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President's Message



Virginia Pearson

Basileus

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Mu Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter

Greetings,

It is with pleasure that I represent the members of the Mu Beta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated in welcoming you to our annual Youth Symposium. It is an exciting time for Sigma Gamma Rho, and our commitment to our youth as we continue to grow and adapt, while remaining adaptable, motivated and responsive to our community needs, has remained our primary goal.

The symposium is just one initiative of our national signature program, Project Reassurance, which has incorporated the theme of "H3: It's all About Me – Healthy Choices, Healthy Living, and Healthy Generations." Our theme, "Building Partnerships to Support Our Youth" provides an opportunity to develop a Saturday program by using our collective resources and partnerships to show that when we work together we create a strong "community village".

By design, today's symposium should give all participants an opportunity to become MOTIVATED and prepare to EXCEL in your hopes and aspirations. I'd like to thank each of you for attending our symposium and bringing your expertise to our gathering. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support.

Throughout this symposium, I ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive and help us to shape the future!

Sincerely,

Virginia Pearson

Virginia Pearson, Basileus



Program Agenda



"Mission Possible: A Safe Place for Our Youth"

Mu Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 · 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. - 10:13 a.m.	Pledge of Allegiance/ Prayer for Our Youth/Welcome
10:13 a.m. - 10:23 a.m.	"Mission Possible: A Safe Space for Our Youth" <i>Guest Speaker: Dr. Anthony Watson</i> <i>Stony Point High School</i>
10:23 a.m. - 10:33 a.m.	"A Good Leader Creates A Safe Space for Others" - <i>Guest Speaker: Mr. Martin Washington</i> <i>McDonald Franchise Owner</i>
10:35 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Breakout sessions: Education Track for the Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose Me: "The Power to Decide"• Eating for Life: Dietary Lifestyles, "What's in Your Food" – reading labels, ingredients• My Future Career: Education and Literacy
10:40 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: Educational Track for Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Aid 101• How to financially prepare for student's college education
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch & Performances <i>(Lunch provided by Victory Kids)</i>
1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Human Trafficking Panel Discussion
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Q & A
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	H3 Pledge, Evaluations, Drawing/Prizes & Closing Remarks



Mu Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter



MORE ABOUT THE SORORITY PRESENTING THE 2019 YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

The “Motivated” Mu Beta Sigma Chapter is a group of 40 women in Williamson and Bell Counties who thrive on sisterhood, service, and scholarship and most importantly bringing those characteristics to life within our community. We visualize a world in which women and their families reach their fullest potential in every aspect of life and can create unlimited opportunities for our future generations.

In 2014, eight women of North Austin chose to gather and pursue this mission here in Round Rock, Texas to serve the surrounding counties and as result strive to improve the everyday lives of the families in our community. Because of the mission set forth by 7 African American female educators on November 12, 1922 at Butler University we can continue to build by transferring knowledge and information to everyone we meet.

Through our founders Mary Lou Allison, Nannie Mae Gahn, Vivian White, Bessie Downey, Cubena McClure, Dorothy Hanley, and Hattie Mae Dulin found themselves at a predominately white university in the ‘20’s (which only admitted 10 Black students each year) they forged on and quietly began their society for educators seeking to make a difference. In doing so, they indirectly challenged perceived early twentieth-century notions about race and gender. They subtly defied the local KKK when they established their society for college-educated African American women.

Ignoring the commonly held view that African American women were intellectually, culturally, and sexually inferior, the seven founders relied on racial autonomy, community building, and constructive activism to topple racism, poverty, and hopelessness. It is because of the strength they embodied that the MU BETA SIGMA Chapter can achieve Greater Service, Greater Progress.



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Committee Chair Acknowledgements



"Creating a safe and supportive environment can help youth learn they can take risks, speak truthfully about difficult experiences, and learn skills that will empower them to achieve their goals and make healthy choices related to their lives."

We, the Mu Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. wish every youth in attendance today a successful life. Our hope is that the 2019 Sigma Youth Symposium will expose our youth to the importance of making healthy choices, healthy living, and provide a safe space for our youth to express their economic, social, and political views concerning issues without feeling discriminated or harassed.



