

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Iota Alpha Omega Chapter & Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc.

An Evening of Elegance & Excellence

1969

2019



Souvenir Journal

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

EISENHOWER HALL THEATRE AT WEST POINT

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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®
IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER

A Warm Welcome from your 50th Anniversary Gala Vice-Chairmen



Greetings!

We are thrilled that you have joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Iota Alpha Omega Chapter in collaboration with the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc., our philanthropic arm, as we celebrate fifty years of exemplary service. In the scenic Mid-Hudson Valley of New York, Iota Alpha Omega became the 375th Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® when it was chartered on December 6, 1969.

We recognize you have traveled from near and far to celebrate this momentous occasion with us and we are truly grateful for your well wishes and financial support.

We are proud to provide “Service to all Mankind” throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley and with your continued support, we commit to continue this legacy.

Thank you for sharing tonight with us. Have a wonderful evening!

Sincerely,

Celestine Campbell and Marie Gibson-Price



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®
IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER'S MID-HUDSON IVY FOUNDATION



On behalf of the Board and members of Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc., I would like to welcome you to Iota Alpha Omega Chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration. We are grateful for your support of our programs and fundraisers throughout our time in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

We are indebted to Lorraine Roberts who had the vision and foresight to work with Attorney Percy Briscoe to apply for and be granted 501(c)(3) status to establish Iota Alpha Omega Chapter A/K/A Community Scholarship Fund, Inc. in 1979. As the philanthropic arm of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter, our primary mission is to give scholarships to deserving students from underserved areas in the Mid-Hudson Valley. In 2011, the name was changed to the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc. and officially approved by New York State in 2015. During the 50 years in the Mid-Hudson Valley we have given over \$100,000 in scholarships and expanded the number of schools from which applications are received. We initiated an HBCU scholarship in 2015.

The Foundation's overall purpose is to improve the quality of life for residents in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We are proud of the myriad of services we have been able to deliver by establishing partnerships with organizations in the community. Our programs include providing meals at our annual soup kitchen, replenishing local food pantries the week before Thanksgiving, adopting a local family at Christmas, mini health fairs, financial workshops and other community service programs.

I am honored that you have joined us for tonight's celebration. Thank you again for your continued support and enjoy the evening.

*Lorna P. Woodside, President
Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc.*



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®
IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER of MID-HUDSON VALLEY, NY



Greetings from the 22nd President of the twenty-sixth graduate chapter chartered in the Notable North Atlantic Region - the birthplace of Alpha Kappa Alpha. We are Iota Alpha Omega - a small sized chapter comprised of Affable, Keen, and Altruistic professionals and educators. Operating with our Founders' foresight and fortitude, we pledge to exemplify excellence in sisterhood, service, and scholarship and be an indomitable force for good specifically in the Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster County Communities. We are indubitably grateful to our 16 charter trailblazers who paved the way in setting the foundation that is Iota Alpha Omega Chapter.

Over the last 50 years, we have partnered with local organizations to solve problems as well as provide programs of service at home and abroad. We will continue to leverage these programs to engage in activities that will benefit both our external customers - the community and ourselves as internal customers for the perpetuity of lifelong service.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is a globally, impactful organization committed "to be supreme in service to all mankind." Iota Alpha Omega is...

- Standing on the shoulders of our Founders and Incorporators.*
- Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service under the leadership of our International President - Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Ph.D, JD, CPA.*
- Uniting and moving in rhythm to the high note and melodious guidance of our Regional Director - Mary Bentley LaMar.*

As President, I am committed to leading with an Affable-disposition, a Keen-vision, and an Altruistic-spirit that will raise community awareness and pay it forward for others. As a results-driven conduit of the sorority, I am empowered to inspire growth and development. So it is with great excitement, that I welcome you to an "Evening of Elegance and Excellence" to celebrate our Chapter's 50th Anniversary and to salute our four Honorees.

On behalf of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter, thank you for this opportunity to continue to serve the Mid-Hudson Valley with the alignment of our heads, hearts, and hands.

In Sincere Sisterhood & Supreme Service,

Mrs. Sonya D. Fiol-Grant

Iota Alpha Omega Chapter President

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November 30, 2019

Greetings:

On this milestone celebration marking fifty years of excellence through sustainable service, I proudly salute my Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sisters of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter and the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc., their charitable arm. Tonight's lovely "Evening of Elegance and Excellence" is a testament to your notable leadership in Mid-Hudson Valley, NY.

Commitment to "serving all mankind" is demonstrated in your diligence to provide scholarships to college bound high school seniors, and in your commitment to a wide variety of service projects and programs, ranging from Habitat for Humanity to Camp S.T.A.R. (Survivors Together Always Remember)—a camp for children of fallen heroes. You exemplify excellence in service, scholarship, and sisterhood.

As an AKA award winning chapter in which former North Atlantic Regional Director, Esther G. Pollard, served, and as a "force for good" in the Mid-Hudson Valley community, also the birthplace and early home of AKA Sorority Founder Harriet Josephine Terry, Iota Alpha Omega positively impacts the lives of Mid-Hudson Valley residents.

Enjoy both the accomplishments and festivities of this "Evening of Elegance and Excellence." Congratulations to tonight's honorees and many thanks to your attendees for their support.

Yours in the Sisterhood,

Mary Bentley LaMar

NORTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR



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November 30, 2019

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 1682
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Members of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter,

It is my honor and pleasure to congratulate you on 50 years of service *Excellence* in the Mid-Hudson Valley, New York community! On behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, and its 300,000 members across the globe, we salute your monumental five decades of services rendered in our 111 years of existence.

Through the years, the members of the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter and the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc., have proudly served the citizens of your diverse community. Your notoriety as established charitable organizations are evident in the success of your community service programs, scholarships, and charitable donations. The success of your impact in the community is a true testament of ***Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service.***

Your anniversary is especially memorable as you highlight the *Excellence* produced by your beloved chapter over the past 50 years. I applaud the charter members and chapter members for celebrating notable commitment and service to the community during “An Evening of Elegance and Excellence.” You exemplify what it is to be Alpha Kappa Alpha women and are worthy of admiration and appreciation. I also extend a heartfelt congratulations to the 2019 Honorees - your leadership and dedication have made a tremendous impact within your professions and communities, and I am confident you will continue to do so for several years to come.

Again, congratulations on 50 years of service, an exquisite 50th anniversary gala, and the 2019 Honorees. I wish you continued success in all of your endeavors!

Yours in Alpha Kappa Alpha Excellence,

Dr. Glenda Glover
International President
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

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ENVIRONMENT

November 30, 2019

President Sonya D. Grant
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 1682
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Dear President Grant,

On behalf of New York's 19th Congressional District, please accept sincere congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Alpha Omega Chapter. I regret that I cannot attend the 50th Anniversary Gala, but I hope this letter serves as a token of my gratitude for your decades of services and humanitarian work in Upstate New York.

For five decades, this organization has promoted philanthropic programs and leadership in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Alpha Omega Chapter provides scholarships to local high school seniors residing who aspire to attend a four-year accredited college or university. The organization also promotes service projects that help and assist all residents in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Your work is truly admirable, and I applaud the great service you provide to our community.

I wish Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Alpha Omega Chapter the very best in years to come. I look forward to what the next 50 years hold for this organization.

Sincerely,



Antonio Delgado
Member of Congress



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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

November 30, 2019

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 1848
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration of the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Since 1970, the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has responded to your sorority mission through charitable works and active participation in many community-based programs. I commend everyone affiliated with this chapter for your kindhearted, generous support in providing college scholarships to promising young students – our future leaders.

On this special milestone occasion, you celebrate a remarkable five decades of sisterhood and service, and I join in congratulating President Sonya D. Fiol-Grant and your leadership and membership, and President Lorna Woodside and that of the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, which supports your philanthropic activities. The positive impact of your work extends far beyond the present, bettering the lives of future generations throughout the Greater Mid-Hudson community.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew M. Cuomo".

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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November 30, 2019

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend greetings to all who have gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mid-Hudson Valley Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. This evening's festivities not only commemorate five decades of achievements, but also help to ensure that the Sorority will continue its tradition of service well into the future.

Since its founding in 1969, the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter has demonstrated a deep commitment to improving the quality of life throughout their community. The Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter is part of an international sisterhood that has grown during the last century to over 300,000 members. Its distinguished women hail from over 1000 graduate and undergraduate chapters around the world. Together its members are a force with which to be reckoned, bringing their considerable leadership skills, knowledge, and drive to bear on the global community through advocacy and service. I commend members of the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter, past and present, for their on-going commitment to Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service.

Let me also take this opportunity to join you in recognizing this year's esteemed honorees: Brandon Walker, Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers, the Newburgh/Poughkeepsie Boys and Girls Club, and Grace Smith House. I join you in lauding each of these deserving recipients.

Once again, congratulations on this year's celebration. I am sure it will be a memorable evening. I wish the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority much continued success.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Letitia James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

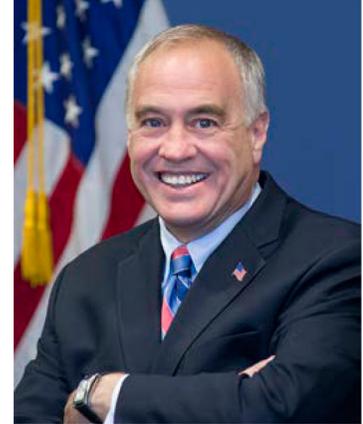
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November 30, 2019

Sonya Fiol-Grant, President
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
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PO Box 1682
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601



Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the 50th Anniversary Gala hosted by the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and its philanthropic affiliate, the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc. Since 1969, the Chapter has worked to promote AKA values of sisterhood, service and scholarship, and to support and serve the community in Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Special congratulations are due to this year's honorees: **Brandon Walker**, Chef and Owner, Essie's Restaurant; **Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers**, Historian, African Roots Library; **Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh/Poughkeepsie**; and the **Grace Smith House**. Their outstanding leadership, service and achievements are truly worthy of your recognition.

