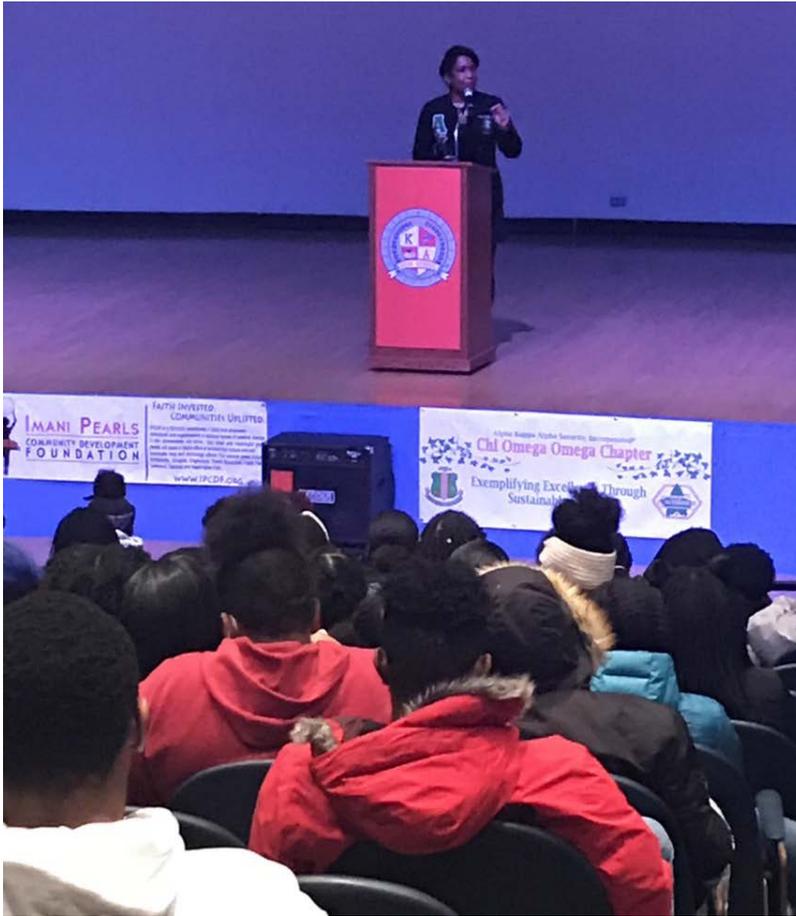


Chi Omega Omega MLK Day of Service: Building a Better Chicago

Despite frigid temperatures, 125 middle and high school aged students, 118 Sorors and 22 community leaders turned out for the 3rd Annual Chi Omega Omega MLK Day of Service— *Building a Better Chicago - Mission Possible: Becoming Activists, Knowledgeable, and Aware* event held January 21, 2019 at Kenwood Academy High School in Chicago. The day focused on young people interacting with professionals that look like them presenting positive ways of thinking and how to be impactful within their communities. Students were provided transportation, breakfast and lunch via \$1,850 in financial sponsorships. They also received backpacks and school supplies.

Motivational speeches were given by Illinois' First Black Lieutenant Governor, Soror Juliana Stratton and WGCI-FM personality, Tone Kapone. Chi Omega Omega had a moment of Silence for "Silent Seats," these seats represented the young people under the age of 24 killed in Chicago during 2018, each seat labelled and left empty to define the importance of the day and increase awareness of social and economic disparities in our communities. 25 Workshops were presented discussing *Being Socially Responsible, Manhood, Detrimental Decisions, Achieving Your Dream*, and other topics inspiring students to strive for greatness and be positive activists in society. The day ended with entertainment by rap artist, Korporate; and The Chicago Contemporary Dance Company.

NBC5's LeeAnn Trotter showcased the event on her "Making a Difference" news segment that included interviews with a student and Sorors Juliana Stratton; Hanneke L. Hall, Basileus; and Erika Whitehead, Chairman. The clip can be found on the Central Region website. The Chicago Crusader also featured an article highlighting the event.



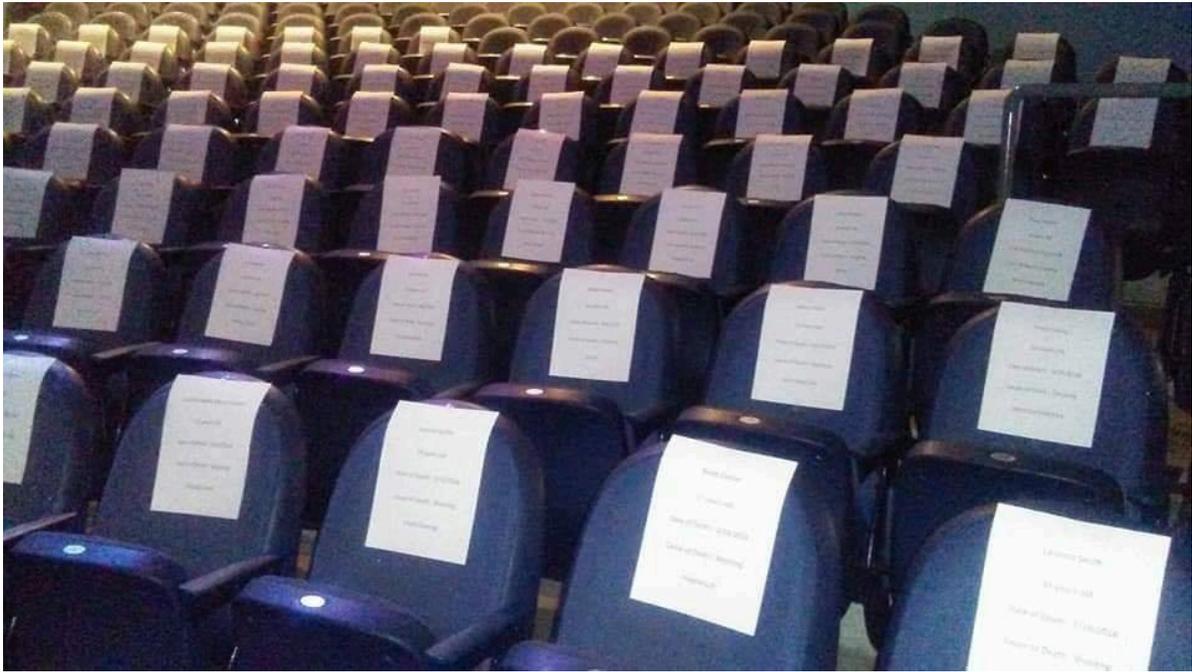
CAPTION: Illinois' First Black Lieutenant Governor, Soror Juliana Stratton opening motivational speech to students.



CAPTION: 125 middle and high school aged students attended the Chi Omega Omega MLK Day of Service—fully engaged and motivated!



CAPTION: From left to right: Soror Ketty Charles, Co-Chairman; Soror Erika Lynn Whitehead, Chairman.



CAPTION: "Silent Seats," representing the young people under the age of 24 killed in Chicago during 2018