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Collegiate sorors from around the Southwest Region enjoy the sessions during the Statewide Summit in San Marcos, TX.

Collegiate sorors gather after a long day of learning and bonding during the Statewide Summit in San Marcos, TX.

Photo Credit: Cassandra Brooks
Southwest Regional Photographer
Greetings Sorors of the Blazing Southwest!

Welcome to the 54th National Convention here in New Orleans, Louisiana! It has been an exciting first year and I am so proud that the Southwest Region is hosting the national convention during this administration. The “Blazing” Southwest Region remains firmly committed to the program goals and objectives set forth by our outstanding National leadership. We are especially proud of our Southwest Region member, who has served the past two years as National Secretary, Elsie Cook Holmes.

Kudos to the 142 chapters of the Blazing Southwest Region, from Texas to New Mexico, Arkansas to Louisiana, and the beautiful island of Jamaica. We have presented stellar programs; welcomed new initiates into our sisterhood, chartered two new chapters, made certain our voices were in support of the underserved and stimulated positive participation in public and political policies. Chapters in the Southwest Region remain firmly committed to the program goals and objectives set forth by our National Leadership. Our State Coordinators and State Facilitators, and their leadership teams have labored tirelessly to help us BLAZE new paths. I commend them for their outstanding state meetings, and for the inspiring and innovative training and programs, which enabled sorors to take the lessons learned back to their respective chapters. I am forever grateful to our Regional Leadership team, whose excellence in planning has empowered chapters to fully embrace our national theme and initiatives. I offer sincere thanks to our chapter presidents and each chapter member for your constant and continuous commitment.

Sorors, you have made my first year as your Regional Director extra special. It is my honor to serve the best region in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. I ask that you continue to keep it REAL with sisterly attitudes and positive motivation, while executing the vision of our Founders. With these tenets, we will undoubtedly continue to display Joy in Our Sisterhood, Power in Our Voices and Service in our Heart.

I look forward to the fellowship as we gather to take care of the business of Delta. Enjoy the convention!

Much Delta Love,

Michelle Brown
Michelle Brown, Regional Director
Southwest Region, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Regional Director Seen Around the Region...
To My Sisters,

“I am Tierra Shepherd, and I am delighted to stand before you today as a slated candidate to be your Southwest Regional Representative!”

Sorors, can you believe it’s been a year since I said those exact words for the first time at the 2018 Regional Conference in Dallas? Where has the time gone? With a full and grateful heart, it’s a pleasure to be here to continue to inspire, encourage, and advocate for the Southwest Region and collegiate body.

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you to all the sorors and chapters who have worked diligently to plan and orchestrate the many events around the Southwest Region; including but not limited to the Leadership Retreat, Statewide Meetings, and now the 54th National Convention. Your hard work never goes unnoticed and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

To all the Spring 2019 graduates, congraDST! If there is one thing I want you to always remember, without a doubt, it would be that your journey in Delta doesn’t end here. You are and will always be vital to our survivability as one of the most influential organizations in the world. To the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 initiates, congratulations to you, and I welcome you with warm Delta hugs to the sisterhood! There is much work to be done, so get ready to roll up your sleeves to serve this glorious sisterhood to which you made a lifetime commitment.

Over this past year, I have been able to connect with sorors from all over at chapter celebrations and anniversaries, Founders Day observances, and social action events. This has allowed me to learn the needs of our collegiate chapters, become a better leader for the region, and form wonderful relationships.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the National Convention where we will hear about the national initiatives that will strengthen our Sorority. Hopefully, afterwards, you will take a much needed break to rest, restore, and repair for the 2019-2020 sorority year during which we will certainly BLAZE!

Yours in Delta,

Tierra Shepherd

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Austin Alumnae
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Omicron Omega
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Denton County Alumnae
North Dallas Suburban Alumnae

West Memphis Area Alumnae increases voter turnout.

(L-R) Deborah Bland, Michelle Brown, Sharon Barnett-Starks, and Cassandra Carter.
Delta Authors on Tour

Delta Authors on Tour in the Southwest Region travelled to the Houston Public Library on Saturday, May 4, 2019. This Arts and Letters focused event, free to the public and hosted by the Houston Alumnae Chapter, featured authors from around the Sisterhood.

Photos by Cassandra Brooks, Southwest Regional Photographer
Delta Authors on Tour

Featured authors: Suzan J. Cook, Honorary Member; LaJill Hunt, South Atlantic Region; Sheryl M. Johnson, Farwest Region; Annetra Piper, Southwest Region; Dr. Karen V. Senior, South Atlantic Region; Angie Stubbs, Southwest Region; and Brenda White, Southwest Region.

Photos by Cassandra Brooks, Southwest Regional Photographer
Pride in Our Heritage Tour: New Orleans

The National Arts and Letters Commission launched a new initiative entitled *The Pride in our Heritage Tour* in a chosen city within the seven regions. The New Orleans Tour, the final tour stop, showcased an empowering evening at Dillard University in New Orleans, where a Champagne Patron Party opened a spectacular event. At the Patron Party, Sorors and guest were able to meet and mingle with National and Regional officers, and the guest celebrities. Following the patron party, Soror Johnetta B. Cole, National Arts & Letters Commission Co-Chair, engaged with acclaimed author, Soror Paula Gidding, in an intimate and inspiring conversation and roundtable discussion in Dillard University’s Historic Chapel. Surrounding that conversation was an inspirational dance, *I Put A Spell On You*, performed by The Kelly School of Dance, along with poetry selections by Poet Laurette Hank Stewart. Adding to the evening’s ambiance, two local artists captured the event as it unfolded, followed by a live auction. When the roundtable came to a close, all patrons were escorted by the Walker Landry High School second line band to the reception led by Chapter President, Pamela M. White.

