do. Please continue to send me memes!
- To Neil, I'm so sad our paths never seem to line up. However working with you this past semester has made me really excited to watch what you do for this district and organization.
- To Amber, mom!!! I am so thankful you joined the counselor team when you did so that I had the chance to work with you. Thank you for being warm and welcoming to my scattered brain. You have been such a great help throughout this year and your love and support meant the world.
- To Kelsey, mom!!! Thank you for being my biggest supporter. Thank you for showing me love on my darkest of days. Whether I needed to laugh or cry or aimlessly talk in circles you were always there for me and you have all my love.
- To Lee, dad!!! Thank you for not only being a great counselor for me, but for also being the great counselor for others these past years. I would be nothing like what I am today if it wasn't for you always playing devil's advocate, pushing me to be my own leader, and giving me someone to compete against when it comes to knowing Robert's and rules, even though you will always win.
- To Do'Nyal, thank you. Thank you for being my biggest inspiration and always pushing me to be my best and never give up.

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- To Alpha Omega, I actually wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you guys. Becoming part of the bond 3 years ago, I would have never expected to be where I am today. Thank you to all my Sisters who've watched me laugh and cry and listened to me nonstop talk about the Southeast District. Although my time was cut short, I know I will always have a home with Alpha Omega.

Finally, To the Southeast District, thank you for being everything I believed you were and more. Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve you for two years but most importantly, thank you for showing me what true greatness is. You are hands down the strongest, most excellent, and most diverse district out there. I challenge you to inspire the Sisters around you the way you inspired me. Always have the fortitude and courage to see an ideal, to seize upon it, and to follow it where it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma.

I finish this with some tears, but mostly all the love in the world for this district I'm lucky to call my home. MLITB.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Warren
2019 - 2020 Southeast District President
Alpha Omega, Florida State University

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Vice President of Membership: Parth Patel

When I joined this bond in 2017, I didn't really intend on finishing the process. After I became a sister I thought I may stay active for a semester and then go inactive. But then I fell in love with the bond and I wanted to do everything I could to help serve my sisters and the bands.

After convention, last year I was very excited and wanted to hit the ground running. We have just a few short months to Nat Con where we would vote on a national curriculum change that would change a lot of things for my position. In June, I flew off and got to experience the wonders of National HQ and learn how to be a better officer at the National Leadership Conference and help represent the district at Nat Con. Overture was passed and I was excited to use all the knowledge I gained to help the SED. It was a learning curve getting everyone ready for Overture in only 3 weeks but the SED shocked me with how ready we were to take on the challenge. Y'all worked with me on my one on one VPM calls, all my constant updates, and helped build resources for the entire SED. You all worked hard to get everything working and teach a whole new generation of candidates with our new curriculum.

I began working for DLC in August and after a bit of curve balls things got into full swing. Gillian the KKPsi VPM with the support of our amazing councils got to work on DLC and MER. With the help of our amazing hosts chapters Epsilon and our very own Zeta Iota we put on a DLC that I could not be prouder of. We wanted to create workshops and presentations that highlighted the success of this bond and brought together the district. This year we were able to have not only the councils present, but multiple brothers and sisters in the bond. We got to have a student keynote and a workshop presented by Iota Zeta and the lovely ladies of Theta Zeta on working in the bond. This DLC allowed for more participation from members of the SED and focused more on leadership in all aspects of our lives. But we couldn't rest; we still had MER to put on the next day. I was happy to bring back MER to help set up a ground for membership based information especially with the implementation of Overture. MER got a lot of important info out there while still having some fun little dance breaks in-between. I am happy for all the hard work our host chapters and our amazing DLC chairs Tisithia and Becky did to make this dream of mine a reality.

In the fall district CMEP committee formed and I could not have been happier with the members. With the change to Overture going on the council and the committee thought we took less focus on CMEP this semester and focused on this change, but this did not stop the committee from still grinding. The committee made workshops and created new lesson plans that will help in assisting any chapter that wants to use the district workshops for themselves. They then gave an amazing presentation about CMEP at this year's MER. They continued to work to create a program where any chapter of the SED can set up a meeting with the committee and get help creating their own CMEP. To Maddy, Emma, Holleyanna, and Rachel. You are all hard working and dedicated sisters and it was so amazing working with you. Rachel, you were a fantastic co-chair and led the committee to great things. I am so grateful for you.

