Sacksonville Alumnae Chapter
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Delta Diamond



President's Message

"Make your life a masterpiece; imagine no limitations on what you can be, have or do."
-Brian Tracy

Greetings sorors!

As we continue to live under the COVID-19 constraints, the Jacksonville (FL) Alumnae Chapter continues to deliver stellar programs and projects that are aligned with our Five Programmatic Thrust. Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy (BSA), Dr. Jeanne L. Noble GEMS Institute (GEMS), and Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI) Committees have made the adjustments to implement meaningful,

engaging virtual program days for our youth. Using the stretch breaks during chapter meetings and tidbits in the Midweek, the Health and Fitness Committee continues to educate us on the importance of self-care. The Social Action Committee invested many hours to the 2020 Census and election cycle to ensure our community was informed about the importance of the Census and had the resources needed to make informed decisions regarding the primary and general elections.

To keep us connected and engaged, the Membership Committee has developed innovative ways to keep us entertained during our Sister Connection events. Make sure to register for the JAC Holiday Social where you are guaranteed to have some fun and laughter. Our Founders Day Committee has been busy planning our chapter's 75th Anniversary. Please make sure you get your ticket for this virtual celebration. The remaining six months of the 2020-2021 sororal year will continue to be a season of adjustments because we don't know the direction this pandemic will take us. As a chapter, we will continue to create experiences

that will bring joy to the lives we serve in our community with our stellar programs and projects.



Thank you to Soror Morton and her committee for this beautiful work of art. Please enjoy reading the newsletter and have a wonderful holiday season with intimate family and friends. In Delta,

Aurelia



Jesus is the reason for the season!

The reason for this season of celebration is, always has been, and will be forevermore, that Jesus came to save his people from their sins. God became a man; he became the savior of sinners so these sinners could by faith become the children of God and inherit eternal blessings all for the glory of God.

Isaiah 9:6—For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Luke 2:11 —For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (KJV)

As historic 2020 comes to a close, we continue to find comfort in our faith that the Lord our God will continue to surround us with his grace and mercy.

May the year 2021 bring a fresh start, new aspirations, and inspiring success. Walk with grace and achieve greater heights. Remind us to not worry about what is happening around us, but to trust You.

Christmas Bells

....And in despair I bowed my head;

"There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

> —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I would like to thank the many sorors who contributed to the December 2020 edition of the Delta Diamond and the awesome sorors on the Journalist team.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 to all!

Simone W. Morton, Journalist

Journalist Team:

Robbin Frazier, Chanda Nicole Holsey, Audrey Brownlee, Sharhonda Rush, Jacque Slater, Joanne Thayer



MEMBERSHIP SERVICES—VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Submitted by: Alice Bennett, Avis Sweet

The Membership Services Committee of the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter (JAC) held its first Virtual Worship Service on Sunday, September 13, 2020 via Zoom. What a wonderful way to kick-off the Sorority year than with praise and worship.

Traditionally, JAC worships together in September at a chosen Soror's church. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Delta's mandate to separate, the Membership Services Committee, and all its creative juices, designed a Virtual Worship Service that was a SUCCESS!

The service invited Sorors, their families and friends to an event that left them filling filled with hope, joy, love, and empowerment by a dynamic message from Soror Sylvia Johnson, "GREAT PEACE". The message was powerful and moving and it was evident by the words expressed in the Zoom chat that overflowed with excitement and praise.



Another highlight of the service was the blessing received from the JAC Soulful Violet Choir, under the direction of Soror Balenda Fulton as Director and voices of Sorors Earline Barnes, DeeDee Ellis, Pat Godboldt, Gloria Lockley, Kathy McQueen, Inga Pinnix, Chelsea Reeves, Brenda Thomas, and Natalie Stockton. Also, the video of the JAC Anointed Fire Dancers' performance from the State Cluster was shown. The Cluster Praise Dancers rendered a powerful and moving dance that took your breath away by their precision, passion, and perfection.

The worship service had a two-fold purpose, to worship and praise with one another and to provide a financial blessing to the Jacksonville Community. The Membership Services Committee determined it would bless two organizations financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Total Praise Christian Ministries



The first organization would be the church of our beloved Soror Dee Black who passed this year and as a past Chaplain of the chapter would lead our many spiritual gatherings and worship services.

