

Ascend



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Welcome to the first issue of Ascend, the President's newsletter for 2020-2021. The main focus of this issue is to bring everyone up to date.

Our theme for this year is **"We Rise by Lifting Others"** with hot air balloons as our symbol. I truly don't feel like your President with the cancellation of convention and no installation; but I am and ready to get started.

The state yearbook is currently in production. I need your help to make sure it is correct and complete. If you haven't sent changes to your rosters and listed current Presidents please do so by August 17.

In this issue you will find the information for both the Executive and Appointed Boards for our state as well as IC; deadlines for newsletters and the Lamplighter; and an update to our Fall meeting that was cancelled.

If you were unable to watch the IC Zoom meeting in July, all of the presentations have now been added to the website. You can access it here: <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/2020-IC-Convention-Recap>. I proudly held the Virginia flag in the photo that was sent for the opening ceremonies (along with a cute red wig).

This is your newsletter and all articles and photos that you send will be included. Please share all of your activities with us so that we can continue to lift each other. I hope that our restrictions will be changing in the coming months and we can once again partake of those wonderful sister hugs. *BB*

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Chapter Rosters due on Aug 17
- Save the Date: Sep 12
For Mini Convention
- ESA Tax Facts due on Sep 15
- VSC 1st half dues on Oct 1



Mini Convention Update

August 2020

As a follow up to my email on July 31st, a difficult decision was made to cancel the VSC Leadership/Convention in Richmond scheduled for September 12-13th. In its place, we will plan a virtual event on September 12th via ZOOM.

We will start the Zoom virtual event on September 12th at 1:00 PM. An invitation will come to you via email with the link and passwords to use for ZOOM.

We have drafted an agenda below. It is subject to change – as much of this has changed multiple times so far this year!

Draft Agenda, subject to change

1:00 PM Call to Order
 Opening Ritual
 Correspondence
 Quorum Declaration
 October 2019 Minutes approval
 2020–2021 Proposed Budget
 2019-2020 President's Message
 PPA Induction
 Installation 2020–2021 VSC Executive Board
 2020-2021 President's Message
 St. Jude report
 Foundation report
 Awards, VSC
 Awards, IC
 Website update
 Announcements
 Closing ritual

We have decided not to do the Celebration of Life over ZOOM. It is much more appropriate in a face to face setting, so we will do a combined 2019-2020 /2020-2021 celebration in May of 2021.

Please take time now to load Zoom onto your computer or other device if you plan to participate in the virtual event. We hope you all will be able to join us. While we can't be together in person, we can virtually enjoy each other and the good works of VSC!

Love in ESA,

Lou Ann Wyer



Important Dates to Remember

- Lamplighter articles are due on the following dates:

September 15 **January 15** **April 15**

Sheen Childress is your editor. She has requested that you send lots of articles and photos.

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- President's newsletter articles are due on the following dates:

October 1 **December 1** **February 1** **April 1**

All of the important news from you will be included along with photos, etc.

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- International Council dues for chapters, states and other entities are due on:

August 1

The form is located on this page: <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/treasurer>

- ESA Tax Facts are due on:

September 15

The form is located on this page: <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/treasurer>

- Virginia State Council 1st half dues for chapters are due on:

October 1

Send to VSC Treasurer: Beth Sherron: 13606 Quail Hollow Court, Midlothian, VA 23112

Happy News

I am excited to announce that Delta Sigma has a new/old member. Katrina Saunders has moved back to Virginia and re-joined the chapter. Welcome home Katrina! I look forward to meeting you in the future. You can send a welcome home email. cookekc1964@gmail.com

Additional Info

Watch your email closer to the Sep 12th date of the mini convention. You will be receiving an agenda and other items to make our Zoom meeting run efficiently.

The next pages include the VSC Executive Board, VSC Appointed Board, IC Executive Board and IC Appointed Board.

You will note on our appointed board that there are a couple of appointments that show "Volunteer". The one that is most crucial is the SERC Director. Any volunteer will be accepted. Filling the third member of the Finance Committee and Credentials could be done at the March meeting if required.

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