

Celebrating the Women We Are & The History We Make



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HONORING
WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH

CELEBRATING
SISTERHOOD



WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE PARADE
MARCH 3, 1913



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This edition of the Torch is dedicated to womanhood and sisterhood. The bond that we share is unbreakable; the common goals that we have are reachable. We are still climbing ladders and breaking glass ceilings. We are HISTORY! We are CHANGE! We are LEGACY!

Many thanks to the entire Torch Team and contributors for featuring the best parts of what we do. Service. Sisterhood. Scholarship.

Denitra Hardnett

“

I WANT HISTORY TO REMEMBER ME... NOT AS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO HAVE MADE A BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT AS A BLACK WOMAN WHO LIVED IN THE 20TH CENTURY AND WHO DARED TO BE HERSELF. I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE IN AMERICA.

~SHIRLEY CHISOLM

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RIGHT MAY NOT BE EASY. IT MIGHT NOT
BE EXPEDIENT, BUT IT WILL SATISFY THE
SOUL. YOU KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT, JUST
DO RIGHT.

~MAYA ANGELOU

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A
MESSAGE
FROM THE
COLUMBUS (GA)
ALUMNAE
CHAPTER
PRESIDENT

GREETINGS

My name is Mattie Hall, President of Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

My theme for the 2020-2022 sororal years is the Essentially Yours Experience, The “E” Experience. The “E” Experience which focuses on member engagement, education, and empowerment, will move our Chapter from Every day to Extraordinary to Excellence.

The Experience

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Reinstate the Chapter Chaplain’s Council: CAC Chaplain
- Engaging our Chapter’s diversity through the Art of Learning to Love and Respect each other through prayer and fellowship
- Embracing with joy every member by speaking their name and understanding their need(s)

MEMBER EDUCATION

To create an innovative 21st-century micro-learning environment specifically designed to educate the Dolls, Divas, and Dears members:

- Adapting to a Virtual environment
- A guided program revealing Delta Tools and Resources to include Delta Resume preparation
- An in-house legacy project featuring “Essentially Yours,” A Time to Lead: Columbus Alumnae Chapter Past Presidents

MEMBER EMPOWERMENT

100% Delta Ready, Delta Savvy Members

Let me be clear, as college-educated women, we know that each one of us has potential and power. Engaging our members will help them foster self-confidence in their participation in the business of Delta and ease their acceptance of the Virtual learning platform. Educate a member, she educates her line sisters, the line sisters in turn educate the Sisterhood. When all are educated, we can change the culture of our chapter! Let us work together in service and lead our chapter from Every day to Extraordinary to Excellence..

Essentially Yours in Service,
Mattie P. Hall, President
Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
2020-2022



Celebrating Sisterhood Month



March is Sisterhood Month. We celebrate one another, the bond, and fellowship with one another.



Sisterhood

sis-ter-hood| \ 'si-stər-ˌhüd \
1a: the state of being a sister
b: sisterly relationship
2: a community or society of sisters
3: the solidarity of women based on shared conditions, experiences, or concerns

Seeing you being you
Makes me want to be me
Thank you for not being afraid
To live your truth
I know it takes a lot of guts
To step up
And shine bright
It's inspiring
Invites me to embrace me
And share my gifts
Unapologetically
The consciousness is raising fast
I hope a day will come
Women will understand
The light others shine
Rather than to outshine
Is to uplift everyone
As there's a place for all
To have a ball
In the spotlight.

Marzena Skowronska

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

A woman is worthy of celebration every month, but in the month of March we honor women and the many accomplishments and contributions they have made to society. This special month long celebration dates back to 1987 when congress passed public law 100-9, proclaiming March as Women's History Month. We are trailblazers, and we have proven that we are able to do everything that men can do and more. From our presence in The White House, combatting voter suppression, receiving Oscar awards, and fighting for justice and equality, women have revolutionized the scope of this world. In honor of Women's History Month, we will take a look at women in our local community who have made an incredible historic mark.



"We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated."

-Maya Angelou



Evelyn Turner Pugh

The first African American female Mayor Pro Tem of Columbus, Georgia.

Teresa White

The first African American female president of Aflac USA.



