

ASCEND Committee Report  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

The ASCEND Committee has met the last Sunday of each month January – May  
Here is a summary of what we have done:

- January – Sorors escorted an ASCEND student on a movie outing to see Hidden Figures. At our ASCEND meeting that month, we discussed scholarships and how to find a successfully secure them. We also completed a UN module. 2 Students, 10 Sorors, 1 Guest
- February – We had workshops on time management, dressing for success and how to have a successful interview. 6 Students, 7 Sorors, 1 Guest.
- March – We discussed building credit, talked about budgeting and financial literacy. We also exposed them to different careers in the financial field through the different presenters and introduced them to Miss Black Illinois, Alleson Knox, and the WE platform. Under her platform in support of the WE Movement, Alleson plans to Bridge civic responsibility with the power of social influence to develop strengthened and effective change agents. 4 Students, 9 Sorors
- April – We created stress release bottles as our STEM project, a Soror from the Mayor's office came to speak about working in government/public administration and we completed a UN Module. 6 students, 6 Sorors, 1 Guest
- May – Students worked with Miss Black Illinois (Alleson Knox) to finalize their local and global community service project for the Kick Off to Summer Block Party. The students will be collecting books for ages 3-14 at the Kick Off to Summer Block Party for their global project. They are working with Soror Ruth to determine an organization to donate the books to. For their local project, they will be making sandwiches for the homeless. Sorors will distribute the sandwiches after the block party. We also completed our final UN Module of the Year. 3 students, 5 Sorors, 0 guests.
- June – Our End of the Year Celebration will be a Block party open to the community. It will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the AKArama Community Service center from 12pm-3pm. During this event there will be a financial aid presentation, a career panel and the students will facilitate their local community service event. The ASCEND graduating Seniors will also be recognized. We encourage Sorors to attend and to spread the word to any kids or teens that may be interested. Food and entertainment will be provided.

As a committee, we have created a new flyer to generate interest in ASCEND for the upcoming school year. We will make physical copies available to Sorors at the June chapter meeting. ASCEND spent \$500 of our budget from January through June. The additional remaining funds will be used towards the Kick Off to Summer Block Party and for ASCEND programming September-December.

Please see flyer for more information regarding the End of the Year Kick Off to Summer Block Party. We look forward to seeing you there!

Submitted by,

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