



THE IVY SCOPE

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Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter



Join us as we continue on our journey from the excellence of the eighties to the novel nineties and then into the tremendous two-thousands. While our journey in this issue transitions us from the 20th century to the 21st, the *Amazing* Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®* continues to exemplify many firsts and noteworthy moments within the history of the chapter and the city of Durham. Pictured above is the first Debutante Cotillion Scholarship Ball. Planned and hosted in 1991, the chapter composed a scholarship ball that would serve as a vehicle through which young ladies of outstanding moral ethics could participate in and raise funds for their college endeavors. The Debutante Cotillion program continues to be a monumental program within the chapter and Durham community.

NOVEL NINETIES



The Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® held the second Debutante Cotillion in March of 1992. The picture above is the second class of debutantes, whose ball was themed *"A Special Moment In Time"* and was held at the Durham Omni Hotel.

Later in the decade, the search for property close to Ivy Commons, the purchased and renovated property of the Ivy Community Center, Inc. began. The chapter felt that the Becton property on Fayetteville Road, approximately 1 mile from Ivy Commons was an ideal site for our Community Center. The photo below is the conclusion of the dedicated search which began in 1999.



TREMENDOUS TWO-THOUSANDS



Artelia Melba Tennessee Bryant was a proud golden member, having 50 years of membership within the sorority, of the Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. She started her educational journey at the Hampton Institute of Hampton, Virginia. She later moved to North Carolina where she continued her education and was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in 1942 at North Carolina College for Negroes, now North Carolina Central University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, which she later used to assist the chapter in a major way.

Mrs. Bryant served as Chairman of the Sorority House Committee and was the first President of the Ivy Community Center Board of Directors. A licensed real estate broker and owner of her own agency, Mrs. Bryant used these skills in the chapter's land acquisition. To commemorate this historic occasion members of the chapter gathered on the site, as seen below, for a time of land dedication on February 26, 2000.



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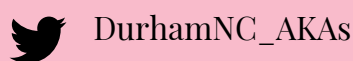
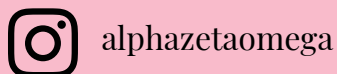
Three years after the land purchase the construction of the original sorority house began. Pictured above you can see the initial house from February 2004. It was a dream coming true, to have a place to meet to call our own. After many setbacks the certificate of occupancy was issued in October of 2003. Dedication was delayed due to inclement weather, but at last our dream had come true. The house was dedicated on February 1, 2004. Five years later we were looking to build another sorority house. Lowes Home & Garden Company decided to build a store adjacent to our property and they needed our property for expansion. After much discussion the chapter accepted Lowes' offer. Our old building was being demolished and we were starting anew. On May 3, 2009 we dedicated a new and larger Ivy Community Center, as seen below.





As we get closer to the 95th chapter anniversary, join us in rediscovering all of the wonderful accomplishments and history of the *Amazing* Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

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