Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was the first Greek-lettered organization established by Black college women in America. Led by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is “to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind.” Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was incorporated on January 29, 1913 to ensure perpetuity. It has grown from one undergraduate chapter in 1908 to an international organization consisting of 352 undergraduate chapters and 551 graduate chapters totaling over 250,000 college-trained women from around the world by June, 2008. Its membership consists of women of distinction and exemplary character who excel in scholarship, leadership and service. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the epitome of service, sisterhood, class, grace and finer womanhood.

Alpha Delta Omega Chapter, a graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is a prominent service organization located in Nashville, Tennessee. As a result of the 1926 Boule ruling requiring graduates and undergraduates to become separate chapters, Alpha Delta Omega was separated from Pi Chapter of Fisk University. It was organized on October 9, 1927. The charter was signed by National President, Pauline Puryear, in December, 1927. Since its chartering, the Alpha Delta Omega Chapter has played an integral part in providing a variety of social, political, economic and cultural services to the residents of Nashville and the surrounding communities.

In its quest, “to become supreme in service to all mankind” the Alpha Delta Omega Chapter engages in various community service projects, health initiatives and literacy programs. It also funded scholarships, sponsor educational and cultural projects to strengthen families and enrich the community. Through collaborative efforts with such
organizations as the Boys and Girls Club, YWCA, The Urban League and Second Harvest Food Bank, the Alpha Delta Omega Chapter has greatly advanced towards becoming “supreme in service.”

Today, Alpha Delta Omega Chapter boasts of over 200 members and owns its sorority house, The Ivy Center of Nashville. It was built on three acres of land in Northeast Nashville purchased by the sorority. Through an aggressive giving program, the mortgage was burned after only five (5) years. In addition to holding its sorority meeting there, the building also serves the community as a place to host social activities, public workshops, seminars and tutorial classes.

The Alpha Delta Omega Foundation, Incorporated, the charitable arm of the sorority, was incorporated May 19, 1987. It sponsors fundraising activities such as the Biennial Precious Pearls Cotillion and more recently, the Johnella H. Martin Emerald Ball. Money raised from the Cotillion provides scholarships to deserving college-bound high school seniors. For each of the past two years, the Foundation has awarded more than $19,000 in scholarships to area students. Funds generated from the Emerald Ball provided financial support for the Sickle Cell Program at Meharry Medical College. Other organizations which receive charitable donations include: Fisk University, Tennessee State University, American Baptist College, Meharry Hubbard Hospital, Opportunity Industrialization Center (O.I.C.), Job Corps and the United Negro College Fund.
Fast Facts about Alpha Delta Omega Chapter

Chartered: December 1927

Number of Active Members: 206

Names of Charter Members:
- Retha Beck
- Theresa Birch
- Lula S. Craighead
- Florence T. Forde
- Millie Hale
- C. Russell Harris
- Jennie McFarland
- Erma Parker
- Pauline Sneed
- Bessie Dixon Warner

Names of Present and Former Basilei with Dates of Service
- Bessie D. Warner 1927-28 Lua Bartley 1959-61
- Florence T. Forde 1929 Ola Hudson 1961-65
- Dorothy Burdine 1930-31 Johnella Martin 1966-69
- Christine Harris 1932-33 Ida K. Martin 1970-73
- Mildred Freeman 1934-35 Lillian D. Thomas 1974-77
- Pearl Gore 1936-37 Gwendolyn Vincent 1978-81
- Alma Watkins 1940-42 Barbara Harris 1986-89
- Mary Walker 1943-44 Gwendolyn Sharp 1990-93
- Ivanetta Davis 1946-48 Blanche M. Stevens 1998-01
- Mildred Freeman 1949-52 Francene Gilmer 2002-2005
- Mary Walker 1953-54 Minty Rich Ballard 2006-Present
- Geraldine Fort 1955-58