The evening continued with a magnificent reception unfolded at Dillard University’s Library, where everyone was greeted in song and music by Zena Moses of Black Cat Productions. The Library was adorned with beautiful decorations, displays of Dillard University’s contributions to Delta Sigma Theta’s History and the New Orleans community. Everyone feasted on the delicious food stations with New Orleans favorite cuisines. Assisting as hostesses for the evening, with New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, were the newly initiated Sorors of the Beta Gamma Chapter at Dillard University. Sorors and guest dine and dance the evening away in natural New Orleans flavor.

In conjunction, the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter Arts and Letters Committee, the Pride Tour event was chaired by Soror Deborah Ward Crosby, co-chairs, Soror Tremaine Riley, and Ebony Turner.

Supporting the Pride in Our Heritage Tour in New Orle- ans from left to right: Elsie Cooke-Holmes, National Secretary; Michelle Brown, Southwest Regional Director; Gwen Mason, Co-Chair of the National Arts & Letters Commission; Paula Giddings, Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, Sharon Barnett-Starks, Louisiana State Coordinator; and Pam White, President of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter.

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Dallas-Fort Worth, Greater Houston and Louisiana Chapters Host Red Carpet Movie Event: *If Beale Street Could Talk*

**DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA CHAPTERS**  
*By Chanel Christoff Davis*

The Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Area Chapters joined efforts to support the National Arts & Letters Commission’s Delta Red Carpet Initiative in the screening of *If Beale Street Could Talk* on Sunday, Dec. 30. The sold-out, private-screening was held in two luxury theaters at the Cinépolis Victory Park in Dallas, Texas. Two hundred and fifty-eight guests were in attendance to view the limited-release movie which was in only five select cities across the United States. Among those in attendance was the Southwest Regional Director, Michelle Brown, local chapter presidents, chapter members, as well as friends and family. The movie screening concluded with a 30-minute talk back session addressing the various plot themes from the movie. Attendees were given copies of the book *If Beale Street Could Talk* for their participation in the discussion.

The DFW Area Chapters in attendance included Arlington Alumnae, Dallas Alumnae, Denton County Alumnae, Collin County Alumnae, Fort Worth Alumnae, Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae, North Central Texas Alumnae, North Dallas Suburban Alumnae, and Southwest Dallas County Alumnae.

In keeping with the theme of *If Beale Street Could Talk*, the DFW Chapters donated $572.16 to the nonprofit organization, Miles of Freedom.

**GREATER HOUSTON AREA CHAPTERS**  
*By Eryka M. Robinson*

The Greater Houston Area Chapters came together on Sunday, Jan. 6 to host a Delta Red Carpet Event for *If Beale Street Could Talk*. Sorors and guests sold out the 500 seat theatre days before the event. Red carpet walks, movie tickets, door prizes, concessions and paparazzi style photos made the event fun and festive for participants.

Texas/New Mexico State Arts and Letters Coordinator, Monica Fenner, recognized the chapter presidents and those in attendance brought greetings to sorors and guests after the movie. After the movie, each chapters’ Arts and Letters chair read one of the five discussion questions provided by the National Arts and Letters Commission. The co-chairs distributed the door prizes, the James Baldwin’s *If Beale Street Could Talk* book.

The Greater Houston Area chapters and respective Arts and Letters Chairs are Houston Alumnae (Kayce Williams), Houston Metropolitan Alumnae (Eryka M. Robinson), Suburban Houston Fort Bend Alumnae (Serena Bostic), Bay Area Houston Alumnae (Tyquincia Boyd), and North Harris County Alumnae (LaShannon Harris).

**LOUISIANA CLUSTER IV CHAPTERS**  
*By Erica L. Williams*

Louisiana State Cluster IV chapters gathered at Movie Tavern in Baton Rouge, LA to view *If Beale Street Could Talk,* on Saturday, Jan 19. Approximately 260 Sorors from the Cluster IV chapters gathered to watch the critically acclaimed movie, written and directed by Academy Award winner Barry Jenkins.

“Since our city, Baton Rouge, is a smaller market, modest movies such as Beale Street are not guaranteed to play in our area even after a nationwide release,” said Erica L. Williams, Arts and Letters Chairperson, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter. “By showing up in large numbers we intend to prove there is a market for films of this nature. Films that promote black excellence.”

Cluster IV chapter members who attended the movie event were members from Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae, Baker-Zachary Alumnae, Hammond (LA) Area Alumnae, and Louisiana Tri-Parish Alumnae. Soror Denise Clark serves as Cluster IV chair.

New Iberia Celebrates Legendary Jazz Artist, Bunk Johnson

An annual festival holiday “Bunk Johnson Jazz Festival” is celebrated in New Iberia in honor of William “Bunk” Johnson because of his contribution to Jazz and his life here in New Iberia.

New Iberia Alumnae Chapter has partnered with the local Bunk Johnson Board to help with the festival activities each year.

In November, the Bunk Johnson Board sponsored a Historic Interpretation through Dramatic Performance of the life of Bunk Johnson. New Iberia Alumnae Chapter invited the Youth Initiative group, Delta Academy, E.M.B.O.D.I. and Delta GEMS to attend.

The play was written by Ifa Bayeza, an award-winning theater artist and novelist. Approximately two hundred guests were in attendance. Youth participants had a “stage-eye-view” of a bit of the music history of New Iberia. They were able to meet the playwright, the cast of crew, mingle with the group in attendance and pose for pictures.
Galveston and LaMarque Alumnae Chapters Roll Out the “RED” Carpet for The 21st National President during Joint Founders Day Celebration

In keeping with the 2017-2019 Biennial Theme of National President, Beverly E. Smith, “Joy in Our Sisterhood, Power in Our Voice and Service in our Heart”, Fudge delivered a rousing and inspiring speech that left the audience ready to go out into the community and make a difference in the lives of our youth and those in need. Fudge has a special way of delivering a message that reaches deep into your heart and mind and catapults her audience into action.

