



Pearls of Promise

2020 DEBUTANTE COTILLION



Congratulations, on
successfully completing the
2020 Pearls of Promise
Program! Best wishes on
your next step!

Karina Halpin

2019 Pearls of Promise Queen



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DEBUTANTE PROGRAM

Presented by the Lambda Upsilon Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and the LUSCEF
Streaming Live Sunday, June 28, 2020



Shaping the minds and building the character of young ladies is our charge through workshops, and events designed to promote their physical, educational, social and financial well being. Our goal is to provide building blocks of success that will both prepare young ladies for the next phase of their education.



It is the mission of **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.** to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. The **Lambda Upsilon Sigma Alumnae Chapter** was established in 2013 to serve Collin and Denton Counties located in the suburban communities north of Dallas.

Since its chartering, Lambda Upsilon Sigma has worked tirelessly to impact its service areas through implementation of the Sorority's national programs and spearheading local initiatives to address additional issues that specifically impact Collin & Denton counties. The Chapter has contributed thousands of hours of service, awarded \$36,000 in scholarships, and donated more than \$40,000 in monetary and in-kind donations.

The Lambda Upsilon Sigma Chapter has been recognized at a local, regional, and national level for its efforts in exemplifying the Sorority's slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress", garnering awards and recognition internally and externally.

The Lambda Upsilon Sigma Charitable & Educational Foundation (LUSCEF) serves as the charitable arm of the Lambda Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Established in 2017, LUSCEF is a 501(c)(3) organization and is the primary funder of Lambda Upsilon Sigma's service programs which focus on youth empowerment, health and wellness, and educational enrichment. LUSCEF also provides scholarships to deserving and exemplary college-bound high school seniors and continuing college students in North Texas.

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On behalf of the members of the Lambda Upsilon Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated and its affiliates, it is an honor to welcome you to the 2020 Pearls of Promise Débutante Cotillion. The Cotillion serves as the culmination of Lambda Upsilon Sigma's Débutante Program in which participants engage in a six month journey of leadership development, personal development, college preparation, financial literacy, and mentoring.

The Débutante Program is a major component of Lambda Upsilon Sigma's Rhoer Club, an affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho for young ladies between the ages of 12 and 18. Established in 1939, the Rhoer Club was the vision of Sigma Gamma Rho Founder, Mary Lou Allison Little who had a passion for youth and the development of their full potential. Through the Rhoer Club, Sigma Gamma Rho provides training and guidance in education, community service, vocation, fine arts, and social affairs. The program also provides the young women with the energy, support, commitment, and encouragement of members of Sigma Gamma Rho to help them develop and succeed in their life's endeavors.

Your support of this impactful program, through sponsorships, donations, and attending the Cotillion, provides the necessary resources for Lambda Upsilon Sigma to expand its efforts in supporting our youth.

To the parents of our esteemed débutantes and beau, thank you for entrusting us with your children and allowing us to be a part of the support system preparing them for the next phase of their lives.

To our beautiful débutantes and debonair beau, I know this year has not gone how any of us planned, and I commend you for your dedication, stick-to-itiveness, and grace with how you have navigated through the school year and the completion of this program. As you begin this next phase in your lives, know that you will always have us in your corners as a fixed resource and part of your village. I pray you reach the fullness of your potential as you make an everlasting imprint on the world.

To the program chairs, Dr. Essence Johnson, Angela Delph, and Kimberly Mosley THANK YOU! Thank you for your willingness to persevere and make sure we celebrated these outstanding young adults. Dr. Johnson, thank you for going above and beyond in figuring out the how, entertaining and exploring my wild ideas, and being my right hand along the way.

To my sister chapter basilei and the Dallas/Fort Worth alumnae chapters and Rhoer Clubs - Alpha Omicron Sigma (Dallas), Zeta Delta Sigma (Arlington), and Alpha Pi Sigma (Fort Worth) - thank you for your partnership and support of this program and for upholding the tenets of our beloved sisterhood. Together we were able to sow into the lives of these young people and exemplify our sorority's slogan - "Greater Service, Greater Progress!"

Sincerely,

LaTisha Brandon, President

Lambda Upsilon Sigma Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Congratulations
DEBUTANTES
from the Debutante Committee

LATISHA BRANDON
ESSENCE JOHNON
KIMBERLY MOSLEY
ANGELA DELPH

KENNESHEA BYERS
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What an amazing year this has been. We bid each of you welcome to our 5th Annual Pearls of Promise Débutante Cotillion. We are extremely humbled to have had the opportunity to work with each of these extraordinary young ladies and their escorts.

