



TAU BETA SIGMA

2016 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION



CONVENTION MINUTES APRIL 1 - 3, 2016

KKΨ | 2016 | TBΣ **SED** CONVENTION

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Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma | Southeast District Convention
Auburn, Alabama | Auburn University | April 1-3



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, April 1, 2016

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<u>Registration</u>
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<u>Concert / Performance by the Dean's Quartet</u>
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<u>Joint Opening</u>
8:15 pm – 9:00 pm	<u>TBS Ritual</u>
9:15 pm – 11:15 pm	<u>Separate Session #1</u>

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

8:00 am – 9:30 am	<u>Separate Session #2</u>
9:40 am – 10:20 am	<u>Committee Meeting Block #1</u> Fellowship Activity (Joint) <i>Nominations (Closed)</i> <i>Joint Actions (Closed)</i> <i>Jurisdiction</i> <i>Ways and Means</i> <i>Programs and Music Support</i> <i>Membership</i> <i>History and Sisterhood</i>
10:30 am – 11:50 am	<u>Music Block</u> Reading Band Auxiliary Clinic Jazz Reading Band Song Workshop
11:50 am – 3:20 pm	<u>Marketplace (OPEN)</u>
11:50 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	<u>Service Block</u> Service Panel <i>Dr. Deborah Traficante, Belinda Baker, Rene Mark</i> Music Education Advocacy Service Project <i>By: Allison Reagan</i> Serving Bands as Alumni <i>By: Lisa Croston</i> Innovative Service and Identity (Joint) <i>By: Mike Napolitano</i>
2:30 pm – 3:20 pm	<u>SEDAA Career Breakout</u>



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Committee Meeting Block #2
Nominations (Closed)
Joint Actions (Closed)
Jurisdiction
Ways and Means
Programs and Music Support
Membership
History and Sisterhood

3:30 pm – 4:20 pm

Leadership Block

Situation Game

By: Rachel Kerly

Digging Deeper into the 5 and 8

By: Dr. Kathryn Kelly

Leadership 101: Developing Skills that will help you and your chapter (Joint)

By: Dr. Craig Aarhus and Stephen Burt

Conducting Forum (Joint)

By: Dr. Doug Statter

4:30 pm – 5:20 pm

Sisterhood Block

“You can’t sit with us!” v. The Sorting Hat: A recruitment spectrum

By: Jonathan Markowski

Pathway to TBSerenity

By: Crystal Hunter

Tackling PGSD (Post-Graduate stress disorder)

By: Rene Mark

Cycle of Excellence

By: Evan Thompson

Joint Relations

By: Dr. Rod Chesnutt and Dr. Kathryn Kelly

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Separate Session #3

8:30 pm – 11:30 pm

BANQUET / TALENT SHOW

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

8:00 am – 11:45 am

Closing Separate Session

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Joint Closing Session



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Friday, April 1, 2016

OPENING JOINT SESSION

Call to order at 7:00 PM by the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District President Lauren Harrison and the Kappa Kappa Psi Southeast District President Jason Ortiz

1. Welcome by Southeast District Presidents

2. Introduction of National Officials

○ TBS (Harrison)

- National President: Dr. Kathryn Garrett-Kelly
- National Vice President for Colonization and Membership: Jonathan Markowski
- Board of Trustees: Lisa Croston
- Alumni Association Executive Board Member: Amanda Dickson
- Alumni Association Executive Board Member: Rene Mark
- Chapter Visitation Assistant: Crystal Hunter
- Chapter Visitation Assistant: Rachel Kerley
- Chapter Visitation Assistant: Kelsey Reilly

○ KKY (Ortiz)

- National VP for Colonization/Membership: Evan Thompson
- National VP for Programs: Marco Krcatovich II
- National VP for Professional Relations: Dr. Douglas Stotter
- Board of Trustees, Chair: Dr. Rod Chesnutt
- Alumni Association Board of Directors, Chair: Mike Napolitano
- Alumni Association Board of Directors, Member: Nic Rorrer
- Alumni Association Board of Directors, Member: Dr. Nick Bratcher
- Chapter Field Representative: Andy Melvin

3. Introduction of Special Guests

○ TBS (Harrison)

- Christa Hall, 2014-2015 SED President
- Belinda Baker, 2013-2014 SED President
- Carolyn Mercer, 2014-2015 SED Secretary
- Julie Coutu, 2014-2015 SED Historian
- Salvatore Parillo, 2012-2014 SED Treasurer
- Rachel Kerley, 2011-2012 SED President
- TBS District Honoraries
 - Latrondrick Hunter, KKPsi SED Governor
 - Christa Hall, Immediate Past TBS SED President

○ KKY (Ortiz)

- Past National President: Ken Corbett
- Past National President: Dr. Kirk Randazzo
- SEDAA Board of Director, Member: Greg Boike
- SEDAA Board of Director, Member: Teddy Howell
- SEDAA Board of Director, Member: Daniel Ross
- SEDAA Board of Director, Member: Dani Case
- Keynote Speaker: Tyson Wooters
- KKPsi District Honoraries



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- Dr. Kirk Randazzo, Past National President
- Dr. Rod Chesnutt, Chair of Board of Trustees
- Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Tau Beta Sigma National President
- Dr. Craig Aarhus, Current District Governor
- Tyson Wooters, Keynote Speaker
- Ema Ashley, Past SED President and Current SEDAA Board of Directors Member
- National Headquarters
 - Steve Nelson, Current National Executive Director of KKPsi and TBS

4. Recognition of Band Director and Sponsors

5. Introductions KKY Officers (Ortiz)

- Vice President of Membership: Olivia Burley, Gamma Nu, Florida State University
- Vice President of Programs: JP Davis, Zeta Chi, University of South Carolina
- Secretary/Treasurer: Joshua Ruffin, Nu Iota, Elizabeth City State University
- Parliamentarian, Dylan Abeles, Alpha Eta, University of Florida
- District Governor, Dr. Craig Aarhus, (Pi, Auburn University) Associate Director of Bands at MSU
- District Governor, Latrondrick Hunter, Zeta Eta, South Carolina State University
- President, Jason Ortiz, Alpha Eta, University of Florida

6. Introductions TBS Officers (Harrison)

- Vice President of Membership: Zach Cheever, Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University
- Vice President of Special Projects: Allison Reagan, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- Secretary, Karla Wagner: Epsilon Theta, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Treasurer, Kathleen Elwell: Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- Parliamentarian, Sarah Davis: Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- Historian, Allison York: Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina
- District Counselor: Lee Commander, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- District Counselor: Stephen Burt, Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina
- President: Lauren Harrison, Theta Lambda, Auburn University

7. Introduction of TBS Concerto Competition Winner and Performance

- Winner: Ben Elgan, Theta Lambda, Auburn University
 - Performance of Rhapsody in Blue

8. Joint Committee Announcements

- Committee Chairs of the Joint Actions Committee are recognized: David Campo III (Alpha Eta, Kappa Kappa Psi, University of Florida) and Christy Pickering (Theta Lambda, Tau Beta Sigma, Auburn University)
- Bids for 2016-2017 SED Convention: Kappa Tau, Kappa Kappa Psi and Iota Chi, Tau Beta Sigma at the University of South Florida
- Present bid materials at the end of this joint session and set up time for presentation with the committee.

9. Announcements from the Host Chapters:

- Ryan Lequier representing Pi and Audra Welch and Do'Nyal Webb representing Theta Lambda
 - Welcome to Auburn!
 - On the first page of the program is the SED Hotline (334-715-0733). Call or text to get your questions answered, texts preferred unless it is urgent.
 - President of Theta Lambda is Christy Pickering and President of Pi is Summer Branning
 - The rooms for separate session are in Lowder, there was a typo in the program.



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- Main three buildings are Lowder, the Student Center, and Goodwin. There is a map in the program.
- Marketplace and Committee blocks will be in the Student Center; most workshops will be in Lowder.
- Banquet is tailgate themed; it will be on the green space in a large tent.
- TBS will be heading to Lowder for ritual, and then transition into separate session. Park in front of Lowder, marked in orange in the program.
- KKPsi will also be moving over to Lowder for their separate session and will be unable to perform their ritual in the same room. They will then move into the Goodwin band room. Text the hotline if you have questions.
- There is a joint colony activity in Lowder 110.
- Parking explanation
- Registration will start up again at 8 pm tonight at Lowder

ENJOY CONVENTION!!

Announcements and Reminders

- Reminder that we are guests on Auburn's campus, so please remain professional and courteous.
- Be aware at all times
- Be in committee sessions or workshops, whenever you are not on break.
- Please turn off or silence cell phones!

JOINT SESSION IS RECESSED until Sunday at 12:00 PM



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OPENING SEPARATE SESSION

Call to order 9:57 PM by Lauren Harrison, President

- **Introduction of National Officials**
 - **TBS (Harrison)**
 - National President: Dr. Kathryn Kelly
 - National Vice President for Colonization and Membership: Jonathan Markowski
 - Board of Trustees: Lisa Croston
 - Board of Trustees: Carolyn McCambridge
 - Alumni Association Executive Board Member: Amanda Dickson & Rene Mark
 - CVA: Crystal Wright, Rachel Kerley, Kelsey Reilly
 - National Executive Director: Steve Nelson
- **Introduction of District Guests**
 - Carolyn Mercer, 2014-2015 SED Secretary
 - Belinda Baker, 2013-2014 SED President
 - Julie Coutu, 2014-2015 SED Historian
 - Christa Hall, 2014-2015 SED President
 - Rachel Kerley, 2011-2012 SED President
 - Renè Mark, 2010-2012 SED Vice President of Special Projects
 - Salvatore Parillo, 2012-2014 SED Treasurer
- **Recognition of Chapter Sponsors in Attendance**
- **Introductions TBS Officers**
 - Vice President of Membership, Zach Cheever, Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University
 - Vice President of Special Projects, Allison Reagan, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
 - Secretary, Karla Wagner, Epsilon Theta, Georgia Institute of Technology
 - Treasurer, Kathleen Elwell, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
 - Parliamentarian, Sarah Davis, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
 - Historian, Allison York, Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina
 - District Counselor, Lee Commander, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
 - District Counselor, Stephen Burt, Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina
 - President, Lauren Harrison, Theta Lambda, Auburn University
- **Seating of the Delegates**
 - Alpha Omega- Official Delegate
 - Beta Xi- Official Delegate
 - Gamma Epsilon- Official Delegate
 - Gamma Eta- Zeta Iota (Third Proxy)
 - Epsilon Alpha- Official Delegate
 - Epsilon Theta- Official Delegate
 - Epsilon Lambda- Theta Rho (Third Proxy)
 - Epsilon Xi- Official Delegate
 - Epsilon Chi- Epsilon Theta (First Proxy)
 - Zeta Beta - Theta Lambda (First Proxy)
 - Zeta Iota - Official Delegate
 - Zeta Tau - Official Delegate
 - Zeta Psi - Official Delegate



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- Eta Beta - Official Delegate
- Eta Lambda - Official Delegate
- Eta Xi - Alpha Omega (First Proxy)
- Eta Omicron - Theta Upsilon (First Proxy)
- Eta Phi - Official Delegate
- Theta Gamma - Zeta Iota (First Proxy)
- Theta Zeta - Official Delegate
- Theta Iota - Theta Rho (First Proxy)
- Theta Lambda - Official Delegate
- Theta Nu - Epsilon Theta (Third Proxy)
- Theta Rho - Official Delegate
- Theta Sigma – Theta Zeta (Third Proxy)
- Theta Upsilon – Official Delegate
- Theta Chi - Theta Lambda (Third Proxy)
- Iota Gamma - Iota Chi (Alpha)
- Iota Delta - Zeta Tau (First Proxy)
- Iota Zeta - Epsilon Alpha (First Proxy)
- Iota Lambda - Gamma Epsilon (Second Proxy)
- Iota Mu - Eta Phi (First Proxy)
- Iota Nu - Epsilon Xi (Third Proxy)
- Iota Xi - Official Delegate
- Iota Omicron - Epsilon Alpha (First Proxy)
- Iota Rho – Iota Psi (Alpha)
- Iota Sigma – Official Delegate
- Iota Upsilon - Official Delegate
- Iota Phi - Theta Upsilon (Second Proxy)
- Iota Chi - Official Delegate
- Iota Psi - Official Delegate
- **After seating all delegates with selected proxies, proxies were assigned alphabetically beginning with Iota Phi. At the end of this third round of seating, the final proxy to be sat was Iota Psi. Next year we will begin this process with Alpha Omega.**
- **General Announcements Concerning Committees and Workshops**
 - All current delegates will not switch until tomorrow morning; they must not switch until then. There will be no more proxies sat.
- **Motion to accept Robert's Rules of Order**
 - Motion: Zeta Psi
 - Second: Theta Nu
 - Motion Passes
- **Motion to dispense the reading of the 2015 SED Convention Minutes**
 - Motion: Eta Beta
 - Second: Theta Lambda
 - Motion Passes
- **Motion to accept the 2015 SED Convention minutes as published by SED Secretary Karla Wagner**
 - Motion: Theta Rho
 - Second: Epsilon Theta
 - Motion Passes



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- **No amendments to the 2015 SED Convention Minutes**
- **2015 SED Convention Minutes will stand as published**
- **Officer Reports**
 - Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED Historian (report attached), Allison York
 - Motion: Epsilon Alpha
 - Second: Zeta Psi
 - Motion Passes
 - Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED Parliamentarian (report attached), Sarah Davis
 - Motion: Alpha Omega
 - Second: Zeta Iota
 - Motion Passes
 - Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED Treasurer (report attached), Kathleen Elwell
 - Motion: Alpha Omega
 - Second: Eta Beta
 - Motion Passes
 - Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED Secretary (report attached), Karla Wagner
 - Motion: Epsilon Theta
 - Second: Eta Beta
 - Motion Passes
- **Introduction of Committee Chairs and Advisors**
 - History and Sisterhood
 - Chair: Nasya Blackwell, Theta Zeta
 - Advisors: Allison York, Christa Hall, Lisa Croston
 - Membership
 - Chair: Lauren King, Alpha Omega
 - Advisors: Zach Cheever, Jonathan Markowski
 - Program and Music Support
 - Chair: Sydney Bleiweiss, Beta Xi
 - Advisor: Allison Reagan, Rene Mark
 - Jurisdiction
 - Chair: Katelyn Waldron, Iota Chi
 - Advisors: Sarah Davis, Rachel Kerley
 - Way & Means
 - Chair: Taryn Griffin, Theta Rho
 - Advisors: Kathleen Elwell, Dr. Kelly
 - Joint Actions
 - Chair: Christy Pickering, Theta Lambda
 - Advisor: Lee Commander
 - Nominations
 - Chair: Salvatore Parillo, Zeta Psi
 - Advisor: Stephen Burt
- **Committee Assignments**



