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Topic: Greek Life

[Sharon Bryant responding to a question about how she got involved in Alpha Kappa Alpha.]

Sharon Sheridan Bryant: That was they came first it was Delta Sigma Theta. Well, my, my, my sister went to Delaware State College. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at Delaware State College. And I told you that they were my inspiration. They really were my idols back then, my sisters, because they were so smart, and such good girls and all of that. And so I knew that if I was going to pledge anything at all, it was going to be Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, not Delta Sigma Theta. So we set out to I made the initial main, I made the initial calls to the to someone who was already an Alpha Kappa, alpha person, a graduate person, and asked about getting a chapter started at the University of Delaware. And the first meeting was held in my dorm room, my 508 East Tower. And so we had a group of women who were interested, and we came and talked to us about it. And, and that's how we got started.

Interviewer: Awesome.

Sharon Sheridan Bryant: Yeah. So we were told by the University administration, so eventually, a lot of things happen. It took us several years to actually become a chapter. But we were told by the University, "Why, why are you, why do you want to start another African American sorority? We already have one on campus. Why don't you join that one?"

Interviewer: Interesting.

Sharon Sheridan Bryant: And of course, I didn't know how anyone else felt about it, but that was not an option for me. I knew that if I was going to pledge anything at all, it was going to be Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. And as I said, my sister was an AKA...