Now I have a few thanks to give,

To Holleyanna, Michael, Rebecca, Sarah, Nicole and Do'Nyal. Thank you for pushing me to run for council last DLC. Best decision ever.

To Angel and Cory, thank you for welcoming me at Nat Con and becoming my family. Y'all are incredible and I am so happy I got to meet you

To Lauren, thank you for being such a bright light and an amazing mentor. The first time I saw you at my First Degree, I was like who is she? Well now I know that you are a sister and a friend who has had such an incredible impact on my life.

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To Do’Nyal, thank you for always being there to boost me up and help me each time I had a question and thank you for pushing me to strive for bigger and better things. You are the best parent anyone could ask for.

To Amber, my wife, I love you with all my heart and miss all the crazy antics we would get into.

To Paige, thank you for always checking up on me and being one of the biggest supporters to me in all that I do.

To Maddy, thank you for your constant hugs and uplifting spirit.

To the Crown Fam. You are the best family I could have asked for. Y'all are such dedicated sisters and I am so proud of each one of you. To Vicky you are such an incredible person and have been such a light in my life. I knew I was getting a little but I didn't know that I was also getting a best friend, an inspiration, and a piece of my heart too. You inspire me constantly. To Adam, you are and will always be one of the funniest, kindest, and talented people I will ever meet. Your drive for TBS is incredible and I could not be a prouder grand big than when I saw you join this bond.

To Gillian, you are such a positive light and one of the biggest blessings that could have come out of this process. I love you so much and am so happy to have a brother and my best friend all in one.

To Neil, even though I only briefly got to know you I am so thankful for that time. You will be an incredible guide to the district and I am excited to see incredible work you are gonna do.

To Lee, thank you for believing in me and boosting me up when I needed it. At times, I felt like I was in the wrong place and you helped lift me back up and I will be forever grateful. Also, I can't wait to see Miss Terra Cotapot when she has her debut.

To Kelsey, thank you for always taking care of me and being such a mentor. From the jump, you were so kind and nurturing and always made me feel at home. Thank you for pushing me and teaching me what it means to be strong.

To Amber, at Nat Con we were both thrown into everything and from the start you were so supportive and helping. I would not have been able to do this without your guidance. Thank you for always instructing me and believing in me.

To Tatem, sweet Tatem. You are such a shining ball of positivity and love and I can't thank you enough. You have been such a beacon of support and I love you with all my heart. Thank you for being you, never change, because there is no one like you.

To Nasya, I was so excited to work with you and was nervous I would make a fool of myself. But from the jump you were a warm and caring person. You lifted me up when I was having breakdowns at DLC and made me laugh till I couldn't breathe. You are a style icon and truly your district officers' favorite officer.

To Nicole, I don't think I will truly really be able to express how thankful I am for you. You were there for every stressful phone call and every panicked moment. One of the best moments of my life was when I saw you walk up at NLC. I never got to express to you how much you being there to help me meant to me. Any student that will get to have you as their teacher is so lucky. I know you are going to be an amazing teacher because you have already been such an amazing teacher and mentor to me. I look up to you so much and can't wait to see the amazing things you do.

To Iota Psi thank you for being my home and bringing me in when all I wanted to do was forget the world. Thank you for reminding me what it means to be in a family. You all have helped me get to the point where I am in life and I would not be here if it wasn't for you. To Destiny for pushing me to join. To Mia for teaching me how to lead. To the Zeta's thank you for being such an amazing group of candidates and inspiring leaders. To my Eta's thank you for being such a diverse and loving group of candidates. And to the entire chapter past, present, and future lead with honest heart. Iota Psi till the day I die.

To the SED, thank you for being my home, for cultivating me, for allowing me to lead, and for letting me death drop all around the Southeast. You all have shown me so much love and for that I thank you. Keep pushing and growing as much as you can. Each time I see us together I am reminded about how much talent, passion, skill, and most importantly heart flows in this district.

