



Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. **Delta G.E.M.S.-Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully**

To a Special Young Lady,

You are cordially invited to participate in a very special program, **Delta G.E.M.S. (Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully)** sponsored by the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The G.E.M.S. program is designed especially with you in mind! You will be in the company of other young women, ages 14-18 or 9th-12th grade, engaging in opportunities related to sisterhood, scholarship, and service. Additionally, you will receive added benefits from participating in the program through your involvement in activities involving self-esteem, physical and mental health, study skills, public speaking, community service, etiquette training and budget preparation. These experiences will equip you to become a leader of the 21st century.

Please review the attached documents with your parent(s) and complete the program enrollment form. The completed forms are **REQUIRED** for participation in the Delta G.E.M.S. program.

You may bring your completed enrollment form with you to the opening reception or you may mail your form to the following address. The forms should arrive no later than October 15, 2011.

Delta GEMS Program c/o The Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter
2525 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75215

We will conduct our opening reception at One Delta Place (2525 MLK Jr. Blvd Dallas TX) on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 3-5 PM. You, along with your parents and/or guardian are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Watkins at (214) 450-7445 or Christie Brown at (214) 517-9252. You can also email us at MDA_Delta_Gems@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 3:00 PM.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nikita Phillips

Dr. Nikita Phillips
President

Ashley Watkins

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Co-Chair

Christie Brown

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Delta G.E.M.S. for the 2011 - 2012 program year will be starting soon and we would like for your daughter to participate!

The Delta G.E.M.S. (**Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully**) is a program specifically designed for young women ages 14 to 18 where our goal is to sharpen and enhance their skills in attaining academic success and planning for their futures in high school and beyond. Delta G.E.M.S. is a national program developed by Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. to address the specific needs of adolescent African-American females ages 14 to 18. Delta G.E.M.S. will provide tools and skills to equip our young women to attain a more productive quality of life. The program assists young women in proper goal setting, and decision making; along with creating compassionate, caring and community-minded young women by actively involving them in service-learning and community service opportunities.

If this is a program that you would like your daughter to participate in, then please have her complete the attached enrollment form, along with your signature of consent. Once you have completed the enrollment form, please return it to the address listed above. Completed forms are **REQUIRED** for participation in the Delta G.E.M.S. program.

The Delta G.E.M.S. meetings will be conducted on the 2nd Saturday of each month and will follow a structured format. The meetings will be held at One Delta Place Community Life Development Center (ODP) from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. However, there may be instances when meeting dates, times and location change. Also, due to our commitment to public service, there may be additional activities scheduled during a particular month. The required meeting attire is business casual, unless otherwise stated.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is genuinely committed to building on the Sorority's identities of Scholarship and Service. We will, at all times, maintain a professional commitment to excellence, on-going education, and community service. We are excited about working with your daughter and look forward to assisting her in establishing leadership skills, enhancing her education, career development and providing opportunities for her to perform community service.

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Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta G.E.M.S.

Parent Information

Mission Statement

To develop strong, confident and respectful young ladies and prepare them to take an active role in their success and society.

About Delta G.E.M.S.

The Delta G.E.M.S. program is an extension of the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy I program. The focus is on teenage girls between the ages of 14–18 and/or grades 9th–12th. It can be viewed as a road map for college and career planning and will instill in our young women the need to excel academically. Delta G.E.M.S. will provide tools and skills to equip our young women to attain a more productive quality of life. It will also assist the girls in proper goal setting and planning for future beyond high school and will, hopefully, create compassionate, caring, and community-minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

About the Sorority

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- Political Awareness and Involvement

Delta G.E.M.S. Meetings

Where: One Delta Place - 2525 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Dallas, TX 75215

When: 2nd Saturday of each month, 1:00-4:00 PM

There may be instances when dates and times change and/or additional activities are scheduled for public service projects and/or field trips.

Attire: Business Casual (unless told otherwise)



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Participant Information (Please Print)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Alt. Number : (____) _____

Grade: _____ School Name: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian

Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Alt. Number: (____) _____

Participant Profile (Use additional pages if needed)

What three things make you special? _____

What are your favorite subjects? _____

What are your goals following high school? _____

Who is (are) your role model(s) and why? _____

What would you like to gain from Delta G.E.M.S.? _____

PARENT'S CONSENT: Parents signature must be obtained. Please sign with your approval and return no later than October 15, 2011.

I have read the program information pamphlet and feel that this program will be beneficial to the educational development of my child.

Parent/Guardian

Date

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Waiver of Liability and Parental Consent Agreement

I, _____, grant authorization for my child _____ to participate in the 2011-2012 Delta Academy/ G.E.M.S. program of the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to transport my child to and from any related activity. I agree that I will make all arrangements for a competent adult to be responsible for transporting my child to and from events in my absence.

I further understand that the program is sponsored by a local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (a national Sorority) and may be filmed, videotaped or digitally reproduced by the Sorority. Thus, I hereby sign my signature below to release, acquit, waive and forever discharge Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., its Board members, officers, assigns and individual members from all, and any manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action that may arise from loss of property, personal injury or use of likeness arising out of my daughter's participation with the G.E.M.S. program.

Emergency Medical Care

In the event that I cannot be reached to make emergency medical care arrangements at the time of any illness or accident, I hereby authorize the members of the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to take my daughter to the nearest hospital or medical facility. In order to meet all legal requirements, I hereby authorize the members of the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to give consent for my daughter to receive emergency medical care.

Emergency Contact (Please list two (2)):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Telephone Number: _____

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By signing this Agreement, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand the above agreement, agree to the conditions set forth above, and have been briefed regarding the nature of the Delta Academy/ G.E.M.S. program, and hereby give my permission for my child to attend and participate in Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter's Delta Academy/ G.E.M.S. 2011-2012 program.

Signature, Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name, Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Contact Number(s)

Dr. Nikita Phillips

October 15, 2011

Dr. Nikita Phillips, President
Authorized Representative from Organization

Date

(214) 819-1843 or (972) 570-1913
Contact Phone Number