



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter
2020 State of the Chapter
Report of the Basileus – Soror Cherise Story



I am grateful for the love, support, and cooperation received from each of you while serving as the chapter Basileus in 2020. The success of our chapter is due to your commitment to Sisterhood and Service for the good of the chapter. Our efforts have paid off in so many ways. Thank You!!!

THIS IS THE REPORT OF THE CHAPTER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Membership as of December 31, 2020 is 823

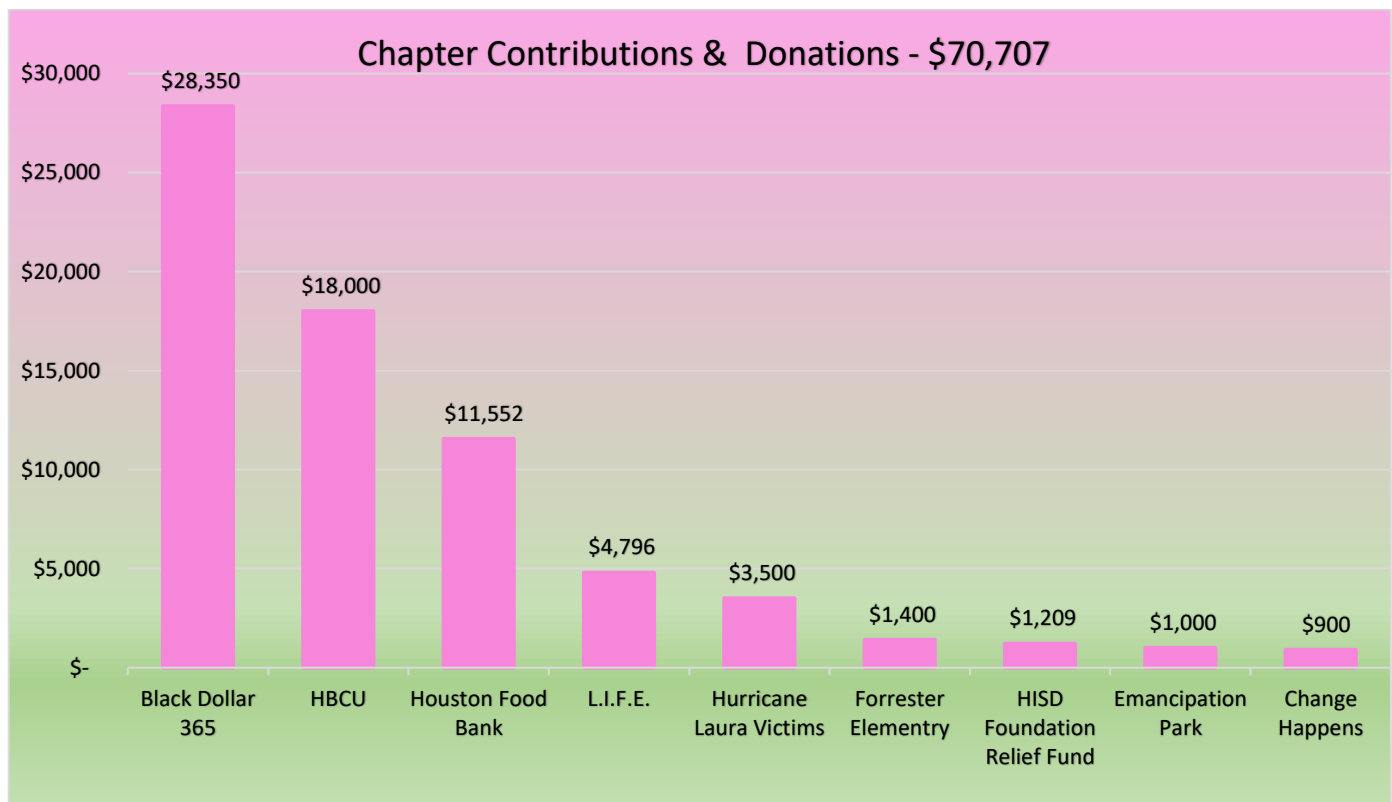
Jan	Feb	Mar *	Apr *	May *	Jun *	Sep *	Oct *	Nov *	Dec *
437	400	425	456	385	374	452	318	614	453

Diamond	Pearl	Golden	Silver	Life Members	Reactivated	Transferred **
1	25	71	164	184	53	30

* Sorority meeting held virtually via Zoom

** Transferred includes 26 sorors from undergraduate chapters

Ivy Beyond the Wall - 21st Supreme Basileus Soror Faye B. Bryant, Sorors Rosa Broussard, Yolande Eugere, Gwendolyn Graham, Billie Mayfield, Maudie Reece, and Anita Wallace became Ivies Beyond the Wall.



