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Greetings Sorors,

As we complete the final weeks of 2018, I want to express my appreciation for everything each of you has done to support Epsilon Tau Chapter in the execution of its programs and projects. We have accomplished many milestones on our journey to host the 72nd Southwestern Regional Conference. I am extremely thankful for the talents and ideas our four new sorors will bring to the table. So, I wish each of you the happiest of holidays. May the peace of our Savior be with each of you during this holiday season.

Seven Gavel Taps to Sorors Dr. Tonya Sawyer McGee, chair, and the Education and Scholarship Committee for conducting our American Education Week Essay Writing Workshop. Seven gavel taps to Sorors Erielle Johnson and Robin Mack for recognizing our educators in Irving ISD during American Education Week. Thanks, Soror Shelia Fisher, liaison for the Future Iota Leaders for their submission of essays and participation in providing "thank you notes" to their favorite teacher at school. Thanks, to each of you who made donations to the Business Casual Clothing Drive, Heart of Courage sincerely appreciated the gift.

Sorors, "This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!" --D.M. Dellinger.

Happy Holidays,
Michelle



Michelle Peace
Epsilon Tau President

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Epsilon Tau Gives to Heart of Courage

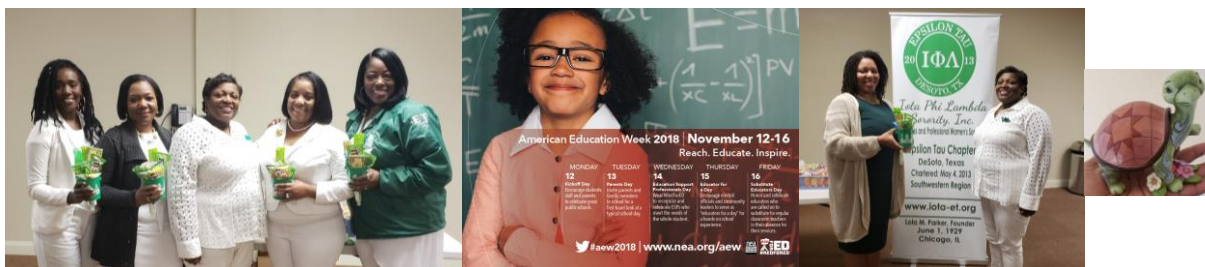
Epsilon Tau Chapter donated over 150 items to Heart of Courage's Business Casual Clothing Drive. Thanks to Sorors Shelia Fisher, Tonya Sawyer McGee and Michelle Peace for your donations. Heart of Courage will use the donations received to stock its Online Women's Clothing Boutique. FREE outfits will be provided to mothers for interviews and important meetings. Referrals will be accepted. Once a month the boutique up to the public to purchase items in inventory; 100% of the proceeds will go directly back into Hearts of Courage programming. In addition to clothing, Heart of Courage will also provide the mothers with a one on one interview coaching session. For more info: info@heartcourage.org Heart of Courage also shared great news that it opened a new office in Downtown Dallas, 1910 Pacific, Suite 8015. We look forward to growing our partnership with Heart of Courage and providing support when we can. Our Regional Conference Community Service project is an office supply drive that will benefit the creation of the Heart of Courage Career Center.



Epsilon Tau Celebrates American Education Week



In observance of American Education Week, November 12th-16th, Epsilon Tau hosted a public workshop on November 10th, "From Pen to Paper: Writing with a Purpose" at the Hampton- Illinois Library. To acknowledge and celebrate educators at our adopted schools, they were presented with small tokens for "Going the Extra Mile". Gifts were placed in educators' boxes on Wednesday, November 14th, on the campuses of Britain Elementary and Bowie Middle School. Epsilon Tau celebrated our own educators with a gift basket as a token of appreciation in honor of American Education Week.



Get Ready for the 72nd SWR Conference!

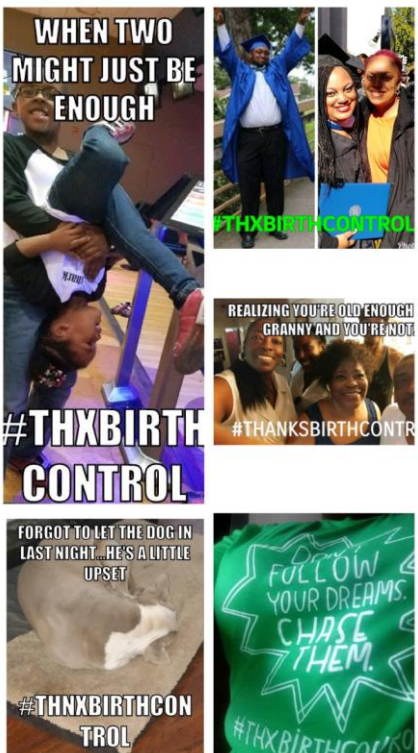


By the time you read this, there will be less than 107 days left before the 72nd Southwestern Regional Conference. To keep up to date on our plans for the conference, check out the page on our website, www.iota-et.org! Information is already posted on the Hotel, our Pre-Conference Harbor Lights Cruise, the Youth Summit, and the Regional Community Service Project to benefit Heart of Courage.

