

# Beta Psi Today

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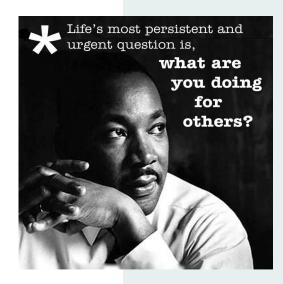
## President's Message

Sorors we have made it to another year—2018! A new year is a time for reflections and resolutions. As we look back at 2017, we encountered destruction in the form of hurricanes, floods, and fires, but GOD. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brought us through it all and continues to take care of us. Let's reflect on our many blessings and continue to hold that spirit of caring and sharing in our hearts. We were fortunate to bless a family for Christmas through Caddo Parish School Board's McKinney Veto Title I Homeless Toy Give Away Program. Each year Beta Psi participates in this program by filling a wishlist. When I selected the family of 8 children, little did I know the mother was a single parent. Thanks to the caring hearts of Sorors Vallie Mims, Willie Myers, Janie Samuels and President E. Mosley, Ph.D., each child received at least one toy on their wish list. This may have been a small effort on our part, but the results brought joy and happiness to 8 children. Beta Psi received two applicants for the Freda Witherspoon National Schlarship—Inydia Casson and Jayden Barnes. Both candidates were academically strong, however, Jayden Barnes overall scoring was higher. Congratulations Ms. Barnes for representing Beta Psi! As we move forward this year, my goal is to continue to promote Beta Psi by engaging in community activities, building

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Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. June 15, 1929—April 4, 1968



During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December, 1955 until April 4, 1968, African Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America than the previous 350 years had produced. Dr. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent



Dr. King's <u>"I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize</u> <u>lecture</u> and <u>"Letter from a Birmingham Jail"</u> are among the most revered orations and writings in the English language.

## Dr. MLK, Jr. Day of Service January 15, 2018

On Monday, January 15, 2018, Beta Psi members and other community volunteers joined forces with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to participate in the Day of Caring. President E. Mosley volunteered to help fill 10,000 food bags in the AKA's global service project, "Rise Against Hunger" held at Northside Elementary/Middle School. Preparation for the event began at 6:00 a.m. and by 11:00 a.m., the goal was reached. The day was filled with fun and excitement as for every 1000 bags packaged, the bell was tolled. While President Mosley was volunteering at Northside, Sorors Reynolds, Batiste, and Barnes were lending helping hands at the Providence House



## Scholarship Contestant



Jayden Barnes, Senior at Caddo Magnet High School



President Mosley and Event Chair, Teresa Williams.



Sorors Batiste, Barnes, and Reynolds.





## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebrations









Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at Sunrise Baptist Church on January 21, 2018. Soror Jimmeka Batiste was honored for her role as Case Manager at Complete Approach Home Health Agency and as a member of Sunrise's Finance Committee. Soror Janie Samuels and President E. Mosley were in attendance.









On January 21, 2018, Soror Myers and President Mosley attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration honoring African American Physicians at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, Dr. Harry Blake, Pastor. Pastor Blake is a living legend who was heavily involved in the Civil Rights Movement and nearly lost his life for the cause. Dignitaries also attended the event. Pictured



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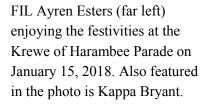
Soror Samuels at Dr. MLK, Jr. program held at Galilee Baptist Church.



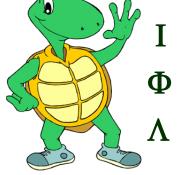
Soror Janie Samuels made her rounds at the Krewe of Sobek Grand Ball. Featured in the local paper (left) and with the Queen of Sobek (right) Tara Bradford.



Don't Forget lota **THURSDAYS!** Wear your lota colors and/or paraphernalia.













Soror Janie Samuels brought in the new year celebrating her Birthday. Happy Birthday Soror Samuels and All Sorors with January



## **Healing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

In Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

## **Regional Theme**

Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood and Committing to Business



February 3, 2018—Monthly Meeting

February 9, 2018—Deadline for Chapter Report and Conference registration.

February 14, 2018—Valentine's Day

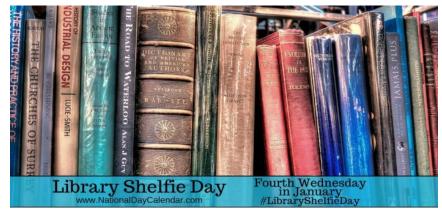
February 15, 2018—Shreveport Chapter NAACP Forum at BTW High School—6:00 p.m—8:00 p.m.

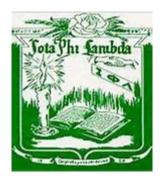
February 25, 2018—Black History Celebration at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.

March 8-12, 2018—71st SWR Conference—Houston, TX



President E. Mosley in her Iota gear stop by the Westwood Library on January 29, 2018 for National "Library Selfie Day" which is the 4th





### **National Theme**

Business & Professional Women furthering the Dream of Economic Independence.