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ROBINETTE RASBERRY

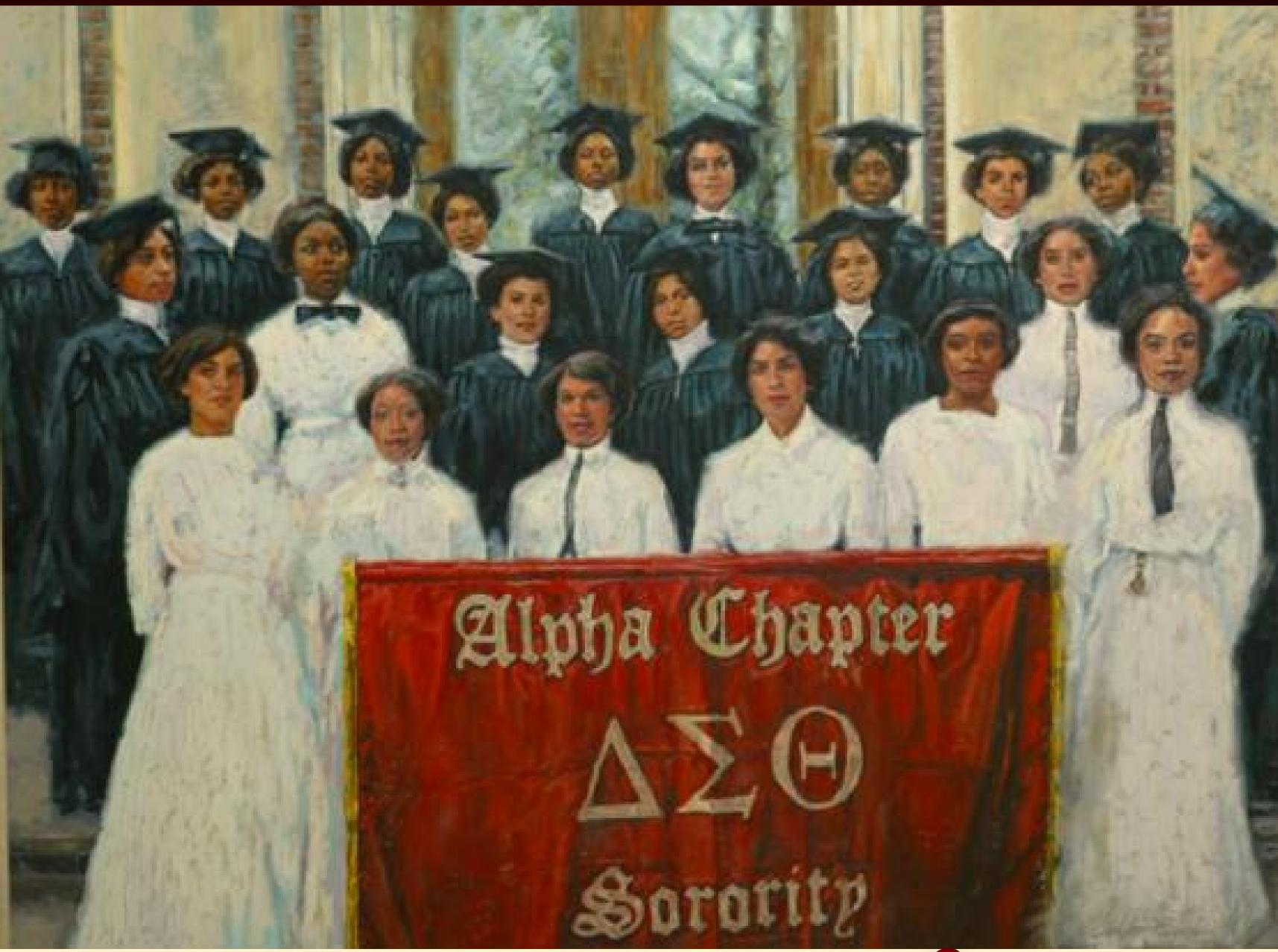
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# Our 22 Illustrious Founders

Osceola Macarthy Adams
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# Sorority History

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college-educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding, more than 300,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college-educated women. The sorority currently has over 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, the Arabian Gulf, Southern Africa and West Africa.

