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# KA MOMI O AKAMAI

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LAMBDA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER  
HAWAII



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## GREETING FROM THE BASILEUS, LETITIA BRYANT



Aloha and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou Sorors!

What an awesome 1st quarter! We kicked off the year celebrating the founding of our beloved Sorority. It is a true blessing to celebrate 113 years of Sisterhood and Supreme Service! We celebrated Founders' Day as only Hawaii AKAs could; with Aloha! Our event was infused with the beauty and culture of the island. From the ceremonial blowing of the Pū, the Tahitian drum dance, to the beautiful kanikapila performed by award winning artist Kamakakehau Fernandez, the spirit of Aloha was evident. We kicked off our 2021 Program year with a bang! The pandemic created many challenges, but it also allowed us to peel away distractions and focus solely on providing Supreme Service to our island and global communities. Sorors you continue to take a NO EXCUSES and NEVER DAUNTED approach to implementing AKA programs and your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Mahalo nui loa and Pink Tea Roses to you all. Across each of the targets you continue to infuse the spirit of Aloha and pursue Aloha Excellence.

Looking forward to setting new standards and reaching new heights in 2021!

In Pursuit of Aloha Excellence!  
Soror Letitia Bryant

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Pictured Hawaiian music star and phenom, Kamakakehau Fernandez

## 113TH FOUNDERS' DAY

HONOLULU, HAWAII - JANUARY 20, 2020

The Lambda Chi Omega Chapter's Membership Committee was truly excited to invite all sorors on the island to our 113th Founders' Day Reclamation and Celebration! We had the awesome opportunity to hear from our special guest, Hawaiian music star and phenom, Kamakakehau Fernandez as well as performances highlighting the beautiful polynesian islands. We enjoyed a night together with music, fun and fellowship in this wonderful celebration of our sisterhood with Aloha Excellence! Mahalo to our Treasured Pearls, and special guests for joining our chapter's event. This was truly a special Founder's Day!



Performance by Tahitian dancer of Kika Incorporated

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 20, 2020

In the spirit of Dr. King's commitment to service, we were thrilled to highlight three trusted community partners. Donations received help to support impacted families in the communities we serve. This year to celebrate and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Lambda Chi Omega virtually partnered with Feeding Children Everywhere, Soles for Souls and Hawaii Food Bank. With COVID-19 in our minds Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated felt it best to raise as many donations as possible with safety in mind. Hawai'i was a very near and dear place in Dr. King's life. During his remarks at the Hawai'i House of Representatives in 1959, Dr. King called Hawai'i a "beautiful setting and a noble example" to which the world looks for inspiration. For many, this was a day off but for those with a heart to serve, it was a day on! Mahalo and Pink Tea Roses to LCO's awesome Target 5 Committee for the successful and safe partnership with our community. Special thanks to all who donated shoes for our Soles 4 Souls drive and all who raised money for the Feeding Children Everywhere and Hawaii Food Bank. Your support and service Keep the Dream Alive!



**SOLES 4 SOULS**  
WEARING OUT POVERTY

### SHOE DROP

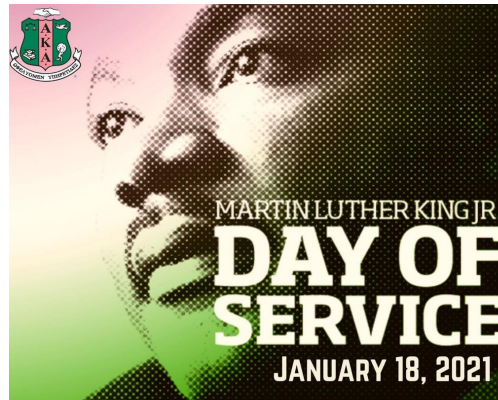
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**TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3950 Paine Circle, Honolulu

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**  
10AM - 1PM



Donations can help lift people out of poverty.  
Scan QR code or use link for monetary  
donations to Soles4Souls:  
<https://bit.ly/3pVmZYH>



**A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF!**

JOIN LAMBDA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER FOR A DAY OF VIRTUAL SERVICE BY DONATING TO A TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNER. SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE:

- Feeding Children Everywhere
- Hawaii Food Bank
- Soles4Souls

Your donation will assist families throughout Hawaii and the U.S. struggling to overcome hunger, poverty, and income inequality.

