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Beta Revolution CONVENTION
Virginia Beach 2016

August 11-14 | Virginia Beach, VA

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welcome

Welcome to Virginia Beach and Omega Phi Beta's National Convention! This year we are celebrating 27 years of serving and educating through our diversity.

Our theme for this year's Convention is Beta Revolution! The Revolution is rooted in LOVE, which can be seen highlighted in the logo and theme name. It is an extension of our theme last year, For the Love, indicating that what we do for our community, our sorority, and each other is For the LOVE of our organization and its continuous growth.

We began 2016 with Regional Retreats and the theme "Change is Inevitable, Growth is Intentional." We are living in globalized and fast-paced times. Our world is constantly changing and we are facing new challenges every day. We have to be intentional about how we grow and continue to stay true to our mission, vision, goals, and values!

In March we celebrated our 27th "Betaversary" with the theme Beta Evolution. We took a look back at how much we have grown and how things have changed for the better in our organization and the way we do things. We also took some time to reflect on how we have evolved as individual women, and become BETTER as BETAS.

This has brought us to the NEXT STEP of EVOLUTION—REVOULTION! We cannot just let the winds of change carry us, we must be the seeds of change. It has always been in our organizational nature to challenge the status quo. This weekend we will gather to talk business, to bond, to join together as sisters and as a community with our partners, sponsors, and family members. We will always carry the revolutionary spirit never forgetting that revolution is rooted in evolution and at the heart of both, is LOVE.

Here's to the Beta Revolution!

Elizaveta F. Reyes-Tomé

National President

2016-2017

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Weekend schedule

Thursday August 11	2pm—4pm	BOT & NCOO Mixer
	6:30pm—7:30pm	Registration at ODU
	6:30pm—8:30pm	Meet & Greet at Holiday Inn
	9pm—11pm	Welcome to Summer: Mini-Golf (G)
Friday August 12	7:30am—8:30am	Body Revolution: Zumba
	9 am	Ride to VA Beach
	10am—12pm	Dolphin Cruise (G)
	1:30pm—3pm	Registration at Holiday Inn Beta Market
	2pm—3pm	Lunch
	3:15pm—6pm	Business Meeting, Part 1 (S)
	6pm—6:30pm	Snack Break
	6:30pm—8:30pm	Business Meeting, Part 2 (S)
	9pm—10pm	Neophyte / Nationals Social
	9:30pm—11:30pm	Ice Cream Social by the Alumnae Association & Omega Phi Beta Foundation
Saturday August 13	7am—8am	Registration Breakfast
	8:30am—10:30am	Business Meeting, Part 3 (S)
	10:45am—11:35am	Workshops, Session 1
	10:45am—12:45am	Leadership Training (S)
	11:45am—1pm	Workshops, Session 2
	1pm—2pm	Lunch
	1pm—4pm	Beta Market
	2pm—4pm	NMEP Refresher Session (S)
	6pm—12am	Awards Banquet
Sunday August 14	9am—10am	Body Revolution: Yoga
	12pm—2pm	Goodbye Brunch (G)
	3pm—5pm	Betas at the Beach

Key:

(S) - Omega Phi Beta Sisters Only Event

(G) - Gold Ticket Holders Only

convention team

THE EVENT PLANNING TEAM

A big thank you to our team members who helped put this Convention together:

- Collective at Old Dominion University
- Veronica Alemida, Alpha Epsilon Chapter
- Kimberly Casillas, Gamma Chapter
- Janice Reyes-Sanchez, Epsilon Chapter
- Gabriela Mata, Beta Iota Chapter
- Kelly Rodriguez, Pi Chapter
- Founder Jane Vega, Alpha Chapter
- Sherice King, Tau Chapter
- Elizaveta F. Reyes-Tome, Tau Chapter

general information

REGISTRATION:

Keep your wristband on through the weekend and wear your name badge with buttons at the Business Meeting and Workshops!

