



THE DELTA CONNECTION

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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The President's Corner



Greeting Sorors!

Happy 30th Anniversary, May Week, Mother's Day and Memorial Day!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your 10th Chapter President for the 2016-2017 sororal year. Over the course of this year, our chapter has had a busy schedule. We began the year with a Chapter Business Retreat followed by our Teen Summit, Christmas Social and

comprehensive, yet successful RUSH/MIT process. The chapter is so EXCITED to welcome the DiStinguished 13 to our Sisterhood!

Sorors, many of you took on extra duties and tasks to ensure that our events/ programs were well-planned, well-organized and well-attended! THANK YOU for going the EXTRA MILE! Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed and unappreciated from Soror Stevens and me.

Sorors, I cannot express the overwhelming feelings surrounding me related to our Chapter's 30th Anniversary; you all have shown me that when we pull together anything and everything is possible. I can't go further without THANKING the ARTS & LETTERS COMMITTEE again for an AWESOME and PHE-NOMANAL JOB! Friday's Meet and Greet, was remarkable and the food was delicious. Saturday's main event was AWESOME, from the program to the decorations and food; everything about the banquet was GREAT! Soror McIntyre and Soror Rice truly enjoyed themselves. Soror Rice was sad that she had to leave, for she didn't want to go! That in itself means a lot; it demonstrates that she and Soror McIntyre felt genuinely welcomed and loved!

Together, we have, completed many first in 2016-2017! This sorority year, we hosted our 1st Annual Golf Tournament in honor of Autism Awareness. We have two members: Soror Dalmyra Caesar and Soror Debra Covington of HAC serving on the Regional Level. For the first time in the history of this chapter, a New Initiates Presentation (NIP) was held and it was vibrant. Kudos to The DiStinguished 13 for a DYNAMIC show and for going viral with over 1000 likes on two different social media outlets. We also established our very own Delta Days at the City Hall, as well as Delta Days at the County Commissioners; where our Chapter was recognized for what we have been doing in the community for the past 30 years!

In closing, it has been my vision from day one, that Hinesville Alumnae Chapter and its members are recognized for the hard work that is being done. I have always wanted more for this Chapter and with that, I know that I have challenged many of you to do more and I just want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for being ready to step up to the challenge and making Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, one of the best Chapters on the Coast! Hence, I didn't say small Chapter because, we are just as strong in our numbers and just as mighty than others and I strongly believe that people are taking noticed!

Thank you ALL for a SUCCESSFUL 2016-2017 Sorority Year! Get some NEEDED REST and I will see you all in August for our Chapter Retreat!

Sincerely,

Petula Y. Gomillion
Petula Y. Gomillion, MPA
Chapter President

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The Vice-President's Corner



Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Beginning!

Just over 30 years ago a group of dynamic dedicated ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., living locally in the Liberty County area and several equally dynamic dedicated Deltas stationed at Fort Stewart saw the need to have a chapter here, in this area. The community was expanding and so was the military, bringing in members of our beloved sisterhood.

With a strong desire to carry on the mission of our sorority by conducting public service throughout the communities in which we live, we began to make things happen to reach that goal. Contact was made between several members, getting the commitment of twelve of us for the chartering of a chapter in Liberty County.

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was chartered on May 24, 1987 at Midway Congregational Church in Midway, GA. Dr. Louise A. Rice, our 23rd National President and Past Southern Regional Director, officiated.

There were 12 charter members and as we celebrate 30 years, we honor these trailblazers for their vision and insight. Six are actively serving in the chapter, and five have relocated to other areas.

*Sarah Baker
Vicki Brown
Denise Cobb
*Shirley Frasier
Annie B. Givens (Deceased)
Consibrina Jackson

Donna Johnson
Gloria Mitchell
*Betty McCray
*Annie Stewart
*Sarah Stevens
*Sallie Richardson, Charter President

*Actively serving in Hinesville Alumnae Chapter

Ladies, we salute you! May God continue to bless us and keep us, for this we are grateful!



