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Brothers and Sisters,

Texas Music Educators Association Convention was a blast! The Convention took place from February 8th-11th, 2023, at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The annual "Cookies with SWDAA" went great. Programs Director, Natalia Harrison brought our favorite H-E-B Cookies for everyone. Alumni and active members stopped by and chatted while eating cookies. Overall the sing was a huge success and we thank everyone who attended!

Leadership Members in Attendance: Bang Co (KKPsi National Vice President for Membership & Expansion), Miranda Cook (KKPsiAA Outreach Director), Elizabeth Pineiro (SWD Governor), Patrick Caraveo (SWD KKPsi President), Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher (TBSigma National Vice-President for Membership & Expansion), Leslie Gartin (National Vice-President for Special Projects), Brianna Mitchel (SWDAA Chairperson), Natalia Harrison (Programs Director), Dionicio Cardenas (Communications Director), and Kelton Ashcraft (SWDAA KKPsi Member-at-Large).



Everything is Bigger in Texas

Miranda Cook

KKPsi Alumni Association - Outreach Director

I had the privilege and honor to attend TMEA from February 8-11th as a representative of the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association. As a music educator, I have heard about the awesome clinics and booths at TMEA. I never imagined that I would get to attend TMEA until much later in life as I had thought that it was so far away and that it wouldn't be possible for me. However, there was the opportunity to represent the Alumni Association, and it would be a great way to get to meet many brothers and sisters, in addition to getting to engage in conversations with various music organizations, music educators, and musical leaders.

This was honestly my second time in Texas—the first time being only 24 hours in Dallas! I have heard of the great food and the large scale of the convention, and it did not disappoint! When I first arrived, I met up with Brother Dino Cardenas to hang out as well as get a mini-tour of San Antonio and the convention site. It was a wonderful time getting to hang out in person after so long! We also got to meet up with Brother Adaryll Jordan to talk about the alumni association and best practices alumni can help out with the active chapter. Later that evening we attended the concert of the Singing Sergeants from the U.S. Air Force and it was absolutely gorgeous!

The first official day of TMEA then began, when I met up with the rest of the national officers to be at the booth: Bang Co, Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher, Leslie Gartin, and Kennedy Struck. We had SO MANY brothers and sisters stop by the booth! There were a lot of great conversations, as I got to meet and reunite with several alumni in person such as the SWDAA Board, Helen Capehart, Sam Dinkins, Bryan Simmons, and Pablo Ocanas to name a few. I got to talk with alumni and seniors about the Alumni Association and the benefits of being a part of it. The goal of the Alumni Association is to continue that sense of brotherhood, support each other, and share in our values to foster continued participation in Kappa Kappa Psi.

One of the most memorable moments of the convention was getting to attend the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Sing. Getting to sing with so many brothers and sisters, as well as getting to listen was glorious. The Hymn is a piece of music that always gives me chills as it emulates the feeling that no matter what, you always have your brothers to support and care for you. Making music with everyone helps to renew my passion for music and the fraternity.

I also had the opportunity to attend several workshops and performances. I attended a women in leadership clinic that discussed grit, tenacity, vision, and fearless advocacy for programs. I also attended a humanity in music workshop focusing on the purpose, diversity, belonging, and well-being of the music program (which my professor at JMU was one of the presenters!). One of the things that I enjoy is that there is so much that there is so much in music education and Kappa Kappa Psi that connect with each other. These workshops resonated with me personally as a music educator, brother, and human being. It has inspired me to continue to let my voice heard and to make positive changes wherever I am.

The performances that I went to were the Stephen F. Austin Wind Ensemble, University of North Texas Wind Ensemble, All-State Mariachi, All-State Concert Band, All-State Jazz Ensemble 1, and All-State Symphonic Band. All of the performances were fantastic! It was so mind-boggling to think of all of the performances that were happening in one day! Getting to listen to so many high quality performances has definitely been great. Also getting to listen and watch the All-State Mariachi performance was an amazing experience—to think how all of it was prepared within three days is incredible for the students and directors.

Overall I had a great experience at TMEA. Getting to engage with brothers and sisters, sing with them, attend clinics, watch performances, and the overall atmosphere has led to a great impact on me to reignite my passion for music, Kappa Kappa Psi, and teaching. I hope to return one day to TMEA and get to experience even more!



Our Instagram followers submitted the following music request. Check out the following tracks/albums.

HEAVEN NIALL HORAN	03:06
MILESTONE MATT WALDEN, JOEY KIDNEY	04:23
LESS THAN ZERO THE WEEKEND	03:31
SOLAR SAILER DAFT PUNK	02:42
THE RAINS OF CASTAMERE JACKIE EVANCHO	02:32
ANTI-HERO TAYLOR SWIFT	03:20
NOTHING HAS CHANGED THE POLAR BOYS	03:34
RED BALLOON TANK AND THE BANGAS - <small>ALBUM</small>	43:41
GROWIN' UP AND GETTIN' OLD LUKE COMBS	03:54
SINCERÁNDOME CARLOS RIVERA - <small>ALBUM</small>	60:05
THE URBAN HYMNAL TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY - <small>ALBUM</small>	31:37
ABOUT DAMN TIME LIZZO	03:12

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YEAR ROUND**

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For more information contact, swdaafinance@gmail.com

Happy Birthday, February Members!