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So, with every bit of love I can give *MLITB*,

Respectfully Submitted,

Parth Patel
2019-2020 SED Vice President of Membership
Iota Psi | Life Member

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President of Special Projects: Nasya Blackwell

To the Sisters of the Southeast District.

Since being initiated as a sister in the Spring of 2016. Tau Beta Sigma has given me so much as a person. It has pushed me and pulled me in ways that only the Lord knew I needed. It brought me out of my shell and opened my eyes to my true leadership potential. The journey in no way has been all sweet, it has truly been filled with ups and downs but I'm so thankful for the fortitude and courage to seek an ideal to seize upon it and follow it where it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma.

It was a true honor to be selected to serve as your 2019-2020 District Vice President of Special Projects! As many of you know my journey to this position was filled with roadblocks but being able to serve in this capacity has been one of my greatest joys. Holding this position for the last year has made me grow in so many ways that I never imagined. It has also given me so much more knowledge and love for our beloved sisterhood.

With a few of the changes made to Focus on Five at the National Convention I was a little worried. I had received many inquiries about the multiple lyre piece change to one district Lyre piece and other changes that had been made. But with the help of the most amazing national VPSP Siobhan Wilkes and my lovely council, I was able to think of incentives and different ways to engage sisters of the SED. From my many emails, Instagram messages, and sometimes annoying updates you all shined in FO5 this year.

This past year, I have been able to serve as the district cheerleader in the focus on five campaign, assist chapters in planning and executing focus on five programs, added a second service in music month for the spring semester, revamped the district lyre piece programs for the semester, and created a new incentive program called diamond cards to recognize outstanding service in our district and excelling in the F05 Requirements. One of my favorite parts of this year was presenting two workshops at this year's district leadership conference in Mississippi about effective service and planning. At winter council the district councils worked hard to ensure DLC was a success and I could not have been prouder of the work we have all done.

I appreciate all of the sisters that I have had the opportunity to meet this past year and to everyone who has helped me along the way! I want to send a special congratulations to all of the sisters running to be the next VPSP, it takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there and if no one else tells you I am proud of you.

Now I have a few thanks:

To my sisters and brothers of ITZT Spring 16, You all don't know how much you push me daily to be my best self. You have always believed in me from day 1. Thank you for showing me the epitome of what the bond should be. Thank you for allowing me to be myself no matter what. Thank you for your endless support. You all truly mean everything to me

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To Siobhan, Thank you for everything you have done for me and I truly mean everything! I swear it feels like I have known you for years! I'm so appreciative for all your talks, all your help, and helping me understand that the sky isn't falling all the time. I truly consider you beyond a sister I look up to but also a great friend.

To my district counselors

To Amber, I love being able to have two Counselors from NC! You are helpful and supportive in every way! Your calming spirit did wonders for my stressful worrier self. Thank you for everything you do for me and the council!

To Neil, although it has been short, I enjoyed the laughs and being able to get to know you. You are a light and I hope this isn't our last time working together. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for everything you've done so far!

To Kelsey, thank you for always being patient with me. Thank you for always being the voice of reason in my craziness. From the moment you did a split at my chapter visitation I knew I would love you. Thank you for always answering my sometimes-dumb questions and explaining anything and everything. Thank you for always being there for me.

To Lee, I could literally write a book about you. You saw something in me as a new sister in 2016, you pushed me to be my best self even then. You supported me and gave me some of the best advice. You are literally one of my favorite parts of Tau Beta Sigma. The words you gave me when I won VPSP were some of the most encouraging I have ever heard, and I will not stop until I make you proud. I will forever cherish you and everything you have done for me in Tau Beta Sigma.

To my beautiful council

You all are my everything! My sugar plums my sunshine in a dark sky

Parth - I don't even know where to begin but thank you for being the POC representation with me. Thank you for the Lizzo stan moments, the cuddles, the video recording sessions! Thank you for always being my light! Thank you for understanding my craziness. I love you.

