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THE NEW ALTO

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

PRESIDENTS' MINUTE

Hey Southwest! We hope you're all doing well. Keeping it brief this month so you can see all of the other announcements, but our councils are looking forward to seeing you at Area Workshops starting this weekend! Also as a reminder, convention registration will be live soon! Let's get on that, and we'll see you real soon! AEA and MLITB!

ON THE HORIZON

We are so excited to see some of you at upcoming Area Workshops and at District Convention! All awards applications are out and we would love to see submissions from every eligible chapter. In addition to this there are many ways to get involved in convention such as serving in a committee or as a chapter delegate. Have a lovely February, SWD.

ALTOGETHER INSIGHT

How has the community within KKPsi/TBS impacted you?

Kenyouna Taylor, KKPsi Epsilon Theta:

Not only has Kappa Kappa Psi helped me grow as a person, it has given me opportunities and connections with people that I didn't think I would before. I have bettered myself as a musician through my brothers and have been able to achieve many musical milestones because of them and what this community has taught me. Zoe Stovall, TBS Xi:

It has been very uplifting to be with the musicians within my chapter, but also just as an individual. It is very reassuring having sisters within your major and even those that aren't. They have taught me so much form time management, stress management, etc. It's also a great feeling to know what we do for our band program and to see how it benefits others in my own rehearsals.

Important Dates:

February 8th

 Area Workshop at University of Central Arkansas

February 22nd

 Area Workshop at Texas Southern University

March 1st

 Area Workshop at University of Louisiana Monroe

March 5th

- <u>Convention Shirt</u> deadline March 14th
- SWDCon early registration ends. Late registration will be available.
- Deadline to book convention site hotel.

March 28th-30th

 SWD Convention in Midwest City, Oklahoma

General Reminders:

Membership Candidate Registration Form

• Due 7 days after 1st Degree

Initiate Registration Form

 Due within 30 days after 3rd Degree

ALTOgether Insight:

Our first two Area Workshops were this month! Use <u>this link</u> to share something you learned or enjoyed from one of these.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION

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VENUE

Here's what our District Council enjoyed about the venue:

- Breakfast is included with the hotel room. The hotel is also in proximity to many food places.
- Plenty of lobby seating for hanging around.
- Covered walkway connecting both the convention site and hotel!
- Escalators in between floors for increased accessibility.
- Tasty little vitamin drops that are free!



Reed Convention Center

REGISTRATION

- Convention is in Midwest City, Oklahoma from 3/28-3/30
- Registration information will be posted <u>here.</u>
- On time registration is \$100



Delta Hotels by Marriot

WINTER COUNCIL PICTURES







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SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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KAPPA KAPPA PSI

KKPsi Announcements:

- Area Workshops start this month!
 - Register here.
- District Officer interest Zoom on February 24th @ 7pm
 - Email swdgovs@kkpsi.org for the link
- SWDCon Committee Interest Form
 - Due February 16th
 - Chapters can choose 3 active brothers to participate in a committee.
- SWDCon <u>Delegate/Proxy Form</u>
 - Due March 14th
 - Required for all Active and Probation Chapters
- Want to take over the SWD Instagram Story? We want to <u>showcase</u> you and your Chapter!

Chapter Features:

Brothers of Alpha Tau Chapter at The University of Texas (left) shared a picture of their newest class of brothers! They are entitled the Obsidian Class.





Brothers of Epsilon Delta at Texas A&M Kingsville (right) shared a picture from their "Arts and Crafts" recruitment event.

TAU BETA SIGMA

TBS Announcements:

- Area Workshops start this month!
 Register here.
- District officer candidate info sessions Feb. 5th, 13th, 24th at 7pm with packets due March 2nd all links will be posted in the discord!

Sign up for 2025 TBS District Committees

- SWDCon <u>Delegate/Proxy Form</u>
 - Due March 14th
 - Required for all Active and Probation Chapters
- Check your email for our SWD Counselors challenge!
- No more slack! Everything is posted in the discord! Can't join? Here is the <u>link</u>

Chapter Features:

Sisters of the Epsilon Psi Chapter at Prairie View A&M University celebrate a great fall semester of service and sisterhood. These sisters helped non profits, high schools, and had deep conversations within their own band program. Through community outreach and demonstrated leadership this chapter truly displayed the message of the sisterhood!





Epsilon Psi chapter