



Dear Vanguard Family,

I hope all is well with you during this time and that everyone is able to stay safe and in good health as we continue to move forward through this year. I know everyone within Region V NSBE has been wondering how we plan to move forward with our 2020 Fall Regional Conference. Our executive team has been working around the clock making important decisions on how we should best proceed to benefit our members.. And after receiving feedback from a number of membership, we know that in order for you all to move forward with adequate planning for the remainder of this year for yourselves and your respective chapters, we wanted to ensure that you receive a final concrete answer as early as we were able to get it to you in regards to this annual affair. Due to critical health and safety concerns with COVID-19 still being such a risk, we decided to go with the safest option for everyone involved. **It is with deep regret we announce the cancellation of the 2020 Fall Regional Conference as an in-person event.**

Region V NSBE doesn't stop there so moving forward, **we will continue our 2020 Fall Regional Conference as a virtual event with A LOT in store** so that you all are able to **FEEL the Five** in the comfort and safety of your home! We want to thank you all so much for your patience and understanding during such tedious times and hope you actively continue your commitment to NSBE's mission, NSBE2025, and the Vanguard family as we continue to work around the clock to ensure we give you the best virtual conference experience we can offer. Stay tuned for more information/details.

Furthermore, we know that you all will have many questions, concerns, and more that will arise so to ensure we address all that we can, expect to hear from our leadership within the next couple of weeks. Like our national chairperson, Jocelyn Jackson has stated, *"we hope you will embark on this journey with us and take advantage of a great opportunity for change and innovation as our Society moves toward new norms of operation."* Again, thank you so much for your shared love, commitment, and dedication to NSBE and we hope to see your faces in the various digital spaces we will be providing soon.

Sent with NSBELuv,

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