Pictured (L-R) Betty McCray, Sarah Baker, Sallie Richardson, Shirley Frasier, Sarah Stevens.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stevens,
Chapter Vice President

30th Anniversary Featured Charter Member

Burning Questions:

Q&A with Soror Sarah P. Baker

Submitted by: Soror Chante Martin



What is a woman of Delta Sigma Theta?

A woman of Delta Sigma Theta carries herself with humility. She carries herself in such a way that others want to emulate her. When I became a Delta, over 46 years ago, I was inspired to join based on the positive Delta role models I had throughout my life. They were women of grace, intelligence, and integrity. Despite all their accomplishments, they never boasted or bragged about their success. They had a love for Christ and a heart for people [...]. I wanted to be just like them.

What is the true essence of sisterhood among college-educated women committed to scholarship and service?

The essence of Sisterhood is love. It is a lifetime commitment to showing and sharing Agape love to one another—even when we disagree. It means respecting a Soror's opinion even if it differs from your own. For us to get along and demonstrate true sisterhood, we must always respect each other. When we do this, we genuinely can be on one accord as we serve others.

With respect to the jewels Temperance, Honesty, Justice, and Compassion, how do you think these virtues have kept us (as Deltas) anchored in the social issues impacting our community on the national and local levels?

From its founding, Delta Sigma Theta was focused on bettering the lives of other people. When I entered the Sorority, we were told that our job was to be selfless and to always look out for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. That was the focus. [...]. Giving to others who are in need is a biblical truth. [...]. God doesn't bless us for our benefit; we are blessed to be a blessing to someone else. I think this core belief drives what the Sorority does on all levels. benefit society. .

30th Anniversary Featured Chartered Member cont.

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After thirty years in Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, what do you think is essential for the chapter to continue to thrive?

I think we must always make sure that we are *seen* doing public service. The chapter *must* be seen being involved. [...]. We cannot do this work as a single entity. We must work with others who are invested in the same common goals we hold dear. Making financial contributions [to different public service efforts] is fine, but I want to see us putting the funds we raise to work.

Looking forward, how can Hinesville Alumnae evolve and meet the needs of its service areas?

We do the same things for the same people all the time. We need to dig a little deeper and see where there is truly a need. I think our involvement in Autism Awareness is a great start. There are so many families that are impacted by [this condition] and many of them do not know how to best help their children. [...]. In addition to raising money [for Autism Awareness], this may mean that we go into schools, talk to administrators, and see how we can help [students and parents] more directly. This is especially true for [our] African American children. We need to take the advice Soror [Cynthia M. A.] Butler-McIntyre gave at our 30th Anniversary Celebration and become agents and advocates for causes that may take us out of our comfort zones.

Based on your experience in our Sorority, what would be your most genuine advice to Delta Dolls, Delta Divas, and Delta Dears?

Delta Dears, don't forget where we came from. Let's not forget the things that brought us over. Yes, the times have changed, but we are the same people and we must teach what we learned to the younger Sorors. To Delta Dolls and Divas, make sure that whatever you do in the name of Delta helps and lifts someone else. Make sure your intentions are pure.

Soror Sarah P. Baker was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta at Bradley University in Spring 1971. She is a charter member and past chapter president of Hinesville Alumnae

Soror of The Year & President Award Recipient

As the members of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. gathered to close out the business of our sororal year (2016-2017) and recognize members for their hardwork and devotion to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Hinesville Alumnae Chapter.

We are honored to recognize a Soror who has gone beyond the call of Sisterhood, Service and Scholarship in the name of Delta to enhance the community, the Chapter and the Delta's mission.

Soror Sarah Stevens (Vice President) and Soror Petula Gomillion (President) presented the 2016-2017 Soror of the Year Award and the President's Award to Soror Dalmyra Caesar! We are so proud to have awarded her with these two honors! She is truly a Delta Woman!



