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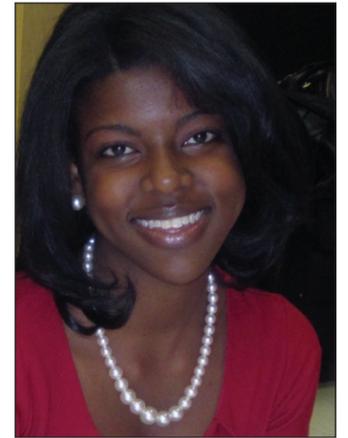
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## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
February 4 - 7, 2012	Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol	Washington, DC
February 17 - 19, 2012	Florida Statewide Cluster	Miami, Florida
February 24 - 27, 2012	Georgia Statewide Founders Day and Cluster, Delta Days at the State Capital	Atlanta, Georgia
March 9, 2012	Delta Day at the United Nations	New York, New York
March 9 - 10, 2012	Alabama Statewide Cluster	Birmingham, Alabama
March 16 - 17, 2012	Mississippi Statewide Cluster	Biloxi, Mississippi
March 24 - 27, 2012	Tennessee Statewide Founders Day and Cluster	Nashville, Tennessee
April 12 - 15, 2012	The Hortense G. Canady International Women's Conference	San Juan, Puerto Rico
April 19, 2012	Alabama Delta Days at the Capital	Montgomery, Alabama

## Message from the Regional Director and Regional Representative



Greetings to our Sisters of the Southern Region,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that Soror Turner and I present to you the inaugural edition of the Southern Gazette under our 2011-2014 triennium term. Since our election at the 43rd Southern Regional Conference, we have been given the opportunity to meet Sorors from all 7 of the regions that encompass our sorority and we cannot express the appreciation and gratitude we feel for the love and support that has been shown to us as Southern Regional Director & Representative. While the journey has just begun, we promise to continue to fulfill our responsibilities and will continue to strive for excellence.

In this edition we highlight moments from the State Fireside Chats, the Regional Leadership Team Meeting, and chapter gatherings during the fall season. It was a true pleasure meeting and gathering with the chapter presidents and advisors of the region in the fall, and we are even more excited to meet the remaining members of the 211 chapters that make up the Dynamic Southern Region during our Spring State Cluster and Founders Day Cycle. We look forward to the opportunity to fellowship with you all in these meetings.

We thank you for your love and support and hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of the Southern Gazette. May we all be blessed and continue the work of our beloved sorority.

Sisterly love and blessings,

*Cheryl Turner*

Cheryl Turner  
Southern Regional Director

*Manica Pierrete*

Manica Pierrete  
Southern Regional Representative

# SOUTHERN REGION'S *fireside chats*

FUEL COMMUNICATION AND CONNECTION



Believing that communication is most effective when personal connections are made and relationships built, the Southern Region has taken a page out of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's book, by hosting a series of Fireside Chats in each state in the region. Similar in purpose to radio broadcasts that came directly into American homes in Roosevelt's era, Soror Turner established the Southern Region's fireside chats as day-long meetings in intimate settings to foster a sense of personal connection among chapter presidents and advisors and to discuss important information with chapter leadership.

The first in the series of Fireside Chats, held on October 15, 2011, was hosted by the Meridian (MS) Alumnae Chapter. The approximately 50 sorors who attended included chapter presidents, advisors and presenters. After dining and enjoying fellowship, the Regional Director shared with sorors an overview of her vision for the region. Sorors spent the remainder of the day receiving information on

topics such as preparing communications for Delta, risk management, MIT highlights and procedures. One session aptly titled, "There's an App for That," provided a thought-provoking overview of all that can be found in the Delta doctrine. In addition, sorors received specific information on the requirements for nonprofit and charitable organization to register with the secretary of state's office.

The Georgia Fireside Chat, held on November 12, 2011 in Fort Valley, Georgia was also a rousing success. Sorors commented that they felt energized, enjoyed being able to engage in a less formal setting and that the region continues to have them [fireside chats], perhaps even closer to the beginning of the sororal year.

