

# AKA Sorority, Inc., Pi Chapter's Centennial Celebration

## Honoring the Achievements of Fisk Grad and Sorority Sister U.S. Rep. Frederica Smith Wilson

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated “Pi Chapter” the first undergraduate chapter chartered in the South Eastern Region celebrated their “Centennial” during a fabulous “Pi Chapter Charter Day Centennial Virtual Tea” with over 500 sorority sisters, family and friends attending the event. Chairperson Kimmie Jackson and current Pi Chapter Basileus Taylor Woodard graciously welcomed and thanked the audience for joining this inaugural and auspicious occasion while inspiring all to take action and uphold the sorority’s purpose of being “Service To All Mankind.” Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated “Pi Chapter” initiated and Fisk University Alumnae Congresswoman Frederica Smith Wilson (D-FL 24th District) since 2013 was honored as the “QUEEN OF PI CHAPTER ON CAPITOL HILL.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is the oldest historically African-American Greek-lettered sorority, founded January 15, 1908 on the historic campus of Howard University as “Alpha Chapter” in Washington, DC. It is the first Greek-lettered sorority established and incorporated by African-American college-educated women and the AKA Undergraduate Chapter where United States of America Vice President Kamala Harris was initiated. “Pi Chapter” was chartered at Meharry Medical College on April 6, 1921 and moved to the historic campus of Fisk University in 1927.

Fisk University President Dr. Vann Newkirk, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover, Regional Director Mitzi Dease Paige, Jenean Davis, Ama Rowe, Malva Daniel Reid, Ph.D, Fisk graduate, Pi Chapter initiated, former Pi Chapter Basileus and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Second Supreme Anti-Basileus under 19th International Supreme Basileus, Bernice Irene Sumlin, and Brenda Lewis, Pi Chapter initiated, Fisk graduate and former Regional Director also extended greetings to the audience. Harriet Williams sang “Twenty Pearls” and Danae Dawkins provided the meditation. Roz Aker-Black, emceed the virtual tea along with Genesis Lawrence, Ayo Thomas offered “Selfie Moments, and Michelle Jones’ catering company: “Zora and Josephine Tea Room” dropped shipped pre-ordered curated meals.

AKA Mother-Daughter Monica Rhea and Rhea Beckett’ both “Pi Chapter” initiated sorority “Legacy and Double Legacy” members and Fisk University graduates respectively secured and orchestrated through their “Strategic Global Curatorial Partnerships Government Relations Firm” the exclusive United States House of Representatives Congressional Interviews, Congressio-



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nal Letters of Commendation, and Congressional Resolutions necessary to produce the first ever 30-minute “AKA DOC-U-SERIES© featuring “AKA Pi Chapter Centennial Virtual United States of America House of Representatives Capitol Hill Congressional Video Presentation©” with the following nine members of Congress extending congratulatory remarks (seven are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) to “AKA Pi Chapter” and colleague United States Congresswoman Frederica Smith Wilson: Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC 12th District) since 2014, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH 3rd District) since 2013 and Congressional Black Caucus Chair (CBC), Congressman Jim Cooper (D-TN 5th District – Nashville) since 2003, Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX 18th District) since 1995, Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX 30th District) since 1993, Terri A. Sewell (D-AL 7th District) since 2011, Lauren Underwood (D-IL 14th District) since 2021, and Frederica Smith Wilson (D-FL 24th District) since 2013. Congresswoman Wilson was presented a 7.5” tall Crystal Crown with Dangles by Monica Rhea on behalf of Pi Chapter 1975 “Notorious Untouchables 32 Strong” and Soror Daughter Rhea Beckett on behalf of the 2013 “26th Amendments.”

AKA Pi Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairs Rhonda Reece, Deena M. Kegler-Ebo, and Brooke Jackson set the stage and rolled out the establishment of the “Mary D. Shane Endowed Memorial Scholarship” to recognize her superlative leadership, diligence and community service as “Pi Chapter Graduate Advisor” and in keeping with the dormitory on campus bearing the name of “Mary D. Shane Residence Hall” where thousands of students were nurtured and guided by her wisdom and knowledge to established academic heights within and without Fisk University. Jaelyn Spikner extended closing remarks for the spectacular virtual tea.

United States of America Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX 18th District) since 1995 signed a “United States of America House of Representatives Congressional Resolution” acknowledging “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Pi Chapter Centennial Celebration: Service To All Mankind” and the establishment of the “Mary D. Shane Endowed Scholarship.”



Exquisite 7.5” Tall Crystal Crown with Dangles and Accompanying Carrying Case from London England were presented to U.S. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson “Pi Chapter Queen on Capitol Hill,” shown at left.



Congresswoman Frederica Wilson applauded Therrell Smith, age 103 as “Pi Chapter Centenarian” during this historic occasion.

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Congratulations

CONGRESSWOMAN **FREDERICA S. WILSON**

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