

# BRADFIELD BRIEF

ETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED



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## A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER



Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

**AUGUST IS  
NATIONAL  
WELLNESS MONTH**

This August, take the "I Choose Wellness" pledge and make a promise to yourself to prioritize your self-care. Choose one small daily habit, such as drinking 64 ounces of water daily or walking 10,000 steps. Taking the 31 day challenge during National Wellness Month will help you discover a new way to can take care of yourself. You might consider exploring different offers at your local spa and wellness business to try something new!

NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH | August  
 Founded in 2018 by National Day Calendar® and Live Love Spa.

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Congratulations to Alpha Epsilon Chapter from the Mid-Eastern Region for providing the new theme.

**“Eta Phi Beta Women of Distinction, Driven with Determination to Serve Others”**

New theme effective August 1, 2025



“NOT FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR OTHERS”

## Beginning of the Sorority Year - Annual Setting-Up Conference

The Annual Setting-Up Conference is the first meeting of the sorority year, and is held in the month of September. This meeting is designed to define the goals and objectives for the upcoming sorority year.

Each chapter should prepare an annual budget.

Detailed Explanation:

- A budget is a planning tool that helps to effectively manage the affairs of a chapter.
- A budget is a plan that identifies what you expect to earn (revenue) and spend (expenses) for a Sorority year.
- A balanced budget should be adopted by every chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for each Sorority year.
- It is the responsibility of the Finance and Budget committee to develop an annual proposed budget, using the account codes as defined in the Accounting Manual.
- The Grammateus and Tamiouchos should always be members of the Finance and Budget Committee.
- The Basileus is an ex officio member of the Finance and Budget Committee.
- Separate budgets should be prepared for the operating fund and the benefit/charitable fund
- The budget must be prepared **before** the start of the Sorority year in preparation for its adoption at the Setting-Up Meeting in September.
- Plenty of time should be allowed to prepare the budget and present the budget to the Executive Board and the membership.
- The budget should be reviewed by the Executive Board and recommended to the full body for approval.

Resource:

*Accounting for Regional Directors and Chapter Basilei 2019*  
*Handbook for Leadership Training March 15, 2019*



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# 27th Mid-Eastern Conference Columbia, SC - July 17-19, 2025

Youth Workshop



Youth President  
Morgan Davis



Talent  
Alpha Epsilon Chapter



Talent  
Epsilon Beta Chapter



Talent  
Alpha Rho Chapter



Youth Talent



MER Miss Honey Doll  
Dakota Smallwood



Talent  
Delta Omega Chapter



Alpha Rho Youth with Youth Advisor  
Georgia Shepard showing off their  
Youth Group Pins



**First Time Attendees**  
with President Dr. Lillie Robinson and MER Director  
Brenda McLean Ross  
Edna Jones Houge, Violer Johnson, Linda Ademoso,  
Kristy Thorne, Alicia Gibson Robinson, Irene Bush

SHAD Sylvester Cash representing the National  
Council of SHADs with engaging conversation on  
money, dreams and aspirations



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MER Queen Bee winner Marilyn Cash pictured with Rene Pauch and Edna Jones Houge



### Workshops

Presenters Ann Harris (Chapter Finance and Accounting) and Juanita Jones (Nuts and Bolts of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated).



### A Night of Elegance & Pearls

MER Queen Cassandra Madden (Alpha Theta) Grand Basileus  
National Queen Margo Jackson (SER and Delta Chapter)

## HATS OFF! CERTIFICATE OF SUPPORT

presented to

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

# Mid-Eastern Region

for their generous support of the

2026 Youth Conference

in the amount of

Five hundred dollars and no/100

\$500.00



MER presented a charitable donation, in the amount of \$600.00, to Autism Academy of South Carolina

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# 29th Southeastern Region Conference Deerfield Beach, FL - July 24-27, 2025

SE Region Youth at Opening Ceremony



SHAD Cooper at Opening Ceremony and  
City Councilman Bobby Powell



SER Opening Ceremony Dias

Michelle Brimberry, Zariya Sutton, Rev.  
Times, Ta'Nailiya Thomas, Speaker, Dr. Renee  
Pinder, and SE Director Diana Greene



First Time Attendees with Past President and  
National President

*Left to right*  
President Colette McCurdy-Jackson, Sheila  
Washington, Geraldine Walton, SER Director  
Greene, Shirley Johnson, Josephine Weeden,  
Shirley Otusanya, and National President Sonda  
Bradfield



SER Youth Group



SER Youth Advisor Betty Frederick



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Latisha Love (1<sup>st</sup> time attendee),  
Director Greene, Grand Basileus  
Bradfield



SER Workshop Attendees



SER Workshop - Mentoring  
Soror Shelia Washington



SER Meet the Candidates



Alicia Lancaster



Leatrice McMurray



Kimbelia Lark



Janice Minnis



Delores Marshall



Carolyn Taylor



Far left is SER Outgoing Queen, Soror Alicia Lancaster, Alpha Gamma Chapter. The crowning of our queen. Ms. Southeastern Region, Soror Jeanette Little-Haynes, Delta Chapter of West Palm Beach, FL, joining our National Queen, Soror Margo Jackson and Grand Basileus Sonda Bradfield...