Tatem – I love you my little Tatem Marie! My singing sensation and the apple of my eye, you mean the world to me! You are such a strong and an amazing woman! Your spirit is out of this world and your personality is magnetic! You are amazing and I love you

Nicole- My President where do I begin. and I am so thankful for you and your friendship. Your positivity and willingness to help literally everyone is something everyone needs in their life. Thank you for being such an amazing president and friend. I don't think you really will ever know how thankful for you I am. I can't wait to see you influencing our next generation as a teacher. I love you

To Theta Zeta- You ladies are truly my heart, my sunshine in dark times, my headaches, and one of the best parts of my college experience. Seeing you all excel, and grow have been some of my

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favorite memories. I love each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for supporting me in everything I do! Thank you for allowing me to spread my wings and fly even when it was away, thank you for welcoming me back with open arms. Thank you for never giving up on me. You all are the most beautiful, talented, driven, and intelligent women I have ever encountered. Continue to be an example and excel in the work of Tau Beta Sigma and being your chapters favorite chapter.

Lastly, to my Sisters of the SED, thank you so much for everything you do daily to uphold the core values of our beloved sisterhood.

MOTS of love,

Nasya Blackwell

2019-2020 VP of Special Projects

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Secretary-Treasurer: Tatem Warminsky

To the Sisters of the Southeast District.

It was an honor to be selected to serve as your 2019-2020 District Secretary-Treasurer! Holding this position for the last year has been one of the most amazing positions that I've had the opportunity to experience. I am so grateful for the time that I had to work with my district and with my sisters.

This past year, I was able to offer advice and opportunities to secretaries and treasurers from various chapters for fundraisers, minutes and help with aspects of sisterhood. I have revamped the Fundraiser of the Month initiative and was able to offer chapters ideas and incentives each month. I continued the communication within the Facebook pages established last year and worked to create a more open communication between chapter officers. I continued to organize the online documents for ease of access for future officers. Throughout my office I have also been able to work with Atia and the Kappa Kappa Psi District Council to work towards joint fundraisers and bonds.

After Convention, one major part is to complete the SED minutes, which I will do within a timely manner for those who were unable to attend today or for those who wish to remember the amazing opportunity of a Virtual Convention. I hope this office continues to grow and only finds new ways to improve and to offer our chapters and sisters effective communication and opportunities for each chapter and sister to grow.

I appreciate all of the sisters that I have had the opportunity to meet this past year and to everyone who has helped me along the way.

To Lee, thank you for always being so helpful and steady. You have been very helpful to the District Council for years and this year was no exception. I appreciate all of your help this past year!

To Kelsey, thank you for always being patient and explaining anything and everything that I had questions about, you have been such an amazing help this year and I'm so happy I had the opportunity to get to know you and work with you this year!

To Amber, ever since you've taken this position you have been nothing but helpful this past year and great to work with. Thank you for everything you do!

To Neil, although it has been short, I enjoyed getting to talk to you and to learn to know you! Thank you for your willingness to serve and for everything you've done so far!

To my council

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Nasya - You are such an amazing and sweet person and I love everything about you! I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with you and every laugh and story and lessons you've taught us along the way. I love you and I wish you ALL of the luck as you run for District President!

Parth - I don't even know where to begin, but thank you for understanding me when I said I felt awkward at the beginning of this year, I am so glad that we are goofballs now and are able to pick up where we left off. Thank you for all of the laughs and the memes. I love you

Nicole - You are such a strong and an amazing person and President and I am so thankful I was able to work with you this year. You are such an incredible role model and I love you so much. Thank you for your beautiful soul and your help all of this year!

To my Sisters at Epsilon Xi - Thank you to all of my sisters for being there for me throughout the year as a District Officer and as your VPM. I am so thankful for all of you! I cannot wait for one more year of sisterhood with you guys. To my Fall 2019 baby turtles, I am so proud of you guys and everything that you've done for our sisterhood so far. I love you guys!

Lastly, to my Sisters of the SED, thank you so much for everything you do. For believing in me, getting to know me, and to allow me to get to know you. I loved everyone I have met and I am so thankful for this opportunity to have served you! Thank you for everything!