Since Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded at Howard University in 1908, the Sorority has had a rich record of leadership in the African American community and beyond, encouraging academic accomplishment, public service and solidarity among college women, and reaching out to advance social justice, build peace and nurture the next generation. For a half-century, the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter and the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc. have embodied the spirit and ideals of AKA in the Mid-Hudson Valley. In addition to supporting initiatives in education, the arts, and health, the Chapter and the Foundation fund scholarships and book awards for deserving students. The dedicated officers, board and members of AKA's Iota Alpha Omega Chapter and the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc. are honoring cherished traditions, and enhancing the life of the entire community.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller



Dutchess County Executive

Marcus J. Molinaro

Recognizes

***Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of
Mid-Hudson Valley***

**Celebrating 50 years of dedicated
service to the community.**

Congratulations!



DATED: November 30, 2019

MARCUS J. MOLINARO
Dutchess County Executive

Orange County Executive

Certificate of Recognition

Presented to

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of
Mid-Hudson Valley, NY*

November 30, 2019

*Congratulations on the celebration of your
50th Anniversary recognizing 50 years of Scholarship & Service*



Steven M. Neufhaus, County Executive





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Sonya Fiol-Grant, President
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November 30, 2019



Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to greet all those attending the 50th Anniversary Gala of the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and its philanthropic partner, the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc. Today's gala provides a wonderful opportunity to honor the Chapter's half century of service and achievement. Since 1969 AKA's Chapter has committed to scholarship, leadership, civic engagement and public service in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

For fifty years the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of AKA has been a tremendous advocate and source of support for communities throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley through the implementation of a variety of service programs. The local Chapter of AKA has played a prominent role in promoting community service projects and providing scholarships. This year's fiftieth anniversary is an apt tribute to the dedicated efforts of this outstanding Chapter, and a celebration of the life-long bonds of mutual support.

My sincerest congratulations to this year's honorees: **Brandon Walker**, Chef and Owner of Essie's Restaurant; **Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers**, Professor Emeritus of Black Studies at SUNY New Paltz, historian and founder of the African Roots Library; **Boys and Girls Club of Newburgh/Poughkeepsie**; and the **Grace Smith House**.

On behalf of the City of Newburgh, I am pleased to recognize the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc., and all those associated with AKA for hosting this Gala and contributing tremendously to the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Best wishes for a wonderful anniversary this year, and for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Torrance R. Harvey
Mayor



50th Anniversary Gala Committee

Vice-Chairmen

Celestine Campbell & Marie Gibson-Price

Edweana Aiken
Omega Alston
Claramarie Cannon
Katherine Davis
Sonya D. Fiol-Grant
Nyhisha T. Gibbs
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Vonora Lewis
Valerie Murphy
Netikka Seward-Holloway
Renee Springate-Lewis
Rita Watt
Sherre Wesley
Lorna Woodside
Joy Young



Iota Alpha Omega Chapter Hymn

*We are united in sisterhood
Striving for the community good.
Setting high our purpose,
Achieving our goal, as did
The AKAs of old.
Iota Alpha Omega, we love you true
So many deeds of merit,
You oft inspire us to do.
We cling to you, Iota Alpha Omega
The old AKA spirit
Is just the heart of You.*

Words and music by the late Vivian Huey Walker
Former Iota Alpha Omega Chapter Member
Written in 1974



CHARTER MEMBERS of IOTA ALPHA OMEGA



Seated: Jacqueline (Wilson) Blount, Vivian Love Jones, Jeanne Buie (Holmes), Celestine Mickens (Campbell), North Atlantic Regional Director Esther G. Pollard, Laura Mimms, Jeanette Briscoe, Brenda Burney (Whitaker) Standing: Marlene Gray (Watts), Annette Morgan*, Lorraine Roberts*, Linda Epps (Browne), Linda Kitrell (Waldemar), Katie Griffin (Gafford)*, Gwendolyn Glover Stephens, Patricia Davis, Loretta Jenkins**
**Deceased Member*

In the Spring of 1969, sixteen Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members residing in New York State's Mid-Hudson Valley, joined together to form Iota Alpha Omega Chapter. In the nearly fifty years since its inception, the members of Iota Alpha Omega, a service organization, has sought to have a meaningful impact on lives of area residents. Through the years, this local organization has made contributions through education, social, and health initiatives. Their untiring efforts have touched the young, the disadvantaged, the uninformed and the hungry. The far-reaching effects of this chapter's endeavors have impacted social issues of regional, state, and national significance. Fifty members strong, this local chapter of the International organization, a winner of several awards, continues to fulfill the international motto "Service to All Mankind." This is their story since **DECEMBER 6, 1969.**



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

INVOCATION

Crystal Sessoms, Chapter Chaplain

WELCOME/STATEMENT OF OCCASION

Sonya D. Fiol-Grant, President of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter

RECOGNITION OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Sherre Wesley

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VERY SPECIAL GUESTS

Sonya D. Fiol-Grant

VIDEO PRESENTATION OF HONOREES

*Brandon Walker, Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers, Boys and Girls Clubs of
Newburgh/Poughkeepsie, Grace Smith House*

AWARD PRESENTATION TO HONOREES

Lorna Woodside, President of Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc.

DINNER

Tiffini Thrower, Comedian

DANCING

Music by THE JON BATES BAND

CLOSING REMARKS



Chef Brandon Walker

Essie's Restaurant • Executive Chef/Owner

Chef Brandon Walker, a Brooklyn native, is the executive chef/owner of Essie's restaurant in Poughkeepsie NY. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of American in Hyde Park NY and has a range of professional experiences in the culinary arts. His experiences have been in renowned New York City restaurants along with traveling around the world to further expand on his global knowledge of culinary arts.

Chef Walker was drawn to Poughkeepsie NY and the Hudson Valley Region because of its rich culture of artisans. Immersing himself in the food scene, he has worked in some of the best local restaurants in the Hudson Valley and received numerous accolades for creating seasonal menus that uniquely displayed his cooking style, along with utilizing ingredients from local farmers and purveyors.

Chef Walker founded B&L Hospitality, Hudson Valley's premier restaurant group, in 2014. His mission is to "Create Memories with Exceptional Food and Service" through all of his restaurant concepts. In June 2016 Chef Walker opened Essie's restaurant. Essie's is a place that showcases his globally influenced cuisine but also pays homage to his grandmother and the women in his family who are great cooks and are the reason his interest in food was ignited. Since the opening of Essie's, Chef Walker has received reviews and accolades from the Poughkeepsie Journal, Hudson Valley Network News, Khaleej Times, Parlour Magazine, Daily Voice, Chronogram, Edible Hudson Valley, Verizon FiOS Restaurant Hunters, and Best of the Hudson Valley 2017 from Hudson Valley Magazine for delivering outstanding food and service.

Chef Walker believes in his community and gives back by getting involved with local profit and non-profit organizations. Annually he educates a women's group that focuses on improving their eating and cooking skills using local products. His interests include workforce development and mentoring to young men and women seeking a career in the culinary arts. He supports several fund raisers which provide services to underserved communities.

Chef Walker and his wife LaTrevette reside in Poughkeepsie.

Congratulations

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.[®]
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter 50th Anniversary Gala Honoree



BRANDON WALKER
Executive Chef/Owner

Thank you for elevating the dining experience in the Hudson Valley.

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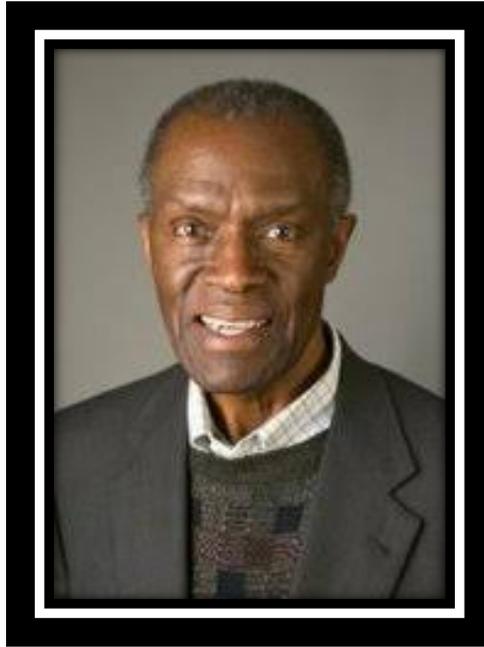
HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday -Closed Tuesday-Closed

Cocktail Hour: Wednesday-Saturday 4pm-6pm | Dinner: Wednesday-Thursday 4:00pm-9:30pm