<https://bit.ly/3pVmZYH>

@hawaiiaka

**"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."**  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## HBCU AND #CAP

**ADMIRAL ARTHUR W. RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL -**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

LCO jumpstarted its College Admissions Program (#CAP), Signature Program of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. This service will benefit students in Hawaii by providing them with tools and resources to navigate the college the admissions process. Soror Marquaita Warren, University of Arkansas at Pine-Bluff alumna, leads the chapter's HBCU program to consistently promote HBCUs through presentations, workshops and mentorship. These sustain strong partnerships with schools in Hawaii. LCO's #CAP initiative is led by Dr. Lorraine Butler, Spelman College alumna.



## PROGRAMS

SOROR ANNETTA BUTLER

Programs are at the heart of all we do to advance the mission of our sorority in the Pacific with #AlohaExcellence. We ask all of our talented sorors for your time and expertise to serve our local community and global initiatives where you can.

Our greatest need at this time is with carrying out our response plan to the coronavirus pandemic in areas of awareness, wellness and relief as we reimagine serving through virtual means.

Target 1: HCBU - A Call to Action  
Chairman: Sabrina Bradley

Target 2: Women's Healthcare & Wellness  
Chairman: Christel Thompson

Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy  
Chairman: Ayanna Whitesides

Target 4: The Arts!  
Chairman: Lakiesha Stanley

Target 5: Global Impact  
Chairman: Naea Gardner

Signature Program #CAP  
Chairman: Lorraine Butler





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## Mask Up Spotlight



Masks are a key measure to suppress transmission and save lives. Masks reduce potential exposure risk from an infected person whether they have symptoms or not. Masks should be used as part of a comprehensive 'Do it all' approach including: physical distancing, avoiding crowded, closed and close-contact settings, cleaning hands, covering sneezes and coughs and more.

<https://www.cdc.GOV/CORONAVIRUS>

"WEAR A MASK, IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER!"

#alohaexcellence



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Your mask should:

1. Cover your face from the bridge of your nose to under your chin.
2. Be loose fitting, but secure enough to stay in place. Make sure you can talk with your mask.

<https://www.cdc.GOV/CORONAVIRUS>

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## MASK UP CAMPAIGN

### JANUARY

Wear a Mask: It's a Serious Matter! As we continue to deal with COVID-19, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Lambda Chi Omega Chapter encourages you to wear a face mask to help flatten the curve and protect the health of our community. Together we can help reduce the spread of this deadly virus if we #WearAMask! The sorors took the opportunity to show the community how to wear a mask properly. For more information about COVID-19 visit <https://www.cdc.GOV/CORONAVIRUS>

## GOLDEN STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP

FEBRUARY 27, 2021

Target 2 of Lambda Chi Omega Chapter and Alpha Gamma Omega teamed up with a collaboration with Golden State Medical Association to talk about COVID-19 and its impacts on communities of color. Our very own Dr. Toya Kelley, MD was an event panelists for the wonderful and meaningful conversation. Thank you to all who attended the virtual event.



**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®**  
ALPHA GAMMA OMEGA AND LAMBDA CHI OMEGA CHAPTERS  
*in collaboration with*  
GOLDEN STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
HAWAII ALOHA SOCIETY OF NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
NAACP LOS ANGELES BRANCH

**COVID-19**   
**AND ITS IMPACT ON**  
**COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021**  
1:00 - 2:30 PM PST | ZOOM

### EVENT PANELISTS

**Dr. Toya Kelley, M.D.**  
President,  
Hawaii Aloha Society of National Medical Association

**Dr. Oliver Brooks, M.D.**  
Immediate Past President of  
National Medical Association

**Dr. Anne Staveren, M.D.**  
Allergy/Immunology

**Dr. William King, M.D.**  
Infectious Disease Specialty



**NAACP**



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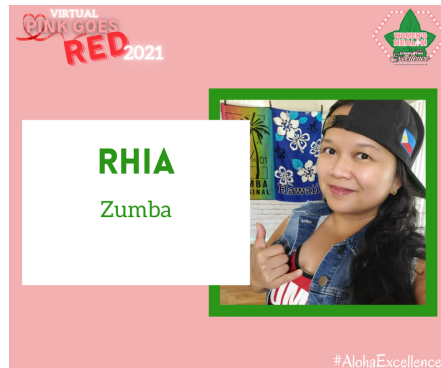
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## PINK GOES RED!!!