MOTS of love,

Tatem Warminsky

2019-2020 Secretary-Treasurer

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Parliamentarian: Michael Burrell

Sisters of the Southeast District,

While my time as your District Parliamentarian has been short, it has been the honor of a lifetime to serve you. When I became a sister of Eta Lambda in Spring 2017, I truly didn't know that my time as a sister would bring me so many amazing memories and so much joy. From the very beginning of my time as an active sister I always knew I wanted to serve and taking on the role of chapter parliamentarian only catapulted my love for Tau Beta Sigma, but Roberts Rules as well. This helped me solidify my love for the law and my future career. Though I wish my term was longer and the chance to implement some of my ideas related to parliamentary procedure in the district, having the opportunity to advise the jurisdiction committee was an absolute thrill. This year, I planned to attend convention for the first time as a non delegate, but having this opportunity to serve along with the members of the virtual committee was a once in a lifetime experience.

Angel, you are an amazing leader both the 2019-2020 jurisdiction committee as well as Alpha Omega are lucky to have you at their forefront.

Nicole, thank you for the fun adventures we've had and your kind words. I'm so appreciative of you and am forever grateful that you believed in me and my abilities. It's been an honor to be under your leadership in the SED and I know you will continue to do amazing things in life and Tau Beta Sigma. Let's never go back to Olive Garden again though... Parth, watching you grow in the SED over the past 2 years has been spectacular. Seeing you decide to run for District office and do such an amazing job this past year is a surprise to no one. Thank you for continuing to devote part of your life to the SED even after undergrad. Holleyanna and Jessie, you guys are not only my sisters in the bond but truly what it means to choose your family you both mean so much to me. You are my rocks and the idea of going through this journey called life outside of TBS and UAB would be unimaginable without you both. Holleyanna I'm proud to call you my little and can't wait to see the amazing things you do in this organization in the years to come. Bella, You will always be my pal and my VPM. It's because of you that I believed I could be here right now. Eta Lambda, thank you for being my home, because of you, my time at UAB has been some of the best years of my life. I love you all and Ever Faithful, Ever Loyal to dear ole UAB. To the Southeast District, While my time as your parliamentarian has been short as I said before it has been the honor of a lifetime. Luckily this won't be the last time you see me though, catch me at SEDC 2021 at Callaway Gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Burrell (2019-2020 Southeast District Parliamentarian)

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Historian: Sierra Corby

Sisters of the Southeast District,

It has been an honor to serve as your Southeast District Historian this year. When I became a Sister of Tau Beta Sigma, I had no idea that I would have this opportunity to serve our district that I love so much.

While our Convention was not able to be held in person this year, I am so grateful that we were able to continue our traditions of the Scrapbook and Spike Mascot competitions. With the use of digital scrapbooks and the SED Instagram page, we were lucky enough to still share what our chapters have accomplished this year. A huge thank you to Cory Schuman, our Webmaster, for being so helpful with this, and also for promoting chapters across the district this year on our social media!

I hope that in the future, we can continue our traditional Scrapbook and Spike competitions while also working to find new ways to share with one another what is happening in our chapters. I know that the future Historian and entire Social Media Team will serve with drive and passion to promote our traditions and celebrate our diversity and excellence.

I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve in a district leadership position. I would not be where I am today without Tau Beta Sigma or the incredible people I have met through this organization.

- To Nicole, thank you for being you. I cannot thank you enough for encouraging me to become a Sister, for encouraging me to be involved in district leadership, and for inspiring me everyday. I am so proud of you and I love you so much!!!

- To our District Council and Counselors, thank you for all of the love and support. I am so lucky to have met many inspirational people through this position, and I appreciate all of you and the work you have done for TBS and the SED!

- To Alpha Omega, thank you for the unconditional support. When I became a Sister, I didn't realize how much I needed an empowering Sisterhood. Thank you for always believing in me, for challenging me to do better, and for supporting me through everything. "For here I know, I've found my home." MLITB!!!

- To the Southeast District, thank you for everything. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to serve you all, for doing incredible work in your chapters, and for striving to do better and serve others. Thank you for being so flexible during SEDC and for helping to keep our traditions alive during this unprecedented time in our lives.

