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OUR CHAPTER IS DIFFERENT.  
WE REP INGLEWOOD,  
WE BRAG DIFFERENT.

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**THETA UPSILON SIGMA  
INGLEWOOD ALUMNAE CHAPTER**



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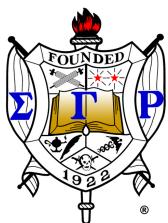


# The Basileus Note

This sorority year has been one for the books! I am beyond delighted about what this chapter has accomplished, as I can proudly say that we achieved the intentional, impactful, measurable goals that we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year. Receiving three different awards at the 65th Annual Western Regional Conference was a marvelous testament to our overall efforts.

As the Basileus, one of my priorities is to ensure that my dear chapter Sorors feel appreciated for the work that they've done. Although we will continue to serve the community through the summer months, I am also looking forward to spending some time dedicated to fellowship, celebration, rest and relaxation in order rejuvenate ourselves for the upcoming 2017-2018 sorority year.

I also want to thank all who supported us throughout the year. We could not have accomplished so much without the family and friends, neighboring chapters, organizations and corporations that so graciously partnered with us. It is my desire to expand our reach in the community even further next year alongside all of you.



SOROR KIMBERLY PREPETIT





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# The Network

"At the onset of the year, plans were made to ensure all parts of 'The Network' were active and thriving."

The Sorors of Inglewood have been quite busy this Spring. At the onset of the year, plans were made to ensure that all parts of the "The Network" were active and thriving. This meant reactivating our Philo Affiliate to join Theta Upsilon Sigma Alumnae Sorors, our Rhoers and our Undergraduates of Rho Eta Chapter at Loyola Marymount University.

Upon hearing the news, three Charter Philos expressed interest in returning, and due to the service and marketing efforts of TUS this year, a Rhoer mom and a friend of a Soror, also became interested. So on April 1, 2017, the Theta Upsilon Sigma Philo Affilaite was reactivated by: Tenisha Anderson-Laux, Namajah Drake-Lopez, Rita Stinson and new initiates: Jenelle Dupree and Markisha Jones. The TUS Philos are excited about supporting our initiatives, as well as creating opportunities to serve all their own. With their 2017-2018 theme, "Empowered You, Powered We", already in place, you can look forward to exciting and innovative programming, service and personality from these Fabulous Philos!



But, we didn't stop there. On April 12, 2017, Theta Upsilon Sigma Chapter welcomed Soror Gabrielle Trimble into the bond of Sigma sisterhood. Gabbie, as she is affectionately known, is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University and dedicates herself to a career in Social Work. When she is not helping children and families in Los Angeles, she is pursuing her love of the fine arts. Her nickname, "Golden Globe" is a testament to her level of skill as an actress, and the level of excellence to which she continues to aspire. We are elated to see all of the greatness that Gabbie has to offer.



And as if we weren't already overjoyed by our phenomenal year of retention, reclamation, reactivation and recruitment, to bolster the goals set forth by our regional and international leadership, the icing on the cake was being recognized with the Alumnae Membership Development Award during the 65th Western Regional Conference in Chandler, Arizona. Hats off to our supportive chapter and our hardworking committee: Basileus Kimberly Prepetit, Soror Brianna Goodman, Soror Monique Arrington and Soror Ayisha Thompson, who is the incoming Philo Advisor.

We are excited to have already set bigger goals for next year and we are excited about our role in strengthening the Sigma family.

SOROR ANDREA MAGEE



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Soror Sarah Hamilton  
Sophomore  
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Soror Alezaé Cary  
Sophomore  
Sociology Major  
Film Studies Minor

# Rho Eta • Loyola Marymount University

The Rho Eta Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was honored to induct two new members during Spring 2017. We would like to officially welcome Soror Alezaé Cary and Soror Sarah Hamilton to our Sigma family. The new undergraduate sorors went to work immediately following their induction. Rho Eta hosted a Meet and Greet for the LMU campus on Tuesday, March 21st and participated in LMU's 2nd Annual Yard Show on Friday, March 31st. Rho Eta also represented beautifully at Sigma Gamma Rho's 65th Western Regional Conference. The undergraduate sorors were able to attend training and network with International Officers, Regional Officers and sorors from across the region. We are excited about the growth happening on the campus of Loyola Marymount University. Stay tuned for events happening during the Fall of 2017!



# Rhoer Club



This year the Theta Upsilon Sigma Rhoer Club has been on top with our personal development. We have continued to serve our community by participating in our monthly community service event "Hashtag Lunchbag." This is an event where over 1,200 lunches are prepared for residents living on Skid Row in Los Angeles, and are later that day delivered to them.

We have furthered our development as we participate in the Kappa League Presents. This is our third year participating as escorts in the Los Angeles Kappa League's program. Through this program we are taught the fine art and history of waltzing as well as etiquette and how to behave at a formal event such as Presents.

The Theta Upsilon Rhoers have continued to attend workshops with topics such as college preparation, Rhoer image, and personal health. Lastly we had two of our rhoers (Rhoer Lila Gilliam and Rhoer Misa Meadows) attend Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.'s Western Regional Conference in Chandler, Arizona. There, the Rhoers attended workshops in order to learn to be their best, and events to fraternize with the members of the sorority. This year the Rhoers have definitely grown closer and learned the true meaning of sisterhood. We are excited to see what the rest of the year brings us.

