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Richmond Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sorors,

Happy Sisterhood Month and Happy Women's History Month.

Speaking of making history, CONGRATULATIONS to our chapter member Soror Jennifer McClellan on becoming the first Black congresswoman to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia. Her election adds to what is already a record number of women and women of color in Congress.

You are an amazing chapter soror! We have diverse women of various ages, professions, and backgrounds who have come together to celebrate sisterhood and uplift one another. Sisterhood is about empowerment, where we share resources, encourage one another, and celebrate each other's wins.

This month we celebrate the lifelong bond of sisterhood with the understanding that we must value and care for each other. Not everyone can be a part of our sisterhood **"Oh to be a Delta Girl"**. We must cherish each other, stay connected to each other, nurture each other and make memories that last a lifetime.

Enjoy the rest of the Sisterhood Month activities and refer to the calendar often to stay connected with sorors from all walks of your life.

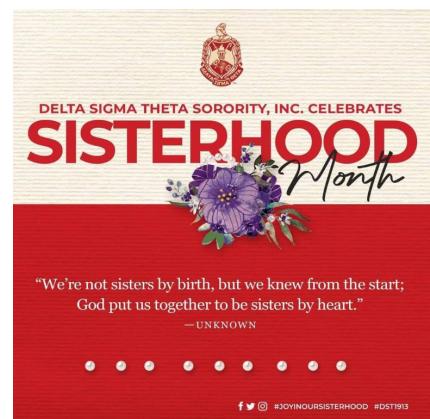
Sisterly,
Vanessa

REMINDER:

MARCH 2023 CHAPTER MEETING IS IN PERSON

Saturday, March 19, 2023 at 10am

Huguenot High School



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Takeisha Brown, Chaplain
chaplain.dstrichmond@gmail.com

JOINT PRAYER CALL FOR SISTERHOOD MONTH

Join our collegiate and alumnae chapters for prayer, song, and an inspirational word on Sunday, March 26, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81626862936?pwd=UURhb0QwRUZmbHRhazc4OWgyVElvUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 2686 2936

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Participants include:

Soror Carla Jackson, Assistant Chaplain,
Richmond Alumnae Chapter

Soror Victoria Costen, President, Beta
Epsilon

Soror Takeisha Brown, Chaplain, Richmond
Alumnae Chapter

Soror Lynne Brownlee, Richmond Alumnae
Chapter

Soror Lisa Johnson, Chaplain, Henrico County
Alumnae Chapter

Soror Angela Curtis, Chaplain, Chesterfield
Alumnae Chapter

Soror Emily Kilgore-Branch, Chaplain,
Petersburg Alumnae Chapter

Soror Tashira Iverson, Chaplain, Rho Rho

Soror Vanessa Evans, President, Richmond
Alumnae Chapter



Richmond Alumnae Chapter



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

When: March 26, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: January Prayer Call

Register in advance for this webinar:

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

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MARCH

- 3/13 - 3/14 Delta Days at the United Nations
- 3/18 Chapter Meeting | In-Person
- 3/18 Adulting 101: Growing Up After High School | Delta GEMs
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- 3/18 Invite Collegiates to Chapter Meeting | Membership Services
- 3/18 Malawi Project Birthing Kits Collection | International Awareness and Involvement
- 3/19 Literature, Language & Learning Program | EMBODI
- 3/22 Health & Fitness Workshop | Physical and Mental Health
- 3/24 Dr. Dorothy I. Height Day- Celebrating our 10th National President | Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement
- 3/24 - 3/28 Delta Days at the nations Capital
- 3/26 Chapter Prayer Call

REFER TO THE SISTERHOOD MONTH CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL DATES AND ACTIVITIES

APRIL

- 4/4 Executive Board Meeting
- 4/8 Virtual Book Discussion | Arts and Letters
- 4/11 "Adopt A Street"- Clean up
- 4/15 Chapter Meeting
- 4/16 Jabberwock Culminating Event
- 4/19 Vegan Cooking Class | Physical and Mental Health
- 4/22 Monument 10K | Physical and Mental Health
- 4/28 SWAP | Educational Development

RAC-DST and DHF Presents:
Black Excellence --Jabberwock Culminating Event
Jabberwock 2023 Participants



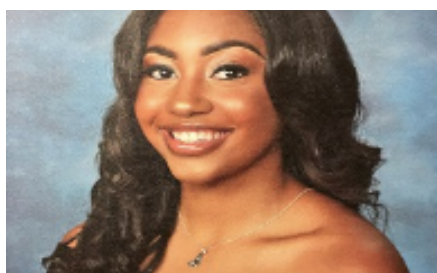
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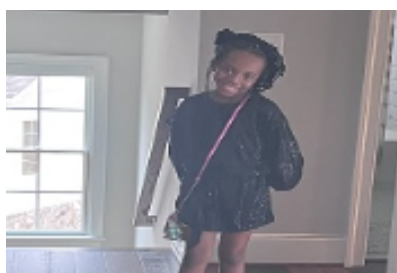
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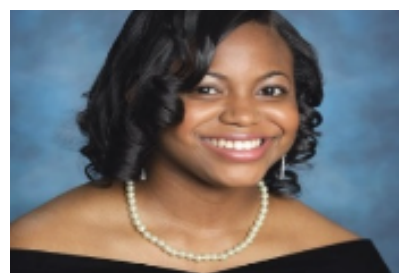
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Kamryn Jackson



