


TALLAHASSEE
ALUMNAE CHAPTER
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



**A PICTORIAL DIARY OF
"THE YEAR OF THE DIAMOND"**



The Year of the Diamond

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The 75th Year in Celebration: October, 2021 - June, 2022



**TALLAHASSEE
ALUMNAE CHAPTER**
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



From the Desk of the President

Sorors and friends,

I am excited and proud to have been selected to serve as president of the Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter as we begin the 75th year of continuous service! This will be another great year as the chapter builds upon the successes of the past and charts new avenues for the future.


We are challenged by a global pandemic; however, I am confident we will continue to find creative ways to continue to provide quality services to the community.

Join me as we celebrate "The Year of the Diamond" in all our activities. Truly, "the best is yet to come."

Sisterly,

Terraca Jones







1946

The Beginning

The year 1946 was a time of upheavals in the United States. World War II had just ended, and soldiers were returning home. It was a time of danger and challenge for the Colored Community. Jim Crow Laws were accepted and enforced. The country was separate, but not equal.

Amid this turbulence, 13 Negro women in Tallahassee, Florida formed a group to become a graduate chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and on October 3, 1946 on the campus of historically black Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College (FAMC) the group became the Gamma Eta Sigma Graduate Chapter. The charter date of this new chapter aligned with the founding date of the college.





Meet the Officers

Gamma Eta Sigma's first public event was its chartering ceremony held on **November 17, 1946** in the lobby of Jackson Davis Hall on FAMC's campus. The ceremony included the chapter's first election. Following the voting, Addie Jones, the Southern Regional Director, installed the first officers.

Officers

President - Grace Mays Beckett

Vice President - Hazel Y. Gray

Recording Secretary - Mae A. Norwood

Corresponding Secretary - Lollie Fleming


Sergeant-at-Arms - Alverta N. Morris

Treasurer - Mary Elizabeth Carnegie

Parliamentarian - Glovenia C. Baker

Journalist - Gladys P. Anderson

Custodian - Irene A. DeCoursey



Charter

Delta Sigma Theta



CHARTER

To all to whom these Presents shall come,
GREETINGS

*Be it known that this charter for the establishment
of a chapter of the Sorority of
Delta Sigma Theta*

at

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

to be known and designated as the

GAMMA ETA SIGMA

(graduate)

*Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, is hereby granted to the persons
hereinafter named as charter members, thereof, conveying
to them and their duly elected associates and successors
all the privileges conferred by the charter and by laws.*

In token thereof we hereby set our hands and seal,

this third *day of* October *nineteen hundred and forty-six.*



Max Wright Downs
Grand President

Reber Simpkins Press
Grand Secretary

Charter Members

Gladys Peppers Anderson

Irene Anderson DeCoursey

Ruth Lenaria Nabbie

*Gamma Eta Sigma Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc*



Gladys Peppers Anderson, Glovenia Carter Baker, Grace
Mays Beckett, Mary Elizabeth Carnegie, Irene Anderson
DeCoursey, Lollie Fleming, Hazel Yates Gray, Alverta Nevels
Morris, Ruth Lazarus Nabbie, Mae Alice Norwood, Yvette
Holley Roberts, Yvonne Walker, Madge Hughes Washington

1946

The First Initiates



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Initiates 5 At Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE.—In the always impressive Delta ceremony, five persons were initiated recently into the Gamma Eta Sigma chapter, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, at the home of Soror Glovenia C. Baker. Those who entered the great sisterhood were Barbara Baker Boardley, Amerique C. Briggs, Willie Mae Miles, Willie B. Stewart and Josephine G. Wheeler. After the initiation ceremonies the neophytes enjoyed a very pleasant social hour with their sisters.

Gamma Eta Sigma, the first graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta established in the City of Tallahassee, is composed of interesting personalities and the membership includes: Mesdames Irene R. DeCoursey, Dean of Women, Hazel Y. Gray, wife of Dr. William H. Gray Jr., president of Florida A. and M. College, Amerique C. Briggs, secretary in the office of Dr. Gray, M. E. L. Carnegie, director of Nursing Education, Willie Mae Miles, author of "Gertrude's New House", Grace Mays Anderson, the president, Barbara B. Boardley, the registrar, Lollie M. Fleming, assistant Josephine G. Wheeler, librarian, Azilee Kimbrew, and Martha Pennyman, all of the Florida A and M College faculty.

