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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Celebrates 111 Years Of Service

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On January 15 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in the Virgin Islands celebrated the organization's 111th anniversary along with more than 290,000 of their fellow members around the world, according to a release the organization issued.

In 1908, a group of young collegiate women gathered at Howard University to organize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. AKA is the oldest Greek-letter organization established

by African-American college-educated women.

There are over 1,000 AKA chapters, four of which are in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Sigma Theta Omega Graduate Chapter in the St. Thomas/St. John District established in 1990, Rho Omicron Undergraduate Chapter at the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas campus, 1996, Mu Gamma Omega Graduate Chapter on St. Croix in 1978 and Rho Xi Undergraduate Chapter at the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix campus, 1996. The V.I. chapters are a part of the International Region, which is comprised of all chapter outside of the continental United States including South Africa, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Liberia, Bermuda, Bahamas and the United Arab Emirates.

On St. Thomas members will dine together and on January 21, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, they will host a community breakfast at the Emancipation Garden, according to the release. All are welcomed to attend. Together, members in the St. Thomas-St. John District will continue to work to provide "service to all mankind and make an impact in our community," said President, Lucille Parsons of St. John.

Feature Image: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Mu Gamma Omega Chapter Local President Oran Bowry paints a playground seat.