The second organization was Edward Waters College who in the mist of the pandemic was looking to provide tuition relief to students impacted by the pandemic.

Overwhelmingly, Sorors, family and friends, generously donated \$2,000 as part of the Virtual Worship Service where JAC donated \$1,000 each to Total Praise

Christian Ministries to provide financial assistance to church members or persons requesting assistance from the church of our beloved Soror Dee Black and Edward Waters College to provide financial assistance to local Jacksonville students enrolled at the college.

We thank God for allowing this event to occur, its overall success, but most importantly the blessings received!

Edward Waters College



Membership Services Planning Committee: Sorors Alice Bennett (DSTJAX First

Vice President), Robbin Frazier, Melanie Jackson, Elaine Mitchum, Kimberly Stephens, and Avis Sweet. **Program Presenters:** Sorors Joni Ellis-Hughes (DSTJAX Chaplain), Dr. Sylvia Johnson, Daysha Little, Robbin Frazier, Avis Sweet, Aurelia Williams (DSTJAX President).

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES—VIRTUAL PAJAMA PARTY



Submitted by: Robbin Frazier, Reclamation Chair — Membership

Membership Services would like to thank all sorors who attended JAC's Virtual Pajama Party on Friday, November 13, 2020.

Yes...more than sixty (60) sorors, financial and visiting, from various sides of town and dif-

ferent generations, joined the Sister Connection and Reclamation Event. The evening began with prayer and mindful meditation facilitated by our Chaplain Joni Ellis-Hughes.

We then hosted a PJ Contest where fifteen (15) sorors modeled their jazzy, Delta-fied PJs to Beyonce's "Before I Let Go" and

Ciara's "Level-up." While all participants are to be commended for their creativity, those in attendance se-

lected the following sorors as the top three PJ contest winners: 1st Place – Tammie Brooks-Evans, 2nd place – Jamila Pope and

3rd place – Angela Freeman.

Our evening continued with soror Effie Derban's moving and powerful rendition of an excerpt from For Colored Girls "Somebody almost walked off wid alla my stuff" by Ntozake Shange.

Sorors then played the virtual question game of "REDvolutionary" where they were asked questions related to

Delta History, along with a few fun bonus questions unique to the black community. The names of sorors with the most points were entered into a drawing where soror Kimberly Holloway was selected as the winner.

Sorors were then placed into four (4) breakout rooms where each team was tasked with learning three things that most in the room had in common. Participants returned to the main meeting room where each group's spoke person shared the group's commonalities. The team with the most unique similarities was then selected as the winner.



Soror Tiffany Towns then read us a bed time story by sharing a tender and beautiful selection from her fiction/romance novel I Wish I Had Never...

And before retiring for the evening, sorors enjoyed singing with each other Glady Knight's – I Hope You Dance! It was an incredible evening and we look forward to our next opportunity to connect.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS
AND INVOLVEMENT

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT



DELTA BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Submitted by: Kimberly Stephens



JumpStart Pediatrics is a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) center that provides skilled pediatric nursing and therapy services to children who are considered medically complex or medically fragile. The center is a Black-owned business created by two cousins who desired to physically, psychologically, and mentally support children and families.

Since 2016, the center has offered services to children ages infant to 18 yrs in a bright, stimulating, developmental environment. Delivering compassionate, patient-centered, quality pediatric nursing and therapy services are JumpStart Pediatrics' highest priority. The center provides services Monday-Friday during the hours of 7:00 a.m- 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact our center, jumpstartppec.com. Joni Hughes, RN, BSN, CCRN, CRNI—Administrator, 3901 University Blvd., Ste. 125, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Office: (904) 683-4355—Cell: (904) 710-0437.

"Where Great Starts Never End!"



Soror Le'Rona Lemons, a native of Cleveland, MS, is the owner of Rona's Creations. As a child, Soror Lemons always had a passion for graphics and loved designing flyers, initiations, banners, etc.