Significant Programs:
- 1950’s - Youth Clinics in the High Schools which included mental, social, spiritual, and physical health
- 1960’s Enrichment Program – Thirty-six at-risk girls were nurtured, exposed to activities including opera, dance performances and social activities, from seventh grad to graduation from twelfth grade. All thirty-six girls graduated.
- 1975 – Sponsored the first biennial “Precious Pearls Cotillion.” It has been the single fundraiser since that time. Scholarships are given annually to approximately ten college-bound ladies. Tennessee State University, the chapter’s adopted, HBCU School, receives annual donations. The other local Black institutions, Meharry, American Baptist College, and Fisk University receive donations on a rotation system. Donations to UNCF are earmarked for Fisk University.
- 1985 – Established the Alpha Delta Omega Foundation.
- 1999 – Purchased ten electronic pianos and offered lessons for children and adults at the Ivy Center of Nashville.
Two valuable programs are offered to youth in the community; Youth in Politics and Our Kids Doing Business, an introduction to entrepreneurship.

Other Pertinent Information Historically:
- Though chartered in 1927, Alpha Delta Omega and Pi Chapter of Fisk hosted the 1933 Boulé. 1948 – Alpha Delta Omega was host to the Regional Conference on April 15-17, 1948. They also hosted the 1949 South Eastern Regional Conference. Before the 1954 Nashville Boulé, Alpha Psi Chapter of Tennessee State University was chartered.
- C. Russell Harris was elected South Eastern Regional Director in 1933.
- During the decade, 1937-47, Fashionetta was a national and local fundraiser.
- During this period, Marion Anderson was presented in concert three times.
- In 1942, Collye Lee Riley was elected South Eastern Regional Director.
- Alpha Delta Omega was placed on National Honor Roll in 1946 for reporting regularly to the Ivy Leaf. Soror Pearl Gore was the Reporter to the Ivy Leaf.
- The Chapter’s scrapbook, prepared by Soror Ruth McAlpin won first prize at the South Eastern Regional Conference in 1950.
- In 1952, Soror Mildred Freeman wrote script for Fashionetta in order for the national body of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to submit it to the United States Government for copyright.
- 1951-52, Alpha Delta Omega received the Marie Woolfork Taylor Graduate Achievement Cup at the South Eastern Regional Conference in Atlanta, Ga.
- Lois Daniel was elected South Eastern Regional Director in 1954. During this period, on the national level, Mary Walker and Mary Torian were Financial Directors and Alma Watkins was a member of the National Improvement Project (NIP), which generated funds for the Ivy Center in Chicago.
- Mabel Crook served as Editor of the Ivy Leaf for several years.
- In 1978, Johnella Martin was elected South Eastern Regional Director and served from 1978-81. Lettie Galloway was Chair of the National Archives Committee. Earline Hudson was a member of the National Archives Committee.
- Ida K. Martin served as South Eastern Regional Director from 1990-1994.
- In the 90’s, Barbara Harris was appointed as Cleveland Job Corp Regional Coordinator.
- Lillian Dunn Thomas was a member of the NIP. She also served as one of the last National Graduate Members-at-Large.
- Lettie Galloway and Virginia Westbrook are former members of the National EAF Board. Soror Virginia Westbrook’s husband was the first recognized “Man of Money” for the Foundation.
- In 1990, formally adopted Tennessee State University as an HBCU school.
- In 1990, Alpha Delta Omega issued an invitation to host the 2004 Boulé in Nashville Tennessee.
- In 1991, Founder Lorraine Green keynote speaker for the chapter’s Founders’ Day.
- During Gwendolyn Sharp’s administration, 2.7 acres of land was purchased.
- In November 1997 during Ida Black’s administration, ground was broken for a chapter house. The $250,000 mortgage was borrowed from Citizens Bank; a black owned and operated business. This loan at 6% was a substantial
investment in the black community. A black architect and most contractors for the period were from the black community.

