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Basileus' Greetings

I bring you greetings during this very special season of reflection and blessings as we celebrate one of the most sacred holidays in the Christian community. Easter—also known as Pasch, Pascha, or Resurrection Sunday—commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and reminds us of the promise of hope and renewal.



The celebration of Easter beautifully ushers in the spring season—flowers begin to bloom, leaves turn green, fresh grass grows, birds sing, and people return outdoors to enjoy God's creation. All around us, we see evidence of life renewed.

It is this renewed energy that recharges us as we continue to collaborate and carry out the programs and mission of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Attending the Southeast Regional Conference further ignited that energy and strengthened our commitment to foster true sisterhood, promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession, and encourage the development of the potential of our youth—our shared purpose as NSPDK, Inc.

I am incredibly proud of the work we have accomplished—and continue to accomplish—in Beta Xi Chapter. I am especially grateful to the Sorors who worked alongside Soror Rebekah McCloud to produce an award-winning Chapter Activity Book submitted for reevaluation. Your dedication and teamwork truly shine.

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Basileus' Greetings

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As we approach our Gift of Teaching Luncheon, where we will celebrate outstanding school counselors serving students in grades K–12, I am sincerely grateful for every effort made to ensure a successful event. A very special shoutout goes to Soror Patti Moore for the countless hours dedicated to securing our beautiful table covers—an investment that will serve Beta Xi and our Xinos/Kudos for years to come. Thank you also to Soror Claudette Monroe for her commitment to ensuring our youth are well represented. Dr. Walters and the Education Team have done a phenomenal job—Beta Xi; we have much for which we can be proud.

To all of Beta Xi, thank you for your continued dedication and excellence in service.

--Basileus Gordon



Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court's Office to Host Free In-Person Legal Forums

The Orange County Clerk of Courts is hosting two free Legal Matters Live forums to provide information and answer questions about Probate: Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning. These free educational programs provide residents with information about the probate process and allow for Q&A with trusted attorneys. Featuring trusted attorneys from Heiress Law and a representative from the Clerk's office.

April 21st, 10:00am-12pm, Englewood Neighborhood Center, 6123 LaCosta Dr., Orlando, FL 32807. Sign up at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legal-matters-live-leaving-a-legacy-probate-tickets-1985133782582?aff=erellivmlt>.

April 28th, 12:00pm -2:00pm, Renaissance Senior Center, 3800 Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando, FL 32829. Sign up at Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legal-matters-live-leaving-a-legacy-probate-tickets-1984997832953?aff=erellivmlt>.



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Beta Xi Chapter Holds Spring Sisterly Event



Beta Xi Sorors recently gathered for lunch after the March Chapter meeting. Attending this Sisterly Event at the Great Southern Box Food Hall were as follows (left to right): Sorors Doris Jackson (Dean of Pledges), Amozene Lambert, Rebekah McCloud, Rose Cooper, Deborah Daniels (Grammateus), Alice Gordon (Basileus), Zeta June (Epistoleus), Johnnie Glover, and Claudette Monroe. The event was coordinated by Altresse Coleman-Moore (2nd Anti Basileus).

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NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

National Child Abuse Prevention Month, also known as Child Abuse Prevention Month in America, is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983. U.S. President Barack Obama continued that tradition, and in 2016 issued a Presidential proclamation stating: "During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recommit to giving every child a chance to succeed and to ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect."

Definition of child abuse

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines *child abuse* and *child maltreatment* as "all forms of physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power." In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) uses the term *child maltreatment* to refer to both acts of commission (abuse), which include "words or overt actions that cause harm, potential harm, or threat of harm to a child", and acts of omission (neglect), meaning "the failure to provide for a child's basic physical, emotional, or educational needs or to protect a child from harm or potential harm". The United States federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act defines *child abuse and neglect* as, at minimum, "any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation" and/or "an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm".

Purpose of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) states that for National Child Abuse Prevention Month, communities should rededicate themselves to being supportive of families, and play an active role in preventing child abuse and neglect as well as taking positive action to promote child and family well-being. One way the federal government of the United States provides funding for child-abuse prevention is through Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CBCAP).



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A report by HHS noted that in FFY 2014 in the United States, approximately 646,000 children were victims of child abuse or neglect, while still another 1,580 children died from abuse or neglect. The majority of child abuse cases result from conditions that can be prevented through community programs, systems, support, and interventions.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Child_Abuse_Prevention_Month.

Ways to Support

1. "Pinwheels for Protection" Garden Drive

Plant blue pinwheel gardens in public spaces — in front of schools, libraries, parks, and courthouses — to symbolize hope and prevention.

2. Wear Blue Fridays

Encourage employees, schools, workplaces, and faith communities to wear blue every Friday in April and display awareness posters in workplaces...

3. Social Media Awareness Campaign: "30 Days, 30 Facts"

Run a daily social media series throughout April sharing one child abuse prevention fact, statistic, or tip per day.

4. Parent and Caregiver Education Workshops

Host educational seminars or workshops focused on recognizing warning signs of abuse, reporting abuse, and building open communication with children.

