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# Greetings Soror

Greetings to our Mighty Midwest Sorors,

This year truly has been one to remember! As we look through this edition of the Midwest Missile, we are filled with an overwhelming sense of pride. Throughout all that we as a region and a sorority have experienced this year, we have still persevered to service our communities. We especially want to acknowledge our collegiate Sorors for we know that this year has especially been challenging. We hope that as you reflect on the accomplishments of our region and continue to stay updated, you can feel the same pride that we do.

Thank you Sorors for continuing to do what the Mighty Midwest does best!

Yours in sisterhood,

*Sarahjini Munn Spencer*

Midwest Regional Director

*Erin L. Smith*

Midwest Regional Representative



# REGIONAL NEWS

## Heritage & Archives

The new Mary L. Smith Clock Tower was named in honor of Kentucky State University's first woman president, Dr. Mary L. Smith, was appointed as the 14th president in October 1991.

As president, Smith established the Center for Diversity and the Center of Excellence for the Study of Kentucky African Americans (CESKAA). During Smith's tenure, the University added a master's degree in aquaculture.

A native of Hazelnut, Mississippi, Smith earned a Bachelor of Science from Jackson State University in 1957 and earned a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Education from the University of Kentucky in 1964 and 1980. She began teaching at the elementary level in 1957 and at the college level in 1964.

In Kentucky State green and gold, the Mary L. Smith Clock Tower stands tall and bold, like all Thoroughbreds. She sings the songs of our heritage in acoustic bells, creating an authentic sense of pride for all who hear the Alma Mater or Lift Every Voice as they are played throughout the day.

Dr. Mary L. Smith, 84, departed this life Saturday evening, November 28, 2020, surrounded by her loved ones at home.

"There are no words to express the enormity of losing a chain breaker, like President Smith," Brown said. "Mary was more than just a pioneer — she was an incredible person. She was admired and known to many as a thoughtful, thorough, and well-organized administrator and educator. Mary devoted her life to the pursuit of knowledge and public service."

**Sara Corprew &**  
Midwest Heritage and Archives Co-Coordinators

## N o m i n a t i n g

Meet your Midwest Regional 2022 Nominating Committee! These sorors are bursting with Synergy and Energy, ready to serve you during the 2022 nominating cycle. Once the 55th National Convention concludes, they seek to tap into your potential, empowering both collegiate and alumnae sorors to lead our region.

In the words of our beloved Soror Shirley Chisolm, "Service is the rent we pay for room on this Earth." We recognize that leadership is the service we pay to thank those who have come before us and prepare those who are yet to follow. Get ready, get ready, get ready sorors; your time to step into leadership is now!

If you have any questions contact Chair, Soror Hunter-Harvill at [dhhchair2022mwrnc@gmail.com](mailto:dhhchair2022mwrnc@gmail.com).

Pictured: Chair, Dr. Deborah Hunter-Harvill, Detroit Alumnae;  
Venus J. Brown, Southfield Alumnae;  
Dr. Michele Payne, Chicago Metropolitan Alumnae; Patrice Simpson, Detroit Alumnae;  
Collegiate Member Jayda Carlton, Rho Xi.



# REGIONAL NEWS

## Reclamation & Retention

The Reclamation and Retention Committee is excited to congratulate the following Sorors and Chapters on winning the Sisters on Sisterhood and Reclaim to Fame Midwest Region Awards announced in October.

Sisters on Sisterhood:

Collegiate:

1st Place: Courtney Lackey, Omicron Zeta, Oakland University, MI

2nd Place: Carolynne Webster, Mu Epsilon, University of Kentucky, KY

3rd Place: Brandi Tomlinson, Alpha Nu, University of Illinois- Urbana, IL

Alumnae Chapter – Small:

1st Place: Debra Vance, Bloomington Alumnae, IN

Alumnae Chapter - Large:

1st Place: Marcella Cheatham, Kalamazoo Alumnae, MI

2nd Place: Twyla Winters Jenkins, East St. Louis Alumnae, IL

3rd Place: Charlotte Price, Columbus Alumnae, OH

Reclaim to Fame Winners:

Alumnae Chapter - Small:

1st Place: Waukegan Alumnae, IL

2nd Place: Battle Creek Alumnae, MI

Alumnae Chapter - Large:

1st Place: Gary Alumnae, IN

2nd Place: Columbus Alumnae, OH

3rd Place: Kalamazoo, MI



Reclamation and Retention will be awarding the Midwest Region's hardworking and dedicated sorors in addition to the hardworking and outstanding chapters monthly. Please submit your entries for Jewel of the Month and Chapter of the Month, by accessing the forms following this path:

<https://www.dstmidwestregion.com/members-only> under Tools & Information.