Mesdames Gladys P. Anderson, librarian, Mai Norwood, Elverta Morris, Yvette H. Roberts and Miss Willie B. Stewart, of the Lincoln High School faculty. Mesdames Dorothy G. Holmes, Jeans teacher, Leon County, and Glovenia C. Baker, civic worker and the wife of Dr. W. H. Baker, Tallahassee. It is therefore not too much to say that more will be heard from Gamma Eta Sigma.

W. M. Danford Miles, Journalist.

Barbara Baker Boardley, Amerique C. Briggs, Willie Mae Miles, Willie B. Stewart, and Josephine G. Wheeler

1950

Gamma Eta Sigma Graduate Chapter



Gamma Eta Sigma - A Service Project

1946-Present

Chapter Presidents

Gamma Eta Sigma Chapter

1946 - 1947 Grace Mays Beckett

1947 - 1949 Gladys Peppers Anderson

1949 - 1951 Mary Elizabeth Carnegie

1951 - 1953 Genevieve J. Wheeler Thomas

1953 - 1955 Maurice Y. Brown

1955 - 1956 Marian Lucia James

1956 - 1958 Genevieve L. Lowe

Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter

1958 - 1960 Gladys Peppers Anderson

1960 - 1963 Faleda Webber

1963 - 1965 Lucy Rose Adams

1965 - 1967 Willie Mae Danford Miles

1967 - 1971 Juanita James Johnson

1971 - 1973 Tonya Harris

1973 - 1975 Juanita James Johnson

1975 - 1978 Alice Griffin Thompson



1946-Present

Chapter Presidents

Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter

1978 - 1981 Shirley Hawkins-Thomas

1981 - 1983 Alexis Roberts McMillan

1983 - 1985 Gladys Lang

1985 - 1987 Barbara Nelson Barrett

1987 - 1991 Linda Dilworth

1991 - 1993 Elsie Crowell

1993 - 1995 Paulette Sims

1995 - 1999 Georgia "Joy" Bowen

1999 - 2001 Kelley Bailey

2001 - 2005 Laureatte Scott

2005 - 2007 Julia Wright Brunson


2007 - 2011 Terral S. Brown

2011 - 2013 Pamela T. Coleman

2013 - 2016 Dorcas Washington

2016 - 2021 Marilyn Henderson

2021 - Present Terraca Jones



Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter



Through The Years



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October 2021

Charter Day

October 3, 1946 - October 3, 2021



The Year of The Diamond



October 2021



Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter

75th

Chartered in

Anniversary Weekend

Friday, October 1, 2021
Denim and Diamonds (Sister's Only)
Capital City Country Club
1601 Golf Terrace Drive
6:00 PM

Saturday, October 2, 2021
"Stuff the Truck"
Community Donation Drive
Donation Location:
Bethel Baptist Christian Academy
406 N. Bronough Street
9:13 AM - 12:13 PM

Sunday, October 3, 2021
75th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
University Center Club at Florida State University
288 Champions Way
4:00 PM
Attire: *Elegantly Chic*
Visit tallahasseedst.org for more details.

ANNIVERSARY
Weekend of
Events!

75th Anniversary



October 2021



75th Anniversary Banquet



November 2021

Social Action



"The Red Army"



December 2021

Merry Christmas Sorors!



Adopt A Family Service Project



JANUARY 2022

Youth Empowerment Summit
Inventing a Better Me: A
MIRROR ON THE MIND!

