



Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter Soror of the Year 2020



Jolynn Caroline

Where did you attend college?

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

When were you initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated?

I was initiated into the Gamma Chapter at the University of Illinois on March 16, 1997.

Why did you join Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority?

Alpha Kappa Alpha's foundational principles perfectly aligned with my interests and the community service I was already performing as a high school student and undergraduate student. Additionally, I wanted to serve the community alongside like-minded women who are always keeping current with the needs of the most vulnerable communities.

When did you join the Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter?

I joined in 2007. This is my second time being elected as Soror of the Year and I am truly honored and humbled.

What offices have you held in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated?

President, Vice President, Graduate Advisor, Parliamentarian, Connections Chair, Founders' Day Chairman, Gamma Chapter Centennial Celebration Chair, Protocol Chairman, Standards Chair, Rituals Chair, Central Region Programs Committee

What do you enjoy most about being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated?

I have grown so much not just personally, but also professionally as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Being surrounded by professional women who routinely model excellence and commitment sets a truly high benchmark. The encouragement and support that we provide each other to aim higher and reach further is truly unmatched. Oh just to be!!

What does being sisterly mean to you?

Accepting and loving your sister for who she is (strengths and weaknesses) and where she is right now. Expecting and believing the best, providing direction when needed, and being generous with your time, talent, and attention.

Describe your current position at the University of Illinois. What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy coming up with different strategies to help students and alumni obtain their career goals. Additionally, I like to encourage people when they want to quit and push them to the finish line.



Did you receive awards and honors in college and/or your profession? What were they? What did the awards mean to you?

- Undergrad-Presidential Scholar Award;
- Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society-Alpha Chapter President (first person of color to serve as President), Advisor, Senior Advisor;
- Phi Eta Sigma Academic Honor Society;
- Graduated with Department Honors Law School-Rickert Award for Legal Publication;
- Law Review, Notes Editor (highest academic journal);
- Professional-Emerging Young Leaders Board of Directors, United Way;
- Liaison to the American Bar Association-Diversity in the Judiciary Committee

What community organizations do you belong to and why?

I currently serve as the Vice President of the Champaign County Extension Foundation Board of Directors. I also serve on the First Impressions and Security teams at Stone Creek Church. I am a member of East Central Illinois Women Attorney Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the National Association of Law Placement.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love live music, so I enjoy going to concerts. I also grew up in a very-sports oriented family, so I love watching sports and going to games.

What motto/scripture do you live by?

Philippians 4:4 is my go-to scripture during rough seasons. I also pray Psalm 91 every day.