- On November 15, 1998, during the administration of Blanche M. Stevens, the Ribbon Cutting was held for the completed Ivy Center of Nashville.
- Regional Directors present for the opening of the Ivy Center of Nashville were the 19th, Ida K. Martin, the 20th, Vanessa Rogers Long, and the 21st, Jo Celeste Pettway.
- Rental of The Ivy Center of Nashville to the Nashville community brings economic empowerment to the chapter and the community.
- Soror Ola Hudson recognized at the 2001 South Eastern Regional Conference as the Omicron Omega Golden Soror of the Year
- 2002 - Francene Gilmer served on the International Constitution and By-Laws Committee and Blanche M. Stevens served on the International Time and Place Committee
- 2003 – Mortgage Retirement Ceremony - Member contributions completed the mortgage on our $500,000 chapter building, the Ivy Center of Nashville. Sorors contributed a majority of the money over the 5-year period, including $30,000, contributed between September and October of 2003. The mortgage was retired and burned at a Mortgage Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, November 9, 2003. Vice Mayor, Howard Gentry, Jr., presented Alpha Delta Omega Chapter a citation for the completion of the mortgage.
- 2003 – Implemented the use of the PhoneMaster Easy Caller System, named the “Ivy Vine”. This system allows broadcast of recorded messages to the entire membership via the telephone. The “Ivy Vine” our customized name, also delivers messages to subcommittees in a timely manner.
- 2003 – Implemented the AKA VOLS (Volunteering Our Lovely Sorors Program). The AKA Vols program was designed to track the volunteer activities of sorors whose efforts benefit the sorority’s target programs. It is also designed to demonstrate the impact our combined efforts have on the betterment of our community. Twenty-eight sorors actively participated.
- 2003 – Implemented the Martha O’Bryan Center Collaboration – This community agency is located in a developing area of the city. Many families are classified as low-income, single mother families. Sorors assisted in its computer labs, classrooms for mothers to learn home-making skills or assisted with the Food Bank. 5 boxes of food were donated to its food bank.
- The 15th and 16th Biennial Precious Pearls Cotillion was hosted in 2003 and 2005. $1,000, $750 and $500 scholarships were awarded to the top three debutantes. Seven other debutantes received $100 savings bonds.
- 2003-2004 – Francene Gilmer served on the National Graduate-Undergraduate Concerns Committee and Ida K. Martin served on the National Diamond/Golden Soror Committee.
- 2004 – Alpha Delta Omega sorors participated and placed 2nd in the Unity Stompfest for JWW Ministries Millennium Scholarship Fund to help raise scholarship funds for the community.
- Boulé 2004 – Sorors of Cluster IIB planned this event with the Corporate Office. Gwendolyn Sharp served as the General Chairman, and Soror Francene Gilmer as a Co-Chairman. More than 10,000 sorors attended. Laura Bush, the U. S. First Lady spoke on No Child Left Behind, the Young Authors First Book was
unveiled; Yolanda Adams was featured in concert, and many other highlights. Alpha Delta Omega hosted the first Boulè Meet and Greet to help Sorors of Cluster IIB become acquainted and establish closer bonds of sisterhood, which was considered critical to become a unified group to host Boulé 2004. More than 150 sorors from the 5 graduate chapters and 5 undergraduate chapters attended. The program consisted of an impromptu talent show by grouped sorors. The event was very successful. Kappa Lambda Omega hosted the second Boulè Meet and Greet.

- October 2004 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Implemented recognition of breast cancer survivors during the October 2004 Chapter meeting. Each survivor told her story of detection and treatment while encouraging all to have annual breast examinations. Each survivor received a token of love from the chapter. This program continues currently.

- 2004-2005 - The Children at the Frist Center – Alpha Delta Omega sponsored youth at the Frist Center for the Arts. The children were exposed to the traveling art exhibit and the Museum of Art for Kids.

- The Children at the Ivy Center of Nashville – Local artists provided instruction to 20 children ages 7-12 for a week long “Arts Camp”.

- 2004-2005 – Implemented the Kids Café Christmas Party – Collaborated with the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Renaissance Hotel Nashville to provide a breakfast for 1000 inner-city children. Sorors volunteer to serve breakfast, help with game stations and activities, and distribute Christmas gifts donated by other companies and organizations. This program is supported annually.


