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Dr. Rebekah McCloud

Basileus' Greetings

Sorors,

Beta Xi has been “on fire” working the business of NSPDK, INC. Big shoutouts to everyone who sacrificed to ensure that all of our education, service, and youth programs are successful.

Our Gift of Teaching luncheon was amazing; we were able to be a blessing to some special school counselors, supporters of education, OURM, and Guardian Care during this annual celebration. A very special thank you to the staff of Shiloh Baptist Church for all the behind-the-scenes work to ensure everything was elegant.

Many Happy Mother's Day messages were shared through all the social media platforms. It is my hope that each of you received/presented special tributes, visits, hugs, calls, gifts from/to the special moms/grandmothers, godmothers, mother figures that you are.

As we move towards the end of our 2025-2026 sororal year, let's continue to move with intention and purpose as we join hands to support our teachers, strengthen our sisterhood, and encourage and support our youth. We will honor our founders and celebrate our history during our Founders' Day weekend.

We need EACH of you as we continue this work. Remember, our dues should be paid, and Soror Cherry Jones is still receiving dues payments.



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Basileus' Greetings (continued)

We will celebrate Memorial Day with our families/friends and honor those who made sacrifices to ensure our freedoms. Memorial Day is a [federal holiday in the United States](#) for [mourning](#) the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the [United States Armed Forces](#). We lift up all of our military families who lost loved ones in the fight for freedom.

Beta Xi is "on fire," and we can be extremely proud of what we have accomplished thus far. With all hands on deck, we can do great things, and it is this sisterhood that will be recognized throughout the greater Orlando area for all that we do. We don't want to be the best-kept secret; we want to make it known that Beta Xi is making a difference. Our PR committee is making it known that we are here and we appreciate their work. (See articles in The Orlando Times and the Florida Sun). Remember the Professional Development sessions planned for June and July. (See May newsletter).

Did You Know...

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. has a presence on a variety of social media platforms. Get connected!

**LET'S CONNECT WITH NSPDK, INC. ON SOCIAL MEDIA** #NSPDKSORORITY #NSPDK

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER  www.twitter.com/nspdksorORITY	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  www.facebook.com/nspdkinc	FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM  www.instagram.com/nspdksorORITY	FOLLOW US ON PINTEREST  www.pinterest.com/nspdksorORITY
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL  www.youtube.com/channel/UC5LygBM0Qvede0bD4VHvivQ	SHARE OUR BLOG  http://nspdksorORITY.blogspot.com	SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LINKEDIN GROUP  www.linkedin.com/groups/8609761	VISIT OUR WEBSITE  www.NSPDK.org

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21st Annual Gift of Teaching Luncheon

By Dr. Rebekah McCloud

Orlando—The Beta Xi Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. held its 21st Annual Celebrating the Gift of Teaching Luncheon on April 25, 2026, at Shiloh Baptist Church. The event honored four outstanding school counselors: Consuelo Rojas, Rock Lake Elementary School; Carolyn Thomas-Riggs, Carver Middle School; Suzanne Lawe, Evans High School; and Anne Nortelus, Orange Technical College-Main Campus.

The Sorority also presented an Outstanding Leadership Award to Dr. Tasha Brown-Cannon, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Public Schools, and an Outstanding Supporter of Education Award to Alvin Cowans, President and CEO, McCoy Federal Credit Union.



Honorees left to right: Alvin Cowans, Dr. Tasha Brown-Cannon, Anne Nortelus, Carolyn Thomas-Riggs, Consuelo Rojas, and Alice J. Gordon, Beta Xi Chapter President. Photo by Mark Hinson.

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Greetings were brought from Dr. Bridget Williams, Orange County Public Schools (left), and Reggie McGill, the City of Orlando (center). Scholarships were presented to Jayden Armstrong Gonzalez (Lake Sumter State College) and Cydney Jackson (Valencia State College) by Beta Xi Youth Coordinator, Claudette Monroe (right).



Guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Classic Catering and music by singer/saxophonist Naomi Joy Nelson.



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The Delta Xi Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was a table sponsor. Sisters from the Central Florida Section of the National Council of Negro Women also attended.

A good time was had by all. Photos are from Mark Hinson and Tameka Cox.



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"Thank you, Beta Xi Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., sisters Rebekah and Dr. Daniels, for the invitation to the 21st annual Gift of Teaching Luncheon. I had a great time seeing past co-workers." — Terry Williams



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"What a wonderful day with my Sorors of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa at our 21st Annual Gift for Teaching Luncheon. ❤️💛 Today, we celebrated school counselors, educational leaders, and community partners who continue to support the work of education. I'm proud to be an educator and grateful to be part of our sisterhood."
—Soror Monica Gordon (Facebook post)

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"Simply
Beautiful!"
--Soror
Patti
Moore



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“Our 21st Gift of Teaching Luncheon was an extraordinary success, and that success reflects the dedication, creativity, and commitment of every Soror who contributed—whether present in the room or working diligently behind the scenes.” --Basileus Gordon

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"Kudos to The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Beta Xi Chapter 21st Annual Inspiring the Gift of Teaching Luncheon 🌸. It was truly uplifting to reunite with my past work friends from Orange County Public Schools."
— Maria Dempsey (Facebook post)



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Want to See All the Pictures?

To see all the photos by photographer Mark Hinson (Sphinx Photography), go to <https://sphinx-unlimited.client-gallery.com/gallery/2026-phi-delta-kappa-luncheon>.



To see all the photos by Soror Tameka Cox, go to Google Drive at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zE3tYtRYB2u89isogBzAVUPwEvDY6qXF>.

Anyone else who took photos and would like to share them, please post them to our list serve!!



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Congratulatory Note from the Basileus

After reading the many congratulatory messages shared, I wholeheartedly agree. Our 21st Gift of Teaching Luncheon was an extraordinary success, and that success reflects the dedication, creativity, and commitment of every Soror who contributed—whether present in the room or working diligently behind the scenes.

Special appreciation goes to Ms. Phelana, her husband, and their team for transforming our space so beautifully; to Classic Catering for their artistic presentation and exceptional service; to Naomi Joy for blessing us with her beautiful music; to our photographer, Mr. Hinson, for capturing the event with such care; to the artist who created our stunning entrance arch; and to those responsible for the impressive Chapter and Youth tablecloths that made such a statement.

To every Soror who ensured that all things GOT flowed with excellence—thank you. As we begin envisioning GOT 2027, let us keep Dr. Walters' closing message in mind: she welcomes and encourages a *changing of the guard* for leadership of our next GOT or another major fundraiser. We are deeply grateful for the years of leadership from Sorors Walters, Lancaster, June, Glover, Cooper, Jackson, Wilkerson, Paul, Leonard, P. Moore, and C. Jones.

Our chapter is blessed with talented, creative, and capable Sorors. The question now is: Who will step forward to lead the next chapter of this legacy?