The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust:

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

For more information, visit our national website at www.deltasigmatheta.org

# SM-LAC Executive Committee 2021-2023



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Dear Sorors and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 25th Chapter Anniversary Celebration of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter (SM-LAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated!

What began as a vision by our 78 charter members has grown more than 10 times its original size, spanning three counties east of Atlanta. With that growth has come the ability to serve more members of the community and make a greater impact.

This sororal year alone, SM-LAC organized 11 COVID-19 vaccination clinics, inoculating more than 1,000 people; we observed World AIDS Day by offering free HIV testing to more than 200 DeKalb County residents; we have mentored more than 200 middle and high school students through an ongoing educational development series; we have walked dozens of individuals down the path to financial freedom; and we continue to educate the community about important political issues such as redistricting and preserving our right to vote, just to name a few.

Additionally, we have fortified our precious sisterhood by creating innovative ways to remain connected, despite a lingering pandemic. Our commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, service and social action remains passionate and steadfast.

As a chapter described as being rich in sisterhood and transformative in service, our goal is to always hoist the "Jewel of the Mountain" even higher with each passing year.

We certainly have a lot to celebrate. Thank you so much for sharing in this most special occasion.

Sincerely,

#### Cardace Hull

Candace Hull
President 2021-23
Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter



# Congratulatory Letters





#### DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

A Service Sorority Founded in 1913

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March 9, 2022

Greetings to the sorors of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter!

As National President and Chair of the National Board of Directors it is my pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of 25-years of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action on behalf of the National Board of Directors and Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter was chartered on March 9, 1997, by dynamic and forward-thinking women who had the foresight and fortitude to extend the branches of our beloved Sorority to the communities of Stone Mountain, Lithonia, Centerville, Loganville, Snellville, Rockdale County, and Lilburn. Their dedication, service and tenacity have made it possible for more than 800 members to call *The Jewel of the Mountain* home. I know that your Charter Members are immensely proud of what the chapter has grown to be. Sorors of Stone Mountain-

Lithonia have actualized our vision to make an impact through the core tenets of our organization in a variety of ways over the last 25 years.

It is evident that service remains at the heart of your sisterhood as you adapted your efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic through a series of clinics, resulting in more than 1,000 members of the community getting vaccinated. Moreover, you have remembered our commitment to making a global impact through your steadfast support of our international missions and your recent donation of computers and reading materials to the Hattieville Government School in Belize. Bravo my sorors - remember to always focus on maintaining a positive bond of sisterhood that will spans generations. In doing so, you will have given power and purpose to the next generation of Delta leaders.

I know that your 25-anniversary celebration will truly be *Delta-fabulous*! May you also take time to reflect on the true meaning of Delta life, the lives and dedication of our Founders and the purpose behind all that you do. My charge is for you to continue to *elevate your impact* by embracing innovation in your service efforts throughout the community.

Congratulations again, sorors on such a momentous occasion! Many blessings for a joy-filled day of celebration and sisterhood with all the wonderful events you have planned.

Yours in Sisterhood and Service,

& Die Cooke-Holmes

Elsie Cooke-Holmes National President

Chair, National Board of Directors

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To the Ladies of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

As you gather to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your distinguished chapter, I extend greetings to you, your guests, and our beloved 24th National President, Cynthia Butler-McIntyre.

While taking note of your theme "Loyal to our Legacy. Passionate About Our Purpose", I began to reflect on the vision of our 22 Founders who, as every Delta knows, was a group of college-educated women who were passionate about their purpose to serve others while creating a legacy of fortitude, through education, and action! The passion within these young women created a movement of progress that has become our story; a story that SM-LAC, along with more than 900 active chapters across the globe, will help keep alive through its service and scholarships as a connected sisterhood.

Sisters, this day is one that I know you don't take lightly. I am assured that your commitment to assist your fellow (wo)man "as all Deltas should" is a strong one. After all, you don't become a chapter of 800-plus dedicated, and hardworking women without being a catalyst of proven success while servicing your communities.