Friday-Saturday 4:00pm-10:00pm | Brunch: Saturday-11:00am-3:00pm

Sunday-11:00am-3:30pm



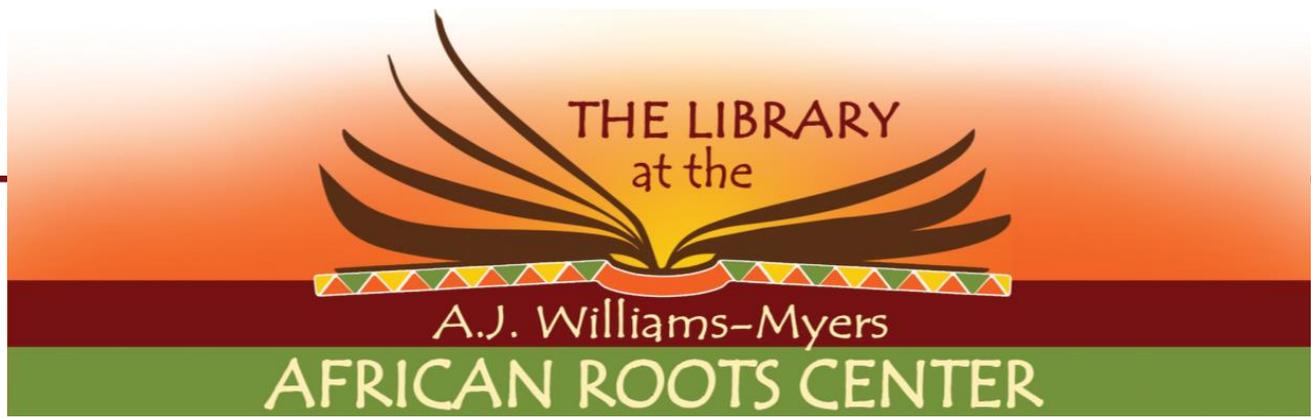
Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers

SUNY New Paltz • Black Studies Department, Emeritus

A.J. Williams-Myers holds a Ph.D in History from the University of California at Los Angeles, with a concentration in African History. Through post-graduate work, Dr. Williams-Myers broadened his historical scope to include the African Diaspora. Dr. Williams-Myers was Executive Director of the New York African American Institute, a research-oriented affiliate of the State University of New York. While there, he represented the Institute at and participated in a conference tour on AIDS in the People's Republic of China. Before assuming directorship of the Institute, Dr. Williams-Myers served as Chair of the Black Studies Department. Prior to teaching at SUNY New Paltz, he held the position of Assistant Professor of African History at Carleton College in Minnesota. Dr. Williams-Myers also served in the United States Peace Corps in Malawi, Central Africa and taught school in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dr. Williams-Myers has been a consultant to several educational and research projects, including the Historical Hudson Valley, City College (CUNY), and the New York Historical Society. Among Dr. Williams-Myers publications are *In Their Own Words: Voices from the Middle Passage*; *On the Morning Tide: African Americans, History and Methodology in the Historical Ebb and Flow of Hudson River Society*; and *African Dreams: To tell Their Story of Old New York*. He has also published extensively in national and international journals. African Roots Library in Kingston NY is named in his honor.

Now retired, Dr. Williams-Myers lives in New Paltz with his wife, Janice, to whom he has been married for 56 years.



Salute to

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
and Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation, Inc.**

on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

Congratulations to

all 50th Anniversary honorees, including

Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers.

The mission of the A.J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center is to promote literacy through teaching and learning about the African roots experience, including history and culture, through a dynamic exchange of information, ideas and creativity.

We are a volunteer-driven, nonprofit community resource that offers a library collection, student enrichment program, community events, lectures, performances, presentations and more, which are available to all community members at no charge.

*The Library at the A.J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center
43 Gill St | Kingston NY 12401 | 845 802-0035
africanrootslibrary.org*



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF NEWBURGH**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens. Founded in 1946 by Glenn E. Hines in a storefront on the Newburgh waterfront, the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh has become a valued community resource dedicated to the service of youth and families. In 2017, the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh expanded once again to establish the Boys & Girls Club of Poughkeepsie.

The Boys & Girls Club of America has established three Priority Outcome Areas for our youth: Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles. To this end, the Boys Girls Clubs of Newburgh/Poughkeepsie focus its services in three areas: Arts, Health & Fitness, and Academics.

Current projects include the Newburgh Performing Arts Academy and the Poughkeepsie Performing Arts Academy where students receive high quality instruction in the various art forms including dance, music, theatre and visual arts; **The After School Project (TAP)**, a comprehensive network of afterschool programs designed to provide youth with the academic, social, and vocational competencies they will need to successfully enter college and the workforce; **SmARTS**, our summer program for youth ages 6-14 that offers arts, academic, recreation, technology and science instruction to youth five days a week during the summer months; and **Triple Play** the Boys & Girls Club's health and wellness initiative that strives to improve the overall health of members by increasing their daily physical activity, teaching them good nutrition and helping them develop healthy relationships.

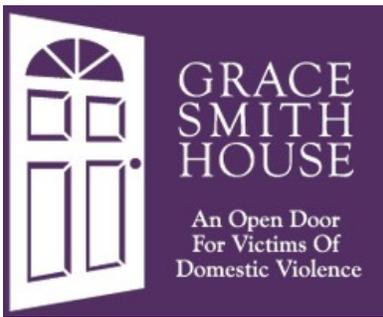
For over 73 years the Boys & Girls Club has been at the forefront providing youth development services to over 25,000 youth and families since its inception and continues to serve as a safe haven and trusted community asset.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF POUGHKEEPSIE**

*The Boys & Girls Clubs
of
Newburgh & Poughkeepsie
would like to congratulate
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
on 50 years of
consistently being
at the forefront of
effective advocacy and social change
resulting in equality and equity
for all citizens of the world.*





Serving Dutchess county for almost four decades, Grace Smith House is an inspiring example of how a small group of determined individuals can create positive, lasting change in their community. In the late 1970's a group of concerned citizens recognized the need for families experiencing domestic violence to have a safe place to stay. The original Grace Smith House shelter was located in a house donated by the First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie on Cannon Street. Incorporated in 1981, Grace Smith House was named for Grace McComb Smith of the Smith Brothers Cough Drop family a woman ahead of her time who showed compassion to all, passion for social justice and dedication to service in her community.

The original shelter was quickly outgrown and a new 20 bed shelter was built on purchased property. Our shelter is named after the first executive director, MaryLou Hessenbottle. It became apparent that more was needed than just shelter. Families needed counseling to deal with the trauma of family violence. Now simply called our Non-residential program, we offer assistance to any individual who identifies as a victim of domestic violence in need of our help. We offer individualized trauma counseling, support groups, including one for Spanish speaking clients, children support groups and activities, case management and advocacy services. We assist with providing transportation to court, medical providers, social services. Seeing the need for services to the growing Latina population, Grace Smith House developed the Latina Outreach program to address the critical needs of victims in the Latina community.

Grace Smith House was also instrumental in partnering with Child Protective Services in Dutchess county and creating the CPS/DVL initiative in 2004. This partnership has allowed for a greater understanding and cooperation between domestic violence advocates and CPS workers., as well as better outcomes for our mutual clients. While our two groups might look at the same situation through a different lens, through our partnership and collaboration, we realize we are all working for the same result: a safe, secure, healthy family. Our advocates are fixtures at family court and each year we assist victims by writing over 1,200 petitions for orders of protection and violations. We also accompany victims to court to provide support and much needed advocacy.

