

PEARLS & IVY FOUNDATION OF QUEENS, INC

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SALUTE TO THE 2017 GRADUATES

Greetings!

It is my esteemed pleasure to congratulate the Class of 2017!

You have worked incredibly hard to get to this point--you and your family should be extremely proud of your accomplishments. You are encouraged to capitalize on all opportunities presented to you. Spread your wings and soar --the world is yours!

Sincerely,

Tonda L. Ladson, President



BLACK TIE FUNDRAISER

In conjunction with Epsilon Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., we hosted our Biennial Black Tie Affair on March 11, 2017 at Sand Castle in Franklin Square, Long Island for over 400 guests.

2017 Quest Awards were given in recognition of individuals and organizations (shown below) that provide exemplary service to the Queens community.

We raised \$11,000 for higher education incentive scholarships .



OPERATIONS

Wishing each of our members a healthy and happy Summer!

The Board of Directors met via conference call on June 28, 2017.

We are actively seeking a Publicity Committee Chair and members. Please contact President, Tonda Ladson to sign up.

The Resource Development committee is actively soliciting for donations and sponsorships for the November fundraiser. If there are any members who may have suggestions or contacts, please contact V. President, Paula Tudor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon
"A Gospel Extravaganza"**

**Long Island Marriott Hotel &
Convention Center**

**Sunday, November 12, 2017
11AM - 4PM**

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a plated lunch, gospel entertainment, fashion highlights, vendor shopping, prize raffles & more! Join us in raising scholarship funds for deserving students.

Sponsorship packages available.

A.S.C.E.N.D.

Achievement
Self-Awareness
Communication
Engagement
Networking
Developmental Skills

The **A.S.C.E.N.D.** Program addresses career readiness by focusing on STEM activities and students can apply academic skills to concrete situations in order to function in the workplace and in routine daily activities. We also focus on employability skills such as critical thinking and responsibility that are essential in any career area.

This year program participants engaged in test taking strategies, career exploration, goal setting (college & career) with vision boards, introduction to the United Nations Model, cultural awareness & diversity outings and community service. Certificates and gifts were awarded at completion.

COMMUNITY CHARTER DAY



Jamaica, NY - On June 11, 2017, Epsilon Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. celebrated sixty-seven years of service in the Queens community -- the epitome of sisterhood, leadership and service. Epsilon Pi Omega Chapter awarded eighteen \$1,000 college scholarships to deserving Queens resident high school graduating seniors. Sixteen commemorative scholarships were awarded by The Pearls & Ivy Foundation of Queens, Inc. An award was given for Outstanding Community Leader to Detective Patrick Blanc, Founder of Embrace ya Kids and for Excelsior Award to The Order of the Feather Fraternity, President Rodney Reid.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

MORGAN STANLEY

Volunteer Incentive Program - \$2,000 on behalf of V. President, Paula Tudor

Employee Matching Program - On behalf of members V. President, Paula Tudor and Member, Victoria Cotter.

Black Tie Affair Sponsor - \$1,000 on behalf of Employee, Mr. David Rowe.

VERIZON

Employee Matching Program - On behalf of Ms. Evelyn Wande for Cathy Green Memorial Scholarship

RESORTS WORLD CASINO-NYC

Black Tie Affair Sponsor - \$1,000