Since your chartering in 1997, you have provided a wide range of programs/activities across your service area through our Five Point Programmatic Thrust. I applaud each of you for believing in the dream of the "22" by exhibiting your passion of Social Action to develop better educational and economic opportunities, strength through physical and mental health, and awareness on both political and international levels. Because of you, all of this can be accomplished while still being able to introduce and support the Arts through various resources.

Continue to do great things as you remain "Loyal to our Legacy" and "Passionate About Our Purpose"!

Yours in Delta

Cheryl W. Turner

Interim Southern Regional Director Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

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## SOUTHERN REGION DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

March 9, 2022



To my Sorors of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter,

It is with an immense amount of pride and enthusiasm that I pen this letter in recognition of your 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary. Congratulations to all the hardworking members of this illustrious chapter for 25 stellar years of sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

As you convene to celebrate the many accomplishments of SM-LAC, it is important that you continue to reflect on our Founders' mission for our beloved Delta Sigma Theta, as well as the values that are embodied in our nine Jewels and the Delta Oath. It is my hope that your 78 visionary Charter members are proud of all that SM-LAC has become and achieved since your chartering 25 years ago.

I take personal pride in celebrating your achievements, as one of my greatest accomplishments was having the opportunity to lead this phenomenal chapter as President from 2015-2019. To see how this chapter has grown and all that you have accomplished is worthy of this celebration. As a chapter that has grown from 78 remarkable women when you were chartered on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1997, to over 800 financial members today is nothing short of amazing. You have kept the vision of our Founders in the forefront as you have continued to support the communities that you serve through social action initiatives and programs geared toward our 5-point programmatic thrusts.

I have no doubt that SM-LAC will continue to be the bright light in our communities that you have been for the past 25 years. I look forward to seeing what the next 25 years have in store! Much Delta love to you all as you continue to let your light shine as the Jewel of the Mountain!

Sisterly,

Pamela Lee North Georgia State Coordinator





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Brian P. Kemp GOVERNOR



March 9, 2022

To: Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter (SM-LAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

#### **GREETINGS:**

On behalf of the state of Georgia, allow me to extend my warmest regards to the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter (SM-LAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated as you host and participate in your 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary.

Please allow me also to congratulate the chapter for the years of community service, economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, along with attention to physical and mental health.

I send my best wishes for a productive event!

Sincerely,

Sovernor Brian P. Kemp



February 22, 2022

Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



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City of Lithonia 6920 Main Street Lithonia 30058 Phone: (770) 482-8136 www.lithoniacity.org Greetings,

On behalf of the Historic City of Lithonia, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the 800-plus dedicated, and hardworking members of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter (SM-LAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on your 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary.

We appreciate your community engagement efforts and faithful service in DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Rockdale counties, particularly in the areas of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and social action.

Thank you for being an inspiration to others and making a difference in the lives of our community.

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Congratulations on your well-deserved success!

Sincere Regards,

Shameka S. Reynolds

Mayor

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February 22, 2022

Candace Hull, President Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter (SM-LAC) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated



Dear President/Hull:

On behalf of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners and as a long-standing member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, I would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Thank you for investing time, talent and treasures to the DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Rockdale counties for more than two decades. Your dedication and special interest in economic development, education, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement have been vital contributions to uplift our community and to support the needs of families and children.

Congratulations to the "Jewel of the Mountain," Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter on marking its 25th Chapter Anniversary. Your service is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Sherri L. Washington, Esq.