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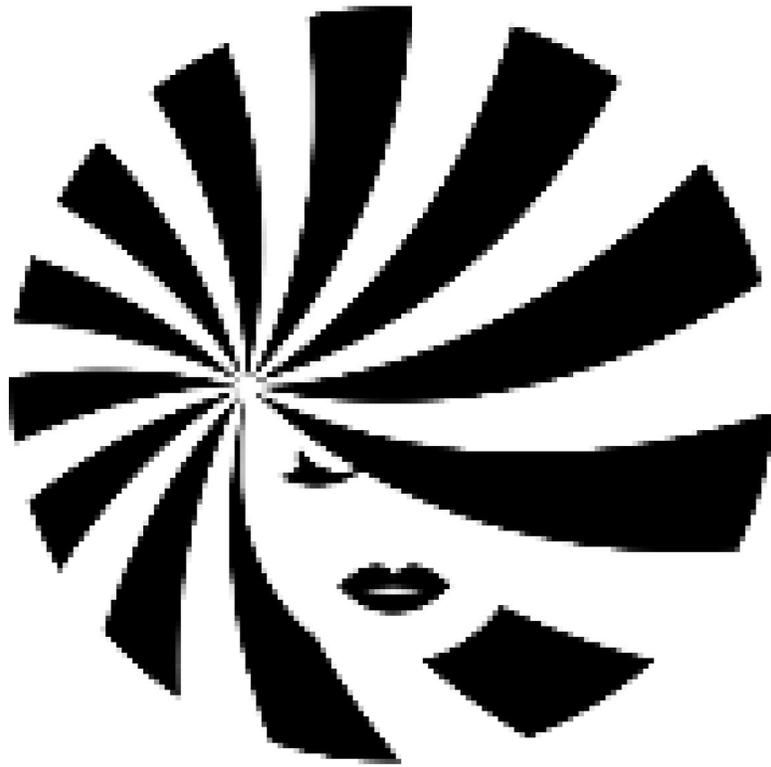
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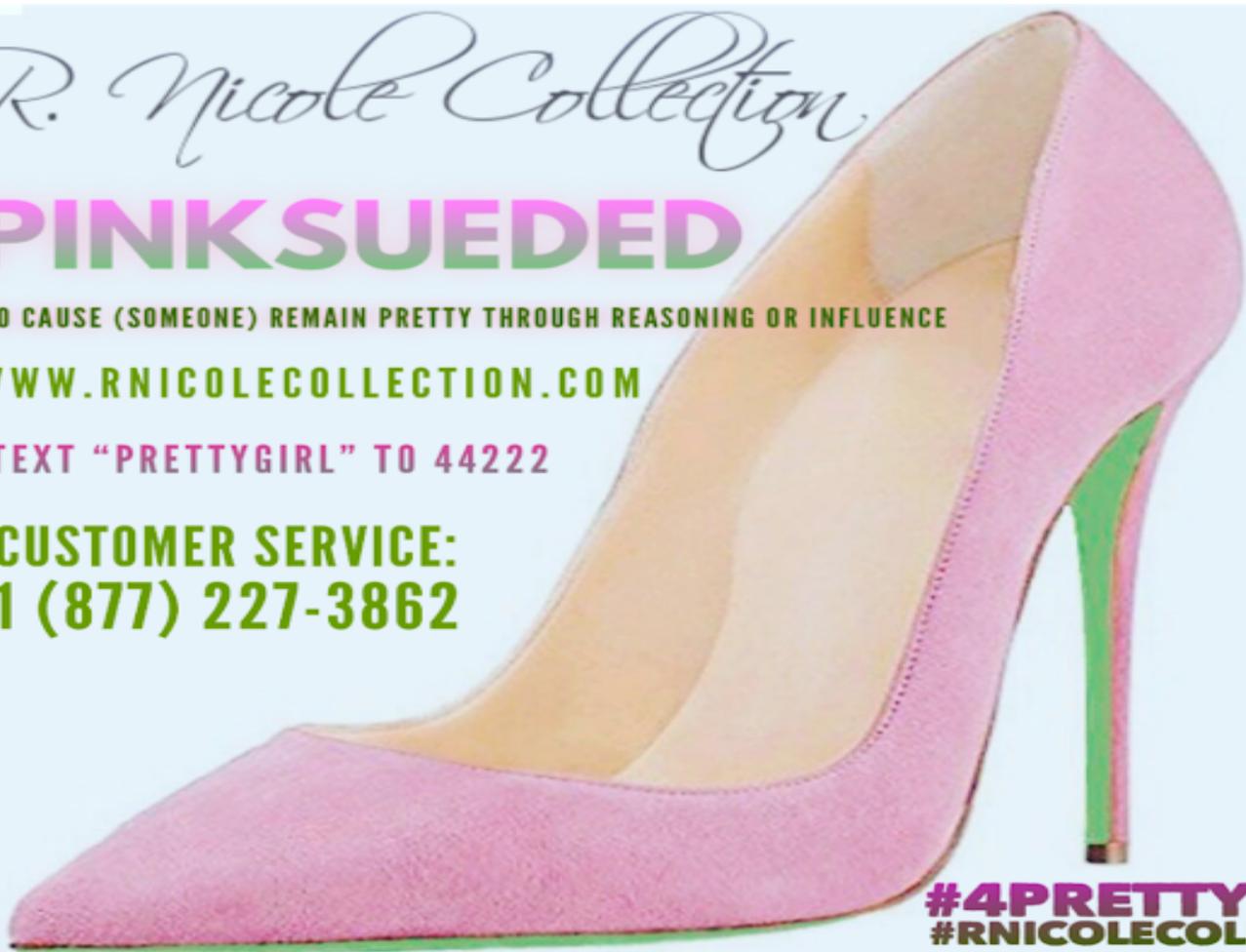
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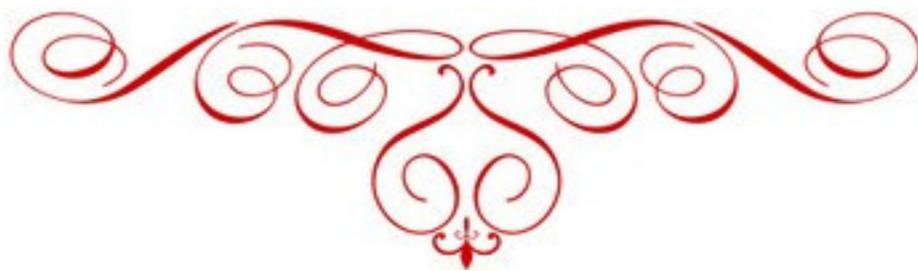


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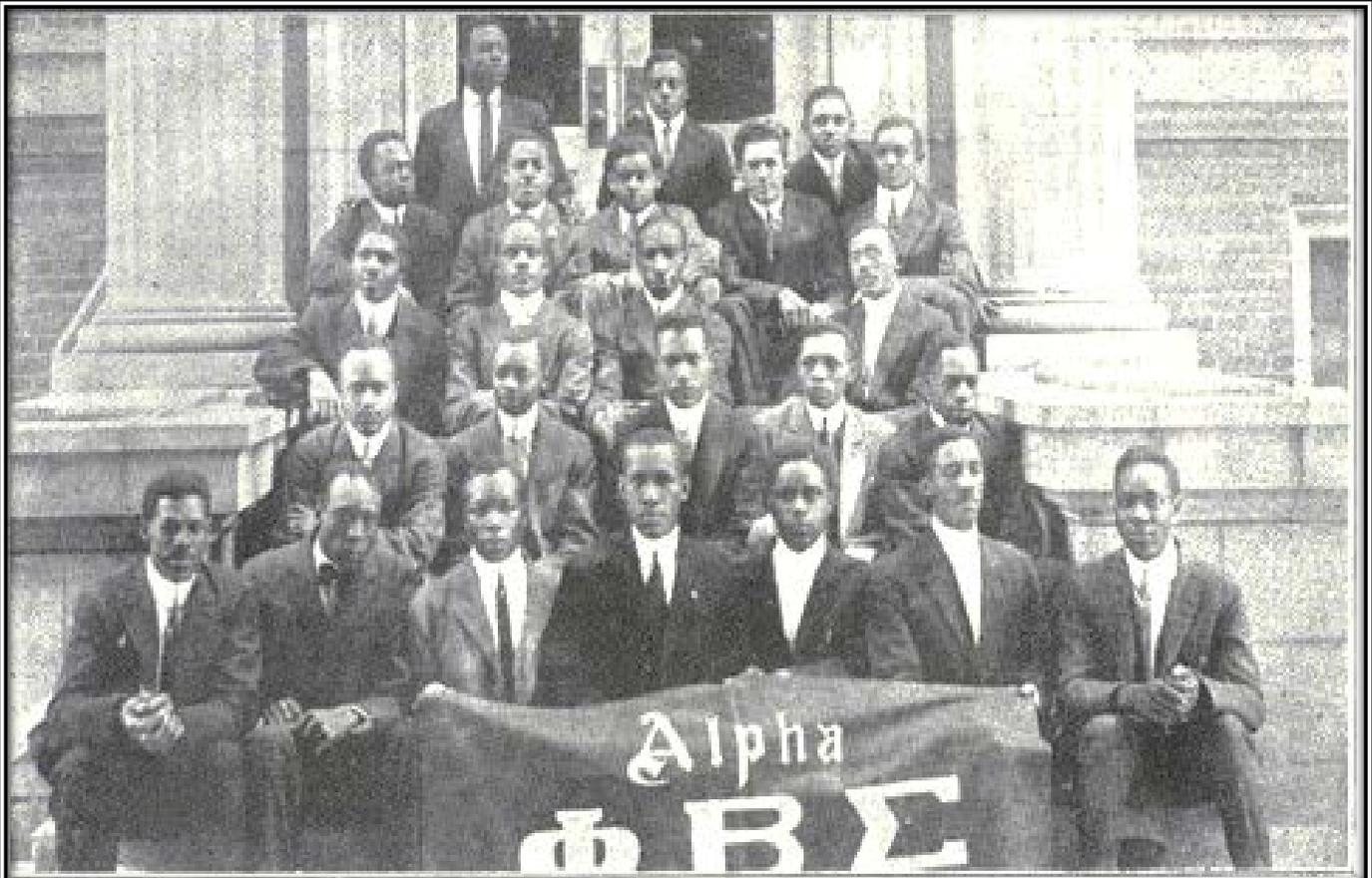
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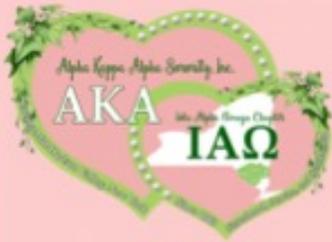