During the luncheon program, Craig Brown, Mayor Pro-Temp, City of Galveston, presented a proclamation from the City and declared Saturday, March 16, 2019, Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge Day in the City of Galveston, TX.

Galveston Island has the distinct honor of being home to one our 22 Founders, Soror Jessie McGuire Dent. Galveston Alumnae is very proud to be the chapter of one of our Founders, who continued her legacy of civic and social action from Washington D.C. to Galveston, TX. In 1943, Soror McGuire Dent led the charge to secure equal pay for African-American teachers in the Galveston Independent School District and won. After the luncheon, attendees visited Soror Jessie McGuire Dent’s gravesite and laid flowers in her honor.

Galveston (TX) Alumnae and LaMarque (TX) Alumnae Chapters held their Annual Joint Founders Day Luncheon in Galveston, TX on Saturday, March 16, 2019. The keynote speaker for the celebration was The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, 21st National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The weekend began on Friday, March 15, 2019, as Galveston Alumnae Chapter hosted an intimate Sisterhood Reception with LaMarque Alumnae Chapter at Moody Gardens Resort in Galveston, TX. Both chapters were afforded the opportunity fellowship and shower Fudge with sisterly “Delta” love. Fudge spoke on a myriad of topics and allowed members to ask questions.

Soror Marcie Fudge holds proclamation from Mayor Pro Temp.

The Sisterhood Reception was fun, relaxing, and rewarding.

Sorors pay a visit to the gravesite of Founder Jessie McGuire Dent.
Bay City Alumnae Chapter (BCAC) and Brazosport Area Alumnae Chapter (BAAC) were blessed to host a Joint Founders Day Brunch at the Dow Academic Center located at Brazosport College in Clute, TX on March 2, 2019. The theme of the event was, *Time to Reflect, Restore, and Rise Up*. The sensational, dynamic, and inspiring 24th National President, Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre presided over the Rededication Ceremony and was also highlighted as the keynote speaker for the brunch. It was indeed an honor. At the conclusion of her message, the 305 attendees, 175 of which were visiting sorors, could each be found on their feet applauding, restored, and prepared to rise up and press forward.

The event was catered with a hearty delicious brunch which also included a lively jazz performance, inspirational praise and worship and a sisterhood reflection moment which captured the service and sisterhood of the chapters throughout the year. There was an uplifting poetry interpretation “Still I Rise” by Maya Angelou that empowered and reminded the audience to never give up hope.

In the spirit of reflection, both chapters recognized charter members, as well as members with 25 plus years of service during the chapter presentations. There were twelve members of BAAC acknowledged with over 25 years of service with the most years of service awarded to Soror Faye Gordon with 48 years. BCAC honored nineteen members with over 25 years of service with Soror Virginia Law being awarded with 60 years of service.

Both chapters were incredibly excited to work together to host the second successful Joint Founders Day Celebration featuring a past National President of the Sorority as the keynote speaker. What a great time of reconnection and renewal for all in attendance. It is always a delight to see that “good ole Delta spirit” shine as sorors come together to celebrate sisterhood, service, and love.

**2019 Founders Day Celebration: Louisiana Cluster 1**

Louisiana Cluster 1 held Founders Day on Jan. 9, 2019 at the Monroe Civic Center in Monroe, LA. Participating chapters included: Grambling Alumnae, Minden Alumnae, Monroe Alumnae, Monroe Metropolitan Alumnae, Shreveport Alumnae, Delta Iota, Kappa Chi and Lambda Rho. The guest speaker was Southwest Regional Director Michelle Brown. Also in attendance was Louisiana State Coordinator Sharon Barnett-Starks.
New Chapters in the Sisterhood

Congratulations to the newest chapter in Texas,
East Harris Chamber Liberty County Alumnae Chapter
Chartered on March 30, 2019

Louisiana Welcomes its Newest Chapter to the Sisterhood:
North Tangipahoa Area Alumnae Chapter
Chartered on February 24, 2019
Community Impact

Baton Rouge Sigma Members Answer the Clarion Call to Address the Water Crisis in the Community

By Jane W. Robinson, Chapter Journalist

From a plethora of Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter sponsored events and those which the chapter partnered with other organizations, the most significant and notable is the “Tensas Parish Water Crisis Project.” Most of the attention on poor water quality in this country has been focused on Flint, Michigan. However, the problem also exists right in Tensas Parish, located in the northeastern region of the state and is bordered on the south by Concordia Parish.

Located on the border of Tensas/Concordia parishes is the small community of Clayton, where the water systems have also been severely impacted. Both parishes are predominately black and poor. It has been reported that 58 percent of Louisiana’s public water systems are a half-century old or older.

Maintenance of these systems has either been non-existent or poorly maintained. Addressing the concern of poor water quality in that area of the state, Southern University nursing school professor, Dr. Cheryl Taylor initiated an on-going water collection project. First, she raised awareness of the severity of the water crisis in Louisiana, and secondly, noted the critical impact it has on the children in that parish. Dr. Taylor then challenged the Baton Rouge community and Southern University campus groups and organizations to join her efforts in providing the much needed resource. Answering that clarion call for help was the Physical & Mental Health Committee of Delta Sigma Theta’s Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter. The Chapter responded immediately by donating 25 cases of water to the project. On Feb. 1, 2019, chapter sorors not only provided the water, but also loaded the truck that was heading to Concordia Head Start centers in Clayton, La.

Baton Rouge Sigma sorors assisted in loading the first of ‘many more to come loads’ were Sorors Toni Booker, Terrye Braden, Jessie Foster, Dawn Harris, and Tracie Woods. Soror Toni Booker is shown getting an ‘invigorating workout’ for a very noble cause.
The beginning of school sometimes put a special strain on families, especially large families. The cost of living is growing each year, and families in some cases don’t have the financial means to take care of all of the needs for their children at the start of school. Groups in New Iberia, and St. Martinville, LA have come together to help families in need.