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# Program Guide

Divas After Dark
Friday, March 11, 2022

Legacy Luncheon
Saturday, March 12, 2022

Praise in the Park
Sunday, March 13, 2022

# Divas After Dark







## STONE MOUNTAIN-LITHONIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

25th Anniversary Divas After Dark Friday, March 11, 2022

#### WELCOME

SM-LAC 25th Anniversary Chairs Francene Breakfield, Genease Cooper, Robinette Rasberry

#### CHAPTER HISTORY

Dorothy Brock, Charter Member Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter

RECOGNITION OF CHARTER MEMBERS Stephanie Singleton, First Vice President Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter

#### **ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE**

The Delta Dear SWAG Stroll Team

Spoken Word Artist Troy Vincent

Dance Performance Academy of the Arts Dance Company Susan McGhee Choreographer

Art Auction

Broomes Poetic Duet

Violinist Karma Rae

The Made on the Mountain Trio Tonika Dew Evans, Keisha Pooler, and Christyn Major

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Dancing/Strolling

Announcements/Closing Remarks
Candace Hull, President
Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter







# Legacy Luncheon







## STONE MOUNTAIN-LITHONIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

25th Anniversary Legacy Luncheon Saturday, March 12, 2022

**PROCESSIONAL** 

WELCOME Genease Matthews Cooper 25th Chapter Anniversary Co-Chair

Introduction of Dais/Special Guests/Charter Members
Jennifer Bellamy
Mistress of Ceremonies

INVOCATION/BLESSING OF THE FOOD
Rev. Dr. Jaye Lynn Peabody Smith
Chaplain of Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter

LUNCH Featuring Musical Guest Rachel Frieson

GREETINGS
Beverly E. Smith
26th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Candace Hull
President of Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter

MUSICAL SELECTION
Musical Jewels Trio
Michelle Coleman, Veronica Hayes, Latise Egeston

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre
24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Presentations
Rep. Billy Mitchell
Georgia State Representative

Francene Breakfield & Robinette Rasberry
25th Chapter Anniversary Co-Chairs

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SWEETHEART SONG





### Jennifer Bellamy Biographic Brief



Jennifer Bellamy is an award-winning anchor at 11Alive in Atlanta. She joined 11Alive in April 2015 as a reporter and now anchors the 11Alive News at 11 p.m. and 11Alive News PrimeTime at 9 p.m. newscasts.

A native of the Atlanta area, Jennifer grew up in Gwinnett County before college and her career took her away for a short time.

"Working in my hometown is a dream come true," said Jennifer. "I feel so blessed to tell stories in the communities that raised me and helped shape me into the person I have become."

Jennifer began her career in Macon, Georgia at 13WMAZ, where she reported, produced and served as a fill-in anchor.

While there, she also hosted segments, responding to viewer questions weekly through "Get Answers," and awarding the Golden Spatula to restaurants for cleanliness and reporting on low health inspection scores.

From there, she joined News19 in Columbia, South Carolina where she worked as a general assignment and political reporter and was later promoted to weekend anchor. While there, she interviewed several presidential candidates including Herman Cain and former Texas Governor Rick Perry, as well as former South Carolina Governor and United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Jennifer was also part of the News19 team awarded a 2015 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards for Outstanding Local Television Investigative Reporting. She contributed to the continuing coverage on South Carolina's Department of Social Services after the deaths of children and reports of problems at the state agency. Her work covering the agency also won a South Carolina Broadcasters Association STAR award.

She has also been nominated for several regional Emmy Awards through the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Southeast Chapter, including a nomination for outstanding anchor.

A proud Georgia Bulldog, Jennifer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Broadcast News and a minor in Spanish.

When she is not reporting, Jennifer loves cheering on the Bulldogs and the Falcons, along with any other Atlanta team with red in their colors. She also enjoys music, traveling, eating out and spending time with her family and friends. Jennifer is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a national, non-profit, service sorority.

### Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre Biographic Brief



..... served Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as the 24th National President during its centennial celebration bringing worldwide attention to the sorority and its work globally. A 1973 initiate of the Beta Gamma Chapter at Dillard University, and presently a member of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter. Her dedicated service on the local, state, regional and national levels along with her determined spirit has gained the respect and admiration of the membership. She's lovingly regarded as a "leader with a servant's heart." An education activist and advocate, who currently serves as an educational consultant to new teachers and administrators seeking certification and licensure. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Dillard University and a Master of Education degree from the University of New Orleans all by the age of 20. She is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Divinity from Christian Bible College of Louisiana and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Dillard University. Professionally, Butler-McIntyre served the children of Jefferson Parish

Public School System for 30+ years as a kindergarten teacher, assistant principal and summer school principal. She retired as the Director of Human Resources providing direct supervision for the system's 3500+ classified employees. She worked in higher education on the campuses of Delgado Community College and the University of New Orleans.