"The sessions were well-received and generated lively dialogue. We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity for our chapter presidents and advisors to come together throughout the region," remarked Soror Turner.

## Soror Paulette Walker Retires from the University of South Florida



After 21 years of dedicated service, Dr. Paulette Walker, the National First Vice President of our great sisterhood, recently retired from her post at the College of Education at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

Soror Walker's retirement was marked at a luncheon in her honor attended by family, friends, sorors and co-workers on August 16, 2011. Attendees expressed their love and appreciation through reflections, video, poetry, dance, and song in a multi-media presentation titled, "Journey to Retirement," which highlighted the major aspects of Soror Walker's life: church, family, career and sorority.

Other guests reflected on Soror Walker's life including her mother, Mrs. Helen Felton and Soror Joannell Lawson. Sorors Tanika Walton and Mallory Davis performed creative dances, and Soror Leslie Brown made a presentation to Soror Walker on behalf of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter. Soror Walker was especially humbled by the expressions of love and appreciation shared by her coworkers saying, "You never know the impact you have on others. Family is supposed to love you in spite of who you are, but others do not have to. Hearing their remarks was overwhelming."

Perhaps the biggest highlight of the event was the presence of National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre who came to surprise Soror Walker. Prior

*"You never know the impact you have on others. Family is supposed to love you in spite of who you are, but others do not have to. ♪"*

to her election as National First Vice President, Soror Walker served as Southern Regional Director as well as president of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter.

When asked to share words of wisdom for sorors and others who see retirement in their future Soror Walker advised: enjoy the journey toward retirement, create great memories for yourself and those with whom you come in contact and prepare financially so you can afford to retire. Her final bit of advice? Enjoy life by not taking yourself too seriously.



## 43rd Southern Regional Conference Helps Memphis-Area Women and Children

Sorors took the theme "A Sisterhood Called to Serve: Transforming Lives, Impacting Communities" to heart, when they converged in Memphis for the 43rd Southern Regional Conference in June. The sorority collected funds in support of HER Faith Ministries, Inc., an organization that provides spiritual guidance, outreach support and basic human service to families in need. HER Faith Ministries operates three fully-furnished houses for homeless women and children in the Memphis community.

"At a time when so many women and children are being negatively impacted by the economic downturn, this generous gift from the Deltas is so extremely needed," said the Rev. Elaine Sanford,

Executive Director of HER Faith Ministries. "Women and children are among the most vulnerable in our communities. We are so thankful to the Deltas for reaching out in this very meaningful way to help us to help these families."

"Considering Delta Sigma Theta's ongoing commitment to improving our communities, we felt that the work of HER Faith Ministries was an excellent match for our outreach goals," said Lois Gilder, former Southern Regional Director. "As women of faith and service, we understand that when women and their families are empowered, our communities are stronger, healthier and more productive."