#ThanksBirthControl

When the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy launched “Thanks, Birth Control Day” five years ago, the world was a very different place. Much has changed since then, but one thing has not: Birth control is popular. [Thanks, Birth Control Day](#), which takes place annually on November 15th, was created to celebrate the good things birth control makes possible. “Despite attacks on reproductive health, birth control is not controversial. In fact, 99 percent of women of reproductive age who have had sex with a man will use some form of birth control in their lifetimes. Women and men—regardless of political and religious affiliation—support the right to access the full range of contraceptive methods.” - ReWire News article, Ginny Erlich

In support of Iota’s Toys U Can’t Return Program, Epsilon Tau members took to social media to post memes and funny quips about removing the stigma of birth control and increasing dialogue about its youth.



UPCOMING WORKSHOP - “Creating A Winning High School Resumé”



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, January 6, 2019
4:00 PM

Creating A Winning High School Resumé



St. Philip's KidPreneur Expo and 4th Annual Winter Coat Drive



The Kidpreneur Expo is a St. Philip's School & Community Center initiative highlighting an increased focus on helping young entrepreneurs ages 6-16 in the Dallas/Fort Worth community start and succeed in creating small businesses and other entrepreneurial ventures. The mission of the expo is to help students embrace their passion, funnel their creative energy, and gain profitability around their talents and gifts with entrepreneurship and achieve independent success. On November 17, 2018, ET's 2017 Youth Entrepreneur, A'Kyler McNeal of Minyon's Catering placed second in the St. Phillips 5th Annual Kidpreneur Shark Tank.



As part of this event, Epsilon Tau Chapter also delivered seven coats as a donation to her family's annual coat drive.

ET Shops Small/ Small Business Saturday



Saturday, November 24, 2018 was Small Business Saturday® – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our communities. Soror Vena Thomas, Robin Mack, Ján Harbert and Michelle Peace supported local small businesses by shopping at the Dallas Farmer's Market and other small businesses like the Kessler Baking Studio.

Soror Phyllis Green, small business owner of Phyllis'\$5 Bling took to social media to encourage more business. According to American Express, \$144 million were spent with small businesses on Small Business Saturday.

ET Sorors did their part in contributing to Small Businesses.

Epsilon Tau Outreach and Giving Tuesday

Thank You!



#GIVINGTUESDAY™



#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. It is Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Epsilon Tau Outreach thanks all of its donors for supporting us on "Giving Tuesday." It is through your donations that we fund our programs, projects, and scholarships. Our Giving Tuesday drive raised \$580! This amount will fund our local scholarship and sponsor a small education program. Our fundraising goal for 2018-2019 is \$1500. We are well on our way to exceeding this goal.

Epsilon Tau Outreach will begin its 90 for 90 Giving Campaign on December 9, 2018. As you contemplate your end of the year giving, consider making a \$9, \$19, \$29, or \$90 donation to Epsilon Tau Outreach to commemorate Iota's 90 years of existence and see your giving dollars hard at work.

Epsilon Tau Outreach is also listed on Amazon Smiles. If you are shopping online this season, Amazon will donate a small percentage of your purchases to your designated charity.

Viewing Psi Chapter History



On Saturday, December 1, 2018, Epsilon Tau sorors joined our mother chapter, Psi Chapter in celebrating 82 years of history in an exhibit in the Sam and Ruth Bussey gallery of the African American Museum at Dallas Fair Park. The exhibit explores the history of the chapter, several of our ET FIL and sorors are also featured in the exhibit. National President, Stephanie Dilworth, Gamma Tau Chapter, Minneapolis, MN traveled to celebrate with Psi Chapter on the amazing achievement of featuring the organization in the museum.



ET new member, Monique Smith was able to meet and take a photo with our National President. Chapter President, Michelle Peace, National Soror of the Year, Wendy B. Jacques, and Soror Jocelyn Dilworth who accompanied her mother, were on hand to browse in amazement the many years of history reflected on the walls of the gallery. Sorors Wendy, Carmon, FIL Andrell and Shandrell Fisher all have an interesting new fact about themselves. Their pictures were actually posted in a museum!



The Southwestern Region's Executive Committee was also on hand to celebrate this occasion. Regional Director, Vahnita Loud (Psi), Assistant Regional Director, Rosetta Davis, (Alpha Kappa), and Regional Treasurer, Wonda Traylor (Psi) were present along with guests, Alpha Kappa President, Carolyn Jones and Soror Sharon DeRouselle (Alpha Kappa) to view the history. Congratulations, Psi Chapter! The exhibit ends on December 31, 2018.