Humbly Proud,
Basileus Gordon

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Thank You! ★ ★ ★



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Sorors on the Move



Left: Sorors Rose Cooper and Doris Jackson volunteering at the SAC Committee at Silver Pines Alternative School. Right: Dr. Nikita McCaskill-McPherson volunteered with the Orlando Chapter of FAMU National Alumni Association at the Walk MS Orlando 2026.

PAVES



By Dr. Deborah Daniels
Every 23rd Day of the month, Sorors are encouraged to take a selfie in our Beta Xi colors, doing something to help or encourage others. Left: Soror Katie was educating, and right: Soror Deborah was encouraging everyone who is of voting age to exercise their right to vote. This is a way of Providing Avenues of Visibility for our Educational Sorority (PAVES).



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Orange County League of Women Voters

Soror Rose Cooper volunteering with the League of Women Voters, educating Church of Christ Seniors on voter registration changes.

AKA Kentucky Derby Soirée

Our Basileus, Alice Gordon, and Grammateus, Dr. Deborah Daniels, supported the Nu Iota Omega Chapter of AKA during their annual Kentucky Derby Soirée.



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Spring College and Career Fair

Dr. Nikita McCaskill-McPherson volunteered at the Ocoee High School Spring College and Career Fair. She recruited with her Recruitment Co-Chair, Linda Watson, and Young Professional Alumni Co-Chair Jalynn Watson.



Orlando Union Rescue Mission

Sorors Doris Jackson, Shun Crockett Carswell, and Rose Cooper volunteered at the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. Service is the second



Wednesday of every month; 4:00-5:30. Sorors are asked to bring fresh fruit.

NCNW Awards and Scholarship Luncheon



Dr. Rebekah McCloud and Dr. Deborah Daniels supported the Central Florida Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. at their third annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Black Rose Awards and Scholarship Luncheon. Dr. Daniels gave the invocation, and Dr.

McCloud made the scholarship presentations. Both Sorors serve on the scholarship committee.



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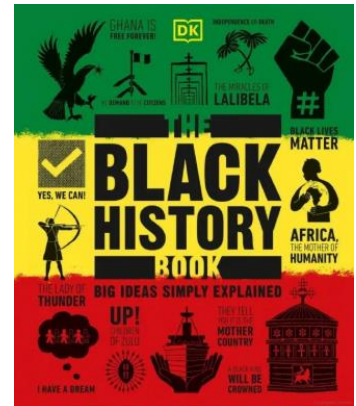
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Shout Out!

Soror Tameka Cox recently earned a graduate certificate from UCF and was certified as Director of Career and Technical Education. Congratulations!

This summer, Dr. Monica Gordon will begin teaching her first class as an adjunct instructor at the University of Central Florida. Congratulations!

Dr. Rebekah McCloud is facilitating a Black History book study for the Dorothy Turner Johnson Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The book being covered is *Black History Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained*. To obtain the presentation slides, go to the DTJ ASALH website at asalhdtj.org. Look under the Event/Calendar section. Congratulations!



May		
DJUNA	POOLE	5/3
DEBORAH	DANIELS	5/8
SHELEEN	KENNEDY	5/9
DESHELIA	RUMPH	5/10
TANGELA	JONES	5/11
FRANCES	HOWARD	5/31
June		
KATHI	WYNN	6/1
SHUNTA	CROCKETT-CARSWELL	6/4
MARY	DICKSON	6/5
REBEKAH	MCCLOUD	6/15
MARIONETTE	LEONARD	6/20
HAZEL	BROWN	6/20
CHERYL	THOMAS	6/29

Happy Birthday Sorors!!



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Beta Xi Chapter 2026-27 Officer Nominations



Katie May-Taylor
1st Anti Basileus



Johnnie Glover
3rd Anti Basileus



Carmen Lamar-Canady
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Zeta June
Epistoleus



Doris Jackson
Dean of Pledges



Rebekah McCloud
Public Relations



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Youth News

By Soror Claudette Monroe



The Youth Committee would like to thank you for your continuous support this year. We raised over \$400 dollars, and are still totaling up everything from our fund-raiser. Yeah! We truly appreciate everyone also jumping in to help us pull off our Silent Auction with the Baskets. It is always a hit!



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Youth Service at Guardian Care Nursing Home

The Youth's last meeting and volunteering for the year was Sunday, May 3rd. We met and volunteered at Guardian Care Nursing Home. We gave them our donation of wash cloths and played BINGO! Several of our Sorors sent, mailed or delivered white wash cloths. Thank you, we truly appreciate it. ❤️💛

Basileus Gordon and Sorors Shun Crockett Carswell, and Carmen Lamar-Canady joined us. A good day was had by all. See the photos on the next page.



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Anthropos News

By Dr. Deborah Daniels

Our Anthropos do an outstanding job of supporting our chapter as a whole. The Anthropos mentor our Kappa Omicron TAU (KOT) college students as needed and send care packages and messages of encouragement twice per year. The Anthropos present information about their career to our Xinos and Kudos on ZOOM and, coming soon, through a pamphlet, support them financially as needed, and are always here to mentor and encourage them as needed.



Left photo (left to right): Anthropos James Gordon (husband of Soror Monica Gordon), Beta Xi Anthropos Chair Soror Deborah Daniels, Carl Henry Lancaster II (husband of Soror Lillian Lancaster), and Tyrone Cox (husband of Soror Tameka Cox). Right photo (left to right): Anthropos James Gordon, Carl Henry Lancaster II, and Tyrone Cox.

At the Gift of Teaching Luncheon, Beta Xi Anthropos gifted Sorors with a Calla Lily ink pen as an early Mother's Day present.

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Left photo (left to right): Soror Tameka Cox and Anthropos Tyrone Cox. Middle photo (left to right): Soror Lillian Lancaster and Anthropos Carl Henry Lancaster II. Right photo (left to right): Anthropos James Gordon, his aunt and our Basileus Alice Gordon, and Soror Monica Gordon.

We encourage all Sorors to encourage one or more men in your life to be one of our Anthropos. The male in your life can be any of the following: a spouse, significant other, your father, son, uncle, brother, coworker, a friend, your pastor, your doctor, etc.

Going forward, we will have two levels for joining:

- \$35.00 annual fee - \$9.00 insurance, \$1.00 local fee, and \$25.00 regional fee.
- \$85.00 annual fee - \$9.00 insurance, \$1.00 local fee, \$25.00 regional fee, and \$50.00 national fee.

The link for connecting your Anthropos to the group is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvPEOeRiRif5Tw4mJvuGGBYmZ3u4h0JJbZwceZrYiLthW7Ig/viewform>

Once you fill out the Google form, we will give you the information you need for the payment to be made.