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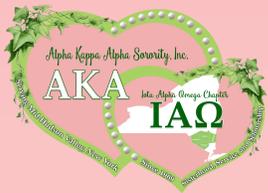
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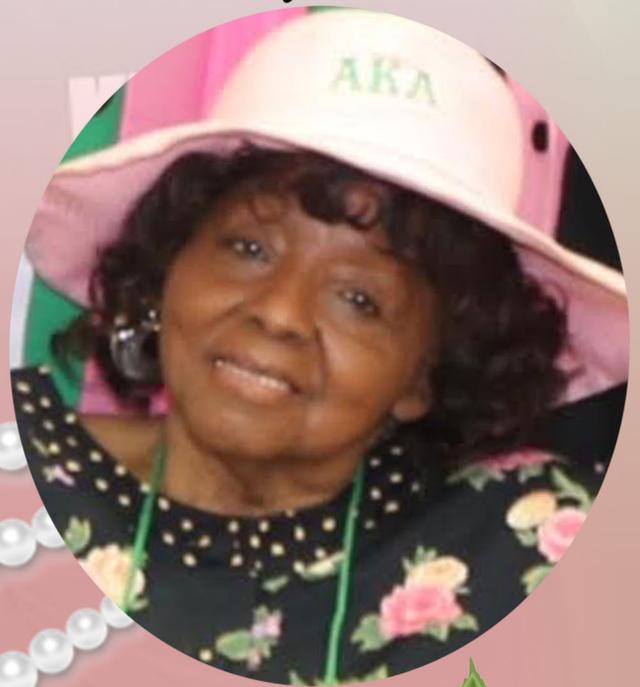
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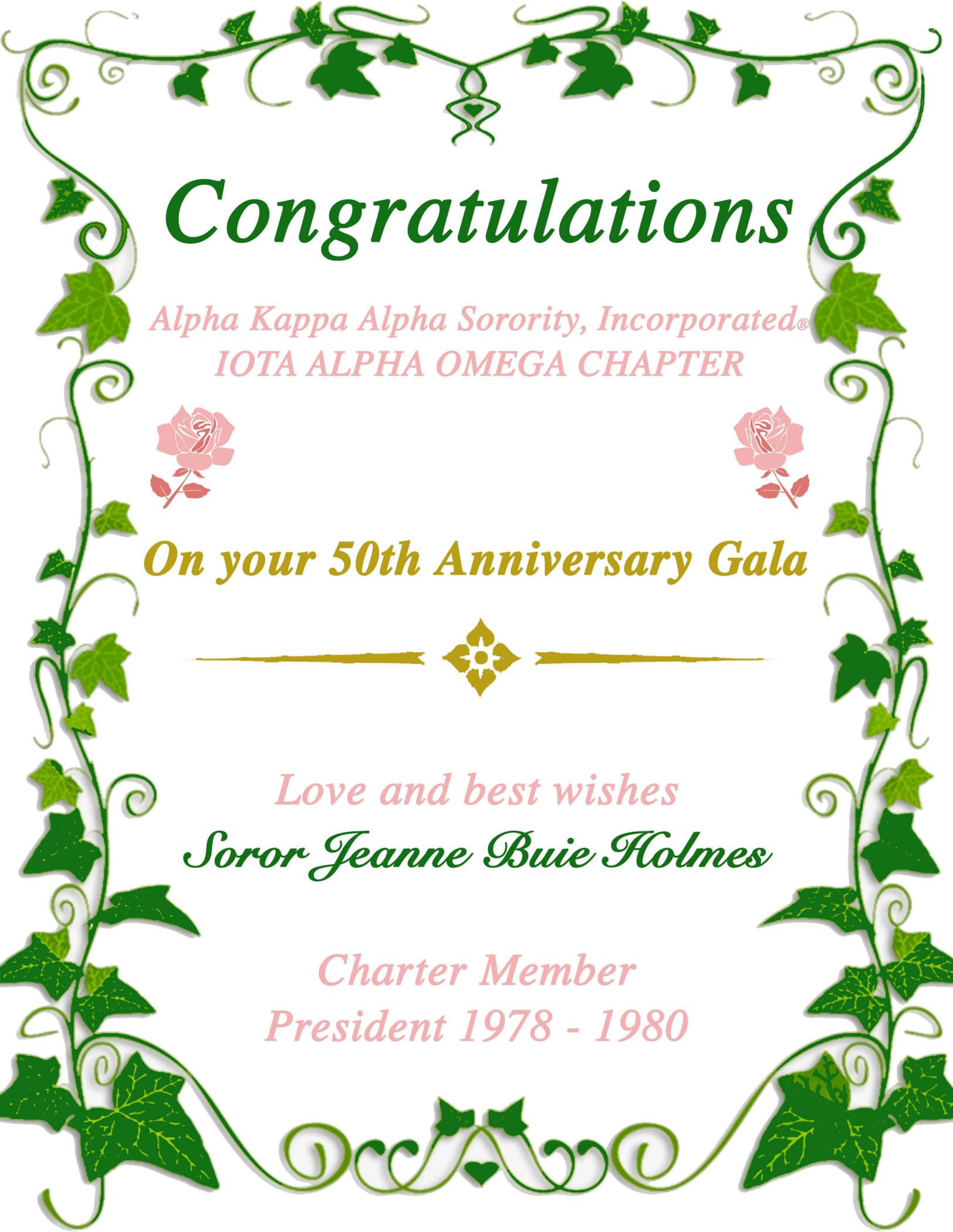
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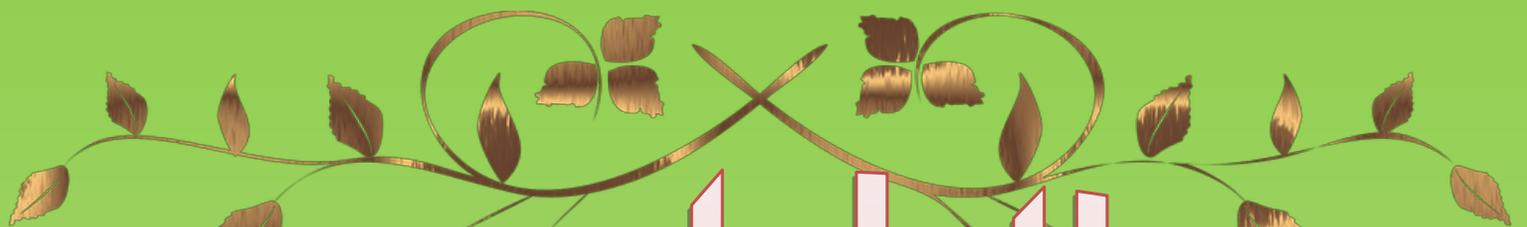


On your 50th Anniversary Gala



*Love and best wishes
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*Charter Member
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&

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Golden Sorors



CONGRATULATIONS

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IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER

on **50** Years of Sisterhood & Service to the Mid-Hudson Valley

And to 50th Anniversary Gala Vice Chairman

2nd Generation Legacy Soror Marie Gibson-Price -Spr'81

& New Member

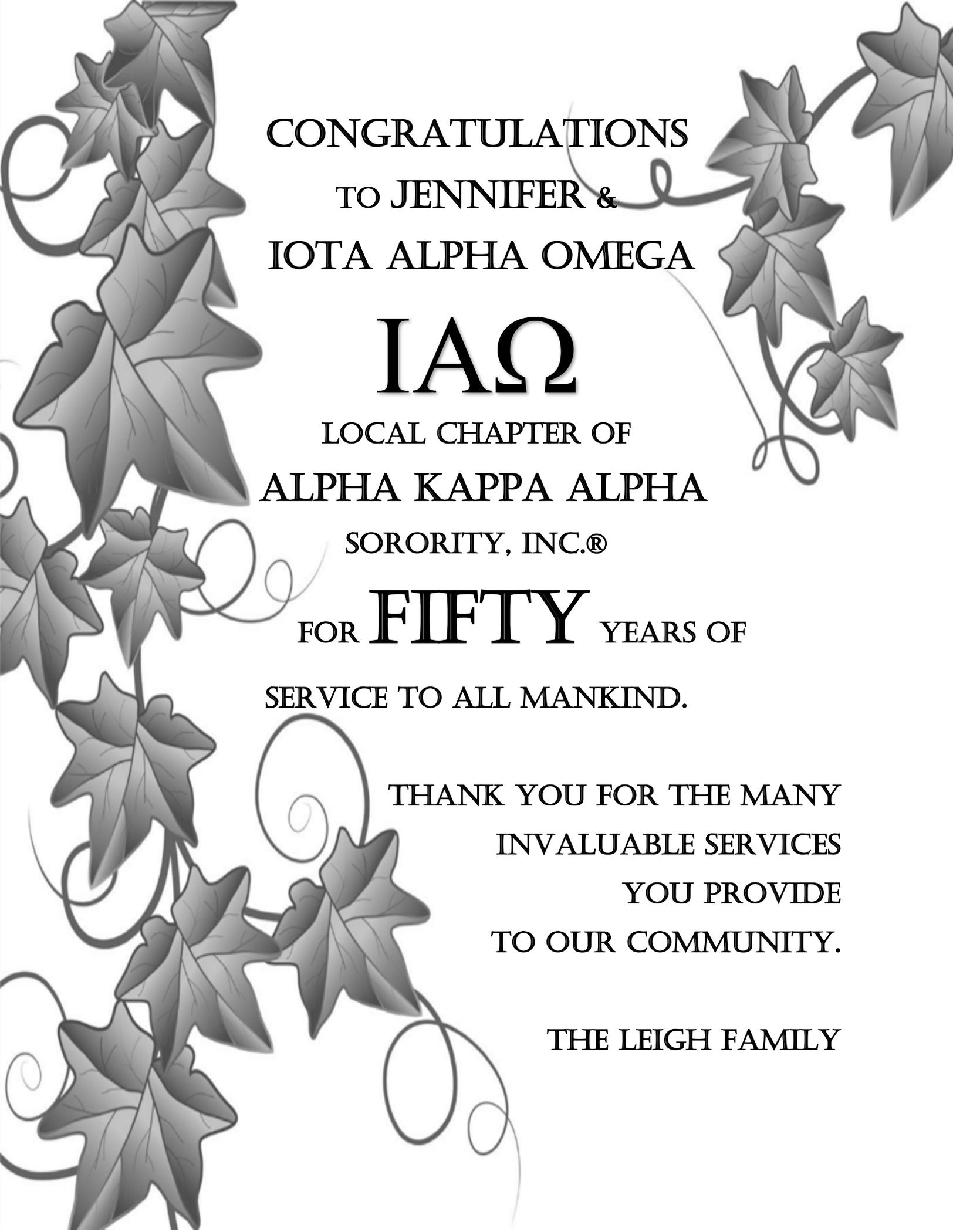
3rd Generation Legacy Soror Alandra Elizabeth Price - Spr'18

Thank You for continuing our Family's

Alpha Kappa Alpha Legacy!



*All our Love,
Golden Soror Lovie Henry Gibson
Golden Soror Madeline Henry Austin
Golden Soror Faye Henry Hudson
And Families!*



CONGRATULATIONS
TO JENNIFER &
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FOR **FIFTY** YEARS OF
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THANK YOU FOR THE MANY
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My Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter for 50 Years of Service
in the Mid-Hudson Valley, NY area.

My sincerest thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Due to your love and support, I was able to hold the office of: Iota Alpha Omega Chapter President (2yrs.), Ebony Fashion Fair Fundraising Chairman (10yrs.), First Rites of Passage Beautillion Chairman, March of Dimes Chairman (30+yrs.), Protocol Chairman (30+ yrs.), Chairman of the Dorie (Doris) Miller Research Committee, and Servant Leader for many more.

