



Let's S.E.R.V.E. Together

Louisiana Tri-Parish Alumnae

President's Message

Greetings sorors,

Welcome to Sisterhood Month! The month of March is very special to me for two reasons, it's the birth month of my oldest daughter, Lyndsy, and it's time that we as members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. get an opportunity to celebrate Sisterhood within our organization. After all, it's the core identity of our organization, we are a Sisterhood first and foremost. Each sorority year, I use this time to reflect on what is this "Sisterhood" thing truly about and am I living up to it in all aspects of my life, within and outside of sorority life. I ask myself "am I living up to the true meaning of Sisterhood, do I have my sister's back, am I my Sister's Keeper, am I building up my sister?"

During Delta Days at the Nation's Capital (DDNC), our National Chaplain, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, charged us to focus on "Black Girl Brilliance and leave the "Black Girl Mess" behind us! It was a powerful message that focused on our need to come together, be a "boss" so that we change the world together. Simply put, Black Girl Brilliance means knowing how to handle your womanhood, loving ourselves, standing with your sister, helping your sister, and showing random acts of kindness. She asked us to make sure these are in our tool kits. Black Girl Mess is when we ridicule each other, "uglify" one another, acting like a baby when we should be a boss, putting yourself at the end of the to do list. We are all called to change the world- but the only way we can change the world is if we all engage, use all of our gifts and support each other!

Choose to use the rest of this month focusing on your "Black Girl Brilliance." Sorors, there is so much work to be done in our communities that it is imperative we have each other's back to give the big push that's needed and encouragement along the way. She left us with these words, "as we are trying to get through life, handling all that life brings our way, don't be discouraged, pray for one another, cry for one another, encourage one another, be of comfort and support to one another." "When life seems to way you down, focus on your Black Girl Brilliance, and "Walk with swag. Fix your face! Square your shoulders! PICK UP YOUR HEAD! Tell yourself, GOD GOT THIS! We have work to do!"

Remember each day during the month of March choose to take time to share a message, encouragement, or random acts of kindness to one another. So many of you have checked on me, shown random acts of kindness and encouraged me these past weeks. By far this has been a challenging time to get through MIT and the final phase of my dissertation. I am forever grateful for each of you. You have made this season of my life a bit easier to bear! Thanks for checking on your Leader!

I love you my Sisters! Happy Sisterhood Month!
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In the Spirit of Sisterhood,

Erica Joseph, DNP
Chapter President

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What committees will you join?

- Physical and Mental Health
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- Political Awareness and Involvement
- Policies and Procedures
- Hospitality
- Member Services
- Scholarship
- Arts and Letters
- Social Action
- Delta Fest
- Kiddie Fest
- Cotillion
- Founders Day
- May Week

Delta needs your input and your manpower!



The next Chapter Meeting

Chapter meeting is the third Saturday of the month. The March Chapter meeting is **Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:00am** at the **West Baton Rouge Library in Port Allen, Louisiana.**



Please arrive early because the opening ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00am. **The attire for the chapter meeting is business attire.** Eating and drinking are not allowed during chapter meeting.

Events and Announcements



March Birthdays

8-Schandalita Allen
24- Kim Murphy Paul

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
 Louisiana Tri-Parish Alumnae Chapter
 Executive Board Meeting Agenda
 March 17, 2020

- A. Call to Order
- B. Agenda Changes and Adoptions
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes
- D. Reading of Communications/Correspondence
- E. Welcome of Visitors
- F. Chapter Reports
 - 1 President/Executive Board Report
 - 2 Officers (Financial Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report)
 - 3 Standing Committees**
 - Economic Development
 - Educational Development
 - Physical and Mental Health
 - Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action
 - Arts & Letters
 - Fundraising
 - Program Planning & Development
 - 4 Special Committees**
 - May Week
 - Red Stiletto
 - Step Team
 - MIT
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. New Business
- I. Announcements
- J. Meeting Adjournment/ Ritualistic Closing



DUES are DUE!!!
Current members - \$400*

***does not apply to Golden and Diamond Life Members**

Chaplain's Corner

Dear God,

When it hurts so bad that we have to cry out to you, we pray that you will dull the pain with your love. Please dull the sharp edges of life by reminding us that from bad comes good. Help us to appreciate all that you do for us. We look forward to better days, to better times.

Lord, we know we can endure anything with you by our side.

~Amen

Delta Dear Spotlight



Rose Albert Jackson

Soror Rose Jackson has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta for fifteen years. She was initiated in Spring 2005 through the Louisiana Tri Parish Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her most precious memories of being a member of the sisterhood are: (1) crossing those burning sands and becoming a member of the illustrious sisterhood, (2) her first born becoming a member of the sisterhood, and she was overjoyed with pride to have a legacy. She feels her legacy has truly lived up to her line name, Five Star and (3) when she fell at sorority meeting and all of her sisters surrounded her, When she opened her eyes, there was a sister praying for her. Some would say that it is not a fond memory, but to her, it was because she saw and felt the spirit of sisterhood surrounding her in her time of need.

To Soror Rose, sisterhood means a strong bond of love that affords a sense of belonging to a group of women that withstands any interference by physical beings or circumstances that may attempt to break that bond. Rose's pearls of wisdom to her younger sorors are linked to love, dedication, strength, self awareness, loyalty, tenacity and fortitude. She reminds them to "be a woman with a word. Support the sorority financially, wear a thick skin, dedicate yourselves to service."

Soror Rose was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Albert Sr. She grew up on the beautiful False River. She is a member of a large family and is the twelfth child of fourteen. Her family dynamics included three distinct sibling groups. Her oldest siblings were old enough to be her parents, while the second group were her older siblings. Lastly, she was reared with two younger brothers. Her father was the dominant parent and firmly believed in education. She is a double alumna of The Southern University and A&M college where she holds a bachelors degree in Secondary Education specializing in English and Library Science and a Masters of Arts degree in Counseling. She has been married to Stanley Jackson, Jr. for 44 years and is the mother of two girls, Charnel Jackson and Vickie Jackson. She is the proud grandmother of little Miss Leah Nicole Fields. Her favorite quote is "the only time you should look down on a person is when you are helping them to get up" (Jesse Jackson). Her favorite scripture is Psalm 27.

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



It's in the constitution.

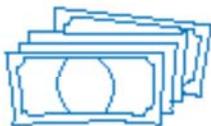
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.



It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



Celebrating our youth, celebrating our heritage



Red Stiletto Soiree'



Debutante Workshops: Attire, Father/Daughter, Etiquette



Sisterhood Month Celebration





Website: www.ltpdst.org

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When I look at you, I see myself.
If my eyes are unable to see you as my sister,
It is because my own vision is blurred.
And if that be so,
Then it is I who need YOU.
Either because I do not understand who you are,
MY SISTER,
Or because I need you
To help me understand who I am.

15th National President Lillian P. Benbow
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

#DSTHeritageMoments

Membership Reclamation

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April Newsletter Submission

Submissions for the Newsletter are due by **April 8, 2020!**
Please submit items to ltmediarelations@yahoo.com.