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- Jurisdiction Committee
 - Iota Chi - Chair
 - Epsilon Lambda
 - Iota Gamma
 - Iota Delta
 - Iota Xi
 - Iota Upsilon
- Membership Committee
 - Alpha Omega – Chair
 - Gamma Epsilon
 - Gamma Eta
 - Theta Sigma
 - Theta Chi
 - Iota Sigma
- Programs and Music Support Committee
 - Beta Xi – Chair
 - Epsilon Theta
 - Epsilon Chi
 - Theta Nu
 - Theta Upsilon
 - Iota Omicron
- History and Sisterhood Committee
 - Theta Zeta – Chair
 - Eta Lambda
 - Eta Xi
 - Eta Omicron
 - Theta Gamma
 - Iota Nu
- Ways and Means Committee
 - Theta Rho – Chair
 - Zeta Beta
 - Eta Beta
 - Eta Phi
 - Theta Iota
 - Iota Lambda
- Nominations Committee
 - Zeta Psi – Chair
 - Zeta Iota
 - Zeta Tau
 - Iota Mu
 - Iota Psi
- Joint Actions Committee
 - Theta Lambda – Chair
 - Epsilon Alpha
 - Epsilon Xi
 - Iota Zeta



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- Iota Phi

Candidacy Announcements

- Caleb Morris (Epsilon Alpha) announces his intent to run for District Vice President of Membership
- Katelyn Waldron (Iota Chi) announces her intent to run for District Vice President of Membership
- Melissa Kowerduck (Eta Phi) announces her intent to run for District Vice President of Membership
- Sydney Bleiweiss (Beta Xi) announces her intent to run for District Vice President of Membership
- Mitchell Gaylord (Alpha Omega) announces his intent to run for District Secretary
- Antoineka Nivens (Theta Zeta) announces her intent to run for District Vice President of Special Projects
- Isaac Norris (Eta Beta) announces his intent to run for District Vice President of Special Projects
- Gemila Washington (Theta Rho) announces her intent to run for District Vice President of Special Projects
- Nico Morales (Theta Delta) announces his candidacy to join the mascot team for the SED
- Kathleen Elwell (Alpha Omega) announces her intent to run for District President
- Lauren Harrison (Theta Lambda) announces her intent to run for District President

General Announcements

- Recognize Salvatore Parillo, Nominations chair
 - If you are intending to run for District Council, you must present your packet to him tonight and schedule a time for your interview with the Nominations committee.
- Committee Chairs: Committee reports are due to SED Secretary by the end of their presentation in front of the delegation.
- If you are on Nominations Committee, plan to work through lunch, which will be provided.
- Q&A and speeches will not be conducted correctly due to the number of candidates speaking (12), so we will not be accepting any motions to extend and caucuses will likely be not allowed. Therefore, you must go out of your way to get to know the candidates. You can see their packets online at the 2016 SED website. If there are groups of less than three, that group will have a 5-minute Q&A. If the office has more than three, the group will get a 10-minute Q&A.
- Delegates are expected to arrive on time.
- Separate session starts at 8:00 AM

Host Chapter Announcements

- Registration tomorrow morning at 7 am, right outside of Lowder Building Doors
- If you need to register later or need anything else, go to a help desk in the Student Center or in Lowder

Announcements from the Floor

- T-Shirts are for sale and we will take cash, card, and check
- Motion to Recess until 8:00 AM, Saturday morning
 - Motion: Theta Lambda
 - Second: Eta Xi
 - Motion Passes

SEPARATE SESSION IS RECESSED until Saturday at 8:00 am



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Saturday, April 2, 2016

SECOND SEPARATE SESSION

Call to Order at 8:09 AM by Lauren Harrison, President

Roll Call:

- Alpha Omega - Official Delegate
- Beta Xi - Official Delegate
- Gamma Epsilon - Official Delegate
- Gamma Eta - Zeta Iota (Third Proxy)
- Epsilon Alpha - Official Delegate
- Epsilon Theta - Official Delegate
- Epsilon Lambda - Theta Rho (Third Proxy)
- Epsilon Xi - Official Delegate
- Epsilon Chi - Official Delegate
- Zeta Beta - Theta Lambda (First Proxy)
- Zeta Iota - Official Delegate
- Zeta Tau - Official Delegate
- Zeta Psi - Official Delegate
- Eta Beta - Official Delegate
- Eta Lambda - Official Delegate
- Eta Xi - Alpha Omega (First Proxy)
- Eta Omicron - Theta Upsilon (First Proxy)
- Eta Phi - Official Delegate
- Theta Gamma - Zeta Iota (First Proxy)
- Theta Zeta - Official Delegate
- Theta Iota - Official Delegate
- Theta Lambda - Official Delegate
- Theta Nu - Epsilon Theta (Third Proxy)
- Theta Rho - Official Delegate
- Theta Sigma – Official Delegate
- Theta Upsilon – Official Delegate
- Theta Chi - Theta Lambda (Third Proxy)
- Iota Gamma - Iota Chi (Alpha)
- Iota Delta - Zeta Tau (First Proxy)
- Iota Zeta - Epsilon Alpha (First Proxy)
- Iota Lambda - Gamma Epsilon (Second Proxy)
- Iota Mu - Eta Phi (First Proxy)
- Iota Nu - Epsilon Xi (Third Proxy)



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- Iota Xi - Official Delegate
- Iota Omicron - Epsilon Alpha (First Proxy)
- Iota Rho – Iota Psi (Alphabetically Assigned)
- Iota Sigma – Official Delegate
- Iota Upsilon - Official Delegate
- Iota Phi - Official Delegate
- Iota Chi - Official Delegate
- Iota Psi - Official Delegate

Absent:

Reseating of the Delegates

Announcements from National Officers

- National Officers Introductions
- Chapter Visitation Assistants Explanations
- Insight into National Policies
 - Chapter fines are prohibited, implement membership status change as punishment instead
 - New initiates cannot be required to pay extra fees
 - Membership Education Process should take place on campus, not off (also don't break the law)
 - Chapter dues beyond the 75% due caps are prohibited
 - Chapters should not haze
 - Chapters cannot endorse political candidates
 - Everyone takes the MC exams (Candidates and Actives alike) and are held to the same standards
 - Turn in Membership Education Programs to your District Counselors. If a chapter does not by Fall 2016, they will not be able to have a membership class. Let District VPM or Counselors or National VPCM know if you need any help.
 - Have a budget
 - Participate in Focus on Five
 - Attend National Convention! It's in Orlando.
- Update on Colonization and Membership
 - Two actives colonies: Coastal Carolina University and Virginia Union University
 - Good work to Epsilon Alpha for being the Advising Chapter to CCU
- Win-Win Membership Drive – each 10% increase in membership was one entry. The winner for this year is Iota Chi!
- Focus on Five – your placards have the stripes you have earned! And you can keep on doing the rest of the activities. Contact National VPSP Adrienne Rall for all of your FO5 Questions, at adrienne@tbsigma.org. Keep it up! Congratulations to Theta Delta for completing all their stripes! Shout out to Iota Psi and Theta Rho for having only the blue stripe and center lyre piece left.
- National Programs



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- Women Music Education and Band Directors Facebook group – Operated by Tau Beta Sigma, but open to all women in the field, not just Sisters.
- National Awards: descriptions for these awards can be found on the national website.
 - *Citation of Excellence*
 - *“For Greater Bands”*
 - *Briolette Awards for Military Recognition*
 - Gold Briolette Memorial: for members of Tau Beta Sigma who have passed while serving our country; includes a Memorial Resolution from the National Council.
 - Blue Briolette Recognition: for members of Tau Beta Sigma who are currently serving our country or are veterans.
 - Silver Briolette Memorial: for Band members who have passed while serving our country; includes a Memorial Resolution from the National Council.
 - White Briolette Recognition: for Band members who are currently serving our country or are veterans.
 - *Service Certificate*
 - *Chapter Sponsor Award*
 - *Outstanding Service to Music Award*
 - *The Baton Award*
 - *Johnnie Vinson Award*
 - *Stanley G. Finck Memorial Award*
 - *Paul Crider Award*
- National Chapter Leadership Finalist – 30 out of 41 chapters in the SED are eligible! How do you get on that list? Paperwork deadlines must be met throughout the biennium. Also what you include in that paperwork, participation in National Programs, and whether or not you have turned in a MEP!
- National Scholarships: descriptions for these awards can be found on the national website.
 - Due May 1, 2016
 - *TBS National Scholarship for Outstanding Student Leaders*
 - *TBS Patsy Drury Hejl National Scholarship for Outstanding Musical Achievement*
- Social Media for Nationals
 - National Website: tbsigma.org
 - National Headquarters website: kkytbs.org
 - Facebook page: Tau Beta Sigma
 - N HQ Facebook
 - Archives Facebook
 - Twitter: @taubetasigma, @tbsnatpres, @tbsnatvpcm, @tbsnatvpm
 - Youtube Channel (4gr8rbands– lots of informational videos here!)
 - Council Connection Blog – 4gr8rbands.blogspot.com
 - Instagram: Tau_Beta_Sigma
- Explanation of what the Board of Trustees does



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- Ensure the trust and corporation of Tau Beta Sigma, handle the organization's money overall.
- Day of Giving raised approximately \$12,000.
- Life Membership Payment Plan, or Gift of Life Membership from a chapter or someone else.
- Geico gives us money back if you get a quote online, even if you don't use it
- Goodsearch and Goodshop both give us money every time you use them. Goodsearch/choosecause to find us.
- The Tau Beta Sigma Trust Funds support programs such as:
 - The National Scholarships
 - The Women in Music Speaker Series
 - The National Intercollegiate Band Commissioning Program
 - The Wava Memorial Rose Garden Project
- Wava Memorial Garden
 - Board of Trustees is working on completing the next phase of landscaping, planned to be completed in July 2016.
- 1946 Club
 - Set up to be a long time, monthly giving campaign. Ask for at least \$19.46 a month, which goes directly to the trust. When you sign-up, the day you sign up for when you donate will continue to be the date of donation.
- If you are interested in the TBSAA or SEDAA come see Amanda Dickinson or Renè Mark about the organizations. Current TBSAA Projects include: The Alumni Grants Program, 5k Race for Greater Bands, Alumni Mentorship Program, and District and Local Alumni Associations
- Use the National Officers as resources for information today, and they really hope to see everyone at NatCon.

Host Chapter Announcement

If you are a committee chair in the Student Center, your laptops need to move to the Student Center now to be connected to the building.

Eta Xi Presentation

Regarding correct chapter operations in relations to funds

Committee Assignments

- There have been some changes from last night, due to reseating of delegates.
 - Jurisdiction Committee
 - Iota Chi - Chair
 - Epsilon Lambda
 - Iota Gamma
 - Iota Delta
 - Iota Xi



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- Programs and Music Support Committee
 - Beta Xi – Chair
 - Epsilon Theta
 - Theta Nu
 - Theta Upsilon
 - Iota Omicron
 - Iota Rho
- History and Sisterhood Committee
 - Theta Zeta - Chair
 - Eta Lambda
 - Eta Xi
 - Eta Omicron
 - Theta Gamma
 - Iota Mu
 - Iota Nu
- Ways and Means Committee
 - Theta Rho - Chair
 - Zeta Beta
 - Eta Beta
 - Eta Phi
 - Theta Iota
 - Iota Lambda
- Nominations Committee
 - Zeta Psi – Chair
 - Epsilon Chi
 - Zeta Iota
 - Zeta Tau
 - Iota Psi
- Joint Actions Committee
 - Theta Lambda – Chair
 - Epsilon Alpha
 - Epsilon Xi



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- Iota Zeta
- Iota Phi
- **If you are sitting for a chapter as a proxy, you will have to be in the committee meeting assigned to that chapter.**

Host Chapter Announcements

- Marketplace setup will begin at 9:30 am, and it will open to sell things at 11:50. Room will be monitored at all times
- The only Wifi you can use is AUOpen. Committee chairs will have regular Wifi Access
- MCs can go to any Tau Beta Sigma Workshop, or any events in green on the schedule.
- There was a bag left at the MC Activity last night, please contact one of the SED Chairs if you can identify it.
- You can call or text the SED Hotline at 334-715-0SED if you have any other questions or need help. Also find someone in an orange shirt if you need help!

Announcements from District Officers

NatCon Shirts are for sale at the next separate session for \$15 each, we take cash, card, and check. Two more pills are for sale. We have made \$80.54 for the Rainy Day Fund, which is only \$19.46 away from \$100!!!

Announcements

- Rene Mark: Alumni/Graduating Seniors are having lunch at Burger Fi!
 - Motion for recess until 5:30 PM
 - Motion: Theta Iota
 - Second: Iota Sigma
 - Motion Passes

SEPARATE SESSION RECESSED until 5:30 PM



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THIRD SEPARATE SESSION

Call to Order 5:36 PM by Lauren Harrison

Roll Call

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



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- Iota Upsilon
- Iota Phi
- Iota Chi
- Iota Psi

Absent: Theta Gamma

Host Chapter Announcements

- Parking: Baseball game should be over, so you should be able to park in the suggested parking lot.
- Watch out for traffic
- Banquet: There will be an orange dot on the back of your nametag if you are guaranteed a spot at banquet. If you're not guaranteed a spot, you can come in after 8:45 and all available spots are first come, first serve. We will begin letting people enter at 8 pm.
- Banquet is on the green space. The ground is not mushy or muddy, but it is a bit dewy. Heels are not recommended.
- If you signed up for the talent show and want to know the lineup, Audra can tell you after separate.
- There are a few sisters who requested a special meal but did not get their slip, please come down to get the slips of paper after separate session. There are no nuts or typical allergies in the meals.