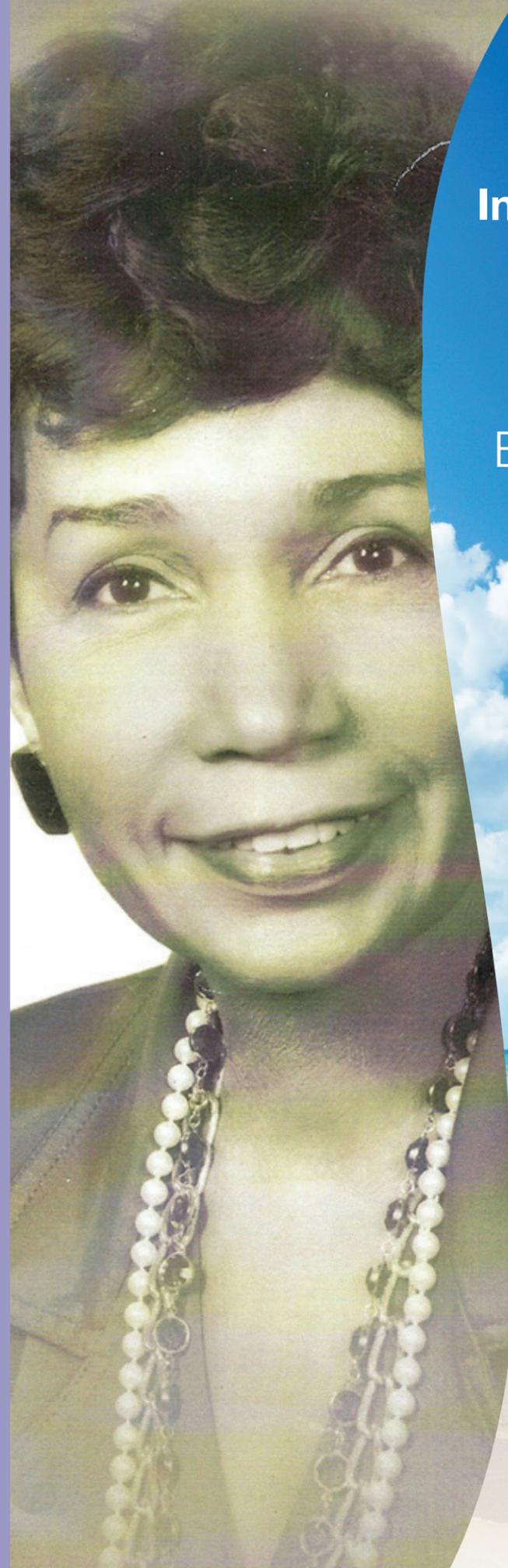
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*Soror Thelma M. Carver Cobb*

*Past Southern Regional Director*  
*1956-1960*



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April 12 – 15, 2012

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Message from the Regional Arts & Letters Committee

# Teach, Prepare, Perform, Present!

*Music is the Universal Language*

*Now Ain't I A Woman?*

*Harlem Renaissance*

*The World is Alive with the Sound of Music*

*Hallelujah*

*A picture is worth a thousand words*

*A-Men*

*The Princess and The Frog*

*Mommy Sing Me a Melody*

*Take the A Train*

*Phildanco*

*In Search of Sisterhood*

Cameos of the arts and art forms surely flooded your mind as you read through the list above. The Arts and Letters Commission was established by Delta to enhance the quality of life by presenting creative expressions in the performing arts, visual arts and literary genre. We have developed a plan and are anxiously waiting for each chapter to share with us by way of survey their plan of action. Furthermore, we are searching for those sorors who are talented, semi-talented or want to be involved in any way, to share on the same survey, their wish to be involved in this journey of further development of the mission of this committee.

We are working hard to develop plans for training chapters in "How To" put on an Arts and Letters event, as well as develop methods of spotlighting Deltas who are musicians, visual artists, writers, actors and dancers.

The Delta Book Mark is an initiative of the Arts and Letters Commission. You have received information on the current event, and we urge

you to participate by buying, supporting and reading some of the current titles. In the end, we are all involved in Arts and Letters.

Turn up the enthusiasm and be ready to come along with us on the Arts and Letters train to success in the Southern Region! We are ready to Retrain, Reclaim and Retrain every Delta in the Southern Region to help us meet the goal of strong Arts and Letters programs in every chapter.

The members of the regional committee are **Soror Lady Shivers Tucker**, Huntsville (AL) Alumnae Chapter, Chair; **Soror Betty Jean Hill-Underwood**, Birmingham Alumnae representing Alabama; **Soror Maisie Reddy**, Tampa Alumnae representing Florida; **Soror Maxcine Burnette**, Atlanta Alumnae representing Georgia; **Soror Laurie Lawson**, Clinton (MS) Alumnae representing Mississippi, **Soror Maya Lee**, Memphis Alumnae representing Tennessee; and **Soror Michelle Gibson**, Zeta Psi-University of Georgia collegiate representative.