The New Iberia Alumnae Chapter has partnered with Rho Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to assist in their “Kutz for Kids” effort to help get children ready for school. Members of Rho Omicron Chapter annually partners with local barbers to provide free haircuts to needy families of children in two communities, Iberia Parish and St. Martin Parish. Members of New Iberia Alumnae Chapter used this time to make an impact on the community by spending the day with the group and families attending. They helped to fill the gap with the provision of nutritious snacks for the kids, and family members during wait time for haircuts.

The kids and the parents always enjoy this special outing. Their response has always been affirmative. They have indicated how grateful they are to get the help for their sons to start school. The program has been mainly for boys, but the group is looking forward to including girls in the future.

The members of New Iberia Alumnae provided goody bags of healthy items to get kids started for the school year, while members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provided free haircuts.

Pictured from left to right front row: Sorors Faith James, Carmen Brown and Athena Self. Second row: Marcus Bryant, Jeff Hughes, Brian Simpson and Soror Krystal Dauphine.

By Shelondia Barksdale

The Killeen Alumnae Chapter partnered with the West Ward Elementary School in Killeen, TX to provide food baskets to families during the 2018 Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods. The project chair, Soror Shelondia Barskdale, worked with Mr. Wayne Moore, West Ward Elementary Aide Parent Liaison, to identify families that needed assistance for the holidays. The chapter livened the spirits of seven families that desperately needed the support. In learning about the hardships of these families, they endured financial hardships due to single family homes, taking in grandchildren to prevent them from being placed into foster homes, loss of jobs, and recovery from the justice system.

Members of the Killeen Alumnae Chapter opened their hearts to graciously donate items to fill the baskets. Each basket contained a ham and turkey, traditional side dishes (i.e. green beans, collard beans, corn, etc.), an array of breakfast items (i.e. grits, oatmeal, sausage), soda/water, and desserts. The chapter also provided games, coloring books, crayons, and candy for the smaller children to enjoy. On the day of donation, several Sorors joined to present the baskets to the families. Words cannot not express the sentiment received from each family. All were blissful that they would not have to worry about having a fruitful holiday meal.

(L-R) Mr. Wayne Adams, Debra Barkley; Assistant Principal, Soror Brenda Adams; and Soror Shelondia Barksdale surround the English Family.

Photo Credit: Dikila Jones
Community Impact

Houston Area Scholars Receive Nearly $100,000 in Scholarships from Houston Alumnae Chapter during the Culminating Event for the Chapter's May Week

By Vickee Gray, Southwest Regional Journalist

One of the best ways to impact the community is to invest in young people. The Houston Alumnae Chapter held its annual scholarship awards luncheon on Sunday, May 19 at the Power Center. Nearly $100,000 in scholarships were awarded to over 30 deserving high school seniors.

Providing scholarships to young people tells them that there is value placed on their lives and that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. believes in adding that value. Not only does a scholarship support higher education, the long-term effects cover economics as well as mental health. Scholarships remove financial barriers. When young scholars enroll into their respective colleges and universities in the Fall of 2019, wondering how to pay for tuition, books, and other fees should be the least of their worries so that they can focus on their studies and earn their degrees.

The Houston Alumnae Chapter, led by President Tina Marie Jones-Green, is to be commended for their outstanding efforts in ensuring that graduating seniors are one step closer to obtaining their education and career goals.
Empowering Women & Girls

Twelve Debutantes Presented to the Community of Killeen

By Dikila Jones, Chapter Historian

The Killeen Alumnae Chapter (KAC) hosted its 30th Annual Debutante Cotillion on April 20, 2019. Twelve young ladies pursued academic excellence and higher educational goals, learned about how to improve one’s character and participated in civic and community involvement. Miss Alana Kimbree Sheppard, a senior at Harker Heights High School, was crowned Miss Debutante 2018-2019.

As part of KAC’s youth initiative, young ladies from five local high schools interviewed and were selected to participate in the Debutante Program. The debutantes engaged in college workshops, community service events, educational field trips, bonding activities, and more. The overall goal of the program is to equip young ladies with a knowledge of and appreciation for leadership, scholarship, and volunteerism while expanding their cultural and social horizons.

After an interest meeting in September, debutantes began with a Mother/Daughter Tea, where the young ladies and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and parents or parent figures had an opportunity to get to know each other, learn/practice proper etiquette, play games, relax and enjoy each other’s company for the afternoon. In October, debutantes participated in the Teen Summit, You Only Live Once (YOLO) where they networked and discussed issues facing the African American community with leaders and other youth. Furthermore, the young ladies began giving back to the community by dressing up as their favorite storybook character and visiting children at the McLane’s Children Hospital in Temple, Texas.

The debutantes also visited the Escape Room, a facility with live, action, team-based games where players cooperatively discovered clues, solved puzzles, and accomplished tasks in a limited amount of time. The young ladies were challenged, learned the importance of collaborating, and united as a team. During this exercise, leaders emerged, and the ladies truly began to work as a cohesive team. Needless to say….they ‘escaped’ before the time ran out!

In December, the debutantes visited a shelter to help those fleeing abuse children celebrate the Christmas season giving them the opportunity to understand the importance of sharing during the holiday season. January brought opportunities for them to acknowledge the past while embracing the future. They joined hundreds of marchers at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities at the capital in Austin, Texas. Additionally, the young ladies marched to Huston-Tillotson University to experience college life at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

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Empowering Women & Girls

With the help of a local sponsor during Black History Month, the Debutantes engaged in a cultural experience by attending the play, “A Raisin in the Sun”, written by Lorraine Hansberry, and locally directed by KZ Frazier Drama.

In addition to all of these great experiences, once a month, these young ladies spent time with a most valuable and sometimes forgotten part of our population, the elderly, during Senior Bingo at Indian Oaks Living Center in Harker Heights.