Shawn Lemieux
Program Chair
Committee Chair

Our sincerest hope is that, today, our youth will walk away knowing that they are the most important member of our community because they are our future!

Many thanks to our sponsors, facilitators and community partners and most of all, to the entire Mu Beta Sigma Youth Symposium Committee. Our committee is a powerful group of women, who used their own individual bandwidth and relationships to make this event a total success! Without you, none of this would be possible.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shawn Lemieux, MPA

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Youth Symposium Committee



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Guest Speakers Bios



DR. ANTHONY WATSON

PRINCIPAL: STONY POINT HIGH SCHOOL



Dr. Anthony Watson is a graduate of Langston University, where he received his Bachelor's and a Master's from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Watson furthered his education and received a bachelor's and master's from Guadalupe Baptist Theological Seminary along with an Honorary Doctorate of Theology. He has been an Educator for 29 years and he is currently the Principal of Stony Point High School in Round Rock, Tx.

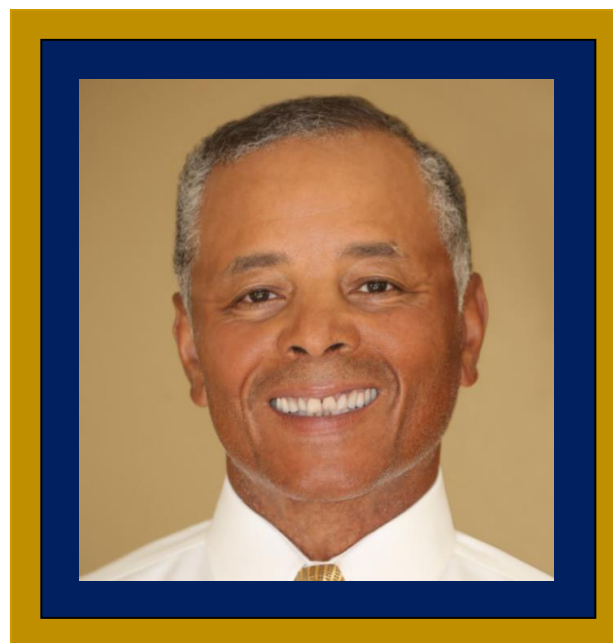
He is the Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Taylor, Texas. Dr. Watson is married to A. Michelle Watson, Esq. and they have three Children: Briana, Anthony Jr., Michaela.

MR. MARTIN WASHINGTON, II

ENTREPRENEUR: MCDONALD'S FRANCHISE OWNER

Martin I. Washington II is an entrepreneur as a franchisee with McDonald's Corporation. Martin currently owns restaurants in the Cedar Park, Leander, Georgetown and Austin areas. He believes in serving the community and giving back to others. Martin is a proud graduate of University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. During his college years, he was very active with the Black Action Movement and a linebacker for the Michigan Wolverine's football team.

Martin's early career as a manufacturing and plant engineer was with Babcock and Wilcox in Barberton, Ohio. He later went to work for IBM, where he retired, over twenty years, as a Marketing Representative, Systems Engineer and a Senior Instructor in Personal and Professional Development. Currently, Marty lives in Austin, Texas and is married to Wendolyn Washington with a family of five adult children and five grandchildren.



Panelists & Facilitators



TYLER CHRISTIAN CAMPBELL

SALES ACCT MGR: EARL CAMPBELL MEAT PRODUCTS



Tyler Christian Campbell is a graduate and football scholarship recipient of San Diego State University. While attending San Diego State University, during his junior year, Tyler was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and became one of the first individuals to play division one college football with the disease. He serves as sales account manager for Earl Campbell Meat Products, a company that ranks in the top 10 nationally, selling over 11 million pounds of sausage annually. He was also awarded the honor of becoming an ambassador for The National MS Society, where he has raised over \$500,000 over the course of 7 years for the MS Society, through his annual Flavors of Austin Charity event. Coining the phrase "TC Speaks" he travels the country sharing his testimony to youth, colleges and businesses. Tyler and his wife Shana reside in Pflugerville, TX with their two children Messiah and Cheyenne.