Congratulations for our First Jewel of the Month for this fiscal year, Shanarie Grant, Upsilon Rho, University of Illinois Springfield, IL, for the month of October, 2021.

**Carola Gaines & Sangeya Wiggins**

Midwest Reclamation & Retention Co-Coordinators

#LoveOneLoveAll



# KAPPA ZETA

## Investing and Learning Ways to Grow Your Money

On November 10, the Kappa Zeta Chapter at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, hosted a Stock Awareness Seminar for the student body to attend. Director at Milliken University, Keyria Rodgers, was the guest speaker for the event. Ms. Rodgers helps build personal financial portfolios. The event began with Ms. Rodgers showing attendees her credit score and recent loans she has paid off. For those looking to see a detailed profile of finances that affect credit scores, Ms. Rodgers recommended using Credit Karma.

She later introduced information on types of stocks that students could consider if they were interested in investing. She spoke about strategies on when to sell or keep stock and gave advice on trading. Although Ms. Rodgers named a couple of platforms to use for trading, such as Cash App or Robinhood, she expressed the importance of doing research to choose the platform that would make you the most comfortable with investing.

As the event concluded and students were wrapping up their notes, Ms. Rodgers reminded everyone of three things: always conduct a thorough research of the company you plan to invest in; timing is essential; and remember that investing and trading is a gamble. Eleven people attended with six people submitting positive feedback. A video of the event is available for those who could not attend.

Left: Event Flyer  
Right: Stock Awareness Event



# THETA ALPHA

## The Tantalizing Theta Alpha Chapter Programming

The Tantalizing Theta Alpha Chapter kicked off this year's programming with both virtual and in-person events to maximize outreach efforts within the university and community beyond. Theta Alpha and Evanston Northshore Alumnae Chapters combined efforts to lead the Midwest Impact Day of Service (MIDS) event on Saturday, October 16, 2021. At this event, 12 Black women-owned businesses primarily from the Evanston community were invited to showcase their products and services on a virtual platform to over 60 attendees. Breakout room discussions provided exposure and intimate conversations on topics such as future business goals and challenges in their respective industries. There were several raffles with gift cards to treat attendees to inventory at these black-owned businesses, as well as official Delta vendors for sorors to purchase the latest paraphernalia.



Additionally, with the help of team members from Northwestern University's student dance group, the Physical and Mental Health Committee hosted an event titled Dance It Out. This in-person hip-hop open class was held on the evening of October 21 and served to teach students a beginner-friendly dance phrase to relieve the accumulated stress from the midterm season. After receiving lots of positive feedback from all 20 attendees, the Chapter decided to host similar physical health and wellness events in the future. Theta Alpha's programming kicked off the Sorority year in a grand fashion and the Chapter looks forward to providing even more immersive experiences for the community this year.



Left and Right: Pictures from Theta Alpha Dance It Out event



## THETA EPSILON

### Education, Snacks, and Rooting for Everyone Black

Annually, the women of the Theta Epsilon Chapter host "How to Survive a PWI," which aims to educate students, specifically incoming freshmen, on all necessary tips and tricks of navigating Bradley University's campus. There was a virtual aspect to accommodate all students. Forty-four students attended the event with 46% of them being first-year students. The event consisted of a presentation answering the many questions and concerns of students and a panel.

The Theta Epsilon Chapter understood the immense pressure the beginning of the semester put on students and hosted a "Chicago Snack Sale" to lift the spirits of all students. They sold pickles, chews, chips, cheese, and beverages. The Chapter raised \$131.74 in sales, surpassing the initial goal by \$36.74. The snack table was visited and patronized by approximately 78 students. All remaining inventory was donated.

