



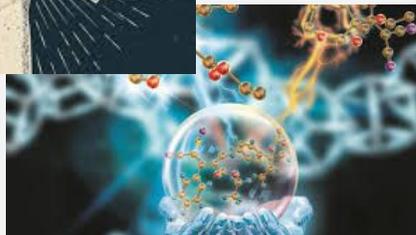
Message from Our President

I want to express my extreme gratitude for our members who, despite the current challenges we face during the pandemic, have stayed active in the organization and found time to participate in the many activities and meetings that have occurred. I also want to fervently assure everyone that despite the challenges the pandemic creates, we are committed as an organization to our NSBE mission of increasing the number of culturally responsible black engineers, who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community. I would also like to personally commend any and all persons who have taken initiative to perpetuate this sentiment themselves, and am incredibly confident in the future of people of color in engineering knowing the members of our chapters will be leaders of it.

Signed,

Gavin Wiltshire

Chapter President



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MEET THE OFFICERS

President
Gavin Wiltshire



Vice President
Keith Baker



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Financial Secretary
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Membership Chair
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Our Mission:

NSBE's mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

MEET THE OFFICERS

Programs Chair
Iman Zakaria



Finance Chair
Samuel Draper



Publicity Chair
Sydney Vaughn



Logistics Committee Chair
Sydney Primm



Historian
William Hervey



Community Service Chair
Joshua Mathis



Webmaster: Dominic Crute

Here's to another year of productivity, innovation, and EXCELLENCE!

**POSITIVELY IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY
THIS SUMMER**

This summer, the San Antonio City Wide NSBE Jr. Chapter found a way to give back to those who need it the most. We started an online tutoring program for children from grades 3 –8 who needed extra help in certain academic areas, including, math, English, reading, and science.

Our high school student volunteers included Megan Arnold, Keith Baker, Dominic Crute, William Hervey, Londyn Hall, Breanna Hutchison, Joshua Mathis, Sydney Vaughn, Gavin Wiltshire, and Iman Zakaria.

Community Service Chair Joshua Mathis and President Gavin Wiltshire organized the program and matched volunteer with students based on their grades and re- requested areas for tutoring. It was a well- organized program, and it helped many kids. We were able to not only provide assistance in education but also provide a sense of home and happiness. By interacting with younger students, this allowed the tutors to see a complete picture of what this community needs and deserves. NSBE Jr. is a group of kids that want to make a difference. A place where everyone is equal and loved.

By: Joshua Mathis,
2020-2021 Community Service Chair



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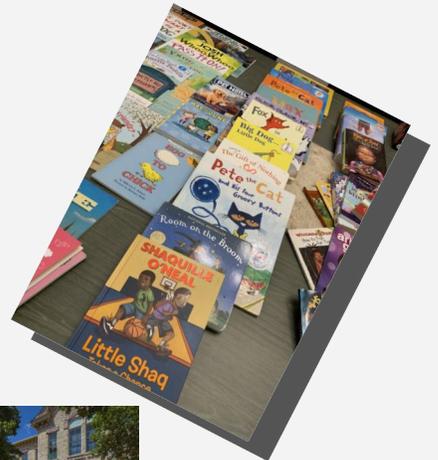
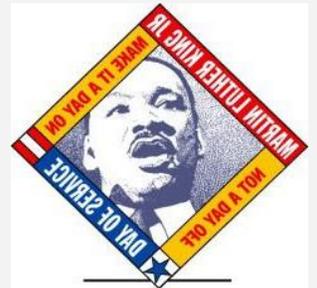


