

Supreme Basileus

CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BARBARA A. MCKINZIE

MY SORORS,

This is my last message to you as Supreme Basileus. I cannot think of a more appropriate way to pen this message than to share with you a letter from an undergraduate leader that joined our sisterhood one year ago which is also the timing of the ugliness that came from the eight sorors (and their supporters including a former supreme basileus) who filed frivolous lawsuits that wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars of the sorority's assets to successfully defend. The words of this soror who is our future lets me and you know that Alpha Kappa Alpha is in an Excellent, Sisterly and Prayerfilled place as this new day dawns. Soror Whitney, thanks so much for your thoughtful words and know that blessings will always be yours when your spirit beats with vision and Every Soror Participates! May God continue to bless Alpha Kappa Alpha!

SISTERLY REGARDS,
Soror Barbara A. McKinzie



Dear Soror Barbara,

I bring you an extra sisterly greeting from the Lambda Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. We pray that you are doing well in this season and that you have been blessed exceedingly and abundantly. This past school year has indeed been a great journey for my chapter as well as for my self. Being the basileus of the chapter for only one semester I can attest that I have had my fair share of challenges along the way. Likewise, I am pleased to know that I have experienced many AKAlades as well. I often reflect upon one of my favorite scriptures, "To whom much is given, much is required..." to meditate upon during times of difficulty.

Even though I have only been a member of our illustrious sisterhood for a little over a year, I think that I can sincerely speak for all new initiates when I say that without your guiding hand in our endeavors we would have been unable to push ourselves to excellence. Through the implementation of your transformative ESP platform during your term we have been able to successfully complete several programs to serve our campus and community such as Ensuring Seniors Phone Knowledge, Educating Students about e-Portfolios, and Establishing Successful Professionals: Networking 108.

This spring I had intentions to run for Undergraduate Member at Large due to my strong passion for our sorority I felt as though I could strive to attain PEARLfection on campuses, in communities and abroad. Despite this burning passion, I was expected to graduate early which would make me ineligible to run for the position. Now, I have decided to remain in school for a full year; however, the time for me to run has passed. Regardless of these disappointments I continue to fervently press forward in my endeavors for our sisterhood and my academic career.

As you are preparing yourself for the completion of your term I would like to personally let you know that I am at the disposal of Alpha Kappa Alpha and that I am always willing to 'strive and do' for our sisterhood. I recognize that leadership is not a position but rather potential. Continue to be a shining beacon of light, beckoning others to be drawn into your lovely spirit. Thank you for all you do. I will see you at Boule!

With Extra Sisterly Pride,

Soror Whitney E. Anderson

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