- BUTTONS: will be handed out at our Friday Registration
- T-SHIRTS: Sisters that purchased Gold Tickets should pick up t-shirts at the Business Meeting (Snack Break)
- HOTEL GIFT BAGS: Registered hotel guests staying under the OPB room block will receive bags between Thursday and Friday
- NO TICKET UPGRADES: Activities reserved for Gold Ticket Holders cannot be sold separately

BETA MARKET HOURS:

Friday August 12, 1:30 pm to 3 pm, Holiday Inn Salon D&E

Saturday August 13, 1 pm to 4 pm, Holiday Inn Salon D&E

WI-FI ACCESS:

Network: Holiday Inn Virginia Beach; Access: AshleyS29

SOCIAL MEDIA:

#BetaRevolution1989 **#VAisForBetas**

TRANSPORTATION:

Gold ticket holders are entitled to the Hampton Roads Transit bus pass, which can be picked up at registration (more details at HRT.com). Extra passes will be handed out to other ticket holders on a first come, first serve basis.

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thursday

THURSDAY AUGUST 11

National Officer Mixer

2 pm | Holiday Inn, Salon D&E

Closed event for National Officers (BOT & NCOO) only! Please dress comfortably, we will be painting!

Meet & Greet

6:30 pm | Holiday Inn Blue Bar

Get to know all our Convention guests, meet sisters, register and pick up your name badges, wrist bands, and packages!

Welcome to Summer; Mini-Golf (G)

9 pm | Jungle Golf, 302 23rd St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

GOLD tickets only—get ready for exciting outdoor fun at this family mini-golf offering 18 holes of play!

Congratulations to my Radiant sisters of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on the continued commitment to our respective communities, leadership, education, and philanthropic excellence in helping to end violence against women.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 12

friday

Body Revolution: Zumba

7:30 am | Holiday Inn, Shenandoah Room

Get pumped up and ready to start your Convention weekend with energy! This class will be taught by Amriel Rodriguez, certified in Zumba for the past two years and recent initiate at our Collective at Georgia State University, Spring 2016 #3! She is a rising senior majoring in Early Childhood Education. Please come dressed ready for fitness!

"I cannot wait to see you all shake it on the floor!"

Dolphin Cruise (G)

10 am | Rudee Tours, 200 Winston Salem Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

GOLD tickets only—an essential VA Beach activity aboard the Rudee Flipper! Enjoy complimentary water and a cash snack & drink bar.

Beta Market—1:30 pm | Holiday Inn, Salon D&E

Lunch Buffet—2 pm | Holiday Inn, Salon F&G

Sorority Business Meeting (S)

3:15 pm | Holiday Inn Salon A, B, C

Open to OPBSI Members only – Attire: Business Casual. The business meeting will have two sessions with a snack break in between. Agendas will be handed out at the meeting.

Neophyte/National Officer Social (S)

9 pm | Holiday Inn Salon A & B

Open to OPBSI Members who are Summer 15, Fall 15, Spring 16, and Summer 16 inductees! Learn the Sorority Oath with Founder Nieve & more!

Ice Cream Social

9:30 pm | Shenandoah Room

Delicious ice cream sundaes and networking! Hosted by the Alumnae Association and the Omega Phi Beta Foundation.

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

Breakfast Buffet—7 am | Holiday Inn, Salon F&G

Sorority Business Meeting (S)

8:30 am | Holiday Inn Salon A, B, C

Open to OPBSI Members only – Attire: Beta Spirit

Workshop Session 1.2: "I Am…" Affinity Group Building

10:45 am | Holiday Inn, Salon A, B, C

Leadership Training: Executing Like a Boss

10:45 am | Holiday Inn, Executive Boardroom

Ever wonder what kind of talent and skill set it takes to plan a national event, restructure an organization, or launch a new initiative? Planning events and managing projects, whether small or large, internally or externally, can sometimes be a daunting and stressful process. This session will provide you with tools, tips, and tricks of the trade to: create a timeline and follow through on projects; have foresight and anticipate what could go wrong; understand the communication, details, and phases/stages of taking an idea from inception to completion; be resourceful and collaborative. Co-Presented by: Sonja Stills, Senior Associate Commissioner of Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator at the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Workshop Session 2.1: Recruitment

11:45 am | Holiday Inn, Salon A

Build bigger chapters with quality women—tips for recruitment and growth will be shared by our experts from the Expansion Committee and Membership Committee.

