



# Alpha Zeta Chapter NEWS

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Greetings, Sorors,  
Welcome to the new year  
of service to Iota Phi  
Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Vanetta J. Cobbs  
Chapter President

## **Chapter Officers Elected to serve for the 2024-2025 sorority year:**

President – Vanetta J. Cobbs  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – DeJeanette Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – LaTavia Jones  
Recording Secretary – Paula A. Sams  
Corresponding Secretary – Melissa Nash  
Financial Secretary – Paula Carey-Moore  
Treasurer – Stephanie Piatt-Terry  
Journalist – Robyn Greenlee  
Dean of Intake – Lillian Blackshear-Summers

## **Annual Chapter Summit**

The annual Chapter Summit Meeting was held Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the Ferguson Empowerment Center. Sorors began the new year with reflection upon their individual ‘chapter report cards’ to determine how well they have served the chapter and how they might improve for the new sorority year. Soror DeJeanette Williams led the chapter in an excellent icebreaker and bonding activity: a bingo game that required each Soror to “Find Someone Who...” fit the categories of the bingo squares in order to get to know each other better. A LOT of common, unusual and unique talents and experiences were

discovered amongst our Sisterhood! A Google Chapter Calendar was discussed and demonstrated, and a new intra-chapter communications tool was introduced:



**Turtle Connection**, which uses the GroupMe app for cell phones. Sorors can post greetings, announcements, reminders, and so much more. Chapter officers were also appointed to stay in contact with designated Sorors to keep them in the loop of the chapter activities. Committee signups began, with Sorors encouraged to either fill the chairs or become members of the various committees that support the programs and works of our chapter. And, of course, we were treated to excellent food and beverages.

## **45<sup>th</sup> Central Regional Conference March 13 – 16, 2025**

Alpha Zeta is the Host chapter for the 45<sup>th</sup> Central Regional Conference. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 11228 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044. The rooms will cost \$130 per night. Room reservations will close on February 11, 2025; if you’re planning to stay at the hotel don’t wait until it’s too late! Conference fees are \$300, payable to the Central Region. Registration deadline is February 15, 2025, with a \$20 late fee charged after that date. Two fundraisers were announced by the Regional Conference Planning Chair, Soror Paula Sams: a \$75 assessment of all financial Sorors and a gas card raffle to support the financial needs of hosting the

conference such as drinks and snacks for the Hospitality Suite. If you have not yet volunteered to help with the regional conference, please reach out to Soror Paula Sams.

### AEW Awardees Reception



In celebration of American Education Week in November – a national program of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. –

Alpha Zeta Chapter hosts the “Apple for the Teacher” Luncheon. At this event, educators from the greater St. Louis area are honored for their dedication and service to their students. A reception was held in September to meet and greet the twenty-two members of the Class of 2024 AEW Awardees. During this informal reception, the awardees met with the AEW Committee, chaired by Soror Paula Sams, to learn about the event, its timeline, the expectations of the chapter and have any questions that they may have answered.

### Membership



Our Dean of Intake, Soror Lillian Blackshear-Summers, and the Membership Committee have started planning for a Fall 2024 Lomepa Club. An induction is tentatively planned for January 2025. More news a bit later!

### October



The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; a month in which we, as business and professional women, redouble our efforts to make sure that we, our female family members, coworkers and friends stay aware of the toll that breast cancer takes upon Women of Color. We must learn and educate others to check our breasts monthly, get our annual mammograms, and support activities that

promote breast cancer awareness and the search for a cure.



On Saturday, October 5, 2024, Alpha Zeta Sorors strutted their stuff in the Annual Sista Strut and Golfed for the Cure.



### Local New Chapter News

A new Central Region chapter will soon be chartered in Lake St. Louis. Sorors Dorlita Adams, Miranda Avant-Elliott, Chantal Casey, Robyn Greenlee, and Tina Phillips will become charter members of this new chapter. Further news of their chartering and induction of new members will be announced soon.

Upward and Onward!

