



*Epsilon Chi Sigma – Antelope Valley Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. receives a California State Senate Certificate of Recognition from Sen. Scott Wilk*

### **About Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by seven young educators:

- Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little
- Dorothy Hanley Whiteside
- Vivian Irene White Marbury
- Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson
- Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford
- Bessie Mae Downey Rhoades Martin
- Cubena McClure

The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to the Alpha chapter at Butler University. Since its inception, the dynamic women of Sigma Gamma Rho have built and sustained a well-known and well-respected reputation for leading positive change to help uplift the community through sisterhood, leadership, and service.

Sigma Gamma Rho has welcomed more than 100,000 collegiate and professional women from every profession. The sorority has more than 500 chapters in the United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, South Korea, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the United Arab Emirates. The organization also has active affiliate groups devoted to empowering women at different stages in life. The Rhosbud Club Affiliates (girls ages 8-11), the Rhoer Club Affiliates (teenage girls) and Philos Affiliates (friends of the sorority) also assist alumnae chapters with various service efforts and programs.

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## **About Epsilon Chi Sigma – Antelope Valley Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.:**

Chartered on November 21, 1981, the Epsilon Chi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., proudly stands as the first African-American sorority in Antelope Valley. Esteemed for their enduring commitment to "Greater Service, Greater Progress," they have significantly impacted the Palmdale and Lancaster communities through initiatives like:

- The Youth Symposium, emphasizing STEM and educational growth
- Operation BigBookBag, providing essential supplies to students
- Health programs focusing on breast cancer awareness.

The chapter's legacy continues to inspire through dedicated community service and empowerment. Epsilon Chi Sigma chapter has provided various support to the community in a variety of ways in the recent year:

- Operation BigBookBag: Providing school supplies to local students and schools on multiple occasions.
- Providing hygiene supplies to the unsheltered community at Grace Resource Center.
- Partnering with local agencies to provide women's wellness workshops (breast cancer, ovarian cancer, immunization, mental health) to the members in the community.
- Holiday Meal Basket: Partnering with local church (Acceleration Church AV) to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need.
- Holiday Toy Drive: Partnership with local a local church (Acceleration Church AV) to provide toys for families in need.
- Holiday Toy Drive: Provided sensory toys to the Discovery Center in Palmdale for students with disability.
- MLK Day of Service: Partnership with other Divine 9 Organizations to provide maintenance and support for the Shaw Building in Sun Village
- Project Cradle Care: Partnership with Black Infant Health of Lancaster, to provide needed supplies for expecting mothers.
- Soles for Little Souls – the chapter donated gift cards to Cole Middle School for students to go buy shoes.
- Annual Youth Symposium – Partnership with Concern Black Men of Los Angeles to provide a day of learning to students in the community. Providing information on STEM, money management, navigating school, higher education, mental health CPR and many other subjects.

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