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 8, 2022**

10:00 AM -
12:00 PM
via
zoom

THE TALLAHASSEE ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. PRESENTS ITS

**2022
VIRTUAL
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
SUMMIT**

Pre-Register Now!
<https://tinyurl.com/2022-YES-Summit>

**Inventing a Better Me:
A Mirror on the Mind**

Program, Planning and Development

The CONVERSATION GROUP Facilitators

CONVERSATION GROUPS

ROOM 1
Issues Related to Suicide-
Coping with the loss of loved ones to suicide and managing suicidal thoughts (isolation, rejection, etc.) – **Dr. Anika Fields, Presenter**

ROOM 2
Pressure to Perform-
Managing the Expectation to be the GOAT (self-pressure, school, parents, community, etc.) – **Dr. Tolonda Tate, Presenter**

ROOM 3
Trauma- Understanding the Various Types of Trauma (Severe Life Tragedies, Loss, Violence, Abuse) and its Impact on You – **Dr. Ken Fowler, Presenter**

ROOM 4
Anxiety and Depression
(Overcoming intense worry and fear and managing persistent sad mood and irritability) – **Dr. Angela Hill, Presenter**

2022 Virtual Youth Empowerment Summit
Inventing a Better Me
A MIRROR ON THE MIND
Timisha Brooks

2022 Virtual Youth Empowerment Summit
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Anika Fields

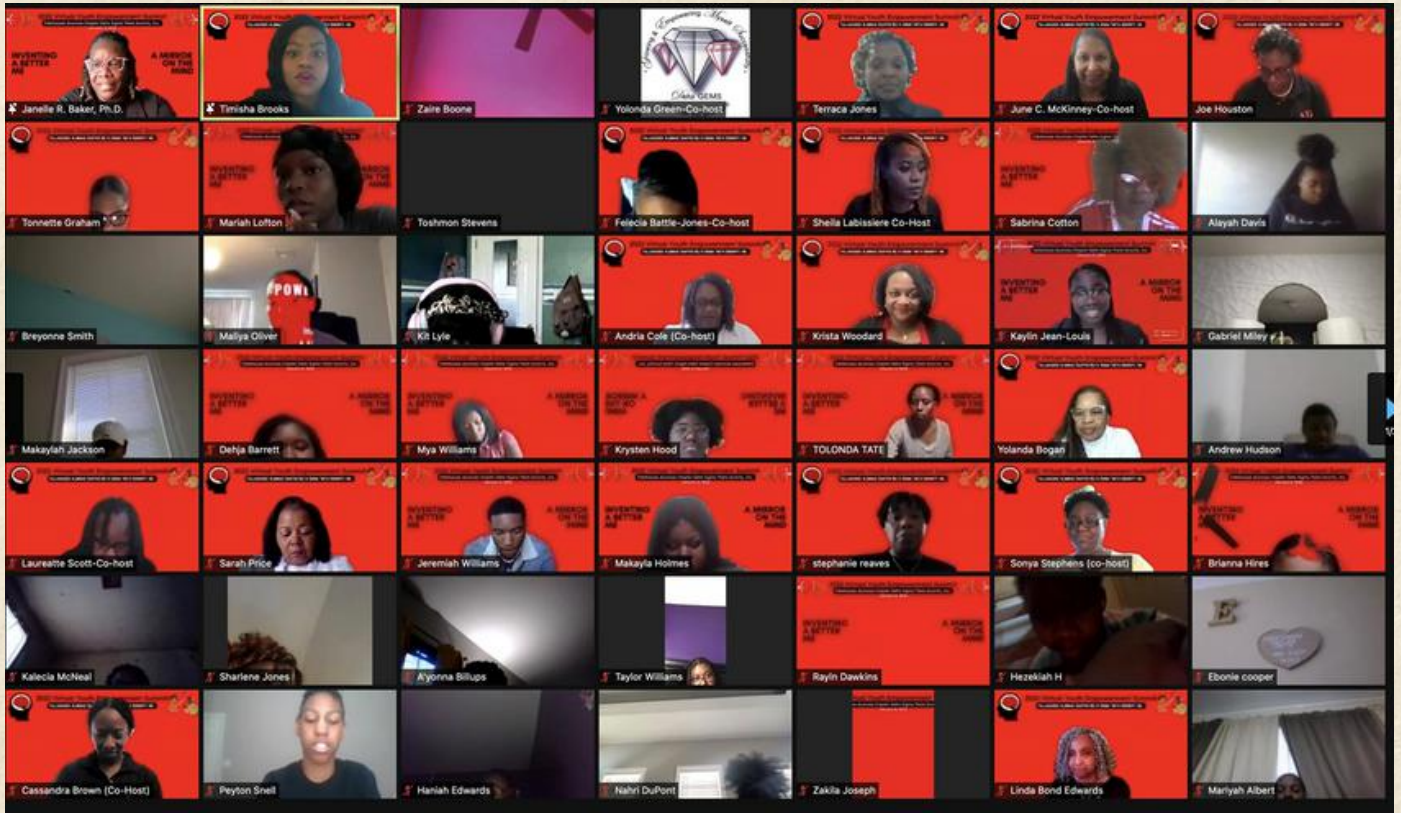
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Kenneth Fowler