HAC Historical Sketch

Anchored in Delta: A Journey of a Lifetime A Historical Sketch of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter 1987-2017

The Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered on May 24, 1987, at Midway Congregational Church, in Midway, Georgia. Dr. Louise A. Rice, past Southern Regional Director and our 23rd National President officiated. Soror Beautine Hardwick of Savannah Alumnae Chapter assisted in the ceremony.

Soror Sarah P. Baker
Soror Vicki Brown
Soror Denise Cobb
Soror Shirley C. Frasier
Soror Annie B. Givens
Soror Consibrina Jackson
Soror Donna Jones
Soror Gloria Mitchell
Soror Betty McCray
Soror Sallie W. Richardson
Soror Annie M. Stewart
Soror Sarah C. Stevens

These twelve visionary women were joined by nine Sorors to comprise the first members of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter. They are: Sorors Desiree Babbs, Mattie Brown, Theresa Calhoun, Pamela Keeton, Lillie "Readie" Kelly, Sylvia Malone, Bertha Pryor, Brenda Pullen, and Yvonne L. Woods.

Chapter Highlights: 1987-1996

In the initial decade of the chapter's history, Hinesville Alumnae was guided by the successful leadership of Sorors Sallie W. Richardson (1987-1989), Yvonne L. Woods (1989-1992), and Sarah C. Stevens (1992-1996). During their presidencies, the chapter proudly:

- Volunteered at bi-annual community health screenings at Fort Stewart's Winn Army Hospital and the Liberty County National Guard Armory (1987)
- Began annually donating Christmas food baskets to needy families (1987)
- Began making annual financial contributions to local Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Habitat for Humanity, the NAACP, the YMCA, the Liberty County Training Center for the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) (1987-88)
- Began annually awarding academic scholarships to area youth (1988) – First \$500 scholarship Recipient: Melissa McIntyre
- Hosted its first Founders Day Celebration (1988) -- Guest Speaker: Dr. Louise A. Rice
- Began annual participation in local parades (1988)
- Organized its first life skills workshop for teen girls (1988)
- Began hosting annual Reclamation Teas and Initiatives (1989)
- Began yearly sponsorship of Thanksgiving dinner for needy families (1989)
- Donated food to the Liberty County Department of Family and Children's Services (DFACS) (1989)
- Donated monies to support Hurricane Hugo relief efforts (1989)
- Hosted a Gospel Extravaganza of local talent in Liberty County (1990)

HAC Historical Sketch cont.

Recognized its first Delta Dear: Soror Annie B. Givens (1990)
 Awarded its first \$1,000 academic scholarship (1990) -- Recipient: Tatjana George
 Began its annual financial contribution to the Dorchester Improvement Association and sponsorship of "The Delta Room" at the Historic Dorchester Academy (1990)
 Hosted its first Etiquette Workshop for area teen girls (1990) – Facilitator: Mrs. Patricia B. Rutledge, owner of The Finishing Touch School of Social Etiquette
 Formally established a Del-Teens Mentoring Program (1990)
 Conducted its first Membership Intake (Spring 1990)
 Hosted its first Literary Luncheon (1991) – Featured Guest: Ms. Christine D. Whitaker, author of *The Singing Teakettle*
 Presented its first Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (1991) – Winner: Anitra Barrett
 Attained Life Membership with the NAACP (1992)
 Hosted its second Literary Luncheon (1992) –Featured Guest: Mr. Clifton L. Taulbert, author of *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*
 Donated monies to support Hurricane Andrew relief efforts (1992)
 Conducted its second Membership Intake (Spring 1993)
 Hosted a Gospel Showcase of Wayne County talent (1993)
 Provided books to Riceboro Preschool Learning Center (1993)
 Hosted its third Literary Luncheon (1994) – Featured Guests: Ron and Natalie Daise, storytellers/folklore artists and actors in the children's television series *Gullah Gullah Island*
 Hosted its second Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (1994)
 Published its first chapter Newsletter (1995)
 Hosted a "Salute to African American Cultural Arts" (1995) – Featured Guests: The Tri-County Gospel Singers, Rev. Shelton Beasley, and the Savannah State College (now University) Dance Ensemble
 Hosted an after-school tutoring and leadership development program at St. James Community Center (1995)
 Sponsored a week-long showcase of artist Henry L. Gorham's acrylic paintings in Liberty County Public Schools (1996)
 Hosted its third Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (1994)
 Began annual participation in Liberty County's "Relay for Life" in support of the American Cancer Society (1996)