Workshop Session 2.2: Raising VAW Awareness with Intention

11:45 am | Holiday Inn, Salon C

What are the tools you need to raise awareness of Violence Against Women (VAW) with intention? Our 2016 Ray of Hope Walk beneficiary, AF3IRM, will be joining us to talk about grassroots campaigning, programming, connection to mental health, and support.

Lunch Boxes to Go

1 pm | Holiday Inn, Exhibit Hall

Bring your lunch ticket to exchange it for your lunch box!

Beta Market—1:30 pm | Holiday Inn, Salon D&E

New Member Education Program—Refresher Session (S)

2:00 pm | Holiday Inn, Room TBD

Open to OPBSI Members only – get a brief recap of the Collegiate and Alumnae New Member Education Program (NMEP) and dive into the "whats" and "whys" of our policies, rituals, procedures and expectations. This session will prepare you to participate in NMEP in a non-Membership Educator capacity.

Awards Banquet

Holiday Inn, Grand Ballroom

6pm | Social Hour

Show up and check-in! We will have a photo booth out and available to capture your banquet glam!

A cash bar will be available for our guests 21+

7:15pm | Awards & Dinner Served

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our hard working members in 2015!

9:30pm | Closing & Desserts

Another Convention is in the books! We officially close the program and break out the flip flops for party-time!

10pm—Midnight | Dancing

Dance the night away with music by DJ Mike Jackson of MJ Creative and GetOpen Sessions

saturday

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SUNDAY AUGUST 14

Sunday

Body Revolution: Yoga

9:00 am | Holiday Inn, Exhibit Hall

Wind down from your Convention weekend, honoring and opening the Anahata (heart) chakra with Jessica Rodriguez, Tau Chapter Spring 2003! This is a beginner class with modifications added for practitioners that wish to go deeper into their practice.

Jessica's love for yoga emanates through her playful, heart opening classes. She studied Bikram Yoga in the Bronx for 4 years before moving to Los Angeles, California in 2014 where she was able to dive deeper into a variety of yoga sects, including Vinyasa, Kundalini and Bhakti Yoga. She attended her first 200 hour Prana Flow Vinyasa Teacher Training in December 2015 with Internationally renowned yoga teacher and writer, Shiva Rea. Jessica encourages her students to challenge themselves on the mat in order to build self confidence. Her goal is to promote self love and unleash the creative Goddess within every woman through the power of yoga.

Goodbye Brunch (G)

12 pm | Surf Club Ocean Grille, 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA

GOLD tickets only—enjoy a fresh catch, an ocean view, and the best of both land and sea at this award-winning restaurant. Brunch entrées are served with coffee/tea and soft drinks. Cash bar with drink special available!

Betas at the Beach

3 pm | Virginia Beach Boardwalk

Meet at the Virginia Beach Boardwalk by the Neptune Statue for pictures, games, and beach time! We will bring a few water bottles to keep hydrated!

award categories

Chapter (Collective) of the Year: awarded to a chapter or collective to recognize exemplary performance during the calendar year.

Most Improved Chapter (Collective) of the Year: awarded to a chapter or collective to recognize its ability to strive, overcome obstacles, and succeed in spite of earlier trials and challenges faced during the calendar year.

Trailblazer of the Year: awarded to a newly formed entity, a collective or recently re-activated chapter, in recognition of exemplary performance and extraordinary growth during the calendar year.