FEBRUARY 13, 2021

February is #HeartHealthMonth Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® observed Heart Health Month with Pink Goes Red. The Lambda Chi Omega Chapter wore RED in support of #HeartHealthMonth and #AKAPinkGoesRed. Thank you for your support in wearing red at our Virtual Pink goes Red Fitness Party. Thank you to all who came, and sweated out with our amazing fitness teachers. There were so many different rooms to join from Zumba, Zumba Kids, SocaRobics, and ReggaeRobics, Hot Hula, Live Auction and Heart Health Education. Thank you to our black owned businesses that supported the Live Auction.



Meet our Instructors from the Pink Goes Red Virtual Event



## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY - MARCH

Jana Sanders  
Linda Mitchell  
Tiffany Fields  
Sandi Sumbry  
Tam Reed  
Celena Pitts  
Shushan Williams  
Jazmyn McGruder  
Ginger Knowles  
Chelsea Sherrod  
Marlo Hall  
Ayanna Whitesides

*"Perhaps the mission of an artist is to interpret beauty to people-  
-the beauty within themselves."  
- Langston Hughes*





## MEMBERSHIP

### SOROR TABIDRIK (TAM) REED

"WELCOME TO ALOHA EXCELLENCE" -

Under the leadership of President, Letitia Bryant and Membership Chairman, Tabidrik (Tam) Reed, Lambda Chi Omega Chapter's network has expanded in 2020 and 2021, welcoming exceptionally talented members committed to serve with the spirit of excellence. This year, Lambda Chi Omega chapter is pleased to welcome our beautiful sorors to the island and to #AlohaExcellence: Pamela Barnes, Gina Boston, Rosette Clarke-Morton, Candace Moore-Giles, Lunden Hawkins, Gayvial James, Brandy Russell, Monique Wedderburn, Diamond Wiley, Amanda Wallace. Aloha, E Komo Mai, Sorors!

We are commit to strengthening our sisterhood and empower leaders to sustain us for years to come. The membership committee is excited to kick-off a series of orientation, mentorship and chapter workshops this fall alongside the Leadership Committee. You won't want to miss these outstanding sessions thanks to those Oh-So Fabulous Sorors of the Membership Committee: Annetta Butler, LaTonya Conkleton, Marquaita Warren and Ayanna Whiteside. Stay tuned and stay safe!

## ROAD TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

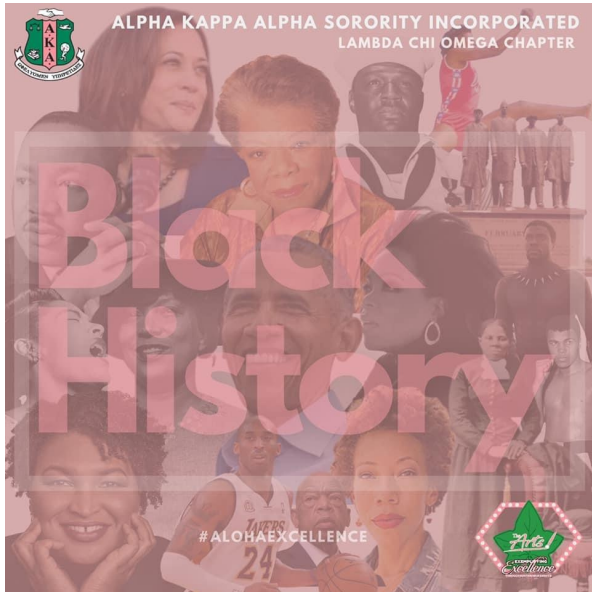
The beginning of a New Year is always the perfect time to improve your finances. Nothing can make you feel better than knowing you have a financial plan for success in reaching your financial goals in wealth building, improving credit rating, and saving. The sorors of Target 3 put on an amazing virtual class full of knowledge for money management. Thank you to all those who attended and look out for the next event.