## Chapters Stroll the Red Carpet for the Highly Anticipated Film, The Help



Sorors Gloria Dillworth, Sharon Fairley, Nita Chase, Searcy Taylor; Mississippi Gulf Coast President, Wanda Brown, Felicia Cooper, Carmelita Hanshaw, and Carla J. Evers.



Lake Oconee (GA) Area Alumnae Chapter attend The Help.

In response to Soror National President, Cynthia M.A. Bulter-McIntyre's announcement of the Sorority's support of DreamWorks, *The Help*, chapters throughout our region hosted red carpet events to view the film, which sheds light on the experiences of African American maids in segregated Mississippi.

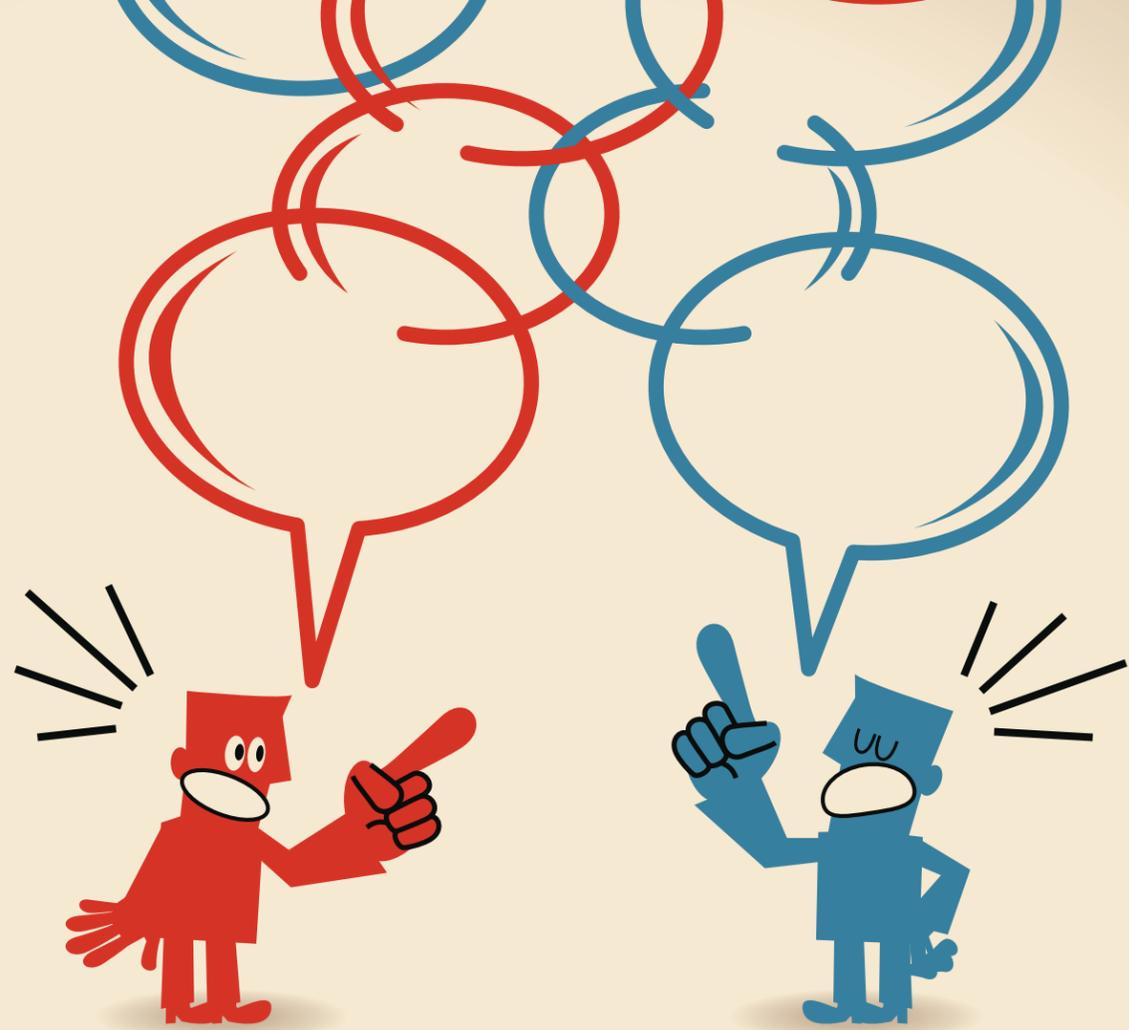
The **Lake Oconee (GA) Area Alumnae Chapter** in cooperation with the Lake Oconee Spotlight Theater hosted a special showing. Attended by chapter members, families and friends, the ticket costs included unlimited popcorn and soft drinks. After the movie, chapter members and guests held a discussion over lunch. **Mississippi Gulf Coast Alumnae Chapter** sorors also attended a showing of *The Help* on opening weekend. Sorors spoke