For this year's Midwest Impact Day of Service (MIDS), the Chapter created a virtual mall and partnered with five Black-owned business owners including those owned by Bradley University students. The five businesses included Braids by Kyla, Desi Belle Artistry, Meraki Lit Scents, and Tips by Tiara. The Chapter also supported Grizz the Groomer, a barber service offered by Grizz, a Peoria native. The virtual mall had 188 views over the course of MIDS, including views from individuals in other states. The total profit for MIDS was \$350. Click the link to view the Virtual Mall:

<https://www.artsteps.com/view/61699bfa41002754311e5140?currentUser>



Above: Theta Epsilon MIDS flyer, attendees at 'How to Survive a PWI' event and current chapter members (from left to right: Kayla White, De'Jah Donahue, Alexis Cannon, and Alexiss Gilmore) at CSS event

# THETA ZETA

## Serving Our Community through a Pandemic



**Above:** Theta Zeta  
“Bowling for Boobies”  
Event

**Below:** Get Out: Service  
Event / 50 fleece  
blankets and 50 feminine  
kits were made for the  
Women at the HOPE  
Shelter in Illinois

This Sorority year has caused the Theta Zeta Chapter to become more creative and innovative. After going virtual, then switching back to in-person events, the Chapter has persevered with some lovely programming thus far. This semester, Theta Zeta hosted “A Nightmare on 13th Street” Program Week, which was full of engaging activities. This included Study Tables, Healthy Desserts Discussion, Voter Registration, HIIT workout, Yoga & Meditation Session, Mental Health Discussion, and Service Saturday.

The “Get Out: Service Saturday” event, was a way for students and community members to serve the community around them. Over 50 fleece blankets and 50 feminine kits were made for the Women at the HOPE Shelter in Illinois. The feminine kits included pads, panty liners, socks with rice (heating pad), deodorant, hand sanitizer, lotion, lip balm, and a motivational notecard. Each donated bag was decorated with inspirational quotes.



Additionally, the Chapter hosted two events centered on Breast Cancer Awareness. Every Wednesday in October, chapter members and students wore pink and gathered for a photo to display on Instagram along with a breast cancer fact. For the “Bowling for Boobies” event, the campus Bowling Alley was rented and participants wore pink, bowled, socialized, got free stickers and wristbands, food, and learned more about breast cancer awareness.

Lastly, the Chapter hosted a discussion on domestic violence and the warning signs of an abusive relationship. “Night of Expressions” provided an opportunity for students to express themselves and talk about their experiences.

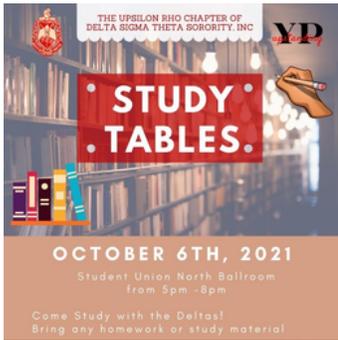
# UPSILON RHO

## Pie a Delta

After being off-campus due to the pandemic, and as a part of our return to school and transitions, the Upsilon Rho (UpRho) Chapter created a fun meet and greet event for staff and students. Our Pie a Delta event, allowed students to relax, get to know the members of the chapter and have fun. Pie a Delta brought about new faces, new connections, and generated funds to promote the ongoing efforts for program and planning events for the campus and nearby elementary schools.

On October 6, The Upsilon Rho Chapter hosted Study Tables, an opportunity for students to study in a quiet and supportive environment. Chapter members provided snacks and refreshments to help students focus while studying before finals. Sixteen University of Illinois Springfield student life members joined UpRho members and their advisor for this event.

Also during the month of October, the Upsilon Rho Chapter held a Cancer Awareness event on the campus of the University of Illinois. The event was held on October 20 and sorors provided a booth where students were able to purchase ribbons, receive a snack, and leave with research and knowledge about Breast Cancer. With the donations from staff and students, the Chapter donated over \$100 to an organization for the cause.



**Left:** Study Tables flyer  
**Center:** Cancer Awareness Event  
**Right:** Pie a Delta Meet & Greet

## CARBONDALE ALUMNAE

### Sorors Volunteer in Pilot Garden Project

Members of the Carbondale Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. volunteered to help care for the Pilot Garden project in Cairo, IL, sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension Service. The project was funded and/or supported by Growing Together Illinois, Farm Credit Illinois, the Autism Society of Southern Illinois, Illinois American Water, Illinois Master Gardner, FLC, and Shawnee Professional Services. The purpose of the food donation garden was to provide fresh produce to Daystar, a food pantry in Cairo, IL, and to help fight food insecurity and lack of access to fresh produce.