Women in Music Speaker

- Jonathan introduces our Women in Music Speaker, Jamie Howell
- She is offered Honorary Membership in the National Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma

Nominations Speeches and Question and Answer Session with Candidates

- Nomination Chair: Salvatore Parillo, is recognized to moderate the Nominations Speeches and Question and Answer sessions
 - Treasurer
 - No candidates
 - Secretary
 - Meet the Candidate
 - Mitchell Gaylord, Alpha Omega
 - Question and Answer of all candidates for 5 minutes
 - Vice President of Special Projects
 - Meet the Candidate
 - Isaac Norris, Eta Beta
 - Meet the Candidate
 - Antoineka Nivens, Theta Zeta
 - Meet the Candidate
 - Gemila Washington, Theta Rho
 - Question and Answer of all candidates for 10 minutes
 - Vice President of Membership



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- Meet the Candidate
 - Sydney Bleiweiss, Beta Xi
- Meet the Candidate
 - Melissa Kowerduck, Eta Phi
- Meet the Candidate
 - Caleb Morris, Epsilon Alpha
- Meet the Candidate
 - Katelyn Waldron, Iota Chi
- Question and Answer session for 10 minutes
- President
 - Meet the Candidate
 - Lauren Harrison, Theta Lambda
 - Meet the Candidate
 - Kathleen Elwell, Alpha Omega
 - Question and Answer session for 5 minutes

Committee Reports

- Committee Report on the *Committee for Nominations* (report attached)
 - Slate:
 - President: Kathleen Elwell
 - VPM: Sydney Bleiweiss
 - VPSP: Caleb Morris
 - Secretary: Mitchell Gaylord
 - Treasurer: Isaac Norris

Announcements

- If you will not be present for tomorrow's sessions, you need to see Karla Wagner immediately following this session, in order to turn in your placard.
- Tomorrow morning will be elections and final committee reports. Please be on time and ready to vote on these events. Please be mindful of your actions tonight as you are expected to be ready to work tomorrow morning
- Motion to recess until tomorrow morning at 8:00 AM
 - Motion: Zeta Psi
 - Second Theta Lambda
 - Motion Passes

SEPARATE SESSION IS RECESSED until Sunday at 8:00 AM



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Sunday, April 3, 2016

CLOSING SEPARATE SESSION

Call to Order at 8:05 AM by Lauren Harrison, President

District Officer Announcement

- T-shirts for sale, make checks out to Tau Beta Sigma

Roll Call

- Chapters Present:
 - Alpha Omega
 - Beta Xi
 - Gamma Epsilon
 - Gamma Eta
 - Epsilon Alpha
 - Epsilon Theta
 - Epsilon Lambda
 - Epsilon Xi
 - Epsilon Chi
 - Zeta Beta
 - Zeta Iota
 - Zeta Psi
 - Eta Beta
 - Eta Lambda
 - Eta Xi
 - Eta Omicron
 - Eta Phi
 - Theta Gamma
 - Theta Zeta
 - Theta Iota
 - Theta Lambda
 - Theta Nu
 - Theta Rho
 - Theta Sigma
 - Theta Upsilon
 - Theta Chi
 - Iota Gamma
 - Iota Zeta
 - Iota Mu
 - Iota Nu
 - Iota Xi
 - Iota Omicron



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- Iota Rho
- Iota Sigma
- Iota Upsilon
- Iota Phi
- Iota Chi
- Iota Psi

Absent:

- Zeta Tau
- Iota Delta
- Iota Lambda

Officer Reports

- Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED Vice President of Special Projects (report attached), Allison Reagan
 - Motion: Alpha Omega
 - Second: Eta Xi
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED Vice President of Membership (report attached), Zach Cheever
 - Motion: Eta Phi
 - Second: Eta Beta
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to accept the Officer Report of the 2015-2016 SED President (report attached), Lauren Harrison
 - Motion: Theta Lambda
 - Second: Zeta Beta
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to accept the Counselor Report of the 2014-2016 SED Counselor (report attached), Lee Commander
 - Motion: Alpha Omega
 - Second: Theta Nu
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to accept the Counselor Report of the 2014-2016 SED Counselor (report attached), Stephen Burt
 - Motion: Epsilon Alpha
 - Second: Zeta Psi
 - Motion Passes

Committee Reports:

- Committee Report on the *Committee for Jurisdiction* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Committee Report on the *Committee for Jurisdiction*
 - Motion: Iota Chi



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- Second: Theta Iota
- Motion Passes
- Motion to accept all changes to the SED Constitution and DOM as proposed by the *Committee for Jurisdiction*.
 - Motion: Eta Lambda
 - Second: Iota Chi
- Motion to amend to change the award from “Furthest Traveled” to “Furthest Accumulated Traveled”
 - Motion: Eta Xi
 - Second: Zeta Beta
 - Motion Fails
 - Motion Passes
- Committee Report on the *Committee for Membership* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Committee Report on the *Committee for Membership*
 - Motion: Alpha Omega
 - Second: Zeta Psi
 - Motion Passes
- Committee Report on the *Committee for Programs and Music Support* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Committee Report on the *Committee for Programs and Music Support*
 - Motion: Beta Xi
 - Second: Eta Lambda
 - Motion Passes
- Committee Report on the *Committee for History and Sisterhood* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Committee Report on the *Committee for History and Sisterhood*
 - Motion: Theta Zeta
 - Second: Theta Iota
 - Motion Passes
- Committee Report on the *Committee for Ways and Means* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Budget for the 2015-2016 SED District Council
 - Motion: Theta Rho
 - Second: Theta Nu
 - Motion Passes
- Committee Report on the *Committee for Ways and Means* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Committee Report on the *Committee for Ways and Means*
 - Motion: Theta Rho
 - Second: Iota Mu
 - Motion Passes
- Committee Report on the *Committee for Nominations* (report attached)
 - Motion to accept the Committee Report on the *Committee for Nominations*
 - Motion: Zeta Psi



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- Second: Theta Zeta
- Motion Passes

District Awards and Competitions

- **Service in Music Month Award:**
 - Epsilon Theta (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - Theta Lambda (Auburn University)
 - Iota Lambda (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill)
 - Iota Phi (Elizabeth City State University)
- **Certificate of Distinction:**
 - Theta Rho (Bethune Cookman University)
- **The Shells Umbrella Full Participation Award**
 - Alpha Omega (Florida State University)
 - Epsilon Alpha (University of South Carolina)
 - Epsilon Theta (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - Theta Delta (Washington State University)
 - Iota Upsilon (St. Augustine's University)
- **The Shells Umbrella Award**
 - Epsilon Theta, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Merit Certificate Award**
 - Alpha Omega (Florida State University)
 - Beta Xi (University of Florida)
 - Gamma Epsilon (University of Miami)
 - Gamma Eta (Mississippi Valley State University)
 - Epsilon Alpha (University of South Carolina)
 - Epsilon Theta (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - Epsilon Lambda (North Carolina Central University)
 - Epsilon Xi (Troy University)
 - Zeta Beta (Tuskegee University)
 - Zeta Iota (Jackson State University)
 - Zeta Psi (University of Central Florida)
 - Eta Beta (University of North Alabama)
 - Eta Lambda (University of Alabama, at Birmingham)
 - Eta Xi (Georgia Southern University)
 - Eta Omicron (Johnson C. Smith University)
 - Eta Phi (Vanderbilt University)
 - Theta Gamma (Alcorn State University)
 - Theta Zeta (North Carolina A & T University)
 - Theta Iota (Alabama A&M University)
 - Theta Lambda (Auburn University)
 - Theta Nu (Clark Atlanta University)



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- Theta Rho (Bethune Cookman University)
- Theta Sigma (Miles College)
- Iota Delta (University of West Georgia)
- Iota Xi (Elon University)
- Iota Omicron (Benedict College)
- Iota Sigma (Huntingdon College)
- Iota Upsilon (Saint Augustine's University)
- Iota Phi (Elizabeth City State University)
- Iota Chi (University of South Florida)
- Iota Psi (Kennesaw State University)
- **Outstanding Chapter Assistance Award**
 - Alpha Omega (Florida State University)
 - Epsilon Alpha (University of South Carolina)
 - Epsilon Theta (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- **Scrapbook Winner Announced**
 - Theta Zeta, North Carolina A&T University
- **Spirit Stick Winner Announced**
 - Beta Xi, University of Florida

Elections

- Motion to accept the slate
 - Motion: Zeta Psi
 - Second: Iota Zeta
 - Motion Passes
- **Slate:**
 - President: Kathleen Elwell
 - VPM: Sydney Bleiweiss
 - VPSP: Caleb Morris
 - Secretary: Mitchell Gaylord
 - Treasurer: Isaac Norris

Floor Opened for Nominations for President

- Kathleen Elwell from Alpha Omega
- Lauren Harrison from Theta Lambda
- Floor is closed

Announcement from the Floor

Florida Day is this May

- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED President**
- **2016-2017 Southeast District President is Lauren Harrison, Theta Lambda**



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Floor Opened for Nomination for Vice President of Membership

- Sydney Bleiweiss from Beta Xi
- Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- Katelyn Waldron from Iota Chi
- Floor is closed
- **Vote by secret ballot to elect the 2015-2016 Southeast District Vice President of Membership**
- **2016-2017 Southeast District Vice President of Membership is Katelyn Waldron, Iota Chi**

Floor Opened for Nominations for Vice President of Special Projects

- Caleb Morris from Epsilon Alpha
- Isaac Norris from Eta Beta
- Gemila Washington from Theta Rho
- Antoineka Nivens from Theta Zeta
- Kathleen Elwell from Alpha Omega
- Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- Floor is closed
- Motion to caucus for three minutes.
 - Motion: Alpha Omega
 - Second: Epsilon Alpha
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to have a five-minute question and answer with all candidates
 - Motion: Iota Psi
 - Second: Iota Omicron
 - Motion Passes
- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Vice President of Special Projects**
- **There is no majority and a three way tie for the bottom, so remaining candidate options are:**
 - Gemila Washington from Theta Rho
 - Kathleen Elwell from Alpha Omega
 - Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Vice President of Special Projects**
- **2016-2017 Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects is Gemila Washington**

Floor Opened for Nominations for Secretary

- Mitchell Gaylord from Alpha Omega
- Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- Isaac Norris from Eta Beta
- Nasya Blackwell from Theta Zeta
- Caleb Morris from Epsilon Alpha
- Floor is closed
- Note that the Nominations committee took Nasya Blackwell outside of the room to verify that she is eligible. It was confirmed that she is eligible to run.
- Motion to have a five-minute question and answer with all candidates



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- Motion: Iota Zeta
- Second: Gamma Epsilon
- Motion Passes
- Motion to caucus for three minutes.
 - Motion: Epsilon Alpha
 - Second: Theta Lambda
 - Motion Passes

Host Chapter Announcement

Joint Closing will take place in the Student Activities Center. Turn left out of Lowder Parking Lot onto N. Donahue, go through three green lights, park in the Coliseum Parking Lot across from the baseball stadium. There will be brothers and sister directing you to the correct lot.

- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Secretary**
- **There is no majority and the candidate with the low amounts of votes, Caleb Morris, was eliminated.**

The remaining candidates are:

- Mitchell Gaylord from Alpha Omega
- Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- Isaac Norris from Eta Beta
- Nasya Blackwell from Theta Zeta

District Officer Announcement

Rainy Day Fund Bucket has collected \$142.61. We have a new goal of \$200! This is the highest that's ever been collected at a convention.

- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Secretary**
- **There is no majority and the candidate with the low amounts of votes, Nasya Blackwell, was eliminated. The remaining candidates are:**

- Mitchell Gaylord from Alpha Omega
- Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- Isaac Norris from Eta Beta

SEDAA Announcement

If you're an alumnus or a graduating senior, sign up to join TBSAA and SEDAA!

- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Secretary**
- **There is no majority and the candidate with the lowest amount of votes, Mitchell Gaylord, was eliminated. The remaining candidates are:**
 - Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
 - Isaac Norris from Eta Beta
- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Secretary**
- **2016-2017 Southeast District Secretary is Isaac Norris**



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Floor Opened for Nominations for Treasurer

- Melissa Kowerduck from Eta Phi
- Antoineka Nivens from Theta Zeta
- Kathleen Elwell from Alpha Omega
- Floor is closed with no other nominations
- Motion to have a five-minute question and answer session with all candidates
 - Motion: Theta Lambda
 - Second: Iota Chi
 - Motion Passes
- **Vote by secret ballot for the office of 2015-2016 SED Treasurer**
- **2016-2017 Southeast District Treasurer is Kathleen Elwell**

Oath of Office is administered by Zach Cheever to the newly elected 2016-2017 Southeast District Council

- President: Lauren Harrison
- Vice President of Membership: Katelyn Waldron
- Vice President of Special Projects: Gemila Washington
- Secretary: Isaac Norris
- Treasurer: Kathleen Elwell

Announcements

- We're going to start Joint Closing at 1 PM
- Theta Zeta is hosting their first Dance Explosion (clinic and competition). Follow their Instagram or like them on Facebook for more information.
- Iota Zeta is having their neophyte showcase Saturday at 6 pm with 9 neophytes.
- Theta Lambda is having their Third Degree is April 17th at 5 pm, all are invited.
- Epsilon Chi is having a fundraising party on April 23rd.
- Happy (early) Birthday to Zach Cheever!
- Epsilon Xi is having Step for Life 5k on the morning of April 9th.
- Lauren thanks everyone for their attendance and hard work this weekend.
- Theta Iota is having a Stroll Off, check their social media for more information.
- Zeta Psi is having Florida Day on May 27-29!
- Sign up for SEDAA!

Motion to vote Nico Morales as the unofficial, unofficial mascot of the SED

- Motion: Zeta Beta
- Second: Zeta Psi
- Motion Passes

Motion to Adjourn Separate Session

- Motion: Theta Lambda
- Second: Zeta Psi
- Motion passes



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CLOSING JOINT SESSION

Call to order at 1:05 pm by the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District President Lauren Harrison and the Kappa Kappa Psi Southeast District President Jason Ortiz

Roll Call: Kappa Kappa Psi (Ortiz)

- Quorum is met

Roll Call: Tau Beta Sigma (Harrison)

- Chapters present:
 - Alpha Omega
 - Beta Xi
 - Gamma Epsilon
 - Epsilon Alpha
 - Epsilon Theta
 - Epsilon Chi
 - Zeta Beta
 - Zeta Tau
 - Zeta Psi
 - Eta Beta
 - Eta Lambda
 - Eta Xi
 - Eta Phi
 - Theta Zeta
 - Theta Iota
 - Theta Lambda
 - Theta Nu
 - Theta Rho
 - Theta Sigma
 - Theta Chi
 - Iota Gamma
 - Iota Delta
 - Iota Zeta
 - Iota Mu
 - Iota Omicron
 - Iota Rho
 - Iota Sigma
 - Iota Phi
 - Iota Chi
 - Iota Psi
- Absent:
 - Gamma Eta



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- Epsilon Lambda
- Epsilon Xi
- Zeta Iota
- Eta Omicron
- Theta Gamma
- Theta Upsilon
- Iota Lambda
- Iota Nu
- Iota Xi
- Iota Upsilon

Committee Reports:

- Committee Report on the *Joint Action Committee* (report attached)
 - Motion to approve the committee report on the *Joint Action Committee*
 - Motion: Theta Lambda, Tau Beta Sigma
 - Second: Alpha Eta, Kappa Kappa Psi
 - Kappa Kappa Psi Motion Passes
 - Tau Beta Sigma Motion Passes
- **Slate for the Host of the 2017 Southeast District Convention:** Kappa Tau, Kappa Kappa Psi and Iota Chi, Tau Beta Sigma at the University of South Florida
 - Motion to approve the slate for the Host of the 2017 Southeast District Convention.
 - Motion: Gamma Nu, Kappa Kappa Psi
 - Second: Zeta Psi, Tau Beta Sigma
 - Kappa Kappa Psi Motion Passes
 - Tau Beta Sigma Motion Passes
 - Motion for the Iota Chi, Tau Beta Sigma & Kappa Tau, Kappa Kappa Psi from University of South Florida to host 2017 Southeast District Convention.
 - Motion: Nu Kappa, Tau Beta Sigma
 - Second: Eta Beta, Kappa Kappa Psi
 - Kappa Kappa Psi Motion Passes
 - Tau Beta Sigma Motion Passes
- **The host of 2017 Southeast District Convention shall be the Iota Chi, Tau Beta Sigma & Kappa Tau, Kappa Kappa Psi from University of South Florida.**

Special Presentation

Congratulations to Latrondrick and Crystal Hunter on their marriage and pregnancy! We will always support you.
MLITB

Raffle Award

Congratulations to Laura Anderson from Theta Rho and Natasia Griffin from Nu Alpha.