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I am so grateful to be a Sister of Tau Beta Sigma and for all of the opportunities this organization has given me, especially for my time serving as your Southeast District Historian. I am so proud of everything the SED has accomplished and I know we will continue to do amazing things! I love you all!

MOTS of love,

Sierra Corby

Southeast District Historian 2019-2020

Alpha Omega, Florida State University

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Counselor: Lee Commander

To the Members of the Southeast District:

As I sat around my house for the last few weeks I wondered, “How do I wrap up this year, let alone six years in this job. How do I create closure for something that has been so personal to me.” This task felt so daunting, almost impossible. Then as I was scrolling through the seemingly endless amount of coronavirus memes I stumbled upon something and it seemed to make things clearer for me.

What I found was a picture that my friend Belinda Baker, shared from eight years ago. That picture showed myself and the newly elected district council for the 2012-2013 year. The council consisted of myself, Belinda Baker, Kevin Brenner, Rebecca Snead (now McDermott), and Sal Parillo. I had just won the office of District President. At the time, I was in my internship and convention was at the University of Central Florida!

At that time, the Southeast District was not always seen in the best light. Students tended to skip convention meetings, there was a tremendous divide between our PWC and HBCU chapters, and a considerable amount of chapters were not turning in their paperwork.

Fast forward and come 2014, I am back at convention being sworn in as a counselor of the Southeast District! Convention was at Ga Tech in Atlanta. At that time I remember thinking - “I hope I am half as terrific as Renee and Crystal.” I also remember thinking “WOW, six years seems like such a long time.” Turns out, it is only the blink of an eye.

From 2014 to today, I have seen TBS and specifically the SED change - A LOT. During this time I have seen four National Presidents - Nicole Sanchez, Kathryn Kelly, Jonathan Markowski, and currently Adrienne Rall.

I have seen four different District Presidents over 6 years, Christa Hall, Lauren Harrison, Do’Nyal Webb and currently Nicole Warren. It would take too long to reference all of the district officers I have worked with.

I have worked with four different counselors - Stephen Burt, Kelsey Reilly, Amber Scott and most recently Neil Bleiweiss.

I have seen the addition and refinement of programs - The March for Music Campaign, Scouting for Music which is now part of Crescendo, the addition of a better education system as seen in Overture, the addition of counselors and CVA’s, changes to Ritual, as well as COUNTLESS additions or changes to district conventions, like moving to a much more digital format.

I have seen members go through some terrible lows and experience some tremendous highs. I have had moments where I felt like I have failed the students as well as moments where I felt as though I was the best champion for the students.

I have seen a lot of conventions at a lot of places - I think I have put a pretty good amount of miles on my car because of it.

I don't mention all of these people, places and changes to bring an idea of how awesome I am, how old I am, or how special certain moments were to me but to showcase just how quickly things can change. I

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mentioned earlier that the SED wasn't always viewed in the best light. I know I can confidently say that this is NOT the idea that people have about the SED now.

When people think of the SED they see forward thinkers, students who are creative and push boundaries, they see students who are passionate about Collegiate Band Work and work to make positive changes to their chapters and to their organizations. People see students completing national projects, completing paperwork and making positive strides in the organization. They see you.

Even though change is hard, sometimes it really is a good thing!

Today, convention is everywhere and looking back, I am now sitting and wondering "How has it been six years? Is it possible for just a moment longer? I'm not sure that I want to give this up." And that is true, I'm not quite ready to give this up. Tau Beta Sigma has been a huge part of my life since I crossed in Spring 2008 (woah) but, I have to remind myself, change is just part of what we need to continue growing as an organization.

See, if we had not had new National Presidents, New District Presidents, New Counselors and chapter members - would the SED be in the same place we are now? Would we have achieved the things we have achieved now? Would we still have had the courage to push forward with what is right? Heck, would we even have had a convention this year?

It is hard to sit here and read this letter to you through a computer screen, I would give nearly anything to be able to be standing in front of you reading this letter live and watching the faces of the students who have no doubt helped change myself and this organization for the better, or to give a hug to any of you who brightened my day but, I remind myself that change is important, it is what makes us great, it is what pushes us forward. It is necessary.