Congratulations, ET Family!

Doctor of Nursing Practice program is now CCNE-Accredited!



The **Doctor of Nursing Practice** program at Abilene Christian University has received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>). This accreditation is given to schools who demonstrate a quality and rigorous curriculum according to the American Association of Colleges and Nursing essentials for DNP Education.

"We are honored to receive this recognition," says Dr. Tonya Sawyer-McGee, Program Director and Associate Professor of the DNP program. "This distinction signifies that our DNP program delivers a curriculum based on integrity and quality so that graduates from the program can become change agents in health policy

and practice."

Earning programmatic accreditation takes a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the university. Nursing students who choose schools who have received CCNE accreditation should take pride that their schools hold the same high standards.



Congratulations to Soror Katrina Stevens and Family on the arrival of Epsilon Tau's 2nd baby. Terrence Robert Stevens II, born November 14, 2018 at 8:23 AM weighing 7 lbs. 1 ounce and 20 inches long.

Congratulations Soror Dr. Tonya Sawyer McGee on the accreditation of the Doctor of Nursing Program at Abilene Christian University.



Congratulations FIL Nadia McGee on winning the preliminary round of the spelling bee at McKinney Christian Academy, and will represent her grade in the ASCI Spelling Bee on February 1, 2019.

Congratulations FIL Paul Beaty II and FIL Evan Beaty on winning the local ET Evelyn D. Wilkey Essay Contest. Paul will represent in the High School regional contest and Evan in the middle school.



Congratulations, FIL Johnathan Arline and the Duncanville Panthers on advancing to the Texas High School Playoffs. Johnathan plays special teams and defense. Johnathan is a senior and wears #77.



Congratulations, FIL President, Paul Beaty II on advancing to the Area Competition in Choir. Paul was selected 3rd Chair, Bass 2 for Texas All State Choir. Paul is a senior at Duncanville High School.

Local Scholarships Are Available



The Fredda Witherspoon National Scholastic Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to a female graduating high school senior wishing to pursue a college degree in business related fields.

Postmarked by: January 11, 2019

Alma I. Mackey Regional Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school female (2.5 GPA or higher) wishing to pursue a college degree in business related fields.

Postmarked by: January 11, 2019

National Future Iota Leaders Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Future Iota Leader (FIL) pursuing a degree in the field of business.

Postmarked by: January 11, 2019

Dorethea N. Hornbuckle National Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a youth pursuing a degree in the field of business, science or engineering.

Postmarked by: January 11, 2019

Alice P. Allen National Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a teenage mother desiring to further her education beyond high school.

Postmarked by: January 11, 2019

The Diego M. Jones Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Epsilon Tau Future Iota Leader (FIL) who has shown exemplary leadership, community service and excellence in academics.

Postmarked by: January 11, 2019



Scholarships Packages Complete with Essays, a Photograph, transcripts and Application are due via mail submittal or electronically no later than January 11, 2019. The P.O. Box for Epsilon Tau Outreach is P.O. Box 241, Desoto, TX 75123.



DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1, 2018	Viewing of Psi Chapter History
December 2, 2018	FIL Meeting, Southwest Center Mall – Community Room, 3PM
December 8, 2018	FIL Community Service, Operation Christmas Child, 9AM
	Black Girls CODE – SmartGurlz Robotics Workshop
December 9, 2018	Chapter Meeting, Southwest Center Mall – Community Room, 3PM.
December 25, 2018	Merry Christmas
January 6, 2019	FIL Meeting/ High School Resume' Workshop



How to Use GOOGLE Search Like a Unicorn!



Everyone knows how to "Google," but not everyone knows how to be a true genius / unicorn of it. Here are a simple, yet effective ways of maximizing your Google Search, like a unicorn!

Quotation Marks

Use quotes to search for an exact word or set of words. This is useful for searching quotes or song lyrics. Example: "Be a unicorn in a sea of donkeys"



Dashes

Put a dash before a word that you want to exclude in your search. Example: donkeys -animal



Tilde

Use a tilde before a term to include results with its synonyms. Example: Unicorn ~magical



Site

Use site: to search within a specific website. Example: site:mobilemonkey.com

Link: link:query

Use link: to search for sites that link to the specific site url. Example: link:mobilemonkey.com



Two Periods

Use two periods between two numbers to express range of things like date, measurements and prices. Example: movies 1950..1970



Rel - Related:query

Use related: to find sites that are similar to the specified site. Example: related:mobilemonkey.com

Source: www.google.com/insidersearch/tipstricks
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Newsletter Quiz: Did you find Shelly the ET turtle in this issue?



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