

DELTA BETA CHAPTER XINOS AND KUDOS

REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK, Inc.) is a professional non-profit organization of active and retired female educators committed to the pursuit of excellence in education as they mentor, tutor and support the youth of the United States of America. The youth groups sponsored by Delta Beta Chapter are called the Xinos (girls) and Kudos (boys), in grades 9th thru 12th. NSPDK, Inc. encourages the development and potential of our youth while providing a welcoming, respectful, and



Brenda Kay Fowler, Kudos Sponsor

inclusive environment for our Xinos and Kudos. The Delta Beta Chapter Xinos and Kudos hosted the 45th Xinos and 35th Kudos Southwest Regional Conference at the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas. The 2018 theme for this year's conference was "Change Begins With

Me". Approximately 400 students from four states, under the guidance and supervision of soror sponsors, participated in general sessions, development workshops, and competitions in academic excellence, oratorical speaking, art, dance, basketball and scrapbooking.

Delta Beta Kudos earned the following recognitions: Christian McCauley—*Oratorical Speaking—2nd Place*; Geoffrey Agueze—*Basketball—1st Place*; LaMon Crosby, Christian McCauley, Rico Fresch and Jamal Hardin—*Dance—1st Place*; Yanson Arline—*Art—1st Place*; and Christian McCauley—*Academic*



DELTA BETA KUDOS 2018 Graduating Seniors
Left to Right: David Turner; DeShawn Carr; Garrison Arbuckle; and LaMon Crosby. Not Shown: Avery Johnson

Excellence.

Delta Beta Xinos earned the following recognitions: Amunique Swan and Kennedi Carter—*Academic Excellence*; Moriah Leonard—*Basketball—1st Place*;

Kourtney Jobe—*Basketball—2nd Place*; *Scrapbook—2nd Place.*

Delta Beta Xinos and Kudos did an outstanding job!! Special recognition to the Kudos Sponsor, Brenda Kay

Fowler and Xinos Sponsor, Dorcas Seals, for their untiring support of our youth throughout the school year, and for preparing our youth for their regional youth conference

Round Rock Black Student Alliance Hold Community Meeting

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

On September 8th, concerned community groups gathered at a neighborhood forum to discuss and seek resolution about, the "unfair treatment of Black students" in the Round Rock school district. Associations that assembled were: Round Rock Black Student Alliance; Free Church Soul of Round Rock; Undoing



Black Student Alliance: Pictured left to right are: Tiffany, Toya and Susan.
Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

Racism Round Rock and many others.

Moreover, a panel of experts in various fields ranging from education, social justice, and law enforcement addressed residents matters and came to an understanding. Among the panel was; Round Rock Police Chief, Allen Banks, Dr. Green from the University of Texas, Morgan Craven from Texas Apease, Skye Howel from Austin Community College.

Not only was the forum well attended, it provided answers to the participants. For instance, one participant mentioned that the teacher evaluation should also include a cultural aspect. A cultural aspect would evaluate how well a teacher cooperates and develops with students of color. Moreover, they plan to organize many more meetings to inform the community of the need to have fairness in the school systems.

Candidate Greet and Meet

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

Thursday, September 6, 2018, Pooja Sethi, an engaged community leader opened her home for a candidate greet and meet event. Candidates invited to attend included but not limited to: Celia Israel, seeking re-election for Texas House District 50; Mike Siguel, Democratic Party nominee for 10th Congressional District; Chari Kelly, running for 3rd Court of Appeals; and Arati Singh running for Austin Independent School Board Trustee.

During the forum, applicants spoke on a multitude of issues, varying from education to the current immigration problem. They spoke on the need to have a "fair immigration



Pictured left to right: Urvi, Nagali, and Arati Singh. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

system." According to Mike Siguel, there are many problems he wants to tackle if elected such as: "the hateful approach to our neighbor & trading partner, Mexico; an environmental disaster for all migrating species; a waste of government resources that won't make us safer." In addition, Celia Israel who discussed

matters the 2019 Texas Legislature will face, many of which is redistricting.

Finally, attendees were "fired up to take back their Congress and Judicial system." According to political experts, Democrats have the opportunity to take back the United States House of Representatives.

Austin School Board Election

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

Beginning November, Austinites will be voting on school board members. The Austin Independent

School District (AISD) is at a "crucial juncture" in which the upcoming board members will have to make key decisions dealing with equity.

The candidates running for the AISD school board include fresh faces and Incumbents: Dr. Gordon and La Tisha Anderson for place One; Kristin Ashy and Zachary Price for



Pictured left to right: Jindu and Chari Kelly

District Four; Geronimo Rodriguez for District Six; Yasmine Wagner for District Seven; and Arati Singh, Carmen Tilton and Sam Russo for District Nine.

Moreover, Arati Singh is a local business owner. Singh founded a consulting firm that assists school districts and universities in designing and evaluating

college access. Her firm also outlines Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs. She has been involved in various PTA groups like; Advocacy Chairwoman for the Austin Council of PTAs, Texas PTA Advocacy Committee Member, Campus PTA President, and Campaign Treasurer for sitting Trustee Amber Elenz.

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