



# Alpha Kappa Chats...

## President's Message



### Greetings Sorors,

#### Thanksgiving Wishes & Greetings for the Treasured People in your Life.

Thanksgiving is the time for togetherness. It is a season for giving, and sharing of spending time with those who are near and dear to us. It is that time of year when we take stock of our blessings and honor those who have blessed our lives in a significant way. Often in life we come across many people who have helped us, made our lives better and taught us good lesson. They may or may not be family but are truly cherished. On Thanksgiving Day, we express our gratitude towards them.

**Let people know how much they mean to you. Pen down what your heart says here are some thanksgiving wishes wording.** Thanksgiving is more than just festivities, it gives us time ponder upon what lessons we have learnt and how we can spread happiness around, to look back at all the great memories and good people who came into our lives.

As bad as Harvey was, it brought a few fatalities and serious injuries to our region. For that we can be truly grateful. But let us also remember the countless and incomprehensible acts of generosity that got us through Harvey. I want to thank the sorors of Alpha Kappa who continue to give support, and shower (sorors) with many blessings. The need is so great... Now more than ever, if someone has the capacity to give – or to give more – this is the year. Alpha Kappa is still rocking the house, and turning the page with our Outreach, Networking, FILS as we celebrated our first National Program (AEW). The AEW chair (Soror Linda Taylor and committee you have demonstrated effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education, Soror Dr. Ethel Bell that panel discussion was awesome. You got on board and gave your best! Your success is our success. This organization is built on **“Excellence”** A day doesn't go by without the Alpha Kappa leadership team (Executive Committee) thinking and acting on doing the right thing. Our leadership team's core belief in excellence has created an environment focused on doing the right thing and delivering excellence. As Aristotle said, **“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, it is not an act, but a habit.”** I am very grateful this season may I continue to be humbled as I serve as the President of this phenomenal Chapter!

Thanks to: Our National President (Soror Stephanie Dilworth), Our SWR Director (Vahnita Loud), Our Asst. Regional Director (Soror Rosetta Davis), Our Past 18<sup>th</sup> National President (Soror Lillian Parker), Our Past SWR Director (Soror Linda Cannon) &AK members for all that **YOU** do and the contributions you continue to make and the immeasurable value that you add to the Southwestern Region within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

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*In the spirit of "Iota"*

*Carolyn Jones, AKI Chapter President*

# Alpha Kappa Networking Tea



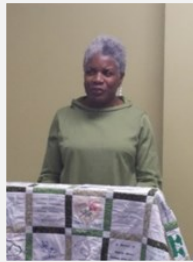
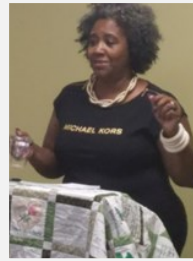
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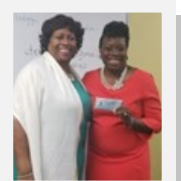
## NETWORKING TEA/SAGA

**NOVEMBER 4, 2017  
10:30A.M.-3:00 P.M.  
AT THE  
SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT  
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HOUSTON, TEXAS**

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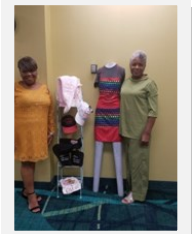
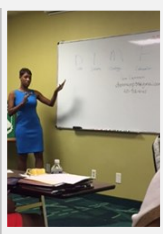
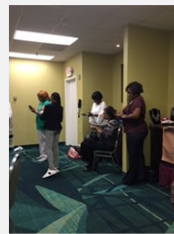
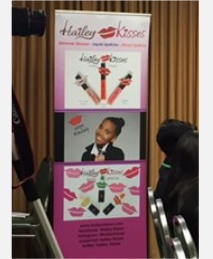
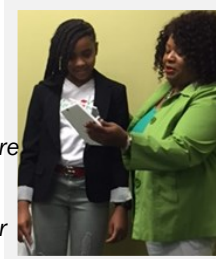


Business women from the Houston area were invited to come out and share their businesses with the Houston public. The members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter have recognized the effectiveness of this event over the years. The Houston constituency has benefitted greatly from their input!