Region of the Year: awarded to a region that has demonstrated exemplary joint performance (as an assembly of chapters and collectives) during the calendar year.

Undergraduate of the Year Award: awarded to an undergraduate member that demonstrates outstanding leadership skills, excels academically, participates in extra-curricular activities, and works to enhance the sorority.

Alumna/Member-at-Large of the Year Award: awarded to an Alumna or Member-at-Large who has contributed significantly to the organization and enhanced sorority life.

Leadership Award: awarded to a member who has set a precedent to enhance Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. She has helped to manage, guide, and direct the organization to a higher level that will only help the organization as a unifying whole.

Jessica P. Roman Dedication Award: awarded to a member who has committed herself to OPBSI, beyond the minimum required and has devoted numerous hours to help our sorority exceed to higher levels, despite her own personal obligations and responsibilities.

Monica L. Miranda Image Award: awarded to a member or an entity that has exemplified the image of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated by staying true to our national goals, motto, sorority creed, and mission; no matter the circumstances faced.

Sister of the Year Award: awarded to a member who has exemplified the essence of a Beta Woman and has demonstrated true sisterhood, through sisterly behavior, and sisterly thought, not only for one person but for the sisterhood as a whole.

Professional of the Year Award: awarded to a member who has committed herself to her work and exemplifies the meaning of a professional woman.

Philanthropist of the Year Award: awarded to a member or an entity that has demonstrated passion and dedication for eradicating Violence against Women and has made great strides in spreading awareness of our national philanthropy.

Outstanding National Service Award: awarded to an active member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Sorority though her service in a national leadership role as a trustee, officer, committee member, or volunteer on a national project or initiative

Jessica Morales Art of Excellence Award: awarded to an active member of the National Step/Stroll Team that has exemplified the principles of OPBSI through the pursuit of excellence in the art of performing.

award nominees

SORORITY AWARDS

Undergraduate of the Year Award

Adriana Mata, Ana-Cristina Medal, Anahy Mayorga, Catherine Alcantara, Diana Acosta, Jasmine Phan, Maritza Minchala, Natalia De Los Santos, Penelope Ramirez, Sally Belliard, Vanessa Canuto

Alumna / Member-at-Large of the Year Award

Stephanie Rivera, Anny Munoz, Ashley Pera, Cynthia Lopez, Jasmine Pierce, Joanna Sattin, and Nia Gibson

Leadership Award

Anny Munoz, Cynthia Lopez, Kelly Rodriguez, Kristina Rivera, LeAna Flores, Leslie Alvarez, Maria Ocasio, Natalie Yaipen, Stephanie Ogando, Veronica Almeida

Jessica P. Roman Dedication Award

Cinthia Martinez, Cynthia Lopez, Kelly Rodriguez, LeAna Flores, Mery Del Rosario, Michelina Ferrara, Pamela Rosario-Perez

Monica L. Miranda Image Award

Anny Munoz, Beta Omicron Chapter, Cynthia Lopez, Delta Chapter, Kinyanna Evans, Maria Moreno, Membership Committee (Diane Vasquez, Himalaya Rao-Potlapally, Sasha Mercedes, Melissa Molina, Sttefany Oliveira, Brenda Salinas), UNCC Collective

Professional of the Year Award

Erika Casillas, Julissa Polanco, Maria Ocasio, Nancy Talamantes, Natalie Hernandez Green, Patricia Rodriguez, Veronica Almeida

Philanthropist of the Year Award

Alpha Beta Chapter

Outstanding National Service Award

Anayeli Gomez, Ariel Eure, Cynthia Lopez, Greisy Genao, Kelly Rodriguez, Melissa Molina, Sasha Mercedes

Sister of the Year Award

Anareliz Colon, Anayeli Gomez, Cynthia Lopez, Gabriela Mata, Jasmine Pierce, Karen Coronel, Kelly Rodriguez, LeAna Flores, Nia Gibson, Stephanie Ogando