Under the leadership of Anti-Basileus of Programs, Soror Staci Taylor Fullmighter, the 2020 Executive Committee members, committee chairmen, committee co-chairmen, and you, we embraced and implemented the ***Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service*** programmatic theme of the sorority and its program targets.

#CAP (College Admissions Process) – Signature Program

- 🏡 The 2020 College Admissions Process at James Madison High School, Sterling Aviation High School and Jack Yates High (Houston ISD) included 80 students.
- 🏡 Hosted the first #CAPSM workshop for forty-five juniors and seniors at Madison High School.
- 🏡 Hosted and participated in college fairs and several workshops with undergraduate sorors from Texas Southern University (Gamma Psi) and the University of Houston - Central Campus (Epsilon Lambda).
- 🏡 Partnered with Houston Community College to provide financial literacy workshops at Madison, Sterling and Yates High Schools.
- 🏡 Celebrated the Class of 2020 graduates with a presentation of college essential care baskets.
- 🏡 Proudly hosted the #CAPSM Dow Promise Summit virtually on Friday, December 11, 2020, via Microsoft TEAMS with approximately 200 students from five Houston ISD early college high schools.

TARGET 1: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action

- 🏡 Partnered with the Houston HBCU Alumni Association in The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Leadership Summit.
- 🏡 Participated in the Tables of the Divine Nine Black History Month program at Houston Community College Southwest Stafford Campus.
- 🏡 Partnered with Epsilon Lambda Chapter (University of Houston - Central Campus) to distribute college care baskets to three college students who were Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation of Houston, Inc. scholarship recipients.
- 🏡 Produced a Wear a Mask Campaign video that was highlighted on our social media pages.
- 🏡 Hosted a virtual social on HBCU Day of Observance, and \$5,100 was raised during the event.
- 🏡 Sorors donated a total of \$18,000 through the EAF and directly to HBCU colleges and universities.
- 🏡 Hosted HBCU week activities that included:
 - Drumline Tuesday - Chapter members posted pictures and videos of the Best of the Best HBCU Bands.
 - I Love My HBCU Wednesday - Sorors used social media postings of pictures and statements on why they love their college or university
 - Think HBCU Thursday - Partnered with the Houston HBCU Alumni Association to host a virtual college fair for students at Sterling Aviation Early College High School.
 - Take Me Back Friday - Sorors posted throwback pictures from their college day experiences on social media.
- 🏡 Partnered with Busy Bee Wellness Center for their Trunk for Treat and Turkey on Every Table initiatives.

TARGET 2: Women's Healthcare and Wellness

- 🏡 Hosted "Pink Goes Red" Community Impact Day at the Westbury United Methodist Church with 250 sorors and community members in attendance.
- 🏡 Participated in Houston Metropolitan Area Chapters of AKA (HMAC) "Pink Goes Red" Community Impact Day at the Fifth Ward Multi-Purpose Center.
- 🏡 Hosted four virtual webinars:
 - Maintaining Emotional Wellness in a Stressful Environment
 - Mental Health: Living through a Pandemic
 - Your Health Matters – (Observed Breast Cancer Awareness Day in collaboration with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.)
 - COVID-19 Critical Conversations
- 🏡 Posted health tips on social media in May for mental health and stroke awareness.
- 🏡 Hosted Vaccinate and Vote in partnership with CVS Pharmacy to provide a flu clinic during early voting, where over 50 vaccinations were provided.
- 🏡 Observed Caregivers' Week by providing eighteen (18) caregivers a special surprise package and caregiving tips in partnership with AARP.