When people repeatedly asked Soror Lemons, "Do you do shirts?" a spark ignited in her mind and spirit. Taking a leap of faith, Soror Lemons started her t-shirt business, Rona's Creations, in February 2010. Contact Soror Lemons at ronas_creations@yahoo.com

www.ronascreations.com



EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Submitted by: Debbie McNeil With 73 girls in the 2020/2021 Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and Jeanne L. Noble GEMS, the committee was challenged with how to keep the program informative, fun, and interactive, while virtual.



We gathered our committee members together, and resoundingly responded "CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!" Schools and businesses may close, events may be cancelled, but the work of Delta never stops!

In alignment with our approved calendar, the committee members put our heads together to brainstorm how to engage the girls. We decided on our theme for the year, SUPER SHEROS! Each gathering will focus on every-day girls doing extraordinary things, emphasing that every girl can be a SHERO if they are willing to focus and put in the work.

Given the activities going on in October, the committee decided to focus the program day on the importance of voting and census with a discussion on how it impacts communities. With our DST Youth Initiative Virtual Meeting & Publicity Guide in hand, we researched every possible feature Zoom had to offer and went to work!

BETTY SHABAZZ DELTA ACADEMY AND JEANNE L. NOBLE GEMS

We chose very bright, colorful backgrounds, creative "super shero" and comicthemed graphics, embedded videos and music, for our backdrop.

The sessions did not go more than ten minutes without imploring the girls to chat, annotate on the screen, or have



a small group discussion. The girls were super engaged! After covering the importance of the voting and the census process, we had some of our returning participants encourage some of the nervous newcomers.



We ended with an activity for all participants to accomplish what we had just discussed...VOTE!

The program day closed with the girls submitting t-shirt designs that best represented them and they voted.

The winner will be announced at the November program day.

In spite of the challenges, it was a wildly successful day! Overall the program was a hit and fun for our committee members and participants.





PROJECTS AND INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

Submitted by: A. Jamila Pope

The Projects and International Awareness and Involvement committee (PIAI) hosted an informative two-part series entitled

Teen Dating Violence 101, the Millennials and the Adult editions.

The virtual workshops were held during Domestic Violence Awareness month on October 22nd and 26th respectively. Taylor Shropshire, a teen empowerment advocate from the *Partnership Against Domestic Violence* in Atlanta, Georgia provided examples of teen dating violence, why and how it occurs, recognizable behaviors, and coping resources.

We were introduced to the **Teen Power and Control Wheel** which represents a snapshot of what a violent teen relationship can resemble. Fifty-three individuals attended the millennials session and forty-four were in attendance at the adult session.

The PIAI committee was excited about the opportunity given to provide this necessary information to the community. Anyone needing assistance can contact the following:

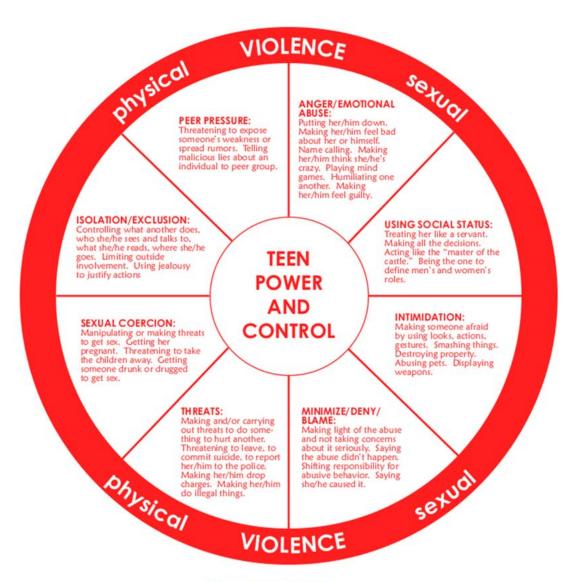
Break the Cycle: 888.988.TEEN www.thesafespace.org, or the

National Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 866.331.9474

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE 101: THE MILLENNIALS AND THE ADULT EDITIONS



TEEN POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL



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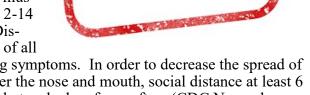


PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Submitted by: A. Jamila Pope

During these times, it is critical that we do our best to be as physically and mentally fit as possible. Due to challenges faced by our community, barriers exist to achieve those goals.