Charli Hudson



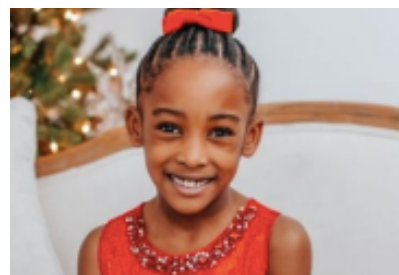
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Rachel Duncan



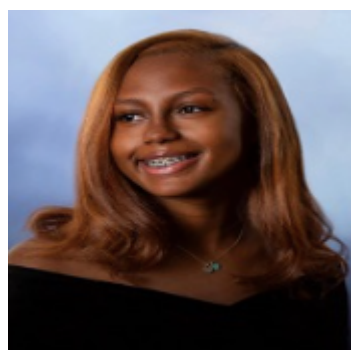
J'Kyiah Bradley



Maleeyah Hasan



Brinkley Davis



Elise Hickman

Reference the 3/10 Constant Contact for additional details about each participant and how you can assist with the 2023 Jabberwock Program.

National Communications:

- o [Webinar] An Exhibition of Delta Visual Artists & Art Talk: The Art of Collecting emailed February 23, 2023
- o National Social Action Updates emailed February 27, 2023
- o Love, Service, and Sisterhood emailed March 1, 2023
- o Call to Collegiates | Delta Days in the Nation's Capital emailed March 1, 2023
- o **REGISTRATION EXTENDED!** Delta Days in the Nation's Capital emailed March 2, 2023
- o **[[REMINDER]]** An Exhibition of Delta Visual Artists & Art Talk: The Art of Collecting emailed March 3, 2023
- o Special Edition of the Delta Journal Now Available! emailed March 3, 2023 (*Tribute to our beloved 27th National President Cheryl A. Hickmon*)
- o [Webinar] | Good Start, Good Growth, Good Living Initiative Launch emailed March 4, 2023
- o [Webinar] Project A.C.E. Sets the Pace emailed March 5, 2023
- o National Headquarters job vacancies: Senior Financial Planning & Analysis Manager, Senior Systems Administrator, and Governance Specialist. Position details are available on the national website. Notification emailed to President Evans on March 1, 2023

Regional Communications:

- o Sisters in the Garden: Rooted in Sisterhood emailed February 20, 2023 (March 4 Gardening Demonstration)

Local Communications:

- o Sisterly Connection emailed February 23, 2023 – Read Across America and other information
- o Sisterly Connection emailed February 28, 2023 – Happy Sisterhood Month!
- o Sisterly Connection emailed March 1, 2023 – Sisterhood Month Kickoff Location Change
- o Sisterly Connection emailed March 2, 2023 – March Birthdays

Appreciation for condolences and expressions of sympathy:

- o Vanessa Evans for the passing of her sister, Nancy Leonard

"Thank You's":

- o Carolyn Mosby for all calls, cards, and concerns as she recuperates at home

Organization/event announcements received from:

- o **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity** announces its Kavansa B. Smith Memorial Scholarship. *Deadline to apply: Saturday, April 22, 2023.* Application and guidelines are available at <https://form.jotform.com/223187286784166>
- o **Cedar Street Baptist Church of God** will celebrate Greek Sunday on March 19, 2023. All Divine Nine members are invited to attend.

2022-2023 FITNESS CHALLENGE

Sorors, it's SISTERHOOD MONTH!! Let's encourage one another to do some form of exercise every day. If you haven't registered yet do so by using the link below and logging your activity. We've even made it easy for you to include all exercises and convert them to steps by using the conversion calculator. We will report the results at the end of each quarter. Next report will be in April. If you have any questions, email: racfitnesschallenge2018@gmail.com.

[RAC DST Fitness Challenge 2022-2023 Activity to Steps Converter](#) | [Good Calculators](#)

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - GO RED FOR WOMEN LUNCHEON

THANK YOU to all sorors that volunteered to stuff swag bags on February 16th and as hostesses for the AHA Go Red for Women Luncheon at the Richmond Marriott on February 24th. Sorors were greeters, checked in guests, and assisted with the silent auction among other duties. Based on these pictures, they represented Delta well! Kudos Sorors!