DESIRIE DOUGALL

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: REDEEMED MINISTRIES



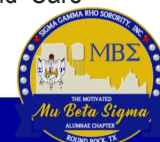
Desirie Dougall is the Director of Operations for Redeemed Ministries in Houston, TX. Redeemed is a long-term residential care program for domestic victims of sex trafficking, as well as providing services to survivors living independently. Desirie has worked with Redeemed for nearly 9 years, beginning on the awareness team, and spending several years leading outreach before becoming Operations Director in 2015. Her work with trafficking survivors inspired her to return to school and in 2018 she completed a Master's degree focused on at-risk populations and will be beginning work on her doctorate this fall. Desirie is married and has 2 teenagers that make her incredibly happy!

KARI HAMILTON

SR DIRECTOR: CARES & ALUMNI SERVICES



Kari Hamilton is the Senior Director of CARES and Alumni services. She provides leadership and oversight to multi-faceted programs focused on sex trafficking, exploitation, and former foster youth. She has over 10 years of experience working in the child welfare system, primarily residential. Prior to her current role she was the Senior Director of Residential Services with SAFE, overseeing multiple programs that provide 24/7 care and support to youth in the foster care system. She has extensive experience and training in trauma-informed care and responsiveness, crisis management, case management, therapeutic modalities and program development. Kari is a Licensed Master Social Worker, receiving her MA from St. Ambrose University in Iowa, BA from University of Northern Iowa, and is a Licensed Child Care Administrator.



Panelists & Facilitators



STEPHANIE HARRIS

FIELD APPLICATION SCIENTIST: MILLIPORESIGMA



Stephanie Harris is a graduate of SIU-Edwardsville (Illinois) and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Biotech Management at UMUC. Born and raised in St. Louis, MO, Stephanie relocated to Austin, Texas to pursue a career at Luminex Corporation. There, she worked in Tech Support helping customers resolve instrument, assay, and software issues. Currently, Stephanie is a Field Application Scientist with MilliporeSigma, where she meets customers face-to-face, performing demos and trainings on MilliporeSigma products. Stephanie is a proud member of Mu Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and loves to watch WWE Wrestling and the Big Bang Theory.

KEVIN LYLES

AGENT/OWNER: PRIMERICA



Kevin Lyles, an Agent/Owner with Primerica Financial Services. He educates families on investing money, getting out of debt and protecting their income, asset protection and retirement funding. Kevin has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Illinois State University, where he also became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Kevin is also licensed in Life and Health Insurance and holds a Series 6, Series 63 and Series 26 licensed for investments. Kevin is a member of the African American Leadership Council expansion team, where the goal is to license, train and coach African Americans in entrepreneurship and spread the message of Financial Literacy to the community. Kevin is happily married to his lovely wife Elizabeth and has a daughter.

ANGELA MARTINEZ-ALVARADO

ATTORNEY: TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC.



Angela Martinez-Alvarado received her Doctor of Law, Immigration Law from St. Mary's University School of Law. Throughout her studies, she developed a passion for helping others find their voice, coupled with her desire for human dignity, motivates and challenges her to champion for these victims. Her past work in the non-profit and government sector working with the low to moderate income and most vulnerable of populations have provided the foundation needed in building rapport with her clients and identifying their immediate needs to provide effective and long-lasting benefits. Currently, Mrs. Martinez-Alvarado is a Staff Attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.-San Antonio Offices under the Crime Victims Justice Corps Program, which focuses on issue areas such as Human Trafficking and Victim's Rights Enforcement.

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DEEPIKA MODALI

SEX ASSAULT COORDINATOR: ASIAN FAMILY SUPPORT SVCS



Deepika Modali is the Sexual Assault Coordinator at the Asian Family Support Services of Austin, which provides cultural and language specific direct services and advocacy to survivors of domestic, sexual and trafficking violence in the Asian Pacific Islander and immigrant communities. She has been part of the social justice field for the past 7 years, working directly with sexual assault survivors from providing hospital accompaniment while volunteering for the SAFE Alliance in Austin, TX, coordinating development and marketing for CHETNA in Dallas, TX and supporting and advocating for her clients in her current role at AFSSA. Deepika has a Bachelor's degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, and dancing.