## UNDERSTANDING CREDIT

MARCH 25, 2021

The committee members of Target 3 moved into understanding your credit for the next series of events. The attendees learned about who gets the loan, as well as obtained more insightful financial information from our featured financial education professionals. The sorors of Target 3 put on an amazing virtual class full of knowledge for money management. Thank you to all those who attended and look out for the next event.

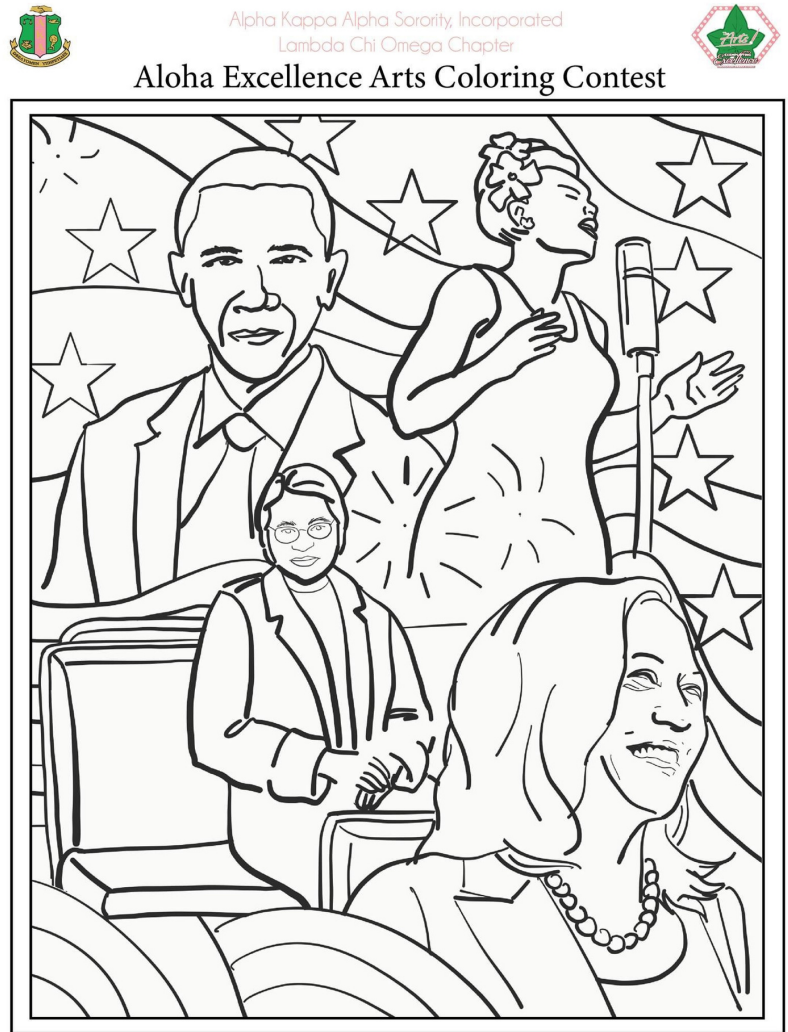




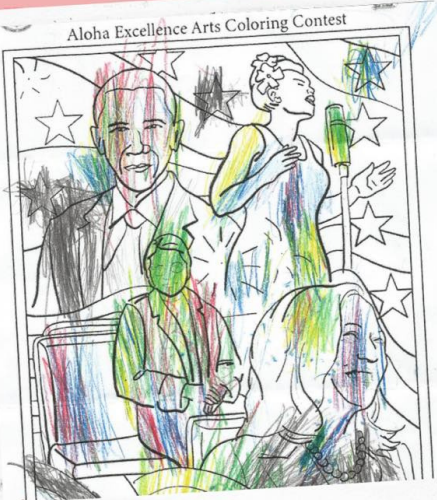
## THE ARTS! 1ST ANNUAL ARTS COLORING CONTEST

ADMIRAL ARTHUR W. RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL -  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Sorors of the Target 4 committee were excited to feature our very first Art Coloring Contest, drawn by our very own artist in residence Lakiesha Stanley. All Hawaii school aged students were welcome to enter our coloring contest. Prizes were awarded for the most creative and colorful submission. Thank you to our submissions and judges from our teacher sorors, Lorriane Butler, Chiyra Crabbe, and Kia Neville. Congrats to the winners! Pictured below are the lovely winning entries.