RHOER LILA GILLIAM





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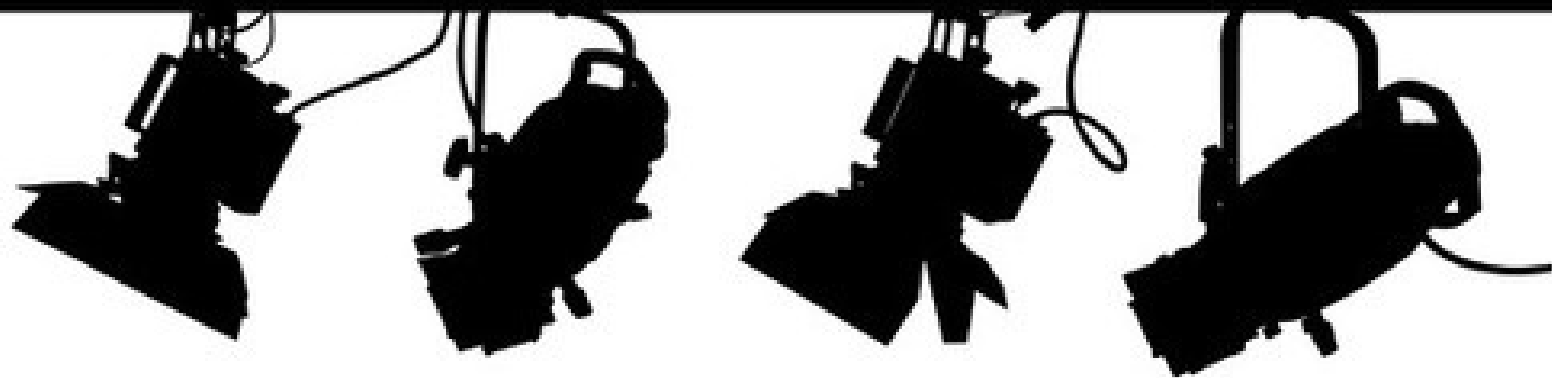
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This year Theta Upsilon Sigma launched a 3-part workshop series entitled "TUS Talks." This series is the brain child of Soror Adrienne Chivers. With an impressive background in communications and film production, it was her desire to develop an avenue in which various subject matter experts could share information. Similar to TED Talks in nature, this series aimed at providing FREE and useful information to the community at large. The topics covered this year were home buying, retirement and social media for business. The series was well received and we look forward to continuing these types of workshops for the 2017-2018 Sorority Year.

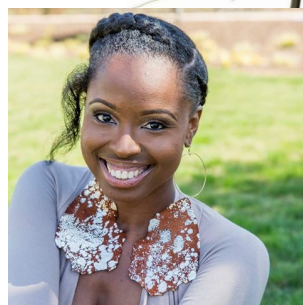
Be sure to visit [sgrhotus.com/tus-talks](http://sgrhotus.com/tus-talks) for additional information and upcoming workshops.

# TUS Talks



# Soror Spotlight

## Adrienne Chivers



**Q: What do you love about what you do?**

My favorite thing about my job is seeing my imagination realized. Having an idea take root in my mind is fun, but seeing it play out is everything! Super gratifying because the process is tough!

**Q: What piece of advice would you give to an upcoming producer?**

My main order of advice is learn all the jobs of everyone on your team, and of anything that will be required. You cannot lead at maximum efficiency if you're depending upon others to tell you what to do. Being able to have an informed conversation about the process is mandatory!

**Q: What is your favorite Sigma memory?**

My favorite memory, aside from being done, LOL, is becoming a prophyte for the first time! It felt very good to build our legacy at LMU. Next to that, it was stepping out in letters for the first time on camps. We chartered the chapter, and at the time there was only one BGLO represented there. Seeing them see us felt really good!

**Q: What do you love about TUS?**

I love that TUS takes Sigma seriously! We do everything with maximum care for Sigma image and legacy. I also love that TUS is fun, and willing to try new things!



**I chose Sigma because the members embraced me as sister even before I was a member. Sigma also offered me the opportunity to be part of history by being a charter of a new chapter. Both reasons showed me the sisterhood the members valued as well as the trust in my potential to be an asset to an already great organization.**

**- *Soror Monique Stinson***

**My love for Sigma Gamma Rho developed before I was a member. Witnessing the hard work and dedication that the women on the campus of University of California, Los Angeles devoted to the community was one of the first reasons I decided that I too wanted to be a part of greatness. Joining a sisterhood comprised of strong, beautiful, intelligent, and empowered women helped aid in my development as a woman. I am truly proud to be a member of this phenomenal Sorority and grateful for the opportunity to serve our community with my sisters.**

**- *Soror Monique Arrington***

**I chose Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. because of the sisterhood I saw displayed on the campus of UNLV during my undergrad years; as well as being the only child, the sisterhood was something I always wanted. The community events with both undergraduate and graduate members were very impactful with the community that they served.**

**- *Soror Kendra Jones***





# Serve and Slay

SERVICE, PARTNERSHIPS AND MORE

**The second semester of the 2016–2017 sorority year has been incredible! Theta Upsilon Sigma has continued to serve the community via Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated's national programs as well as signature programming of our own. We kicked off the year with a bang by executing Project Cradle Care, immediately followed by the launch of TUS Talks – an innovative, free workshop series dedicated to empowering the community with valuable information related to topics such as home ownership and retirement.**

**In addition to working with several other local chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho, we are sincerely appreciative of the 22 external partnerships that we were able to forge and/or strengthen this year in order to further our community service projects and exponentially expand our reach over last year.**

**We truly believe that working with such powerhouse organizations such as Oracle, Goodwill and the University of Southern California's Viterbi School of Engineering significantly validated our efforts and strengthened our brand.**

**We closed out third quarter at the 65th Annual Western Region Conference sincerely humbled by the recognition that we received, bringing home awards for Outstanding Chapter Performance, Membership Development and 1st Place in the scrapbook competition. This year's success has fueled our fire and passion to continue to serve in groundbreaking new ways, and we are thankful in advance for the continued support of our family, friends and corporate partners who help us make such a positive impact in Inglewood and beyond.**





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