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Founders' Day

By Soror Patti Moore

The Beta Xi Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., will be celebrating our upcoming Founders' Day with three beautiful, festive, and service-giving events. They include:

1. The Founders' Day Program, May 23rd, 2026, immediately following our May Chapter Meeting. The attire is uninterrupted white / business dress wear. Please remember to bring your flashlight and ritual.
2. Founders' Day Worship Service will take place at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 421 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Winter Park, FL. Please arrive at 10:45am and meet in the Auxiliary Bldg., next to the Church. Attire-Red and Gold Dressy Church Wear.
3. Founders' Day Service Activity. A joint collaborative effort with Shiloh Baptist Church "Clothes Closet." We are asking Beta Xi Sorors to please donate much-needed hygiene items for our homeless population. In addition, "Black Socks for Men" and "White Socks for Youth." All items will be collected at our May 23rd Chapter Meeting. Also, feel free to contact Chairperson, Soror Patti Moore @ 321-217- 3647.

BETA XI FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED

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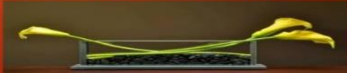


A professional organization for women in the field of education • NSPDK.ORG

Chapter Meeting: Saturday, May 23, 2026, 10:00a.m.
Heart of West Lakes 710 S Tampa Ave, Orlando, Florida
Sorors Wear Uninterrupted White and bring your Ritual and Flashlight. **The Founder's Day Program will start immediately after the Chapter Meeting.**

Founders' Day P.A.V.E.S. In Action
Please bring Hygiene Items:
Bars of soap, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer, wash cloths, women's underwear and black socks for men for the Homeless when you come to the program

Founders' Day Sunday Worship Service
May 24, 2026
10:40am
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
421 S Pennsylvania Ave, Winter Park, Florida 32789
Wear Red and Gold Sunday Best Attire



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Health and Wellness Corner

Announcing A New Initiative: Our Health Our Wellness (OHOW)

On April 1, 2026, the Black Health Matters Foundation will launch our newest initiative, Our Health Our Wellness (<https://ourhealthourwellness.com/>). The initiative begins in April and is designed to improve health outcomes and empower us to adopt healthy behavioral changes through prevention, intervention, and increased access to resources, and will continue beyond April.



Why is OHOW Needed Now?

We believe that it is time to change the national dialogue around health and wellness. And because we are the leading health authority for Black and Brown communities, our goal with OHOW is to equip you and your family with the information you need to prioritize your well-being. With information and resources available in English and Spanish that help close the gaps in health outcomes for us.

“Being healthy and having access to proper services for wellness are essential as we age. I want OHOW to be a movement where people can learn about what’s impacting them and their families. Then know how to speak with their doctor and have guidance on the next steps,” said Roslyn Y. Daniels, CEO and Founder of Black Health Matters.

What Resources Will You Find on the OHOW Website?

OHOW content has been specifically designed to promote healthy behavioral changes that improve health outcomes and to provide information that focuses on prevention, intervention, and treatment, as well as access to resources. With that in mind, we have identified and prioritized key health concerns that can disproportionately impact our communities. They include: Alzheimer’s, Cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease, Heart Health (Cholesterol, Diabetes, Hypertension), Mental Health, Vaccinations, among others. The month of April and beyond, we want to advocate for preventive risk reduction, early detection, and intervention.

Source: <https://blackhealthmatters.com/announcing-our-new-initiative-our-health-our-wellness-ohow/>



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May is American Stroke Month

Beginning this May 2026, the American Stroke Association will adopt the B.E. F.A.S.T. acronym to help the public more easily recognize the signs of stroke and act quickly. When it comes to spotting stroke and getting help, the faster, the better. Strokes can happen to anyone, at any age. Learn the signs of stroke and how to lower the risk for another one. **When you spot a stroke warning sign, be fast.** Recognizing the stroke warning signs and calling 911 immediately may make the difference between a strong recovery or long-term disability; survival or death.

B.E. F.A.S.T.

Balance
Loss

Eye (Vision)
Changes

Face
Drooping

Arm
Weakness

Speech
Difficulty

Time to
Call 911

B = Balance Loss

Is there a sudden loss of balance or coordination? Is the person having trouble walking or experiencing dizziness?

E = Eye (Vision) Changes

Are there sudden changes in vision? Ask the person if they are experiencing blurred vision, double vision, or loss of sight in one or both eyes.

F = Face Drooping

Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

A = Arm Weakness

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S = Speech Difficulty

Is speech slurred or difficult to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence.

T = Time to Call 911

If you have any of these symptoms or see someone else having them, call 911 immediately!

Source: The American Stroke Association <https://www.stroke.org/en/about-the-american-stroke-association/stroke-awareness-month>.



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May is High Blood Pressure Education Month

High blood pressure—or hypertension—is a major risk factor for heart disease. Half of Americans have high blood pressure, and many don't know they have it. Have yours checked and talk to a healthcare provider about what your numbers mean for you.

What do your blood pressure numbers mean?



Normal range

- Systolic: < 120 mm Hg
- Diastolic: < 80 mm Hg

Elevated range

- Systolic: 120–129 mm Hg
- Diastolic: < 80 mm Hg

High blood pressure range

- Systolic: 130 mm Hg or higher
- Diastolic: 80 mm Hg or higher

NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

4 blood pressure questions to ask your healthcare provider at every visit



- 1 What was my blood pressure reading and what do the numbers mean for me?
- 2 How often should I have my blood pressure checked?
- 3 How can I control my blood pressure if it's high?
- 4 Can any medicines that I take affect my blood pressure?

NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

How to accurately check your blood pressure



BEFORE

- Avoid exercising, drinking caffeine, or smoking for 30 minutes prior.
- Go to the bathroom.
- Uncover your arm for the cuff.
- Sit and relax for at least 5 minutes.

DURING

- Put your feet flat on the floor.
- Don't talk.
- Rest your arm on a table so it's supported and at the level of your heart.

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What puts you at risk for high blood pressure?



- Age**
Blood pressure tends to increase with age but it can also affect you at a younger age.
- Lifestyle habits**
Eating too much salt, smoking and not getting enough physical activity can raise our blood pressure.
- Family history and genetics**
High blood pressure often runs in families.
- Race or ethnicity**
While anyone can have high blood pressure, African Americans tend to get it at a younger age.
- Sex**
Before age 60, more men than women have high blood pressure. After 60, more women than men have it.

NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month



Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM) has been observed since 1949. For more than 20 years, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has joined that tradition every May, raising awareness, sharing resources, and supporting the individuals and communities who need it most.

Overall Theme: See the Person. Support the Journey.

Mental health is part of everyday life. It shapes how we think, feel, connect with others, and move through the world. This year's theme highlights the importance of:

- Noticing early signs of mental health concerns
- Strengthening the support around us
- Responding with care and compassion during challenging moments

Mental health touches every part of life — from housing and work to relationships and community. When mental health challenges arise, they often intersect with substance use, and whole person care that addresses both is essential to lasting recovery and well-being.

- Week 1 (May 1 – 8): Understanding Mental Illness, Including Serious Mental Illness: Awareness Leads to Compassion.
- Week 2 (May 11 – 15): Early Support Matters: Recognizing Signs in Children and Youth
- Week 3 (May 18 – 22): Words Matter and Words Can Heal
- Week 4 (May 25 – 29): Supporting Loved Ones: Connection Is a Powerful Form of Care

Source: SAMSA <https://www.samhsa.gov/about/digital-toolkits/mental-health-awareness-month>.