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*PreSchool Winner!*

Anyah Johnson  
Mililani Tech Park Preschool

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*Elementary Winner!*

Centehua Cantero  
Red Hill Elementary



# RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

### CHAPTER OPERATIONS

- Soror Helpline - A soror helpline has been established on our website [hawaiiaka1908.com](http://hawaiiaka1908.com). Sorors, please let us know if you need supplies and support.
- Chapter meetings will be conducted remotely until it is safe to resume in-person meetings. Full details and answers to FAQs are available in the Members Only section under the COVID-19 tab.
- In-person events are postponed in the interest of soror and public safety as we reimagine ways to engage
- Day of Prayer - We continue to join in by phone for corporate prayer every Thursday. We pray for impacted families, healthcare workers, first responders and other essential workers, our sisterhood, this nation and our world.
- An established COVID-19 Pandemic Task Force will send sorority-wide weekly updates.

### LAMBDA CHI OMEGA'S RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

As our membership grows in strength and numbers, Alpha Kappa Alpha's reach and spark permeates across Hawai'i and Pacific Islands through each soror. This year amid the pandemic, members of Lambda Chi Omega Chapter lived #AlohaExcellence in response to every call to serve in this crisis and continued to elevate the stature of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority among the National Pan-Hellenic Council in Hawai'i. Lambda Chi Omega Chapter was recognized in the Far Western Region as an award-winning chapter earning the Graduate Chapter Achievement Award and Membership Award. Past President, Marsha McFadden received the Regional Director's Chapter Leadership Award for exemplifying outstanding service and leadership consistently for more than 25 years. The chapter was further recognized for its service to Hawaii in a scrapbook presentation to members of the Far Western Region. Ho'omaikiai!

# *It's all about the sisterhood!*

## SOROR DECEMBER GROSS

We can certainly attest to the fact that these times we are living in are challenging. Our world has shifted and will likely never be the same again. We have had to create new spaces and avenues in which we engage with one another to stay safe. Creativity and innovation are often sparked in difficult times and this was no exception.

Virtually engaging with each other has been so good for the soul. We had a Virtual Pearl-Jammy Jam Pajama Party. We laughed, sang and played games. Seasoned Sorors shared their nuggets of wisdom about being sisterly and maintaining relationships when uncertainty and trials arise. Seeing that beautiful pink and green glimmering on the screen reminded us all that the connection is stronger than the wi-fi. If the pandemic hasn't taught us anything, it has shown us that we are resilient and time is precious and should be cherished. Although the ways in which we lean on our sisters has changed, the sisterhood remains the same.



*Time with my sorors is always well spent.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL - JUNE 2020

### APRIL\*

- 3: Chapter Meeting
- 9: Global Impact Day
- 25: Investing & Wealth Building Seminar
- 26: Executive Committee Meeting
- 27: Virtual Spirit Week Kickoff
- 26: Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)

\*April is Financial Literacy Month

### MAY

- 1-31: Virtual Food Drive
- 3: Corporate Virtual Ecumenical Worship Service
- 1: Chapter Meeting (Zoom)
- 31: Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### JUNE

- 1: Executive Committee Meeting
- 6: Chapter Meeting
- 6: Fashionetta Pageant

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# KA MOMI O AKAMAI

*"The Pearl of Wisdom"*



January 2021 ushered in a new year, and showcased an opportunity to nurture the ivy in a whole new way. Through this new virtual environment, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority incorporated will expand our reach in service and sisterhood with Aloha Excellence. To that end, we are pleased to continue our Edition of Ka Momi O Akamai, our chapter's quarterly newsletter. Its name captures the history and foundation of Lambda Chi Omega Chapter as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's "First Chapter of the Pacific." Just like our Founders', our chapter in Hawaii grew from a group of akamai women. Hawaii's monarch, King David Kalakaua, following his journey across the Pacific, recognized this unique place as a precious pearl. This echoes on in his mele, Ka Momi. Ka Momi O Akamai is a tribute to Hawaii's history, our charter members and to the virtue of wisdom which represents the Alpha Kappa Alpha woman.

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*"True friends, like the ivy and the wall,  
Both stand together and together fall." - Thomas Carlyle*