- 2005 - Community Arts Tour – Supported the fundraiser for the Cervical Cancer Coalition. Artists instructed students whose artwork was sold at an auction, raising $4,000. Francene Gilmer appeared on a television program to discuss the fundraiser and cervical cancer. Alpha Delta Omega received the Community Art Tour Plaque for support of Cervical Cancer.

- “Let Freedom Sing” Concert - Each year the Alpha Delta Omega Foundation supports this community Arts Program by purchasing tickets to the event. The event highlights a program focusing on the Civil Rights Struggle and features the Nashville Symphony chorus in which Alpha Delta Omega members, sing, local and national artist, and a community choir featuring over 100 youth voices. Soror Edwina Hefner served as a member on the board for many years.

- Technology Committee established, and implemented the following initiatives:
  - Established Chapter Website
  - Nashville –COOL – Communities Organized on Line – Soror Deborah Broadwater completed an application, which resulted in the chapter receiving a computer and printer for use at the Ivy Center of Nashville.
  - Use of Laptop and LCD Projector – Chapter purchased a laptop and LCD projector to enhance and technologically facilitate communication during chapter meetings. Eliminates distribution of paper unnecessarily.
- OIC – Occupational Industrialization Center – Alpha Delta Omega collaborated with this established community agency whose goals and target audience coincide with those of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. OIC provides computer training, life skills training, personal fiscal management, and job placement. Members of the Chapter help with fundraising efforts and the each new Basileus serves as the keynote speaker at the OIC commencement.

- 2005 - 73rd South Eastern Regional Conference, Memphis, TN – Alpha Delta Omega was the recipient of the following awards: Johnnetta Walker Kelso - Basileus of the Year; Carrie Taylor Arts; Omicron Omega Golden Soror of the Year; Jean Tolbert – Newsletter; Kappa Lambda Omega – Community Health Awareness Award

- 2006 Highlights:
  - 2006 – 74th South Eastern Regional Conference – Alpha Delta Omega received the following awards: Velma Lois Jones – New Soror of the Year; Carrie Taylor Arts Award, Jean Tolbert Newsletter Award
  - 2006 – Walking 1908 – Getting Fit, Fine and Fabulous – Soror Marie King recommended that Alpha Delta Omega submit a Regional Resolution to the 74th South Eastern Regional Conference to initiate a health walk leading to the Centennial Boule’ to be held in Washington, D.C. This resolution accepted at the Regional Level, became a part of the ESP National Programs. Soror Marie and Alpha Delta Omega were acknowledged in the Fall 2006 Ivy Leaf.
  - 2006 - Alpha Delta Omega Hosts Its First Johnella H. Martin Emerald Ball, which raised $16,000 for Sickle Cell Research at Meharry Medical College’s Sickle Center and $1,000 for the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. Sorors and their guests celebrated the life of Soror Johnella H. Martin, who was an exemplary educational leader, visionary, and community activist. Johnella Martin was President of Alpha Delta Omega (1966-69) and the 16th South Eastern Regional Director. Mary Smithson Craighead received the first Johnella H. Martin Humanitarian Award (New Program)
  - Alpha Delta Omega in partnership with the Health Committee and the Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Coalition to support the “Witness Project”. The Ivy Center of Nashville was offered as the site to train Breast and Cervical Cancer survivors to speak to others about surviving these diseases. The Witness Project was launched in Nashville, TN on September 16, 2006. (New Program)
  - American Cancer Society/ADO “Look Good Feel Better Program—Sorors donated gently used wigs and monetary funds for chemotherapy patients (New Program)
  - As an opportunity to increase minority participation, collaborated with the Vanderbilt University Bill Wilkerson Center for Speech and Hearing for Stuttering Screening Access to this level of screening is cost prohibitive to minorities. Volunteers participated as both children who stuttered as well as children who did not stutter. Data is gathered from children who did not stutter and used as a baseline for research. The Basileus’ granddaughter, Aries Ballard participated as one who did not stutter. The benefits of this participation are immeasurable for research.
Mass Payments Honor Roll - Alpha Delta Omega, and the undergraduate chapters it sponsors, Eta Beta and Alpha Psi, were recognized as Early Adapters—December 2005-January 2006 for successfully using the Mass Payments System to pay its 2006 member per capita online.