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Tips for Care Givers

It's not easy being a caregiver. It is an important job; for many, it is the most important job they will have in life. Because you are your loved one's #1 advocate, your role is pivotal in how they cope with and treat their illness. Here are a few tips that may prove helpful. For more, go to <https://www.numberanalytics.com/blog/ultimate-guide-to-african-american-caregiving>.

Managing Caregiving Tasks and Responsibilities. Caregiving involves a range of tasks and responsibilities, from managing medications and medical appointments to providing emotional support and daily care. Some strategies for managing caregiving tasks include:

- **Creating a caregiving schedule:** Developing a routine or schedule to help manage caregiving tasks and responsibilities.
- **Prioritizing tasks:** Focusing on the most important tasks and delegating or deferring less critical tasks when possible.
- **Seeking support:** Reaching out to family, friends, and community resources for emotional support and help with caregiving tasks and responsibilities.

Strategies for Maintaining Caregiver Well-being. Caregiving can be a stressful and emotionally demanding role, and it's essential for caregivers to prioritize their own well-being. Some strategies for maintaining caregiver well-being include:

- **Self-care:** Engaging in activities that promote relaxation and stress reduction, such as exercise, meditation, or hobbies.
- **Taking breaks:** Taking time off from caregiving to rest and recharge.

The Importance of Social Support for Caregivers. Social support has been shown to have a positive impact on caregiver well-being, reducing stress and anxiety and improving overall health outcomes. Some of the ways that social support can benefit caregivers include:

- **Emotional support:** Providing a listening ear and emotional support to caregivers.
- **Practical help:** Assisting with caregiving tasks and responsibilities.
- **Informational support:** Providing information and resources to caregivers.

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National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated 59th SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE Summaries

Plenary 1--April 10, 2026

Submitted by Delegate Alice J. Gordon

The conference booklet outlines the order of the presentations during the first Plenary session. One of the highlights of this Plenary session was the “State **of the Region**” address **presented by Madame SERD Durrah**. She shared the growth that has taken place in the Region--chartering of new Chapters, over 20 new KOT groups; growth within Chapters; 129 paid Anthrops at the National level; 16 of our 26 chapters now have Anthrops groups.

The proposed 2026-2027 budget was presented, and information on voting was presented. An internal audit report was given by our Regional Chair.

Special recognition – First-time attendees (Beta Xi had 3), Darling Divas, and the Regional Committee Chairs.

The Sorors who were interested in being on the **Regional Nominating Committee** presented their remarks and explained why we should vote for them. There were 4 candidates for the three open positions. Sorors from Epsilon Tau, Gamma Psi, and Alpha Gamma were elected to serve. Clarity was given for the voting process (where, what, when).

The Literacy Luncheon followed Plenary 1- good meal; Literacy speaker shared what has been happening and upcoming changes that benefit and some that come with concerns that will directly impact the students of Shelby County. The speaker gave some statistical highlights of what is happening with literacy and how the District is addressing the concerns.

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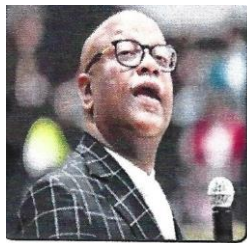
Public Meeting Awards Dinner—April 10, 2026

Submitted by Soror Deborah Daniels

Theme: The Crown of Knowledge Cultivating Excellence in Education. Awards were given to community leaders and supporters of education.

The Keynote Speaker

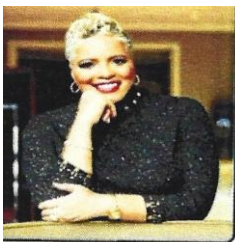
Dr. Vincent Hunter, Principal Mentor, Memphis Shelby County Schools



Dr. Hunter has been the principal of Whitehaven High School in Memphis, Tennessee, for over 15 years. Dr. Hunter's honors and recognitions include: 2017 Rainbow P.U.S.H. Educator of the year, 2019 State Representative Barbara Cooper Living Legends Leadership Award. 2020 Shelby County Schools Principal of the Year and 2022 State of Tennessee House: Joint Resolution No. 970 Service award recipient. He has served as the Whitehaven Empowerment Zone Executive Principal.

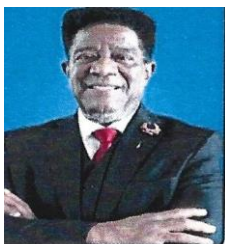
The Honorees

Dr. Gina Stewart, Pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church



Dr. Gina Stewart is a pastor, preacher, visionary builder, mentor, community advocate, and adjunct professor. She has served as pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church for over 31 years. Dr. Stewart is a former board member of the National Civil Rights Museum and Bread for the World. She is the founder of Greater Works Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to philanthropy and ministry development.

Mr. Keith Williams, Memphis Shelby County Schools Board Commissioner



Mr. Williams is a dedicated educator and education advocate with over 41 years of experience. Mr. Williams is the Memphis-Shelby County Schools Commissioner representing District 6. He has served as the Executive Director and President of the Memphis-Shelby County Education Association.

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Dr. David L. Acey~ Executive Director of the Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival



Dr. Acey is the retired Assistant Professor of African American Rhetoric and Interracial Communication at the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. Thirty-nine years ago, Dr. Acey, in partnership with his wife, Yvonne B. Acey created the Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival, where he serves as Executive Director. His academic and professional life have been devoted to improving the quality of life for African Americans and others in the quest for achieving success in a global society.

Plenary #3--April 11, 2026

Submitted by Soror Carmen Lamar Canady

This plenary included Ritualistic Services.

Credentials Report - Included 37 chapters chartered.

11 chapters inactive

23 chapters present

3 chapters absent

37 number of delegates

12 number of alternates

179 number of registered Sorors for PLENARY 1 & 2

181 number of registered Sorors for PLENARY 3

7 number KOT's

28 number of Anthropos

214 total number of Conference attendees for Plenary 2

216 total number of Conference attendees for Plenary 3

Roll Call- All chapters reported

Election Results- 4 Sorors for Nominating Committee -* winners

Kenya White*

Latisha King *

Carolyn Meadow

Deborah Martin*



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Appointment of Nomination Committee
Marshall Report- 1 Soror fined for ringing phone
Ceremonies for ill and deceased Sorors
Beta Xi had 6 ill & 3 deceased Sorors
Torch Lighting Ceremony

President's Breakfast—April 11, 2026

Submitted by Soror Rebekah McCloud

The President's Breakfast was held on April 11, 2026. At the breakfast, Rev. Dr. Gina Marcia Stewart, Senior Pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church, was honored. She is the first African American female elected to serve an established African American Baptist congregation in



Memphis and Shelby County and has served in this capacity since March 1995. Her non-profit organization, Greater Works, Inc., provides financial resources and technical assistance to faith-based start-ups and emerging non-profits, ministries, and churches. Awards were also given to community members for their work in the Memphis area. Included was a

recognition of the owners of one of the local Black history museums.