**NSBE JR . PARTICIPATES IN THE NATIONAL
DAY OF SERVICE WITH A BOOK DRIVE**



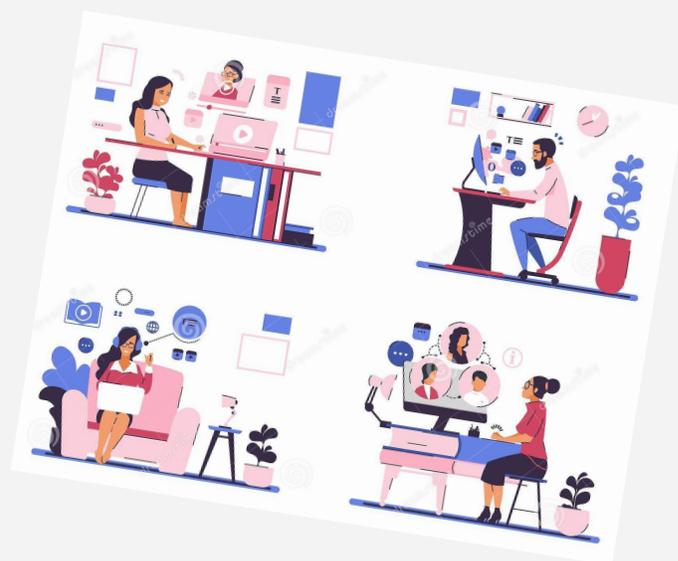
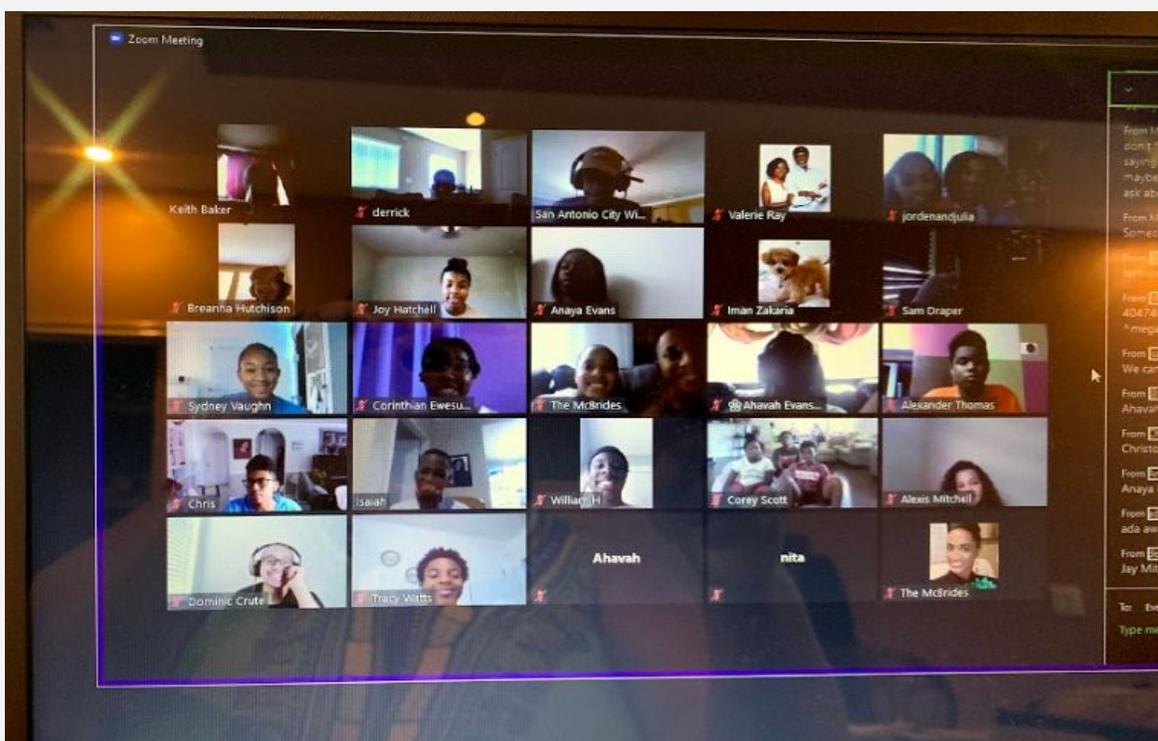
NSBE Jr. accepted the call to serve in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Inauguration of the President-Elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris by conducting a book drive for elementary school students. Thanks to the generous donation of our

students and families, we collected over 100 books! These books will be donated to Bonham Academy.



