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Maryland Chapter of International Sorority Receives Prestigious Community Service Awards

Prince George's, County, Md.— Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter (PEO), Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated® receives recognition at the 90th North Atlantic Regional Conference (NARC) held virtually in Philadelphia, Pa. on March 4-7, 2021. The chapter won first place 'Chapter of the Year' for large chapters and the 'Virtual Programming & Chapter Operations' awards.

"It is an honor to win these two very competitive awards that highlight our chapter's community service in Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt," said Benita A. Swindell, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter President. "Despite being a pandemic and having to execute nearly all of our programs virtually, we continued to serve the community."

The 'Chapter of the Year' is an award that recognizes the best of the best chapters in the region. The criteria included chapter operations, sisterly relations, visibility and external recognition, implementation of international and local sorority programs, and chapter growth. The 'Virtual Programming & Chapter Operations' award recognizes chapters for creatively and efficiently transitioning from traditional operations, programming, and fundraising to a virtual environment. This is the inaugural year of this award.

"PEO did not miss a beat in 2020. All our chapter meetings, operations, and fundraising were successfully executed virtually. Our chapter has grown by 12 percent in 2020 and executed 28 community service programs," added Swindell. "I am very proud of the hard work of our members and our unwavering support to the communities we serve in Prince George's County, Md."

The North Atlantic region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® includes 140 graduate and undergraduate chapters in Massachusetts, Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter was chartered in 2007. Since its founding, the chapter has been aggressively implementing its programs of service in the communities of Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, Maryland.