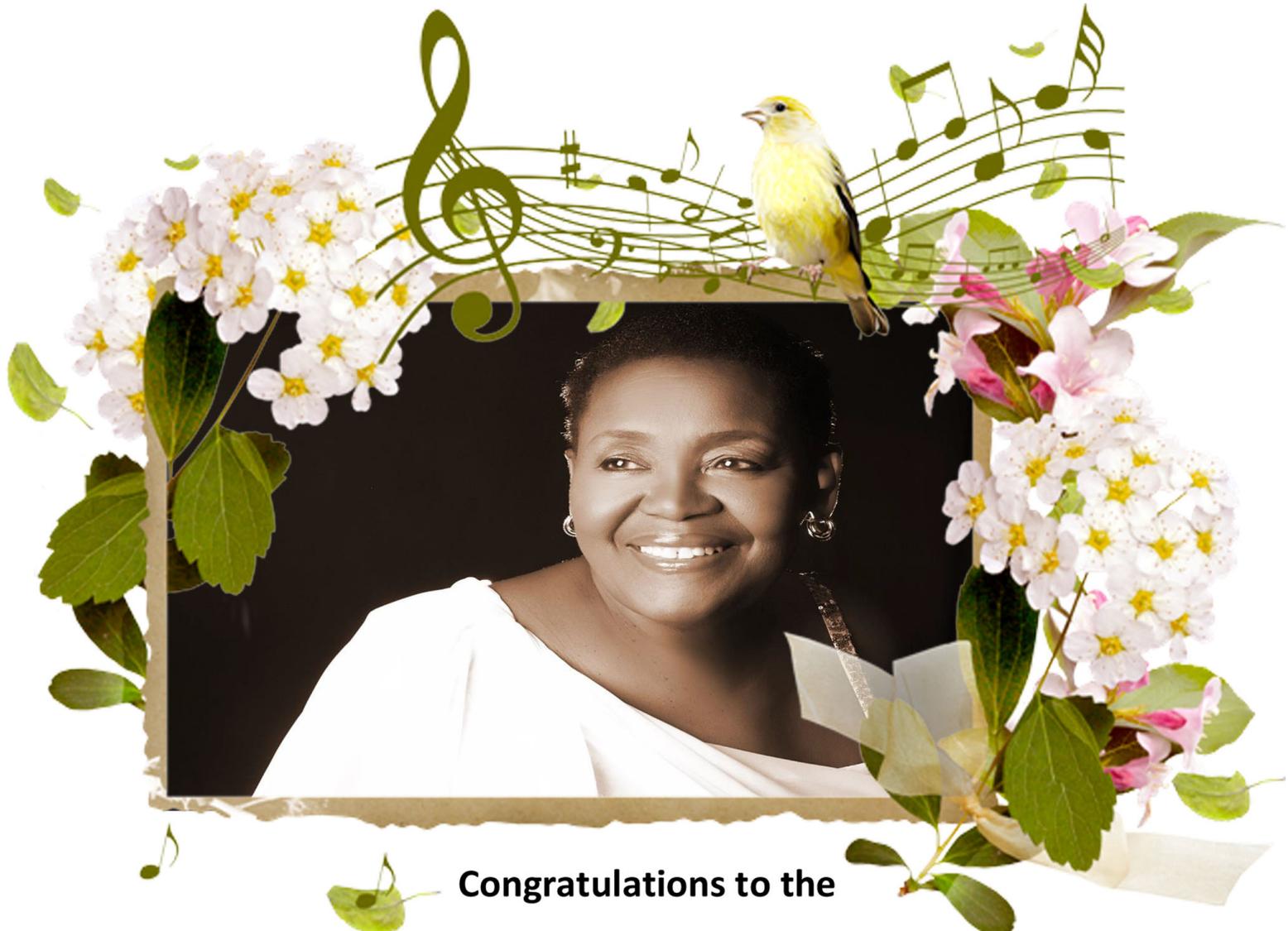
Instrumental in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® honoring World War II hero Dorie Miller with a Bronze Cast Plate for his bravery during the Japanese War. The Bronze Cast Memorial was placed at the entrance of Miller Park in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 11, 1991.



Words cannot express how appreciative I am for your acts of kindness by awarding me several plaques of distinction. For this, I am grateful to have directed my family with the purpose to be of service to all mankind and be a member of this great organization. Thank you Mid-Hudson Valley area friends and patrons for your generous support over the past fifty years, because of you Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Iota Alpha Omega Chapter has been able to lead, provide various programs, mentorship and scholarships.

Gratefully yours,

Patricia Jarvis White
Former President



Congratulations to the
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on 50 Years of outstanding Service and Sisterhood!

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Paulette Y. Sibert

A Dedicated Member, Sister, Community Leader,

Mentor, Teacher, and Prayer Warrior.

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Your Loving Son and Daughter-in-Love,

S. Gordon & Errika Moore, Jr.

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**To Madam Basileus-
Sonya D. Fiol-Grant**

*"I am in awe of all your
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MY DARLING DAUGHTER

Congratulations



Congratulations



OUR SWEET SISTER

Wonderful 50th Celebration wishes to
Mrs. Nyhisha Taniyee Gibbs
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
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and

HER BELOVED CHAPTER

all Honorees

Best wishes, Mrs. Theothea Moreno
Mrs. Latifa A. Benson
Mrs. Carla T. Moreno-Richardson
Ms. Maritza K. Moreno

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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FOR YOU ARE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

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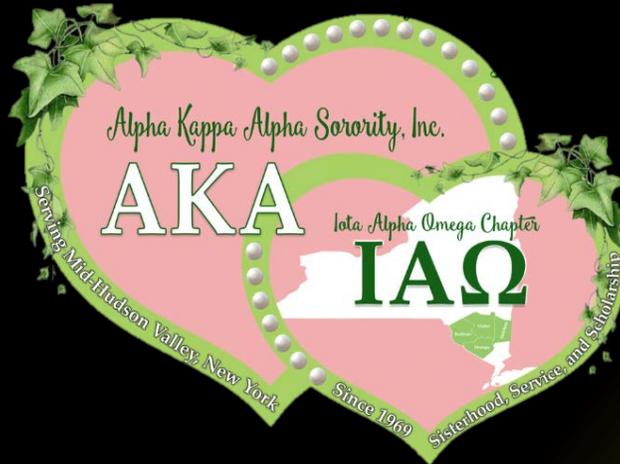


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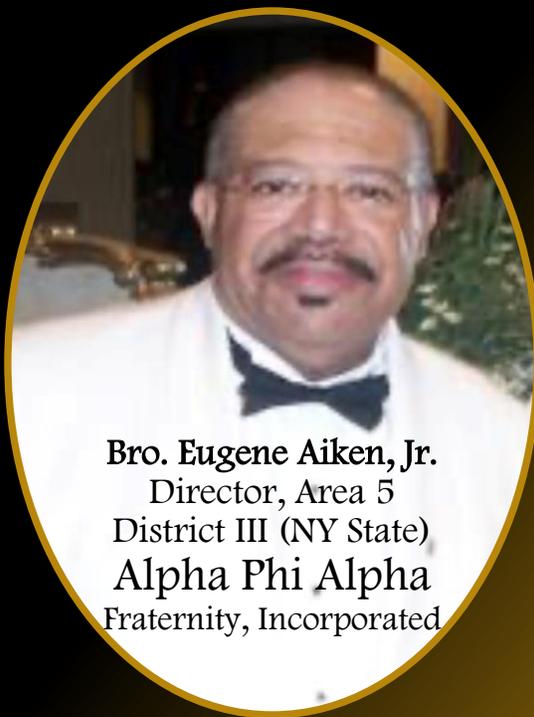
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CONGRATULATIONS

To the **Iota Alpha Omega Chapter** of
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And My Beautiful Wife,
Soror Edweana A. Aiken,
on the Chapter's **50th** Anniversary!



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YOU have an unbreAKAble sisterhood bond
and YOU are unmistAKAblely an
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- that's YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS on your
50th Chapter Anniversary!
- your sista-girlfriends,
Lavetta Cooks & Robin Green

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER for being LEADERS
in the Mid-Hudson Valley, NY Communities for 50 years!



To Madam President,
Sonya D. Fiol-Grant,
continue to blaze trails as you
lead your chapter to
unchartered territory. Your
unwavering “service to all
mankind” is remarkably
admirable and incomparable to
none other.

From the Extended Branches of
Our Family Tree
Crystal Venning & Todd Venning Jr.





Congratulations Iota Alpha Omega

1969

Celebrating 50 Years of Sisterhood and Service

2019

Annie Barnes Abram-Lukaitis

Hazel Barnes Conway

Janice Cage Mims

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Stephanie Andrea Abram



celebrating

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To Our Beautiful Educators



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*Congratulates our precious
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First Lady Loretta Goode Taylor
&
All the Beautiful, Lovely Ladies
Of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc
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For
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Happy 50th AKA Sorority Anniversary

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You are a fantastic mother and grandmother.

You are a phenomenal leader to your family, also to friends and business partners who have become family.

The devotion and love you dedicate to others shows in everything you do. We salute you and love you more than words could ever explain. You are so deserving.

we love you.



James W. Young, husband Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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Congratulations and Best Wishes
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On 50 Years of "Service to All Mankind"

Our Family

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1987



This is what
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looks like, 50 years of Scholarship & Service.

So proud of you *Soror Sonya D. Fiol-Grant!*

Keep shining a light as you take your Graduate Chapter Iota Alpha Omega to higher heights in the four counties of Mid-Hudson Valley, NY of which you reside and serve.