5. Partner with Schools for Prevention Education Week

Collaborate with local schools to dedicate one week in April to child abuse prevention education.



Source: The Child Protection Global Network (CPGN) <https://cpgn.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

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Professional Spotlight Snippets

Welcome to our Beta Xi Professional Spotlight Snippets brought to you in collaboration with Beta Xi and ABIDE Consulting Services LLC.

ABIDE offers mentoring for free. If you or anyone you know: educator, family member, or friend needs mentoring, please go to or direct them to:

<https://www.abideconsultingservices.com/contact> and complete and submit the form. Use the same form if you are seeking assistance with Workshop/Retreat, Educating/Coaching, or Motivational Speaking, which requires payments from your end or your Company's end. As a part of the Mentoring arm of ABIDE, we are here to support you as an Educator. Submit questions you may have to: <https://www.abideconsultingservices.com/contact>. We will answer your questions in this section of the Calla Lilly.

Snippets for Motivational Monday for Mentoring purposes for Educators as you end the school year are as follows:

1. Aim for it, have a positive mind, and you will reach your goal.
2. YES is You Equals Success.
3. Be intentional about everything you do and say.
4. Reflect: Think about it, celebrate it, or make the much-needed adjustments.
5. Take Action for Everything you are passionate about. Be the one willing to participate as a change maker.
6. Be prepared for how you want things to conclude and make strategic plans.
7. Recharge: End things the way you want to begin things. Weed out, get rid of anything that is no longer needed, share it with others who need it, and reshape: do things that will tone your mind and your body.

Have a great end of the school year!!!

Dr. Deborah Daniels
Founder and CEO of ABIDE



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60th NSPDK Southeast Region Conference

The 60th SER Conference will be held April 8-12, 2027. It will be hosted by Beta Kappa (West Palm Beach) and will be held in Birmingham, AL. More information to come. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. I would love to have a great representation from Beta Xi as we will host the next conference. Let's get together and talk about that as a plan for Beta Xi ❤️💛
—Basileus Gordon

Beta Xi Chapter Programming April-June 2026	
APRIL	SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE / APRIL 9-12, 2026, NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, & GIFT OF TEACHING LUNCHEON
MAY	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 2-6), FOUNDER'S DAY & HYPERTENSION EDUC MTH/ NAT'L STROKE AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE	NSPDK, INC. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 11-14, 2026, INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS & YEAR END ACTIVITIES

Second Sunday Prayer Call—7PM

2nd Sunday Prayer Zoom Link

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Next Chapter Meetings

Our next Beta Xi Chapter meeting is Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The link will be forthcoming. The May 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.



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Sorors on the Move



Sorors Rose Cooper (left) and Doris Jackson (right) volunteer monthly for Share-a-meal at the Ronald McDonald House. They have been doing so since 1996. That's 30 years and counting!

25 Year & 50 Year NSPDK Members Recognized



Southeast Region 25-year and 50-year members were recognized at the SER Conference (Left: Soror Carmen and Basileus Gordon). Beta Xi honorees were as follows:

25 Years

Zeta June
Carman Lamar-Canady

50 Years

Doris Jackson
Epsie McCleese
Willie Woods Means

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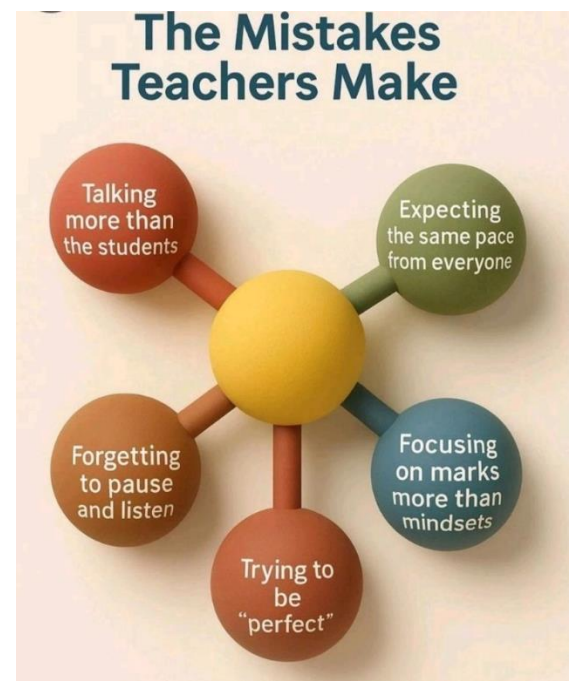
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The Mistakes Teachers Make

Most teachers are making this one mistake... and it's quietly limiting their students' success. We often think more content = better learning. But here's the truth: covering more doesn't always mean students are understanding more. After years in the classroom, I've noticed a few common mistakes that even the most dedicated educators fall into:

- 🔑 Teaching for completion instead of comprehension
Rushing through the syllabus can leave students with gaps that only show up later, especially in exams.
- 🔑 Talking more than students think
When lessons are teacher-dominated, students don't get enough time to process, question, and apply ideas.
- 🔑 Over-scaffolding
Support is important, but too much of it can prevent students from developing independence and critical thinking.
- 🔑 Ignoring feedback loops
Marking work without giving students time to reflect and act on feedback limits real improvement.
- 🔑 Focusing on the "what" instead of the "why"
Students engage more deeply when they understand the purpose behind what they are learning.