candidly about the emotions they felt when watching the film, which hit so close to home.

"The movie stirred all kinds of emotions," stated Soror Carla J. Evers. "I was pushed back in my seat several times as my fore-sisters cries were drawn from the depths of my soul."

Soror Sharon Fairley added, "I laughed, cried, and said 'Aha!'"

*The Help* features three Deltas: Cicely Tyson, Aunjanue Ellis and Flo Roach. *The Help* is the fourth feature film supported under the Project ART: **A**ctively **R**edefining **T**ogether initiative. Past Delta Red Carpet feature films include Bishop T.D. Jakes' *Not Easily Broken*, *The Providence Effect*, and Disney's *The Princess and The Frog*.



*Message from the Regional Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Committee*

The goal of the Southern Region’s Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Committee is to help resolve conflicts for chapters and/or members and to conduct investigations concerning violations of Delta Sigma Theta’s Code of Conduct. Using the Sorority’s Nine Cardinal Virtues, the committee promotes active listening and constructive feedback skills to effectively resolve conflict among individuals as well as within chapters. Since the beginning of this sororal year, the committee has already brought positive change within a number of chapters. The committee, chaired by **Soror Carshena L. Bailey**, consists of a state representative and one collegiate representative. The other members of the committee are listed below:

- Alabama State Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Coordinator - **Vanessa Dickens**
- Florida State Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Coordinator - **Rodericka Webb-Wilkinson**
- Georgia State Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Coordinator - **Carol D. Carter**
- Mississippi State Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Coordinator - **Monique Montgomery**
- Tennessee State Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Coordinator- **Charlotte Freeman**
- Collegiate Representative - **Miya Warfield**

Members of the committee are available to train chapters in managing conflict. Chapters are encouraged to contact the Regional Director, Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Chair, or the State Conflict Resolution/Positive Solutions Coordinator to schedule chapter trainings.

SAVE THE DATE

*Southern Region Collegiate Retreat*

See you in Atlanta  
June 8 - 10, 2012





## Soror Ashley Betts Voted Miss Southern Mississippi



The happiest and most exciting honor for **Soror Ashley Symone Betts** is getting elected 2011 Miss University of Southern Mississippi. Soror Betts is majoring in Finance with a minor in Non-Profit Management. She is an Honors College student who has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Phi Eta

Sigma Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, the Financial Management Honor Society and Omega Omega Greek Honor Society. In 2010, she was awarded the African-American Sophomore Student of the Year Award.

Soror Betts has been heavily involved with the University's Student Government Association (SGA) for each of her four years. She was selected to serve on the Freshman Branch of SGA -Freshman Associates. She then served on the SGA Senate, where she helped to pass several pieces of legislation, including one that created a major recycling initiative on campus. In 2010, she sat on the SGA Judicial Board, where she evaluated University parking appeals and academic behavioral reports. Currently, she serves on the SGA Executive Cabinet as the Freshman

Associates Advisor. Soror Betts advises the Freshman branch of the Student Government. She has also held offices in various student organization, including the Year Two Initiative Program, Black Studies Student Alliance and the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Soror Betts was initiated in the Mu Nu Chapter in 2009. She has served as President and Parliamentarian of her chapter. Under her Leadership, the Mu Nu Chapter received the Sorority of the Year Award, Community Service of the Year Award, Sisterhood Award and the Living the Ritual Award. While serving as President, she received the Greek Life - Dr. Shoemaker President of the Year Award and the NPHC Outstanding Chapter Member Award.