COVID-19 is an illness that affects the lungs and breathing. It is caused by the coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, cough, trouble breathing and shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, headache, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, muscle pain, and loss of taste and smell. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after a person is exposed to the virus. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and others estimate that more than 50% of all



infections are transmitted from people who are not exhibiting symptoms. In order to decrease the spread of the virus, it is important to properly wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, social distance at least 6 feet or more from others, wash your hands, and sanitize highly touched surfaces often. (CDC November 2020)

COVID-19 Quiz

1. Are symptomatic pregnant women with Covid-19 at increased risk of more severe illness compared with non-pregnant peers?

Yes. Per the Center for Disease Control, data indicate a small but significant risk of ICU admission, mechanical ventilation, and death reported in pregnant women with symptomatic Covid-19 when compared with symptomatic non-pregnant women.

(Ellington MMWR 2020, Collin 2020, Delahoy MMWR 2020, Panagiotakopoulos MMWR 2020, Zambrano MMWR 2020).

2. Are women at risk for intimate partner violence during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes. Women are more likely to experience domestic violence during a crisis, especially if they are in an abusive relationship. Call the 24-hour, toll-free National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE (7233), text LOVIS to 22522, or use the live chat option at www.thehotline.org for resources.

- 3. My child has asthma, so he does not have Covid-19.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Based on available evidence, any symptom that is consistent with the Covid-19 illness puts a person at risk for the virus. Chronic conditions such as asthma, migraines, seasonal allergies, COPD, etc. can mimic Covid-19. Do not think it is just the individual's typical illness. There is no distinction between symptoms caused by Covid-19 and chronic conditions. GET TESTED if you have any of the above symptoms.

COVID-19



- 4. My child can stay with their grandparents who are 67 years old while participating in virtual school and I have to work.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Older adults and people who have serious underlying medical conditions are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

- If others in your home are at particularly high risk for severe illness from COVID-19, consider extra precautions to separate your child from those people.
- If your child is not in school and you are unable to stay home, carefully consider who might be best positioned to provide child care. If someone at higher risk for COVID-19 will be providing care (older adult, such as a grandparent or someone with a chronic medical condition), limit your children's contact with other people.
- Consider postponing visits or trips to see older family members and grandparents. Connect virtually or by writing letters and sending via mail. (CDC.gov)





COVID-19

MYTH	FACT
COVID-19 doesn't affect African Americans.	African Americans are disproportion- ately infected and have higher death rates.
I don't have to wear a mask if I already had Coronavirus.	Studies have not conclusively shown that immunity is developed once you have had Covid-19 and there have been people who have tested positive for the virus again after recovering from it.
I can kill the virus by drinking warm liquids.	Coronavirus is a respiratory infection of the lungs and while warm liquids may help you feel better, they do not go to the lungs.
If I don't have a fever, I don't have COVID-19.	While fever is still a common present- ing symptom, a small percentage of people may not develop a fever.
Only people with underlying health problems can catch COVID-19.	Covid-19 commonly affects the elderly and those with underlying conditions but, previously healthy individuals are affected at similar rates.
The Covid-19 vaccine is being rushed and therefore won't be safe.	All vaccines have to be tested and proven safe before they are released to the public for use.

^{**}FREE testing at the Legends Center, Regency Mall, and Florida Department of Health - Duval. See Coj.net/covid19testing for details** Submitted By $THE\ CRIMSON\ PULSE$



SOCIAL ACTION VOTER REGISTRATION

Submitted by Evelyn Ray-Rogers

The Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter was most mindful of the National directive of no "face-to-face" contact with others. The Chapter rose to the challenge and joined with the Links, Inc. of Jacksonville to initiate a collaboration of 23 non-profit organizations throughout a five county area to impact Voter Registration and Turnout.