Presentation of the 2016-2017 Southeast District Council of Kappa Kappa Psi (Ortiz)



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- President:
- Vice President of Programs: Evan Schamuss
- Vice President of Membership: Ariel Klaus
- Secretary/Treasurer: Jerome Hall

Presentation of the 2016-2017 Southeast District Council of Tau Beta Sigma (Harrison)

- President: Lauren Harrison, Theta Lambda, Auburn University
- Vice President of Membership: Katelyn Waldron, Iota Chi, University of South Florida
- Vice President of Special Projects: Gemila Washington, Theta Rho, Bethune Cookman University
- Secretary: Isaac Norris, Eta Beta, University of North Alabama
- Treasurer: Kathleen Elwell, Alpha Omega, Florida State University

Recognition of Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi and Theta Lambda, Tau Beta Sigma as hosts of the 2016 SED Convention

Announcements

- Come to Florida Day, May 27-29 at UCF! Eta Sigma and Zeta Psi will answer questions.
- All or Nothing Stroll of at 7 pm on April 12th, run by Theta Iota.
- Iota Zeta is having their neophyte showcase Saturday at 6 pm with 9 neophytes.
- A chapter left their money box in the marketplace, please come and get it.
- 2XL and 3XL SED shirts for sale!
- One of the founding members of KKPSi is buried nearby at 1000 E. Samford Ave.
- Thank you to the District Councils, National Officers, and Life and Alumni Members.

Motion to Adjourn the 2015 Southeast District Convention

- Motion: Theta Lambda, Tau Beta Sigma
- Second: Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi
- Kappa Kappa Psi Motion Passes
- Tau Beta Sigma Motion Passes

The 2016 Southeast District Convention of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma is adjourned at 1:46 PM.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

History and Sisterhood Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Nasya Blackwell

Theta Zeta, the North Carolina A&T State University

Committee Advisors:

Allison York (SED Historian), Christa Hall (IP SED President), and Lisa Croston (TBS Board of Trustees)

Charges to Committee:

- Review the 2015 Committee on History and Sisterhood Report.
- Find a means of keeping the history for the past and present of the sorority on a web-based platform that all sisters could access
 - Up-loading documents such as charter documents, programs, pics, etc.
- Interview Crystal Hunter (Wright) and Christa Hall for SED History
- Determine where the past interviews are being stored and find a way to publish these and future interviews to the district.

Implementation of Charges:

- Implementation of short briefing of historical accounts during officer report.
- Implementation of removing mascot requirements set by the 2015 committee and making them optional rather than mandated.

Charges to the 2017 Committee on History and Sisterhood:

- Review 2016 Committee on History and Sisterhood Report
- Find a means of keeping the history for the past and present of the sorority on a web-based platform that all sisters could access
- Discuss possibilities, platforms or hosting services that will be able give chapters in SED ability to update website
 - Chapter historians have access to personalize (optional)
 - Include band history (optional)
 - Charter (optional)

Charges to the 2016-2017 Historian

- Implement Convention Photo Collage
 - Use personal submissions however he or she see fit
 - Display SED digital scrapbook throughout convention that can be shared with the brothers of sisters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma
 - Organize scrapbook competition Charges to the 2016-2017 District Council
- Implement a district contest for most original Spike Mascot



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- Mascot could use the following criteria (optional):
 - All 7 states in the District
 - Incorporate original pineapple colors
 - Letters (TBS) Sunglasses
 - Individual creations based on person running
- Include slide show of pictures of SED and explore other chapters' pictures as well as our brother organization pictures due at the banquet at SED

Charges to the 2016-2017 District Council

- Consider finding extended time for the Historian to explain what was documented through the year
- During officer Report, historian will give a short snippet of a historic accounts relative to the sorority
- Can also be in the form of a rolling slide show with interesting facts about the sorority

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Nasya Blackwell, Theta Zeta

Advisors:

- Allison York (SED Historian)
- Christa Hall (IP SED President)
- Lisa Croston (TBS Board of Trustees)

Committee Members:

- Theta Zeta
- Eta Lambda
- Eta Xi
- Eta Omicron
- Theta Gamma
- Iota Mu
- Iota Nu

In Attendance:

- Zeta Beta
- Iota Zeta
- Theta Rho
- Alpha Omega



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Joint Actions Committee (JAC) Report

Tau Beta Sigma Committee Chair:

Christy Pickering
Theta Lambda, Auburn University

Tau Beta Sigma Committee Advisor:

Lee Commander
Alpha Omega, Southeast District Counselor

Charges to Committee:

- Review the report from the 2015 Joint Actions Committee. Analyze the bid guidelines document, as required by the Tau Beta Sigma SED Operations Manual. Evaluate and update the bid guidelines document.
- Review Eighth Note Committee's proposed changes and presentation and vote to approve changes by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Before the start of the second committee meeting, deliver the proposed changes to the respective Jurisdiction Committee Chairs.
- Interview all Convention host bidders and present a slate to the joint delegation at the closing Joint Session.
- Discuss ways to improve SED Convention.
- Discuss ways to improve joint relations at SED Convention.
- Evaluate the reading band, jazz reading band, song workshop, and auxiliary clinic as implemented in 2016.

Implementation of Charges:

- Reviewed the report from the 2015 Joint Actions Committee. Analyzed the bid guidelines document, as required by the Tau Beta Sigma SED Operations Manual. Discussed future changes to the method of hosting SED.
 - Recommended moving chapter off of campuses and instead moving to host cities.
 - Suggested using an event planner chosen by the District Counselors/Governors for the planning of convention.
 - Proposed that the District Counselors/Governors select three potential host cities for the Convention. The cities do not need to be cities with current TBΣ or KKΨ chapters.
 - Discussed that the chosen event planner would prepare an individual bid for each city selected by the Counselors/Governors and present the bids to the Joint Actions Committee.
 - Recommended that the Joint Actions Committee discuss the bids and slate one for the Joint Delegation to vote on.
 - Suggested having host chapters selected by the District Council to assist with the execution of Convention based on chapters' qualifications and the need for assistance in carrying out Convention.
- Heard the proposal of the Eighth Note Committee for changes to the publication of the Eighth Note and voted to approve the proposal.
 - Proposed that the Eighth Note be published on a website and through social media continuously during the year.
 - Proposed the Eighth Note to be managed a Committee selected by the District Council rather than by a host chapter.
 - Proposed that the committee be comprised of three KKΨ and three TBΣ members that will be selected by application.



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- The committee advisors will be the KKΨ Vice President of Programs and TBΣ Vice President of Special Projects.
- Proposed the committee be chaired by one person from each organization, selected by application and virtual interviews.
- The goals of the Eighth Note Committee will be to review and edit submissions to Eighth Note, advertise the publication, and maintain website and social media accounts for the Eighth Note.
- Proposed that the District Councils' budgets cover the costs associated with the Eighth Note.
- The Committee will select themes for the Eighth Note and are required to include Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Music and Musicianship, Service, and Leadership as themes.
- Delivered the proposed changes for the SED Convention location and the Eighth Note to the TBΣ and KKΨ Jurisdiction Committee prior to the start of the second committee meeting.
- Interviewed all Convention host bidders and presented a slate to the joint delegation at the closing Joint Session.
- We were unable to discuss ways to improve SED Convention due to the time spent on items 1 through 4.
- We were unable to discuss ways to improve joint relations due to the time spent on items 1 through 4.
- We were unable to evaluate the reading band, jazz reading band, song workshop, and auxiliary clinic due to the time spent on items 1 through 4.

Charges to the 2017 Joint Actions Committee:

- Review the report from the 2016 Joint Actions Committee. Analyze the Constitutional requirements for the selection of a host city and discuss the notes from the 2016 Joint Actions Committee as a guideline for bid considerations.
- Review all Convention host bids and present a slate to the joint delegation at the closing Joint Session.
- Discuss the selection process for host chapters for SED Convention and recommend criteria for the District Council to consider in the selection process.
- Discuss the responsibilities of the host chapters in the execution of Convention and propose a separation of duties across parties involved in the planning of Convention.
- Analyze and discuss the implementation and progress of the Eighth Note, based on the new criteria presented in the 2016 year. Discuss necessary changes following the first year of the new Eighth Note system.
- Discuss ways to improve SED Convention.
- Discuss ways to improve joint relations at SED Convention.
- Evaluate the reading band and auxiliary clinic as implemented in 2017.

Charges to the District Council of Tau Beta Sigma:

- Continuously evaluate and assist the implementation of the new Eighth Note system and propose additional changes needed to the 2017 Joint Actions Committee.
- Create an application for the Eighth Note Committee and select members of the Committee according to TBΣ District Constitution.
- Create a non-binding joint resolution of agreement acting as a guideline for voting and discussion purposes.
- Continue to ensure that scheduled committee meetings for SED Convention line up between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma so that Joint Actions Committee may maximize their meeting times.
- Consider holding at least one committee session occurring subsequently after the completion of reading band and auxiliary clinic, as was done in 2016, so that the 2017 Joint Actions Committee will be able to evaluate them.



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- Continue synchronizing more events between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma at SED Convention to continue to improve joint relations.
- Consider adding an additional committee block for the 2017 Joint Actions Committee as was done for the Nominations Committee due to the amount of business the Committee needs to complete.

Charges to the District Counselors:

- Discuss and outline additional considerations for the selection of 2018 SED Convention host city and present these considerations to the 2017 Joint Actions Committee.
- Discuss and outline additional considerations for the involvement of host chapters in the planning of 2018 SED Convention and present these considerations to the 2017 Joint Actions Committee.
- Evaluate the implementation of the new Eighth Note system and discuss necessary changes with the District Council and the Eighth Note Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chairs:

- Christy Pickering – Tau Beta Sigma, Theta Lambda, Auburn University
- David Campos – Kappa Kappa Psi, Alpha Eta, University of Florida

Advisors:

- Lee Commander – Tau Beta Sigma, Alpha Omega, Florida State University
- Craig Aarhus - Kappa Kappa Psi, Epsilon, Mississippi State University

Committee Members (Tau Beta Sigma):

- Epsilon Alpha – Melanie Winn
- Epsilon Xi – Michaela Marston
- Theta Lambda (Chair) – Christy Pickering
- Iota Zeta – Laura Browing (proxy – Epsilon Alpha)
- Iota Phi – Keshara Wiley

Committee Members (Kappa Kappa Psi):

- Zeta Upsilon – Jacob Charles
- Lambda Gamma – Alexander Suarez (proxy – Kappa Tau)*
- Kappa Tau – Nicholas Yager*
- Mu Iota – Jada Dalrymple
- Mu Eta – Christopher Leggett (proxy – Kappa Sigma)
- Nu Iota – Cedric Matthews
- Lambda Zeta – Bernard Robinson (second meeting only)

**Members of the chapter who proposed the bid for SEDC 2017*



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Jurisdiction Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Katelyn Waldron

Iota Chi, University of South Florida

Committee Advisors:

Sarah Davis – Alpha Omega, 2015 – 2016 Southeast District Parliamentarian & Rachel Kerley – Epsilon Alpha, 2011-2012 Southeast District President

Charges to Committee:

- Read and review the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
- Edit and make necessary changes in both the SED Constitution and the SEDOM to promote continuity and advancement.
- Amend Article 7, Section 6 of the SED Constitution.
- Reevaluate the transfer of \$200 each year from the general budget to the rainy day fund. *Article IX Section 2d.*
- Reevaluate the way the Farthest Distance Traveled Award is calculated. *District Awards Section of the DOM.*
- Reevaluate the qualifications to receive the Merit Certificate. *District Awards Section of the DOM.*
- Discuss the number of times SHELLS is required to be distributed to the district. *Article VI Section 2.*
- Discuss the addition of an award that can be given to those chapters that go above and beyond the minimum standard (paperwork deadlines etc.) *District Awards Section of the DOM. See other district constitutions for similar awards (counselor cup, top chapter award, etc.)*
- Following the 1st scheduled committee meeting, discuss with the JAC the intended changes to the structure of the 8th note so that Article 6 of the SED Constitution can reflect new practices.
- Create charges for the 2017 Committee on Jurisdiction.

Implementation of Charges:

- The committee read and reviewed the 2015 committee report.
- The committee reviewed the SED Constitution and SEDOM to see if improvements could be made.
- The committee amended Article 7, Section 6 of the SED constitution to say, “No official business of the District Convention shall be conducted on the evening prior to the day in which convention begins, except in cases of Conventions shorter than two complete days of business.”
- The committee has discussed the movement of \$200 dollars from the general budget to be moved to the Rainy Day Fund each year.
- The committee has discussed the qualifications for the Farthest Distance Traveled Award and has amended this award to be based on the product of distance traveled and number of members in good standing, and membership candidates present. This will exclude the host chapter in consideration for this award.
- The committee evaluated the qualifications of the Merit Award and determined that the need for the award is no longer present. The committee has opted to remove the Merit Award from the SEDOM.
- The committee discussed reducing the number of times SHELLS is required to be published, down to one per semester, and to be published as determined by the SED Council
- The committee has discussed the creation of a Focus on Five Award. This award will be given to the chapter(s) who has completed the most requirements for the stripes, and lyre pieces come the time of District Convention every year. This does not require the Focus on Five Program to be completed to eligible for this award.



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- The committee reviewed the action plan presented by the ad-hoc committee for the Eighth Note, and accepted the changes to the bid process, the content and deadlines, and the distribution of the publication.