That being said, let me assure you that I have no intentions of being "done." I will always continue to be a supporter of the vision of Tau Beta Sigma and continue to support you as students to the best of my ability. I promise to do whatever I can to help propel our organization forward and continue to help the National and District Chapters of TBS.

To my past presidents: You were all magical, you all left necessary and important changes to this district. I am so proud of all of you!

To my past council members: Your thoughtfulness and willingness to push boundaries has led to incredible change and insightful conversations.

To Nicole, Kathryn, Jonathan and Adrienne: your leadership has been so meaningful to me. It has helped me as an educator and continued to inspire me in this current role. It is an HONOR to have been selected to serve under your leadership. I applaud all of you.

To the counselor core (at any point of the past six years): There is a reason the word core is included - you are all the core of what this organization stands upon. You are all always here for students and are willing to do anything that is called upon you at any time, any day. I have had some of the most fun in my whole life with you all. I appreciate you all more than you know. I hope you will all see this to the end. It is totally worth it.

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To Amber, Kelsey and Neil: You are the right people to lead this district forward. Remember to embrace change and always think with the students in mind. You are such smart and dedicated people. It was truly a pleasure to work with you all.

To this council: You will always be special to me, because you will always be my final.

To Renee and Crystal: You were the counselors I always wanted to be. You were such inspirations as I was moving forward, navigating this job. You were both my counselors and I hope that I have made you proud.

To the Alpha Omega Chapter: Thank you for always being the chapter that I have been proud of. You are a chapter that continues to work for something greater, you were always present and always willing to embrace change - even when it was uncomfortable. I applaud you. You will always be my home, and my reminder that we are "many hearts, one bond."

To the Southeast District: I cannot thank you enough. Thank you for letting me be there to watch you improve this organization. Thank you for being brave, even when things seemed impossible. Thank you for being encouraging, even when you had doubts. Thank you for being you, for being the truest example of Strength, Excellence and Diversity. I cherish each of you.

In conclusion, this job has been one of the best things I have ever had the opportunity to be a part of. I hope that all of you at some point in your life have the same joy in your life that I have had because of being a counselor. It has truly been a pleasure and of course "it was an honor to be selected to serve."

Respectfully Submitted,
From the Bottom of my Heart,

Lee Commander
Southeast District Counselor 2014-2020
Alpha Omega, Class of 2008

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Counselor: Kelsey Reilly

To the Sisters of the Southeast District,

I'm going to do my report a little bit differently than Counselors have done in the past, because I'm not going to focus on milestones, or numbers, or statistics, or things we all should be proud of accomplishing (which we should). I'm going to focus on our 6th Essential Factor: "Generosity of mind, heart, and hand."

Many of you know this Essential as a general "BE NICE" kind of sentiment. But today I'm going to explain to you how this particular sentiment was elevated beyond any measure or expectation I ever had when I was first initiated into Tau Beta Sigma.

Last summer, I found out my Partner was diagnosed with terminal cancer, given 3-12 months to live. Unfortunately it was closer to the shorter timeline, because he passed away this past October. Since last June, I've been at my worst, both emotionally and physically. It felt like I hit rock bottom, yet through the saving grace of this vast Sisterhood, no one let me drown. No one let go of my hand when I was too weak to get a grip. No one let me slip when I was unsteady about my future. I can tell you without a doubt, that the level of compassion and kindness I received from the second we announced this news, that continues to this day, is beyond comparison. Sisters I consider myself close to offered a shoulder to cry on, Sisters I may not have talked to in a while reached out to let me know they were thinking of me and offering their support. Sisters I've never even met before have been sending letters, offering me support via meals, monetary donations to make ends meet, and taking care of me and my kids in ways I couldn't have imagined way back in the Fall of 2008.

And I just need you to know that THAT is what you signed up for. THAT is your future in this organization. This organization transcends state borders, skin color, social status, choice of career, you name it. It will find you and lift you up when you don't even know you need it.

So if we were in person, I would say "look to you left, and look to your right" but instead I get to say "look at all of the faces in front of you." You may not know them personally, but they love you. You may not love the way they talk, some of the decisions they make, or how they conduct themselves, but trust in the Sisterhood that has your back. All because you signed up for this wild ride when you likely didn't know any better. Whether you like it or not, this organization is with you for life. Though I may not know all of you personally, if it should ever come to it, I promise to take your hand and hold on tight.

