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# A Letter from Our *President*

Greetings HCP Members, family, friends, supporters, and community partners,

My name is Huriyah Al-Batin, and I have the distinct honor and privilege of serving as President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Omega Phi Omega Chapter and Historic Coast P.E.A.R.L.S., Inc.

On behalf of both organizations, I extend a warm welcome and heartfelt thanks for joining us at our signature fundraising event, Pink Groove! We are delighted that you have chosen to spend your evening with us in celebration, fellowship, and support of a cause that is near and dear to our hearts. Tonight, we gather not only to have a wonderful time but also to recognize individuals whose dedication and service have made a lasting impact within our community. Your presence and generosity help us continue our mission of service through impactful community programs and educational opportunities for deserving young adults through college scholarships.

As we celebrate this evening, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to every person who has supported this event. Whether you purchased a ticket, made a donation, shared information with others, volunteered your time, sponsored a portion of the event, or simply cheered us on from the sidelines, your support has been invaluable. Every contribution, no matter the size, represents a commitment to our mission and helps us create meaningful change in the communities we serve. I would also like to extend special recognition to our previous presidents, Mrs. Jocelyn Spates, Mrs. Nakiya Binder, Mrs. Matrell Long, and Ms. Keecia King. Their leadership, vision, dedication, and countless hours of service helped build the strong foundation upon which we continue to grow today. We are grateful for their enduring legacy and continued support.

A very special thank you is extended to our Fundraising Chairman, LaTosha Sigler, and Co-Chairman, Kirsten Stafford, for their outstanding leadership, creativity, and unwavering commitment throughout this fundraising campaign. Their ability to turn ideas into action, navigate challenges with grace, and keep us all moving forward deserves tremendous recognition. We also thank the entire Fundraising Committee for their hard work, enthusiasm, teamwork, and willingness to go above and beyond. Simply put, Pink Groove would not be possible without each of you.

This evening is a testament to what can happen when people come together with a shared purpose, a spirit of generosity, and perhaps a willingness to enjoy a little music and fun along the way! We are honored by your support and deeply appreciative of all that you do to help strengthen our community.

Thank you again for joining us, for believing in our mission, and for helping us make a difference. We hope you enjoy the evening, make lasting memories, and leave knowing

that your support will have a meaningful impact long after the music ends. Enjoy the groove, and thank you for being part of the Pink Groove experience!

In gratitude and thanks,  
*Huriyah Al-Batin*



# *Pink Groove*



A Letter from Our

# Fundraising Chair

## Welcome to Pink Groove!

Thank you so much for being here with us today. Your presence truly means the world, and your support plays an essential role in making Pink Groove so special. Because of thoughtful individuals like you, we can continue advancing our mission—promoting lifelong learning, community health and wellness, financial literacy, environmental stewardship, community beautification, and voter education.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our incredible leadership team—President Huriyah Al-Batin, 1st Vice President Jocelyn Spates, and 2nd Vice President Charzetta James. Their guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support of the fundraising committee have been invaluable. Their passion and vision helped bring this event to life in such a meaningful way.

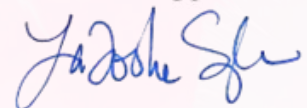
A special and heartfelt thank you to our Fundraising Committee. It has truly been a joy working together as a team to create such a memorable experience for our chapter members and guests. Your dedication, collaboration, and passion made this event something truly special.

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of supporters like you, the funds raised today will directly support scholarships and impactful programs that uplift our local community. Your willingness to partner with us is making a lasting difference, expanding opportunities and providing vital resources for those we serve.

We are deeply grateful for your participation and your generosity. Your involvement strengthens our mission and brings us closer to achieving our shared goals.

We hope you find today's event both enjoyable and inspiring. It is truly an honor to have you as part of our community, and we look forward to continuing this partnership. Thank you again for your kindness and your belief in our work.

With sincere appreciation,



LaTosha Sigler  
Fundraising Committee Chair  
Historic Coast Pearls, Inc.,



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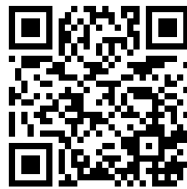


# About *Historic Coast Pearls, Inc.*

Historic Coast Pearls, Inc. is the nonprofit organization formed by members of the Omega Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. located in Northeast Florida. In 2018, the foundation was established, and the following year Historic Coast Pearls was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The mission of the Historic Coast Pearls Foundation is to promote lifelong learning and to provide service to all mankind. This is accomplished by securing charitable contributions and gifts to award scholarships and support community service activities.

- To engage in programs and activities that address the needs that pertains to education, health, environmental and social issues in the community.
- To uplift students, businesses and organizations for the benefit of the society.
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Meet the  
*Fundraising  
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# Commissioner Cynthia Garris



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Commissioner Garris began her public service career with the City over a decade ago, starting as a parking attendant before advancing to roles including Custodian and Facilities Coordinator, where she served for 10 years before retiring in 2021. In 2022, she made history as the first former City staff member and first Black woman sworn in as Commissioner, marking a significant milestone in local leadership.

With more than 20 years in public service, Commissioner Garris has remained committed to empowering her community through service and leadership. Her earlier work includes founding a women's support group at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, leading outreach efforts for individuals experiencing homelessness, and supporting military operations as a clerk at the Naval Underwater Systems Center. She also dedicated 10 years to the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts.

Commissioner Garris holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from University of Phoenix and has remained deeply involved in community service. Her leadership includes roles with the American Legion Auxiliary Alton Green Unit 194 and support for organizations like the Betty Griffin Center. Outside of her work, she enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, and family.





