

## DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems impacting our communities.

Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, has more than 250,000 members and nearly 1,000 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of:

*economic development;*  
*educational development;*

*international awareness and involvement;*

*physical and mental health; and*  
*political awareness and involvement*  
to create its national programs.



## CHAPTER OFFICERS



### Executive Committee 2011-2013

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## NOTABLE CHAPTER MEMBERS



**Sonya D. Jackson**  
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Past SW Regional Director 1993-1997

## METROPOLITAN DALLAS ALUMNAE



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MOVING DELTA AHEAD...

THROUGH

**SISTERHOOD,  
SCHOLARSHIP**

&

**SERVICE**



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# SISTERHOOD

The Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter (MDA) was chartered on August 8, 1985 as the 754<sup>th</sup> chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In 1988, MDA was granted incorporation papers by the State of Texas to purchase property for the establishment of a life development center known as **One Delta Place** (ODP).



ODP consists of a conference room, technology lab, and a spacious meeting room used for large group meetings, seminars or workshops. For the past 25 years ODP has served as a visible sign in the Dallas community where youth, adults and families are exposed to empowering and uplifting seminars; workshops and a variety of community services tailored to meet their needs. As well, ODP has served as a site for community health screenings, community forums and is the primary meeting place for three academic empowerment programs (Delta Academy, Delta GEMS, and EMBODI) for youth ages 11-18.

Currently, the chapter has a membership in excess of 100 professional, college-educated women of which 1005 are registered voters who reside in the greater Dallas area.

# SCHOLARSHIP

**Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy** is an education program designed for at-risk African American middle schools girls aged 11-14. The primary goal of the program is to prepare young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21st Century. The program offers mentoring, educational activities, and service learning opportunities to the participants. The Delta Academy Program's major emphasis is social and emotional development, physiological transitioning and exposure to global ideas and learning opportunities. Our local program emphasizes educational aptitude in math, science and technology; The young ladies are provided with opportunities to conduct service projects and enhance their leadership skills through Service Learning projects.



**Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta Gems Program (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully)** addresses the specific needs of Africa-American high school girls between the ages of 14 and 18. The goal of the program is to develop strong, confident and respectful young ladies and prepare them to take an active role in their success and society. The goals of the program are to: provide tools that enables girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic success; to assist girls in proper goal setting, and decision making; and planning for their futures - high school and beyond. Lastly, the program is poised to create compassionate, caring, community minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.



**EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence)** is a youth initiative designed to address issues facing African American males ages 11 through 17. Issues related to STEM education, culture, self-efficacy, leadership, physical and mental health, healthy lifestyle choices, ethics, relationships, college readiness, fiscal management, civic engagement, and service learning are addressed through dialogue groups, presentations, community forums, structured activities and mentorships.

# SERVICE

**Social Action** As an organization who's first public act was to participate in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, DC in March 1913, social action along with academic excellence and public service have been the driving force behind all of our programs and initiatives. We strive to support the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for issues facing our community. This committee spearheads, facilitates, and provides opportunities for the chapter to participate in events, activities and programs that increase the awareness of social welfare in the African-American community. The committee has worked collaboratively with various organizations in and around the Dallas area e.g. St. Anthony's, AIDS Arms, Inc. The Dallas Observer, and the Dallas Pan-Hellenic Council. Additionally the committee spearheads the chapter's voter registration drives and political forum discussions.



**National IMPACT Day of Service** The Sorority created a global and synergistic ripple effect in transforming lives and impacting communities in its IMPACT Day of Service. The acronym, IMPACT, is synonymous with the primary mission of Delta Sigma Theta that encourages active engagement in public service. IMPACT means "Inspiring and Motivating Public Service Advocates for Community Transformation." MDA uses IMPACT Day of Service to promote and provide educational opportunities for the underserved, along with highlighting issues associated with Domestic Violence, Mental Health and HIV/AIDS.



**Catching, Coping & Conquering** The Sorority has identified key chronic illnesses that disproportionately affect African American Women and their families: cancer, HIV/AIDS, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. In response to this issue, Delta Sigma Theta has developed this initiative to raise awareness on chronic illnesses in African American families. The goals of this initiative are:

- Catching:** Encourage screening and healthy lifestyles for prevention of chronic health diseases;
- Coping:** Raise awareness about treatment options, clinical trials, and provide support for those experiencing chronic disease; and
- Conquering:** Encourage Black women to support research efforts focusing on chronic diseases which disproportionately affect Black women.