



# Pearl Pages

News of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter, Alsip, Illinois

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## Tau Psi Zeta Chapter Welcomes its Newest Sisters!



2005 Neophytes Introduced to public @ Celebration

On November 19, 2005, under the direction of Soror Carolyn Wadlington (Membership Coordinator), Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (TPZ) welcomed six new members (neophytes) into the sisterhood of Zeta. These neophytes (pictured at left) are: Charise Bennett, Shatonya Flowers, Stacy Lane, Helena Smith, Jennifer Smith and Nikkia Wallace. Since their induction into Zeta, the neophytes have embraced the knowledge and sisterhood of Zeta with the Royal Blue spirit.

A Celebration in honor of the neophytes was held on February 25, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. The celebration (which included a musical selection by TPZ to the neophytes, refreshments and a social gathering with excellent music) introduced the neophytes to a host of friends, family, Zeta & Sigma members and members of the Greek Community (who all presented the neophytes with an array of gifts). The neophytes blessed the guests with 2 step performances and a Zeta chant (a reflection of Zeta's rich history). Above all the evening was enjoyable and TPZ welcomes the neophytes to the Royal Blue and White sisterhood.

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### From the Desk of the President...

Greetings Sorors, Amicae, Youth, Brothers, Family & Friends,

Welcome to the Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (TPZ) Finer Womanhood (FWH) celebration. The FWH is a showcase that occurs in Zeta annually and is held during the last week of February until the end of March. During this time, TPZ will be celebrating in Zeta Style, as we hold fast to our four founding principles and preserve our Founder's legacy. The following is included in this year's auspicious FWH celebration:



- **For Finer Womanhood**
  - *A Prayer Breakfast to showcase the events*
- **For Sisterly love**
  - *All Sorority Dessert Social*
  - *A bowling outing with the auxiliaries*
- **For Service**
  - *Collecting Toiletries for Kohl House*
  - *Adopting a Family from FEATHERFIST*
- **For Scholarship**
  - *Award graduating Seniors with Funds*

We hope that you can join us for some of our FWH events. You will see how Zeta lets its lights shine in the community and in the lives of others who seek assistance from a group of women, who are not only capable but willing to heed the task given.

Sisterly,

*Rene A. Boyd*



## Thanking and Praising with Zeal...A Spotlight on the 2006 Finer Womanhood Honorees...

By Sor. H. Smith, Staff Writer

### **Zeta of the Year**

Tina M. Davis

The 2006 Zeta of the Year, Tina M. Davis is a charter member of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (TPZ) and currently serves as the Financial Secretary. Tina Davis was initiated into Zeta on December 12, 2002, through Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter (ZTZ, Chicago, IL). From day one, Tina has spent her time fostering all of the ideals of the organization and is viewed as one of TPZ's most outgoing members. Tina reflects that: "putting Zeta out there and working for Zeta" is very important to her. If you ask Tina to do something, she will more than likely oblige without any hesitation...this one of the many things that makes her a great Soror.



Tina has received the following awards since joining the sisterhood: the 2004 TPZ Officer of the Year Award and the 2003 ZTZ Viola Tyler Going Award for Sisterly Love. Outside of the sorority, Tina is involved in "The Classical Big Guys," where she won the 2006 Sweetheart of the Year Award. In her spare time, Tina enjoys talking to friends, shopping and anything that involves socializing or simply having a good time.

Tina tries to find the good in everyone and says "no one is more her favorite than the next." In the future, Tina would like to become involved in hotel management and has considered moving up the Zeta ladder, by serving as the State Treasurer.

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### **Amicae of the Year**

Jessica Renee James

The 2006 Amicae of the Year and a member of Epiphany Ministries, Jessica Renee James was introduced to Zeta Phi Beta Amicae in 2004. She particularly admired the Sorority's community/volunteer services and the strong value of friendship / sisterhood. These qualities helped Jessica decide that she would become an Amicae (Adult Auxiliary) member and she was inducted into the Alsip, Illinois Chapter on June 11, 2005. Currently, Jessica serves the Amicae Auxiliary in the following capacities: Recording Secretary of the State Executive Board, local Chapter Secretary, social committee chair and co-chair of the membership committee. Through the Amicae community efforts, Jessica has participated in the following projects: the United Negro College Fund Walk, Alden Nursing home Friends and Family Day, Toys for Tots, the Stork's Nest project at the Kumbayah House, and the Make a Difference Day project.