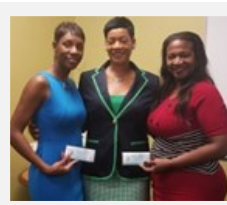
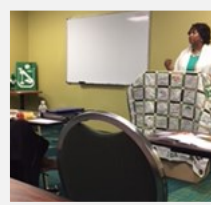
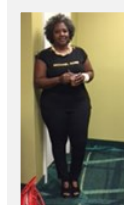


## Partnership Opportunities

- Hailey's Kisses by Hailey Fields
- Business Professional and Trainer by Sharon Caleb
- A & R Crafts and Designs by Andrea Aristondo
- Moore Scents & Things by Cassandra & Charmaine Moore
- Pam'sSewWhat by Pamela Denmom
- Primerica y by Sylvia Gurley & Tameka Wilson
- Bayou City Risk & Insurance Services by Shondra Taylor
- Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry by Sonya Hawkins



...turns to a R>U>S>H!



# Alpha Kappa Networking Tea



Networking/RUSH continued...

## PRESENTERS...



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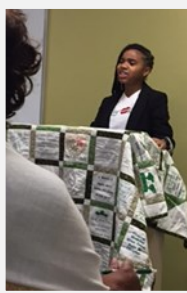
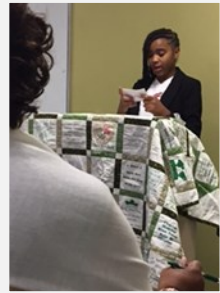


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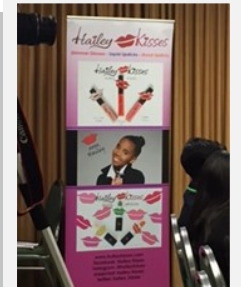
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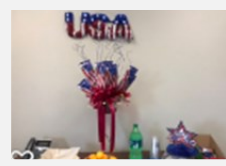
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## AUDIENCE...



# American Education Week Extravaganza!



The National Education Association was one of the creators and originators of **American Education Week (AEW)**. This National Program of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was first celebrated nationally in 1947. According to the history of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc....It was that the observance of this event provided the Sorority an opportunity to have a public forum for stressing the educational aims of the sorority and for initiating or participating in programs to promote excellence in education. Therefore Alpha Kappa Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. continued its participation in a public AEW program on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the **South Early College High School** in Houston, Texas. The audience was filled with FIL members, parents, students and community members. Over 80 people were in attendance and 16 sorors were present. The room was decorated with patriotic colors of red, white and blue, A green and white sorority table with a mannequin in a green dress represented Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. Alpha Kappa highlighted the importance of bringing educators, parents, students, and communities together in a unified effort to build technology in today schools in five phases: **Youth Investments, Legacy Educators, Essay Contest, Technology Importance and Community Service**. Yes, a panel of South Early College High School finest participated in a panel discussion on the use of technology by our youth. It was fantastic and the panelists were knowledgeable and articulate! We had a tasty luncheon, community singing, and community giving! This was a wonderful program for our children and public and we thank the AEW Co-chairpersons Ethel Bell and Linda Taylor and their committee members for a job well done! excited about the work that's been done thus far. Two Thanksgiving baskets were given to the public. Before Saturday, various sorors donated apples, water, and other paraphernalia to various campuses in the Houston area.

## AEW Essays

### 2017 Essay Winners

#### Elementary

- 1st Kamylle Davis 4th
- 2nd Janiah Lopez 3rd
- 2nd Damien C. Garcia 3rd
- 3rd Valeria I. Garcia 3rd

#### Middle

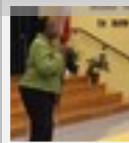
- 1st Gabrielle Davis 7th
- 2nd Lamar Jackson 6th

#### High

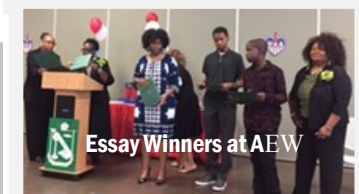
- 1st Malik Williams 9th
- 2nd Nia Burch 10th

Alpha Kappa Chapter has an Elementary Essay Competition and this year an elementary school had fifteen entries and Dr. Godine and Annie Crockett attended an award ceremony at Jones Elementary in Aldine ISD.