Additionally, several Chapters within the Southeast Region presented NSPDK President Noreen Little with gifts and proclamations from their states. Members of the Florida delegation presented a proclamation from Florida State Senator LaVon Bracy Davis (District 15).

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SER Workshops Saturday, April 11, 2026

Theme: Learn. Apply. Transform:

Empowering A Sisterhood Through Continuous Learning

Workshop #2 She Leads: Power, Presence, & Purpose

Submitted by Soror Carmen Lamar Canady

Presenter: Dr. LaToya M. Jackson, Epsilon Psi Chapter, Jackson, Mississippi

She spoke about how every woman is a leader— but how intentionally does she lead? The workshop was designed to help women refine how they show up and lead in every space. This session equips women with practical tools to lead with confidence, clarity, and purpose in the sorority, workplace, and community. She discussed “how do you show up”, you step up to lead by supporting others, making difficult decisions, prioritizing relationships, and giving advice to others. Lead by example!!!! Leadership is not about being comfortable. It is about Responsibility!!

Workshop #3 “Thinking Classrooms: Unlocking Student Potential Through Rigorous Learning”

Submitted by Soror Deborah Daniels

Presenter: Soror Zella R. Ford of Zeta Delta Chapter, From Selma, Alabama

Soror Zella Ford did an outstanding job of sharing the information above and engaging the participants throughout her presentation. Soror Zella R. Ford shared the importance of focusing on the level of learning, knowing your standard, Scaffolding, Pre-assessment, Quality over quantity, identifying the learners, setting the discourse up even through pre-K, and knowing and using Primary Sources.

The Thinking Classroom fosters Group Work, making assignments relevant to the students, modeling what is expected, and using Think Pair Share activities, etc.

As the teacher facilitator: Don’t assume anything, make sure you have students restate the questions, know that Indicators are used for feedback and not evaluation, know that formative assessments are ongoing checks for knowledge, Essential components are important –



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Communicate them, develop them, and provide them, and you will see an increase in the knowledge of your students and create and make products.

Aspects of instructional tasks

Clear learning goals using my standards
Using my verb
Purposeful Content
Tangible Product
Evidence of Reasoning
Assessment opportunity

The **want** is the instructional task, and the **process of the content** is the Inquiry task.

Workshop #4 Leadership: Learning the Value of Application

Submitted by Delegate Alice J. Gordon

Presenter: Dr. Rebekah McCloud, Beta Xi—Orlando, FL

Objectives:

As a result of this session, participants will be introduced to:

- Definition of Leadership
- How to Adapt Leadership Styles (12 Leadership Traits)
- Leadership Growth
- What Leaders Really Do
- Management vs Leadership
- 10 Rules of Good Followership
- Issues Facing Leaders & How to Address

Take Aways

- Leadership is a process of social influence that maximizes the efforts of others toward the achievement of a goal)
- Focused on 12 Leadership Traits
- Strong leaders make sure ALL stakeholders know the vision.

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- We must do a SWOT Analysis of our organization, company, etc. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)
- Don't have people stuck in one role; challenge them to try other areas.

The analogy of painting a house was used to help us think about our leadership/followership expectations: When observing a completed paint job, would you describe it as: poor, ok, good, excellent? What are your expectations of a performance? Lots of sharing amongst the group. (Including Past Supreme Etta Carter and Past SER Director Ann Black – both offering great supportive comments)

Workshop #6 Groove Your Way to a Healthy Lifestyle: Take Control of Your Health...and Have Fun Doing IT!!!!

Submitted by Delegate Alice J. Gordon

Presenter: Soror Patrice Marsh, Beta Kappa—West Palm Beach, FL

Objectives:

- Describe what hypertension is, its common causes, and health risks
- Plan and demonstrate two simple, heart-healthy recipes or meal swaps that reduce sodium and increase nutrient density.
- Identify community resources and follow-up steps (healthcare, nutrition, counseling, support groups) for ongoing management.
- Line Dancing will be added as a basic exercise or activity routine that supports blood pressure reduction.

The audience participation workshop provided opportunities for participants to share some of their personal experiences in their journey to heart-health. One of our Sorors shared how changing her lifestyle helped her to lose over 100 pounds and how happy she is to be healthy and living her best life. Lots of recipes and resources for finding recipes were shared. The session ended with Sorors learning a line dance that could keep us moving. (Even Madame Supreme Little joined in learning the line dance).

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Workshop #7 You Design It

Submitted by Soror Rebekah McCloud

Presenter: Soror Deborah Daniels, Beta Xi, Orlando, FL

Dr. Deborah Daniels presented *You Design It*, an interactive workshop that gave middle school and high school teachers and administrators literal and practical examples of how students are able to have voice and choice regarding their academic and educational success. She developed this project while teaching science in Indiana. It is a week-long student-designed presentation project that gives students creative control. They get an opportunity to share their knowledge and become co-teachers in the classroom. She shared a video that gave step-by-step instructions on how a teacher may implement *You Design It* in the classrooms.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VMC1JmC1RMU&ra=m>. Dr. Daniels was the Indiana Teacher of the Year.

Beta Xi Chapter Programming May-June 2026	
MAY	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 2-6), FOUNDERS' DAY, NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, NATIONAL HYPERTENSION EDUCATION MONTH & NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH Second Sunday Prayer Call—7PM & Weekly Sister to Sister Check in
JUNE	NSPDK, INC. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 11-14, 2026, INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS & YEAR END ACTIVITIES Second Sunday Prayer Call—7PM & Weekly Sister to Sister Check in

Next Chapter Meetings

Our next Beta Xi Chapter meeting is Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the Heart of West Lakes, 710 S. Tampa Ave., Orlando, FL 32805. The Founders' Day Program will be held immediately following our May Chapter Meeting. The attire is uninterrupted white / business dress wear. Please remember to bring your flashlight and ritual.

Toiletries for women and men (black socks for men) – Deliver to Sorors Patti Moore (321-217-3647)/ Deborah Daniels (317-919-7181) before/during May Chapter meeting.



