

URGENT RELEASE FROM: SOROR DORIS R. ASBURY, ACTING M.A. REGIONAL DIRECTOR
56TH Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference - "A Mountain Top Experience"

Dear Sorors of the Mid-Atlantic Region:

The Sorors of the Western Carolina Cluster are frequently meeting to plan for your arrival in Asheville for a "Mountain Top Experience." **This urgent release is being sent so that all sorors in the Mid-Atlantic Region will be knowledgeable about the modifications to the previously circulated conference information.**

It is paramount that chapter basilei disseminate this information to those members without email capabilities. Please note the following:

- A. **The deadline for early registration has been extended to March 5, 2009.**
- B. There will be an e-blast sent regarding on-line registration. (Sorors who have not registered will be able to do so on-line. If you have already registered, your registration will be entered by our Registration Committee and Technology Chairman.
- C. Chapters are encouraged to submit exhibits of chapter programs and activities to the Exhibits Committee.
- D. On Thursday, there will be a Pre-Conference Institute presented by our Mid-Atlantic Representatives to the International Program and Connection Committees. The title of this Institute is Unnatural Causes...is inequality making us sick? Chapter Program and Connection Chairmen, Health Professionals, and Policymakers are encouraged to attend. Join with the International Program and Connection Committees as they collaborate to Educate, Support and Promote health equity for our communities.
- E. It is mandatory that undergraduate sorors attend Workshop 03, Welcome to the Good Life: New Undergraduate Initiatives Only- (For newly initiated sorors) and Workshop 14, Pieces of the Puzzle: Moving Past the "Me and My" Mentality on Saturday. Undergraduate Membership Chairmen must attend the Undergraduate Membership Workshop to become familiar with the new process that will be implemented after the Leadership Seminar.
- F. Graduate Membership Chairmen must attend the Graduate Membership Workshop to become familiar with the new membership intake process.
- G. Information concerning the Gala is included. Please read and follow through in a timely manner.
- H. It is customary to have a community service project during our Regional Conference. This year, in our tough economic times, the Cluster wanted to show our love by donating items to MANNA Food Bank. (Information on the agency is included) Please read. The media will cover our presentation and let all in the Asheville area know that we are being of service to mankind.
- I. You do not want to miss Joey Summerville on Friday night. He is going to be DYNAMITE. Order your tickets with your registration.
- J. For the Undergraduate Mixer, Step Show, and Concert, tickets will have to be purchased by sorors for guests. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR FOR ANY EVENT** and we will not publicize through the media.
- K. Sorors, as a reminder, only Undergraduate sorors may participate in Step Shows. This policy was approved at the July Directorate meeting. Graduate sorors may participate in talent shows.

Thank you sorors for taking the time to read this message and for all you do for Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Mid-Atlantic Region in particular. I look forward to seeing all of you in Asheville for an exhilarating "Mountain Top Experience".