Chapter Highlights: 1996-2006

The second decade of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's history was directed by the dynamic presidencies of Sorors Sarah P. Baker (1996-2000), Virie E. Walton (2000-2004), and Deloris P. Gaulden (2004-2006). Under their thoughtful guidance, the chapter:
 Received a \$1,000 grant from the Grassroots Arts Program (1996)
 Co-sponsored weekly sessions on Welfare Reform throughout Liberty County (1996)
 Sponsored a Career Planning Day at Bradwell Institute (1997)
 Conducted its third Membership Intake (Spring 1997)
 Celebrated its 10th Chapter Anniversary (1997): Mayor Allen Brown declared May 1997 as "Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Month"
 Sponsored a weeklong after-school storytelling hour at the Liberty County Public Library [Hinesville location] (1997)
 Hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium (1997) – Facilitator: Mrs. Edna Walthour, Registered Nurse and Home Healthcare Professional
 Co-sponsored storytelling and puppet making workshops for area children featuring noted storyteller, Mr. Akbar Imhotep (1997)
 Established a Delta Academy (1997)
 Contributed to the Monica Woods Memorial Fund (1997)
 Hosted its fourth Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (1998)
 Hosted a "Kwanzaa in the Spring" Festival in Liberty County (1999)
 Began co-sponsorship of Political Forums in Liberty, Long, and Wayne Counties (2000)
 Hosted its fifth Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (2000)
 Began its annual participation in and financial contribution to the "Walk to Dorchester" (2000)
 Began its tradition of donating to the Tri-County Women's Shelter and the Hazel B. Carter Senior Center (2000)
 Participated in the International Day of Public Service (2001)
 Hosted its sixth Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (2002)
 Participated in Family Fun Day at Fort Stewart (2002)
 Served as community volunteers for the Kids Day Festival at Fort Stewart (2003)
 Hosted its seventh Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (2004)
 Conducted its fourth Membership Intake (Spring 2005)

HAC Historical Sketch cont.

Served as community volunteers for the Kids Day Festival at Fort Stewart (2003)
 Hosted its seventh Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (2004)
 Conducted its fourth Membership Intake (Spring 2005)
 Hosted its Founders Day Observance – Featured Speaker: Dr. Paulette C. Walker, former Southern Regional Director and 25th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2006)
 Hosted its eighth Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (2006)

Chapter Highlights: 2006-Present

The most recent decade of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's history has been guided by Sorors Rose S. Mullice (2006-2010), Yovancha Lewis-Brown (2010-2012), Mary E. Brock (2012-2014), and Petula Y. Gomillion (2014-Present). Their vision has enabled the chapter to successfully:

Host its first Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball [to benefit the chapter's public service projects](#) (2007)
 Serve as community volunteers at the "Salute the Troops" Air Show (2007)
 Celebrate its 20th Chapter Anniversary (2007) – Featured Speaker: Dr. Louise A. Rice
 Co-sponsor a community arts celebration featuring Anton Harris and the Anton Harris Quartet (2007)
 Begin hosting annual financial planning seminars in its service area (2007)
 Participate in Liberty County's first annual "Walk Against Domestic Violence" (2007)
 Begin co-sponsoring annual observances of World AIDS Day (2007)
 Host its ninth Jabberwock Competition and Talent Showcase (2008)
 Have Soror Yovancha Lewis-Brown appointed to the Southern Regional Social Action Committee and Soror Mary E. Brock appointed to the Southern Regional Protocol and Traditions Committee (2008)
 Establish the Delta GEMS program (2008)
 Receive a second grant from the Grassroots Arts Program (2008)
 Host a Literary Luncheon showcasing local authors (2009) – Featured Speakers: Sheryl Avery, Elgin Davis, Keisha Flemister, Tamara Frazier, and Pamela Woodard
 Host a Sweetheart Ball to benefit the chapter's public service projects (2009)
 Host its first Beautillion Competition (2010): Winner – Julian Stokes
 Sponsor a canned food drive to benefit local charities (2010)
 Continue the chapter's tradition of hosting Voter Education and Registration Drives (2010)
 Begin annual participation in the "Feed A Child" Project benefiting students in the Liberty County School System (2010)
 Host its second Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball (2011)
 Co-sponsor a Western Dance to benefit the Dorchester Improvement Association (2011)
 Host a Literary Luncheon featuring Dawn Baker, WTOC News Anchor and author of *Dawn's Daughter: Everything a Woman Needs to Know* (2012)
 Participate in the Sunbury 5K Fun Run/Walk (2012)
 Host a Winter Ball to benefit the chapter's public service projects (2012)
 Host its second Beautillion Competition (2012)
 Obtain a proclamation from the City of Hinesville recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2013)
 Conduct its fifth Membership Intake (Spring 2013)
 Sponsor an "Evening of Jazz" featuring Candace Woodson and the Domino Theory Band (2013)
 Host a "Big Hat/Bow Tie" Luncheon to benefit the chapter's public service projects (2014)
 Co-sponsor its first annual Mental Health Forum (2015)
 Sponsor its first annual College Tour (2015)
 Donate personal care baskets to homeless mothers in conjunction with the Liberty County Homless Coalition (2015)
 Sponsor a Literary Café featuring local talent, the Savannah State University Dance Ensemble, and noted spoken word artist, Tavares Stephens (2015)
 Host Voter Education and Registration Drives throughout its service area (2016)
 Garner recognition as a "Project 13" Chapter at the 52nd National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2015)
 Have its first Presidential Youth representative at the Sorority's National Convention (former Delta GEM Mikia Frazier) (2015)

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- Have its first youth selected for the National Sorority's inaugural Arts and Letters Commission Youth Award (Delta GEM Imani Jes-samy) (2015)
- Host its first annual Crimson and Cream Christmas Social and Toy Drive (2015)
- Hold its Founders Day Observance (2016) – Featured Speaker: Dr. Lillie D. Ward, past South Georgia State Coordinator, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Organize its first annual “Go Red” Bowling Tournament benefiting the American Heart Association (2016)
- Sponsor its second College Tour (with a focus on HBCUs) (2016)
- Host its first Cotillion Competition (2016) – Winners: Jaalon Frazier and Tyler Walker
- Have Soror Debra V. Covington named Co-Chair of the newly established Southern Regional Autism Awareness Committee and Soror Dalmyra P. Caesar named the Southern Regional Journalist (2016)
- Have its Delta GEMS program featured in *Liberty Life* Magazine (2016)
- Co-sponsor a Teen Summit with Webster University (2016)
- Donate books to the Bryan County Family Connection (2016)
- Collect donations for “Socks for Courtney”: an organization supplying socks to national and international areas of need (2016)
- Host its second annual Crimson and Cream Christmas Social and Toy Drive (2016)
- Co-sponsor a financial awareness workshop for residents at Regency Housing Development in Liberty County (2016)
- Host a “Red Carpet Affair”: A Screening of *Hidden Figures* (2017)
- Host its second annual “Go Red” Bowling Tournament (2017)
- Conduct its sixth Membership Intake and host its first New Initiate Presentation (Spring 2017)
- Sponsor its third College Tour (with focus on HBCUs) (2017)
- Organize its first Golf Tournament in support of Autism Awareness Research and Initiatives (2017)
- Obtain a proclamation from the Liberty County Board of Commissioners in honor of the chapter's 30 years of public service (2017)
- Celebrate its 30th Chapter Anniversary – Featured Speaker: Soror Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre, 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2017)

Compiled by: Soror Chanté B. Martin, Chapter Historian
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Educational Development

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's Delta GEMS Program does it again.