Debutantes and beau, as each of you continue your educational endeavors we hope that the programs that we have offered you will help guide you along your journey. You started out as buds, and have blossomed into beautiful spring flowers. Allow your sweet savor to illuminate as you perform on tonight.

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Lambda Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. , our Philo and Rhoer Club Affiliates, and every family member and friend that has contributed to this amazing program.

Congratulations to each of you and we can't wait to witness the great things that you will accomplish in your futures.

Sincerely,

Your 2019-2020 Pearls of Promise Débutante Program Chairs,

Essence Johnson

Angela Delph

Kimberly Mosley



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DEBUTANTE PROGRAM



The Pearls of Promise Debutante Program is an honors recognition and service initiative hosted by Lambda Upsilon Sigma for high school seniors. Through the initiative, participants undertake a six-month long educational program focused on *Leadership Development, Personal Development, Networking, and Mentoring.*

Workshops included in the program are:

Personal Branding
Money Management
Time Management
College Readiness
Etiquette & Social Grace
Self Esteem & Self Awareness

The program culminates with a Cotillion where the debutantes are presented before a host of family, friends, and community partners. At the Cotillion, Lambda Upsilon Sigma awards scholarships to each debutante before crowning the Queen of the Pearls of Promise Debutante Program.





Debutante Yaiwan Booker

Attending Prairie View A&M University in the Fall

Yaiwan Booker is the daughter of Shelley and Vanessa Willis-Booker. She was born in Dallas with one sibling: Demarco Jones-Whitaker.

Yaiwan is a passionate leader and graduate of Bishop Dunne Catholic School where she was a part of track and field and athletic training. Yaiwan is an active member in African American Awareness, Student Council, Engineering Club, American Sign Language Club, Fellowship Christian Athletes and the Sounds of Bishop Dunne.

Yaiwan attends Metropolitan Baptist Church of Dallas and has been a member of the Rhoer Club for five years. she is also the member of a host of other organizations and participates regularly in community service.

She credits her mother for making her the woman she is today and is grateful for her support in navigating the diagnosis and challenges associated with Pain Amplification Syndrome. She attributes realizing her own strength and believing she could do what others said she could not do to her mother





Beau Kelaun Jones

Attending the University of North Texas in the Fall

Kelaun Jones is the son of Kimbrick Jones, Sr. and Katrina Collins. Kelaun was born in Tyler, TX and has one brother and two sisters: Kimbrick Jones, II, Tiffany Collins, and Kymori Jones.

Kelaun graduated from John Tyler High School and was enrolled dually at Tyler Junior College. He was a member of the National Honor Society, a two-year magnet Culinary Arts program student, and was selected to attend the Diversity and Equity Teen Day Conference.

Kelaun attends Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church where he has been a member of the UTurn Youth Ministry for 6 years, has served in the A/V Media Ministry for 5 years and has served in the East Minister Church Saturday serve program. In addition to his extracurricular engagement and involvement at church, he is also a kennel technician at Shelly Drive Animal Clinic.





Debutante Laura Livingston

Attending University of Oklahoma in the Fall

Laura Michele Livingston is the daughter of David and Micheline Livingston. Laura was born in Southfield, Michigan and has 2 older sisters, Myele Williamson and Danyelle Livingston.

Laura is a diligent leader and a graduate of Mansfield Lake Ridge High School. She was a part of the varsity cheer team, key club, and student council organization.

Laura attends Crossroads church and she has also been a member of the Rhoer Club for nearly 3 years.

In the fall, Laura will further her education and study business. And after achieving this degree, she plans on pursuing her passion of real estate.

Laura's favorite quote is Psalm 46:5 which states that when "God is within her, she will not fall". This quote is encouraging and a persistent reminder to look to God in times of doubt and know that all is possible and can be conquered with the strength of the Lord within you.





Debutante Naya Turner

Attending University of Arkansas in the Fall

Naya Cantrell Turner is the daughter of Dail and Gwen Turner.

Naya graduated Cum Laude from Memorial High school where she served as the chief editor. She is an active member with Frisco Family Services where she participates in various volunteer activities and has worked at Tropical Smoothie Café for 2 years. Naya has been an active member of the Rhoer Club for 5 years.

Naya joined New Life Community Church in 2009, where she participated in several volunteer opportunities such as feed the homeless program, cloth a child program and serve as a member of church announcements.