The Collective Voice Partners (The Collective) included 15 entities of the Divine Nine, The Links, Inc., Jack & Jill of America, the NAACP, the Urban League, NCNW, The My Vote Project, The New Florida Majority and the Town New Success Zone. The Links and Delta planned a month of "Impact" wherein members could "plug in" and take any one of a multitude of Voter Engagement actions based on their national direc-



tives and/or abilities from October thru to Election Day, November 3, 2020.

Activities from October 3 – November 3, 2020 included The Links and Delta planning for the Collective:

- Caravans the weekends of Early Voting, October 24 and October 31, 2020.
- Text Banking Thursdays
- Individuals delivering snacks/beverages to Voting Precincts for voters
- Collaboration with the My Vote Project to advertise that all voters showing their "I Voted" Sticker on the Weekends of Early Voting, would receive a free meal.
- Thousands of Jacksonville residents reached for Voter Turn Out.

October 3, 2020 was the kick off "Day of Impact. Rather than one grand event, the Collective agreed and planned to impact six (6) geographically distant, economically disadvantaged neighborhoods of Jacksonville simultaneously. This resulted in:

- Caravans in five neighborhoods
- Thousands of homes and residents visually impacted by the caravans
- 48 people trained in text banking in one day
- 268,963 texts sent across the city in the week
- 5,836 homes touched through literature drops by other Collective members
- 189 Voter registration forms completed on October 3, 2020 by other Collective members

Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter was totally engaged in the 2020 voting cycle process with awesome results.



Submitted by Evelyn Ray-Rogers

A crown jewel of the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter's voter engagement activities included the "I Vote Because" essay contest directed to Black young adults aged 18-26. JAC collaborated with two national organizations in this initiative.

From our two year involvement with the international New York based Proof.org organization, JAC obtained permission to promote their signature project "I Vote Because". From our collaboration with "Black Voters Matter", JAC received the funding for \$500 book awards. The purpose of the contest was to engage young adults in the voting process, motivate them to register to vote, and to turn out to vote. The contest was promoted to Duval County (City of Jacksonville) high school students and its graduates, regardless of where they were currently enrolled in college. Also, students currently attending a college/university in Duval County were eligible to enter. The chapter promoted there would be three (3) \$500 book awards.

Winners would be based upon their focus on voter engagement, ideas to engage their peers in voter engagement activities, and the overall grammatical/structure of the essay. From a dedicated task group, primarily of educators, a complex scoring rubric was developed to score the entries. The reviews were conducted and scored without entrant names by multiple Deltas to obtain a numerical average, thus determining the three winners.

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, a virtual Zoom presentation was held with all six entrants, their family members and over 50 Delta chapter members. President Aurelia Ray Williams offered the opening greeting. Leaders from our collaborators, Proof.org and Black Voters Matter greeted the young contestants. Thereafter, each of the six contestants, having met all of the essay rules, read her essay.

As spoken by winner Ahja Butler, "I vote for the women who ran so I could walk. ... I vote because it is a right that I have that once was not a right for women. I vote for those who wanted to vote but did not get to because their life was taken away from them."

Each of the contestants spoke with true conviction and sincere passion. Though the chapter advertised that three (3) winners would be announced, with the funding from Black Voters Matter, we were elated to announce that all six contestants were winners! As such, all six contestants received a \$500 book award. The Zoom presentation to culminate the "I Vote Because" essay contest was dynamic, uplifting and awe inspiring.

SOCIAL ACTION



VOTER REGISTRATION

THE "I VOTE BECAUSE" ESSAY CONTEST

JACKSONVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. &

BLACK VOTERS MATTER FUND

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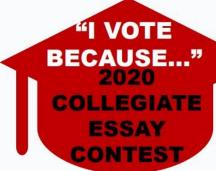
ABOUT THE

CONTEST

- 750+ word essay
- Topic: "What is your reason for voting and your suggestion(s) for energizing young voters?"
- Three (3) \$500 Book Awards will be presented.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Deadline for submission is October 23, 2020.
- Application and electronic submission available online: <u>www.dstjax.org</u>
- · Or scan the QR code below



ELIGIBILITY

CRITERIA

- Registered Voter
- African-American High School Senior or College/Graduate Student up to age 25 by Nov. 2020
- Students who attend or have graduated from Duval County High Schools.
- Proof of college acceptance and enrollment required to receive award.
- One (1) entry allowed per person
- Dependents and members of the Sponsors are ineligible to participate in or win the contest.