Written by Soror Dalmyra Cesar



Pictured above are Delta GEMS chair, Gwen Starr; Delta GEMS, Imani Jessamy; Chapter Vice-President, Sarah Stevens; Chapter Financial Secretary, Genese Lane

In March 2017, the National Headquarters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated released a message to the over 200,000 members of Delta Sigma Theta spotlighting an opportunity of a lifetime. Each chapter was given a chance to nominate one member from the chapter's youth programs to represent the chapter at the 2017 National Presidential Youth Conference that will be held August 3-5, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the MGM Grand Hotel.

The chapter chose, Delta GEMS, Imani D. Jessamy as their nominee. Imani is a senior at Richmond Hill High School in Richmond Hill, Georgia, and she will attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, NC in August, 2017. Imani is also the President of the Student Chapter of the Young Democrats, Captain of the Varsity Volleyball Team, Sportsman of the Year, and reigning Miss Hi-Fidelity and Miss Pink Rose. Imani also has an impeccable academic and community service resume so it was fitting that she would serve as the chapter's nominee for this year's conference. On March 29th, Imani's packet was sent for consideration to the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dr. Paulette C. Walker and the National Program, Planning and Devel-

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opment Committee members.

On May 10, 2017, the chapter was notified that Imani D. Jessamy was chosen from hundreds of nominations for this extremely competitive and elite opportunity. This is the second time a member of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS program was recognized for this prestigious honor.

In 2015, Hinesville Alumnae Delta GEMS, Mikia Frazier was selected to represent the chapter at the 2015 National Presidential Youth Conference in Houston, Texas. In the same year, Imani was selected for the National Arts and Letters Commission Youth Award; placing the chapter's Delta GEMS program on the National stage. The 2017 selection proves that the chapter's Delta GEMS are Growing and becoming the next generation of world leaders.

The Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS program is chaired by Gwen Starr and Co-Chaired by Jameshia Patterson, both of whom do a wonderful job of growing and empowering the young ladies involved in the program which includes Imani.

Congratulations, Imani! We know that you will represent the chapter and the chapter's Delta GEMS program well in Las Vegas, Nevada!

Note: If you are interested in being a part of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's Delta GEMS program during the 2017-2018 school year and you are a young lady between the ages of 13-18, please email Hinesvillealumnae.dst1913@gmail.com.

Educational Development

Why College Tours? Written by Soror Gwendoyrn Star

National Headquarters issued the clarion call to help bring awareness back to historical black colleges and universities. What better way to bring awareness than to make a campus visit. A college visit is the first opportunity for students to get a first hand view of a college. A key part of deciding which college to go to is finding a good fit. Moreover, a great way to get more information is to visit the college in person. Lastly, educational development is a component of the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust.

Many of the Delta GEMS committee members and other chapter members are alumnus of a historical black college or university. And we want our youth program participants to understand that black colleges and universities are ideal for a quality and affordable education. Lastly, we want participants to hear how other college students from low-income families have found an array of opportunities to pursue their interests and passions in the best tradition of a black college or university with the resources of a national research institution.

We provide programs and services that contribute to participants' total development. Many of the participant's parents want help in guiding their child/children to future success. Over the last three-sororial years, we have taken seventy-plus students on college visits. Because of our willingness to sponsor the annual college tour, many first generation children have followed through with their dream of attending college. Both participants and community partners program participants have since gone on to enroll at some of the following schools that visited: Albany State, Bethune-Cookman University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, Tennessee State, and Spelman College.

Currently, we have several community partners the Hinesville Housing Authority, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity and teachers that provide sponsorship to support our college tour. Lastly, both students and parents consider Hinesville Alumnae Chapter as an additional support system for answering questions and providing information about college preparations. We have learned that college tours are a service and the ideal way to promote awareness.



Educational Development**Annie B. Givens Scholarship Recipients****Taken from Facebook**

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. would like to Congratulate our 2017 Annie B. Givens Scholarship Recipients: Imani Jessamy, Richmond Hill High School, Savannah Schell (not pictured) Richmond Hill High School, Cameron VanHorn, Liberty County High School, Joy Brown, Liberty county High School and Kelvin Conyers Bradwell Institute. The sorority is elated to provide a scholarship to these young people and assist them with furthering their educational goals.



