National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

"Pursuit of Excellence: A Challenge to Fulfill"

OUR PURPOSE & PHILOSOPHY

- To stimulate personal growth among teachers
- To foster a true spirit of sisterhood
- To promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession
- To encourage the development of the potential of our youth

As a professional organization of well-trained and effective educators in all components of the learning spectrum, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is dedicated to training youth and adults to develop and enhance those skills, abilities, attitudes and ethics that will prepare them to function successfully in a democratic society. Education is the vehicle by which they can pursue their dreams, discover new vistas, seek self-actualization and achieve extraordinary accomplishments.

Founders of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

OUR HISTORY

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK) was the idea of Gladys Merritt Ross, who, on Good Friday, March 30, 1923, convened a group of young teachers from Jersey City Normal School in Jersey City, New Jersey to discuss the idea of forming a sorority. Eight members of those present concurred, and Newark attorney, J. Mercer Burrell, incorporated the new organization on May 23, 1923. Because the original members were all minors, their parents or guardians, Dr. G.E. Cannon, Mr. J.L. Merritt, Mrs. Lottie Cooper and Mrs. Estelle Morris became trustees. The eight founders are Gladys Merritt Ross (Mother Founder), Julia Asbury Barnes, Ella Wells Butler, Marguerite Gross, Florence Steele Hunt, Edna McConnell, Gladys Cannon Nunery and Mildred Morris Williams.

Throughout its existence, the Sorority has addressed cogent educational issues through myriad programs designed to improve education and offer opportunities to scores of children, youth and adults. NSPDK has sponsored initiatives to assist beginning teachers, advance good health, promote academic achievement, award scholarships and preserve African American history.

It is poised to accept the educational challenges of the 21st century and to launch programs to enhance the educational enterprise.

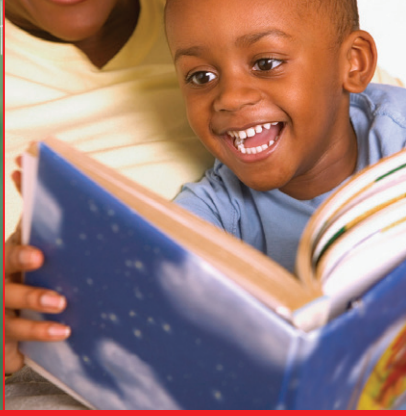
MEMBERSHIP

A striving, productive membership is essential to the growth and perpetuation of an organization. Membership is open to women holding at least a four-year degree from a college or university that has been accredited by a federal, state or regional accrediting association. Candidates for membership must be actively engaged in the field of education. Chapters must build strong memberships by consistently recruiting educators through publicity, announcements, public visibility, general meetings and other promotional activities. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. seeks to attract individuals who possess good moral character, exemplify self-respect and exhibit admirable integrity. The following characteristics depict educators to be recruited by NSPDK.

- Educators with progressive organizational and leadership experience.
- Educators who are willing to invest time and talent in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. as an extracurricular priority.
- Educators who are committed to and feel comfortable advocating all of the components of the YES.
- Educators who represent a diversity of backgrounds, interests, experiences, talent and academic pursuits.
- Educators who foster enthusiasm and dedication to students and the teaching profession. They demonstrate passionately the pursuit of excellence. They express openly their beliefs that all children can learn, and they admit that they themselves are lifelong learners. They believe in teamwork, network and work!
- Educators who demonstrate a charitable and giving spirit-time and money.

Individuals interested in affiliating with this organization should contact the National Office at (773) 783-7379 or NSPDKHDQ@aol.com.

Chapters of the National Sorority of Phi Delta, Inc. are located in five regions of the country: Eastern, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest and Far West. Please view the chapter listings on pages 8-12 to find a chapter in your area.



NATIONAL PROGRAM

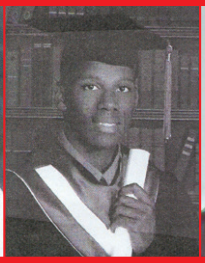
The National Program constitutes the activity center of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Throughout previous decades the program has evolved into the current **Y**outh, **E**ducation and **S**ervice (YES) initiative.

YOUTH COMPONENT

The Youth component consists of:

- Xinos, a guidance group for female youth in grades 9 through 12.
- Kudos, a guidance group for male youth in grades 9 through 12.
- Kappa Omicron Tau (KOT), a college guidance group for young females and males pursuing an educational career.

Individual chapters sponsor a variety of youth projects that include Debutante Cotillions, youth service projects, day camps and other programs.

