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**NORTH ATLANTIC
REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

March 9-12, 2023 | Philadelphia, PA

Danette Anthony Reed
International President

Erika V. Everett
EAF® Executive Director



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A MESSAGE FROM THE *Executive Director*



Sorors of the North Atlantic Region, it is my pleasure to greet you on behalf of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.[®] Board of Directors, Regional Coordinators, and Corporate Office staff. We salute the North Atlantic Region for its outstanding accomplishments and leadership. You have consistently supported EAF by motivating, cultivating, and inspiring strong member, chapter, and community engagement throughout your region.

Our EAF[®] theme for, 2022-2026, is ***“Soaring to Greater Heights of Academic Achievement.”*** Over the next four years, EAF will continue to partner with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.[®] to execute meaningful programs with measurable philanthropic impact within our chapters and communities.

Our mission to promote lifelong learning is achievable and sustainable only with the participation of you and your chapters. You have consistently raised the bar on what we can accomplish when we work together towards a common goal.

We hope you enjoy our *2023 Diamond Digest* Regional Conference newsletter. Please take a moment to read through it and celebrate the positive impact of your region throughout the year. During 2022, we awarded more than \$567,000 in scholarships, endowments, and community assistance awards to over 400 worthy students and community organizations. We also continued our commitment to supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients and a heartfelt thank you to all endowment holders in your region! Please continue to keep EAF as your charity of choice so we can continue to give in perpetuity to our students, communities, and HBCUs.

We hope to see each of you at our 2023 Scholarship and Awards luncheon during the upcoming Leadership Seminar Conference in Chicago, IL. This year’s luncheon will be held on Friday, July 14. Join us as we highlight our exceptional scholars, dazzling Platinum chapters and outstanding donors with a fabulous program ***“Soaring to Greater Heights of Academic Achievement in the Windy City.”***

Thank you for your support of the Educational Advancement Foundation. Be proud of ***your*** contributions to the mission, goals and ideals of EAF as we continue to **Promote Lifelong Learning** for years to come.

Yours in Scholarship & Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika V. Everett". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Erika V. Everett
EAF[®] Executive Director

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Sorors of the Notable North Atlantic Region:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.® is *Soaring to Greater Heights of Academic Achievement*. Now more than ever before promoting lifelong learning is quintessential to supporting students pursuing their academic goals. The Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) is the philanthropic arm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

Established in 1980, EAF has been awarding scholarships, grants, and endowment funding to ensure perpetual support for education. With net assets exceeding \$23 million, during 2022, over \$500,000 was awarded to hundreds of students and 6 community organizations.

As a region we have been instrumental in adding to the financial footprint of EAF through Chapter contributions on the Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels. Both Graduate and Undergraduate chapters have participated; however, we are striving for 100% Chapter participation during the *Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood* administration.

The North Atlantic EAF Regional Committee will be working with all EAF Chapter Captains to make this possible. We are here to provide guidance and assistance with all EAF matters and concerns. **THANK YOU** to all Chapters who “leveled up” in 2022 and we look forward to soaring to higher levels of achievement in 2023.

We are pleased that Madam Regional Director’s “*Our Voices Matter F.I.R.S.T.*” endowment is fully funded and currently has over **\$40,000** in donations. The goal is to secure **\$100,000** in this endowment by May 2023. We will also be working to secure funding for undergraduates to attend the Undergraduate Summit and other events as deemed necessary by the Regional Director.

Through your valiant efforts we were able to raise over **\$55,000** on Giving Tuesday. I am also appreciative of those Sorors who made donations to EAF all through the year. Your generous contributions are evidence of your unyielding support and impact on educational advancement.

At the upcoming Regional Conference, you will have an opportunity to support EAF activities and workshops. Please be sure to attend the EAF Breakfast where we will “*Soar for EAF*” on Saturday, March 11, 2023. We will be hosting a raffle in support of raising funds and recognizing all Chapter levels of giving.

I am also excited to invite you to attend our workshop entitled: the “*Who, What, Why, and How of EAF.*” It is vital that all Sorors understand the difference that “**YOU**” make when you give to this charitable cause. Chapter Basilei and EAF captains are highly encouraged to attend our workshop to learn more about our levels of giving, capitalized and uncapitalized endowments, scholarship programs, and current endowment portfolio.

The EAF Regional Committee is comprised of the following Graduate and Undergraduate Sorors: *Arla J. Bentley, NA Region Coordinator, Tanya Crossley, April Randall, Kym Graves, Lu-Shawn Benbow Thompson, Vonda Johnson, Shuana Tucker Sims, Imaya Collins, Malaysia Nelson, Kayla Robertson, Ruth Deigue, and Samara Smith.* We look forward to working with you and achieving higher heights of financial support for academic excellence.

Thank you to the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc. President, Danette Anthony Reed and our Regional Director, Soror Elicia Pegues Spearman for the opportunity to serve as the North Atlantic Region’s EAF Coordinator.