## Delta Holds the Highest Student Position at Tougaloo College



**Soror Amber A. Williams** holds the highest student position at Tougaloo College, serving as Student Government Association President. She was installed on October 12, 2011 on the campus in Tougaloo, Miss.

Soror Williams is a senior English and Education Major and member of the Tougaloo College Honors program. She has served as Freshman Class Vice-President, Student Government Association Vice-President, Yearbook Editor, Congress Representative for the Bonner Leaders and Treasurer

for the Tougaloo Chapter of the NAACP.

Soror Williams has received many accolades for her hard work. She was named a Delta honor graduate by the Mississippi Delta Council and served at the Mississippi State Capitol as a page for Senator Robert Jackson. She was recipient of the Vera C. Harrel Memorial Scholarship, the Robert "Train" Harris Memorial Scholarship, the Mary Lou Sherard Character Award, the Junior Auxiliary Scholarship and the Presidential II Scholarship

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## Soror is Royalty at Jackson State University



**Soror Mea E. Ashley** is "Setting Admirable Standards" as Miss Jackson State University (JSU) 2011-2012. The Mass Communications major and Spanish minor was chosen by her peers during a campus-wide election in spring 2011. The goal of "Setting Admirable Standards" is to promote and enhance the professionalism and

success of every JSU student and incorporate surrounding high school students in the classroom, the workplace, and life. Under her platform, Soror Ashley has launched the first ever JSU Queens Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$10,000 to go toward an endowed scholarship. This scholarship will be available to students for many years to come.

Soror Ashley is very active on Jackson State's campus. She was a three year member of the "Sonic Boom of the South" Marching Band as a Prancing J-Sette. She is also involved with JSU Dance Ensemble, Outspoken Poetry Club, NAACP, JSU Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership Society and Alpha Chi Honor Society. She is also a member of the W.E.B. DuBois

Honor's College, a three year Dean's List Scholar, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and the recipient of the Emma Bowen Foundation Scholarship. As an Emma Bowen Foundation Scholar, Soror Ashley was selected to travel to New York City to represent her constituents during the annual conference. During the spring 2009 academic semester, she was selected to intern with U.S. Senator Thad Cochran's office in Washington, D.C. Her career aspirations are to become a mainstream news anchor/reporter and motivational speaker.

Soror Mea Ashley was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. through the Delta Pi Chapter.

## SGA President

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at Tougaloo College. Soror Williams was recently named a Ronald E. McNair scholar. Her ultimate goal in life is to become State Superintendent of Mississippi Public Schools.

Soror Williams is a proud member of the Gamma Psi Chapter into which she was initiated in the fall of 2009. She has served as Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson for International Awareness and Involvement.

## Miss Black TN

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true passion for because I once struggled with self-esteem and self-image. I will travel to middle/high schools across Tennessee, to give individuals who do not feel worthy a chance. By doing this I hope to help create a safe and loving community" that will encourage students to persevere and remind them of their worth.

To support Soror Newbill's quest to become Miss Black USA, visit [gofundme.com/bn8yc](http://gofundme.com/bn8yc).