SISTERHOOD ZUMBA WORKOUT

Sisters that work out together, stay healthy together! Join the Physical and Mental Health and Membership Services committees, for an evening of ZUMBA! Use the QR code on the flyer or this link ([Soror Sisterhood Workout Sign-up ZUMBA](#)) to register.

There is a \$5 fee when you arrive. Cash or CashApp only. Be sure to arrive early, class starts at 5:30pm sharp!



HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

Here are a couple of healthy recipes to enjoy!

[Sisterhood Recipes](#)

"Behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women, who have her back."

- Unknown

Last Call for Chapter Awards

What better time than Sisterhood Month to acknowledge a soror's accomplishments? The Nominating Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted a nomination by the deadline. However, we still need to hear from YOU!

During the March chapter meeting, we will accept nominations from the floor for each award. Please be prepared to make your nominations at that time. Remember, you can nominate a soror for the following awards:

Busy Bee
Community Service*
Delta Dear of the Year
Delta of the Year**
Fortitude
Professional of the Year

We appreciate your willingness to answer the call for nominations

*Needs nominations



100 BIRTHING KITS

MALAWI PROJECT

COLLECTION DATES

IN-PERSON CHAPTER MEETINGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SATURDAY, MAY 20

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

FINAL COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

12 NOON - 2:00 PM

NORTH PARK LIBRARY

8508 FRANCONIA ROAD

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RICHMOND ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

... will again work with Altrusa Capital City of Virginia, to support the Malawi Project. We are seeking donations to provide items for 100 NEWBORN BIRTHING KITS.

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS & INVOLVMENT COMMITTEE

... is requesting each of Richmond Alumnae Chapter's 430+ members to select, purchase and donate one or more items from the following list.



- 0-3 month onesies
- Baby hat
- Baby washcloth
- Mother washcloth
- Rubber gloves
- Dental floss (umbilical ties)
- Razon blade
- Bar of soap



DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:
Intlawareness.dstrichmond@gmail.com



This is a great time to celebrate our years of dedication to Delta, memories with chapter Sorors and acts of community service.

Please consider sorting through your pictures, old & new, and sending the social media team two pictures of yourself & other chapter members. The theme for each post is THEN & NOW. Please send your two pictures to icc.pr.dstrichmond@gmail.com by April 1, 2023 and you will be showcased on social media throughout the month of April.

- *One older picture & one newer picture
- *Please try to duplicate the same people in both pictures
- *Provide the chapter members names & the approximate years for both pictures



Carolyn Johnson, Chair
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Sorors,

Please take time to review the Proposed Amendments to the 2021 edition of the Constitution and Bylaws. The document is posted in the Member Portal of the National website and it was also attached to the January 31, 2023 communication from National Headquarters.

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PROTOCOL and TRADITIONS
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The Sorority flower, the purple violet,
and the Sorority pin are appropriate to be worn
at all ceremonies, meetings and events.

Pearls are optional!



Business attire is appropriate for most occasions
EXCEPT as specifically noted ...

SORORS WEAR BLACK
FOR
PYRAMID INDUCTION/INITIATION



Black Dress



Black Jacket



Black Skirt

White Top



Sorors should be dressed in **ALL BLACK ATTIRE**
(black dress or suit)!



A soror wearing pants of **ANY**
description,
regardless of color, **WILL NOT** be
granted admission to
THE PYRAMID INDUCTION CEREMONY
nor
THE INITIATION CEREMONY!



The time has come to renew your annual chapter and Grand Chapter dues for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's extended 2022-2023 fiscal year. **Dues for July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 are payable now through March 31, 2023.**

FISCAL YEAR CHANGE

As you may recall, Grand Chapter elected to move the annual accounting period to a calendar year fiscal reporting beginning January 2024. **Grand Chapter has also elected to extend the 2022-2023 membership period by six months to accommodate the change in the fiscal year.** Payments of membership dues at this time will make you financial for the extended 2022-2023 fiscal year and eligible to participate in all activities from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

MEMBER PAYMENT TO CHAPTER

Chapter dues for the **extended 2022-2023 fiscal year** are payable January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, if you are a member of a local chapter. For those currently financial for 2022-2023, no further late or reinstatement fees will be applied, as the national dues have been paid. However, each member must pay six months of chapter dues (\$77.50) by July 1, 2023, to keep financial status for the extended period of July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023. **You will go into a non-financial status if you do not pay the associated chapter dues.**

Please mail your personal check, certified check or money order to the chapter's P.O. Box or use the Square link 2023 Annual Dues. If Square is used, you will be responsible for paying the convenience fee.

If you are reclaiming a Soror or are currently not financial for the 2022-2023 sorority year, please remember that Sorors must pay dues for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 **before** they may pay dues for July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Financial Secretary at finsecretary.dstrichmond@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS SOROR JENNIFER MCCLELLAN

Virginia's first Black woman to be elected
to Congress!