Much Love In The Bond,
Kelsey Reilly
Southeast District Counselor
TBS Omega, Life Member

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Counselor: Amber Scott

To the Sisters of the Southeast District,

As one of the “New Counselors,” my report will be a little different from what you’re used to. This is my ninth month as a Counselor and I’m still learning what that looks like for me and us. But I do want to take a few minutes to offer a few words.

I want to start off by thanking each of you for friending and following me on social media and for just accepting me as your Counselor. I never would have imagined the outpouring of love I received when the announcement was made and even up until now. Over the past 9 months, I have met or interacted with so many of you, often through approval of an MEP, and I learned just how creative our District is because of all of you! I’m excited about the growth of the SED and what we will accomplish this year.

To my FIRST District Council,

What can I say? It was a pleasure to work with you. All of you welcomed me in and allowed me to feel my way through my new role. I appreciate your professionalism and hard work for the District!

To my Co-Counselors,

Thank you for making my transition from CVA to Counselor so easy, especially with NatCon being my introduction. Neil and Kelsey, I look forward to serving the District with both of you. Lee, what an experience it has been to get to know you! Thank you for your time and service to the SED.

In closing, I would like to ask each of you to remember to check on your sisters and lend a helping hand to those in need during these times, if you’re in a position to do so. Continue to find creative ways to connect and serve through music, even while practicing social distancing.

Respectfully Submitted With Much Love In The Bond,
Amber M. Scott
Southeast District Counselor
TBS - ΘΥ, Life Member

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Counselor: Neil Bleiweiss

To my Sisters of the Southeast District,

If you had told little baby candidate Neil back in Spring 2011 where he thought he would be today, this would definitely not be the answer he expected. Since being a candidate and learning about the District Counselors and their role, something in my brain knew that I would one day end up at least applying to be one, and if lucky enough, chosen to be one.

This year has been a whirlwind, seeing as I've only been a Counselor formally since January, but it is certainly a learning experience, to say the least. It has been an absolute blast being a part of this team, and finally stepping into a role I've thought about for a long time. I am so ecstatic to be serving the District in this role, even though it's currently in a virtual capacity for our first ever virtual convention...hopefully also our last virtual convention, because it's not nearly as fun as seeing you all in person.

I am so impressed and proud of the work this Council has done in the short time I've been working with them, and I know they will all continue to do great things both in their regular lives, and in the Sorority. I do want to give some quick special shout outs though, as is tradition with district officer reports.

Parth, Nasya, Tatem, great job this year! I know we only worked together for a short time, but I'm happy you were willing and ready to let me in the fold at winter council this year. We may not be working together on a council for much longer, but I do hope that we can continue to get to know each other better as time goes on.

Nicole, I am so so so proud of you for taking on the challenge of district leadership. I'm always excited to see representation from Alpha Omega in our leadership, but especially when my great-grandliddle becomes VPM and then President! It's been amazing to see you grow from a candidate into such an amazing leader and continuing the notion of Diamond Rose being #elite.

I talked about my great-grandliddle, so it's only right that I next mention my grandbig, Mr. Lee Commander himself! Lee, I can't believe I've known you for TEN years now. TEN. To say I'm proud would be an understatement, because in my time from being a Chiefs rookie to now, I've seen you progress from AO's ritual chair, to SED parliamentarian, to SED president, and then suddenly you were a Counselor, and it's just been incredible to watch. I am so thankful for the guidance you've given me along the way, both as my grandbig, and as a friend. Congratulations on all the great work you've done!

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Amber and Kelsey, I'm really excited to get to work with you both for the next however many years we'll be Counselors together! It's going to be a lot of fun, and a lot of work, but I can't wait for us to get started.

No proper officer report would be complete without a final thank you to the Southeast District. I love you all so much, and I am so fortunate to be one of your District Counselors. It means more than you know to be able to be here with you all and serving you again, and I hope to do you all proud.

Respectfully submitted,

-Neil Bleiweiss

Southeast District Counselor