As a child, Jessica enjoyed drawing and designing garments. Thus, she followed her dreams (and embarked on her career path) by attending Columbia College Chicago for three years, majoring in Fashion Design. While at Columbia, Jessica received the opportunity to Study abroad in London, England, where she attended the American Intercontinental University (and gained more hands on experience in Fashion Design). Currently, Jessica is in her Senior Year at the International Academy of Design and Technology and expects to receive her Bachelor's Degree in June 2006. Her future plans include: starting her own clothing line, becoming the first African American Haute Couture Designer, entering the field of costume design and receiving an Academy Award for the Best Costume in a film.

### **Archonette of the Year**

Elissa R. Buchanan

The 2006 Archonette of the Year, Elissa R. Buchanan is a 14 year old freshman at Amundsen High School in Chicago, IL. Elissa is an advanced reader, who enjoys singing, cooking (she is apart of the Amundsen High School cooking club), loves cats and is a regular volunteer at the Tree House Cat Shelter in Chicago, IL.



Elissa has been an active part of the Zeta Youth Auxiliaries since the age of 4 and is currently a very active member of the Archonette Auxiliary. When speaking of the Archonettes, Elissa replies that "the Zeta Youth Group gives me the opportunity to learn about Zeta (while having fun and making new friends) and the way of college life." One day, Elissa hopes to become a Criminal Lawyer and become a member of the Zeta Sisterhood.

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## **EDITOR'S CORNER**

Thank you everyone for all of the continued support of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter's Pearl Pages. As Zeta enters its Annual Finer Womanhood season, may TPZ continue to build on Zeta's "Sisterhood at its Finest!"



*Sisterly,  
Soror T. M. Shorty, Editor*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chapter Retreat...

*By Sor. C. Bennett, Staff Writer*

On December 3, 2005, the first annual Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (TPZ) Retreat was held at Chicago State University. This event, organized by the Special Events committee, was open to TPZ and its Adult Auxiliary group (the Amicae).

The theme of the retreat, "Leaders with a Vision and the Passion to Back It Up," was evident in the powerful and thought-provoking sessions presented by TPZ Sorors. The session led by Soror Joseph, "Communicating with the Yahoo Groups: Building Technology Knowledge," outlined the purposes and procedures behind the TPZ group on Yahoo! The session, "Zeta History: Building a Solid Future from the Past," led by Soror Jenkins, served to remind everyone of the importance of Zeta's history (on the present) in order to carry the legacy into the future. "Parliamentary Procedures and Constitutions: Building Solid Chapter Rules," led by Soror Walton, explained and emphasized the importance of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter business. Soror Taylor discussed the Sorority's Programmatic Thrust in the session "Zeta Programming: Building Solid Partnerships."

Although the retreat was about gaining Zeta knowledge, there was plenty of time for laughter, fun, and networking. Special thanks to Sorors Wise and Harden-Sumpter for organizing this wonderful event. TPZ is looking forward to next year's retreat!

## The Blue Mix of 2006 - Annual Founders Day Celebration...

Jan 21, 2006 marked the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Sigma) and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Zeta) Founders Day Event entitled "Two Organizations...One Family," which took place at the Chateau Bu' Sche' Banquet Hall in Alsip, Illinois.



*Tau Psi Zeta Chapter at the Founders Day Celebration.  
Sample Photo by Bro. Kamau Kadriifu (ΦΒΣ).*

The Founder's event was hosted by the following Sigma and Zeta Chicagoland Graduate (Alumnus) Chapters: Upsilon Sigma, Epsilon Chi Sigma, Iota Nu Sigma, Nu Kappa Sigma, Zeta Zeta, Zeta Tau Zeta, Eta Chi Zeta, Xi Mu Zeta, Rho Upsilon Zeta, Sigma Phi Zeta, Tau Alpha Zeta, Tau Xi Zeta and Tau Psi Zeta. The programs consisted of the following: a tribute to the three Sigma Founders and the five Zeta Founders (the 2006 combined organizational history totaling 178 years), an African Libation presentation (celebrating our rich history), a Family-style dinner, great music (where all in attendance had the opportunity to groove) and a surprise to TPZ's own Soror Sharron Norman, who got engaged on this evening (the ring glowed all throughout the room). The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Founder's Day Celebration hosted over 300 Blue and White Family members and guests. To date this year's Founders event was considered the largest and has plans to grow.

