



## DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

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*Keeping it REAL in the Blazing Southwest: REAL Sisterhood...REAL Commitment...REAL Service*

Tierra La'Nette Shepherd is a senior at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas. She was initiated through the Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at PVAMU, on April 1, 2016. Tierra is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, and she plans to obtain a Professional Engineering License and become a Geotechnical Engineer to serve and make a difference within an industry where women make up only 13 percent.

Ms. Shepherd is an active leader on and off of PVAMU's campus. She is one of the five founders of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Black Women in Construction; served as the Treasurer of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and Conference Planning Chair for the National Society of Black Engineers. Ms. Shepherd is also a member of the National Urban League Young Professionals; and Conference of Minority Transportation Officials City Internship Program, which is an organization that provides minority and women college juniors and seniors with a unique opportunity to gain professional and practical experience in the transportation industry. She is a faithful member of The Church Without Walls in Houston, Texas.

With a primary focus on community collaboration and service, Tierra has engaged in a number of volunteer opportunities and held community leadership roles. Tierra is an advocate for United Against Human Trafficking because she is dedicated to ending human trafficking through awareness, education, and outreach. She is also one of the first mentors in Project ONE: Opportunities iN Energy for at-risk high school students who want to pursue employment in STEM occupations. Project ONE is an inaugural state program of the honorable John Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio.

In her local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, she served as chair of Founders Day Celebration and co-chair Physical and Mental Health. Her commitment and passion have contributed to record-setting outcomes in both programs. Tierra has also been elected Treasure and President. Her inspiration to serve others began when she participated in Delta Academy as a middle school student.

Tierra is the daughter of Edward and Lanita Shepherd. She was raised in Jacksonville, Florida along with her older brother Edward III and twin sister, Sierra.