# Regina Gayle Phillips



Lincolnville  
Museum and  
Cultural Center

Gayle Phillips is an Executive Director with experience in cultural heritage leadership. She is currently the Executive Director at Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, dedicated to exploring and preserving Black history and culture. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing museum operations, strategic planning, and community engagement.

Gayle Phillips has lived in St. John's County for over a decade and enjoys giving back to her community. She has extensive experience as the owner of a catering business and as a purchasing and accounting employee of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Jacksonville. Her work history includes a brief period as Executive Director at Cultural News. Her work includes roles on the boards of the Friends of Lincolnville Inc., St. Augustine Historical Society and St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum, a nonprofit organization dedicated to discovering and presenting maritime heritage. As a board member, she contributed to oversighting governance, policy development, and strategic guidance.

Phillips's education includes studies at the University of Florida, First Coast Technical Institute, and Florida Junior College at Jacksonville.





# Robin Thomas



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Ms. Thomas is the Executive Director and Board Vice President of Compassionate St. Augustine and a lifelong resident of Lincolnvile. A graduate of St. Augustine High School, St. Johns River Community College, and University of North Florida, her path was dramatically altered by a car accident that left her paralyzed. Through faith, resilience, and years of therapy, she regained the ability to stand and walk with assistance, continuing her education and earning a BA in Psychology.

She has built a career advocating for individuals with disabilities, working with The Independent Living Resource Center and Duval County Public Schools, where she supported independent living, education, and career readiness. She also serves as a mentor with Florida Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program, encouraging others to overcome life-changing challenges.

An author of *The Doctor Said and Unbroken Spirit*, Ms. Thomas shares her journey of perseverance and hope. Her work has earned recognition including the Positively Jax Award and the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women "Woman of the Year."





# Robert Nimmons



Robert Nimmons IV is a lifelong resident of West Augustine whose career has been defined by leadership, business excellence, and community service. Beginning as a newspaper carrier for the St. Augustine Record at age 11, he developed a strong work ethic that led to a successful career in sales, marketing, and business development with companies including RC Cola, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Sysco Foods, and Keurig Dr Pepper, where he earned numerous top-performer awards.

A graduate of St. Augustine High School and Florida State College at Jacksonville, Robert has dedicated much of his life to advancing opportunities in West Augustine. As Chairman of the West Augustine CRA, he helped lead transformative projects including economic development initiatives, community revitalization efforts, and the advancement of the Florida Black History Museum.

Robert has also served in leadership roles with organizations such as the NAACP, Habitat for Humanity, and the Fort Mose Historical Society. Married to Kaneika Nimmons and a proud father and grandfather, he remains committed to strengthening his community and inspiring future generations through service and leadership.





# Thomas Jackson



Thomas “TJ” Jackson is a lifelong resident of St. Augustine and a graduate of Florida A&M University, where he earned a degree in Philosophy with minors in Political Science and Religion. He later earned a Master of Public Administration from University of North Florida and proudly served in the United States Air Force as a crew chief supporting C-141 aircraft operations.

Throughout his career, TJ has worked in workforce development, housing and community services, transportation, recreation management, and real estate. He has served as a counselor, business owner, Recreation Supervisor for St. Johns County, and Managing Broker of Coquina Coast Realty, while remaining committed to improving opportunities for residents throughout Northeast Florida.

A respected community leader, TJ has held numerous leadership roles with organizations including the Fort Mose Historical Society, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee of St. Johns County, St. Augustine Historical Society, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Florida Black History Museum Foundation. He and his wife, Barbara, are proud parents of four children, and he continues to be a dedicated advocate for history, education, and community engagement.





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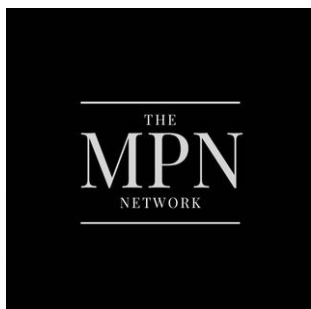
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# Thank You

To our incredible Fundraising Committee,

Thank you for your dedication, countless hours of planning, and unwavering commitment to making the 2026 Pink Groove event a tremendous success. From the initial brainstorming sessions and meetings to the final execution, your hard work, creativity, and teamwork were evident every step of the way.

Because of your efforts, 2026 Pink Groove was not only a beautiful event but also a meaningful opportunity to support our mission and make a lasting impact in our community. Your passion, attention to detail, and willingness to go above and beyond did not go unnoticed.

We are deeply grateful for each of you and proud of what we accomplished together. Thank you for helping turn a vision into a memorable and successful event.

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With sincere appreciation,



Huriyah Al-Batin  
President





# *Closing Thank You Message*

As we close the chapter on our 2026 Pink Groove Scholarship - All White Affair, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make this event a tremendous success.

To our attendees, sponsors, community leaders, business partners, patrons, and supporters—thank you for your presence, generosity, and commitment to investing in the future of our youth. Your support allows us to continue providing scholarship opportunities and empowering the next generation of leaders.

We are especially grateful to the many individuals and organizations whose contributions, encouragement, and partnership helped bring this memorable evening to life. Together, we celebrated excellence, community, and the power of giving back.

Thank you for standing with Historic Coast Pearls, Inc. and for helping us make a lasting impact throughout St. Augustine and the surrounding communities.

We look forward to continuing this important work and hope to see you again next year.

With sincere appreciation,  
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