Her record of service, achievement and accomplishments have been recognized by numerous professional, religious, civic, and educational organizations around the world, too many to name. From over 10 universities honoring her and being named the Best Female Alumnus of a HBCU by HBCU Digest, more than 25 cities declaring "Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre Day," receiving keys to over a dozen cities and an island, Cynthia is an outstanding example of a true servant. While in office, President Barack Obama selected Mrs. Butler-McIntyre as his appointee to the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation. The Delta Sigma Theta Elementary School located in Cherete', Haiti is named the Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre campus in her honor. She has served nationally on the boards of the NAACP, NCNW, DREF, and the National Alliance of Black School Educators. Locally, she serves on the teachers' union board, a charter school for young males, a former NBA player's foundation and a community health care center. Just last month, the Governor of Louisiana selected her to serve as a Commissioner on the Board of Supervisors of all State Technical and Community Colleges. She's a member of The Links, Inc. and the National Baptist Convention of America.

#### A strong believer in and someone who lives by the words of 1 Peter 4:10 - - - which states in part-

"we should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others." Cynthia resides in New Orleans, LA as the devoted wife to Mr. Ronney McIntyre, owner/operator of McIntyre Masonry and through her marriage, she's mother to four and grandmother to three.

### Beverly Evans Smith – Biographic Brief (2022)



Beverly Evans Smith is the 26th National President (2017-2021) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., one of the nation's largest minority female-owned and operated public service non-profits. While serving In this role she restructured the corporate Board and headquarters operation, initiated the documentation of all business operations, added new revenue streams and significantly increased membership. She also served as the organization's elected National First Vice President, National Secretary and was previously employed as Delta Sigma Theta's Executive Director leading their headquarters business function.

Smith retired from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) as the Assistant Commissioner and Georgia State Director for Adult Education and GED Testing in 2018. In this role she provided adult education training programs for an average of 69,000 Georgia citizens annually with a staff of over 1200 educators and support staff at 450 sites across the state. She was also responsible for the administration of all Georgia

GED testing and supported local literacy action groups throughout Georgia. In addition, Smith served as 2015-17 Chair of the National Association of State Directors in Adult Education and has testified before the U.S. Senate HELP Committee representing the issues faced by adults with literacy challenges.

As an entrepreneur, Smith is also senior vice-president of The HR Group Inc., a management consulting firm she has co-owned with her husband, Stephen, for over 30 years. As a corporate manager, Smith spent 18 years in leadership positions with AT&T (Southern Bell) implementing innovative business processes during her tenure. Her skill sets include demonstrated expertise in organizational effectiveness, business operations redesign and restructure and strategic planning. During that time, she also served as a member of the 1994 AT&T Malcolm Baldrige Award winning team in the area of human resources. Prior to her corporate work, Smith spent several years as university administrator in varied capacities. She is a prolific motivational speaker in the areas of leadership and change management.

Smith served on the Board of Directors of the Delta Research and Education Foundation (DREF) and as a National Affiliate Leader for the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) of which she is a Life Member. She also serves on the Bowling Green State University (Ohio) Student Affairs Leadership Council. A long-term community volunteer, Smith served eight years as the Chair of the Cobb County Board of Elections & Registration and on varied community boards including the Atlanta Area Council-Boy Scouts of America, the Cobb County United Way and Girls, Incorporated. She has been a Co-Chair for Leadership Cobb, as well as served on the Board of Directors for Chattahoochee Technical College and the Alumni Board of Directors for Bowling Green State University (Ohio) where she chaired its Strategic Planning committee.