## Huntsville (AL) Alumnae Kicks Off Youth Initiative

A record number of more than 200 youth and parents joined the **Huntsville (AL) Alumnae Chapter** for its “Youth Initiative” kick off on September 24. Delta Academy, Delta G.E.M.S. and EMBODI youth showed up for an exciting afternoon of information-sharing. The “Parent-Child Information Session” served as an orientation for all of the groups. Soror Sherita Cummings, Delta G.E.M.S. Chair, provided information about the code of conduct, followed by a review of the operating guidelines presented by Soror Jamelah Terry, Delta Academy Chair. Soror



April Nickerson, EMBODI Chair, discussed the importance of building up young males in our community. Huntsville (AL) Alumnae chapter president, Soror Jacqueline Wyse and Vice President, Soror Michelle Leonard encouraged the youth

and committee members to work toward progress in the community. President Wyse called the youth “our leaders of tomorrow.” President Wyse’s message also reminded the audience “that it takes a village to raise a child.”

## Candlelight Vigil Sheds Light on Domestic Violence

On October 25, the **LaGrange Alumnae Chapter** joined with other National Pan Hellenic organizations to participate in a annual public candlelight vigil and domestic violence awareness program. Participants held candles symbolizing 81 people who were murdered in the state of Georgia by a domestic partner within the last year. As each name was read the candles were blown out, representing lives cut short by interpersonal violence. The event, in its third year, was sponsored by Harmony House, a local domestic violence shelter and the Troup County Domestic Violence Task Force.

The chapter also donated 45 cell phones to the shelter, which the shelter recycles to earn income or refurbishes for use by



victims for emergencies.

According to the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, 850 Georgians have been killed in the past seven years because

of domestic violence. The work of LaGrange Alumnae sheds light on this important issue and provides support to victims.

## Chapter Answers the Call to Address Tennessee’s New Photo I.D.

The new year brings changes to Tennessee voters. As of January 1, all voters have to show government-issued photo identification to vote, after the 2011 Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation for the requirement. **Nashville Alumnae** collaborated with several community-based organizations to present four forums throughout the city to educate metropolitan Nashville, so they won’t be surprised by unanticipated requirements on Election Day. An educational presentation on the implications of the photo I.D. law was made to the chapter, prior to their November meeting.

Rev. Olivia Cloud, chapter president, introduced the forums, while Dr. Lorraine Green, Social Action chair, planned them. Experts and professionals

from the Davidson County Election Commission explained the requirements of the new law and which forms of identification are acceptable. Participating organizations included the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Nashville Branch, Tennessee Citizen Action, Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae and several neighborhood associations.

Nashville Alumnae also received significant media coverage, giving Soror Cloud an opportunity to explain that hosting the forums is in keeping with the social action agenda of our national organization, and our 22 Founders’ first public act was motivated by the issue of voting rights.

## Delta Divas Walk It Out to Cure Diabetes



Sorors of the **Rutherford County Alumnae Chapter** put on their walking shoes for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s (JDRF) “Walk to Cure Diabetes” on October 8 at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Event planners allowed participants to follow the 1 mile Family Walk, or 3 mile Fitness Walk. The Rutherford County Alumnae Chapter raised more than \$330, served as site volunteer support and joined in the walk. Sorors manned the registration tent, signed in volunteers and distributed food and drinks to participants and volunteers. The chapter was joined by sorors from the **Iota Tau Chapter** at Middle Tennessee State University, family members, Jabberwock contestants and collegiate members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure Type 1 diabetes, an auto-immune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime. JDRF raised nearly \$44,000 for research.

## Lake Oconee Area Alumnae Chapter Volunteers at Local Health Fair



Soror Orian Motley, RN explains food label and health implications to Dean McCrary.

On October 1, 2011, the **Lake Oconee Area Alumnae Chapter (GA)** joined a host of community volunteers to support the Taliaferro County Health Department’s Community Health Fair. Sorors registered prospective voters, distributed school supplies, provided health information and disseminated scholarship applications to high school seniors. Additionally, as a part of a campaign to fight childhood obesity, sorors sponsored a “fitness zone” to test children’s endurance in activities such as jump rope and hula-hoop.