CHAPTER RETREAT

As usual, we started off our program year with the annual Chapter Retreat. During the retreat, we were able to plan for the year, play a few games, and go through leadership training. Although we started off the year in a virtual setting, we were still able to have a fun experience!



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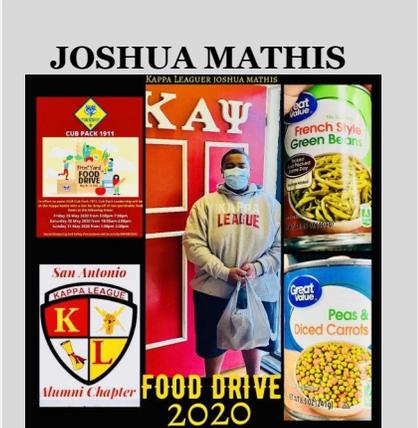


NSBE Jr. Students continued to find creative ways to uphold the NSBE mission through positively impacting the community during the pandemic. Here, we highlight some of our students' service activities.

Gavin Wiltshire has been active in his church with various volunteer activities for much of his life, so his foundation in serving began at a very young age. Since the pandemic began, he has mainly been involved with providing services to those in need and tutoring children. He has worked with the San Antonio Food Bank to prepare grocery boxes for those in need. Gavin has also worked with a food bank administered through a local church on the Eastside. He has unloaded the pallets brought in on a large trailer and helped set up the distribution tables in the parking lot of the church for drive-thru pickup. During the pandemic, he has helped coordinate a tutoring service, through his NSBE Jr. chapter, for children who need help in math and science classes. He plans to continue helping at the food banks at local churches since they always need "young legs."



In addition to volunteering to serve with the NSBE Jr. Tutoring Program, **Sydney Vaughn** tutors students in math through ENGAGE STEM in California, created masks for voters standing in line during the 2020 Presidential Elections, and volunteers to teach students across the country in the Coder Dojo Collaborative.



Joshua participated in many community service activities for the past year, including voting registration drives, feeding the homeless, health and wellness promotion, breast cancer awareness, literacy, etc.



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LONDYN HALL



Londyn Hall volunteers in the Guide Dog in Training Program as part of the Guide Dogs for the Blind organization at her high school, James Madison High School AgriScience Magnet Program. The goal is to nurture her 8 week old puppy, Kinsley, to be eligible to train to be eventually work with visually-challenged individuals. Londyn is with Kinsley 24/7, and her work includes feeding, cleaning, walking, daily training sessions, weekly outings, and monthly group outings. Londyn is credited with 12 hours/day of volunteer work, which is estimated at 4,380 volunteer hours each year. Also, the value of each dog, once completely trained, is approximately \$23K.



NSBE envisions a world in which engineering is a mainstream word in homes and communities of color, and all Black students can envision themselves as engineers. In this world, Blacks exceed parity in entering engineering fields, earning degrees, and succeeding professionally.

In addition to tutoring through NSBE, **Iman Zakaria** volunteered with Corazon Clinic, where she checked vital signs, and help address patients; cases. I scribe for physicians' assistants and present charts and possible diagnoses in collaboration with a team of medical students to doctors and physicians assistants. Also, Iman tutored two of her neighbors that are five and seven. She instructed the girls in the following subjects: spelling, reading, science experiments, and mathematics. She has already accumulated 100 hours of community service between the summer of 2020 to the present.



Londyn Hall and Iman Zakaria collaborated on a Border to Border Project on the effects of Covid-19 on communities this summer! See the article below.



Border-to-Border Quest for Knowledge



Crockett Mayor, Dr. Ianthia Fisher shares information and a picture with Londyn Hall (R) and Iman Zakaria (L) of San Antonio, Texas.