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TOLONDA TATE

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A MIRROR ON THE MIND
Angela Hill

JANUARY 2022

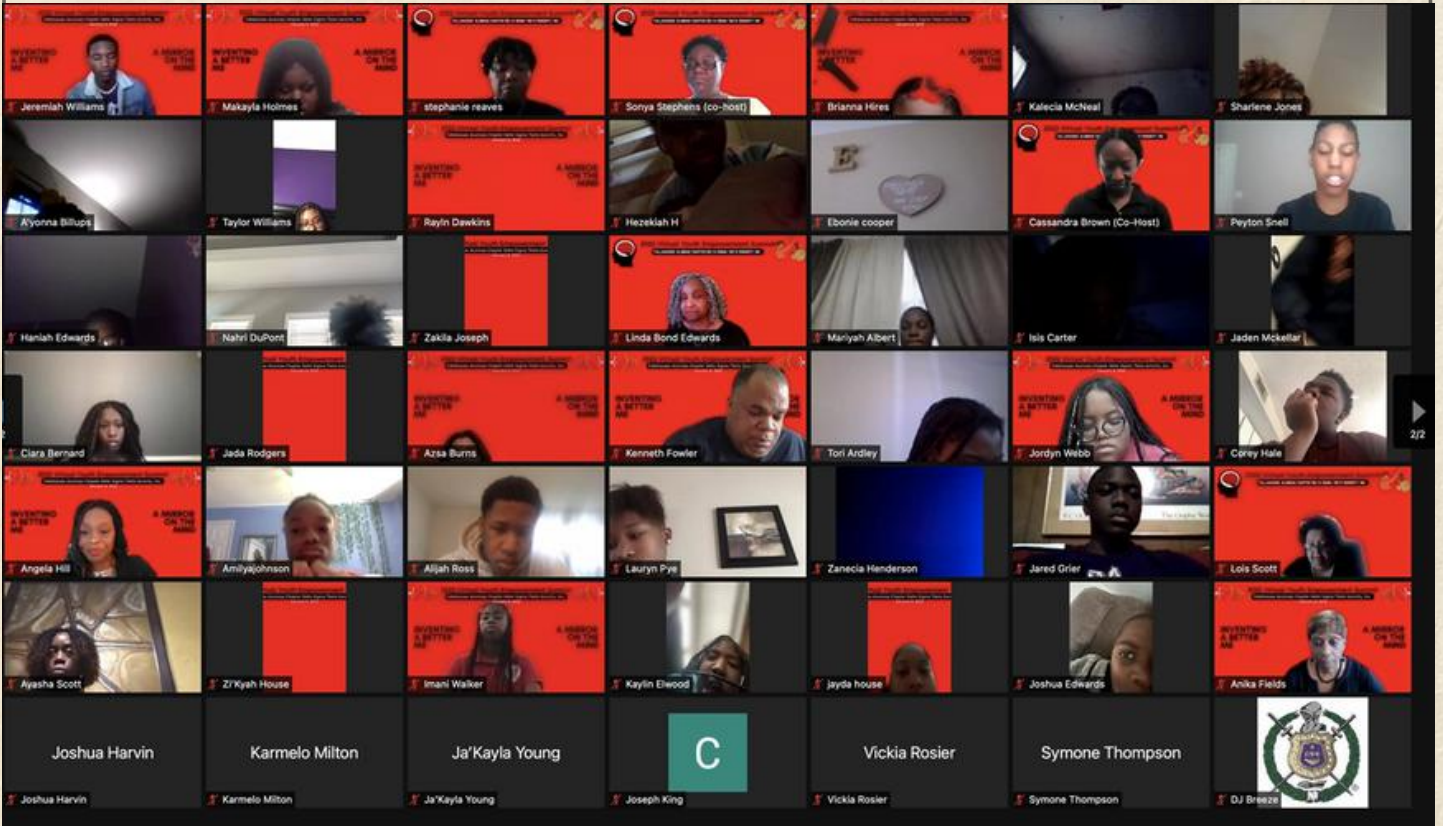
VIRTUAL YES PARTICIPANTS





Program, Planning and Development

VIRTUAL YES CONVERSATION GROUPS






JANUARY 2022

YES
Committee
and Chapter
Volunteers





Founders Day



1913

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

HAPPY FOUNDER'S DAY

JANUARY 13

JANUARY 2022

Founders Day



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Founders Day Observance Weekend January 13-16, 2022

**Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service:
Embracing Our Past, Present & Future
—A Diamond (Virtual) Experience**

Thursday, January 13—Founders Day Rededication Ceremony

Time: Following Chapter Meeting (at approximately 7:33 p.m.)

Attire: Black (no pants!) with appropriate accessories

Protocol: Virtual ceremony for Deltas, only. Cameras must remain turned on.

Membership in Delta Sigma Theta is a lifetime commitment. What better way to commemorate our 109th anniversary than to recommit to Delta's ideals through The Rededication Ceremony. Sorors must register in advance for this event using the link below to receive the Zoom™ information. At approximately 7:37 p.m., the ceremony will be locked and no additional sorors will be admitted.

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjEseccqzT0dHNWdIEdu9KRn4O4SGfMUs>

Attention Sorors:

The *1st Equal* pick up prior to Rededication will be this Sunday, January 9 from noon-1:00 p.m. at the Starbucks™ on Magnolia Street. This is only for those who ordered in the ORIGINAL bulk order.

