Join us for AKA Day in Annapolis as we meet with legislators about important issues. We must take action on issues that effect our communities during this general assembly. There will be a special evening reception at 5:00pm to meet and greet legislators.

Morning Session 9am-1pm * Legislative Hearing 1pm-4:30pm * Evening Reception 5:00-7:30pm

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Dear Sorors:

Sorors, our Maryland Connection chairmen have been working very diligently to ensure the success of the 2017 AKA Day in Annapolis, which will be held Thursday, March 9, 2017, with morning and evening sessions. This day of advocacy began in 1987 as a reception to honor two Sorors Juanita Miller and Gloria G. Lawlah who had been elected as delegates to the Maryland legislature in the Fall of 1996. Our 27th North Atlantic Regional Director, Erma W. Barron was instrumental in leading the way for what we now know as the AKA Day in Annapolis. Sorors, our presence is expected and needed more than ever as advocates for those we serve in our communities. While we are grateful for the presence of over 200 Sorors in 2016, it is critical that we surpass last year’s attendance. Please encourage your chapter members to attend. We are looking forward to a wonderful Day (and Night) in Annapolis.

The theme of the 2017 AKA Day in Annapolis is “Advocate * Connect * Organize * Network.” Similarly, our AKA International theme is “Be the Voice: Moving Forward – Take Action.” Our sub-themes are Education, social justice and statewide legislative issues, which will be a part of our letter-writing campaigns. Information will be sent out in February regarding these initiatives. We are grateful that this year to Delegate and our Soror Pamela Queen, who has agreed to serve as our hostess at the Maryland State House.

Additionally, we will continue our commitment to make a difference in the State of Maryland. Please review page two of the registration packet for more details of the day’s events and our legislative priorities. We wish to thank all the Cluster I & II chapters who have agreed to donate funds to support this effort.

Finally, the online registration will be available on the North Atlantic Regional website until March 2, 2017. NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PAPER REGISTRATION AND THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION

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Soran T. Baker and Sharon Falby

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2017 AKA Day in Annapolis
March 9, 2017

Ms. Meredith L. Henderson, North Atlantic Regional Director

AKA Day in Annapolis is our day for advocacy, awareness, & action! - Our unique opportunity to continue the work of our great sorority and to foster and nurture relationships with our Maryland State legislators.

2017 AKA Theme: “Be the Voice: “Advocate * Connect * Organize * Network”

Check-in 8:30am

8:30am Day in Annapolis Check in, light continental breakfast coffee and tea, 9:00am-12:30pm meetings with legislatures to discuss our priorities.
12:30pm-1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm Legislative Hearings
5:00pm Night in Annapolis Reception and discussion on how to move forward

Transportation: Please indicate if you require transportation and if you are able to contribute to offset the cost of this transportation.

“Be the Voice: “Advocate * Connect * Organize * Network”
“2017 Legislative Priorities”

Target I Education:
Less Testing/ More Learning HB 461
Universal Pre K –
Ban on Pre-K Suspensions

Target II Health:
Maryland Healthy Families Act HB1/SB230
Criminal Law-Sexual Offenses – Physical Resistance

Target III Family Strengthening:
Criminal Justice Expungement – HB 0379/SN0949

This is just a short list of the items we will advocate for in Annapolis a complete letter writing campaign will be distributed to the Maryland chapter Presidents and Connection Chairmen for discussion at the upcoming chapter meetings.

Registration
The registration will be available on the North Atlantic Regional website until Friday, March 2, 2017, at 11:59PM.
NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PAPER OR ON-SITE REGISTRATION.
Sorors are asked to bring their own bags and name tags.

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