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To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession



**National Professional Development and
Leadership Training Committee**
Presents

*Purposeful Progression
and Power Sessions*

Join us Thursday, May 21, 2026
5PM (PST/MST) 7PM (CST) 8PM (EST)
Register below



An hour with
Supreme Basileus, Noreen E. Little
and a
Leadership Development Mini-Training
Email Questions:
LadyBurton1923@gmail.com
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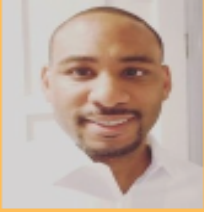
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	NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED eLearning Academy VIRTUAL TOWNHALL 2026	
A CONVERSATION WITH NABSE National Alliance of Black School Educators  Dr. Elford Rawls Dill President New Jersey NABSE <u>May 26, 2026</u> 7:00pm EST 6:00pm CST 4:00pm MST/PST  Thandabantu Maceo Executive Director Midwest Region NABSE  Principal Kafele President Elect New Jersey NABSE <u>ZOOM INFORMATION</u> USE QR CODE OR MEETING ID: 606 769 6222 PASSCODE: 1923   Zaklyyah Bergen President Heights Alliance of Black School Educators		
<i>Learn more about NABSE, including their programs and focus and how to get involved.</i>		
Noreen E. Little National President Patsy O. Squire, Ed.D. National 1st Vice-president Lavetta Ross, Ed.D. National Chair - eLearning Academy		

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 **NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED**
To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession

National Professional Development & Leadership Training Committee
presents
A Virtual Four-Hour Intensive to
Sharpen Skills, Strengthen Standards, & Shape Legacy



Leadership, Learning & Legacy Lab
Saturday
June 20, 2026
CLICK TO REGISTER
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PST | MST
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST

Learning Lab Topics
The Centered Leader: Calm, Clear & Controlled
The Lens of Possibility: Reframing How We See Ourselves & Others
Communication, Collaboration & Conflict-Free Coordination
Ready-to-Run: Transitioning Officers with Clarity & Completion
QUESTIONS? Email: nspdktraining.org



Noreen E. Little, Supreme Basileus
Patsy Squire, 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus
M. Rico McCoy Burton, National Professional Development and Leadership Training Chair

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Financial Literacy: Living Paycheck to Paycheck



By Julia Kagan

The problem of full-time workers in the U.S. living paycheck to paycheck persists. One contributing factor is that salaries have not increased enough over the years to keep up with the cost of living. Personal debt levels related to student loans, credit cards, and rising childcare costs continue to increase, even for individuals earning salaries over \$100,000. Hence, more Americans are adding part-time work and side hustles to their full-time jobs to increase their income. Or they become full-time workers in the gig economy if they're able to make more money that way.

How to Stop Living Paycheck to Paycheck

Personal accountability can play a role in balancing one's budget to avoid living paycheck to paycheck. Here's what else you can do:

- Review your budget.
- Make sure you save.
- Pay off your debt.
- Increase your income.

Source: Adapted from the article *Living Paycheck to Paycheck: Definition, Statistics, How to Stop*. See the entire article at

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/p/paycheck-to-paycheck.asp>.



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The Educator's Corner—TEACH-A-RAMA

Sign	Problem	Action
1	Teachers rush lessons to stay on schedule.	Adjust pacing based on evidence , not the calendar.
2	Students move on with unfinished understanding.	Build reteach days into unit plans.
3	Questions are cut short to "get through the lesson."	Protect time for discussion and sense-making.
4	Independent practice feels rushed or shallow.	Reduce quantity and increase quality of tasks.
5	Teachers feel pressure to teach pages , not standards.	Anchor planning to priority standards.
6	Exit ticket data is collected but ignored .	Use data to decide what needs more time.
7	Struggling students fall further behind each unit.	Add intervention blocks and small-group support.
8	Teachers skip rich tasks to save time.	Preserve high-cognitive-demand work.
9	Students forget prior units quickly.	Spiral review and cumulative practice consistently.
10	Finishing the map is celebrated more than mastery.	Define success as learning, not coverage.

★ PACE WITH PURPOSE. TEACH FOR UNDERSTANDING. LEAD FOR LEARNING. ★
Follow Dwight S. Williams | Math Instructional Leadership Coach

Curriculum Pacing

By Dwight S. Williams

As the school year ends, many schools chase pacing. **Not learning.** I understand it. The pressure to "finish everything" is real. But when pacing becomes the priority, learning often becomes the cost. And student learning will always be my north star. **Here are 10 Signs Curriculum Pacing Is Hurting Student Learning (And What Leaders Should Do About It).**

1. Teachers rush lessons to stay on schedule.

✓ Adjust pacing based on evidence, not the calendar.

2. Students move on with unfinished understanding.

✓ Build reteach days into unit plans.

3. Questions are cut short to "get through the lesson."

✓ Protect time for discussion and sense-making.

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4. Independent practice feels rushed or shallow.

- ✓ Reduce quantity and increase quality of tasks.

5. Teachers feel pressure to teach pages, not standards.

- ✓ Anchor planning to priority standards.

6. Exit ticket data is collected but ignored.

- ✓ Use data to decide what needs more time.

7. Struggling students fall further behind each unit.

- ✓ Add intervention blocks and small-group support.

8. Teachers skip rich tasks to save time.

- ✓ Preserve high-cognitive-demand work.

9. Students forget prior units quickly.

- ✓ Spiral review and cumulative practice consistently.

10. Finishing the curriculum is celebrated more than mastery.

- ✓ Define success as learning, not coverage.

Strong leaders know this: A pacing guide should guide instruction. It should not control it. We must empower teachers to adapt and ensure that major standards are taught deeply. Make decisions based on what students actually need.

Source:

LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dwightswill_%F0%9D%97%94%F0%9D%98%80-%F0%9D%98%81%F0%9D%97%B5%F0%9D%97%B2-%F0%9D%98%80%F0%9D%97%B0%F0%9D%97%B5%F0%9D%97%BC%F0%9D%97%BC%F0%9D%97%B9-%F0%9D%98%86%F0%9D%97%B2%F0%9D%97%AE%F0%9D%97%BF-%F0%9D%97%B2%F0%9D%97%BB%F0%9D%97%B1%F0%9D%98%80-share-7453921906157785088-U5uy/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAAAHXZO8BGLpDoV8UXIm5yRCleWM4LrKprMO



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Teacher Appreciation Day Celebration

By Sorors Clara Walters & Doris Jackson

Beta Xi celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day by providing lunch for the staff at The Ivey Lane Elementary School. Dr. Brown-Cannon, Chief Academic Officer for Orange County Public Schools, was also invited and gave words of encouragement. She received our outstanding leadership award at this year's Gift of Teaching Luncheon. Present for the event were Basileus Gordon, and Sorors Clara Walters, Doris Jackson, Carmen Lamar Canady, Patti Moore, and Gorsha Galbraith.



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Cards were also presented to the teachers at Ivey Lane Elementary.

Beta Xi sponsors the N.O.B.L.E. Knight Program at Ivey Lane Elementary School. The reward incentive program promotes positive N.O.B.L.E. Knight behavior. We help furnish the items and give a donation to help supply the items for the school's "Beta Shop," named after Beta Xi.



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Technology Corner—Direct Messages (DMs)

A DM, or Direct Message, is a private, one-on-one or small group conversation on social media platforms like Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), and Facebook. Unlike public posts or comments, DMs are only visible to the sender and recipient, making them ideal for confidential, personal, or professional communication.

Unlike public comments or posts, DMs are only visible to the sender and recipient. They are used for private conversations, customer support, and networking.

It's super similar to text messaging, except you're sending messages through the social media app rather than normal texting through your phone app. You'd send a DM if you wanted to have a private conversation with someone where only you and the recipient would see the message.