You also may use the 12th edition of the ritual, as well.

Friday, January 14—Divas, Dolls & Dears

Time: All day long

Attire: Your favorite Delta gear

Be you a Diva, Doll or Dear—we all have a favorite go-to outfit that lets the world know we are "Deltas—D-E-L-T-A: Deltas all the way!" Start the weekend right by proudly wearing your red and white all day long. Be sure to take a photo and post on social media with the hashtag [#TACDSTFoundersDay2022](https://twitter.com/TACDSTFoundersDay2022)

Saturday, January 15—Deltas in Diamonds: Founders Day & Reclamation Program

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Attire: Delta paraphernalia with denim, diamonds, and sparkle accents

Join the Founders Day Committee for a short, but sweet Founders Day program, recognizing our *Deva's Tazing 22 Founders* and rededication sorors back to active membership. You will hear testimonies from Chapter Sorors about their Delta experience and "what it means to be a Delta." And, we have a few surprises sprinkled into the program, as well. Sorors must register in advance for this event using the link below to receive the Zoom™ information.

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjEsd-urqT8qH934gQ5FH00m7pwAQdWUaWL>

Saturday, January 15—Soree "Let's Sing Nina"—7 Days of Opening Nights

Attention Sorors:

Use PROMO Code "DEL TASIGMATHETA" to purchase discount tickets for \$35 each. You may buy online at:

<https://www.ticketcity.com/shows/delta-sigma-theta>
or by calling the FSU Ticket Office at (850) 644-7670.