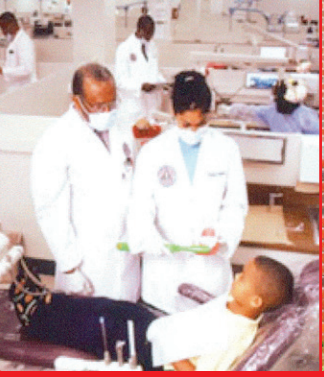


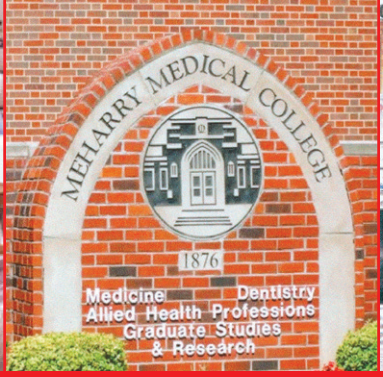
EDUCATION COMPONENT

The Education component consists of:

- Scholarship — NSPDK presents over $75,000 in national scholarships, exclusive of those awarded by regions and chapters. The Sorority awards scholarships to a male and a female graduating senior in each of the five regions. Sorority members matriculating in an accredited doctoral program are eligible for sorority scholarships. In addition, achieving KOT's in each of the five regions may apply for scholarship assistance. The Perpetual Scholarship Foundation is the affiliate of NSPDK that underwrites the National Scholarship Program.
- Teach-A-Rama is designed to acquaint teachers, parents and the community-at-large with various aspects of the field of education.

- Early Childhood Education focuses on the provision of meaningful learning experiences for pre-school children that will improve their readiness for school and subsequent scholastic achievement.
- The Literacy umbrella includes academic skills centers that supplement classroom work by providing opportunities to enhance proficiency in such areas as reading, math, language arts, science, social studies, technology and African American History.
- Other aspects of the Education sector are Professional Development, the Commission on Civil Rights and Legislative Affairs and Leadership Development.





SERVICE COMPONENT

The Service component consists of:

- International Project of financial and programmatic assistance to Third World countries.
- National Project in support of Sickle Cell Anemia research at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Children's and Adults' Benefits encompasses a variety of projects that bring pleasure and enlightenment to children and adults.
- Senior Citizens' Projects are those activities which enhance the lives of individuals who have reached their golden years.
- African-American History seeks to develop, foster and expand the knowledge of the contributions of African Americans to American and world culture.
- Health, Nutrition and Hypertension provides a vehicle through which children, youth and adults learn preventive health measures and viable strategies for addressing a wide variety of health issues that confront society.
- The Commission on Civil Rights, Education and Legislative Affairs focuses on concerns involving the civil rights of children, youth, adults, and educators. It is responsible for keeping abreast of and informing the community about local, state and nation legislation that affects education.

Affiliate groups are:

- Anthropos consist of the husbands, relatives and significant male others who constitute the Men in Our Lives.
- Hub Parents are the mothers, fathers and other relatives and associates of the Xinos and Kudos who assist sorority members with the supervision and implementation of youth activities.