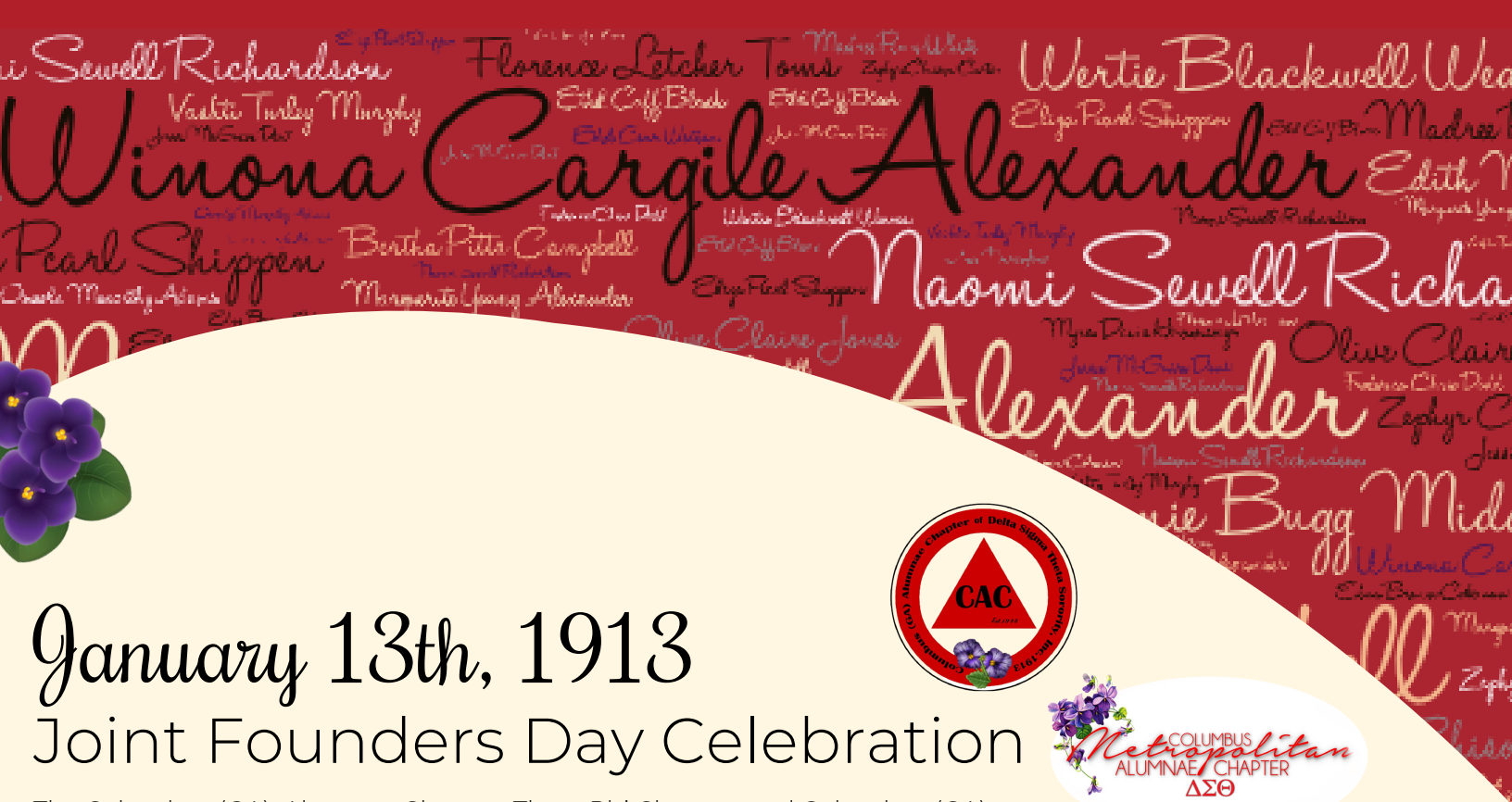
Linda U Hadley, Ph.D

The First African American female Dean of the College of Business at Columbus State University

Dr. Tamara Huff

The first African-American female Orthopedic Surgeon in Columbus, Georgia.