The shift is subtle but powerful: Less rushing. More depth. Less telling. More thinking. Good teaching isn't about doing more. It's about doing what matters most, intentionally

Source: Zipporah M. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/zipporah-m-aa6910a3_zippysclassroom-maketeachinggreat-educationmatters-activity-7442450212620537857-XSb5/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAAHXZO8BGLpDoV8UXIm5yRCleWM4LrKprM0&skipRedirect=true.

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Gift of Teaching Luncheon

Get ready for the 21st annual Gift of Teaching Luncheon. It will be held on April 25, 2026, at 11:30 am at Shiloh Baptist Church Life Center, 580 West Jackson Street, Orlando, 32805. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Proceeds benefit our scholarship program and literacy projects. Please arrive at 9:30 a.m. A Chapter picture will be taken at 9:45 a.m. *Attire:*



Dressy Business – Sorority Colors. Just a reminder to those Sorors who have not done so, to turn in your GOT Luncheon ticket money to Soror Cherry Jones by Saturday, April 18th. Also, if you have not already done so, please send Soror Zeta

June your guest list. You may also text her your list at 407-718-3504. Soror Cherry Jones' address is 7233 Tallow Tree Lane, Orlando, FL, 32835. Remember, we will need volunteers to help set up Friday, 4:30 at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Shout Outs



Soror Monica Gordon was recently recognized by the Orlando Magic as one of their Florida Blue Local Business Champions. Additionally, Soror Monica has been promoted to Chief Administrative Officer at the DeSoto Group.

"Beta Xi on Fire as We Lead, Support, Strengthen and Celebrate Our Teachers, Our Community and Our Sisterhood."



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70% of students not reading proficiently: A systemic issue, not a personal fault

By Shonda Hobbs

I posted a question, simple on the surface, but layered in implication: If 70% of students aren't proficient readers, whose fault is it? By the next morning, it had reached 36.6K views, 692 likes, and over 2,370 comments. I woke up to 97 notifications alone. But what stood out wasn't the traction; it was the tension. Educators, parents, and leaders were not just responding; they were positioning. Some argued student motivation. Others pointed to parenting. Many named the system. And in that digital discourse, what unfolded was not just a debate about literacy but a reflection of how we assign responsibility in education.

When nearly 70% of students are not reading proficiently, we are no longer discussing isolated failure; we are confronting a systemic pattern. Decades of research in literacy development, cognitive science, and educational equity consistently affirm that reading proficiency is shaped by far more than individual effort. It is influenced by access to high-quality Tier 1 instruction, early language exposure, socioeconomic conditions, and the stability of learning environments. Students do not enter classrooms as blank slates; they arrive with accumulated advantages or barriers. And yet, within our professional discourse, we often reduce that complexity to deficit-based labels: "unmotivated," "lazy," "below grade level." What those 2,000+ comments revealed is

Before You Label Me... Understand Me.

WHAT WE SAY	WHAT'S REAL
His parents don't care	My parents struggle with reading
The system failed him	My parents work two jobs
It's his neighborhood	There are mental health challenges at home
It's his culture	Sometimes we don't have enough food
He's addicted to electronics	I'm being bullied
He's just lazy	I don't have a quiet place to study
He doesn't try	I take care of my siblings
He's a behavior problem	I didn't sleep last night
No discipline at home	I change schools often
Always off-task	I've experienced trauma
Low motivation	I don't always feel safe
He doesn't value education	No one checks my homework
Attention-seeking	I don't understand the lesson
Disrespectful	I'm scared to ask for help
Below grade level	I've already fallen behind
Not prepared	I don't see people like me succeed
Never completes work	I struggle with confidence
Always distracted	I've been labeled before
DOE is failing him	I need support, not judgment
These kids just don't want it	I want to succeed... I just need help
	I feel like my teacher doesn't like me
	I don't feel like I belong here
	I've stopped trying because I feel behind
	I don't think I'm smart enough

OUT OF MY CONTROL

The lights getting cut off at home
No Wi-Fi or internet access
Sharing a room—or a bed
Hearing arguments or violence at night
Moving suddenly or switching schools
Not having clean or consistent clothes
Taking care of younger siblings
Parents working and not being available
Not having school supplies
Coming to school hungry

Behavior is what you see. Context is what you ignore.

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not just disagreement; it is a persistent inclination to simplify what is, in reality, profoundly complex.

Here is the critical shift we must make: when a challenge reaches this magnitude, it is no longer productive to frame it in terms of fault; it must be examined through the lens of design. Not because students lack capacity, but because the systems intended to support them are not consistently engineered to do so. This is where our ethical responsibility as educators and leaders resides. If we truly believe in equity and the transformative power of education, then we must move beyond blame and toward intentional design, design that accounts for both what we see (behavior, performance) and what we too often overlook (context, access, opportunity). Otherwise, we will continue to generate engagement online, while the very students at the center of the conversation continue to fall behind.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/shonda-hobbs-ed-s-9546a775_educationleadership-literacymatters-instructionalleadership-activity-7445435119768821760-ze1c?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAAAHXZO8BGLpDoV8UXIm5yRCleWM4LrKprM0.