Throughout the year, the Debs had numerous bonding experiences. They fellowshipped together at Anderson Chapel AME Church, attended a college workshop and an ad workshop. Along the way, we challenged these young ladies to think about how they should see themselves and how they might want the world to see them. We discussed etiquette, proper attire for different events, how to curtsy properly, where a young man should stand to escort them, how to handle roommate issues in college, natural hair care, financial advice, how to manage money, makeup tips, etc. — you name it and we have probably discussed it. More importantly, we challenged the Debs to consider the impact they wanted to make on the world and how they choose to stand out in it.

The Debutante Cotillion was the culmination of several months of activities, and we were fortunate to award these 12 young ladies with over $12,000 in scholarships.

Jamaica Alumnae Serves with Love

By Soror Jewel W. Radford

It was a year of doing what Deltas do best – serve communities. The Jamaica Alumnae Chapter welcomed nearly 10 groups of sorors that included various U.S. and international chapter sorors as well as those celebrating their Deltaversary. Coming to the land of Bob Marley, reggae and amazing Caribbean cuisine all took a backseat to make way for an uniquely beautiful experience where members of Jamaica Alumnae Chapter linked with nearly 200 Delta sorors on mission to serve the needs of children and young women of Jamaica.

Traveling from the island’s North coast to the West and stopping in between, sorors made visits to Cambridge the hills of spending time dren from the books and school was books, cloth-Serving the needs of the dational and by helping to and ease the advantaged teen-Montego Bay Gathering on the 15-bed fa-

Highway-bound on a four-hour journey north to the island’s capitol, sorors boarded a bus to Kingston to help girls with critical health conditions and victims of crimes. “Give me a word to describe yourself,” rang out from the voices of sorors visiting young women at Mary’s Child. Many shouted “kind”, “nice”, and other words came slowly from the voices of young girls who are victims of rape, incest, and carnal abuse. Sorors covered the girls’ internal scars of doubt and shame reminding them that they are beautiful, intelligent and loved by us. The need is great for these girls who represent a sliver of Jamaica’s often forgotten population and even greater for the young ladies at Eve for Life. The Jamaica Alumnae Chapter has a long history supporting this facility that serves both women and children living with or affected by HIV and AIDS. The chapter provides ongoing health education for the NGO’s Ocho Rios and Kingston locations and partnered with visiting sorors who gave scholarships for the mothers to develop trade skills via a local institution.
Empowering Women & Girls

Tyler Alumnae (TX) Chapter Hosts Impactful Event for Women Ladies First: Women Empowerment Workshop

By Jasmine Taylor

More than 75 women were present for Tyler Alumnae’s first, Ladies First: Women’s Empowerment Workshop held on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2018. The workshop was a free event for all women ages 18 and older, which took place at Greater St. Mary Baptist Church in Tyler, TX.

The vision for this event was to encourage, inspire and educate women in the community and surrounding areas. In order to accomplish this vision, several committee chairs and members were tasked with educating the attendees on initiatives that were derived from the Sorority’s Programmatic Thrust including Economic Development and Physical & Mental Health.

There were several discussions and topics during the workshop that were developed to spark encouragement and create a safe space to expose fears of which women secretly carry. Presentations were given by Sorors Jameelah Barrett, Cherri Peterson, Shequita Daniels, and guest, Christy Copeland. Personal testimonies were given by guest, Yvonne Atkins; Sorors Jasmine Taylor Warren, Alexundria Simms, and Sharmecia Jackson.

Workshop topics included Conversations with Our Daughters; What I Wish My Mother Told Me; Financial Fortitude; Myth of the Strong Woman and Facing Fear.

At the conclusion of the workshop, a “Hello Fear” activity was introduced. During this activity, each woman was invited to write down personal fears and physically burn it in the courtyard during a burning ceremony.

Tyler Alumnae was very pleased with the participation of each woman during the half day event. In addition, workshop attendees provided great feedback as well. In an effort to continue to promote the initiatives of the Sorority, there are plans to continue the efforts of this Planning and preparing for the event gives members of Tyler Alumnae Chapter a chance to fellowship and bond. Photo credit: Kathy Cannon

The 20th Annual Women’s Symposium is a signature event for the Denton County Alumnae Chapter. The purpose of the event is to empower and encourage women in the community. The year’s theme was Women Empowered...Fearless-Renewed-Phenomenal. Economic Development and Physical and Mental Health topics were covered. The program was beneficial and had an impact on all women in attendance. Women received information on how to start their own business, saving money, and investments.
Social Action

Huntsville Alumnae Takes the Souls to the Polls to Vote

By Frieda Hamer Spiller

During the last voting season, members of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter (HVAC) worked diligently creating pathways for residents of Huntsville, TX to participate in the political process. The chapter created avenues for potential voters through voter registration and “Souls to the Polls” initiatives.

HVAC’s first opportunity to have an impact on voting in Huntsville was Saturday, Sept. 9, 2018. Although the weather was inclement that day, chapter members erected a tent and stood on the side of Martin Luther King Avenue registering motorist and pedestrians to vote. Members also went door-to-door emphasizing to residents the importance of voting, registering potential voters, and promoting the upcoming “Souls to the Polls” voter mobilization event.

This effort was followed by another voter’s registration drive held at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 7. A stream of exiting churchgoers were met by members of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter members with flyers summarizing the positions of all political candidates. The critical nature of the election was also emphasized as congregational members were directed to a church classroom to register for their participation in one of our most fundamental rights… the right to vote.

With only a few critical weeks remaining before the 2018 election, sorors continued mobilization efforts individually and collectively. They also incorporated the use of social media platforms to express the importance of voting and to encourage everyone to participate in the process. Many efforts continued to be made reminding community members about the importance of just their one vote and safeguarding against disenfranchisement of members of minority communities. Interaction with community members was appreciated as some local residents expressed a previous lack of commitment regarding their participation in the voting process. Throughout the voting season, community members were not only registered but they were challenged, as well, to vote on Sunday, Oct. 28… Souls to the Polls!

