



# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

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Greetings Chapter Basilei and Amicae Presidents,

Every year, our chapters observe and celebrate the founding principle of Finer Womanhood. It is a special time when we recommit ourselves to Zeta and reaffirm our promise to uphold her principles.

We ask that you nominate the woman who most embodies the qualities of Finer Womanhood as your chapter/auxiliary Finer Woman/Finer Amica of the Year. She will be honored at our 2026 MDSLC Inspirational Brunch at the Maryland State Leadership Conference on **Sunday, March 22, 2026**.

2026 is our year to reflect and stay committed with a focus rooted in service and excellence. In the words of Denzel Washington, *“Don’t aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference.”* It is about who you’ve lifted, and who you’ve made better. In every season, we are poised to uphold our principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood.

This year’s theme, ***Grace in Every Season***, emphasizes strength and purpose through life’s changing phases.

We honor our awardees, and to ensure every recipient is celebrated, please be advised of the guidelines:

- Participating chapters/auxiliaries are asked to submit the nominee’s name, headshot, and a video (not to exceed one (1) minute) celebrating your Finer Woman/Amica of the Year. Creative submissions are encouraged. The videos will be played at the MDSLC Inspiration Brunch.
- Videos longer than one (1) minute may be edited to meet time requirements.
- Chapters/auxiliaries are responsible for any gifts/flowers for their respective honoree and representatives will be able to briefly greet and congratulate them on stage with a gift/hug/etc.
- At the end of each presentation, each honoree will be greeted and photographed by the State Director, and a picture will be taken of all the honorees immediately after the last presentation.

Please upload the requested information to [HERE](#) before **Friday, February 27, 2026. Adherence to this deadline is critical for a smooth technical process during the event.**

We look forward to receiving your entries as we honor this year’s Finer Woman/ Finer Amica! If there are any additional questions, please feel free to email me.

All my Best and Sisterly,

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