Charges to the 2017 Committee on Jurisdiction:

- Read and review the 2015 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
- Edit and make necessary changes in both the SED Constitution and the SEDOM to promote continuity and advancement.
- Review the additions and changes made to the Eighth Note Committee in the preceding district convention.
- Reevaluate the SHELLS Umbrella Awards. *District Award Section of the DOM.*
- Review the Merit Certificate Program and seek the possibility to passing it to the Eighth Note Committee to create a new system of recognition.
- Create charges for the 2018 Committee on Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Katelyn Waldron – Iota Chi

Advisors:

- Sarah Davis – Alpha Omega
- Rachel Kerley – Epsilon Alpha

Committee Members:

- Epsilon Lambda
- Iota Gamma
- Iota Delta
- Iota Xi
- Iota Upsilon

In Attendance:

- Theta Sigma
- Theta Zeta
- Epsilon Alpha
- Zeta Psi



SED CONVENTION 2017 SLATE

**Iota Chi (TBΣ) &
Kappa Tau (KKΨ)**

University of South Florida



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Membership Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Lauren King

Alpha Omega, Florida State University

Committee Advisors:

Zach Cheever – Eta Phi, Southeast District Vice President of Membership &

Jonathan L. Markowski – Delta Delta, National Vice-President for Colonization & Membership

Charges to Committee:

- Review the 2015 Committee on Membership report.
- Review the expansion and effectiveness of the Membership Resource Database and propose helpful modifications and additions to the Database. If the Membership Resource Database is not viewed as effective, consider eliminating it as a resource.
- Review the effectiveness of communication between the District and Chapter VPMs and suggest possible ways to improve this communication.
- Evaluate the VPM and the planning of DLC and discuss possible changes or improvements.
- Evaluate the ways MEPs are collected and evaluated by the District and brainstorm ways the help chapters develop their MEPs.

Implementation of Charges:

- Review the 2015 Committee on Membership report.
- Review the expansion and effectiveness of the Membership Resource Database and propose helpful modifications and additions to the Database. If the Membership Resource Database is not viewed as effective, consider eliminating it as a resource.
 - Where do we stand with the Membership Resource Database?
 - VPM and District Council focus were on Focus on Five and MEP Revisions; no changes were implemented
 - Where will this information be accessible?
 - Currently SED VPM email account
 - Suggested using drop box, google drive, or email to chapters
 - District website?
 - Underutilized and currently under maintenance
 - High traffic when website is up and simple to gain access to
 - How do chapters get this information to the VPM?
 - What is allowed as submissions?
 - Anything related to membership, up to the discretion of the vice president of membership
 - Using a google form to upload chapter documents
 - Categorized format with subheadings to outline different membership topics
 - Create a website section for Membership Resource Database
 - Recruitment/Membership Process/Officer Projects
 - CMEP
 - Intake/bid process
 - Retention
 - Fundraising/service ideas



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- Education activities
- How to test!
- National Resources
- Big/Little Reveal
- Supplies
- Joint Relations
- Syllabus/Weekly schedule
- Requirements/Consequences
- Review the effectiveness of communication between the District and Chapter VPMs and suggest possible ways to improve this communication.
 - Most effective way was email
 - Current Facebook Chapter VPM group needs updating
 - Problem with past VPM not adding most recent VPM
 - Not utilized by members for discussion or Q&A.
 - GroupMe
 - (Had to have j mark google what this is)
 - Group messaging app that does not require texting facilitated by VPM
 - Slack
 - Phone and computer app by invitation only
 - Group discussion
 - Telegram (similar resource)
 - Main Problem: We need to know who the VPM for the Chapter is
 - How to solve this?
 - Southeast District Page?
 - Tag your VPM in a comment!
 - Anyone in the chapter can see it, but want to avoid spamming.
 - What is OMRS?
 - Zach pulled it up!
 - Online.kkytbs.org
 - How do I know my username and password?
 - Student.edu address
 - Forget password and create a new one to access
 - Old chapter officers MUST fill out new officer form to be able to see the forms applicable to you
 - Also for the district VPM to know who to send VPM information to chapter VPMs
 - Increase education about this online resource!
- Evaluate the VPM and the planning of DLC and discuss possible changes or improvements
 - DLC Planning
 - Zach's role and process
 - Joint Presidents picked location of DLC
 - Vice Presidents of Membership pick location ideally in order to oversee all aspects of the event.
 - In charge of all workshops, personnel, flying in keynote speakers.
 - Worked with host chapter as Mentor



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- A good source of experience in event/convention planning!
- Improving Membership Resource Database
 - See section 2 of Implementation
- Creating Incentives for submission to the Membership Database
 - Due to website failure, none were implemented
 - Are incentives necessary?
 - With all chapters being required to turn in an MEP, any other documents would be a plus, since all topics regarding membership should be found in the MEP
 - Explore this further.
- Dissemination of National Resources
 - National program of collecting and reviewing Chapter MEPs
 - Working with VPCM on a small scale basis, but is in reality much better if facilitated by the Counselors as a closer source of information.
- Implementing a new email account per chapter was unneeded as one current chapter email for each member is sufficient, as decided by District Council.
- Evaluate the ways MEPs are collected and evaluated by the District and brainstorm ways the help chapters develop their MEPs.
 - Evaluating the ways MEP are collected
 - All documents are turned into the District Counselors by a fall deadline through email
 - Brainstorm ways to help chapters develop their MEPs
 - Step one: have a written MEP
 - What is an MEP?
 - A membership education program that outlines the process from prospective member to active member for your Chapter
 - There is no “MEP template”, every school has different requirements of the Chapter.
 - MEP is a living document; should change when the process changes
 - Use national resources to develop the MEP
 - Adding Resources
 - Contacting our VPM and communicating with the National VPCM with questions to help your Chapter succeed
 - Finding what works and what doesn't when it comes to who is right for revising your MEP and what is best for you, not only your Chapter but most importantly your Membership Candidates.

Charges to the 2016-2017 Committee on Membership

- Review the 2016 Committee on Membership report.
- Review the expansion and effectiveness of the Membership Resource Database and propose helpful modifications and additions to the Database. If the Membership Resource Database is not viewed as effective, consider eliminating it as a resource.
- Review the effectiveness of communication between the District and Chapter VPMs and suggest possible ways to improve this communication.
- Evaluate the VPM and discuss possible changes or improvements.

Charges to the 2016-2017 Vice President of Membership



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- The VPM should work to improve the Membership Resource Database. (Suggestions: Create a new format to be implemented on the District website, encourage and compile submissions, and consider our revisions listed above in implementations).
- The VPM is encouraged to collect submissions in whatever method they deem most fit.
- The VPM should work with the National leadership to ensure the dissemination of information of available resources.
- The VPM should create a more effective resource to dispense prevalent information to Chapter VPMs.
- The VPM should plan or delegate a workshop devoted to the necessity of OMRS.

Charges to the 2016-2017 District Council

- We charge the President to have to VPM run the bid selection process for DLC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Lauren King – Alpha Omega

Advisors:

- Zach Cheever – Eta Phi
- Jonathan L. Markowski – Delta Delta

Committee Members:

- Jamila Wright – Gamma Epsilon
- Trave'Elle Knotts – Zeta Iota proxy for Gamma Eta
- Dezarra Fegins – Theta Sigma
- Jessica Pinkston – Theta Lambda proxy for Theta Chi
- Jamal Howell – Iota Sigma

In Attendance:

- Alpha Omega
- Beta Xi
- Epsilon Theta
- Zeta Psi
- Theta Zeta
- Theta Iota
- Theta Lambda
- Theta Nu
- Theta Upsilon
- Iota Sigma



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Nominations Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Salvatore Parillo

Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida

Committee Advisor:

Stephen Burt

Epsilon Alpha, Southeast District Counselor

Charges to Committee:

- Review the Nominations Committee report from the 2015 SED Convention.
- Review sections 2.03-2.09 of the SED Constitution so as to understand the duties of each office.
- Review the questions asked during the candidate interviews to check for relevancy and discuss any possible changes.
- Interview the candidates running for district office.
- Slate a candidate for each district office.
- If applicable, create charges for the 2017 Nominations Committee.

Implementation of Charges:

- We reviewed the Nominations Committee report from the 2015 SED Convention.
- We reviewed sections 2.03-2.09 of the SED Constitution so as to understand the duties of each office.
- We review the questions asked during the candidate interviews to check for relevancy, made a slight change to the VPM questions, and created a Secretary question.
 - Questions asked to every candidate:
 - What responsibilities along with this office will you have and how will that fit into your overall schedule?
 - If not elected to your desired office, would you be willing to be serve in another, and if so, which one and why?
 - Which of the 8 to 5 do you feel personifies you the most and how would you incorporate that into your office?
 - What can you bring to this office?
 - What has this office done well and what would you like to see improved?
 - What is your vision for the 2016-2017 council?
 - Questions asked based on what officer position each candidate was running for:
 - President: What leadership roles have you had and how will that benefit the district overall?
 - VPM: How do you plan to communicate with chapters to recruit and maintain active members?
 - VPSP: What is one program that you would like to implement in the district and how would you go about making it successful?
 - Secretary: Have you ever created and/or implemented a publication? If so, what was it and how did it go?
 - Treasurer: Have you ever created or implemented a budget? If so, what kind and how?
- We interview the candidates running for district office.
- We slated a candidate for each district office.

Charges to the 2017 Committee on Nominations:



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- Review the Nominations Committee report from the 2016 SED Convention.
- Review sections 2.03-2.09 of the SED Constitution so as to understand the duties of each office.
- Review the questions asked during the candidate interviews to check for relevancy and discuss any possible changes.
- Interview the candidates running for district office.
- Slate a candidate for each district office.
- If applicable, create charges for the 2018 Nominations Committee.

Charges to the Southeast District Counselors:

- Create an objective rubric that the Nominations Committee members can utilize during officer interviews to better facilitate discussion and voting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Salvatore Parillo – Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida

Advisor:

Stephen Burt – Epsilon Alpha, Southeast District Counselor

Committee Members:

- Sigourney Ray – Epsilon Chi, South Carolina State University
- Kenecia Harris – Zeta Iota, Jackson State University
- Keonia Harvey – Zeta Tau, Valdosta State University
- Salvatore Parillo – Zeta Psi, University of Central Florida
- Courtney Zhorela – Iota Psi, Kennesaw State University

2016 Nominations Committee: District Officer Slate

SED President: Kathleen Elwell, Alpha Omega, Florida State University

SED Vice President of Membership: Sydney Bleiweiss, Beta Xi, University of Florida

SED Vice President of Special Projects: Caleb Morris, Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina

SED Secretary: Mitchell Gaylord, Alpha Omega, Florida State University

SED Treasurer: Isaac Norris, Eta Beta, University of North Alabama



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Programs and Music Support Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Sydney Bleiweiss
Beta Xi, University of Florida

Committee Advisors:

Allison Reagan – Alpha Omega, Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects
René Mark – Beta Xi, National TBSAA Executive Council, Past Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects

Charges to Committee:

- Review the 2015 Programs and Music Support Committee Report.
- Review the current VPSP's projects as well as investigate new, worthwhile projects for the district.
 - Concerto Competition
 - Service in Music Month
- Review the effectiveness of the suggestions given to the 2015-2016 VPSP from the 2015 Programs and Music Support Committee.
- Evaluate the website and make suggestions for improvements and additions.
- Create a timeline for the district programs that the 2016-2017 VPSP can follow.

Implementation of Charges:

- We reviewed the 2015 Programs and Music Support Committee Report.
- We reviewed the current VPSP's projects, and suggested improvements/new ideas.
- We reviewed the effectiveness of the suggestions given to the 2015-2016 VPSP from the 2015 Programs and Music Support Committee and found they facilitated discussion.
- Evaluated the website and made suggestions for improvements and additions.
- Created a tentative timeline for the district programs that the 2016-2017 VPSP can follow.

Charges to the 2017 Committee on Programs and Music Support:

- Review the 2016 Programs and Music Support Committee Report.
- Review the current VPSP's projects as well as investigate new, worthwhile projects for the district.
- Review the effectiveness of the suggestions given to the 2016-2017 VPSP from the 2016 Programs and Music Support Committee.
- Evaluate the website and make suggestions for improvements and additions.
- Create a timeline for the district programs that the 2017-2018 can follow.

Charges to the 2016-2017 Vice President of Special Projects

- Concerto Competition
 - Provide a pre-made informational flier or packet directly to chapters to create greater awareness for all possible participants, including non-KKPsi/TBS members.
 - Investigate different possible times to hold the concerto performance.
 - If possible, provide rehearsal time for the competition winner and accompaniment before the performance.
 - Utilize Google Forms for the application.
 - Investigate expanding the competition from solos to include ensembles.
- Service in Music Month



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- Consider changing the theme
 - One big project to accomplish over a month, rather than four separate projects in the month.
 - Work with another musical organization to accomplish a project.
- Investigate possible ways to incentivize chapters to participate.
- Continue the Chapter Spotlight program
 - Consider highlighting a different chapter every month.
- New Project Ideas
 - Brainstorm ideas to include a district project during SEDC.
 - Have a prepared piece sent out before convention to the sisters and brothers signed up for reading band to then perform it for the local community. Investigate inviting local students to observe or participate.
 - Create an educational video on instruments and music to give to elementary, middle, and high schools across the district.
- Tentative Project Timeline
 - Concerto Competition
 - Notify the district of the competition at the end of the fall, open up the application at the beginning of January through mid-March (depending on SEDC dates).
 - Consider having one deadline for the application and a separate deadline for the video submission.
 - Service in Music Month
 - Notify the chapters of the project by two or three weeks before it begins.
 - Send out periodic project reminders before and during the project windows at the discretion of the VPSP.