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April is the Month of the Military Child

April is the Month of the Military Child, a time to honor the over 1.6 million children in the U.S. Armed Forces for their sacrifice, resilience, and unique challenges, including frequent moves and parental separations. Celebrations feature community events, school projects, and "Purple Up! Day" to symbolize support for all military branches.

Key Aspects of the Month of the Military Child

- **Significance:** Established in 1986 to recognize the strength of military-connected children.
- **"Purple Up!" Day:** While various "Purple Up" days occur throughout April, a widely recognized day is **April 15th** (though some areas may select other dates). People wear purple to represent the combined colors of all military branches.
- **Theme:** Themes such as "Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story" are used to highlight the experiences of these children.
- **Support & Activities:** Military organizations, schools, and communities hold events, use toolkits, and promote resources to support military-connected children.



How to Support

- **Wear Purple:** Show support by wearing purple, particularly on Purple Up! Day.
- **Celebrate Online:** Use hashtags like #MOMC, #MonthoftheMilitaryChild, and #PurpleUp.
- **Local Involvement:** Encourage schools and communities to recognize the children of service members.



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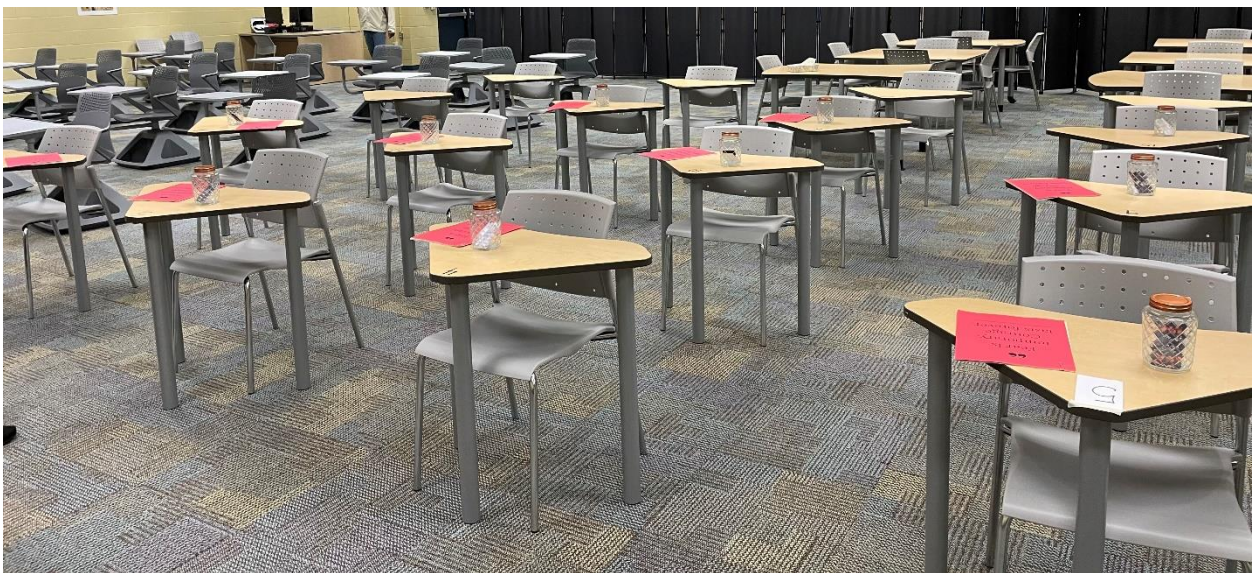


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Youth News

Teen Week activity facilitated by Soror Tangela Jones and Soror Shun Crockett-Carswell.



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KOT News

By Soror Deborah Daniels



For Education Majors attending college in Orlando who want to bond with other education majors and be mentored and nurtured by seasoned educators as you matriculate educationally and serve your community. We want you Click on the QR Code below:



Beta Xi KOT Zachary, donated a clothing item for someone in need at a community donation bin in an effort to care for our neighbors who are less fortunate than ourselves.

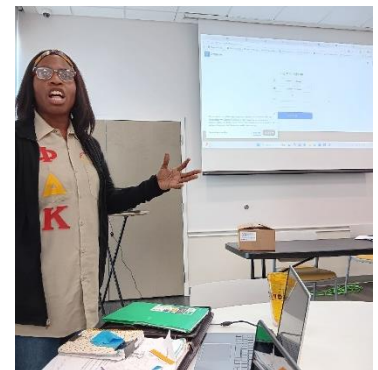
Greetings Sorors,
Thanks for helping us with this recruitment effort. Please see the information below and attached Men supporting our Sorors, Youth, and College Students. Submit all names to: Soror Dr Deborah Daniels by using the link below.
Thanks and blessings, Soror Deborah



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvPEOeRiRlf5Tw4mJvuGGBYmZ3u4h0JJbZwcezyLthW7Ig/viewform?usp=sf_link

Professional Development

Soror Claudette Monroe recently gave a technology lesson. The mini-lesson provided Sorors with a step-by-step on how to access the new Beta Xi Dropbox. It will be used to store photographs and documents for the Chapter. Soror Claudette is planning to hold more technology lessons. Stay tuned for more. See the Technology Corner in each issue of the newsletter for more technology information. Happy learning!