On Jan 14, 2006, the Blue and White Family celebrated at its annual Blue Only Social-gathering entitled "The Blue Mix of 2006." This year's event took place at the House of Sigma in Chicago, gave the Blue and White Family the opportunity to renew organizational commitments, while socializing amongst seasoned and new family members. Also the Blue Mix serves as a prelude to the annual Founder's Day Celebration. Phi Beta Sigma and Z-Phi-B will forever be the only true family. Blue - Phi.

## 2nd Annual Benefit Night Toy Drive... *By Sor. T. Foust, Staff Writer*

On December 2, 2005, in the spirit of love, charity and goodwill, Tau Psi Zeta (TPZ) held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraiser/Toy Drive at Fuddrucker's in Calumet City, Illinois. The event's coordinator, Soror Adria Joseph (TPZ's Fundraising Chair) and the committee



*Tau Psi Zeta Chapter & Youth at Toy Drive*

members made the night a success and one to be remembered.

Approximately 100 guests joined Tau Psi Zeta at the Fuddrucker's Benefit Night for food and entertainment. The proceeds from the benefit totaled over \$200 and TPZ broke its last year's toy record with the collection of 141 toys (which were donated as Christmas gifts to the boys and girls of Comer Children's Hospital, Hope Village and Children's Memorial Hospital). In

addition to the festivities, a raffle was held with the following winners and prizes presented:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Soror Tameka Bufford, Eta Chi Zeta Chapter (Joliet, IL) - \$200.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Chris Baugh (husband of Soror Darcell Norwood-Baugh and member of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.) - Digital Camera
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Deborah Coleman of Chicago - DVD player
- Special prize for the 108<sup>th</sup> toy donation went to Brother Chris Rias, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Epsilon Chi Sigma Chapter) - \$25 Outback Steakhouse gift certificate.

# The Pearl Zone

**Prayers:** Bates (Passing of Great Grandfather), Foust (Passing of Grandfather & travel to and from Mississippi), & Reasonover (Family & Survival of recent house fire).

**Congratulations:** Byrd (acceptance into the Doctoral program in Education at Argosy Univ.), Jenkins (obtaining a new position as a housing specialist), Joseph (acceptance into the Masters Program in HR at Keller Univ.), McCrary (acceptance into the Cook County Sheriff's Academy for the position of Correctional officer), Norman (on her recent engagement), & Wadlington (Recognition in the 2006 Edition of Who's Who Amongst America's Teachers).

**Birthdays:** Sanders (1/2), Corsey (1/11), Johnson (1/15), Winbush (1/25), Taylor (1/27), Bates (2/3), Joseph (2/14), Simon (2/24), Reasonover (3/6), Hampton (3/14), Bennett (3/15), Thiam (3/17).

**Anniversaries:** Brinson (1/11), Harden-Sumpter (1/22), Corsey (2/5), Bates (2/21), Norman (2/27), Peace, T. (2/27), McCrary (2/28), (3/24), Reasonover & Simon (3/24), Shorty (3/25), Winbush (3/29), Taylor (3/31).

## Upcoming Events

### SAVE THE DATE

March 11, 2006

Zeta Youth Auxiliary Outings  
Various Places & Times  
Email TPZ for more info.

March 18, 2006

Zeta and Amicae Service Day  
Place: CCIL - 123 S. Green - Chgo,  
IL. Email TPZ for more info.

### SAVE THE DATE

March 19, 2006

A Taste of Heaven  
An all Sorority Dessert Social  
Email TPZ for more info.

### SAVE THE DATE

April 20-23, 2006

Zeta Phi Beta Regionals  
St. Charles, Illinois  
Email TPZ for more info.

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