Charges to the 2016-2017 District Council : (IF APPLICABLE)

- Promote improvements to the district website
 - Redesign the home page to provide quick announcements and reminders.
 - Create a recent announcements tab, to remove longer announcements from the home page.
 - Update the chapter spotlight tab and add photos of the chapters' activities.
 - Create a historian tab to archive district and chapter activities in various projects.
 - Create a district calendar tab to include important district and national dates.
 - Promote the usage of the website as the primary source of district information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Sydney Bleiweiss – Beta Xi, University of Florida

Advisors:

- Allison Reagan – Alpha Omega, 2015-2016 Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects
- René Mark – Beta Xi, National TBSAA Executive Council, 2010-2012 Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects

Committee Members:

- Beta Xi – University of Florida



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- Epsilon Theta – Georgia Institute of Technology
- Theta Nu – Clark Atlanta University
- Theta Upsilon – Winston-Salem State University
- Iota Omicron – Benedict College
- Iota Rho – Spelman College

In Attendance:

- Alpha Omega – Florida State University
- Theta Zeta – North Carolina A&T State University
- Theta Iota – Alabama A&M University
- Iota Sigma – Huntingdon College
- Theta Lambda – Auburn University



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Ways and Means Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Taryn Griffin

Theta Rho, Bethune-Cookman University

Committee Advisors:

Dr. Kathryn Kelly – Eta Delta, National President

Kathleen Elwell – Alpha Omega, Southeast District Treasurer

Charges to Committee:

- Review the 2015 SED Ways and Means Committee Report
- Review the role of Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
- Determine the success of the district wide fundraiser and determine whether to charge Jurisdiction in implementing into the Southeast District Constitution
- Discuss the means of fundraising by the 2015-2016 SED Council, and assess their performance and possible ideas for improvement
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Treasurer and VPSP soliciting donations for the Special Projects Fund
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district
- Review the proposed 2016-2017 budget

Implementation of Charges:

- Review the 2015 SED Ways and Means Committee Report
 - Read and review
- Review the role of Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
 - Reviewed Role
 - Suggested that the treasurer attempt to perform all the charges proposed by the Ways and Means Committee
 - Charge the treasurer to use social media as a way to communicate with chapters if they need assistance
 - Make the budget template for SED a resource on the SED website
- Determine the success of the district wide fundraiser and determine whether to charge Jurisdiction in implementing into the Southeast District Constitution
 - Discussed enhancing the budget importance Joint Fundraising Database
 - Discussed the likelihood of chapters regulating money and budgets in terms of SED help
 - Discussed how we as individual chapters can ask our SGA to sponsor us
- Discuss the means of fundraising by the 2015-2016 SED Council, and assess their performance and possible ideas for improvement
 - Discussed means of fundraisers in terms of SED council 2015-2016
 - Discussed to add donating to the rainy day fund as a Focus on Five
 - Discussed asking chapters to give at least \$10 to the rainy day fund every year
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Treasurer and VPSP soliciting donations for the Special Projects Fund
 - Discussed the concert competition scholarship which \$250 in the budget went to (depends on the year/other cases)
 - Discussed the difficulty of getting donations outside of convention
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district
 - Discussed why we do not have an actual database for our district



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- Charged SED treasurer to better market/ advertise resources to reach their fundraising lists and ideas
- Review the proposed 2016-2017 budget
 - Discussed how we were better this year in terms of the rainy day fund than previous
 - Discussed that we need to budget now for what goes in and out of the rainy day fund
 - Voted on we needed to allow all district councils to have a line for their travels especially since it waivers year to year
 - Discussed a PayPal account for the district
 - Discussed for initiated not to pay in terms of budget
 - Voted to cut officer lines in ½ and add line for traveling for officers
 - Charge the treasurer to encourage usage of money scrap travel line
 - Charge the treasurer to change the council travel line

Charges to the 2017 Committee on Ways and Means:

- Review the 2016 SED Ways and Means Committee Report
- Review the role of Treasurer and discuss future requirements of the office
- Determine the success of the district wide fundraiser and determine whether to charge Jurisdiction in implementing into the Southeast District Constitution
- Discuss the means of fundraising by the 2016-2017 SED Council, and assess their performance and possible ideas for improvement
- Discuss the effectiveness of the Treasurer and VPSP soliciting donations for the Special Projects Fund
- Discuss the effectiveness of the district fundraising database, and its marketing to the district
- Review the proposed 2017-2018 budget

Charges to the 2016-2017 Treasurer:

- Charge the treasurer to use social media as a way to communicate with chapters if they need assistance
- Charge the treasurer to increase communication with the chapters from two times a year to three or four times a year
- Charge the 2016-2017 Southeast District Treasurer with creating new a fundraising database from database already given in the handbook that can be used for the district
- Charge the 2016-2017 Southeast District Treasurer to better market/ advertise resources to reach these fundraising list and ideas
- Charge the 2015-2017 Treasurer to discuss cutting officer lines in ½ and add line for traveling for officers

Charges to the 2016-2017 District Council:

Charge the SED Council with making resources such as a budget template, available on the the District's website along with instructions on how to properly run your budget throughout the year

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Chair:

Taryn Griffin – Theta Rho

Advisors:

- Dr. Kathryn Kelly – Eta Delta, National President



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- Kathleen Elwell – Alpha Omega, Southeast District Treasurer

Committee Members:

- Zeta Beta
- Eta Beta
- Eta Phi
- Theta Iota
- Iota Lambda

In Attendance:

N/A



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2016 – 2017 Approved Budget

2016-2017

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<i>Revenues</i>				
0	Balance Forward	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
0	Spring Allocation	\$ 350.00		-\$ 350.00
0	Fall Allocation	\$ 1,700.00		-\$ 1,700.00
0	Account Interest/ Service	\$ 10.00		-\$ 10.00
0	District Income/ Fundraising	\$ 1,000.00		-\$ 1,000.00
0	Special Projects Fund Donations	\$ 100.00		-\$ 100.00
0	Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		-\$ 50.00
	Total	\$ 6,210.00	\$ -	-\$ 210.00
<i>Expenses</i>				
110	President	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
220	VPM	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
330	VPSP	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
440	Secretary	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
550	Treasurer	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
111	Parliamentarian	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
331	Historian	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
332	Scrapbook	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
333	Special Projects Fund	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
334	Eighth Note Fund	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
441	Copies and Postage	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
551	Fundraisers	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
552	Convention Awards	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
553	Rainy Day Fund Transfer	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
660	District Convention (Council)	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
661	Winter Council	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
662	Summer Council	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
663	Officer Trave;	\$ 1,235.00		\$ 1,235.00
772	District/National Convention Assistance	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
880	Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
	Total	\$ 6,210.00	\$ -	\$ 6,210.00
Balance Carried Forward		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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OFFICER REPORTS

President, Lauren Harrison

Sisters of the Southeast District,

This year has been amazing and been the ride of a lifetime. It has truly been an honor to serve as your president. I have gained so many wonderful experiences this year on council. Working with the rest of the District Council and the chapters of the SED has shown me a side of TBS that I never thought I would get to experience, so I thank you for this opportunity.

The year started for me at the 2015 SED Convention in Athens, GA. I was so excited (and nervous) to serve as your president. I left convention thinking “holy crap I’m president now what?” I didn’t have time to stress after all we had National Convention to prepare for. After appointing Karla and Sarah, the Council met in Orlando for Florida Day (thanks Zeta Psi). While there, the council planned out our goals for the year and began preparing for National Convention. Working with the other council members that weekend got me so excited for the year the district was going to have. After Florida Day, Allison joined the council as historian. In July, the SED went to Lexington, KY for National Convention and the SED showed up and showed out. The other district presidents and I got to Lexington a few days early so we could learn a little bit more about convention planning and leading our districts. Those days were such a great opportunity to learn from the National Council and my fellow district presidents and take what they taught me back to the SED. Then it was time for National Convention to begin. The SED had a great National Convention. We had the highest attendance of the districts, and we won the spirit stick! The two chapters that were up for CLA did a fantastic job presenting. Congratulations to Epsilon Theta and Theta Lambda on a job well done. All of the sisters at National Convention made me so proud with their passion and love for Tau Beta Sigma. You truly showed Strength, Excellence, and Diversity.

After National Convention, the district council hit the ground running by working on the chapter mentorship program and helping chapters strive for 100% on paperwork. We got very close to our goal by having 33 chapters turn in all national paperwork on time.

The fall was full of twists and turns, from not knowing where convention was going to be for a month and then hitting the ground running once we found a host. Jason, the KKPsi President, and I beginning working on the schedule and agenda for convention and quickly discovered our visions for convention were very similar (which made convention planning much easier). We both then started contacting our respective workshop presenters and creating our convention plans to submit to the National Councils on December 1.

The Council was able to come together again in person at winter council. At winter council, we planned out the last few months of our term and were ready to see the district at DLC. Some of my best memories on council came from that weekend of showing you all around Auburn and all being crammed in my apartment. We bonded more as a council when we joined together in Clemson for DLC (shout out to Kappa Beta). We all gave our workshops to complete Zach’s vision for the conference, and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we all did. After DLC, it was full steam ahead to SED Convention. These last few months of planning have been crazy, and I could have never done it without the support of the rest of council and the host chapters. The theme of this year’s convention truly has been “make it work.” Over my spring break, I went home and had a SED Convention work week. It wasn’t all work, though, I was able to go to one of Theta Iota’s step practices and have dinner and get a campus tour with Eta Beta. Thank you both for welcoming me on your campuses.



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I have grown so much this year and this opportunity is something I am so thankful for. The memories I have made and the people I have met will stick with me for the rest of my life.

There are several people I want to thank for making this year so amazing:

Zach - Thank you for always being my voice of reason during my “Zach I can’t” calls. I don’t think I could have gotten through this year if you hadn’t sat on the phone with me for hours. Thanks for looking at past national president head shots with me. Oh and I checked the banquet menu and there are bananas in the pudding so don’t eat I would like for you to live.

Allison Reagan – I would have never guessed that when we met at the 2013 NatCon that we would be here today. We have survived exploding Slurpee machines and seen two toilets in one stall. I mean you were the only one on council that would feel my forehead at Winter Council when I was concerned. We have even been to Hogwarts together I know with absolute certainty that we will be friends for the rest of our lives. You truly are my sister.

Karla – From corresponding secretaries to chapter presidents to district council members together, we’ve come a long way. You are one of the first people I met on the district level. You have been there for me through my TBS journey and I love you.

Kathleen – Thanks for being my venting buddy. You feel all my struggles. I’m pretty sure the majority of our phone calls had nothing to do with district business. You helped keep me sane this year by always listening to me. I love you for it.

Sarah – Thank you for being my Robert’s rule teacher this weekend cause lord knows I struggle with Robert. #robertwouldbeproud

Allison York – Your sass and stories are the best. I would definitely read the books you could write.

Lee – I can always count on you to be real with me. When I am freaking out or having a convention moment (before convention) I know you will bring me back down to earth. You have taught me to be proactive not reactive. Thank you for not telling me to cry over paper.

Stephen – Thank you for dealing with all my really dumb questions. I’m pretty sure I either called or texted you every single day this year. I don’t think I could have done anything this year without your advice and guidance. Also thanks for meeting with me every time I came to Orlando. I hope we have more Disney days.

Belinda, Christa, Crystal, and Rene – Thank you for all your love and support though out my term. All of your advice has meant the world to me.

Nico – Thank you for always being there for me. When you told me at the 2013 National Convention that you were going to come to Auburn for a ritual I didn’t believe you. I have since learned not to ever question anything you set out to do. I can’t wait to return the favor next year by coming to the West.

Theta Lambda – Thank you for standing behind me this year. I don’t think I could make through each day without seeing one of your smiling faces or hugs. You are my Auburn family. Thanks for letting me be the old lady in the back of chapter this year and dealing with me for 5 years. I know we thought this year was going to be an easy



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year but thank you for taking on convention and putting in so many hours of work. I love you all so much. War Eagle.

Audra and Do'Nyal – I don't think I can ever repay either of you for all the work you have done and all the support you have given me this year. You are two of my best friends in the world and I love both of you with all my heart. This is the convention where we made it work and STOM fam ruled the world.

To the SED - Thank you again to the SED for letting me serve as your SED President and thank you so much for trusting me with our district for the year. I love each and every one of you. Thank you for always being a home away from home for me.

Respectively submitted,
Lauren Harrison



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Vice President of Membership, Zach Cheever

Sisters of the Southeast,

It has been a true honor to serve this district as the VPM for the past year. This moment not only marks the end of my term, but also my time on council. It has been a wild ride working with my fellow officers to help make the Southeast District a success over the past year. I think about two years ago when I transferred to the Eta Phi Chapter and knew zero people on this district, to coming to stand in front of you today where I look out and see a crowd of people that I have come to know and love. This term began right out of the gate with Florida Days in Orlando. I was very excited to meet many new people from all over the state in a packed weekend of summer council and sisterhood. I jumped in my car and headed to Auburn, AL to meet Lauren and carpool down to Orlando. On my drive down, I experienced a nightmare disaster. My engine broke on the side of lonely AL highway. I sat in the middle of nowhere with no cell phone signal and no one to call. After many hours of “maintaining my emotional poise”, a 911 call, and a tow truck, I ended up at local garage and \$3,000 engine bill. So...what’s the point of this story? Upon hearing of my situation via Facebook, the Eta Beta Chapter at North Alabama came to my rescue. 3 sisters drove to where I was, picked me up, let me stay on their couch, and then drove me back to Tennessee the next morning. I’m beyond grateful for this demonstration of true sisterhood and give the utmost gratitude to this chapter for this situation.

The next part of my term was preparing for the 2015 National Convention. After collecting all the delegate and proxy forms for the SED, I jumped in my fixed car and headed to Lexington, KY. On my way, I came to realize that my car was indeed not fixed and a belt broke to strand me at an Arby’s an hour away from Nashville. After another long night and another tow, Allison Reagan came to the rescue and meet me in Nashville where I left my car to be repaired during convention. Convention was a great success for the SED with winning the spirit stick and having a fantastic turnout by our chapters. This time was also great for the council as we bonded and planned many ideas for the coming academic year.

The fall semester was full of paperwork deadlines, helping chapters with MEP edits, and getting to know my mentee chapters. Once we were in the swing of things, we picked the Kappa Beta chapter of KKY at Clemson University to host District Leadership Conference. Fall transitioned into spring and the next 3 months were a whirlwind of planning for the upcoming event. Olivia Burley (KKY SED VPM), the two chairs from Kappa Beta, and myself worked to create an event that would be beneficial for all chapters of the Southeast. We offered many joint workshops and a variety of separate workshops that went very smoothly to create a fantastic DLC that was both productive and enjoyable. Thank you to all the people that helped me create such a worthwhile DLC.

This year has been full of many emotions. I’m thankful to all the chapters that let me enter in and provide membership help whether it was with recruitment, MEP’s, ect. I’m happy to see the district moving forward with educating new members every semester. I’m sad to see my time as an active winding down. Lastly, I’m so grateful for all the time I’ve had to serve this district. It’s been the best experience I could have asked for and I wouldn’t trade it for the world.

I would now like to acknowledge following people:

To Stephen and Lee, Thank you for all of your help and guidance over the last year. This district has made many strides under your leadership. You always have our backs when we need you, unless Lee’s already in bed and wants to sleep. Thank you for advocating for this district and council in the diligent way that you do.



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To Eta Phi, thank you for always supporting me with on council. It's been great to watch you grow so much in a short time. ANCHOR DOWN!

To Sarah, it was great handing the reigns of parliamentarian over to you. I knew from the start the position was in good hands. Thank you for enjoying the beauty of constitutions and Roberts Rules as much as I do. Having you on council was a blast and wish you the best at Vandy next year (ANCHOR DOWN!)

To Allison York, it was very clear from on early point in the term that you would fit right in. I can't thank you enough for all the phone calls you took and "books we wrote" together this term. You've been a true sister in my recent life and I get the honor of also calling you friend. Thank you for talking me off the ledge and helping me when I needed it most.

To Karla, your ideas are always something that I've never thought of and I'm constantly amazed at what you brought to the table this year. Having you on council was a sure delight. I can't wait to see what amazing things your life will hold for you.