International Awareness and Involvement**“Haiti Mission Drive”**

Written by Soror Cassandra V Moss

The International Awareness and Involvement Committee sponsored the Haiti Mission Drive during the month of January 2017. Rice, beans, peanut butter and can fish were collected and donated by members of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter. These items were presented to Ms. Barbara (Kim) Hebron, Co-Founder of Christian Revival Center Mission 2 Haiti on February 20, 2017 by Soror Vice-President Stevens and Soror Moss.

Christian Revival Center Mission 2 Haiti was founded by the late Pastor Freddie Hebron over 20 years ago. His wife, Kim Hebron and the mission team still travel to Haiti several times a year providing support and goods to the people of this impoverished country.

Ms. Hebron was very grateful and expressed her gratitude for the donations of two boxes of much needed items. She has asked that we continue to support the people of this impoverished country to help improve lives and to feed those that are less fortunate than we are.

Thank you Sorors, for caring, giving and making a difference in the lives of the men, women and children of Haiti. Let us always remember, that is better to give than to receive.



Pictured (L-R) Ms. Barbara Herbron, Soror Cassandra Moss, Vice President Sarah Stevens

May Week

May Week Activities

Written by Soror Jamika Johnson

“Champions For Mental Health”

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, Hinesville Alumnae and Beta Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated hosted a Mental Health Forum at Connection Church. Mental Health professionals, Dr. Karla Sapp, Dr. Jennifer Mann-Mackey LPC, and Dr. Annette Benneccche held meaningful dialogue with our guest on bullying, depression, stress, and the stigma of mental health.

Financial Fortitude

The ladies of Hinesville Alumnae held a free Financial Workshop for the community at St. Peter’s AME Church in Midway Georgia. Ms. Katie Hargrove, Ms. Janine Wynn, and Mr. Joshua Hines provided helpful tips on how to become financially savvy. The presenters discussed the following topics: “How to organize your finances, save money, making investments, pro’s and con’s of mortgages, the importance of knowing/raising your credit score.”

Delta Days at Liberty County

Hinesville Alumnae members attended the Commissioners Board Meeting and City Council Meeting. The chapter received a Proclamation in recognition of the community service they have performed in the community for the past 30 years, thus recognizing the dates May 12-16 as Hinesville Alumnae May week.



Fundraising

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter goes RED for the American Heart Association

Written by Soror Dalmyra Caesar



For the past three years, the members of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. have sponsored a bowling event at Marne Lanes located on Fort Stewart. This annual event is a part of the sorority's P-13 initiative. This initiative allows local chapters an opportunity to work with organizations that provide awareness and/or treatment for specific illnesses or diseases that impact members of the local community.

The American Heart Association is just one of the many organizations that we, the members of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, work with each year. The chapter's GO RED Bowling Event provides awareness and education for members of the community while also raising funds for the chapter's scholarship and the American Heart Association.

On February 26, 2017, over 200 participants attended the annual GO RED Bowling event. There was tons of fun and a lot of great information. The chapter's Physical and Mental Health Committee chaired by Sorors Shirley Frasier and Debra Covington awarded Heart Smart prizes to participants who answered questions related to heart disease or stroke. In addition, attendees learned some valuable lessons regarding being active and bowling is just one aerobic/cardio event that helps to reduce the risks of heart disease and stroke.

Trophies were awarded to the winning teams and this year the chapter included a youth and teen category. The addition of these two categories increased the chances of families attending the event and thereby increasing the likelihood of families learning ways to reduce heart disease and stroke.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of this annual event. This year's event was the most successful event to date. There were 34 teams that participated in the event and the committee was able to raise over \$1,600 for the chapter's scholarship fund. A very special thank you goes out to Sorors Stevens, Lane, Moss, Conyers, and Covington for their assistance and support on the day of the event with set-up. Another special thank you to Soror Lane for the beautiful flyer and application.