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Here's to 50 years of life &
to 50 years of service!
Forever, Crystal, Keisha & Kim



*Congratulations to our
Grandma Sharon "Shay Shay" Bridges and
the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Iota Alpha Omega
on your 50th Chapter Anniversary.*



Kaleah



Savanna



Karyla

*From the tiniest members of the Bridges bunch
and future A.K.A.s!!!*

CONGRATULATIONS



**IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA
ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® ON 50 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY**



**Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
Fall 2013**

*Soror Stephanie Abram
Soror Michelle Walls Green
Soror Netikka D. Seward-Holloway
Soror Regina Sexton-Smith
Soror Karmen Smallwood*



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on your*

50th Anniversary Gala Celebration



**Rev. Gary L. Colter, Leading Lady Diane Colter
and the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church Family**

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having
all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

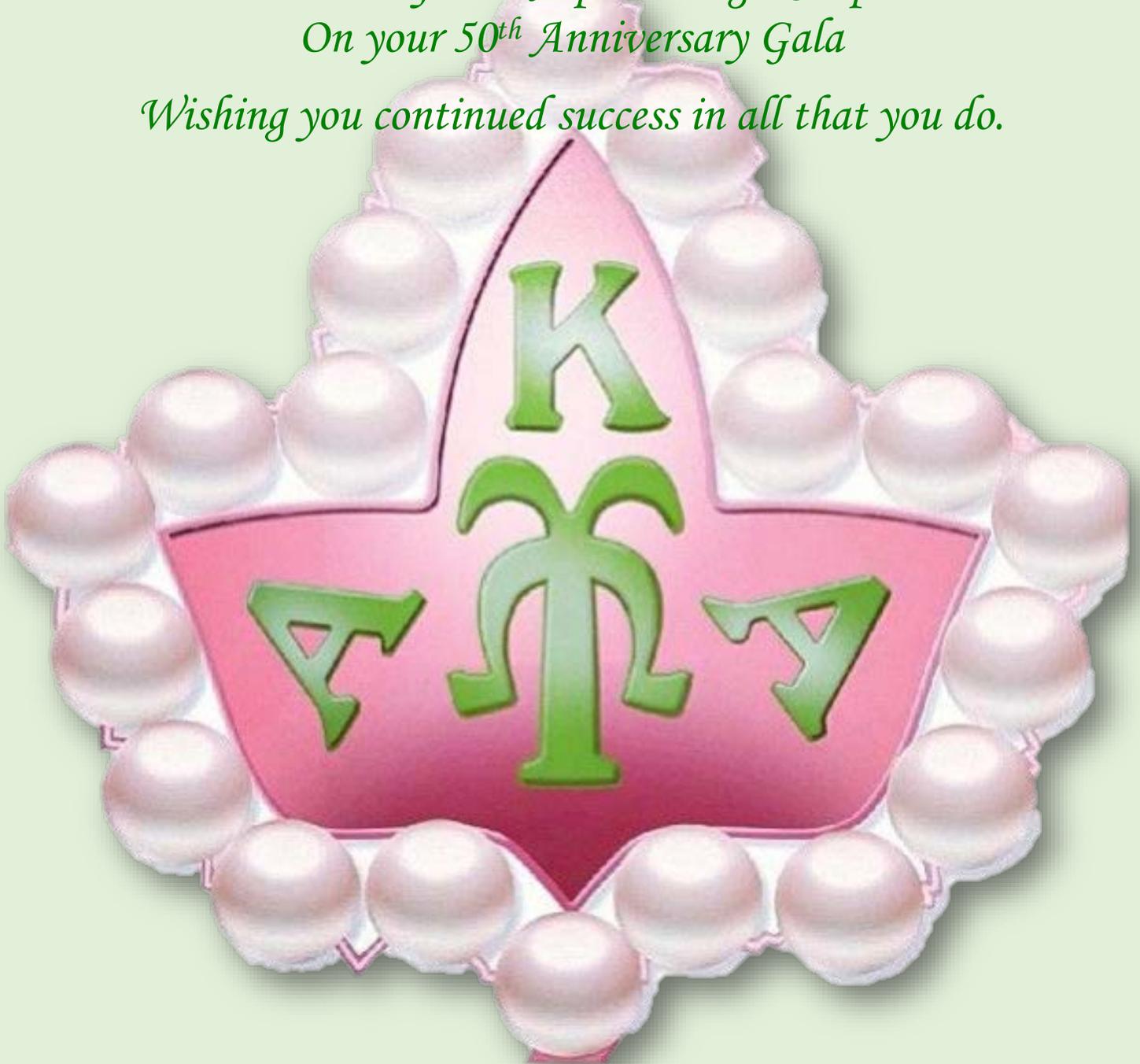
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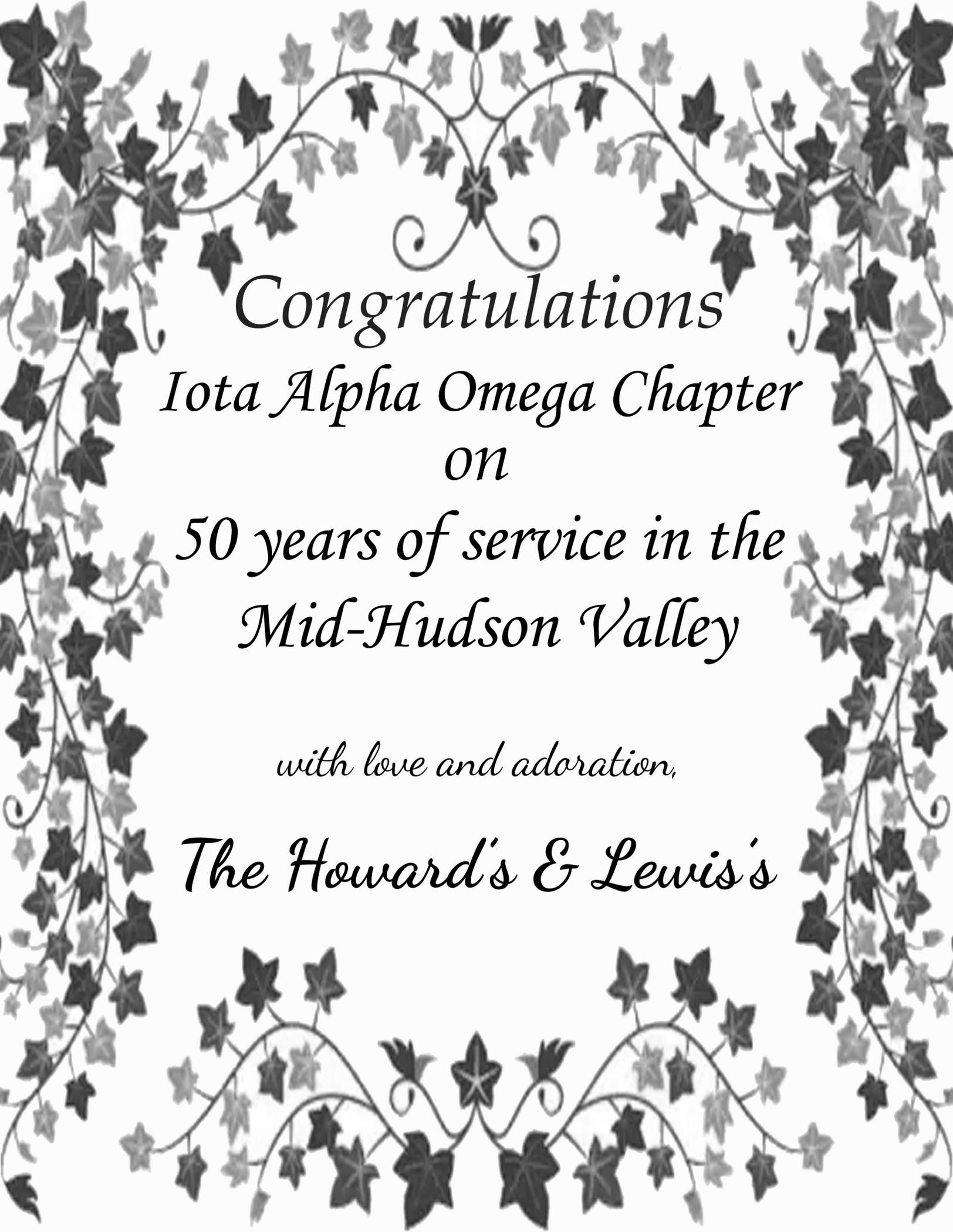
President of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter

On your 50th Anniversary Gala

Wishing you continued success in all that you do.



*Sandra Philippeaux, Lisa D. Springer, Diane Harrigan-Hubbard, Martine Pyram-McHale, Christy Little -Jones, Lorie M Perrin, & Noelene deMontagnac-Moten
IY Made – Syracuse University 12/8/91*



Congratulations
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
on
50 years of service in the
Mid-Hudson Valley

with love and adoration,

The Howard's & Lewis's

NETIKKA D. SEWARD-HOLLOWAY



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
SORORITY, INCORPORATED®, IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER
OF MID-HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK ON YOUR FIFTIETH
YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED
OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.

WISHING YOU THE BEST IN ALL YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
LOVE ALWAYS, YOUR FAMILY

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Happy 50th Chapterversary Iota Alpha Omega



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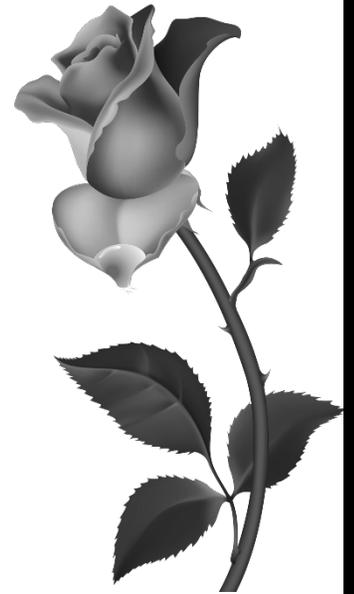
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FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN
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A LEGACY OF
SISTERHOOD
and SERVICE



Congratulations
to my Mommy/Soror
Edweana Aiken &
Iota Alpha Omega

50 years of
Service to all Mankind in
the Mid-Hudson Valley

Love,
Soror Amanda L. Aiken

Congratulations!