Volunteers were asked to participate in the Adopt-A-Week program to care for the garden according to established guidelines noted earlier in the year. Sorors watered, weeded, harvested the vegetables, and delivered the produce to the food pantry.

Through everyone's efforts, Carbondale Alumnae harvested 681.2 pounds of vegetables. The donations will positively enhance the lives of approximately 161 families. The garden pilot project was a success, and the University of Illinois Extension Service plans to continue the project and break ground in March 2022.



**Above:** Carbondale Alumnae Pilot Garden Project  
**Below:** CAC Sorors at the Garden Project



# CHICAGO ALUMNAE

## Securing the Bag: Boxville

For the Midwest Impact Day of Service, Chicago Alumnae Chapter chose to support Boxville – Chicago’s only shipping container mall, located in the historic Bronzeville area. Boxville allows entrepreneurs to thrive by avoiding the costs of developing and maintaining brick-and-mortar spaces. Chicago Alumnae Chapter partnered with Upsilon Upsilon Chapter and Lambda Chapter also supported the event.

Over 100 sorors and guests showed up to Secure the Bag: Buy Black with Boxville’s 14 container entrepreneurs and several pop-up vendors. The Chapter Facebook page went live with the owners to encourage participation and spark excitement. It worked! The energy was high as sorors and guests visited the shops, enjoyed the live band, and most importantly, supported our Black entrepreneurs by buying black! Over \$5,000 was spent in stores that specialized in various cuisines, facial and body products, books, art, running products, accessories, plants, home items and apparel. Taking the opportunity afforded by being out in the community, the Chapter also provided voter registration. Boxville’s leadership was thankful for the financial support and for introducing them to a broader audience!



Left & Center - CAC Sorors at Boxville securing the bag  
Right - Sorors registering people to vote at Boxville

# CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ALUMNAE

## Kicking off the Second Sorority Year!

The Chicago Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter (CMAC) started its second Sorority year fresh off the heels of a successful inaugural year. On September 11, CMAC celebrated their first anniversary with their CMAC Charter Celebration Event. Over 300 guests including Past National President and CEO, Soror Beverly E. Smith, and Midwest Regional Director, Dr. Sarahjini Nunn-Spencer, along with CMAC charter members, sorors, and other guests attended the brunch. Sorors engaged with one another in a celebratory atmosphere for the first time since the Chapter’s founding.

On September 23, CMAC’s Economic Development Committee hosted its Property Tax Appeal Webinar on Facebook. This webinar presented information on property taxes, homeowner’s exemptions, and filing appeals.



CMAC Charter Celebration with Past National President and CEO, Soror Beverly E. Smith



CMAC’s Midwest Impact Day of Service project supported black-owned businesses by hosting a “Sweet Treat” event on Sweetest Day, October 16. The event in collaboration with Lambda Chapter of Chicago, supported soror-owned, Shawn Michelle’s Homemade Ice Cream Shop. The service project yielded a 75% increase in business and a total of \$3500 for CMAC and Lambda’s Economic Development project.

CMAC also held Fall Fest, their first scholarship fundraiser of the Sorority year. Over 400 attendees came out dressed in fantastic costumes and enjoyed music, dancing, and a costume contest. Fall Fest raised over \$15,000 for CMAC scholarships that will benefit Chicago high school students! CMAC continues to serve the community through creative events reflecting the Sorority’s Five-Point Programmatic Thrust and deepening bonds of chapter sisterhood.

**Top Image:** CMAC Sorors celebrating MIDS 2021  
**Bottom Image:** CMAC Fall Fest Costume Scholarship Fundraiser



## EAST ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE

### Celebrating Milestone Sorority Year

This Sorority year marks several significant milestones for the East St. Louis Alumnae Chapter (ESLAC). In 1942, ten dynamic women chartered Gamma Eta, holding the distinction as the first Greek-letter organization established in East St. Louis. Almost 80 years later, they boast a membership of 290 and are the largest Greek-letter organization in southern Illinois. Throughout the last four decades, the chapter has remained steadfast in championing the needs of residents in St. Clair and Madison counties in Illinois.