Soror Francene Gilmer appointed the National Protocol Chairman at the 2006 Boule in Detroit.

Soror Minty Rich Ballard, Basileus, Alpha Delta Omega, appointed as the 75th South Eastern Regional Conference Co-Chairman, for the historical Diamond Anniversary as a Region (75 Years as a Region) and leading to the Centennial Celebration of 100 years as a Sorority, to be held October 18-21, Nashville, Tennessee.

Historical video, tape, copy of 1954 Boule Program, etc. was submitted for the Traveling Exhibit Boule 2008. Ivy Center History was also submitted to the National Office.

2007 Highlights:

- Recognition of Veterans – New Program - The Black Family Committee Donated $100 in Recognition of Veterans on Veteran’s Day – 4 ADO members recognized for serving the military and protecting our country; Soror Nneka Gordon, Soror Rebecca Jennings, Soror Linda Lewis, and Soror LoLita Toney

- Regional appointments: Soror Minty Rich Ballard, appointed to the Regional Standards Committee; Regional Recommendation Committee Chairman; and the Cluster IIB Coordinator; Soror Linda Spears and Soror Ida K. Martin, the Regional Heritage Committee Members; Soror Bobbie Williams – Regional Founder’s Day Representative; Soror Marcellina Claybon-Watkins, serves on the Regional Protocol Committee

- Alpha Delta Omega received the following awards at the 75th South Eastern Regional Conference: Basileus of the Year (Large Chapter); Kappa Lambda Omega Health Awareness Award; Certificate for NAACP Membership – 50% or more

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We hope this information was useful to your research and we invite you to contact our Archivist, Dr. Eva B. Moorman, should additional information be needed. Her contact information is as follows: Dr. Eva B. Moorman, Archivist P. O. Box 91125 Nashville, Tennessee 37209 Emoor11@aol.com
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Alpha Delta Omega Chapter Archives Collections

Part I: 1927 - 1994
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Scope and Content

The Alpha Delta Omega Chapter Archives Collections, Part II contains the historical records of the Alpha Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. It was deposited on December 21, 2009 and comprises less than 1.0 linear foot of material. The bulk of the Part II consists of more recent Policy Documents, Publications and Media materials.

With the deposit of Part II, Alpha Delta Omega Chapter donated, Pearls of Service: The Legacy of America’s First Black Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, by Earnestine Green McNealey, 2008; the most recent history book and Past is Prologue-The History of Alpha Kappa Alpha, by Marjorie H. Parker, 1999 to the Special Collections and Archives Department of Tennessee State University in appreciation of their willingness and effort to train the chapter’s Archives Committee in archival procedures and practices and for allowing them to codify Part I of the archives. These books, once catalogued, will be housed on the shelves in Special Collections and Archives.

The Series for this deposit are as follows: Part II, Series 1: Policy Documents; 2: Publications; Series 3: Chapter Functions/Events/Property; and Series 4: Media. The quantity of documents/materials deposited was purposefully restricted this year so as to devote more time and attention to processing the initial deposit so that they would become available for public use.

The Alpha Delta Omega Chapter Archives Collections is an open-ended collection with deposits occurring annually in December.

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The Alpha Delta Omega Chapter Archives Collection contains records for public use and records reserved for sorority use only. Written permission must be secured for the reproduction of all audio and video tapes and CDs. Appointments to view rare or irreplaceable documents, books and artifacts held at the sorority house, The Ivy Center of Nashville and Off-Site Storage must be made with the Archivist, who will monitor their use and secure them upon completion. Her contact information is as follows: Dr. Eva B. Moorman, Archivist P. O. Box 91125 Nashville, Tennessee  37209 Emoor11@aol.com
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Folder 6  International History: *Past is Prologue- The History of Alpha Kappa Alpha*, by Majorie H. Parker, 1999. (Donated to Special Collections and Archives, Tennessee State University (see Shelves))
Folder 7  A Brief History of Alpha Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (1927-2007)
Folder 8  Alpha Delta Omega Foundation History, undated
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