

Delegate Report - 94th SERC April 29 - May 2, 2026 - Birmingham, Alabama

Eta Xi Omega Chapter elected 12 delegates and six alternates to represent the Chapter for the 94th SERC in Birmingham, Alabama. The theme for the conference was, "Soar in Power, Experience the Magic." Eta Xi Omega served as one of the 18 graduate chapters in Cluster VII to host the 94th SERC. This delegate report will highlight in an abbreviated form, information and major highlights of this conference and working committees that I served on and events I attended as your Basileus.

Total sorors who registered 6400 - total sorors in attendance 6200.

Pre-Conference – Basileus Retreat - Tuesday, April 28, 2026

The Graduate Chapter Basilei Retreat at the Sheridan Hotel with the theme of the retreat, Magical Power Moves for Impactful Leadership. I thoroughly enjoyed our Basilei Retreat. I was able to bond with sorors from other Clusters and other sorors from Mississippi and Tennessee. There were two phenomenal speakers during our general session whose topics included "Effective Communication Strategies" and "Magically Commanding the Room as a Leader."

Keep takeaways from the Basilei Retreat;

1. No great leader does anything on their own.
2. You are not alone, reach out to other sorors for support to help when needed.
3. The Basileus is the number one influencer in her chapter number
4. Appoint leaders and then let them lead.
5. We must know our governing documents.
6. Executive presence requires preparedness number.
7. Self-regulation - do not wear your feelings on your sleeves
8. You may not agree, but we must give respect.
9. Period poverty items - Chapter Basilei donated over 14,600 period poverty items to Birmingham City Schools.

April 29, 2026 - Certification Day - Graduate Advisor Certification (GAC) Level I and Level II.

Madame Basileus assisted with GAC check-in for sorors renewing their Level II certification. Soror Robbie Washington, SERC to the International Graduate Advisor Certification Committee, did an outstanding job representing our Chapter. The total number of sorors who renewed Level I and II certificates was 103.

Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver (DPGS) Jewels Crowning and Ceremony - April 29, 2026 at 1:30 PM

The DPGS Jewel crown ceremony was held for sorors celebrating Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver milestones. I served as a Co-Chair on this Regional Committee. This was a beautiful ceremony in which sorors celebrating a DPGS milestone was celebrated and participated in the DPGS litany.

Diamond – 1, Pearl – 8, Golden – 58, Silver – 142

40 Under 40 Recognition Tea

Soror Mikesha Stewart was recognized

Glenda Glover Leadership Institute (GGLI)

Soror Vanessa V Davis was recognized as a graduate of the GGLI

April 30, 2026 - EAF Breakfast

Madam Basileus attended the EAF Breakfast. The highlight of the breakfast was the monies raised for scholarships via the EAF auction.

Ivy Beyond the Wall (IBTW) and Rededication

Although Eta Xi Omega did not have an IBTW, I was saddened to learn that my graduate advisor from Alpha Pi Omega became an IBTW on April 26, 2026.

April 30, 2026 – Plenary 1 – The Welcome Presentation

The welcome presentation by Cluster VII was indeed magical. Soror Pam Jackson and Soror Alisha Carter Hill were fairies in the welcome presentation.

Roll call in Plenary 1- this year the roll call was by state rather than South Eastern traditional roll call by each chapter. That saved in an incredible amount of time.

DPGS Luncheon - April 30, 2026

Our Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver luncheon was chaired by our own chapter member, Soror Joyce Coffee Grant.

Highlight: Soror Emma Jean Holmes Melton, our chapter member, and Pearl Soror received the Pearl Soror of the Year. We had three Golden sorors and four Silver Stars celebrating DPGS milestones.

Plenary II - Candidate Speeches

Sorors running for regional officers gave their three-minute speech during the second plenary.

There were two candidates seeking the Office of Regional Director, Soror Toni Franklin and Soror Teleesa Mason-Payne. A third candidate was disqualified by the International Nominating Committee due to a failure to attend the required informational meeting for all candidates seeking office. Soror Tonya Coates made an appeal to the Regional Delegation during Plenary II, but her appeal failed by majority vote by delegates.

There were five candidates for SER International Nominating Committee: Sorors Cheryl Davis, Adriene Moore, Bianca Moore, Tamela Boyd -Shaw, and Arter Wells Chapman.

Regional Winners:

SERD (elect) Soror Toni Wallace Franklin - SER Representative to the International Nominating Committee (elect) Soror Bianca Moore

May 1, 2026 - Awards

I am extremely proud to report that Eta Xi Omega received the following Chapter and Individual awards

1. Pearl Soror of the Year – Soror Emma Jean Melton
2. Mary B. Conners - Sisterly Relations – Soror Glenda Davis
3. 40 Under 40 Recognition – Soror Mikesha Stewart
4. SER Communication Technology Award
5. Best of the Best for Membership and the
6. Ida K. Martin Reactivation Award

SERC Choir Participation

Soror Charaki Davis and Madam Basileus represented Eta Xi Omega Chapter by participating in the 94th SERC choir.

Closing Comments

I was extremely proud to see so many of my lovely soror from many Regional Committees representing Eta Xi Omega. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to represent our chapter and to serve as your basileus. This was truly an unforgettable SERC in which Eta Xi Omega served as one of the host chapters in Cluster VII.

#JobWellDone

Respectfully submitted by:
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Eta Xi Omega Chapter 2025 - 2026.