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Happy Birthday, Basileus!



Sending Big Happy Birthday Wishes to our amazing and fearless leader, Basileus Alice Gordon!!! 🎂 May your birthday weekend be as Special as You Are, and May You be blessed with many, many more!



Here we are in St Louis at the 97th NSPDK, Inc. Conclave, July 2019! ❤️💛❤️💛 Lots of Love, Soror Patti

April		
JONI	DANIEL SCHOFIELD	4/15
BRITTANY	SMITH	4/15
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



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NSPDK 59th Southeast Region Conference

Two Beta Xi delegates (Alice Gordon & Carmen Lamar Canady) and two alternates (Dr. Rebekah McCloud & Dr. Deborah Daniels) attended the recent 59th Southeast Region Conference, April 8-12, 2026, in Memphis, TN. They were joined by over 200 registered Sorors. The theme for the conference was "The Crown of Knowledge Cultivating: Excellence in Education." Beta Xi delegates were busy. In addition to attending meetings, the four served as Conference Marshalls, Basileus Gordon sang in the choir, Soror Lamar Canady was honored for 25 years of NSPDK membership, Sorors McCloud and Daniels presented conference workshops, Sorors Gordon and Daniels earned CPR certification and Sorors Daniels, Lamar Canady and McCloud were recognized as first-time attendees.



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Beta Xi delegates served as conference Marshalls, left to right: Sorors Rebekah McCloud, Carman Lamar Canady, Angela Campbell (Marshall Chairperson), Alice Gordon, and Deborah Daniels. Below: Dr. Daniels & Basileus Gordon with Supreme Basileus Noreen Little and Sorors Deborah and Rebekah serving as Marshalls.



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(Left) During the conference, several Sorors were inducted into the Darling Divas. This is a group of Sorors 80+ years old. (Right) Basileus Alice Gordon sang at the Awards Ceremony with the Southeast Region Choir.



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59th Southeast Region Conference Presenters



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. For more information, visit

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VMC1JmC1RMU&ra=m>.

Dr. Rebekah McCloud presented *Leadership: Learning the Value of Application*, an interactive workshop that examined leadership and its application through a variety of lenses. Participants walked away with tools they could apply at their workplace. For workshop slides, visit



<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:674df657-0177-40be-949f-5c37f99738e9>

Congratulations to both Sorors for representing Beta Xi. The two presented two of the eight Professional Development Sessions held at the conference. Way to go, Beta Xi!

The theme for the Professional Development Sessions was as follows:

The Crown of Knowledge: Cultivating Excellence in Education

Learn. Apply. Transform: Empowering Sisterhood Through Continuous Learning



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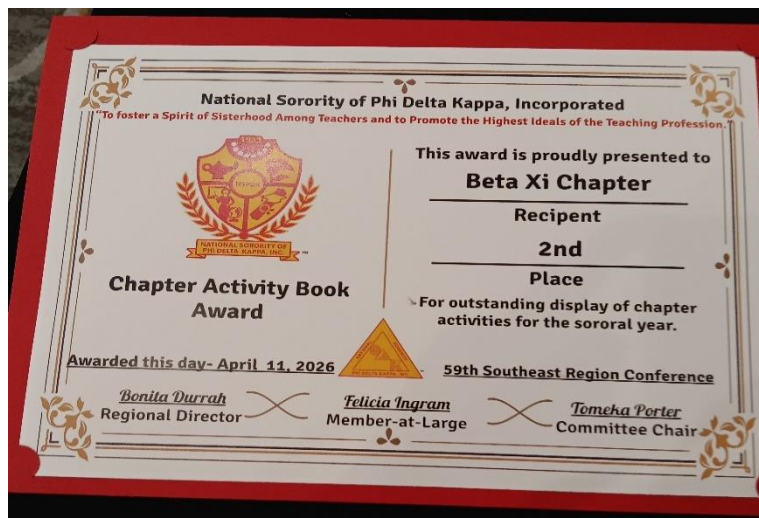
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The Anthropos of the Southeast Region sang at the Saturday evening Public Meeting Dinner.

Beta Xi Earned Second Place in the Activity Book Competition

Beta Xi tied for second place for its 2025-2026 Activity Book. Awarded at the recent Southeast Region Conference, the Beta Xi Activity Book was selected from sixteen Chapters that submitted Activity Books for consideration. Basileus Gordon received the certificate for Beta Xi. This is the first time Beta Xi submitted a digital Activity Book. Sorors Patti Moore, Doris Jackson, Cherry Jones, and Lillian Lancaster submitted the Chapter's first hardback scrapbook in 2016.