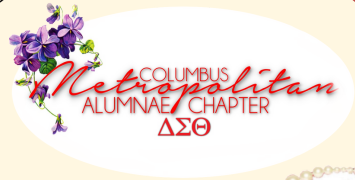




January 13th, 1913

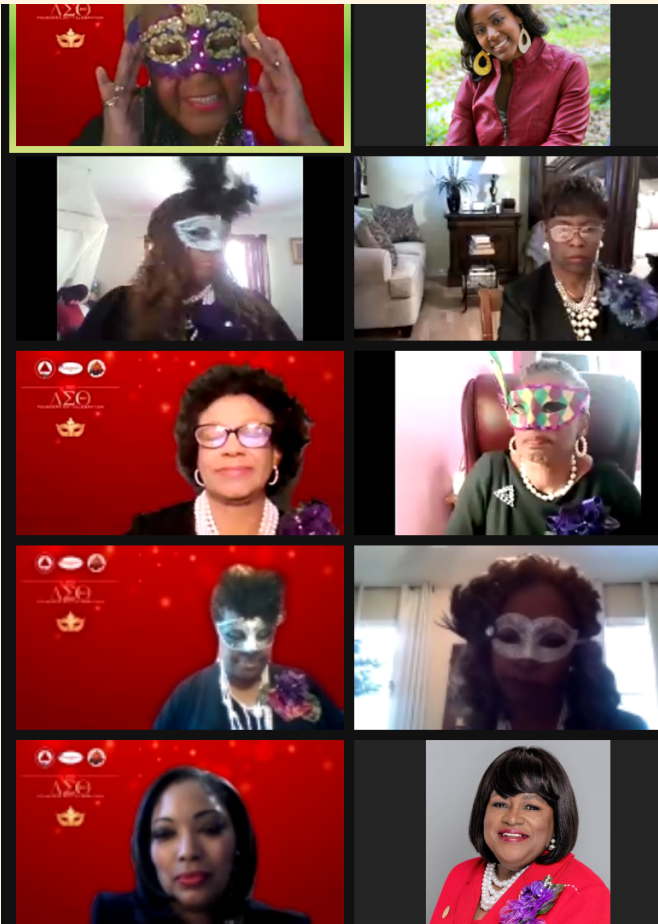
Joint Founders Day Celebration

The Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter, Theta Phi Chapter, and Columbus (GA) Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter joined together as one sisterhood to celebrate Founders Day. Our theme was "Unmasking the Possibilities: For the Community, For the Culture". We were enlightened and empowered by the the awesome message from Geraldine West Hudley, Chair of National Heritage and Archives Committee. We were also blessed with a virtual presentation from the choraliers.



J13 MASQUERADE CELEBRATION

To celebrate J13, members of DST were asked to show up on the screen wearing their masquerade masks. It was a night of games to include scavenger hunt, Name that TV Show, Name that dance, and Who am I. Our bond of sisterhood was strengthened, we gave out prizes and had a ton of fun. The masquerade contest highlighted the most creative and festive mask by the participants. After all activities were complete, we danced in our virtual seats with DJ Zee on the 1s and 2s.



SPEAKER GERALDINE WEST HUDLEY

ARTS & LETTERS



Host: Vanessa "VJ" Roberts



COLUMBUS (GA) ALUMNAE CHAPTER HOST ITS FIRST FACEBOOK LIVE VIRTUAL POETRY SLAM

SNAP, SNAP is how the Arts & Letters Committee Poetry Slam Event began on January 22, 2021. Our host, Vanessa "VJ" Roberts brought the excitement and the elegance as participants practice their snaps as they awaited the performers. Three CAC members, Crystal Waye, Christie Black-Murrell, and Anntoinette Briley embraced us with their original poems about sisterhood as well as their reflections on the meaning of a sister.

The Fountain City Slam Youth, Cynthnia, Macy, and Trinity, added highlights to the reflection and retraced the footsteps of our 22 Founders during the Woman Suffrage Event on March 3, 1913. Mace Dent-Johnson, a Harvard University Graduate was another featured guest and she expanded on the legacy and some of the masterpieces of various influential poets. Like mother like daughter, her mom, Lowanda Dent-Johnson portrayed her poetic side as she recited a famous and well known poem titled, "A Room Full of Sister" by Mona Lake Jones. This was the first Virtual Live Poetry Slam Event hosted by the Arts & Letters Committee. It was impactful, uplifting, reflecting, and appealing as it attracted 730 views just within 1 week of airing on Facebook.



THE ARTS & LETTERS COMMITTEE

Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter

BEGINNERS



ACTING

WORKSHOP

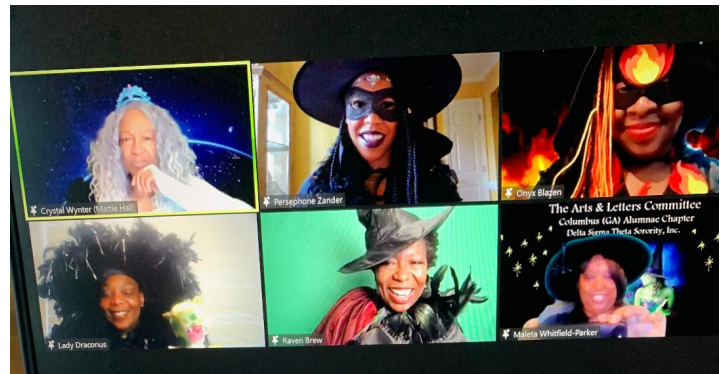
With Acting
Coaches

Vanessa "VJ" Roberts
Cathy Bohannon Hope
Quincy Puryear

MYSTERIES AND CONFESSIONS...ACTING & PERFECTION

Who Loves Acting and Mysteries? We do! The Arts & Letters Committee hosted their first Virtual Beginners Acting Workshop followed by a Zoom Murder Mystery Event entitled, "Too Many Witches Can Spoil The Brew." The Emcee of the event was Vice President Brenda Williams. We had three acting coaches who provided feedback on their study of prerequisite skills and how they improved their preparation for roles, auditions, and acting abilities. They also discussed how to network with other actors, coaches, and casting directors.