## Grand Bahama Alumnae Opens Dialogue About Domestic Violence



In recognition of Domestic Violence Month, the members of **Grand Bahama Alumnae Chapter** teamed with Bellevue Business Depot Ltd. in the hopes to open a dialogue and an avenue for children to express their feelings by hosting an essay competition with the theme: “*Domestic Violence – How It Impacts the Youth in their Overall Development.*” Domestic violence essay chairperson Della Bridgewater states, “[Domestic violence is] a problem that exists but is seldom discussed; it’s necessary to engage our youth in this dialogue to find ways to break this vicious

## Partnership With A Purpose

The **Madison County (MS)** Alumnae Chapter partnered with the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the non-profit organization Uplift, Incorporated to present the 2011 Winter Benefit Gala on December 30 at Plantation Commons in Madison, Miss. The gala promoted the public service work of each organization and generated funds to benefit the Salvation Army of Jackson, Miss. During the “black tie” event, the Salvation Army received a \$2000 donation. Captains Jessie and Ken Chapman were in attendance to receive the check on behalf of the Salvation Army. Attendees enjoyed fine dining and live entertainment. The gala was sponsored by Fox 40, AT&T, Bank Plus, and other community organizations.

cycle of violence.” More than twenty five essays were submitted by local high schools. St. Paul’s Methodist College swept the competition nabbing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition with the winners. The winners were as follows: 1st Place – DeLexis Barnabie, 2nd Place – Kayla Lee, and 3rd Place – Yannick Lewis.

First place winner, DeLexis Barnabie’s essay opened with this heart- wrenching poem:

*“Help Me! Help Me!”  
Mom screamed with fear  
Her body shaken  
And her eyes filled with tears.  
My innocent mind  
Could not comprehend  
Why this misery  
Wouldn’t come to an end  
Dad doesn’t know it,  
But the terror that night  
Is a part of me now  
And a part of my life.*

As quietly as it came in it left, but victims suffering can know that in the deafening quiet a group of dedicated ladies and supportive businesses are ensuring domestic violence gets the attention it deserves.

## Voters Get Ready For The Polls

Before McDuffie County, Georgia residents headed to the polls in November, the **Thomson Alumnae Chapter** co-hosted a forum for them to hear from the candidates on the ballot. WTHO-FM, WTWA-AM, *The McDuffie Progress* and *The McDuffie Mirror* also hosted the forum. Soror Gwendolyn Rountree of Augusta Alumnae and Donna Stillinger of WTHO-FM/WTWA-AM served as moderators.

Nearly 120 people in the audience and radio listeners heard Thomson Mayor Kenneth Usry and challenger Brink Bradshaw and incumbent City Councilman John Smalley and challenger James Taylor give their platforms and perspectives on various issues. McDuffie County School Superintendent Jim LeBrun presented facts and figures about the 1 cent Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST).

## Tampa Alumnae Making Strides and Making a Difference



The **Tampa Alumnae Chapter** has gone above and beyond in the battle against Breast Cancer. On October 22, sorors, family and friends converged on the St. Pete Times Forum in Hillsborough County, Florida and put on pink bras for the “*Making Strides for Breast Cancer*” walk. The chapter raised more than \$3000 to be used for research and education toward the eradication of breast cancer. Tampa Alumnae had more than 50 sorors join the team and serve as volunteers and sponsors. A small group represented the sorority at the “*Making Strides for Breast Cancer*” walk in Pasco County, Florida. The chapter’s Delta G.E.M.S. were also involved, as they cheered from the sidelines. Even in pink, Deltas look good!

## We Wear Pink Too!



On Saturday, October 29, sorors of the **Tupelo (MS) Alumnae Chapter** participated in the Komen North Mississippi Race For Cure, an annual 5K race event to raise money for breast cancer awareness and education. Four thousand participants, including 20 Tupelo Alumnae sorors, converged on downtown Tupelo for the beginning of the three-mile race.

After the race several members of the chapter attended a Pink and Pampered Affair held at the White Hill Missionary Baptist Church. This event featured lunch, pedicures, guest speakers and door prizes.