No, a DM (direct message) is not the same as texting, though they are similar. Texting (SMS) uses your phone number to send messages via a mobile carrier, while a DM is a private message sent within social media apps (e.g., Instagram, Twitter) or messenger apps (e.g., Facebook Messenger) using data/internet.

On Instagram, your DMs (direct messages) are located in the top-right corner of the home feed, represented by a paper airplane or messenger icon. Recent updates have moved this icon to the bottom right for some users. Check "Requests" at the top right of your inbox if you cannot find a message from someone you don't follow.

To start a DM, press the paper airplane symbol or Message button on someone's profile, enter your message, and then click send.

Below are the DM & SMS logos you'll find on your device:

1. Telephone Text Message 2. Facebook Messenger 3. WhatsApp 4. Google Message



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Technology Corner—Dropbox

Soror Claudette has set up a Dropbox folder for Beta Xi. The link is <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/gr494ep2jgoqh1aqs9j2q/AO6h3-PaJ9JibZ2XnPeGYTs?rlkey=5v5oupl2v2hcrzf4lekau67x&st=znhiqsqh&dl=0>.



To access a Dropbox shared folder, click the link above or the one sent to you in your invitation email, or log in to dropbox.com, click **Shared** in the left sidebar, and select **Join folder**. You can then view or edit the files directly from your browser, the desktop app, or the mobile app, depending on your permissions.

Methods to Access Shared Folders

- **Via Email Invite:** Click the link in the email invitation and follow the prompts to sign in or sign up.
- **Via Dropbox Website:**
 1. Go to dropbox.com and log in.
 2. Click **Shared** in the left sidebar.
 3. Locate the folder and click **Join folder**.
- **Via Shared Link (No Account Needed):** If the owner sent a link instead of an invitation, you can click the link to view or download files without a Dropbox account.

Troubleshooting & Tips

- **Space Limitations:** If you are joining a folder (not just viewing a link), the folder's size must be less than the available space in your account.
- **Missing Folders:** Check the **Shared** tab, as you may need to accept the invitation, or the folder may have been removed.
- **View-Only vs. Editing:** If you cannot edit, the owner may have set your permission to "Can view".

Access on Devices

- **Desktop:** Once joined, the folder will automatically appear in your local Dropbox folder if you have the app installed.
- **Mobile:** Open the Dropbox mobile app, tap **Files**, then **Shared**.

Source: <https://help.dropbox.com/share/add-shared-folder>



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Let Me Hear From You

Let me know what you'd like to see in the newsletter. Those who answered the survey indicated the following:

What topics would you like to be covered in future newsletters?

- Activities available in the greater Orlando area.
- Learning and Behavior Management Strategies.
- Our Youth updates.
- Sisterhood Do's and Don'ts.
- Professional Development.
- Any topic regarding education/Beta Xi members.

I'm doing my best to fulfil your requests. If there's more, just send me an email (rebekahmcloud@yahoo.com) or a text message (407-970-6407). This is our newsletter/magazine, and I want it to be informative and useful. Thanks.

Dr. Rebekah

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Voting: Check Your Status

Be sure that you get ready for the upcoming voting season. Check your voter registration status. Check with your county Supervisor of Elections Office website. You may also go to the Florida Department of State website at <https://registration.dos.fl.gov/CheckVoterStatus>.

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Voter Information Lookup

DEVELOPMENT Region

Versión en Español | This site requires JavaScript to be enabled.

CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATUS

Check here for your voter registration status. To find your polling place, sample ballot, and vote-by-mail ballot status, check your [Supervisor of Elections' website](#).

A supervisor of elections' office must process a voter registration application no later than 13 days after receipt. (s. 97.069(7), F.S.). It may take an additional 1-2 business days thereafter for the information to be available online.

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

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Coming Events

Parramore Community Engagement Council

Housing Committee Presents:

Housing Workshop Series

Join us for a free, community-focused workshop series designed to help Parramore residents build, protect, and maintain stable housing. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, or future buyer, these sessions offer practical tools and trusted guidance.

Who Should Attend?

Residents of Parramore and surrounding communities—homeowners, renters, and anyone interested in housing stability.

Learn. Protect. Sustain. Thrive.

Orlando Day Nursery
626 Lake Dot Circle
Orlando FL 32801

- April 7, 2026
- July 7, 2026
- October 6, 2026

Callahan Community Center
101 North Parramore Ave.
Orlando FL 32801

- May 5, 2026
- August 4, 2026
- November 3, 2026

Jackson Community Center
1002 Carter Street
Orlando FL 32805

- June 2, 2026
- September 1, 2026
- December 1, 2026

Scan to register

Workshop Topics, Dates, & Locations

Understanding Property Taxes & Insurance
Get clarity on rising costs and how to manage them.
• April 7, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Orlando Day Nursery

Energy & Utility Assistance Programs
Discover ways to reduce bills and access financial support.
• May 5, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Callahan Center

Homebuyer Programs
Learn about programs that can help you become a homeowner.
• June 2, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Jackson Center

Home Repair & Rehabilitation Programs
Learn about programs that can help you fix and improve your home.
• July 7, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Orlando Day Nursery

Disaster Prep
Learn how to prepare for emergencies, build supply kits, and stay safe during disasters.
• August 4, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Callahan Center

Eviction Prevention & Tenant Rights
Learn your rights, available resources, and how to stay housed.
• September 1, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Jackson Center
• November 3, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Callahan Center

Heirs Property & Estate Planning
Understand how to protect family property and prevent legal complications.
• October 6, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Orlando Day Nursery

Basic Home Maintenance
Simple, cost-saving tips to keep your home safe and in good condition.
• December 1, 2026 - 6PM-7PM - Jackson Center

What You'll Gain:

- Practical knowledge from local experts
- Access to helpful programs and resources
- Tools to protect your home and finances
- Connections with community partners

Register by using the QR code above or the link below:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/pcec-housing-workshop-series>

ALL workshops are from 6PM-7PM
Building stronger homes. Strengthening our community.
Hosted by the Parramore Community Engagement Council in partnership with local housing and community organizations.

Workshops are FREE to attend!
For more information call (407)504-1439

WOMEN OF ORLANDO PRESENT THE

2026 WOO LUNCHEON

OFFICIAL EVENT OF WOO WEEKEND
JUNE 12 - 14

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026
AT 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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REGISTRATION / INQUIRIES:
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A colorful poster for a Senior Legacy Walk at Orange Center Elementary. It features a graduation cap, a tiger, and a group of students. The text includes: "Senior LEGACY WALK", "ORANGE CENTER ELEMENTARY", "Calling all former Orange Center Elementary students! Come back to where it all began and inspire the next generation.", "MAY 18TH | 2:00 PM", "Wear your cap and gown and walk the halls that helped shape your future!", "ONCE A TIGER, ALWAYS A TIGER!", "WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!", "Your roots are here. Your future is everywhere.", and "ORANGE CENTER ELEMENTARY".