*Sorors congratulations on 50 years of excellence and service.
Your continued support over the years has meant the world.
Thank you for allowing me to serve as Iota Alpha Omega Vice
President (2006), Fundraising Chair (18yrs.), and Connection
Chairperson (2017).*

Omega B. E. Alston & Family

To our beloved Chapter
Iota Alpha Omega

Congratulations

Wishing our Sorors continued success. Our line consists of professionals in the fields of Education, Science, Medicine, Communication, and Criminal Justice. We the beautiful 6 are still striving for more success in our lives and careers. 6 is a motherhood number; meaning sacrifice, caring, healing, protecting and teaching. Our careers and passions relates to this number.

Love,

*Leah Fleming, Dana Fleming, Elaina Cockerham
Omega Alston, Dr. Jennifer Davis, and Alice Williams*

The Beautiful 6, Spring 00'





*We Salute Iota Alpha Omega
As You Celebrate 50 Years of Service*



- Annie Barnes Abram-Lukaitis, Gamma Phi, Spring 1980*
Kenya Thomas Taylor, Beta Psi, Spring 1996
Roshunda Taylor Morris, Beta Psi, Spring 1996
Janice Cage Mims, Iota Alpha Omega, Spring 1998
Rachelle Abram, Gamma Phi, Spring 2013
Stephanie Abram, Iota Alpha Omega, Fall 2013
Hazel Barnes Conway, Iota Alpha Omega, Fall 1985
Betina Bolin Brandon, Gamma Phi, Fall 1993

General Colin Powell said, "Wise is the person who fortifies his life with the right friendships. If you run with wolves, you will learn how to howl. But, if you associate with eagles, you will learn how to soar to great heights."



*To our mother Kim Jarratt
and all the woman of Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Jay, Casandra, and Kennedy Jarratt
want to congratulate you on achieving
50 years of scholarship and service.*

Success may come and go but Achievements remain forever.

Congratulations President Sonya D. Fiol-Grant
on leading Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Iota Alpha Omega Chapter into

50 years

*of “service to all mankind” in the
Mid-Hudson Valley communities.
I wish you growth and prosperity as
you continue our Family
legacy of perseverance
and dedication.*



Cousin Linda Venning-Baldwin, RN, MSN, CCM
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SONYA,
Your wings
already exist so
keep spreading
them and fly.

You were born to soar through life
with magnificence and confidence.
Congratulations on your chapter's
50th Anniversary! All the best to
you as you strive for excellence
while leading **AKA – ΙΑΩ Chapter**
to higher heights.



Cousin Tiffani N. Broderick

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Congratulations to our Mother

Annie Barnes Abram-Lukaitis

&

all of our Iota Alpha Omega Chapter Auntie's

as you celebrate 50 years of serving the Mid-Hudson Valley

Marley Abram Jr.

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*Congratulations to My Sissy, Marie Price,
My Goddaughter, Alandra Price, The Iota
Alpha Omega Chapter, & Mid-Hudson
Ivy Foundation, Inc. for "50" Years of
"Notable" Service.*

*With Sisterly Love,
Soror Loren E. Brereton*



*Congratulations
Sorors of Iota Alpha Omega!
50 Years of Service
in the
Mid-Hudson Valley*

*What an achievement! May you continue to
provide programs that serve the community.
Love, Soror Gaynelle Shorter*

Soror Janeth Herrera

and her daughter

Gabriela Nunn Herrera,

would like to wish the

Illustrious Ladies of the

Iota Alpha Omega Chapter

of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

a very Happy

FIFTY YEARS



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Alpha Kappa Alpha - Iota Alpha Omega Chapter ~

50
1969
2019

YEARS

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"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. She does not set out to be a leader, But becomes one by the equality of her actions and the integrity of her intent." Douglas MacArthur

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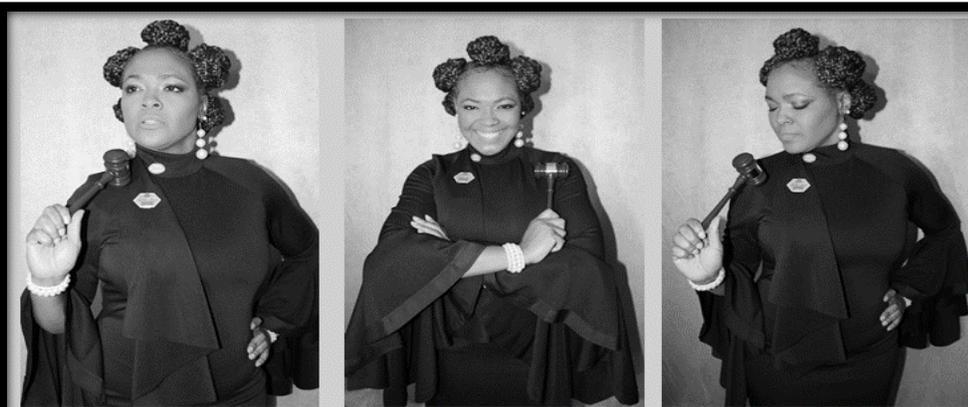
*love your cousin,
Soror Felicity Johnson*

Congratulations Soror Joy Young & Iota Alpha Omega Chapter



*Congratulations to our Mother
Hazel R. Conway
&
the Iota Alpha Omega Chapter
as you celebrate 50 years of serving the Mid-Hudson Valley!
Love,
Curtis Conway & Bre'Anna Moore*

"To Whom Much is Given Much is Required"



PRESIDENT OF IOTA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER OF MID-HUDSON VALLEY, NY - 2019 & 2020



*For God said,
"I'll make a woman"
A woman of substance,
A woman of pride,
A woman who is able
to put petty things
aside.*



*A woman of integrity,
A woman of love,
A woman who is worthy
of the treasures
from above,
A woman who is
genuine,
A leader in every way.
God said, "I'll make a
woman
I'll call her an AKA.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN*

SONYA D. GRANT

Continue to find Balance in the many appointments of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
that have been bestowed upon you!

You've got the tools needed to succeed.

CONGRATULATIONS on Leading the
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FIFTIETH YEAR

in serving Mid-Hudson Valley, NY!



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1970	Margo Davis	1983	Robert Watson Theresa Banks Everett Harper	1996	Theresa Bell Kelvin Bunn Gervan Williams	2009	Brianna Young Jesikka Ross Camille Reeves
1971	Richard Whitted	1984	Robert Medley Keith Chang Lela Haris	1997	Elijah Beamon Victoria Green Christine Verzosa	2010	Rainya Heath Enow Neba Ebbott Sheri Reid
1972	Vicki Byrd	1985	Vanessa Akins Angela Jones Lauren Smith	1998	Eric Jason Adams A'Lynne M. Green Candra A. Smith	2011	Shavon Ashe Alexandria Batchelor Raul Castillo Britney Mason Tyler Pluchino
1973	Joyce Ingram	1986	Lana Jackson Glenn Northern Vera Perry	1999	Edwina Bourn Ammon Croston LaToya S. Irvin Shondra M. Jones Charnetta Smith	2012	Teresa Peralta Lisandra Cosme Abigail Ruiz
1974	Edwena Kelly	1987	Leya Cotton Scott Edwards Debra Harper	2000	Baker Nsubuga Celia Rivera Sheri Anne Sealey	2013	Joshua Taylor Malaysia Morrison Jayson Leigh Rahani Green Anna Nixon
1975	Charles Warner Vernon Banks Vanessa Roberts	1988	Rodney Martin Nicole Singh	2001	Nicola Douglas Jennifer Williams	2014	Amanda Lugo Shamenica Davis Cody Lueng
1976	Anita Williamson	1989	Sonya Grey Wanda Toro Raymond Faulk	2002	Iyamide House Brian Ottey Zara St. Croix	2015	Nina Scott Diamond Defairia Lauren Joyner
1977	Charlene Crawford	1990	Kimara Young Carolyn Jacobs Eric Bradford	2003	Florence Evina-Ze Kerry Garcon Sade' Johnson	2016	Babatunde Ogunlande Destini McMillan Tiffany Brooks
1978	Cathy Ann Cave	1991	Garlen Leung Tamara Morgan Grace Yen Shen	2004	Victoria Haynes Samuel Simmons Dana Jones	2017	Oreoluwa Odeniyi Carisma Collins Jasmeen Kaur Dominik Kovalcik Aminah Taariq
1979	Dallas Cox	1992	Bonita McMullen Steven Richards Briselda Steele	2005	Vanessa Cook Ashley Evans Dornn Harris	2018	Katrina Poon Alexander Cestari Autumn Lennon Kristina McKenzie Diamond Orji
1980	Felicia Watson	1993	Victoria Barnes Autumn Cutler Danette Gerald Arthur Smith	2006	Acacia Bellamy Angela Brandon Tiffany Davis	2019	Deeya Modhwadiya Alexander Giangrasso Jessica Jaeb Sydney Reed
1981	Erica McDuffie	1994	Tulani Freeman Dwayne Mann Patrice Saunders	2007	Maykel Desir Sonja Bostic Brittany Melvin	2019 cont'd	Kyle Thompson Grace Wainwright Tatiana Palacios Nnaedozie Ezeile
1982	Sharon Mayfield	1995	Amanda Benjamin Monique Jones Johnita Byrd	2008	Kerrie Landell Danissa House Lai Chuen Lau		



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