At the conclusion of church service on Sunday, Oct. 28, many HVAC members took souls to the polls! Sorors loaded their vehicles with registered voters and travelled to the Walker County (Texas) Annex so these empowered community members could cast their ballots. Vans and personal vehicles were also used to transport other local residents so they, too, could participate in the political process. At the voting site, HVAC members were met by many individuals from various churches in the Huntsville community. As people drove by the voting location they were encouraged by HVAC members to cast their ballot or “honk if you voted.”

HVAC members had fun getting it done and thank the citizens of Walker County for participating in the voting process.

#WhenWeAllVote there is power in our voices.
When We All Vote, We All Do Better Social Action Forum Held in Louisiana

Ascension (Louisiana) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsored a Social Action Forum entitled *When We All Vote, We All Do Better* at the St. Paul Baptist Church Fellowship Center. The forum was hosted by the Social Action Committee chaired by Robyn Penn Delaney. While the committee is aligned with the Political Awareness and Involvement Programmatic Thrust, its purpose is to identify and address the social and cultural issues and concerns impacting the surrounding communities in Ascension Parish. Participants in the program were provided information relative to *voter education, voter mobilization and voter registration*.

Following the greetings given by President Jevella Williamson, the program proceeded with a meditation and then a video presentation on the importance of voting and becoming involved in the November 6th election. Discussion topics included *How to Become a Registered Voter, Early Voting Dates and the Election Ballot, Location of Voting Precincts in Ascension Parish, Proposed Constitutional Amendments, and Transportation to the Polls and Geaux Vote APP*. Elected officials were introduced, and State Senator Ed Price, representing District 2, answered questions about the Constitutional Amendments.

Voter Registration and Conversations with Cops Needed in Bay Area Houston Community

At the cornerstone of the Bay Area Houston Alumnae Chapter is our indestructible commitment to community engagement. In exerting our very best efforts as community change agents, we either hosted or participated in activities that directly influenced and impacted the people in our service area. Most notably, during an extraordinarily pertinent voter season, the BAHA Social Action Committee partnered with the University of Houston-Clear Lake to host a voter registration drive on National Voter Registration Day. With the support of the University President, Dr. Blake, members of the Social Action Committee were able to reach 250 people and register 150 to vote. This targeted effort was one of several the chapter helped to push our nonpartisan charge to engage service area citizens in leveraging their voice during the midterm elections.

Engagement continued as the Social Action and Education Committees joined forces to host “Conversations with Cops”.

In a critical opportunity to engage in open dialogue with law enforcement regarding the policing of our Black children, the Harris County Sheriff’s Office, National Organization of Black Enforcement Executives, Seabrook Police Department-Texas, and ACLU of Texas educated and listened to questions from our youth participants. The chapter is long committed to helping improve the relationships between officers and community members; while leveraging these educational opportunities to improve interactions. This one event was an excellent opportunity for our E.M.B.O.D.I., Delta Academy, and Delta Gems.

In the months to come, the Bay Area Houston Alumnae Chapter will continue to direct attention toward directly impacting and engaging with those we serve within our service areas. The power of engagement reminds us that our ability to influence is not to be taken lightly.

Youth Initiative Program Focus: Juvenile Justice Unit
Social Action

Slidell Alumnae Collaborates with Other Service and Community Organizations

Attendees Educated about Voting Rights for Men and Women on Parole and Probation

By Kamili Shaw, Slidell Alumnae Chapter Social Action Chair

On May 31, 2018, the Louisiana Legislature passed Act 636 that allows men and women on probation or parole to vote, and the law went into effect on March 1, 2019. The bill is part of overall efforts for criminal justice reform in the state of Louisiana. As the date for the bill to be effective neared, it became clear that it was not going to be straightforward for many who are now eligible to vote to restore their rights. Slidell Alumnae Chapter decided to combine forces with other local organizations to educate the community about the bill. On April 13, 2019, Slidell Alumnae Chapter hosted, along with the League of Women Voters of St. Tammany, Kappa Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Hammond, LA Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc, a forum to discuss Act 636 in particular and criminal justice in general.

The attendees heard from two impactful speakers. The first speaker was Bruce Reilly, Deputy Director of Voice of the Experienced, or VOTE. VOTE is a grassroots organization founded and run by formerly incarcerated people, their families and allies. VOTE has a full platform of legislative priorities aimed at reforming the criminal justice system and was instrumental in pushing for the bill despite its many obstacles. The second speaker was Patricia Haynes Smith, Louisiana State Representative of District 67. As one of the bill’s sponsors, Haynes Smith, was able to speak extensively on the progression of the bill through the Louisiana Legislature.

The question and answer session gave the audience an opportunity to gain valuable information on how to assist citizens on probation and parole in taking advantage of Act 636. One of the most basic but enlightening tips was to set voter registration tables where those affected frequent such as parole offices and job training centers. In addition, the audience discussed the state of the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated and what can be done as advocates for both the humane treatment of the incarcerated and the restoration of full citizenship to the formerly incarcerated. Additional emphasis was given to those that have never been incarcerated but have lost their rights due to being on probation. While it should be no surprise that there is much work to do, the participants left informed and energized.

(L-R) Arkansas Delegation in Little Rock, AR; Louisiana Delegation in Baton Rouge, LA; and the Texas Delegation in Austin, TX. Red and White Days at the State Capital are typically held every other year.

