**MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

This month Austin Alumnae celebrates its 92nd Anniversary

Austin Alumnae Chapter

Chapter Charter November 26, 1930

Charter Members: Maude Ella Garrett (First President), Gladys Brewer Miles (Second President)

Harriette Brown Goff (Sixth President) , Annie Lillie Bell Harrison Armstrong ( First Secretary) , and Arylne Bumbrey Wyatt.

Austin Alumnae, formally the Sigma Sigma Chapter and Alpha Kappa Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. were established simultaneously on November 26, 1930 at Wesley United Methodist Church by the National

President, Soror Anna J. Thompson. Sigma Sigma was the first black Greek letter organization at the

graduate level in the city of Austin.

Two associate members were Mable Echols and Jannett Walker McNealy. Soror Christine Sellers

Shackles was the first initiate of Sigma Sigma. By mandate of Grand Chapter, Sigma Sigma became

Austin Alumnae in 1956.

Austin Alumnae's history extends to the National and Regional levels, with two of our Sorors Christine Shackles and June Brewer serving as Southwest Regional Directors. We have had many of our members serving in State, Regional and National positions and we currently have several members who are serving at this current time.

Austin Alumnae has garnered various awards over the past years, including:

* National President’s Vision Award for Exemplary Program Implantation that implied “Power in our Voice,” that was awarded to that chapter during the 54th National Convention in 2019.
* the Large Chapter Outstanding Program Planning and Development Award for Physical and Mental Health for our 2018 Health Fair awarded during 2019 TXNM State Summit.
* 2nd place for Outstanding Strategic Partnership Collaboration during the 48th Regional Conference.

Austin Alumnae has hosted regional conferences, state and cluster meetings, and served as support for Delta Days at the State Capital as well as joint Founders Day events. With Austin Alumnae’s rich history of scholarship, sisterhood and service, we can do nothing less that continue to soar from here.

On behalf of the Membership Services Committee, we salute the members of this outstanding chapter in recognition of 92 outstanding years of leadership and service to our communities.