A recipient of numerous honors and awards, Smith was a recipient of the Phoenix Award (2022) which is the highest honor an individual or group can receive from the mayor of Atlanta. She is also a recipient of the Network Journal 25 Influential Black Women in Business Award (2021), was named the 2020 Georgia Outstanding Individual by Georgia General Assembly and the LEAD360 business organization's Executive of the Year for 2020-21. In addition, she has received the UNCF Maya Angelou Women Who Lead award. Her alma mater, Bowling Green State University, named her to the 2018 Class of the Academy of Distinguished Alumni and she was honored by the St. Louis Urban League/Urban League Guild with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017. Smith was also recognized in 2017 as an Outstanding Georgia Citizen by the Office of the Secretary of State and is the recipient of a U.S. Congressional Certificate of Special Recognition. Recognized by the NW Georgia YWCA as a Woman of Achievement, she has been listed in both Who's Who Among African Americans and Who's Who in the Southeast. In 2006, she was named a "History Maker" by The HistoryMakers (thehistorymakers.com), a national African American historical registry which is housed in United States Library of Congress. She has also received numerous keys and proclamations from cities/states across the country.

### Beverly Evans Smith – Biographic Brief (2022) continued

Beverly and her husband, Stephen, have been married for fifty years. The Smiths have two married children: son Brian (Rashan Ali) Smith, daughter Stacy (Dr. Jason) Frazier, and five grandchildren.

# Praise in the Park







## STONE MOUNTAIN-LITHONIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

25th Anniversary Praise in the Park Sunday, March 13, 2022

> CALL TO WORSHIP Evangelist Patti McGrew

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Gail Snell

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
PSALM 150:1-6
Shuwanna Bynum

New Testament Scripture Colossians 3:12-17 Stephanie Callaway

PRAISE & WORSHIP SM-LAC Musical Jewels

WELCOME & OCCASION Diane K. Dunn

LITURGICAL DANCE DST Metrowide Liturgical Dancers

> TESTIMONY Dr. Vickey Hale

SELECTION SM-LAC Musical Jewels

TESTIMONY Dr. Kimberly Manning

SELECTION SM-LAC Musical Jewels

SERMON Rev. Dr. Jaye Lynn Peabody Smith

PRAYER /CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING REMARKS
25th Chapter Anniversary Co-Chairs

Candace Hull President of Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter

> BENEDICTION Rev. Marie Dunn





















# About M-LAC

Dubbed, "The Jewel of the Mountain," SM-LAC is an award-winning chapter with a membership that has grown to more than 800 members representing a myriad of professions and interests. The chapter has developed and implemented signature community-based programs, consistent with the Sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness & Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness & Involvement.

On the international front, the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae chapter has extended its hands across the sea to spread love and goodwill to the less fortunate. In 2005, a delegation of SM-LAC Sorors visited Soweto, South Africa to aid the Adelaide Tambo School for the Disabled. Two years later in 2007, service was provided to enhance the quality of life in Rio De Janiero and Bahia Brazil, followed by a 2009 collaborative effort with the Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, during which Sorors traveled to Ghana, West Africa. During the journey, the delegation dedicated a "fresh water well" in the Ashanti Kingdom of Assissiriwa, and donated desks and chairs to a local school. In 2011, Sorors traveled to Grand Cayman and Cozumel Islands on a "Cruise with a Purpose." School supplies, personal care items, and monetary donations were given to several island orphanages. In 2016, SM-LAC sorors visited Belize and donated computers and reading materials to the student library at Hattieville Government School. The Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter takes pride in the fact that it has empowered the community and improved the quality of life for hundreds of families. We know that the battle has not been won and our BEST is yet to come.



Photo includes Special Guests (L-R): Soror Cynthia Boyd, Alabama State Coordinator (1995-1999), Soror Brenda Haywood, Georgia State Coordinator (1995-1999), Dr. Deborah Thomas, Southern Regional Director (1995-1999), and Soror Alcee Austin, Mississippi State Coordinator (1995-1999).