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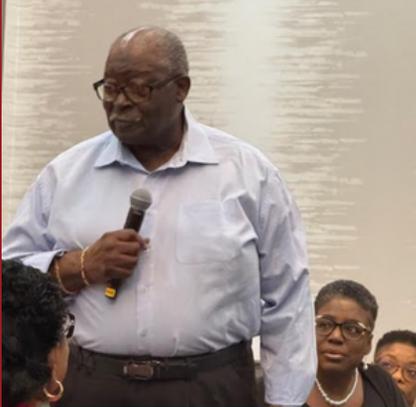
# Talent



SHAD Cooper joining in with the chapter talent



SER Youth Talent



Olivia Dassie



Gabrielle Ransom



Zariya Sutton

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in the amount of

One thousand seven hundred  
ninety-two dollars and no/100



Host chapter will present a charitable donation to the Arc of Broward, in the amount of \$1,000.00

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## **A Full Circle Moment: My Journey with Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc** **by Marcia Miller**

“There are moments in life that feel divinely aligned, as if the universe is gently reminding us of where we’ve come from, and affirming that we’re exactly where we need to be. My journey with Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is one of those moments. It is a story rooted in legacy, pride, and an unbreakable connection to my hometown of Detroit, Michigan.

Detroit is where my story began, not just in the literal sense of being born and raised there, but in a deeper, spiritual sense. It’s where I was first molded by the values of hard work, resilience, and community. It’s where my dreams were nurtured and my identity was formed. And most significantly, it’s where Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded in 1942, at the historic **Lewis College of Business**.

That connection is especially personal for me, because I am not only from Detroit, I am also a proud alumna of Lewis College of Business. I chose to matriculate at Lewis College of Business because of its prestige and my desire to pursue a career in Court Reporting. To have walked the same halls where visionary women came together to create a legacy of sisterhood, service, and excellence is something I hold close to my heart. At the time, I couldn’t have imagined that a sorority founded in the very place I was both raised and educated would later become such a meaningful part of my life.

Though life’s path eventually led me to California, the essence of Detroit never left me. The values instilled in me back home, and at Lewis College of Business, continued to guide my steps, even thousands of miles away. When I discovered an opportunity to join Eta Phi Beta here in California, it felt like more than a coincidence, it felt like destiny. I was drawn to the sorority not only because of its mission and sisterhood, but because of its roots.....my roots.

Joining Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated in California while knowing it was founded at the very college where I attended was a moment that brought everything full circle. It felt as though the spirit of Detroit and the legacy of Lewis College had followed me, and found me, reminding me that no matter how far I go, I will always carry that foundation with me.

Being a member of Eta Phi Beta has enriched my life in ways I never imagined. It has given me a community of powerful, driven women who uplift one another. It has given me purpose through service and strengthened my sense of identity. And most importantly, it has reminded me that our journeys are not random—they are rooted, connected, and often come back to where they began.

As I reflect on my journey from Detroit to California, from Lewis College of Business to Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. This is more than just a sisterhood; it is a legacy I was born into, educated by, and am now privileged to continue.

*This, for me, is not just a chapter, it is home. And I am honored to live the legacy that began at Lewis College, in the city of my birth.”*

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Parliamentarian's Corner: Chapter  
Bylaws Review  
by Regional Parliamentarian  
*Written by Karen Mathews, Northern Region  
Parliamentarian  
May 30, 2025*

Bylaws describe how an organization should be structured and governed. They also help to ensure members' compliance with rules and procedures of an organization because the document is a readily available resource.

The most current Constitution and Bylaws of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated includes amendments adopted through the 36th Biennial Grand Boulé, July 2024. This edition can be found on our national website under Member Files in the Handbooks, Manuals, and Handouts section.

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated has over forty chapters. All local chapters should have bylaws to govern the conduct of their chapter business. These bylaws should not conflict with the Grand Chapter or region bylaws. Regional Parliamentarians are tasked to assist with this oversight. The Bylaws, Article III, Section 7b, p18 of the Grand Chapter Constitution and Bylaws stipulates that "All local Chapter Bylaws shall be submitted to the Regional Parliamentarian for approval." The best time to do this is at the end of the sorority year. Bylaws templates for both chapter and regions are on our national website under Member Files in the Member Forms - Meeting Planning and Committees section.

All sorors, but especially chapter parliamentarians, should get to know their regional parliamentarian. For easy reference, please see the list below. These hard-working sorors are here to help our chapters run uniformly, orderly, and productively.

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Remember, we are joined together in sisterly love. Our shared values and work ethic help Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated stay united and strong!

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# WHAT'S NEXT?

Coming in September Issue

- **National Awareness Observance Highlights**

ALOPECIA AREATA AWARENESS MONTH | September

NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH | September

NATIONAL PAIN AWARENESS MONTH | September

PROSTATE HEALTH MONTH | September

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH | September

NATIONAL NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE AWARENESS MONTH | September

NATIONAL NICA MONTH | September

NATIONAL BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH | September

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH | September

- **Parliamentarian's Corner**
- **Food for thought**
- **More**



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Thank you

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