EASTERN REGION CHAPTERS

ALPHA
Jersey City, NJ

BETA
Washington, DC

GAMMA
Baltimore, MD

EPSILON
Charleston, WV

ZETA
Philadelphia, PA

ETA
Camden, NJ

THETA
Brooklyn, NY

IOTA
Atlantic City, NJ

XI
West Chester, PA

PI
Trenton, NJ

RHO
Wilmington, DE

ALPHA ZETA
Richmond, VA

ALPHA LAMBDA
Norfolk, VA

ALPHA MU
Annapolis, MD

ALPHA PI
Dover, DE

ALPHA TAU
Roanoke, VA

ALPHA CHI
Portsmouth, VA

BETA EPSILON
New York, NY

BETA ZETA
Durham, NC

BETA LAMBDA
Winston-Salem, NC

BETA OMICRON
Jamaica, NY

BETA TAU
Salisbury, MD

GAMMA MU
Virginia Beach, VA

DELTA GAMMA
Chesapeake, VA

DELTA LAMBDA
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

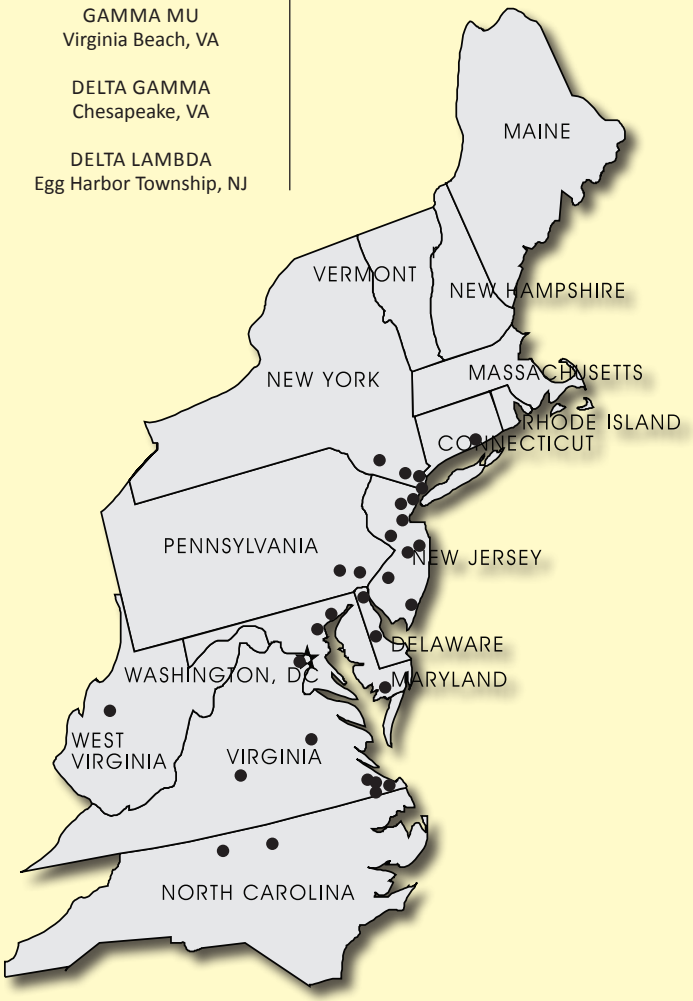
DELTA NU
Bergen/Passaic County, NJ

DELTA PI
Hillside, NJ

DELTA PHI
New Haven, CT

EPSILON ALPHA
Somerset, NJ

EPSILON CHI
Spring Valley, NY



SOUTHEAST REGION CHAPTERS

NU
Birmingham, AL

UPSILON
Tuskegee, AL

PSI
Mobile, AL

ALPHA BETA
Nashville, TN

ALPHA GAMMA
Jacksonville, FL

ALPHA DELTA
Miami, FL

ALPHA EPSILON
Atlanta, GA

ALPHA THETA
New Orleans, LA

ALPHA OMICRON
Tampa, FL

ALPHA PHI
Pensacola, FL

BETA BETA
Montgomery, AL

BETA ETA
Memphis, TN

BETA KAPPA
West Palm Beach, FL

BETA XI
Orlando, FL

BETA SIGMA
Lakeland, FL

BETA PSI
Knoxville, TN

GAMMA GAMMA
Panama City, FL

GAMMA ETA
St. Augustine, FL

GAMMA THETA
Brewton, AL

GAMMA OMICRON
Miami, FL

GAMMA PSI
Jackson, TN

DELTA DELTA
Jacksonville, FL

DELTA ZETA
Waycross, GA

DELTA MU
Memphis, TN

EPSILON TAU
Decatur, GA

EPSILON PSI
Jackson, MS

MIDWEST REGION CHAPTERS

MU
Chicago, IL

SIGMA
Cincinnati, OH