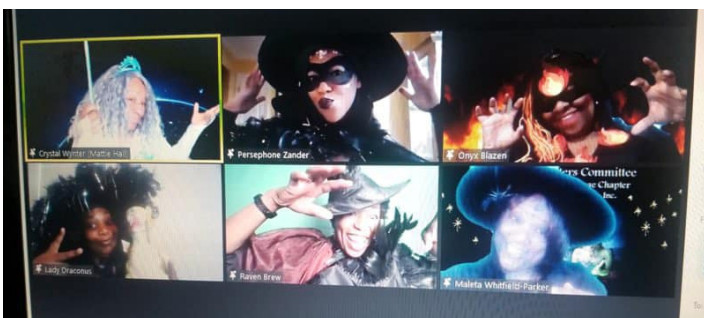
Cathy Bohannon Hope is a native of Atlanta, GA, and a Charter Member of the Pi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. After retirement, Mrs. Hope pursued her dream of acting. Her career started as a background actor. Some of her musical affiliations included The Hunger Games,



Selma, Hidden Figures, Black Panther, Greenleaf (five seasons), and a music video with artist 21 Savage.

Likewise, Vanessa "VJ" Roberts is no stranger to the big screen and has excelled in a variety of movies, television series, and commercials: "Redeemed," "My Brother's Keeper," Fatal Attraction, and Alabama's Viva Healthcare Commercials. She is a Gainesville, GA native and a member of the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Because of her love for Performing Arts, she serves as a mentor for an aspiring film production major student, Quincy Puryear, at Columbus State University.

Quincy provided insight on his acting training and specialization in film production at his University. He plans to enter the acting profession with a specialty in improvisation. Mr. Puryear' stated that his goal is the following: "I plan to help the world become more adaptable and synergized."



EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Educational Development is designed to plan and implement programs emphasizing scholastic achievement and higher academic development. Locally, the committee implements initiatives designed to address the community's concerns regarding excellence in education, college preparation and service learning.

DR. JEAN
NOBLE
DELTA
GEMS



JANUARY MEET-UP

The Dr. Jean Noble Delta GEMS began their first meeting of 2021 on Zoom.

Following a gratefulness-themed scavenger hunt, COVID-19 dominated much of the discussion. The GEMS learned about coping in these unprecedented times and how to lower their risk of contracting the virus by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands frequently.

The meeting gave the GEMS a forum to talk about their feelings regarding the pandemic's impact on school attendance. They discussed adjusting to not being able to attend in-person learning with their classmates, the feeling of isolation it creates and how to relax while sitting at a desk, as the world constantly changes around them in this pandemic.

To lighten the atmosphere, the meeting closed with the Kahoot game. and a Tik Tok Dance-along video.

At our second January meeting the committee hosted a college application seminar. Members wanted to expose the GEMS to the many Historically Black Colleges.

Another treat, was using Storyline Online with Angela Bassett reading Trombone Shorty. A discussion of the books' meaning followed and we closed out the meeting with a scavenger hunt.



FEBRUARY MEET-UP

February's meeting opened with a movie night featuring Disney's Soul. Committee members wore shirts from their college alma maters. They stated their names, college name and the degrees they earned. We also had a technology presentation featuring African American women leaders in technology. Their accomplishments include assisting in creating the coronavirus vaccine, creating a touchless temperature scanner used at airports and creating computer software for kids.. The meeting concluded with Storyline Online Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! read by Michelle Obama. A discussion of the books' meaning followed and we closed out the meeting with a survey asking the GEMS likes, dislikes and what future events they wanted to do.



MARCH MEET-UP

The March meeting opened with a movie night featuring Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon. The second event was promoting black women's history month with a clip from the movie The United States vs. Billie Holiday.



Following the movie trailer, the GEMS were shown photos along with the song Strange Fruit. An in-depth discussion of the song's meaning and the violence committed against blacks was discussed with the GEMS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** Dates are subject to change. Check DSTCAC communication platforms for updates. ***

APRIL

24 FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS DELTA G.E.M.S 11AM-1PM
26 VIRTUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA AT 7PM

MAY

1 DELTA DAYS AT MILDRED TERRY DELTA G.E.M.S 11AM-1PM
22 DELTA G.E.M.S END OF YEAR CELEBRATION-PAINTING WITH
A TWIST 11AM-1PM

“ —

Step out of the history
that is holding you
back. Step into the
new story you are
willing to create.

-Oprah Winfrey |

— ”

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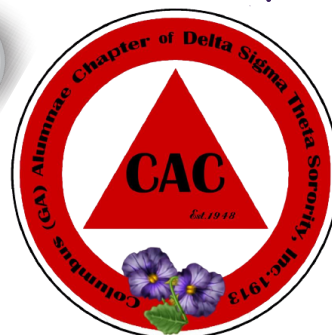
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