By Dr. Ianthia Fisher, GSN / Managing Ed.

In this present time when so many people are willing to share "opinions" without facts, it's refreshing to meet people who present "nothing but the facts". A short while ago, I had the privilege of speaking with two young ladies, Londyn Hall and Iman Zakaria of San Antonio, who have devoted their free time to learning more about the U.S. by way of border-to-border travel under the guidance of Londyn's father, the Honorable Art Hall former District 2 Councilman, San Antonio, Texas. I proudly mention that Art Hall has roots and is a landowner in Houston County who informed me that he still keeps up with Crockett through his Houston County Courier subscription.

Since 2014, these young ladies have travelled extensively and their recent stop in Crockett concluded their North-South expedition from Mexico to Canada. Their traveling went beyond sight-seeing, as quoted by them "our aims with this project are to gain academic enrichment, discover various points of view on the current national crisis and to volunteer community service where acceptable".

The coronavirus was their topic of exploration, with the goal of documenting stories of how COVID-19 has affected people and communities during this crisis. This purpose underscored their visit to Crockett, and I was the last subject of their community interviews on the impact of COVID 19.

In summary they described their trip as "One 31 foot RV, two girls, two dads, 3 weeks, 5,583 miles, borders of 3 countries, 13 states, two time zones and 78 interviews". Wow!

I am, along with everyone they interviewed, looking forward to reading the results of their awesome experience!

REFLECTIONS ...

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not turned a deaf ear or a blind eye to all the things that are challenging our health, our de-

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Few items have been in as high demand, and as difficult to find, as hand sanitizer since the public became aware of the dangers of COVID-19. **Sydney Primm** wanted to make sure hand sanitizer gets into the hands of those who need it the most. As you know, people in their 60s and older are at high risk for contracting COVID-19, and San Antonio was getting hit extremely hard by the outbreak. Sydney took on the mission of looking out for senior citizens of Roseville Housing Apartments located on the East side of San Antonio by providing them with free sanitizer. She came up with a solution (70% isopropyl alcohol and 30% aloe vera gel) and bottled it herself. Sydney's Solution was created for 2oz bottles. She has already donated more than 80 bottles. She's stated, " I'm doing everything I possibly can to help, but I wish I had the power to do more."



SAMUEL DRAPER III



He participated in the Kappa League mentoring program sponsored by the San Antonio Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

The SAAC GRP is conducting this food drive (20 cans of food or non perishable items) to support families within our community. Please consider donating... If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
#SAACGRPKingDynasty



Volunteers collected at least 20 canned goods to support families in need during the holidays.



Since the pandemic, **William Hervey** has dedicated his time positively impacting his community. He volunteered for the NOW Connection, Nurture Outreach Witness, helping to load and distribute food boxes to neighbors and community organizations twice a week for six weeks. Also, William worked at the food bank, and the Super Bowl of Caring with Jack and Jill of America, Inc.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Class of 2021	
Junior PSAT	Oct 2019
Commended Student	May 2020
Semifinalist	Sep 2020
Finalist	Feb 2021
Scholar	Mar-May 2021

Congrats to senior Karena Caton is a Class of 2021 National Merit Finalist! This prestigious honor is based on her 2019 PSAT Score in the top 1% in the Nation!!! Karena is the **FIRST** San Antonio NSBE Jr. **Female** Student to receive this honor!!!

Keith Baker, Karena Caton, and Dominic Crute who are **Winners** of the Inaugural College Board National African American Recognition Program based on their 2019 PSAT Scores in the top 2.5% of all African American students in the Nation!!!



Congrats to Londyn Hall and Iman Zakaria for their recognition in the newspaper for their Border to Border Project on the effects of Covid-19 on communities this summer! See the article in the Volunteerism section of the Newsletter .

Sydney Vaughn won 2nd place in a Jack and Jill Regional Area Workday Oratorical Competition. The speech title: "Our Skin is not a Sin".



Thank You for Reading!!