### Essay Winners at Jones ES



Essay Winners at AEW



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## AEW Youth Technology Panel



This year Alpha Kappa's AEW committee featured a technology panel made up of some sharp students (FIL) from South Early CHS

# American Education Week Extravaganza!

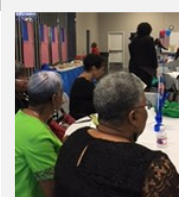
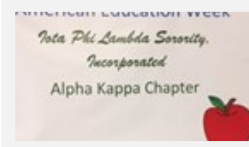
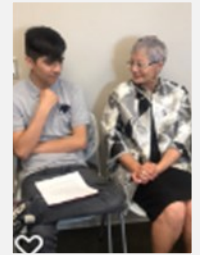
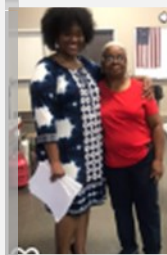
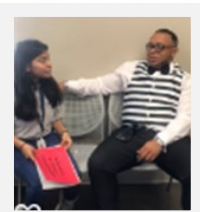
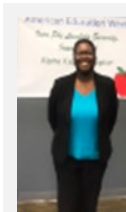
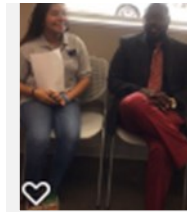
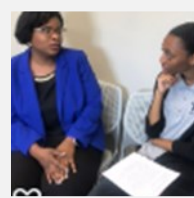


## EDUCATORS

If you look up “**legacy**” in the dictionary you will see a couple of meanings. One is a gift by will of money or real property...Another is something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past. If you ask your friends, family and acquaintances what family legacy means, you may get a different answer from each “**What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.**” We at Alpha Kappa Chapter believe that it must fit with what the below quotes express:

“**A man cannot leave a better legacy to the world than a well-educated family.**” Alpha Kappa’s highlight was the recognition and honor of legacy educator’s honorees:

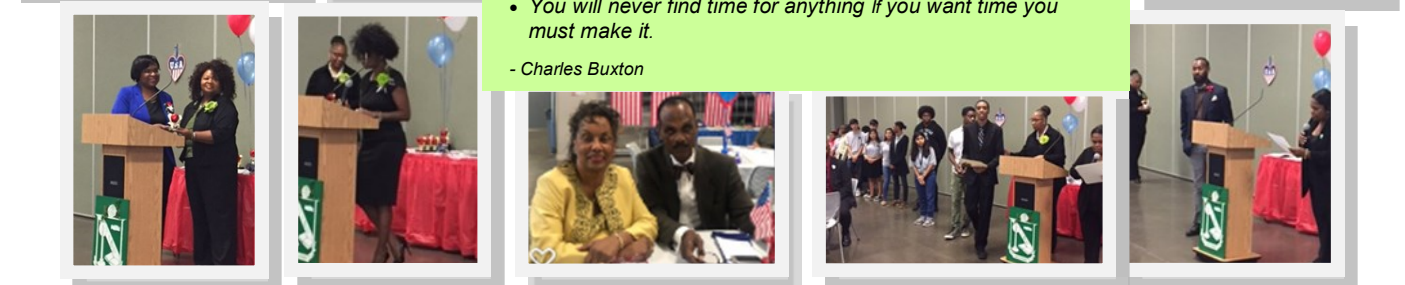
- Evelyn Ridgeway, Legacy Educator**
- Dr. Gloria Griffin, Star Educator**
- Professor Jason Fletcher, Star Educator**
- Marcus Bland, Star Educator**
- Rockeela Lyons, Rising Star**
- Hiawatha L. Johnson, Jr.**
- Lewis Crockett, MOI**
- Damian Davis, MOI**
- Barbara Foster, Pelati**
- Tiffany Mouton, Pelati**



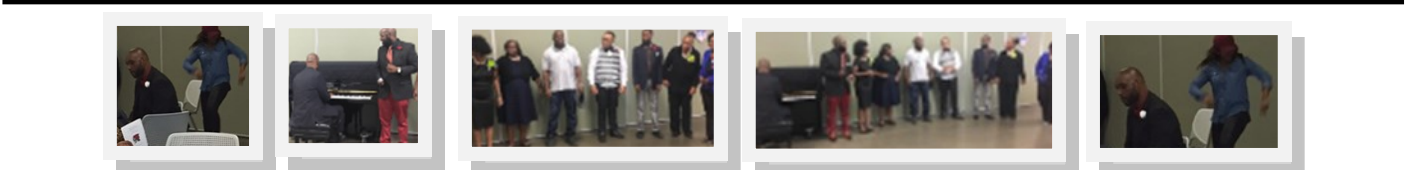
## AEW Honorees



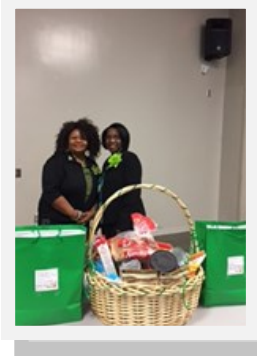
• You will never find time for anything if you want time you must make it.  
- Charles Buxton