To Kathleen, your passion for budget is none I've ever seen before. Thank you for sharing your unique opinion to me and bouncing ideas around with me. I know you always will answer the phone to hear my same question, "Is it too late to turn in requisitions?"

To Allison Reagan, I don't even know where to begin. Your very first words to me were "Were gonna be best friends." Who knew where that would lead to. You've been the best friend that anyone could ask for. You got me through the roughest stretch of life and pushed me to be my best self. Whether we were laughing our heads off about something, or crying hoping the other end had something comforting to say. I'll always have your back and I can't wait to see where this friendship goes.

To Lauren, being on this crazy journey with you was nothing less than fantastic. We made a sure dynamic duo. Whether it was me calming you down or you calming me down, our friendship turned into something great. Thank you for the memories. Remember, don't cry over paper and I'm always a phone call away.

To the greatest District of TBS, I've met so many fantastic people sitting in this very room in front of me, and I know you will all continue to push our district to its highest potential. If there's anything I've learned in TBS, it's that no matter how far you wander away, you're never alone to walk the journey. This district embodies what it means to be sisters in the bond. Never forget, from today until our rest, with our sisters we are best.

Respectfully submitted,
Zach Cheever
2015-2016 Vice President of Membership
Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University



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Vice President of Special Projects, Allison Reagan

Sisters of the Southeast District,

It feels like just yesterday we were parading around showing our SED pride in awesome bright green t-shirts at National Convention, but this weekend we are wrapping up another successful year of service, music, leadership and sisterhood in the Southeast District. National Convention kicked off our busy term of office and we kept that ball rolling. The fall brought the start of the National Focus on Five campaign, driving participation in national projects. In the program's second year, we've had 29 chapters earn at least one stripe so far-- almost 75% chapter participation. This is an improvement from last year and I can't wait to see how SED participation in this campaign keeps growing and excelling in the future. The fall also brought Service in Music Month in October. Although we only had 5 chapters participate, collectively they completed more than 15 service projects and provided over 300 hours of service to their communities.

This Spring I've had the pleasure of working with a small ad-hoc committee of sisters and brothers from the SED to reevaluate and revamp the Eighth Note. Their dedication and commitment to the publication and our district has been phenomenal and the fruits of our labor have been proudly presented to the Joint Actions Committee for consideration. Caleb, Isaac, and Katelyn- thank you for everything you did for the committee. During my term, I wanted to incorporate a way to highlight women in the band profession. I'm excited to say that our panel of judges for this year's Concerto Competition were all accomplished women in the band profession. I want to extend a big thank you to Dr. Sue Samuels, Director of Bands at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Dr. Debra Traficante, Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands at Kennesaw State University, for donating their time to our district by serving as this year's judges. We had amazing musicians enter the competition, and Friday night you all had the pleasure of hearing our 4th annual Concerto Competition winner, Ben Elgan, perform— Thank you Ben, it was fantastic!

I'll try to keep my shout outs short, for in the words of Allison York, "I could write books".

1. Stephen and Lee: Thank you both for your continued guidance over the years I've known you, in particular the past two years serving on council. I always value your perspectives and Sorority wisdom, and I LOVE learning about the history of our district.
2. Karla: I'm so glad we got to serve on council together and get to know each other. I have so much respect for you and your poise.
3. Allison: You are one of the most quotable people I know and absolutely hilarious. I feel like we have so much in common, namely our deep love for Mexican food.
4. Kathleen: I hope you already know how proud I am of you, from your growth from a quiet Spring 2013 candidate to becoming an SED officer. Don't ever doubt yourself and always remember how loved you are.
5. Sarah: My little sister. To think we thought it was special that we served on Alpha Omega Exec together, only to later serve on district council together. I'll save the mushy stuff for Senior Ceremony, but you know how much I love you.



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6. Zach: It still blows my mind that one of my best friends is someone I've only seen face to face now 7 times. Hence where my phrase "best-friend-soul-mate" comes from. I'll forever expect a call once a week or so.

7. Lauren: From NatCon2013 to SED2016. Meeting you that summer I wouldn't have guessed that our friendship would blossom into what it is right now. From bringing our chapters together, to presenting workshops together, to serving the District together, I'm so thankful for all the memories I have with you by my side.

8. Alpha Omega: Thank you for always welcoming this old lady home. I love you all and always will. "Many Hearts, One Bond".

9. Southeast District: My term served in office was by no means perfect, but how much learning, growth, and experience is gained from perfection? All of my time spent serving this district—and serving this sorority in general—has led me through more experiences than I can count, has developed so many of my skills, and has taught me so much about myself, working with others, and life in general. I am so, so thankful for everything this sorority has given me and I am so thankful that YOU, SED, gave me the opportunity not once, but twice, to give back. If I had to do it all over again, I would choose this every time. I urge you to continue to seek new opportunities to grow, to learn, to branch out and to serve. Never take your membership in this sisterhood for granted. As always, "It's an honor to be selected to serve"- especially in THE Southeast District.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Reagan
2015-2016 Vice President of Special Projects
Alpha Omega, Florida State University



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Secretary, Karla Wagner

Sisters of the SED,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you all this year as Southeast District Secretary. My term started in a very unique way, since I was appointed rather than elected. However, I was quickly accepted into the council during our summer council meeting at Florida Day! It was an amazing experience to bond with Sisters from around Florida, and I was lucky enough to get to meet an old Epsilon Theta Sister, who council was staying with. Thanks to Eta Sigma and Zeta Psi for putting on such a great event! After Florida Day came National Convention, which was unlike anything I'd ever experienced before, especially attending as a district officer. I am very appreciative to have met my Sisters from all across the nation.

After starting off my year with council in such an awesome way, it was a little bit sad to return to a fall semester of just monthly conference calls and taking more and more minutes. I was able to finish editing and to publish the SED 2015 Convention Minutes with minimum effort, thanks to the wonderful past SED secretary, Carolyn Mercer.

Next up came Winter Council, where I accidentally showed up a day early outside Lauren's apartment. She, along with some of the wonderful Sisters of Theta Lambda, were gracious enough to let me tag along with their plans for the night. The next day, the rest of council finally arrived, and we all crammed into Lauren's apartment to plan this very convention. I was so glad to have such a fun and enlightening experience with Pi and Theta Lambda, and was honored to have been included in the planning of such an important event.

With some help from my Sisters, I was finally able to get out a copy of SHELLS before DLC. I hope you all read it, because it had some wonderful messages from your district officers. At DLC, I was both terrified and amazed to lead my own workshop, and I was allowed to speak on and to discuss one of my favorite things, the Ritual of Tau Beta Sigma. I am so honored to have heard your thoughts on something that is so tremendously significant to all of us. DLC overall was an amazing experience, and it got me even more pumped for SED. And now we're here! This convention has been a labor of love for the council and the host chapters, and I'm pleased to have been along for the ride.

I'd like to finish up my report with some thank yous.

To Epsilon Theta, my home chapter and some of my favorite people of all time. Thank you so, so much for supporting me in my journey as a Sister, a big, President \$wagner, an SED Secretary, and a friend. Being a Sister of Epsilon Theta has taught me to stand up and to fight for what I think, even when it's not the popular opinion. It's also taught how me to acquiesce gracefully to the majority. Thank you again, and I love you all so much. Go Jackets!

To the council, I want to thank you all so much for everything you've done for the district and for me. I'm not supposed to put in too many inside jokes, and there are a lot, so I'll just stick to mentioning how much I appreciate each and every one of you and the commitment you've had to TBS and this district. Every time we've been together, from NatCon to just earlier today, we've had so much fun together and come up with some great idea.



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Lauren, we've come a loooooong way from being corresponding secretaries of our chapters. I'm glad I've gotten to talk to you about TBS, even if I really don't care if your MEP has an appendix or not. Zach, you are a special, special person and I love you for it. Never stop being polite or having a cosmetics bag. Allison Reagan, it's been a privilege getting to know you and all of your sassy opinions. Kathleen, we've had so many talks about all the things, and I hope we continue to do so. I'll always be there for you, even when you ask me to lay down a beat for the SED hymn. I hope you'll always be there for me to talk about guy's shoes. Allison York, everything out of your mouth is hilarious and I love it. I'll never forget our conversations and singing along to Justin Bieber in Lauren's kitchen. And finally, Sarah. I'll forever be amazed by your knowledge of parliamentary procedure and life, and I've truly enjoyed getting to know you this semester.

To Stephen and Lee, thank you for your guidance, your sassy comments, and everything in between. From watching Lee fall out of his egg chair demanding tacos, to road tripping to DLC with Stephen, Lauren, and Rene, I am happy to say I have had the opportunity to work with and talk to you. The district, the council, and I are truly better by knowing the both of you.

Finally, to the SED. I am honored to have been selected to serve the best district in the nation, and the one I call home. Especially after attending National Convention, I know that we, together with strength, excellence, and diversity, can make this organization great, and I'm very excited to see what we'll do next. Always remember to have this fortitude and courage to see an ideal, to seize upon it, and follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma. With my sisters, I am best.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Wagner
2015 – 2016 Southeast District Secretary
Epsilon Theta, Georgia Tech



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Treasurer, Kathleen Elwell

Sisters of the Southeast District,

As the school year is starting to wrap up, it is very hard to believe that my term as the Southeast District Treasurer is coming to an end. It has been such a wonderful experience to work with the SED council to serve all of you in the district. This was not an opportunity that I ever imagined being granted, and I have loved every minute of it.

After being elected last year, I was given my first project as treasurer, preparing a fundraiser for National Convention. The logo contest from last year gave us a wonderful design from Theta Lambda, which we used to make the t-shirts that were sold at National Convention, and are still being sold now. I also took old shirts from previous years and made pillows that were sold throughout the year. From this, we were able to raise over \$700, which was a great start to the year. We raised over \$200 at DLC, and are continuing to raise a lot of money from sales here at Convention.

The Rainy Day Fund saw a lot more activity this year. It was used on multiple occasions, including paying the chapter fee of our three newest chapters. On the fundraising side, there still is more work to be done. We were able to add over \$200 to the fund, and we will hopefully continue to add to this fund throughout Convention.

Allison York; Let me know when you start writing your books. I have many things that you can add, and I can't wait to read them.

Sarah; When we were candidates together three years ago, I never would have pictured us here on council. It has been really interesting getting to work with you outside of the chapter, and I'm glad that you now know that Spike is not the turtle.

Karla; Epsilon Theta's president who was on nominations and sat in the middle of the delegation. I'm still not entirely sure how we became friends but I'm so glad that we did. Thank you for listening to me rant on and on about who knows what at all hours of the night and for always being the rational one even when I change my mind five times during one conversation.

Allison Reagan; I remember when you were elected to district office the first time, and I was thinking, wow Allison is so cool. Never did I ever think we would be here on council together. Thank you for making me talk when you know I have something to say, and for encouraging me to go after things that I never thought possible.

Zach; I don't think we have ever had a conversation when you didn't make me laugh about something. Thank you for always having something hilarious to say, because we definitely needed it at times.

Lauren; Hang on, I'm going to call you. Thank you for always being there to listen to me rant about things. Our TBS rants were always fun, even though they didn't always take place at the best time, sorry Karla. I know that you're going to keep doing great things for this district in some capacity, and I'm excited to see what those things are.



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Lee; I'm not sure if you even remember this, but the first time that we actually met was when you were District President and you were the alumni interview on Skype for my candidate class. I remember being so intimidated by you at the time, and I'm glad that I got the chance to actually get to know you this year. You are more passionate about TBS than most of the other people that I know, and I really respect that. Thank you for always being there to make me see reason. I definitely wouldn't still be standing here today if it weren't for you.

Stephen; I'll never forget the day I was elected last year. You came up to me and said, "Hi I'm Stephen, I don't know you, but this year is going to be great". It certainly has been a great year and I'm glad that we got to work together. Thank you for always being there to listen to me, and for signing my requisitions on time, most of the time. I am excited to be able to work with you in the future, in whatever capacity that may be.

To Alpha Omega; it has been quite the ride, and I don't think that anyone could have predicted that this is how it ended up. I love all of you more than you will ever know. Thank you for all of the encouragement you have provided, and for dealing with me during really long chapter discussions. I definitely would not be here if it wasn't for all of you, and for Zoe suggesting that I be nominated, thanks Zoe. And lastly, to the Southeast District, thank you for putting your faith into the girl that Alpha Omega nominated for Treasurer. I cannot thank you enough for this. You all inspire me to be a better person, musician, and leader.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Elwell
2015-2016 Southeast District Treasurer
Alpha Omega, Florida State University



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Parliamentarian, Sarah Davis

Sisters of the Southeast District,

It's been such an honor to serve you all this year as SED Parliamentarian. Answering your questions on Robert's Rules, parliamentary procedure, or just life in general has been so rewarding, as I've gotten to know so many Sisters from all over the Southeast. Tau Beta Sigma has been an integral aspect of my college experience, and it truly has prepared me for the scary adult life that I will meet in four short weeks after graduation. I've learned leadership through Tau Beta Sigma by serving both my chapter and district, I've learned time management, by juggling council conference calls with midnight homework deadlines, but most importantly, I've learned Sisterhood, through all of you.

To my fellow council members, thank you for all of the sleepless nights, uncomfortable stories told by Zach, and winter council meetings in our pajamas. To my big sister Allison, thank you for just being you. I remember three years ago, when I turned around to find out who my Big Sister was, and I squealed in your face. I remember 2 years ago when we thought it was so cool that we'd get to serve on Alpha Omega's executive council together. And I definitely remember a year ago, thinking how we'd possibly managed to end up on district council together. You've always been my role model in Tau Beta Sigma and in life, and I'm so blessed to have someone like you. To Stephen, thank you for my first Bojangles Bo-Berry Biscuit. I wouldn't have survived that early morning of DLC without it. And to Lee, thank you for countless sleepy car rides and always being down to stop at Chick Fil A. But most importantly, thank you both for the guidance and support, as well as your unwavering dedication to our district.

To my Sisters of Alpha Omega, your support means the world to me. Thank you for getting me through so many tough times, and celebrating the happy times. The countless late Sunday meetings, unity week events, and lounge hangouts are the moments that I'll look back at most fondly when thinking of my time at Florida State.