Time & Location: 7:30 p.m. | Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, Florida State University
Attire: Red, with accents of diamonds, pearls, and sparkle

Powerhouse vocalist, 2021 GRAMMY™ winner, and one of our newest Honorary Members, Soror Ledisi (Akiade Young) will perform soul-stirring songs by legendary singer, songwriter, and activist Nina Simone. It will be an evening of beautifully orchestrated mixes of jazz, soul, and R&B, with a narrative focused on the musical bond between a modern-day artist influenced by a legend from the past. Soror Ledisi returns to her jazz roots, performing classics honoring one of her greatest inspirations, including "My Baby Just Cares for Me," "Four Women," "I Put a Spell on You," and "Trouble in Mind." You don't want to miss this *None*. This is the only "in person" event for the weekend; 2021 dance is the destination of each Soror.

Sunday, January 16—Honoring Our Founders with Worship

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Church: Pineland Missionary Baptist Church | Pastor O'Hara C. Black

Facebook Live™: <https://www.facebook.com/PinelandMBC>

Join the virtual church service of Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, led by Pastor O'Hara C. Black and Lady Mishia Brooks Black (TAC Soror). Grab your tables, phones or laptops...or even a bit from your desktop computer so witness and virtually participate in a dynamic worship experience that will cap off Founders Day Weekend and start the next week off in an uplifting and reverent way.

Contributions to the church can be sent using Cash App at [https://cash.app/\\$PinelandMBC](https://cash.app/$PinelandMBC); or send a check made payable to Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, 205E Old County Camp Road, Madison, FL 32314.

—powered by the TACDST Founders Day Committee: Soror Godee Rose Green, Chair | Soror Linda Bonds Edwards, Co-Chair
Soror Kelley Eldon Bailey | Soror Ullian Okey Okey | Soror Carolyn Okey | Soror Barbara Burns | Soror Joe Ann Houston | Soror Rita Lewis | Soror Chris Adams-Lippert

Social Action

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FEBRUARY 26 AT 3:00 PM | MEETING ID: 939 7083 3850 | PASSWORD: ACTION-22

FEBRUARY 2022

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. PRESENTS

*Year of the
Diamond*

*2022 Virtual UnGala
Fundraiser*

Tickets
\$75

**MAR
26
6:30PM**

SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

 COCKTAIL ATTIRE FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION
WWW.TALLAHASSEEDST.ORG



TALLAHASSEE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Scholarship Ungala

year of the Diamond
Virtual unGala Fundraiser

Hosted by Kara
Palmer Smith,
Fundraising
Chairperson
and Heidi Otway





February 2022

Golden Scholarship Donors



Amaris Johnson

Agasha Scott

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Golden Scholarship Donors



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February 2022

Endowed Scholarships



Gayla Parks
Scholarship

Alice Griffin
Thompson
Scholarship

Dr. Elsie Crowell
Scholarship

Designated Scholarships



Dr. Fanelle R. Baker

Hazel Bolden

Juanita Ross-Dilworth

MARCH 2022

Sisterhood Month

"A sister is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the meaning of life."



April 2022

Family Fitness

Breaking a sweat!



**Virtual
6th Annual
Family Fitness Day**

Reclaiming Your Health and Wellness
from Pandemic to Endemic

Hosted by the Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
& the Chi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Click Here to Register!

Saturday, April 23rd,
10:00am-12:00pm

Healthy cooking demo, workouts, mental health panel, gun violence prevention presentation, raffle, giveaways and so much more...

The advertisement features a red background with a white torn-edge effect at the bottom. It includes a photo of four people (three women and one man) smiling, with one woman holding a bowl of food. There are logos for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the top right corner. A grid of dots is visible in the bottom left corner of the ad.

April 2022

Membership Services



Potting and Planting class



April 2022

Partnering with WCTV
PBJ Drive





May 2022

Social Action Committee



Food Give Away and
Voter Registration

Perry,
Florida



May 2022

Membership Services

Delta Dear Tea



Membership Services

Delta Dear Tea



may 2022

It's May week!

MAY WEEK 2022

MAY 1 - MAY 7, 2022

ALL
WEEK

Small Black Business Scavenger Hunt

Support a variety of small Black businesses in our service area and win prizes!
Visit our website for more details.