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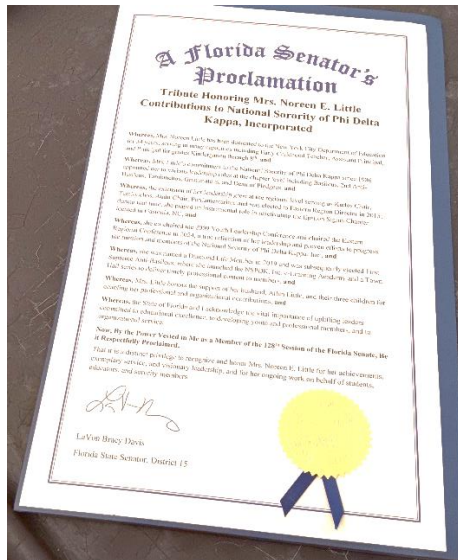


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President's Breakfast

At the President's Breakfast, a proclamation from Florida State Senator LaVon Bracy Davis (District 15) and a Beta Xi gift basket (representing Central Florida) were presented to Supreme Basileus Noreen Little. Southeast Regional Director Bonita Durrah read the proclamation. The Sunday worship service was hosted by the Beta Eta Chapter. Rev. Several songs were performed by Soror Paul Evelyn Allen of the Beta Eta Chapter (pictures below left).



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Sunday Worship Service

The Sunday worship service was hosted by the Beta Eta Chapter. Several songs were performed by Soror Paul Evelyn Allen of the Beta Eta Chapter (pictures below left).

Reverend Dr. Gina Marcia Stewart, Pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church (Memphis, TN), delivered the morning sermon (pictured below, center). In her encouraging message, *Not On My Watch* (taken from Exodus 2: 1-10), she gave several gems. Rev. Dr. Stewart told the group, "In many ways, what you do is sacred work. We not new to this, we true to this. You have refused to be bystanders. We are people who will not look the other way. Deliverance begins with intentions. It begins when you see something. Seeing creates accountability. Speaking creates change. Every day you are called to truly see the children who stand before you. Silence is how injustice survives. Speaking the truth will cost us. But it can cost someone else their life. Show up, speak up, stand up, step up. This is the legacy of your organization. You said not on my watch."

The benedictory prayer was given by Bishop Wilfred Durrah, Jr., DD, the Southeast Region Anthropolos Treasurer (pictured on the right).



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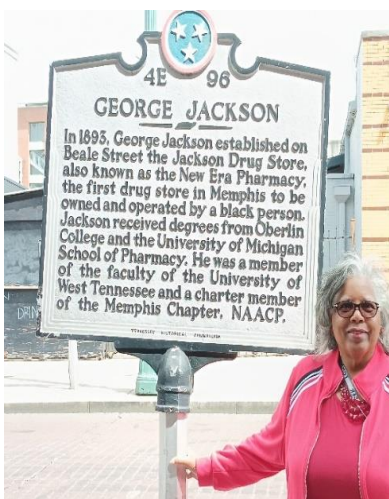
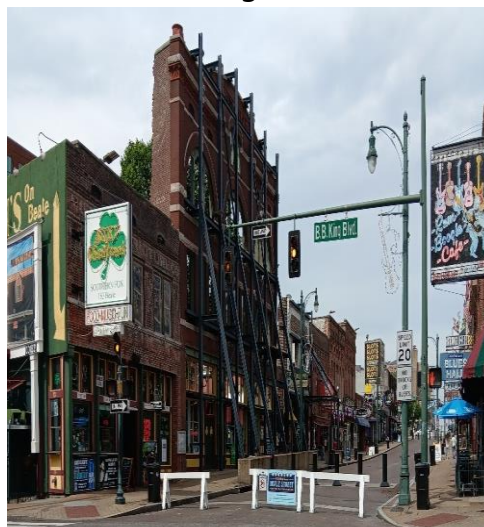
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Beale Street

At the conclusion of the conference, Sorors Alice, Carmen, Deborah, and Rebekah strolled down historic Beale Street & B.B. King Boulevard in the heart of Memphis.



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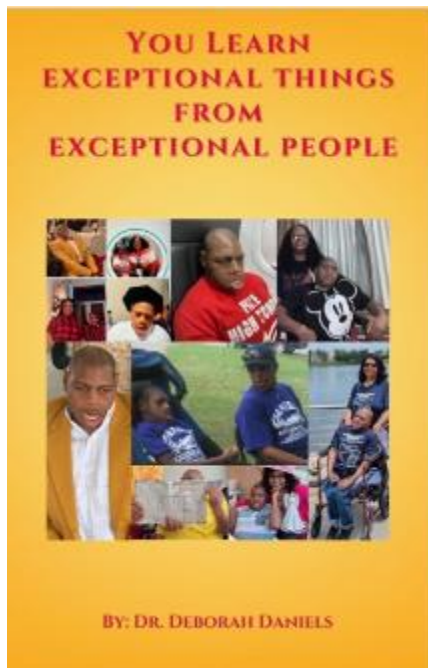