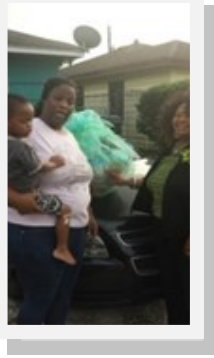
## Community Performances



## Community Outreach



Recipient Harvey Storm Victims  
Lewis and Annie Crockett



Recipient Single mother of three Dee  
Hunter



Awards for AEW Honorees



"Seed Money" for Youth  
Investors

## FIL in Action

Alpha Kappa FIL Members  
Head the Winners' List for  
the 2017 Evelyn Wilkey  
Essay Contest

### Elementary

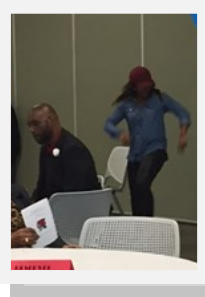
Kamylle Davis 1st Place

### Middle School

Gabryelle Davis 1st Place



Essay Winners



Dancer



Ushers

## Sister-to-Sister

### SISTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

FOR

High Attendance  
Event Participation  
AEW Committee Member  
Honored Tomorrow  
Member of 40 Plus Model  
AK Buck winner

**Soror Renita Royal**



## What's Coming?- Local

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*Toys U Can't Return Application Due: [Impfgrants@gmail.com](mailto:Impfgrants@gmail.com) by 12/10/2017*

*Alpha Kappa Chapter Christmas Gathering, December 16, 2017*

*Alpha Kappa Snuggle Presentation, December 17, 2017*

*The Fredda Witherspoon National Scholarship, Wednesday, January 31, 2018*

*The Mackey/ Tillman/Scholarship Applications are due February 12, 2018  
to Shirley Pleasant, SW Regional scholarship Chairperson*



Carolyn Jones  
Chapter President

### *Remember...*

*IMAP Bottles...as of October 28...you should have \$5.50 in your bottle, don't forget to bring it!*

*HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND...\$19.29...SUPPORTING OUR SORORS!*

*SNUGGLES...giving back to the community. Putting SMILES on little faces and the elders...\$35.00*

*"Get on Board and join the adventure!"*

## What's Coming?- Regional

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Vahnita Loud  
Southwestern Regional Director

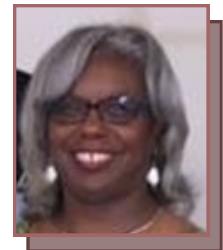
*"Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood and Committing to Business"*

## What's Coming?- National

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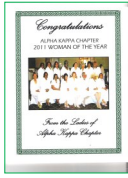
*Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay Contest: December 30, 2017*

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Stephanie Dillworth  
National President

*"Business and Professional Women Furthering the Dream of Economic Independence"*



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**IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.**

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is the first African American Greek-lettered business sorority established by African American business women. There are now more than 100 chapters with membership numbering more than 5,000 in 85 cities and the US Virgin Islands Iota Phi Lambda is not an NPHC sorority and dual membership within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and NPHC sororities is allowed.

Motto: "Upward and Onward in Efficient Service"

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was founded in Chicago, Illinois, June 1929 by Lola Mercedes Parker and six other ladies, all of whom were engaged in the field of business. Her vision was to establish an organization which would offset the result caused by the great depression.

**PURPOSE**

(1) unite a sisterhood qualified business and professional women, (2) promote increased interest in business education among young ladies high school and college through planned programs and scholarships, (3) encourage leadership development through educational opportunities, (4) establish and promote civil and social service activities for youth and adults.

**AIM**

To make worthwhile contributions to our increasingly global society, promote the pursuit of excellence in all worthy endeavors among youth and adults, and develop leadership expertise among business and professional women.



Founder Lola Mercedes Parker

**National President's Message—  
Fellowships and Grants**

**MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT**

**FYI**

**Educational Funding and Awards**

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.



One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2017-18 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and

economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

[.Congratulations to AAUW's 2017-18 fellowships and grants awardees!](#)

**Our Fellowships and Grants  
[American Fellowships](#)**

**Who may apply:** Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks.

**Funding:** \$6,000-\$30,000



2015-16 AAUW International Fellow  
Oyenike Balogun-Mwangi

**Opens:** August 1  
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