Deltas know how to round up, show up, and speak up during the Red and White Days at the State Capitals. All of the States in the Southwest Region participated in the Red and White Days-providing an opportunity for members to meet with elected officials, discuss policies and explore political agendas. This type of lobbying allows members to return to their chapters and determine how to best serve our communities. Deltas put the ACTION in Social Action.
Crowley Alumnae Shines the Light on Domestic Violence While Raising Breast Cancer Awareness

BREAST CANCER! DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!
These two issues impact women across every social, ethnic and economic stratum. In an effort to shine the spotlight on of awareness on these matters, members of the Crowley Alumnae Chapter (CAC) sponsored an afternoon of mindfulness and remembrance in a commemorative luncheon.

Through a partnership with GinaCares, a local women’s activist organization, CAC by incorporating the dual methods of educating the community via the sharing of personal stories and testimonies of local survivors, and by honoring the lives of women residents who had been fatally impacted by breast cancer and domestic violence.

The program featured the personal story of domestic violence shared by a representative from the Faith House of Acadiana (a local women’s shelter), who endured domestic violence from her star football player boyfriend as a teen-aged cheerleader. Shanetta Poullard Green shared her personal story of domestic violence as a military wife. Green’s account of abuse, which culminated in she and her young son being kidnapped and held for hours at gunpoint by her estranged husband, riveted the audience. Vicki Rigmaiden, cousin of Heather Mouton who was shot and killed in CAC’s service area by her husband, discussed the details of Heather’s Law. The is a proposed piece of legislation protecting persons who file restraining orders by fitting plaintiffs and petitioners with an electronic monitoring device alerting law enforcement officers when the persons are within a one-mile radius of each other. The domestic violence component of the program also featured a practical presentation on the mental and emotional effects of domestic violence by Osagie Omoruyi, a Licensed Master Social Worker/Practitioner.

Regina M. Allen, MSN, RN of GinaCares, provided an interactive and informative medical presentation on breast cancer, which included passing through the audience Breast Cancer Risk Prediction Models, simulating normal and cystic breast tissue. Audience members were able to palpate the Models and learn first-hand how to

In support of World AIDS Day LaMarque Alumnae Chapter collaborated with The Galveston County Health District for free health screenings. World Day is held on Dec. 1 each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have dies. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, held for the first time in 1988. Globally there are an estimated 34 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have dies of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.
Organizational Health

Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Extends Reach of National Health Initiative to Thousands Locally

By Ja’Milla C. K. Lomas

Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter (HMAC) has become a local partner and advocate of the All Of Us Research Program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Together with the support of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST), the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF), the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), and HMAC’s local partners New Faith Church and the City of Houston, the Program’s health initiative entitled “Research Matters: Creating Possibilities to Achieve Health and Wellness for All of Us” was presented to thousands of Houstonians over a 2-day period in early November 2018.

Created under the tenure of President Barack Obama in 2015, the program’s goal is to expedite health research breakthroughs and advance precision medicine – healthcare that is based on the individual...YOU.

“Houston Metropolitan is excited to partner with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., DREF, all of the national partners and our local partners to bring this initiative to the communities we serve,” said President Candra O. Lacy. “As Deltas, we are grateful that we are positioned to share this information with audiences that, without us, may not have heard about it.”

This national initiative will help educate our communities on understanding the value of modern clinical trials, and the critical role African Americans and other people of color will play in helping close the health disparity gap by willingly participating in more trials.

“We believe in the advancement of targeted healthcare for people of color, so that we, too, can have the best opportunity for living a full, healthy life. It all starts with knowing and being properly educated,” said Lacy.

Through HMAC, the local reach included the membership of New Faith Church and community members near the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. All of Us needs at least one million people to share their health information, so that researchers will be able to better conduct medical studies that will serve all populations. It is important to note that the more precise the information – where you live, what you do, your family health history – the more precise our medications and treatments will be. The more participants of all ethnic and genetic backgrounds participate, medical researchers will be more equipped to treat, cure, and recommend the best ways to stay healthy for ALL OF US. African American mortality rates, quality of life, healthcare costs, access to care, knowledge and consent will drastically improve when we are further empowered and thoroughly take agency over what happens to our bodies and the medical care of our families.

Houston Metropolitan is proud to stand at the forefront of this historic movement in medicine and culture. For more information, please visit www.joinallofus.org/DREF.

Members of HMAC volunteer onsite at the All of Us mobile unit to help inform the community about the importance of clinical trials in the African American communities.

Soror Candra Lacy, President of Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter, addresses members of New Faith Church and other community members about the importance of the All of Us Initiative.
One of the most commonly inherited disease impacting the African American community is Sickle Cell. According to reports in the world of health, more than 300 million people throughout this world are affected. The Shreveport Alumnae Chapter (SAC) will not waiver but remain steadfast in answering the call-in support to eradicate the Sickle Cell Disease.

SAC hosted its first Annual Deltas Blazing the Trail to Fight Sickle Cell on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. The purpose of the event was to increase awareness of the need for greater local and international cooperation, including through partnerships, to facilitate access to education, management, observation and treatment options for Sickle-Cell Anemia, and raise monetary donations in support of children and adults who are adversely impacted by this disease both locally and internationally.

Prior to the two-mile walk before blazing the trail, parents and their children diagnosed with the Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) shared powerful, compelling, and personal life stories about their journey and how they are coping with this disease. Their voices echoed their challenges vividly describing the medications, they have been prescribed; their interactions with health care professionals, their inability to work or study and the impact of SCD on their finances. To hear DeAnthony, 6, a walkathon and radio-thon participant, tell his story about his medical struggles and spending most of his life receiving medical support was heart wrenching.

“For me, I am in and out of the hospital all the time,” DeAnthony said. “I get sick a whole lot.”

His mom shared that she created an emergency plan and watches for her son’s triggers using a chart.

“There are several triggers that helps me help my DeAnthony, such as stress, dehydration and change in temperature, causing mild to severe crises which lets me know that he needs medical help,” his mother stated.