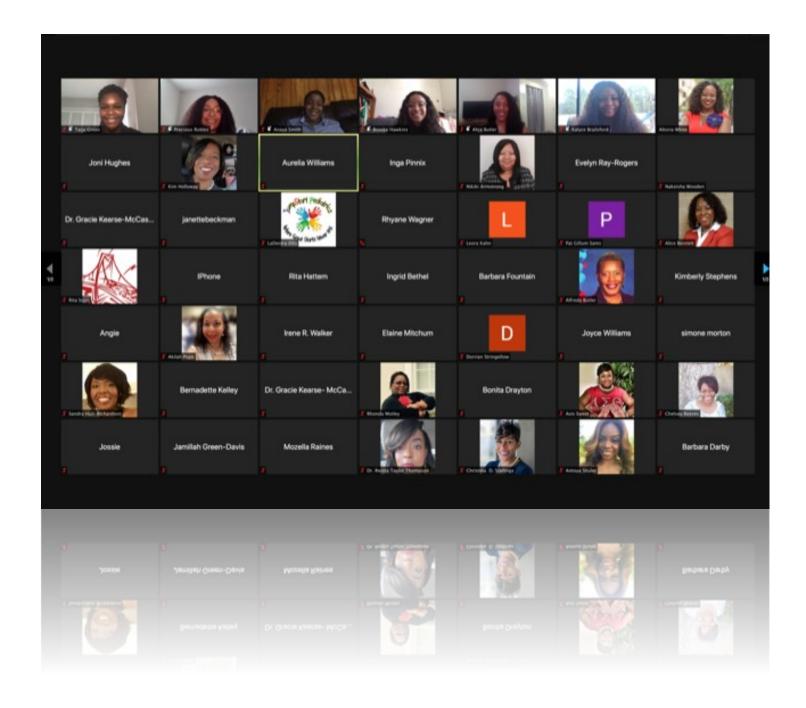


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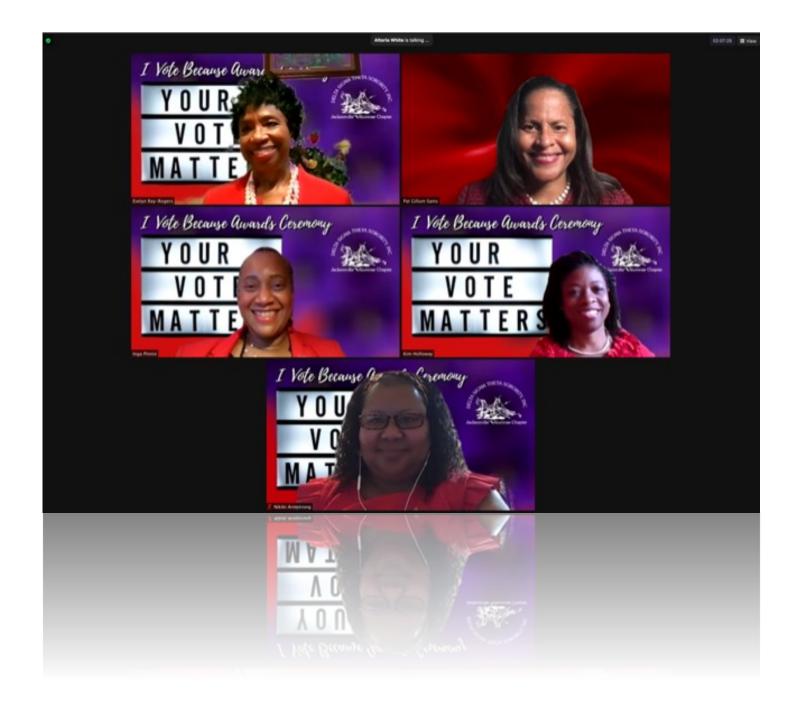


SOCIAL ACTION VOTER REGISTRATION

THE "I VOTE BECAUSE" ESSAY CONTEST









SOCIAL ACTION "I VOTE BECAUSE"