Jessica Morales Art of Excellence Award

Ashley Pera, Daigi-Ann Thompson

OPERATIONAL AWARDS

Chapter (Collective) of the Year Award

Alpha Chapter, Xi Chapter, Beta Delta Chapter, Beta Zeta Chapter, Beta Mu Chapter, Beta Nu Chapter, Alpha Beta Chapter, Alpha Zeta Chapter

Most Improved Chapter (Collective) of the Year Award

Theta Chapter, Beta Alpha Chapter, Beta Pi Chapter, Ramapo Collective, UNCC Collective

Trailblazer of the Year Award

Gamma Chapter, Beta Xi Chapter

Region of the Year Award

Region 1: Eastern New York, Region 2: Mid-Atlantic, Region 3: Western New York, Region 4: New England, Region 5: Southeast, Region 6: Midwest, Region 7: West Coast

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national leadership team

Officer Name	Position
Jessica Marie Saul	Board of Trustees, Chair
Janice Y. Reyes-Sanchez	Board of Trustees, Secretary
Dawn C. Diaz-Torres	Board of Trustees, Treasurer
Jocelyn Tejeda	Board of Trustees, Trustee
Jane M. Vega	Board of Trustees, Founder Advisor
Elizaveta Reyes-Tome	National President
Anny B. Munoz	Vice President of Policy & Compliance
Elisa Molina	Vice President of Alumnae Affairs
LeAna A. Flores	Executive Vice President of Operations
Sherice J. King	Vice President of Finance
Melissa H. Molina	Vice President of Membership
Ariel Eure, M.S.Ed.	Vice President of Expansion
Michelina Ferrara	Vice President of Community Relations
Mery Del Rosario	Regional Vice President 1: Eastern NY
Amber Rae Farris	Regional Vice President 2: Mid-Atlantic
Jasmine Chandoo	Regional Vice President 3: Western NY
Veronica L. Almeida	Regional Vice President 4: New England
Theresa M. Flores	Regional Vice President 5: Southeast
Maria N. Ocasio	Regional Vice President 6: Midwest
Claribel Crews	Director of Academic Development
Kelly Rodriguez	Director of Herstory & Rituals
Gabriela Mata	Director of Marketing
Anayeli Gomez	Director of Philanthropy
Alina Acevedo	Alumnae Administrative Coordinator

THANK YOU

- Maria Brunner and the team at the Holiday Inn VA Beach/Norfolk
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- Karla Samantha Photography
- Amriel Rodriguez
- Sonja Stills, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
- Maureen Ivy Quicho, AF3IRM National Organizing Director
- Jessica Rodriguez, Saharu Yoga
- Steve Madden NYC
- Hampton Roads Transit Authority

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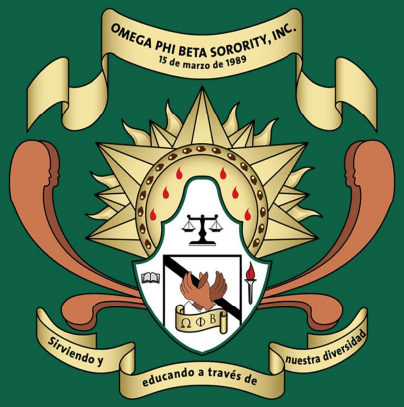

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BETAVERSARIES

This year we are celebrating the following Betaversaries:

- 5 Years: Classes initiated in 2011
- 10 Years: Classes initiated in 2006
- 15 Years: Classes initiated in 2001
- 20 Years: Classes initiated in 1996
- 25 Years: Classes initiated in 1991

Please stop by the registration table for a special gift to commemorate your special milestone!

NEOPHYTES

Welcome to our new members, many of whom are attending their first National Convention! Special shout-out to our classes of Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016!

congratulations