Serving Sisterly,

Soror Arla J. Bentley
North Atlantic EAF® Regional Coordinator



North Atlantic Region ENDOWMENTS

CAPITALIZED ENDOWMENTS

- Against All Odds Endowment Fund
- Alice S. Marriott Hospitality Endowment Fund
- Alpha Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter Endowment Fund
- Alpha Pi Wolfe Sisters (Nellie Gaylord, Marjorie L. Ushery and Ida Ross) Endowment Fund
- Anne Mitchem Davis Endowment Fund
- Ashley Tannehill Memorial Scholarship
- Caddle Family Undergraduate Endowment Fund
- Capturing The Promise Endowment Fund
- Deborah C. Brittain Endowment Fund
- Dolores Morton Spriggs Endowment Fund
- Doris J. Nunn Terry Endowment Fund
- Dr. C. Edith Booker Endowment Fund
- Dr. Julia V. Clark STEM Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Dr. Shirley A. Jackson Endowment Fund
- Dr. Yvonne Barnett And Dr. Rhoneise Barnett-Smith, MD Endowed Legacy Scholarship Fund
- E. Alma Flagg – Caroline Williams Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Edna Smoot Griffin Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Elicia Pegues Spearman, Esq- "Our Voice Matters F.I.R.S.T" Fund
- Erma W. Barron Endowment Fund
- Ernestine B. Bivens & Dr. Mabel B. Perry Endowment Fund
- Flossie M. Dedmond Endowment Fund
- Frankie Ledbetter Endowment Fund
- Franzella Buchanan Endowment Fund
- Gene-Ann Polk-Horne Endowment Fund
- Georgia Cross Kirby Endowment Fund
- Hilda Wilder Endowment Fund
- Idell Pugh Endowment Fund
- Iota Lambda Omega Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Ivy Vine Charities, Inc Endowment Fund
- J. Marjory Jackson Performing Arts Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Jacqueline & Philip Kane Endowment Fund
- John and Bella Russell Endowment Fund
- Joy Elaine Daley Endowment Fund
- Joyce V. Austin Endowment Fund
- Kristel A. Johnson Endowment Fund
- Laverna Williams Johnson Endowment Fund
- Lambda Heritage Endowment Fund
- Living Legends Grant
- Lois Mailou Jones Endowment Fund
- Madam Formers for Service and Education Endowment Fund
- Marjorie H. Parker Endowment Fund
- Mary Bentley LaMar Caring for Those Who Care Fund Endowment Fund
- Meredith Henderson Endowment Fund
- Mildred T. Kitchens/Maxine W. Thurmond Endowment Fund
- North Atlantic Diamond Soror Endowment Scholarship Fund
- North Atlantic Region Catastrophic Assistance Endowment Fund
- North Atlantic Region Pearl Soror Endowment Fund
- North Atlantic Region Self Care Fellowship Endowment Fund
- Patricia and Theresa Massey Endowment Fund
- Partica Moore Batten Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Pearl L. Harrison Fine Arts Endowment Fund
- Portentous Twist of 46 AKA Alpha Chapter 1981 Endowment Fund
- RG Wilson Health Endowment Fund
- Rose Butler Brown Scholarship Fund
- Ruth C. Easley Endowment Fund
- Ruth Simmons Endowment Fund
- Sigma Zeta Omega Scholarship Fund
- Susan Simms Marsh Endowment Fund
- Tanya M. Crossley Endowment Fund
- Upsilon Tau Omega Endowment Fund
- Verna H. Johnson Endowment Fund
- Virginia Fowler Hightower Endowment Fund
- Wilma Holmes Tootle Endowment Fund

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ENDOWMENTS

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UNCAPITALIZED ENDOWMENTS

- Alisa R. Drayton Scholarship Endowment Fund
- The Bessie and Albert Session Legacy Fund
- Black Jewels - Rasheena Wilson Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Cournetta Crenshaw Endowment Fund
- DeWitt Gilliam Educational Enrichment Endowment Fund
- Giovanni M. Van Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Janie Barksdale Chatman & Mae Lue Chatman McIntosh Public School Educators Fund
- Leona K. Baylor Endowment Fund
- Dr. Mary A. Jackson Endowment Fund
- Minniffee-Lowe Scholarship Fund for Excellence in Legal Education Endowment Fund
- Mu Delta Chapter- Jocelyn Yankey Scholarship Fund
- Pink and Green Women of Orange Alumnae Endowment Fund
- PSU Delta Gamma Chapter Epiphany Spring 1987 Endowment Fund
- The Regina Fleming You are Enough Endowment
- Scott Family Great Expectations Scholarship Fund
- Shuqui and Syshe Autrey Endowment Fund
- Urias (Uncle Bougs) Fritz Endowment Fund
- Xi Sigma Omega Scholarship Fund
- Willie and Dorothy Reid Legacy Fund

FELLOWSHIPS

- Avis Daisy Ellison Fellowship Fund
- Capture The Promise Fellowship Fund
- Charm City Pearls/Psi Phi Omega Fellowship Fund
- Dr. Dorri Phipps Lupus Fellowship Fund
- Juanita A. Wilkinson Fellowship Fund
- Kafi Wilford Constantine Fellowship Fund
- Mona Calhoun HBCU Scholarship Fellowship Fund
- William Paterson University Fellowship Fund
- Xi Zeta Omega Fellowship Fund

NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ENDOWMENTS

- Undergraduate Centennial Endowment Fund
- Undergraduate Flourish Launching New Dimensions Fund
- Undergraduate Global Leadership Endowment Fund
- Undergraduate Launching New Dimensions Fund

NATIONAL FOUNDERS ENDOWMENTS

- Ethel Hedgemon Lyle Leadership Endowment Fund
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Founders Fund
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporators Endowment Fund

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EAF SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY JULY 14 2023

Chicago, Illinois

North Atlantic Region ENDOWMENT RECIPIENTS

Dr. Julia V. Clark STEM Endowment Fund

- Madison Smith

Ivy Vine Charities, Inc Endowment Fund

- Arafat Kabir

Laverna Williams Johnson Endowment Fund

- Tyra Saxton

Leadership Fellows Boule/ Leadership Seminar Assistance Fund

- Taylor John

Mary Bentley Lamar Caring for Those Who Care Fund

- Shelley Worrell

North Atlantic Diamond Soror Endowment Fund

- Anna Booker
- Claryce Holmes
- Carolyn Wilkerson

MARRIOTT SCHOLARS

- Shierra King
- Tiffany Norman
- Jaylyn Tinker

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

- Kah'lil Jumper Hicks

FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Xi Zeta Omega Fellowship Fund

- Apple Tree Institute

Kafi Wilford Constantine Fellowship Fund

- Cierra McKenzie



SCHOLAR PROFILE

Camille West

Camille West is a senior at Widener University. She has a 3.8 GPA and is majoring in Social Work. Camille takes pride in being a Resident Assistant. She is an active member of the Black Student Union and the Student Government Association. During the summer, she volunteers at Camp St. Vincent, a summer camp for homeless intercity youth in Baltimore, as a camp counselor. Camille's goal is to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with the hopes of opening her own private practice/ human service agency with the goal of working with non-profit organizations, giving clinical help to those in need, and be of service to the community at-large. Funding from the Educational Advancement Foundation will help her succeed in all her aspirations.



North Atlantic Region SCHOLARS

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS

- **Chelsea Adinuba**
University of Pittsburgh
- **Fernando R. Avila**
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- **Kristina Brown**
Seton Hall University
- **Monique Bryan-Johnson**
Nassau Community College
- **Mariojardel Centeio**
Bridgewater State University
- **Kiera Daughtry**
Spelman College
- **Makayla Dawkins**
University of Connecticut
- **Darienne Dennis**
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Montclair State University
- **Julia Evanusa**
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- **Valeria Garcia**
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- **Bethelihem Habtu Gebresilasie**
New York University
- **Zolani Grady**
Towson University
- **Shierra King**
Howard University
- **Shannon Kirkpatrick**
Syracuse University
- **Jada Martin**
Lincoln University
- **Kayla Miller**
University of Delaware
- **Nia Moore**
Chamberlain University

- **Samuel Orseno**
High Point University
- **Jared Robinson**
Towson University
- **Nafisah Scott**
Prince George's Community College
- **Sydney Stuart**
Howard University
- **Camille West**
Widener University

GRADUATE SCHOLARS

- **Jessia Marie Avila**
Columbia University
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The City College of New York
- **Dean Dello Buono**
La Salle University
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Alpha Alpha Tau Omega	Pi Theta
Alpha Beta Upsilon Omega	Psi Phi Omega
Epsilon	Rho Gamma Omega
Epsilon Upsilon Omega	Sigma Psi Omega
Iota Alpha	Tau Theta
Lambda Omega Omega	Theta Epsilon Omega
Mu Delta	Theta Nu
Omega Pi Omega	Theta Phi Omega
Omicron Eta	Upsilon Gamma
Phi Eta Omega	Upsilon Theta
	Xi Xi Omega



Alpha Alpha Lambda Omega	Omicron Gamma Omega
Alpha Beta Pi Omega	Phi Beta Omega
Delta Pi Omega	Pi Xi Omega
Epsilon Omicron Omega	Psi Iota Omega
Iota Epsilon Omega	Rho Mu Omega
Iota Lambda Omega	Rho Theta Omega
Iota Tau Omega	Sigma Zeta Omega
Mu Delta	Tau Delta Omega
Nu Xi Omega	Theta Psi Omega
Nu Zeta Omega	Upsilon Delta Omega
Omega Mu Omega	Xi Chi Omega
Omega Psi Omega	Xi Zeta Omega
Omega Zeta Omega	Zeta Omega



Alpha Omicron	Pi Pi Omega	Upsilon Epsilon Omega
Beta Alpha Omega	Pi Theta Omega	Upsilon Tau Omega
Delta Iota	Psi Epsilon Omega	Xi Omega
Eta Omega Omega	Rho Kappa Omega	Xi Sigma Omega
Iota Gamma Omega	Rho Xi Omega	Zeta Nu Omega
Lambda	Tau Nu Omega	
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