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**PHOTO CAPTION:** *Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® at annual “AKA Day at the Capitol” event.*

## **Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Join Members from Around the State to Advocate for Local Communities**

**Annapolis, Md.—** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) members gathered to reach greater heights of service and sisterhood at their annual “AKA Day at the Capitol” held on Feb. 28, 2023. More than 100 members from across the Maryland visited the state Capitol for a day and evening of activities focused on advocating for critical issues impacting our communities. The event highlighted the work and legislative initiatives of 10 Alpha Kappa Alpha members serving in the Maryland House of Delegates:

- Speaker Pro-tempore Sheree Sample-Hughes-District 37A (Dorchester and Wicomico Counties)
- Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary-District 13(Howard County)
- Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett-District 32 (Anne Arundel County)
- Delegate Pamela Queen-District 14 (Montgomery County)
- Delegate Kym Taylor-District 23 (Prince George’s County)
- Delegate Karen Toles-District 25 (Prince George’s County)
- Delegate Terri Hill-District 12 (Baltimore County)
- Delegate Edith Patterson-District 28 (Charles County)
- Delegate Jennifer White-District 10 (Baltimore County)
- Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins-District 20 (Montgomery County)

“This is an important event for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. because it allows us to support the communities we serve throughout the state through advocacy”, said Benita A. Swindell, president of Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of AKA. “This annual advocacy day began three decades ago under the leadership of our 27th North Atlantic Regional Director, Erma W. Barron. Service and sisterhood have been the organization’s cornerstone throughout our 115-year history.”

While at the capitol, participants met with their district representatives and focused on legislation addressing maternal mental health, youth suicide prevention, and Legislative Black Caucus priorities. Participants also advocated on behalf of 11 bills under consideration for state law. The event ended with an evening reception spotlighting AKA members currently serving in the legislature.

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*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter was chartered in 2007. Since its founding, the chapter has implemented its service programs in Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, Maryland.*