To the most spirited district of Tau Beta Sigma, the Southeast, thank you for being my family. To the candidates in this room, newly initiated Sisters, or Sisters who maybe haven't found their place yet in your chapter, I encourage you all to get involved. You've taken a huge step by being present at this convention. I hope you leave with a newfound passion to serve the bands not only in your community but all over the Southeast district. I look forward to staying involved with Tau Beta Sigma after graduation, and to keep getting to know all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Davis
2015-2016 Southeast District Parliamentarian
Alpha Omega, Florida State University



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Historian, Allison York

So it appears the 2015-2016 term is ending, and I'm in 100% denial and probably will be until I get back to SC and wonder what to do with myself besides cry and eat excessive amounts of chocolate. This year has been the absolute greatest year I have ever had, as a sister, as an officer, and really as a person. Despite being the one that has a bad habit of missing council photo ops because of studying abroad and being late to conference calls, I survived, we all survived, so we're good. This term as historian, I got to start piecing together an online photo & event archive for us, to use as a sort of alternative digital scrapbook, so all our memories as chapters and district fam can be stored and accessed easily—that way, when we're all old and wrinkly and chillin' in our wheelchairs we can tell all of the nurses about TBS. I got to travel to the pasturelands of Middle-of-Nowhere, SC and creep around Clemson to the DLC workshops to take photos, and I was even trusted with giving a workshop of my own. That workshop was a huge deal for me since I am absolutely terrified of speaking in front of groups, even about a topic I know something about, and we had a blast and ate cookies—it was great.

Now for the obligatory shout-outs I have:

To Epsilon Alpha: I can never put into words the amount of gratitude I have for you giving me a home away from home in Columbia, SC and in your chapter room. You guys remain steadfast, even when life hurls curveballs at me and I can never say thank you enough for that. Thank you for all the wisdom sessions and dinner dates and band uniform adventures; I can't believe it's almost time to go alumni. The feels will be real.

To Lauren, you're absolutely fabulous. Thank you for being our fearless leader and for always ranting with me about the near constant state of our lives being in shambles. You've always got it more together than you think you do!

To Zach, good lord. I literally had no clue who you were until Christa Hall kept talking about how great you were and I was like who is this person?! Despite that, I couldn't be happier that I met you at SED last year and couldn't be happier that we're such great friends now. Also, opera is happening in a couple of weeks and I'm super pumped.

To Allison, there is really no one I would've rather had the same name as, because you're actually the bomb. You're so wonderful and I'm so glad to have met you and hung out with you and compared the actually scary amount of things we have in common. Your Facebook statuses about random happenings in your life give me so much joy because I relate to them on a spiritual level, and I couldn't be more thankful to call you my sister.

Stephen and Lee: Thank you for showing us what truly great leadership looks like, I'm so proud to have known both of you, and can only hope to be the caliber of sister combined with leader that the both of you are.

Lastly, thank you SED for a fantastic year, and no matter where I end up after I become a life member, thank you for giving me the best district in the nation to call my home.

Respectfully submitted with MOTS of Love,
Allison York, Epsilon Alpha



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Counselor, Stephen Burt

To the Southeast District,

It's hard to believe that 2 years have passed and here we are, Lee and I not only at our SED Convention, but seeing our 2nd group of outstanding student leaders running one of the largest SED Conventions in recent history. After our first year, I think both Lee and I could tell you that we didn't know what we were doing! Our first year was full of ups and down but we made it through with some amazing memories and some major progressions in many of our chapters. Well our second year has proven to be even more progressing and we have seen tremendous growth not only in numbers but also in leadership development, chapter involvement, and overall engagement from significantly more members (not just chapter presidents).

This simple fact is proven as the SED showed up and showed out at the 2015 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The SED left with numerous awards and recognitions as we had 2 Chapter Leadership Finalist Chapters, Epsilon Theta and Theta Lambda, we had one of our very own chapters win the overall chapter participation award, Theta Upsilon at Winston Salem State University for having the highest percentage of active members in attendance. We were awarded the District Participation award for having the largest number of chapters in attendance and the largest percentage of active members in attendance, and we left National Convention with the National Spirit Stick. I'm not sure I can remember a time that I was more proud to be a part of the SED. Now it's time to get ready for the 2017 National Convention to be hosted in our very own district! Get Excited for #Orlando17!

Prior to National Convention, your district council met for our first face-to face meetings for our annual Summer Council Meetings that took place in conjunction with Florida Day in Orlando. This weekend was jam packed with goal setting, mapping out each officer terms, and strategic planning for the district. It was great to see the relationships start to build between the district officers and this experience was crucial to the council's effectiveness over the last year.

Lauren Harrison Lee and I, also had the privilege of getting to National Convention early for National DLC which allowed Lauren to really hash out the convention plan for this convention. We were able to work closely with our KKY Counterparts to begin the process of producing #ThisIsSED2016. We really hope you all are enjoying this experience because some significant planning went into making this experience as special and memorable for each and every one of you.

Typically, the Fall semester is our "down-time" if you could call it that as we don't have any major events planned during this time, however, our fall semester was filled with 2 major paperwork deadlines and lots of planning for both DLC, SED, and all of our other programs. We have seen significant growth in the last two years with paperwork being submitted on time we are excited to continue to see our growth and consistency in that area. Paperwork is never fun but it is important and allows accurate documentation of your chapter operations. What's next is seeing a significant improvement in the actual quality of the paperwork submitted. This is a time for your chapter to brag about all of the wonderful things you've accomplished each semester. The Fall Activity Report and Chapter Summary Report directly affect your ability to be recognized with national awards. You should be taking great pride in your work and bragging about it by filling out the best and most thorough paperwork possible! As we continue to make great strides in the SED, we must always strive to be better and this starts with our paperwork.



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The spring semester proved to be a whirlwind as we had Winter Council in January, DLC in February and now SED the first week in April. The council had the privilege of convening here in Auburn for Winter Council meetings where we hashed out the logistics behind DLC and Convention. The workshops, sessions, reading band, jazz band, etc. Winter Council also allowed us to regroup as we began wrapping up this term in office. Many of our district programs were planned and implemented and many of them got there kick start at this time.

As we steam rolled into February, we were able to join many of you at Clemson University for the 2016 SED District Leadership Conference. This was the first year we had DLC under the planning and supervision of the district Vice President of Membership and I believe the changes were well noticed. This DLC was very well planned and we were able to offer some awesome workshops and sessions geared directly toward you all. We have already seen some of the initiatives implements in some of our chapters. We received great feedback and are excited about continuing to find ways to improve the quality and standard of leadership development we provide to you. Shout out to Zach for working so diligently to make DLC an incredible success.

I can't wrap this report up without some recognition. This year wouldn't be what it has been without the amazing student leaders standing in front of you today! As previously stated, this year has been quite the year not only TBS wise but with my personal life as well. I've personally grown professionally by starting law school this past fall while working fulltime as a Middle and High School Band Director. I can honestly say I couldn't not have gotten through this without this amazing district council. Our late calls because I'm in class till 9:30 every night, accepting my emails, texts, and phone calls back days later. And always asking me how things are going! It's just been so great to have your support through this journey.

Allison and Sarah, although you were not elected to council and were appointed following SED, you two have jumped on board and have become part of the team. You guys have been such a blessing to this council with your feedback, input, reaching out to chapters when needed, and working hard to implement the obligations of your offices! I love you two dearly and will always remember the many laughs and late night chats.

Kathleen, your budget chats have been so great! You get the SED Budget and that is something that hasn't been done in many years! You've surpassed expectations with fundraising and are always on top of those requisitions. Your work ethic is to be admired and you've been a backbone for this council.

Karla, jumping on board after convention is not easy to do especially when one of your primary tasks is directly related to the previous convention. You jumped on board, rocked those minutes and have always been so organized and consistent. Selfishly, I really hope you end up in Charleston because it's one of the greatest cities in the world :D

Allison, working with you for the last two years has been incredible. You've grown so much over these two terms working so hard as the Treasurer and now VPSP. You have also been so consistent with getting things done and at such a high quality. You provide an incredible perspective to this group and have always been a rational thinker which has allowed us to stay on track and keep moving forward! You're going to do amazing things in the future and I can't wait to watch!

Zach, DLC was fantastic and you've really laid a solid foundation for the future of this position. You've always worked so hard for the district and I've absolutely loved getting the opportunity to work with you these last two years. You've done some amazing work for the SED and they are better for having you as a part of the SED Council.



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Lauren, you will forever have my respect. You work harder than anyone I have ever met in my life and have such care for the members and chapters in our district. You have done so much to allow this district to thrive and your impact is going to have a lasting impression for years to come. You have pushed the boundaries of what a district President can do and have planned an outstanding convention even in the face of many adversities. I will never forget our constant phone calls, texts, at all hours and all the time! Like you said, I can't think of day that we didn't talk at least once! And that is ok!

To the Southeast District, as we are now at our final event of the term, it is important to remember why we are here. Many of your greatest memories from your time in TBS will be made here this weekend. One of the best aspects of this sorority is that it provides each of you the opportunity to make life long memories while also providing you skills that you can take with you for the rest of your life, whatever career you choose to pursue. Tau Beta Sigma is so much more than band, music, sisterhood and service. It is actually life changing. Tau Beta Sigma has this incredible power to bring people together and teach us lessons that make us better people. **I'm going to ask a very important group of people to stand at time. If you are a Spring 16 Initiate or are currently a candidate, please stand. You individuals are the future of this organization! You're the future of this district and most importantly, you're the future of your chapters! Never settle for anything less than the best! Never stop asking questions! Never give up! Strive for the absolute highest quality of service to your bands! It will pay its dividends in the end! I promise.

It has been my absolute honor to serve you all these last 2 years and I look forward to many more years of SED Excellence. Remember always, anything less than the best, is simply unacceptable. Go get it SED! It's time to get to work.

Respectively Submitted,

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Counselor, Lee Commander

To The Southeast District:

Congratulations once again on making it through yet another successful year. As school years are wrapping up and we are approaching the end of this officer term we have ALL had our ups and downs.

Since I last saw you in Athens, GA I had the golden opportunity to travel to National Convention in Lexington KY. I always love going to NatCon and watching such a strong dedicated group of people work together to help ensure the future of the organization that has done so much for me. Even though the SED likes to caucus for what seems like day #WavaGiveMeStrength and the hotel was FOREVER FREEZING, and the district council made their poster for the presentation on my bed, while I was sleeping in it, so basically on top of me, It was cool to watch Madam President take control, and perhaps learn a lesson or two, namely..... “we don’t cry over paper.”

The newly elected council under the direction of Lauren Harrison gathered in Orlando, FL for Florida Day. It was then that I realized just how unique this council was in a way that I had never seen before. Never has a council had so many idea, been so excited to get a start on helping the district, so overjoyed with meeting new people and working for their peers, and so very.... incredibly.... remarkably...overwhelmingly ADD. Squirrel! Kidding.

The students worked to develop a vision for Tau Beta Sigma’s Southeast District and began putting into place the necessary steps to make that vision a reality.

Once marching band season was nearly complete the students travelled here to Auburn AL for Winter Council. Finally, the students were able to put a name with a face on our newest Honorary Tron Hunter and work side-by-side with their Psi Counterparts. Thus, the marathon of meetings began. Everything from the rooms you are in, to the website, to having a banquet tailgate got discussed and again the vision was in place.

Once we got to DLC in February in Clemson the students and myself were hard at work giving workshops on important matters to us, including life skills that are necessary to be successful. I was able to speak to not only TBS but KKPsi about the importance of a resume and the ways to increase the appeal of your resume. Additionally, along with Allison Reagan we were able to work with some students on working with other leadership styles. It was most certainly entertaining to see the North’s get mad at the West’s. (You know what I mean if you were there).

Thus, allow me to charge you SED. While SED is INCREDIBLY important and certainly fun, learning and growing is a good opportunity for all members of the SED. DLC is the BEST CHANCE to see the visions of your officers and work with them directly. SO, if you want to be a district officer, or just want to talk to one. GO TO DLC! Come say Hi to me! Ill smile :D

As a counselor, this year has had some new and exciting moments attached to it. During convention Stephen and I found out that we are able to be a part of the exciting process for TBS with the chapter visitation program. Along side with the new Chapter Visitation Assistants we would be able to visit ALL of the chapters in the Southeast District. I get the privilege of seeing the following chapters next year: Beta Xi and the University of Florida, Gamma Eta at Mississippi Valley State, Zeta Tau at Valdosta State University, Eta Xi at Georgia



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Southern, Iota Mu at the University of Memphis, Iota Rho at Spelman, Iota Sigma at Huntington, and Iota Psi at Kennesaw State. If any of you get an email from me, respond I wanna hang out.

Moreover, students, if you see email from Stephen or myself or ANY of the CVA's please respond. You are not in trouble! We just want to help.

Now for the fun part, the Thank You's and good byes!

To the National Leadership Team, thank you for putting up with my foolishness, my constant need for a babysitter but most importantly, thank you for listening to my opinions and giving me the chance to work with this awesome district! Yall is fun and stuff. Special Shout out to Kathryn my convention Boo. Love ya!

To the Alpha Omega Chapter: You are all some of the most inspiring young adults I get to work with. Since I moved back to Tallahassee you have all welcomed me back with open arms and allowed to be a part of the process again. I am incredibly proud to say that I am a sister of the AO and am more excited to watch where this chapter is in a few years!

Sarah, you are one of the most interesting people I have ever met. It is not every day that you meet someone who is intelligent, has the largest working knowledge of all snapchat filters, enjoys Robert and his rules AND has an obsession with Fetty Wop. You are going to be super successful in Vandy. Anchor Down.

Allison York, your positive spirit will take you far. Of any council member I have ever met you seem to make smirk more than most. You have really taken on the ideals of Historian well! I hope we can keep this going.

Kathleen, you are one impressive young woman. Though you have had your moments when I wondered how you were going to survive you managed to make it to other side, a driven, motivated, intelligent, beautiful young woman. I am excited to see how well you do at UCF and how great things go for you in TBS. Lance 'em.

Karla, I appreciate that you are the move it along kinda girl! I can relate to that. You really hit the ground running when you were appointed to the role. While taking minutes is not the most glamorous job it has to get done and you always did it willingly.

Allison Reagan, I remember interviewing you. Your big sister and me talked for a long time about how you were going to be the next all-star sister. I also remember you hating me when I encouraged you to run for District Council and here you are NOT ONCE BUT TWICE! Continue to do the things that are important to you. You will no doubt be successful.

Zach, you are one cool dude. You are able to motivate, inspire and cultivate relationships better than most people. Your driven spirit is something that will take you far and your love and joy of music rivals my own, this is something I truly admire in you.

Lauren, even though sometimes you stress me out I love the fact that you are detail oriented and you want EVERYTHING to be perfect. It is evident by this wonderful convention you are putting on now. You have been a joy to work with and you have taught me things about myself.



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Stephen, this would be really hard without you. I think I know you better than most other people by this point but I know that you love this organization and that spirit is infectious and invigorating.

There are so many other people who have been supportive of me throughout these last two years and you all know who you are. I am simply out of time to thank you all individually. You all mean to world to me and I blessed to have you in my life.

Thank you SED I look forward to working with you again next year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Commander
Southeast District Counselor