TAU
Indianapolis, IN

CHI
Detroit, MI

ALPHA ALPHA
Kansas City, MO

ALPHA ETA
Evansville, IN

ALPHA NU
St. Louis, MO

ALPHA XI
Cleveland, OH

BETA GAMMA
Toledo, OH

BETA DELTA
Dayton, OH

BETA IOTA
Akron, OH

BETA MU
Gary, IN

BETA CHI
Milwaukee, WI

GAMMA ALPHA
Columbus, OH

GAMMA BETA
Kansas City, KS

GAMMA DELTA
Flint, MI

GAMMA KAPPA
Saginaw, MI

GAMMA RHO
Shaker Heights, OH

EPSILON XI
Forest Park, OH

SOUTHWEST REGION CHAPTERS

ALPHA KAPPA
Tulsa, OK

ALPHA RHO
Dallas, TX

ALPHA SIGMA
Fort Worth, TX

BETA ALPHA
Shreveport, LA

BETA RHO
Texarkana, TX

GAMMA EPSILON
Oklahoma City, OK

GAMMA NU
Little Rock, AR

GAMMA TAU
San Antonio, TX

GAMMA UPSILON
Waco, TX

DELTA BETA
Austin, TX

DELTA EPSILON
Dallas, TX

DELTA OMICRON
Muskogee, OK

DELTA CHI
Houston, TX

EPSILON BETA
Tyler, TX

EPSILON GAMMA
Plano, TX

EPSILON DELTA
Lawton, OK

EPSILON EPSILON
Langston, OK

EPSILON ZETA
Ennis, TX

EPSILON THETA
Beaumont, TX

EPSILON IOTA
Galveston, TX

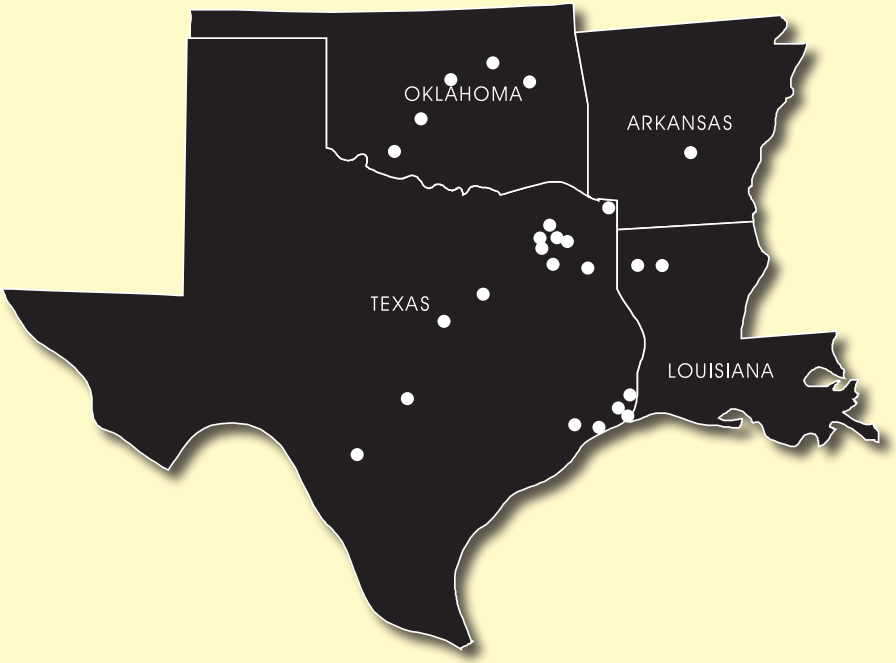
EPSILON LAMBDA
Orange, TX

EPSILON PI
Arlington, TX

EPSILON RHO
Minden-Homer, LA

ZETA ALPHA
Mesquite, TX

ZETA BETA
Port Arthur, TX



FAR WEST REGION CHAPTERS

BETA THETA
Los Angeles, CA

BETA NU
San Francisco, CA

BETA PHI
Compton, CA

GAMMA LAMBDA
Pasadena, CA

GAMMA XI
El Cerrito, CA

GAMMA SIGMA
Las Vegas, NV

DELTA KAPPA
Inglewood, CA

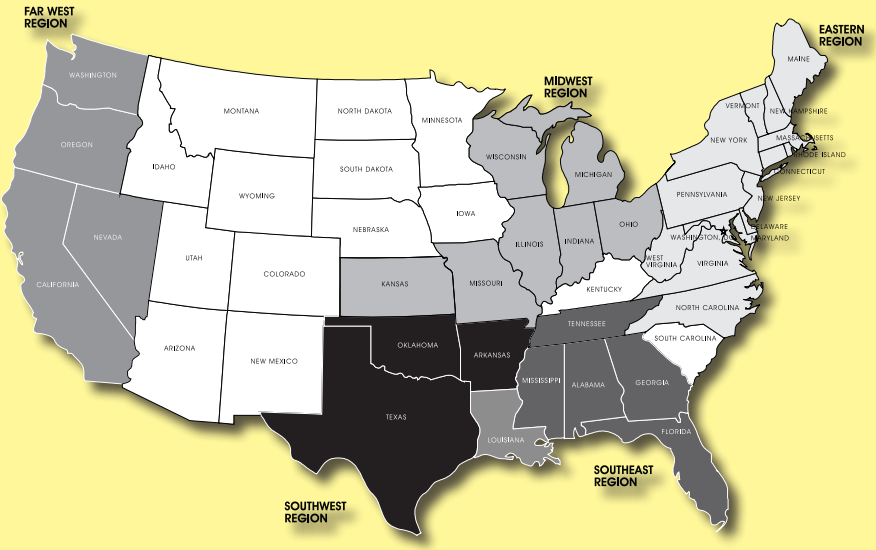
DELTA XI
Long Beach/Carson, CA

DELTA RHO
San Bernardino, CA

DELTA UPSILON
San Diego, CA

EPSILON OMICRON
Spokane, WA

NSPDK REGIONS



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