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Author Among Us

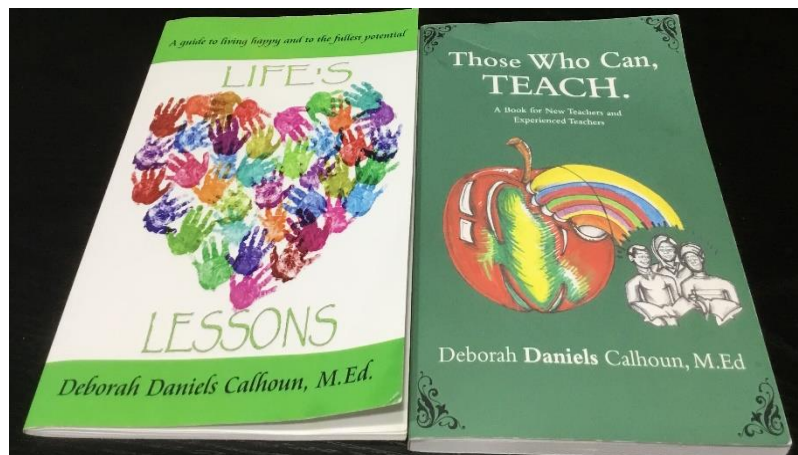
Soror Deborah Daniels has written her third book. *You learn Exceptional Things From Exceptional People* is now live on Amazon! She said, "God did it again! I wrote this book to help people accept, embrace, and appreciate exceptionalities."



"I praise God for my son affectionately called 'King



Dr. Deborah Daniels



Reggie,' the inspiration behind us, sharing the importance of all exceptional people in our lives who give love and deserve to be loved, accepted, cared for, and appreciated for who God has blessed them to be in our lives."

"I wrote my first book because my students told me I should, they felt my life lessons were helping them, and could help others as well. The title of my first book is *Life's Lessons*. The Holy Spirit led me to write my second book, which is for teachers. The title of my second book is *Those Who Can, TEACH*. I am an author.

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Technology Corner—SMS & MMS Messages

Ever wonder what it means to send or receive an SMS or MMS message? SMS (Short Message Service) allows you to send a text between cell phones. MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service) allows you to send animations, photos, audio, and video files along with a text message. Here is a list of SMS abbreviations. While not exhaustive, it will get you started (Source: <https://simpletexting.com/blog/text-abbreviations/>). Happy texting!

ABT—About	DIY—Do it yourself
ADR—All Due Respect	DL—Down Low
AFAIK - As far as I know	DM – Direct Message
AFK – Away from Keyboard	DND—Do not disturb
AKA—Also known as	DTR – Define the relationship
AMA – Ask me anything	ELI5 – Explain like I’m 5
ASAP – As soon as possible	EOD – End of Day
ATM – At the moment	EOM – End of Month
B4—Before	EOW – End of Week
BAE – Before Anyone Else	F2F – Face to Face
BBS—Be Back Soon	FB – Facebook
BC—Because	FBF – Flashback Friday
BF – Boyfriend	FBO – Facebook Official
BFF – Best Friend Forever	FF – Follow Friday (Twitter)
BOGO—Buy one get one	FOMO—Fear of missing out
BR – BeReal	FRL—For real
BRB – Be right back	FTFY – Fixed That for You
BRT – Be right there	FTW – For the win
BTS—Behind the Scenes	FW – Forward
BTW – By the way	FWB – Friends with Benefits
BYOB—Bring Your Own Beverage	FWIW – For what it’s worth
CTA—Call to action	FYI – For your information
DAE—Does Anyone Else	FYP – For You Page

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G2G–Got to go GF – Girlfriend GG–Good game GOAT–Greatest of All Time GRWM – Get ready with me HBD–Happy Birthday HBU – How about you HMU – Hit me up HT – Hat Tip (Twitter) HW–Homework ICYMI – In Case You Missed It IDC–I don’t Care IDK – I don’t know lg – I guess IG – Instagram (Append this to “Insta”) IIRC – If I remember correctly IK–I Know IKR–I Know Right ILY – I Love You ILYSM – I Love You So Much IM – Instant Message IMHO/IMO – In my humble opinion/in my opinion IMU–I Miss You IOU–I Owe You IRL–In Real Life ISO–In Search of ISTG– I swear to God IYKYK – If you know, you know JIC–Just in case JK–Just Kidding JW–Just wondering	LI – Short for “LinkedIn” LMK – Let me know LOL – Laugh out loud LOML – Love of My Life LTR – Long-term relationship LYLAS – Love You Like a sister MCM – Man Crush Monday MFW – My feeling when MYOB–Mind your own business N/A–Not available/not applicable NBD–No Big Deal NGL – Not gonna lie NP–No problem NRN – No Reply Necessary NSFW–Not Safe for Work NVM – Nevermind OFC–Of Course OG – Original gangsters OMG – Oh my God/goodness OMW – On my way OOO – Out of Office OOTD – Outfit of the day OP – Original Post OTP – One true pairing P2P – Peer to Peer PDA – Public display of affection PM – Personal Message or Private Message POV–Point of view PSA–Public Service Announcement QOTD – Quote of the day RIP–Rest in Peace RN–Right now
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ROFL–Rolling On (the) Floor Laughing
RQ – Real quick
RSVP–Répondez S’il Vous Plaît (Respond Please)
RT – Retweet
SC – Snapchat
SFW–Safe for Work
Sm – So much
SM – Social Media
SMH – Shaking my head
SMP – Social media platform
SO – Significant Other
TBA–To be announced
TBD – To be determined
TBH–To be honest
TBT – Throwback Thursday
TFW–That Feeling When
TGIF–Thank God it’s Friday
TIA–Thanks in advance
TIL – Today I learned
TLDR – Too Long; didn’t Read
TLC–Tender loving care
TMRW–Tomorrow

