

Sophisticated Soul Collective

RUTHERFORD COUNTY ZETAS



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Dear Sigma Chi Zeta Members and Friends,

Welcome to the very first edition of the [Sophisticated Soul Collective](#) newsletter! I am thrilled to launch this initiative, which will serve as a platform to keep the community updated on the latest news, upcoming events, achievements, and opportunities within the Sigma Chi Zeta chapter.

A Message from President Knighton

It is with great excitement and pride that I welcome you to the inaugural newsletter for our chapter. Since our formation, we've seen tremendous interest, participation, and enthusiasm, which reinforces the strength and potential of our community. Our goal is to create a space where Sorors like you can connect, collaborate, and grow together.

This newsletter is just one of the many ways we plan to enhance communication and foster a sense of belonging among our members. We aim to keep you informed about important developments, share success stories, and offer opportunities to contribute to the chapter's growth.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to what lies ahead!

Sisterly,
Keeouka Knighton
Sigma Chi Zeta President

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Thank you
Soror Dana for 4 years of dedication as
the President of Sigma Chi Zeta



Thank you, Soror Dana, for your unwavering dedication to the Sorors of Sigma Chi Zeta and the Rutherford County community over the past four years. Your legacy and impact have been firmly etched into Zeta history.

2024-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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2024 Grand Boule' Indianapolis, IN



The Power of SHE

In July of this year, 17 Sorors from our chapter embarked on a journey by land and air to Indianapolis, IN, for the 2024 Grand Boule'. While there, they participated in business sessions and workshops, and enjoyed musical performances by fellow Sorors and local talents. What an honor for Sorors Keva and Kezlyn had the honor of meeting and capturing a moment with the "Grandmother of Juneteenth," Soror Opal Lee. A standout moment of the event was hearing Vice President Kamala Harris address the Sorors and the Amicae. The week was truly a celebration of the power of sisterhood. Looking forward to the Grand Boule' 2026 in Nashville!!

Scholarship

Soror Christina Jackson, in collaboration with the Murfreesboro National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), recently welcomed students back to John Pittard Elementary School during the past quarter. This event highlighted the NPHC's ongoing commitment to supporting education and the local community.



Service

Even during our sorority pause, we remained active in the community, serving both locally and beyond. In July, we contributed to our Grand Boule Service Project, Project Period. In September, we raised awareness about the impact of sickle cell anemia and took part in the "Get Engaged" initiative, helping Rutherford County residents register to vote. Service is at the heart of everything we do!



Sisterhood

As always, the sisterhood remains at the heart of our experiences. Soror Keeouka had the opportunity to take a photo with our newly inducted Soror, Tatyana Ali. In August, we enjoyed an incredible sisterhood retreat where we reaffirmed our commitment to Zeta and our chapter. We wrapped up the retreat with some fun by trying our hand at ax throwing. We also enjoyed a meal with Tennessee State Director, Joyce Murphy on her recent visit to the area. We capped off the quarter with our Sock Hop Chucks and Pearls Informational. In everything we do, we let our Zeta light shine bright!



Finer Womanhood

What comes to mind when you think of Finer Womanhood?

A woman of noble character.
A woman of integrity.
A woman of perseverance.
A woman of honesty.
A woman of trust.
A Proverbs 31 woman.

We say all that to say a Finer Woman is as a Finer Woman does.



Let's Celebrate One Another

Celebrating and uplifting each other as Sorors is an integral part of our Sisterhood!

- Sorors Keva Frierson and Kezlyn Sellars were inducted into the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. International Legacy Club at the 2024 Grand Boulé in July.
- Soror Tasha Overton Celebrated 25 Years as a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. at the 2024 Grand Boulé in July.
- Soror Dana J Smith has a new role as the Assistant Public Information Office for the City of Murfreesboro Public Safety Department, and was awarded the Rising Star Award for Rutherford Cable.
- Soror Raszman Campbell is a newly wed! She and her husband tied the knot in July, and she was also promoted this September in the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Soror Keeouka Knighton has been appointed Zetas in Higher Education National Committee.

Happy ZetaVersary

- Soror Keva Frierson- 8/30



Rutherford County Amicae

They Call Us Their Friends!



The Rutherford County Amicae have been making a lasting impact in the community. Over the past 90 days, they inducted a new member and welcomed three transfer members. Amica Monica attended her first Grand Boule' alongside the chapter, where she also performed with the Grand Boule' Choir. The auxiliary actively participated in all community service events with the graduate chapter while also organizing their own independent initiatives. Unfortunately, they are mourning the loss of charter member Amica Hilda Smith, who passed away in July. In her honor, the remaining members have committed to continuing their pursuit of excellence, as it is what their sister would have wanted.



Elevate the Bond



The Bond We Share

It's inspiring to see the strong commitment between Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated! The unique constitutional bond we share is a powerful foundation for mutual support and collaboration. Strengthening those ties through service and community engagement not only enriches our organizations but also has a lasting impact on the communities we serve. Our ongoing efforts to uplift each other truly exemplify the spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood.



Rutherford County Sigmas

Lambda Mu Sigma Alumni Chapter

The Rutherford County Sigmas held their annual bookbag drive over the summer and it was a fantastic event! The collaboration between the Rutherford County Sigmas, Zetas, and Amicae created a wonderful atmosphere of fellowship and community support. Events like these not only provide essential supplies for students but also strengthen bonds within the community. If you would like to find out more information about Lambda Mu Sigma Alumni Chapter, please visit <https://www.rutherfordcountysigmas.org/>

Coming Soon!



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