



**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
New York State Zetas**

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Community Conscious and Action Oriented
**NYS Zetas Answer the Call to Service for Pace University's
Pleasantville Campus Students Impacted by COVID-19**

New York, NY, (September 30, 2020) – Since the start of the fall semester, students have resumed their daily activities by returning to classrooms either virtually or in-person. As the world attempts to transition to our new socially distanced normal, for some students at ***Pace University's Pleasantville Campus***, the planned progress of reopening has slowed. After twenty (20) students tested positive for COVID-19, one dormitory has enacted a 14 day self-quarantine for the 165 students that reside there.

On September 26th, the Sisterhood learned that the only member on campus, Soror Ayana White, President of **Gamma Upsilon**, was one of students impacted. A request was made from a University Administrator, also a member of the Sorority, asking for support to help uplift the spirits of those quarantined students. Our beloved Sorority answered the call with service and relief efforts. **New York State Zetas, Gamma Upsilon** undergraduate chapter, and sponsoring Graduate Chapter **Alpha Alpha Omega Zeta**, mobilized their efforts in space donated by First Baptist Church of Bronxville, where Brother Lamont Granby of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated is the Senior Leader. Within 48 hours of the request, over 200 care packages were assembled filled with essential items

such as healthy snacks, leisure activities, mindful mental practice and toiletries to help those quarantined.

“The mere existence of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated over the last century has been deeply rooted in the ideals of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. In this, our centennial year, we continue to honor the commitment to our founding principles by serving the communities we live in, work in, and ultimately learn in. It was our privilege to serve the Pace University community – especially at a time when service to others is so crucial and needed. It’s my hope that this gesture will inspire other sororal and fraternal organizations at the university to the task of service, and we look forward to partnering with Pace and said organizations in future endeavors,” said New York State Director Amber D. Koiner, CPA.



The effects of COVID-19 have been both physically and emotionally draining on the Pace student body and their families. As a result,

NYS Zetas are working together with Pace University's Dean of Students to curate special programming to provide support for the students. One of those events will be hosting a virtual party on Friday, October 2nd with live music provided by DJ Shannell B. who is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated.

“During this pandemic, college students have been asked to change all of their expectations about college life. However, due in part to the kindness shown our students from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., we don't have to sacrifice our students' expectations about how we support them. Spending time in quarantine is difficult for anyone, but due to the community-conscious and values-based efforts of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Pace University and our students are grateful for the support, care, and service to students regardless of their affiliation. This unified, humanistic approach is part of why college campuses continue to thrive. It will take all of us doing things above and beyond to create new expectations of how communities come together,” said Rachel Carpenter, Interim Dean for Students.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is committed to standing in the gap for the communities we serve and responding to the needs of the students of Pace University is a true testament to our resolve.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University, Washington, D.C. The sorority takes pride in making a positive impact through volunteer services from members and its auxiliaries. The Sorority's international programs such as Z-HOPE™ (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) and the endowment of its National Educational Foundation provide community outreach services and support to organizations. The organization celebrated its centennial anniversary in January 2020, and retains its original zest for excellence and the highest academic ideals.

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