The culminating event of Sickle Cell Month, on Sept. 29, 2018, was the collaboration with the local Sickle Cell Center and top-rated radio station 102.9 FM MAJIC, hosted by local announcer JKELLS. Additionally, a twelve-hour radio-thon was held with members managing the phone bank to receive monetary donations and increase public awareness of Sickle Cell Anemia.

The events Deltas Blazing the Trail to Fight Sickle Cell and the Sickle Cell Radio-thon were SAC’s time to expand and provide the community service for our sisterhood to talk-the-talk and walk-the-walk in support of individuals affected by this disease physically, socially and economically.
During the Southwest Leadership Retreat in Denton, TX, collegiate sorors spent time investing in themselves by participating in healthy discussions, teambuilding and bonding activities in order to strengthen their roles as leaders in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
The Gamma Gamma Chapter at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AR targeted students, the surrounding community and neighborhood partners during their Voter Registration Drive. This program was an effort to capitalize on the national initiative from March for Our Lives and the program Turn Out Tuesday.

The chapter’s purpose was two-fold. The first phase was to increase the number of registered voters and heighten awareness to city, county, statewide and national elections. The second phase was to move newly registered voters to the polls increase participation on election day.

On October 8-9, 2018, members organized canvassing events and setup up voter registration stations where students, faculty, staff and local community members could fill out voter registration forms. During the second phase, they participated in GOTV (Get Out The Vote) efforts. In partnership with Lyft, newly registered voters were transported to the polls on election day.

The Lambda Theta Chapter at the University of Arkansas hosted a Let’s Talk Social Action Town Hall Meeting on March 6, 2018 for the students and faculty to address the importance of having open discussions about problems of social justice that minorities and students face on the campus. The Town Hall resulted from a black face incident that swept over the campus leaving many students angry and confused about the actions (or lack thereof) of the administration. The platform was an opportunity for students to hear directly from the administration.

Town hall attendees were divided into small groups by moderator, Professor Shalini Chouhury. During the small group discussion, each group ranked what they felt were the top five problems faced on campus which included campus racism, how to navigate through a predominantly white institution, and economic inequalities throughout campus. Afterwards, all attendees reassembled to discuss their problems with the entire audience and brainstormed some solutions or ideas to help prevent the problems.

Let’s Talk provided a vehicle for the African American student population to have a voice in discussing ways to make a real change on campus. In the weeks to follow the meeting, other National Pan-Hellenic Council Organizations and the Black Student Association followed Lambda Theta’s footsteps and hosted their own similar meetings. This ultimately moved the administration to discuss mandatory diversity education for incoming students. The Vice Provost of Diversity and Inclusion addressed students’ questions and concerns. The event caught the attention of the Chancellor and was the catalyst to create change within the University’s policies.

Nu Mu Citywide Chapter in New Orleans, LA, comprised of students from Loyola and Tulane Universities, collaborated with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to host Connecting Spirits: Dating and How to Do It. The forum focused on opportunities for students to talk about their romantic views in a safe space-promoting mental health and tips on how to maintain healthy relationships.

The Omicron Omega Chapter at Texas A & M University hosted Most Likely to be President-presenting a platform to inform the student body about the policies that are currently being pursued and enacted, as well as the state of politics in America. The goal was to help participants become more politically conscious about local and national governments. Attendees were educated and engaged through planned political activities including a political debate and a mini watch party for the 2018 Midterm Elections. This is an outstanding Political Awareness and Involvement program.

The Gamma Epilson Chapter at Texas College in Tyler, TX, hosted Are You Smarter Than A Delta? Black History Edition event. The game-show style event focused on past to present Black History trivia. This is an Educational Development outstanding program for 2018-2019.

Arkansas State Facilitator, Diamond Compton serves closely alongside Arkansas State Coordinator, Deborah Bland to better support chapters.
The Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter hosted a Sisterhood Celebration Luncheon for three sorors who crossed the 50-year membership milestone in Delta. The theme for the afternoon was “All that Glitters is Golden,” honoring sorors Florence Bowers, Brenda Dabney and Geraldine Harge, Ed.D. They delighted the audience with interesting stories and memories of their fifty-year Delta journey.

Soror Dabney and Dr. Harge were two of five sorors from the first line of the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter. They were initiated on Dec. 12, 1968. Soror Bowers was initiated on Dec. 13, 1968, into Johnson C. Smith University’s Gamma Lambda Chapter in Charlotte, NC. The three sorors have served in multiple capacities within the chapter including Chapter President, Treasurer, and various committee chair roles, and in true Delta form, they have been impactful in the community. Dr. Harge has nationally recognized expertise in rural education, special education, and systemic reform and has served as Regional Superintendent, Principal, Counselor, and Teacher in the Albuquerque Public School system. Soror Dabney helped establish the African American Catholic Community, a local organization committed to having an African American Mass with elements of Afro-American culture. Soror Bowers, through her extensive network throughout the state, has helped the chapter form a fruitful partnership with the state’s premiere performing arts center, Popejoy Hall, helping to further the mission of Arts & Letters in Albuquerque.

The Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered March 18, 1967. It is one of the first African American Greek-letter organizations and the only Alumnae Chapter in the state of New Mexico. The 17th National President, Mona Humphries Bailey, and then Farwest Regional Director, presented the Chapter Charter to fifteen awe-inspiring women living in Albuquerque, NM. Since then, the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter has been an integral part of making sure Delta and the African-American community are seen and heard in Albuquerque and the surrounding areas in New Mexico.

Photo Credit: Dr. Oliva Underwood
(L-R) Dr. Geraldine Harge, Brenda Dabney and Florence Bowers.

Dear To Be...

Soror Patricia M. Anthony was recently appointed by Governor Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for a term set to expire on January 31, 2025. She was confirmed by the Texas Senate on April 24, 2019. Soror Anthony is a member of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter and serves as the Southwest Regional Secretary.
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