This year marks the Golden Anniversary of one of ESLAC’s signature community service projects. The 50th Annual Breakfast with Santa marks a half-century commitment of serving families and spreading Christmas cheer. This free community event draws nearly 1000 children and parents annually who are treated to a hot breakfast, games, many toy give-a-ways and a chance to whisper in Santa’s ear.

Another cornerstone, the Delta Child Development Center (DCDC) celebrates 20 years. A long-held dream, 2001 saw the culmination of the heart and soul of the chapter realized with the grand opening of a state-of-the-art early childhood education center. DCDC provides quality care and technologically advanced classrooms for infants to pre-k children, as the legacy to invest in education and economic development lives on.

ESLAC continues along its indelible path forward as an informed, engaged, and connected sisterhood. The chapter looks toward celebrating 80 years, on June 3, 2022, as a trusted institution and community partner exemplifying Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service.



**Above:** Delta Child Development Center

**Below:** ESLAC Annual Breakfast with Santa



# GLEN ELLYN AREA ALUMNAE

## Walking with Purpose in Support of Breast Cancer Awareness



**Above:** GEAAC sorors posing pretty in pink!

The Physical & Mental Health Committee of Glen Ellyn Area Alumnae Chapter (GEAAC), in collaboration with Lambda Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer charity walk hosted by the American Cancer Society to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. The event was held on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL. Team participants raised a total of \$4,881, which exceeded their original goal by nearly 50%! The team of 37 ranked #6 out of the 86 teams that participated in the event, 20 of which were members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. GEAAC members came out in full support of this very worthy cause and had a great time exemplifying that Deltas Wear Pink too!

**Right:** Sorors and AKAs supporting a worthy cause together!



# JOLIET AREA/SOUTH SUBURBAN ALUMNAE

## Fall into Programming with JASSAC

Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter (JASSAC) kicked off the Sorority year with a bang! On September 25, the Reclamation Roundup Fest welcomed approximately 100 Sorors for an afternoon of fortitude, fellowship, and fun. With eight sorors being reclaimed, 10 soror-owned businesses serving as vendors, and a variety of food trucks, this was an amazing event. Sorors were eager to be in person amongst each other and enjoyed learning new strolls and supporting businesses.

On Sunday, October 10, JASSAC Sorors continued the tradition of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer by walking in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer walk in Orland Park, IL. JASSAC broke a new record for donations, raising over \$10,000! JASSAC's donations solidified their spot as the number one team in the event.



**Left:** JASSAC Sorors shopping at soror owned businesses at the Reclamation Roundup Fest  
**Right:** Sorors walking in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer walk



For this year's Midwest Impact Day of Service, JASSAC focused on supporting black-owned businesses by selecting five business owners to receive \$1,000 grants. Additionally, JASSAC held Super RED Saturday, which included 13 businesses who participated by providing customers with a discount for using the MIDS2021 discount code. Over \$6,000 was contributed to the black-owned businesses in the Chapter's service area.

Additionally, in response to a major water crisis in Dixmoor, Illinois, JASSAC sorors activated and organized a water drive by donating over 10,000 bottles of water over the course of two days to the village and residents. Sorors also collected monetary donations from the chapter to present to the village to support their efforts.



JASSAC Sorors Sorors with the Mayor of Dixmoor, Illinois during a water donation drive to combat the village water crisis

## SCHAUMBURG-HOFFMAN ESTATES ALUMNAE

### Promoting, Supporting and Celebrating Our Own

Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Alumnae Chapter (SHAC) members enthusiastically embraced the Midwest Impact Day of Service theme "Secure the Bag: Buy Black." Chapter activities for the day provided opportunities to support and promote Black-owned businesses in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, in addition to supporting chapter members' business ventures. The day started with a Virtual Pop-up Shop that showcased seven business ventures of chapter members. Attendees of the Pop-up Shop had the opportunity to learn about the highlighted businesses and then meet each business owner in designated breakout rooms to gain further knowledge and shop.