Debutante Taylor Walton

Attending Collin College in the Fall

Taylor Nicole Walton is the daughter of Ayana & Darnell Williams and Robert & Nicole Walton.

Taylor graduated from Plano East Senior High School, where she participated in Avid and volunteered to help tutor younger students. She is a gifted Track & Field athlete and made the Varsity team her Freshman year. In 2019 she was a member of the State qualifying 4 x 200m relay team and she qualified for the Junior Olympics in 2017 and 2018.

Taylor has been a member of the Lambda Upsilon Sigma, Rhoer club for 5 years and held the office of Vice President.

Taylor is very creative and has a host of talents. She enjoys doing hair, nails and make-up and has considered going to cosmetology school. She also explores her creativity by making delicious cake pops, chocolate covered strawberries and even learning to use the Cricuit to make t-shirts and makeup brush holders.

No matter which direction she chooses, Taylor has a very bright future ahead.



Congratulations, Naya & Taylor!

From the LUS Rhoer Club





Congratulations, Yaiwan!

From the AOS Rhoer Club





Congratulations, Laura!

From the ZDS Rhoer Club





Congratulations, Debutantes & Beau!

From the APS Rhoer Club





SHE IS CLOTHED IN STRENGTH & DIGNITY AND SHE LAUGHS WITHOUT FEAR OF THE FUTURE!
Proverbs 31:25

May God Bless and Keep you always!
Good Luck Naya Turner

Love,
Jennifer Soles



Good luck Naya!

We live you!

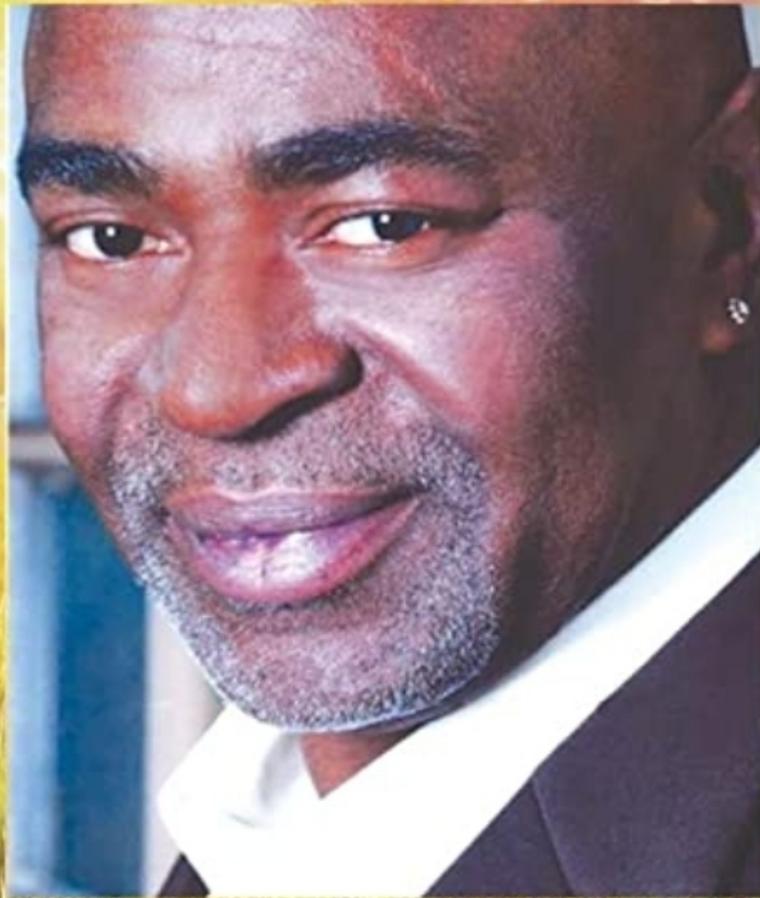
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Aunt Synthia ♡



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Dr. James S. Reed Jr.

Cometh in the Morning!

Congratulations!



It is my pleasure to support you Rhoer Yaiwan Booker. I am extremely proud of you and your leadership of our Alpha Omicron Sigma Chapter Rhoer Club as the president. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. I have no doubt that you will continue to be simply amazing in every way. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Denita K. Branch Alpha Omicron Sigma Chapter Basileus



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Wishing our very own, Rhoer Yaiwan Booker, much success in the 2020 Pearls of Promise Debutante Program. May God continue to guide you as you embark upon this journey in pursuit of higher education. Thank you for being an exemplary student and role model for other young women. Be bold, be courageous, be great!



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