SOCIAL ACTION "I VOTE BECAUSE"





Submitted by Evelyn Ray-Rogers
With the purpose of further engagement of
young adults across the State of Florida, the
Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter sponsored the
"All In Video" Challenge targeting Black students on Florida college campuses. First, the
DST Sigma Alpha Chapter at University of North
Florida and the Omicron Beta Chapter at the
Edward Waters College were mentored by committed chapter members to collaborate for a
joint voter engagement video. This was a monumental first for such collaboration. The undergrads' diligent effort resulted in a forceful message "Your Vote is Your Voice".

The undergraduates used their social media to promote to Black organizations across the state of Florida to enter to win a \$250 prize. Two winners would be judged based upon the focus on voter engagement, the positive quality of the video and the creativity of the video. As other organizations did not rise to the challenge as Sigma Alpha and Omicron Beta, the JAC Chapter awarded a \$250 prize to each of these chapters for their dedicated input, efforts and finalization of an outstanding product, the "All In Video".

SOCIAL ACTION Ξ VOTER REGISTRATION $\hat{\xi}$ HE "ALL IN VIDEO" CHALLENGE





Well Done Sorors!

Sigma Alpha Chapter at University of North Florida Omicron Beta Chapter at Edward Waters College



SOCIAL ACTION 2020 CENSUS

Submitted bv: Yvonne McClain

2020 Census IMPACT WEEKEND



Date: Saturday August 8th Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Highland Regional Library | 1826 Dunn Ave | Jacksonville, FL 32218

Description: Volunteered in the media room at the library, handed out Census flyers and encouraged individuals in the media

room to fill out the census on the library computers

Date: Sunday August 9th Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Gateway Town Center parking lot behind the Supervisor of Elections Location.

Description: Volunteered to hand out Census flyers to individuals and helped them fill out the census with their cell phones.



LET'S ACHIEVE A COMPETE COUNT TOGETHER!

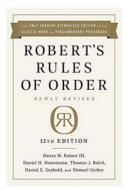
SPECIAL THANKS TO

THE 2020 CENSUS (Mr. Victor Cora, Florida Partnership Specialist) Highlands Regional Branch Library (Ms. Julie McNeil, COJ Deputy Director Public Services and Ms. Marla Roberson, COJ Adult Reference Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator)

Power in Our Voice | Count Me In | 2020 Census

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S CORNER MOTIONS

Submitted by: V. Joanne Thayer



PROCESS FOR HANDLING A MOTION

- 1. A member rises and addresses the presiding officer.
- 2. The member is recognized by the presiding officer.
- 3. The member proposes a motion. The motion should begin "I move that" followed by a statement of proposal.
- 4. Another member seconds the motion. The member simply states "I second the motion". If no one seconds the motion, the presiding officer may ask "Is there a second to the motion?" If there is none, she may declare "The motion is lost for want of a second".
- 5. The Presiding officer states the motion to the assembly.
- 6. The assembly discusses or debates the motion. Discussion must be confined to the question that is before the assembly.
- 7. The presiding officer takes the vote on the motion. Before taking the vote, the chair asks, "Is there further discussion?" or "Are you ready for the question?" The chair proceeds to take the vote.
- 8. The presiding officer announces the results of the vote. The chair announces the vote by saying "The motion is carried", or if the vote is in the negative, the chair states "The motion is lost."

AMENDING A MOTION

The purpose of the motion-to-amend is to modify a motion that has already been presented in such a manner that it will be more satisfactory to the members.

ORDER OF VOTING ON AMENDMENTS

Amendments are voted upon in inverse order of proposal.

- 1. Discussion is called for and the vote is taken upon the amendment to the motion.
- 2. When the vote on the amendment has been taken, discussion on the motion as amended is opened and when completed, a vote is taken upon the motion as amended.



Submitted by: Vanessa Boyer

Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter celebrated with Soror Uvette Ridley at her 100th year old birthday party on November 7th.

Her two daughters. Elaine Tinsdale and Soror Helen Ridley hosted the gathering. Soror Ridley's actual birthday was November 4th.