After the Virtual Pop-up Shop, the remainder of the day was devoted to supporting two Black-owned restaurants with a SHAC Black Restaurant Takeover. Chapter members, family and friends gathered midafternoon at Moni's Soulfood Fiesta restaurant in Elgin, IL and later gathered for dinner at Priscilla's Ultimate Soulfood Cafeteria in Hanover Park, IL for food and fellowship. Additionally, participants in the SHAC Virtual Pop-up Shop and Black Restaurant Takeover had the opportunity to win prizes that were provided by the chapter's Economic Development Committee. The day proved to be a successful way to promote, support and celebrate Black-owned businesses within our chapter and within the community that we serve.



Above: MIDS Flyer  
 Left: Chapter members at Moni's Soulfood Fiesta restaurant  
 Right: Chapter members, family and friends at Priscilla's Ultimate Soulfood Cafeteria

# ZETA NU

## Living Delta: A Delta Week Recap

“Living Delta” was the theme of Zeta Nu’s October Delta Week. Amidst the pandemic, the Chapter held events that were dedicated to the growth and development of not only collegiate students but the community as well.

Delta Week began with attending a local church service on Sunday afternoon and continued the next day with “Keeping It Real,” a presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness. College students were informed about the importance of early detection through mammogram screenings and the time to schedule screenings.



Zeta Nu Executive Board: Kamille Hollins, Ciara Tyrone, Dejah Haywood, D’Ahnrie Bridge, and Ebony Anderson



Breast Cancer Awareness Event

On Tuesday of that week, Soror Veronica ‘Roni’ Ford was the guest speaker and talked about the significance of being black and voting. Zeta Nu then held Study Tables on Wednesday, which allowed the students an opportunity to finish assignments, study, and unwind from the stress of college. Another Delta Week activity was Trap Yoga on Thursday with Yoga Instructor, Soror Shanelle Tharp-Phillips. She taught students different yoga poses to Trap and Classic Yoga music.

Throughout the week, the Chapter raised awareness on social media for Africa Bags, an organization dedicated to providing Pad Kits to young Malawian girls. The chapter was able to provide 26 kits. Zeta Nu also hosted a table for individuals to come and decorate cards that were later delivered. Zeta Nu concluded the week by participating in the Midwest Impact Day of Service to support a new local black-owned restaurant.

The Zeta Nu Chapter plans to continue helping the community by establishing programs that support, inspire, and educate those around them.

## ANDERSON-MUNCIE ALUMNAE MIDS 2021: Supporting Black Business

The Anderson-Muncie Alumnae chapter (AMAC) supported MIDS by highlighting two black-owned businesses: MDS Pack-2-Ship, LLC in Anderson, IN and Mama Bond’s Soul Food Kitchen, LLC in Muncie, IN. AMAC hosted two live videos on October 16, 2021, in each location to introduce the owners and spotlight their services. Those who viewed the videos, live or after the fact, were able to learn a little bit more about the business and the heart of the business owner behind the logo. Patrons of the businesses using code “Delta2021” received a ten percent discount on items purchased.

THE ANDERSON-MUNCIE ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. PRESENTS

**MIDWEST IMPACT DAY OF SERVICE: SECURE THE BAG: BUY BLACK**

Please join us as we highlight two Black Owned Businesses via Facebook and Instagram Live

**OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**MDS**  
MDS PACK-2-SHIP LLC  
MDS Pack-2-SHIP LLC  
3639 Nichol Ave  
Anderson, IN 46011  
Live @ 12 p.m.  
Use Code: Delta2021 for 10% off

**Mama Bond's Soul Food Kitchen**  
Mama Bond's Soul Food Kitchen LLC  
125 E. Charles Street  
Suite 100  
Muncie, Indiana 47305  
Live at 1 p.m.  
Use code: Delta2021 for 10% off

@DST\_AMAC  
LIVE: DST AMAC

MIDS Event Flyer

INDIANA



# BLOOMINGTON ALUMNAE

## Shoe Drive

The Bloomington Alumnae Chapter (BAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Delta Dears sponsored a shoe drive with the organization, Funds2Orgs. All funds will benefit the Chapter's scholarship program. The Chapter worked with local organizations; My Sister's Closet, the League of Women Voters, and Bloomington Family & Community Resource Department (Juneteenth) to establish drop-off sites for shoe collections. BAC collected 52 bags of new or gently worn shoes with 25 pairs in each bag, totaling 1,300 pairs. The shoes will help micro-entrepreneurs (small business owners) in developing countries. Those countries include Haiti, which is the most impoverished nation in the Western Hemisphere. It also includes nations such as Honduras, Cambodia, Ghana, and others worldwide. The shoes will aid thriving businesses in getting out of poverty.