Senior LEGACY WALK
ORANGE CENTER ELEMENTARY

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WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

ORANGE CENTER ELEMENTARY

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A poster for a Senior Walk Celebration at Catalina Elementary School. It features a graduation cap, a scroll, and blue balloons. The text includes: "You Are Invited To", "Senior Walk Celebration", "HONORING", "All Former Catalina Colts of the Class of 2026", "WEDNESDAY MAY 20 | 10:30 AM", "at Catalina Elementary School", "Please join us in your cap & gown to walk the halls as we celebrate your accomplishments!", "Please RSVP by Friday May 15, 2026 to Mrs. Hayes abigail.hayes@ccps.net", and "Catalina Elementary School".

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Catalina Elementary School

A poster for a College Ready Cookout at the Levy-Hughes Clubhouse. It features a grill, a graduation cap, and a group of students. The text includes: "Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida", "Levy-Hughes Clubhouse PRESENTS", "Invest in TODAY. Inspire TOMORROW.", "COLLEGE READY COOKOUT", "A DAY OF EXPLORATION, PARTICIPATION & FUN!", "FRIDAY JUNE 12 | 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM", "LEVY-HUGHES CLUBHOUSE", "HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THIS DAY IS FOR YOU!", "COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION", "INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS", "FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES", "GREAT FOOD FRESH OFF THE GRILL", "OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND GROW", "COME OUT, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARD YOUR FUTURE!", "GREAT FUTURES START HERE", "BE INFORMED. BE INSPIRED. BE COLLEGE READY!", and "BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS".

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida

Levy-Hughes Clubhouse PRESENTS

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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND GROW

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GREAT FUTURES START HERE

BE INFORMED. BE INSPIRED. BE COLLEGE READY!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

A poster for an Eccleston Farewell Celebration. It features a school building, an eagle, and a group of students. The text includes: "ECCLESTON FAREWELL CELEBRATION", "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle", "JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE LEGACY, MEMORIES, AND COMMUNITY OF ECCLESTON ELEMENTARY!", "DATE: MAY 20TH", "TIME: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM", "CALLING ALL FORMER ECCLESTON EAGLES!", "BE PART OF OUR LEGACY WALK BEGINNING AT 4:45 PM", "COMMUNITY CELEBRATION INCLUDES:", "FUN & GAMES", "MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT", "FOOD & REFRESHMENTS", "TIME TO RECONNECT & CELEBRATE MEMORIES", "A LEGACY THAT SOARS FOREVER", and "We can't wait to see you there!".

ECCLESTON FAREWELL CELEBRATION

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VOLUSIA FATHERHOOD EXPO
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

11-4 PM

A day dedicated to celebration, wellness, learning, and community!
FREE family event for all ages celebrating fathers and father figures
focused on connecting, recharging, and accessing valuable resources.

FREE THINGS TO SEE & EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Axe Throwing Fun
- ✓ Basketball Challenge
- ✓ Blind Fire Laser Tag
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- ✓ Fitness Demos
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- ✓ Information Booths
- ✓ Live DeeJay
- ✓ Massage Station
- ✓ Putting Green

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THE R.E.O. FOUNDATION
A Call to Action:
HOUSING & REENTRY ROUNDTABLE
Convening Candidates, Community Leaders,
Housing Providers & Policy Stakeholders
— Bridging Access to Inclusion —

Bridging the Gap
Connecting Justice-Impacted Individuals with Affordable Housing

Partnering for Inclusion
Working with Government & Housing Partners

Building Stability
Creating Pathways for Long-Term Success

CALLING CANDIDATES, COMMUNITY & HOUSING PARTNERS

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

John H. Jackson Neighborhood Center
1002 Carter St.,
Orlando, FL

As Orange County faces critical elections,
the conversation on housing inclusion cannot wait.

Bridging the Gap: Breaking down barriers for reentry into housing.
Building Partnerships: Connecting with government, developers,
and property managers.
Strengthening Community: Pathways to stable, inclusive.

1865
Juneteenth
LIBERATION LINK-UP 2026
"A Celebration of American History!"

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HELP CELEBRATE FREEDOM,
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NINETEENTH**
6:00 PM

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CITY OF ORLANDO

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SAVE THE DATE

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MAY 29, 2026**
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JUNETEENTH

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◀ SANFORD AVENUE

5PM
10PM

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K-12 teachers and teams ready to:

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- Design for independence, not compliance

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WHAT YOU'LL GET
Live sessions, planning templates and workbook, replays with summer access, and a collaborative learning community!

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Transformative Learning Solutions
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68th ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Orchids
under the Sun

MAY 23 & 24, 2026
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

Florida National Armory
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2026 Annual Show and Sale

Saturday June 7th 9am - 5pm
Sunday June 8th 10am - 4pm

\$5.00 Daily Admission - Children 13 & under free

Thousands of orchids for sale
Orchids for both beginners and collectors
American Orchid Society Sanctioned event
Orchid displays
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MAY 30
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FAITH, FELLOWSHIP
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Sis Wylecia CRAYTON

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TILDENVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
233 MASSEY AVE
WINTER GARDEN, FL 34787

Come expecting. Leave empowered.



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Empowered by History.
Inspired for Tomorrow.

JUNETEENTH Celebration

Join us to celebrate the day of honoring our Ancestors Roots

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CHERRY LAKE PARK | 130 WILSON LAKE PKWY, GROVELAND, FL 34736

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AUGUST 14TH & 15TH 2026

AUGUST 14TH
Meet, Greet and Eat
5:00pm-9:00 pm
John Bridges Community Center, 445 W 13th St, Apopka

AUGUST 15TH
Panthers' Royal Blue and White Banquet
5:00pm-9:00 pm
John Bridges Community Center, 445 W 13th St, Apopka

Registration Fee:
\$90 Per Person until July 11th
Then \$100 Until Final Deadline of August 3rd
NON-REFUNDABLE

SPECIAL GUEST ENTERTAINMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED

Payable by check, money order or cash. Check or money order should be made out to either **Francina Boykin** or **Arthur Alexander, Sr.** in the MEMO on your check put **YOUR** class year.
Send all registrations to:
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**2026 MUSIC & ARTS
BUSINESS SUMMIT**
HEALTH FAIR/COMMUNITY CONCERT



featuring George Dean & The Gospel 4 Michael Norman
Bishop James Bolton Helen Miller - Best Roy Ladson and many more....

ATTEND FREE WITH REGISTRATION

JUNE 5-6, 2026 | El Bethel Temple, 3000 Bruton Blvd, Orlando 32805



Cora Powell | Host

Friday - June 5
7:30PM with Special Guests - George Dean & The Gospel 4, Roy Ladson, Pastor James Bolton, Apostle J.L. Cash, Craig Crawford and more!

Saturday - June 6
11AM-1PM - Music Business Symposium
1:30PM - Community Concert with Pastor Helen Miller Best, Bishop Joe Randall, Loretta Jackson, Pastor Michael Norman, Orlando Mass Choir, Margaret Reynolds & Other Surprise Guests!

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