# Charter Members

On March 2, 1996, the seeds were planted. Eleven visionary Sorors, united in a common cause, met for the first time on March 2, 1996, as the core group, for what would grow to become one of the most dynamic and progressive chapters in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The core group included Sorors Jacquelwyn Willis Anthony, Janine Anthony Bowen, Jacquelyn Anthony Bryant, Santhalyn Davis, Jacquelyn Gordon, Sandra Echols, Calandria Edwards Lee, Janice Y. Martin, Shawn Evans Mitchell, Charlotte Heath Smith, and Imogene Walker.

Stepping out on faith with a determination to reclaim inactive Sorors, the core group forged ahead under the mantra, "You Can Come Home Again." They worked countless hours to establish boundaries and identify Sorors who resided within the proposed service area. Within a year — twelve months and seven days later to be exact — 78 Sorors signed the charter on March 9, 1997, which established the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter as the 910th chapter in the sorority! Deborah C. Thomas, EdD, 19th Southern Regional Director, presided over the ceremony held within Stone Mountain's historic City Hall building. A celebratory reception, held at the Village of Stone Mountain Art Station, followed the ceremony.

# Charter Members



Loyal to Our Legacy
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During its 25-year existence, SM-LAC has been directed by women dedicated to the growth of the chapter and the sorority. Our illustrious chapter presidents have included: Jacquelyn Anthony Bryant, Ph.D. (1997-1999); Marie C. Dunn (1999-2001); Beverly (Harris) Schembri (2001-2005); Royce Love-Diagne (2005-2009); Toni H. Johnson (2009-2013); Sabrina A. McCorvey (2013-2015); Pamela L. Lee (2015-2019); Dennette Battle (2019-2021); and Candace Hull (2021-present).

# Past Presidents



Dennette Battle 8th President, 2019 – 2021



Pamela L. Lee 7th President, 2015-2019



Sabrina A. McCorvey 6th President, 2013-2015



Toni H. Johnson 5th President, 2009-2013



Royce L. Love-Diagne 4th President, 2005-2009



Beverly J. Schembri 3rd President, 2001-2005



Marie C. Dunn 2nd President, 1999 – 2001



Jacquelyn A. Anthony Bryant, Ph.D. Charter President, 1997-1999

# Past Elected Officers

Term	President	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Treasurer	Corresponding Secretary	Financial Secretary	Recording Secretary	Sergeant- At-Arms
1997- 99	Jacqueline (Anthony) Bryant	Shawn Mitchell	N/A	Charlotte Heath-Smith	Genease (Matthews) Cooper	Laticia Khalif	Sabrina Poythress	Siddiqa Amrullah Gibson
1999- 01	Marie Dunn	Siddiqa (Amrullah) Gibson	Laticia Khalif	Catherine Savoy	Beverly (Harris) Schembri	Vauchel (Johnson) Miller	J. Renee Holmes	Lucretia (Grier) McKenzie
2001- 03	Beverly (Harris) Schembri	Royce Love-Diagne	Laticia Khalif	Vauchel (Johnson) Miller	Denise Peterson	Leslie Williams	LaQuanda (Brown) Carpenter	Barbara Parker
2003- 05	Beverly (Harris) Schembri	Royce Love-Diagne	Stephanie Moore	Vauchel (Johnson) Miller	Gloria Traynum	Laticia Khalif	LaQuanda (Brown) Carpenter	Barbara Parker
2005- 07	Royce Love-Diagne	Laticia Khalif	LaQuanda (Brown) Carpenter	Toni Johnson	Gloria Traynum	Traci (Geter) Bates	Deena Swatzie	Angela (Thompson) Dorsey
2007- 09	Royce Love-Diagne	Toni Johnson	Deena Swatzie	Robinette Rasberry	Dana White	Gloria Traynum	Ramunda Livingston	Angela (Thompson) Dorsey
2009- 11	Toni Johnson	Rachel Zeigler	Candi Arthur	Robinette Rasberry	Adrianne Curry	Dennette Battle	Pamela Lee	Patrick Ross
2011-	Toni Johnson	Rachel Zeigler	Candi Arthur	Dennette Battle	Adrianne Curry	Denise Peterson Deanna Walton	Pamela Lee	Patrick Ross
2013- 15	Sabrina McCorvey	Dennette Battle	Pamela Lee	Gloria Traynum Traci Bates	M. Evette Peters	Felicia Clayton	Geralyn Smith	Karen Davis
2015- 17	Pamela Lee	Candi Arthur	Lesley Denise Walker	Felicia Clayton	Marvette Davis	Crystal Harris	Geralyn Smith	Karen Davis
2017- 19	Pamela Lee	Candi Arthur	Candace Hull	Felicia Clayton	Marvette Davis	Crystal Harris	Eula Spivey	Sonya Strider
2019- 21	Dennette Battle	Candace Hull	Stephanie Singleton	Sonia Mack	Chelsea Williams	Deirdre Vernon	Eula Spivey	Sonya Strider

