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## **Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Announces New Leadership and January Service Projects Addressing Food Insecurity and Supporting Local Students**

**Laurel, Md.**—Psi Epsilon Omega (PEO) Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® (AKA) has new leadership. President Karen S. Hicks takes the helm of the more than 600 member organization that serves the communities of Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, Maryland.

Hicks' 40 years of experience includes finance, leadership, and management. She is an active member of the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association where she has held several local, regional, and national offices. Her 30 plus years of continuous sorority service at the local and regional levels have prepared her for this role. Prior to her installation, Karen Hicks held over 10 leadership positions in the sorority, including vice president, treasurer and membership chairman.

“My administration will provide a supportive, inclusive and sisterly environment for Psi Epsilon Omega members while maintaining our commitment to *E.L.E.V.A.T.E.* programs that will strengthen our community.” said Hicks “My *E.L.E.V.A.T.E.* platform stands for *Empower and Leverage Every Valuable Asset to Enhance PEO.*”

Hicks will kick off her “E.L.E.V.A.T.E.” administration by tackling food insecurity and supporting local students. On Jan. 7, PEO members will join over 25 other AKA chapters in a joint Founders' Day initiative to combat food insecurity among college students by contributing non-perishable food items and toiletries to two on-campus food pantries. Additionally, on Jan. 15, PEO members will partner with members of Iota Gamma Omega chapter of AKA for a “We Are One” AKA Service Day to support students at G. James Gholson Middle School in Landover, Md.

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*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter was chartered in 2007. Since its founding, the chapter has implemented its service programs in Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, Maryland.*