TARGET 3: Building Your Economic Legacy

- 🏡 Hosted virtual Dinner and a Movie event to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Black Restaurant Week in Houston by viewing the film "She Did That."
- 🏡 Provided wealth building tips and distributed information about local, Black-owned restaurants to encourage sorors and the community to implement healthy financial habits and support Black businesses.
- 🏡 Donated \$1,000 to Emancipation Park Conservancy's Holiday in the Tré.
- 🏡 Donated \$1,400 dollars to Forrester Elementary School's Wrap Around Services program for Operation Christmas.
- 🏡 Donated \$900 dollars in gift cards to Change Happens virtual Angel Tree Project under sub-target Operation AKA Assist.
- 🏡 Participated in the Black Dollar 365 sub-target by purchasing \$28,350 from Black-owned businesses.
- 🏡 Hosted the Black Business Support Challenge from June through August.

TARGET 4: The Arts!

- 🏡 Hosted a Poetry Slam which focused on George Floyd, religion and marriage with over 100 participants.
- 🏡 Hosted a series of four Harlem Heritage Book Club meetings with readings of:
 - “Not Without Laughter” by Langston Hughes
 - “God Help the Child” by Toni Morrison
 - “Black No More” by George Schuyler
- 🏡 Collaborated with the Women’s Healthcare and Wellness Committee and Epsilon Lambda Chapter (University of Houston - Central Campus) for a Mask-Up Campaign.
- 🏡 Hosted a Mask-Up Campaign with students from Gregory Lincoln Middle School who designed masks that represent the Harlem Renaissance era.
- 🏡 Hosted Harlem Christmas Jingle with dance and fun.

TARGET 5: Global Impact

- 🏡 Donated over \$9,052 to the Houston Food Bank for Global Impact Day in April and an additional \$2,500 in December.
- 🏡 Donated over 400 new and gently used eyeglasses to the Lions Club in February.
- 🏡 Donated over \$4,796 to L.I.F.E. Houston to provide emergency formula to infants during COVID relief.

Connection Committee

- 🏡 Co-sponsored roundtable discussion with U.S. Census Bureau officials, public officials, and community leaders at the Texas Southern University Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs.
- 🏡 Partnered and participated in the Census Town Hall hosted by City of Houston District F City Council Member Tiffany T. Thomas and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- 🏡 Participated with the Census 2020 Complete Count transitioning from in-person outreach to virtual activities.
- 🏡 Participated in the Fifth Ward 2020 Census Car Parade to encourage residents to complete the census survey.
- 🏡 Purchased and delivered 250 A.K.A. L.E.A.D. yard signs prior to the 2020 November election.
- 🏡 Hosted a virtual “Know Your Election Rights” seminar with elected officials.
- 🏡 Hosted a virtual Candidate Forum with twenty-four candidates running for state and local positions.
- 🏡 Encouraged sorors to Stroll to the Polls and vote with a challenge to learn a step and video themselves performing it for a video posted on our social media.

Membership Committee

- 🏡 Hosted the Chapter Retreat themed “A 20-20 Vision of Pink & Green” with 386 sorors in attendance.
- 🏡 Brightened our spirits with a video presentation of “Décor Galore to Explore: The Inaugural Alpha Kappa Omega Christmas Home Tour” that was posted on our social media.

Reactivation Committee

- 🏡 Hosted a Founders’ Day Observance & Reactivation Mixer on International Reactivation and Founders’ Day, January 15, 2020. The theme was *Membership is Pearlfection*.
- 🏡 Hosted a virtual chapter orientation workshop with the theme “Navigating a Mega Chapter.” Thirty-five reactivated and transferred sorors participated.
- 🏡 Mailed Christmas cards to 83 sorors who reactivated or transferred during the year.

Sisterly Relations Committee

- 🏡 Collaborated with the All Kare Action Committee to nurture sorors with words of encouragement.
- 🏡 Hosted Savor the Season with holiday cooking and fun games.

Activities with Undergraduate Chapters

- 🏡 Hosted two Joint Chapter meetings in collaboration with Gamma Psi (Texas Southern University), Epsilon Lambda (University of Houston – Central Campus) and Omicron Lambda (University of Houston – Downtown) on October 17, 2020, the theme was “Mask Up and Make Mammories” and on November 22, 2020, the theme was “I Am My Sister’s Keeper.”
- 🏡 Hosted a transitional ceremony for sorors who graduated.
- 🏡 Participated in the installation of officers.
- 🏡 Participated in the Membership Intake Process at Gamma Psi (Texas Southern University) and Omicron Gamma (University of Houston – Downtown).

