

## **President's Report: SAR Fall Leadership and Engagement Meeting**

Represented the Chapter in attending the 2025 Fall Leadership and Engagement Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina – Koury Convention Center. The theme was Ready – Set – Recharge.

During this dynamic weekend, the region offered other activities, which included:

VENDOR Mall Hours: 6:00 PM -10:00 PM – Friday and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM – Saturday

Public Service Activity of making donations to the Career Closets and Pantries of both North Carolina A&T University and Bennett College, showing support to our HBCUs. The generosity in supporting this effort was on full display.

Professional headshots offered for Collegiates and Alumnae members.

### **Friday, October 31, 2025**

The conference kicked off with a vibrant **Welcome Reception**, where attendees showcased attire representing their birth or Delta era. The evening was filled with photos, fun, dancing, fellowship, and great food. A highlight of the night was Soror Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre delighting the crowd with her robot dance moves — truly unforgettable!

### **Saturday, November 1, 2025**

The general session was opened under the leadership of Regional Chaplain Tayon Dancy and Regional Collegiate Chaplain Karleigh N'diaye. We were blessed by a beautiful selection by a quartet of gifted SAR choir members.

The spiritual team shared a special perspective related to the Sorority's founding on Christian principles entitled the 9 Pearls of Wisdom.

**Compassion**- Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience – Colossians 3:12

**Courtesy**- Do to others as you would have them do to you. – Luke 6:31

**Dedication**- Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. – Colossians 3:23

**Fellowship**- Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Fidelity**- Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. – Hebrews 10:23

**Honesty**- A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. – Proverbs 16:28

**Justice**- Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. – 1 Thessalonians 5:15

**Purity**- But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. – James 3:17

**Temperance**- Whoever is patient has great understanding but one who is quick tempered displays folly. – Proverbs 14:29

This powerful opening was followed by an inspiring keynote address from 24<sup>th</sup> Past National President, Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre, who delivered a motivational challenge connected to the theme. She offered a twist on the theme by saying Ready-Set-Go!

She shared the story of Pam, a successful high school runner, highlighting three principles Pam used to achieve victory:

Stay in the mile you are in – focus on the present task.

Feet on the ground, eyes on the goal – embrace the wisdom of the Serenity Prayer.

Breathe, believe, and finish – maintain faith and perseverance through every challenge.

Soror Butler-McIntyre concluded by reminding us to always position ourselves to learn something new and to continuously seek opportunities for growth.

The afternoon consisted of the following workshop sessions: President and Vice Presidents; Fiscal Officers and Internal Audit; Advisors; New Members; Regional Leadership; and Regional Conference Committee.

The President/Vice President workshop was informative. It included committee chair updates for awareness and incorporation into chapter management, planning, and operations.

We were also introduced to the participants of the PEARL program cohort for this sorority year.

Announcements: 32<sup>nd</sup> South Atlantic Regional Conference July 30 – August 2, 2026  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter was recognized as the Winner of the SAR Fundraising initiative and awarded \$200 towards our chapter programs.

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