She has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta for over 80 years. Soror Barbara Darby presented Soror Ridley with a plague from Grand Chapter for 75 years of service. She also received a certificate from her alma mater. Virginia Union University, where she is the oldest living alumnus.

Soror Ridley, one of the original "colored computers" was very happy and grateful for the outpouring of love. Sorors Juliet Rogers and Vanessa Boyer were also in attendance.



Sover Tiffany Towns



Soror Tiffany Towns is honored to have her book featured in the Delta Authors on Tour Directory for the first time in the 2020-2021 sororal year.

Soror Towns' first literary offering is a novella entitled, I Wish I Had Never... The book chronicles the love story of Meka and Kenneth, high school friends who reconnect after twenty years. Kenneth woos Meka with smooth words and promises of forever that she finds impossible to resist. Their whirlwind romance is filled with passion, love, and red flags. Had Meka finally found the love that she had been longing for all of her life? Or would Kenneth make her wish she had never laid eyes on him in the first place?



Soror Tiffany Towns was born and raised in Jackson-ville, Florida. She received both her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida, where she was a charter member of the Sigma Alpha chapter on that campus. She is currently an active member of the Jacksonville (FL) Alumnae Chapter. Soror Towns currently serves as an elementary Assistant Principal for Duval County Public Schools, with a goal of becoming a principal. She has been married to her husband, Vince, for twenty-one years and together they have two children, Crystal and Camryn.

2019 — 2020

Chaapter Award Winners



Congratulations!

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEADERSHIP



Regional Director Deidra K. Diaz



Regional Representative Kyrsten Sheffield

Jacksonville Alumnae Represents!



Christina D. Stallings
National Leadership Academy
Member



Raeven Goodman
Collegiate Connection Committee
Member



Yvonne P. Mitchell

Membership Intake Committee

N. Florida Membership Intake Coordinator



Akilah Jamila Pope

Awards and Recognition Committee

Member



Altoria E. White
Technology Committee
FL Coordinator of Technology



Rodericka Webb-Wilkinson
Investigations Committee
N. Florida State Coordinator of Investigations

Save the Dates

Founder Winona Cargile Alexander
Gravesite Floral Arrangement
January 9, 2021 following sorority meeting

Elephant in the Room Painting 2021 Red—January 13, 2021

JAC's Founders Day Celebration and 75th Chapter Anniversary January 15-16, 2021

National Founders Day Celebration January 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm ET

DST Books & Brunch—February 27, 2021

Collegiate Forum April 17, 2021

32nd Delta Days in the Nation's Capital April 24–25, 2021

Delta's 55th National Convention—Fall 2021

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS



DATE: January 9, 2021

TIME: 8:30am - 9:30am

LOCATION: Zoom - Prior

to the January Chapter

Meeting

Please click the link below to download a blank

Committee Budget Form.

Don't **DELAY**... Start **TODAY** on planning your

COMMITTEE BUDGETS!!





TWAS' THE NIGHT BEFORE JAC CHRISTMAS

A Jacksonville Alumnae Holiday Event Hosted by the Membership Committee

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020 7 - 8 PM - VIA ZOOM REGISTER EARLY



Jazzin'it up in DSJ Celebrating 75 Years with JAC

The Founders Day committee is calling all Sorors to our virtual Founders Day event, to celebrate 108 Years of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service. We are jointly celebrating our chapter's 75th Anniversary!

Our two day program will commence on Friday, January 15th. The night will include games, fellowship, give-a-ways, and good old Delta fun. We will conclude our event on Saturday, January 16th, with a hearty meal, message from our past Chapter Presidents, enchanting entertainment by our new Delta Trio and featured guest violinist, Brian King Joseph, a finalist of America's Got Talent.

A floral arrangement will be placed on our Founder Winona Cargile Alexander's grave, immediately following the January 9, 2021 sorority meeting.

Ticket information is in the Mid-Week Message. Thank you in advance Sorors for supporting our 2021 Founders Day event.

Sisterly,

Jackie Bohannon Founders Day Co-Chair Stephanie Oglesby Founders Day Co-Chair

and the Founders Day Committee