BAC Sorors organizing the shoe drive

# EVANSVILLE ALUMNAE

## Successful MIDS and Planning for the Future

As part of this year's Midwest Impact Day of Service (MIDS), the Evansville Alumnae Chapter (EAC) encouraged the community to support Black-owned businesses by shopping at and increasing the visibility of our local businesses using the #MIDS2021 hashtag. "Secure the Bag: Buy Black" featured 13 Black-owned businesses. Most provided a generous discount or free consultations. Feedback revealed they appreciated a significant increase in business!

EAC also held a virtual Chapter Planning Session for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The activities and revelations during the event showcased their individual talents and spiritual gifts as they welcomed skills of their latest Fall 2020 line, 6-Part Harmony. EAC members are now empowered to enhance their works and activities for this Sorority year and for many years to come.



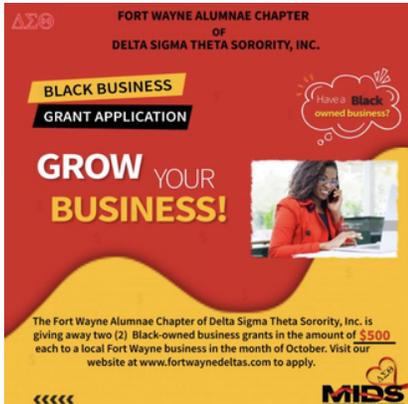
Sorors celebrating their First DELTAversary



Sorors supporting the Delta Red Carpet movie- RESPECT!

# FORT WAYNE ALUMNAE

## MIDS 2021 Project



Fort Wayne MIDS Grow Your Business

For the Midwest Impact Day of Service (MIDS) 2021 Project, The Fort Wayne Alumnae Chapter gave out small business grants to two local Black businesses, Little Thinkers, LLC. and Custom Glory Wigs, LLC. The two businesses were chosen out of a pool of 10 applicants.

Various factors were considered in the application process, including the number of years operating within the community, the company's economic and social impact on the community, and whether their business targeted primarily minorities, women, or were located within a majority-minority area. An additional part of the scoring process included whether the business aligned with any initiative of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Winners were notified following application review and were presented with the grant at our Chapter's Annual Red Shoe Brunch event on October 30. The Chapter also created an application for local small businesses to be featured on our social media platforms throughout the week leading up to MIDS. Sixteen businesses were highlighted during the week and the community was encouraged to patronize.

The Chapter also voted to do small business grants in the community annually under the Economic Development Thrust and we look forward to serving our community in this way going forward.

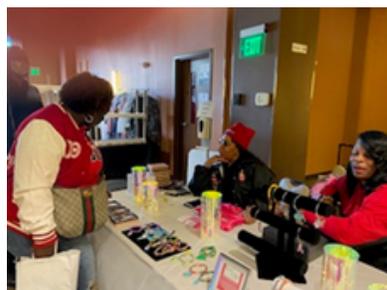


MIDS Black-Owned Business Owners

# GARY ALUMNAE

## Gary Alumnae Secures the Bag

“Secure the Bag: Buy Black” was the theme for this year's Midwest Impact Day of Service (MIDS), a one-day, regionally supported service initiative envisioned by Midwest Regional Director, Dr. Sarahjini Nunn-Spencer. This year's MIDS focused on Economic Development, an initiative of the Sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrusts. Gary Alumnae supported Black-owned businesses in our service area with a pop-up shop event at St. Timothy's Community Church in Gary, Indiana on October 16.