SUN
1

Virtual Scholarship Awards

Watch our livestream presentation of scholarship award recipients!
4:00 PM | Click here to view: <https://tallahasseedst.org/programs/scholarship>

MON
2

Grow With Google Challenge

Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs - Discover how to create a collaborative environment to unlock creativity and innovative thinking via Incorporative design challenges
6:00 PM | Register in advance to attend at: bit.ly/TallyDSTGrowWithGoogle

TUE
3

Virtual Social Action Panel Discussion

TOPIC: "Be the Change You Want to See: Your Town, Your Vote, Local Elections Matter!"
6:00 PM | Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98747837241> | Passcode: M@yWeek-22

WED
4

Soulful Wednesday

Enjoy a soulful groove in person for a great cause! Live music + Open Mic
7:00 PM | Foster-Tanner Music Building Recital Hall | 1660 Pinder Street, FAMU
Doors open at 6:30 PM | Masks highly encouraged

SAT
7

Derby with the Deltas

Join us for food, games, prizes, our signature Hat Parade & watch the Kentucky Derby!
4:00 - 7:00 PM | Island Seafood | 1019 N. Monroe St. | Masks highly encouraged

PROCEEDS BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE & INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS PROJECT
FOR TICKETS & INFO, CLICK LINK IN BIO



Black Business Scavenger Hunt



Grow with Google



May week

Virtual Scholarship Awards

2022 Scholarship and Awards Recipients



Congratulations to the 2022 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship recipients awarded by the Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. We proudly presented \$38,000 in scholarships to 14 deserving students in our service area!



Alyssa Cooper
Lawton Chiles High School



Bryce Cummings
Lincoln High School



Hannah Francis
Wakulla High School



Gabrielle Giles
Lincoln High School



Deja Haire
FAMU Developmental Research School



Arianna Jones
James S. Rickards High School



Madison McNealy
Leon High School



ANN NGUYEN
Florida State University Schools



Traylin Price
James S. Rickards High School



Errianna Quallo
James S. Rickards High School



Katelyn Reddick
Lincoln High School



Breyonne Smith
James S. Rickards High School



Darell Williams
FAMU Developmental Research School



Te'Anna Williams
Wakulla High School

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BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE: YOUR TOWN. YOUR VOTE. LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER.

MAY 3, 2022 | 6:00 PM (ET)



CAROLYN D. CUMMINGS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, AT-LARGE

DIANNE WILLIAMS-COX
CITY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 5

JUDGE NINA ASHENAFI RICHARDSON
LEON COUNTY JUDGE

MARK S. EARLEY
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, LEON COUNTY

CHUCK HOBBS
MODERATOR

Social
Action
Panel
Discussion

SOULFUL WEDNESDAY



Join the Tallahassee Deltas for an evening of live music!

May 4, 2022
Foster-Tanner Music Building Recital Hall
1660 Pinder Street, FAMU

Doors open @ 6:30pm
Free entry
Masks Strongly Encouraged



To donate to our Relay for Life team, click the link in our bio.

Soulful
Wednesday



May week

Derby with the Deltas



The Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
presents

Derby with the Deltas

an event benefitting Relay for Life and
our International Awareness Project


TICKETS: \$25
Click the link in our bio to purchase yours today!

May 7
4-7 pm

Island Seafood
1019 N. Monroe Street

Join us for food,
games, prizes
and our Hat Parade!
Attire: Kentucky Derby
Party Fashion

This event is in-person.
Masks strongly encouraged.



Derby with the Deltas





May week

Derby with the Deltas



JUNE 2022

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter Presents

RED Empire

JUNE
SUNDAY 12 5PM-9PM
HOTEL DUVAL
LIVE DJ, BAND, FOOD, & CASH BAR

Tickets GENERAL \$50 | Limited Seating
VIP \$75 | Reserved Seating

Proceeds benefit youth programs!

For more information visit:
www.tallahasseedst.org

2022

A Denim & Diamond Event

Red Empire



JUNE 2022



Red Empire



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*Special Thanks to Soror Elsie
Crowell and Soror Alicia Tookes*

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