# Awards & Recognition

#### **Sorority Awards & Recognition**

- 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017 Southern Region Red Ribbon Chapter
- 2018 2019 National Membership Services Collegiate Transition Award (Alumnae) Level UP!
- 2018 2019 Distinguished Violet Reclamation Award HBCU-Inspired Homecoming Event
- 2017-2018, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, and 2013-2014 Southern Region Chapter of the Year Extra Large
- 2015-2016 Distinguished Service Award: International Awareness and Involvement
- 2014-2015 Distinguished Service Award: International Awareness and Involvement Have Sewing Machine Will Travel
- 2014-2015 Regional Action Award: Social Action Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking
- 2013–2014 Southern Region Outstanding Newsletter
- 2013-2014 Distinguished Service Award: Political Awareness and Involvement Youth Political Engagement Series
- 2013-2014 Arts and Letters Award: Performing Arts Workshop
- 2010-2011, 2009-2010, 2008-2009, and 2006-2007 Chapter of the Year
- 2008-2009 Southern Region Reclamation Award

#### **Community Awards & Recognition**

- 2021 Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta's Outstanding Community Partner of the Year
- 2011 CrossRoadsNews Best of East Metro Readers Choice Award Best Civic Organization
- 2009 M.A.D.D. Outstanding Community Organization Award

#### **Grants Received**

- 2021 \$10K Kaiser Permanente Grant for Exemplary Volunteerism
- 2021-2022 DREF Community Empowerment: Physical & Mental Health
- 2021 DREF Community Empowerment: International Awareness & Involvement
- The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority Community Engagement: Teal Tea
- 2018 DREF Community Empowerment: Emergency Response
- 2017 DREF Community Empowerment: Economic Development
- 2015-2016 Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) Community Empowerment: Physical and Mental Health

#### **Step Show Championships**

- 2018 46th Southern Regional Conference Step Show "Rhythm Nation 1913"
- 2014 44th Southern Regional Conference Step Show "On the Yard"
- 2010 50th National Convention Step Show "Engine 1913"
- 2007 ESPN SWAC/MEAC Classic Challenge Step Show
- 2007 41st Southern Regional Conference Step Show "Superheroes"
- 2005 40th Southern Regional Conference Step Show "The Band"
- 2004 47th National Convention Step Show (competed with the Metro Atlanta Step Team) "DST Law"
- 2003 39th Southern Regional Conference Step Show "Company DST"



SM-LAC's award-winning community programs are developed to have a positive impact on youth and the community. Programs include the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy for preteen girls, Delta GEMS — "Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully," an annual College Tour, a pristine Budding Rose Debutante program, and a very significant and timely EMBODI program for young black males — "Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence." The chapter sponsors a generous scholarship program awarding more than \$20,000 annually. It also implements countless community empowerment workshops, social advocacy events, voter registrations drives, and community health fairs.













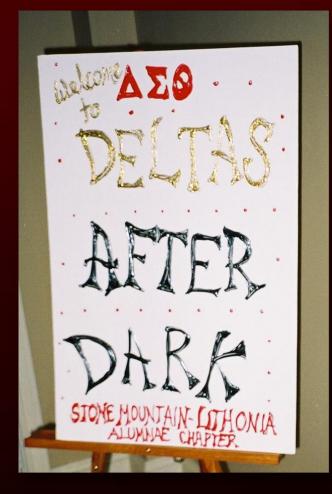
















































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