TT – TikTok
TTYL – Talk to you later
TTYS–Talk to You Soon
TY–Thank you
TYIA–Thank You in Advance
TYVM– Thank You Very Much
UGC – User-Generated Content
W/E–Whatever
W/O–Without
WA – WhatsApp
WCW – Woman Crush Wednesday
WFH – Work from Home
WIP – Work in Progress –
WYA – Where you at
WYD–What (are) You Doing
WYSIWYG–What you see is what you get
X – Previously named Twitter
XOXO – Hugs and kisses
YOLO–You Only Live Once
YSK–You Should Know
YT – YouTube
YTD – Year to Date
YW–You’re welcome

Helping others is the
way we help ourselves.

Oprah Winfrey



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Need Some NSPDK Gear?

Good news, Ray Parker is still around. We met up with him at the NSPDK Southeast Regional Conference in Memphis, TN. We bought jackets, vests, and T-shirts. You can call him at 201-232-7359 to place your orders. Happy shopping!!



OCPS 2026 High School Graduation Schedule

Tuesday, May 19
Acceleration East HS - 5:00 PM - Lake Nona High
Wednesday, May 20
Windermere HS - 8:30 AM - Kia Center
Colonial HS - 2:00 PM - Kia Center
Acceleration West HS - 5:00 PM - Edgewater High
Orange Technical College - 7:30 PM - Kia Center
Thursday, May 21
Orange County Virtual School - 9:30 AM - Dr. Phillips Center
Alternative Education Centers - 5:00 PM - Boone High School
Friday, May 22
Apopka HS - 8:30 AM - Kia Center
Lake Nona HS - 8:30 AM - Addition Financial Arena
Olympia HS - 2:00 PM - Kia Center
Edgewater HS - 2:00 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Cypress Creek HS - 7:30 PM - Kia Center
University HS - 7:30 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Saturday, May 23
Oak Ridge HS - 8:30 AM - Addition Financial Arena
Jones HS - 2:00 PM - Addition Financial Arena

Tuesday, May 26
Timber Creek HS - 8:30 AM - Kia Center
Innovation HS - 8:30 AM - Addition Financial Arena
Dr. Phillips HS - 2:00 PM - Kia Center
Ocoee HS - 2:00 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Winter Park HS - 7:30 PM - Kia Center
Lake Buena Vista - 7:30 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Wednesday, May 27
Wekiva HS - 8:30 AM - Addition Financial Arena
West Orange HS - 2:00 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Boone HS - 7:30 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Thursday, May 28
Evans HS - 8:30 AM - Addition Financial Arena
East River HS - 2:00 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Horizon HS - 7:30 PM - Addition Financial Arena
Friday, May 29
Freedom HS - 7:30 PM - Addition Financial Arena



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FANNY JACKSON COPPIN

Oct. 15, 1837 – Jan. 21, 1913



Educator Who Expanded Pathways to Prosperity

Fanny Jackson Coppin was a **visionary educator** who advanced academic and career-focused training for Black students. Born into slavery in Washington, D.C., she gained her freedom as a child and worked in Newport, Rhode Island while studying whenever she could. After becoming the **first Black student teacher** at Oberlin College, she began her lifelong mission to **expand educational opportunity**.

At the Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia, she became the **first Black woman principal** in the US and strengthened the school's curriculum by adding an Industrial Department, a Women's Industrial Exchange, and housing for young women pursuing work and training. These efforts helped students gain **practical skills and access to trades**, shaping early models of vocational education and **inspiring what we now recognize as CTE**.

**"It was in me to get an education and to teach my people.
This idea was deep in my soul."**



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**Soca
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1st TOWN HALL MEETING
LET'S TALK THE BUSINESS THAT ANCHORS US.

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Did You Know...

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is an organization of professional women in the field of education; including the following positions:

Classroom Teachers	Principals	Assistant Principals	Curriculum Specialists
Title I Specialists	Superintendents	Asst. Superintendents	Supervisors
School/Community Coordinators	Reading and other Subject area specialists	Guidance counselors, directors of guidance	Department Chairmen
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Early Childhood specialists	College professors, instructors and administrators	Private, charter and parochial teachers and administrators	Educational consultants, educational publishers
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Speech Therapists	Hearing Specialists	School Psychologists	Educational Program Directors
Other holders of teaching credentials employed in related fields of education			
Classroom Teachers and school administrators hired through state approved alternative certification programs			

Source: *Manual of Policies and Procedures, Section III: Membership, Membership Classification, page 31.*