MICHAEL O. OYEDOKUN

PASTOR: GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Michael Oloyede Oyedokun II is the Pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He is a graduate from George W. Truett Seminary (Baylor Univ. campus – Waco, TX) where he received his Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Theology and is currently studying for his Doctorate in Ministry from Dallas Theological Seminary. Also, he serves on the following boards, commissions and councils: Secretary of Information and Technology for the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, Chair of Minister's Conference for St. John Regular Baptist District Association, Vice President of the Minister's Conference of the South Central Region of the MBGCT, serves as Vice-President for the St. John Regular Baptist Association – Round Rock Sub-District, a board member for the Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Pastor Oyedokun founded a non-profit called Doke Ministries, Inc. in 2017. This non-profit is geared toward engaging and encouraging youth to reach their potential in life as well as assisting proclaimers of the gospel to grow in their craft of proclaiming the gospel to this generation

BLANE RODGERS

LIEUTENANT: TX OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL



Lt. Blane Rodgers currently works for the Texas Office of the Attorney General, overseeing its Human Trafficking Unit. Lt. Rodgers began his law enforcement career working for the Huntsville Police Department where he held positions on patrol, K-9, and as the Community Services Officer. Lt. Rodgers was also on the agency's SWAT team, where he served as Team Leader. Lt. Rodgers has worked for the Texas Office of the Attorney General for over six years. Before being promoted to Lieutenant over the Criminal Investigations Division Human Trafficking Unit, he worked for the Child Exploitation Unit. Lt. Rodgers currently oversees six investigators who conduct both sex and labor trafficking investigations across the state. These investigations include adult and minor victims and are received as tips and requests for investigative assistance from agencies and concerned citizens across the state.

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ALICIA M. SPENCR

SR. PROGRAM COORDINATOR: HEALTH INFO & HEALTH IT



Alicia M. Spencer is a Sr. Program Coordinator and Career Advisor for the Health Informatics and Health IT Professional Education Program at The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business. She wears many hats in her current position. She serves as a Lecturer, Career Coach, and Practicum and Job placement coordinator to name a few roles. In addition, Alicia serves as a liaison for transitioning military personnel and veterans. Alicia is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a BS in Business Administration and Management and holds two Masters Degrees: One in Human Resource Management and the other in Business Administration from Webster University. She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated.

MICHAEL SWEENEY

TRAINING ASST: TX ASSOC AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT



Michael Sweeney is a Training Specialist for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and has over 28 years of Law Enforcement experience. He has held several key positions: Narcotics Detective, in the Aurora Police Department, Aurora, Colorado; Served as Commander over the Logistics and Operations, Internal Affairs as well as the Accreditation Manager at the Ocean Springs Police Department. Director of the Jackson County Mississippi Multi-Agency Training Academy for the Ocean Springs Police Department. In 2008, Mike attended and graduated the 233rd Session of the FBI National Academy, specializing in interview interrogation and statement analysis. From 2011-2012, Mike was a Master Trainer for National Alliance of Chaplains Corps., instructing courses on Conflict Resolution, Domestic Violence, Suicide, Death Notification and Critical Incident Stress Management & Debriefings

ERIC ZENO

ECONMIC DEV DIRECTOR: CITY OF LAGO VISTA



Eric Zeno is a graduate of Grambling State University, Grambling, LA and a U.S. Army Veteran. Currently, he is the Economic Development Director for the City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista, TX. He works with the City Manager of Lago Vista and other key planning personnel to enhance the city's economic development through attracting new businesses, stimulate economic growth through new projects and to retain and help strengthen the presence of current profitable businesses within the city. Also, he serves on the following boards, commissions and councils: Director of the Lago Vista Economic Development Advisory Committee, Committee Chair of the ACC Bond Oversight Advisory Committee, Board of Directors Twin Lakes YMCA, Meal on Wheels Volunteer, Hill Country Ministries Volunteer. Past Boards, commissions, councils and positions: Former Economic Development Manager, City of Leander, TX, former Organizer, City of Leander, TX Annual Black History Month Celebration, Former Leander ISD Educational Foundation Board Member as well as former Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission. City of Leander, TX.



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