Finally, the committee ask that you complete the event survey that can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIiNML1O1v8OLg_vDOQfiTEh445wfANsc1puZ2_uaZoNP0Q/viewform



Arts and Letters**“Anchored in Delta: A Journey of a Lifetime”****Celebrating 30 years!****Written by Soror Yvonne L. Woods**

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Chapter Sorority, Inc. celebrated thirty years of sisterhood, scholarship and service on May fifth through seventh. A Meet and Greet was held at Bryant Commons with 49 Sorors and two Past National Presidents. Sorors Louise Rice, 23rd National President and Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre, 24th National President enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, and eating a Southern specialty, low country-boil, fried fish and grits.

On Saturday May 6, a luncheon was held at Ft. Stewart, GA. Featuring Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre as keynote speaker. She encouraged our chapter to continue the phenomenal work that we are doing to improve the quality of life in our service area.

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Anniversary Choir and James Wesley of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity wowed the audience with entertainment. A delicious meal was served and later, the president of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, Soror Petula Gomillion addressed a rather warm, receptive crowd. We concluded the weekend with worship together at St. Peter's A.M.E. Church.

The Arts and Letters Committee is thankful for the support of everyone. We are still reveling in the compliments from Sorors and guests.



New Initiated Chapter Members

The Coming- The DiSTinguished 13

Written by Soror Dalmyra Caesar

Hinesville Alumnae has had an exceptional four years under the leadership of Soror Petula Y. Gomillion, who serves as chapter president and Soror Sarah C. Stevens, who serves as chapter vice president. Because of their visionary leadership and commitment to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, these sorors have guided the chapter to increased chapter growth through reclamation, more than \$30,000 raised for scholarship and other community service projects, continued growth of the Dr. Jeanne Noble Delta GEMS Mentoring programing with a historic Delta GEMS HBCU college tour now in its third year and two Delta GEMS being recognized in 2015 for National awards from the National President as well as the National Arts and Letters Commission.

As if their dedication to service, sisterhood, and scholarship could not get any bigger, these two devoted Deltas just crossed the first line under their exemplary leadership. It was four years ago in 2013 that Hinesville Alumnae crossed its first line in over eight years. Four years later, on April 15, 2017, the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter crossed “The DiSTinguished 13; a phenomenal group of ladies whose professional careers are worthy of such a line name.

Careers that include an elected official, chemist, psychologist, educators and dentist. These ladies or sorors as they will be known from now on were chosen from over 88 interested ladies from within the chapter’s service area. These sorors will join the other 48 members of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter as the chapter continues to Refocus, Reaffirm and Reconnect the community and its programs under the capable and able hands of Chapter President, Petula Y. Gomillion and Sarah C. Stevens. Welcome to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sorors; the GREATEST sorority on Earth!



Hospitality

Birthdays and Blessings

We pray that everyone who celebrated a birthday during the months of May, June, and July had a blessed day.

Stephanie Woods	May 16
Cassandra Moss	May 20
Chante Martin	May 22
Andrea Hayes	Jun 20
Shelia Nelson	Jun 27
Tonja John	July 2
Shirley Frasier	July 16
Genese Lane	July 22
Christie Ferrell	July 28



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Roman 15:13

2016-2017 Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Elected Officers

President - Soror Petula Gomillion
Vice President - Soror Sarah Stevens
Recording Secretary - Soror Dalmyra Caesar
Corresponding Secretary - Soror Dalmyra Caesar
Financial Secretary - Soror Genese Lane
Treasurer - Soror Cynthia Smith
Chaplain - Soror Debra Covington
Parliamentarian - Soror Gwen Starr
Sergeant-at-Arms - Soror Jameshia Patterson
Internal Audit Chair- Soror Jacqueline Lett
Nominating Committee Chair- Soror Tonja John
Historian- Soror Chante' Martin



The Delta Connection Staff

Soror Christie Ferrell-Chair
Soror Jamika Johnson-Co
Chair

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