Technology Accomplishments

- 🏡 Implemented a new eBlast system.
- 🏡 Hosted the chapter’s first FaceBook Live webinar.

- 🏡 Surveyed chapter members to confirm the population of membership with access to electronic means of communication.
- 🏡 Implemented Simply Voting as the chapter's first electronic voting application.
- 🏡 Circulated the Soror Code of Ethics electronically via DocuSign to the newly elected 2021 Executive Committee members.

Other Chapter Activities

- 🏡 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service was held at Open Door Missions. Sorors prepared meals, organized rooms and the food pantry for the "Refresh Project."
- 🏡 The African American History Committee celebrated Black History Month with a gallery of art and artifacts at the February sorority meeting, and sorors dressed in their favorite African attire.
- 🏡 Held annual and mid-year program planning meetings with committee chairmen, co-chairman, and the executive committee.
- 🏡 The All Kare Action Committee mailed Christmas, Valentines and Mother's Day cards to our challenged sorors. Poinsettias were also delivered during the holiday season.
- 🏡 Celebrated the Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver Sorors in a virtual program, honoring 24 Pearl, 14 Golden and 17 Silver sorors.
- 🏡 The Courtesy Committee delivered care bags to our VSGs, Diamond, Pearl, Golden and challenged sorors.
- 🏡 The International Day of Prayer Committee partnered with the Pink & Green Prayer Team for a virtual program themed "Prayer Works."
- 🏡 The Pink and Green Prayer Team hosted 12 monthly prayer calls, and Calls to Prayer for pandemic relief on Thursdays from March through June.
- 🏡 Conducted a Graduate Advisors and Graduate Advisory Committee Virtual Workshop.
- 🏡 Created and posted videos on social media honoring chapter first responders, educators, and breast cancer survivors.
- 🏡 Mailed all financial cards to members.
- 🏡 Prepared resolutions for seven sorors who became Ivies Beyond the Wall.
- 🏡 Produced 12 newsletters and 73 eBlast messages to highlight chapter activities and keep sorors informed.

Conferences Attended

- 🏡 Delegates participated in the South Central Region's virtual election of the Regional Director on June 2, 2020 and June 3, 2020.
- 🏡 Participated in 69th Boule held virtually on July 15, 2020.

Awards/Recognitions

- 🏡 South Central Regional Conference Awards
 - Outstanding Basileus of the Year Award Cherise Story - 1st Place, Large Chapter
 - Carmelita Caruth Smith Spirit of the Ivy Award Jennifer Rachel - 1st Place
 - Faye B. Bryant Human Relations Award Kim Topps – 1st Place
 - EAF Platinum Chapter
 - \$5,000 Dow Chemical Company grant through our partnership with the Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation of Houston, Inc. to fund #CAPSM Summit

Other Accomplishments

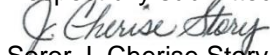
- 🏡 Approved chapter budget with significant reduction in dues to \$212 for chapter members and \$112 for life members.
- 🏡 Developed first ever dedicated chapter donation link for use with the Houston Food Bank donations.
- 🏡 Formed the Risk Management Pandemic Task Force Subcommittee in May, 2020.

Thank you to the 2020 Executive Committee — Sorors Staci Taylor Fullmighter, Diedra Fontaine, Susan Bynam, Mary Smith Johnson, Felicia Wright, Michalyn Demaris Porter, Monica Baynard, Yavaunda White, Rayya Carrington, Pippa Brown-Andrews, Lillian Bourgeois, Laura Rousseve Allen, Demetra Jones, Taylor Lewis, VeRonique Williams, Lisa Brooks, Dina Williams, Veronica Johnson, Charlyn Kyles, Cynae Johnson, Donna Miles, Andrea Miller, Mary Shockley and Connie Steward. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Soror Nell Cline, committee chairmen, committee co-chairmen and others that provided information for the State of the Chapter report.

FINALLY, THANKS TO ALL SORORS FOR YOUR SISTERHOOD & SERVICE IN 2020!

Respectfully submitted,


Soror J. Cherise Story, Basileus