Jennifer Scott- Feb 4th
 Wendy Jacques - Feb 11th
 Andi Hampton - Feb 16th
 Powers Bilodeau - Feb 19th
 Cate Miller - Feb 22nd
 Catarina Tran - Feb 23rd

(*) - Distinguishes SWDAA BOD, National Leadership, or Governor/Counselor



Women in
MUSIC
TAU BETA SIGMA Speaker Series

**DR.
NIKOLE
ROEBUCK**
Director of Bands
Music Department Chair
Grambling State University

MARCH 19 | 5 PM

Please join us on March 19th, 2023 at 5pm (CT) to learn more about Dr. Nikole Roebuck and her career! To sign up please complete the following form:
<https://forms.gle/apHJcurobZAjHMox9>. You will receive the zoom link for this program via this email.

#WomenInMusic #SWDAA #TBSigma
 #SWDAAPrograms



CELEBRATING **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



Erika Pope

2021-2023

*National President
Henderson State University*



Dr. Lemuel Berry, Jr.

1983-1985

*National President
Langston University*



Daniel "Danny" George

2019-2021

KKPsi BoT

UT at Arlington



Siobhan Wilkes Brater

2021-2023

*National VP for
Membership & Expansion
Stephen F. Austin State*



Christopher Giles

2021-2023

*KKPsiAA Professional
Development Director
UA at Pine Bluff*



Ciara Gibbs

2021-2023

*SWDAA Finance Director
Northwestern State Univ. of
Louisiana*



A W A R D S

Any member of SWDAA or Active member of Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma can nominate an individual who meets the requirements for the following awards!

Chris Foster:
Tau Beta Sigma Alumni
of the Year Award

Deadline: March 17th

<https://forms.gle/RU6m4f5AZ6w8xcmG9>

Dionicio Cardenas:
Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni
of the Year Award

Deadline: March 17th

<https://forms.gle/ZCJZ7zCGHk74UfUB6>

SWDAA for Education

Deadline: April 21st

<https://forms.gle/VQAuGPpqMRuUwmKz7>

*Are you attending
#SWDCON23?*

Reserve your hotel room by **March 22** for the convention rate! Hotel rooms are \$119 per day and sleeps four (4) people. Below is the link to the book, and don't forget to use the code 'KKPsi' for the #SWDCON23 hotel site!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lftcdgi-kkpsi-27b44ea3-6e91-472e-9bb1-d8edd848e2b8/>





2023-2024 SWDAA BOD CANDIDATES



Chelsea Zuniga

*Candidate for
Membership Director*



Natalia Harrison

*Candidate for
Programs Director*



Lea Sanchez

*Candidate for
Communications Director &
KKPsi Member-at-Large*



Ryan Smith

*Candidate for
Communications Director &
Finance Director*



Ciara Gibbs

*Candidate for
Finance Director &
TBSigma Member-at-Large*

There is currently no candidate for Chairperson.



ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

I AM A BROTHER OF K KΨ A E A HEY, ALUMNI DID YOU KNOW?

by J.C Harris
Alumni Member - Delta Alpha
Vice President - LAA, OKC



Greetings Fellow Alumni, as not only an Alumni member myself, but also V.P of the local Chapter here in Oklahoma City. I have to admit that majority of our AA Chapter, as well as my own, attention and focus was and is aimed towards the Actives and the Band at large. This in itself doesn't come off as strange or anything when thinking of it from our(Alumni) point of view.

During one of our Chapters activities where we meet with and have a sort of "Brother to Brother" talk with the male members of the Langston University Bands program. The discussions are an informal "open discussion" type of forum. We not only discuss issues with the Band but also any personal issues or career advice or even is there life after college as a member.

KKPsiAA Grants

Professional Development Grants	Provides up to \$500 to support the professional undertakings of Alumni Association Brothers.	Reduces the financial burden of a variety of Expenditures
Matching Grants	Provide additional financial support to serve efforts either by LAA's, DAA's or individual Alumni Association brothers.	Maximum amount to be matched is \$500, to supplement worthy service endeavors that are newly planned or established
	Apply Today!	

www.kkpsiia.org/alumni-association-grants

Brothers of course all had their say on the benefits of being an Alumni member and why you should join. Siting how "we" take care of the Actives who in turn take care of the Band. The question being answered and everyone seemingly satisfied went moved on. After the discussion I was pulled aside and asked the question "well, who takes care of the Alumni"?

Did you know, that there are committes that do nothing but just that!. The AABOD is constantly looking for an creating ways to give back to and involve our Alumni.

There are a number of Grants, Awards, Programs, and activities implemented just for Alumni members. All you need do is simply apply for them!!



2023 SWD CONVENTION

LAFAYETTE, LA | APRIL 14-16, 2023

Days till #SWDCon23 from February 28th, 2023:

45 Days
OR
1 Months & 17 Days
OR
6 Weeks & 3 Days

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