Above and Left: Sorors buying and vending jewelry and apparel

# GARY ALUMNAE

## Continued

In her third year as the chapter's ambassador, Soror Deborah Hendricks-Black and her committee worked to expose the community to Black-owned businesses that are brand-new and may not have a brick-and-mortar shop. The event had over thirty registered vendors including for-profit and non-profit agencies. Though the day was brisk, vendors and food trucks were patronized outside and inside the site. Some of the items available for sale were clothing, black art, jewelry, statement T-shirts, church suits/hats, oils, soaps, facial products, chili and jerk chicken. Of the thirty vendors, eight were sorors. The event brought 150-plus spectators and shoppers over the four hours. The event garnered \$7,350 in sales across the businesses. Gary Alumnae was pleased with the turnout and community support. It was our distinct pleasure to provide an event to help these businesses "secure the bag."

## INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE

### The Sabrina Lynn Stennette Queen's Table III: A Candid Conversation with Domestic Violence Content Experts

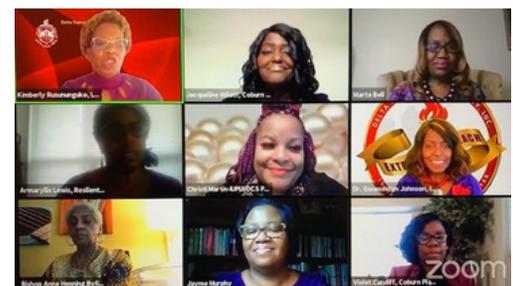
The Iconic Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter (IAC) held its third symposium in The Sabrina Lynn Stennette Queen's Table series in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Series III: A Candid Conversation with Domestic Violence Content Experts included a panel of church and community providers that offered education, resources, and insight on the role of the church and community organizations in the fight to end family violence (including intimate partner/domestic violence, child abuse, same-sex relationships, and elder abuse). The panel answered live questions through social media platforms including Zoom, IAC Wellness Community Group page, and The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter YouTube page.

According to the CDC, one in four women will experience Domestic Violence in their lifetime. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, churches and organizations are reporting a staggering rise in domestic violence calls and requests for emotional and financial support. The six panelists provided information about local support centers that offer social services, crisis management and trauma counseling, safety planning, housing support, and information about legal options for victims.

Through the Queen's Table series, IAC strives to create awareness, inform and educate victims and abusers in efforts to end domestic violence. As such, the Chapter has developed a Domestic and Sexual Violence Initiative called H.E.L.P (Having Essential Links for your Protection), a set of resources, quick reference cards and brochures that are disseminated to churches, community/neighborhood centers, and other community groups. Information about IAC Domestic Violence programs and resources can be found at [www.indydeltas.org](http://www.indydeltas.org).



**Above:**  
The Sabrina Lynn Stennette Queen's Table III Event Flyer  
**Below:**  
Event Panelists



# SOUTH BEND ALUMNAE

## Impacting the Community by Serving the Underserved

The ladies of the South Bend Alumnae Chapter held their Annual Community Health and Resource Fair in November. A variety of free screenings and community resources were provided such as COVID and Flu Vaccinations; Ask a Doctor, Pharmacist or Educator; Case Management, Social & Mental Health Services; and Screenings, including Oral, Diabetes, Addictions, and Opioids. Additionally, information on the 21st Century Scholars Program, Organ Donation and more were available to all who attended.

Various social services agencies, the local community college and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. participated in this year's health fair. Approximately 120 people attended the fair, including 90 community members. Other highlights from the day included raffle giveaways and a fun exercise segment. Bilingual assistance was also available. Attendees are looking forward to an even bigger fair in the next Sorority year.



**Left and Right:**  
South Bend Annual  
Community Health and  
Resource Fair



# PADUCAH ALUMNAE

## It's Time

Standing firm on the theme “It’s Time”, Paducah Alumnae Chapter (PAC) is committed to providing better service, demonstrating deeper commitment, and creating stronger sisterhood. Programs this quarter highlighted activities in Political Awareness and Involvement, Economic Development, and Domestic Violence.

The annual Eighth of August Parade and host of week-long activities afforded the chapter another opportunity to showcase its extensive work in the community. In addition to supporting the men of Omega Psi Phi who hosted a golf scramble as a scholarship fundraiser, Paducah Alumnae Chapter hosted a reception that recognized Paducah residents, past and present, who are members of the legal profession.

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(l to r) Sorors Mary White, Pat Holland, Heloise Greene and Sheila Smith-Anderson

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Political Awareness and Involvement were high on the list of priorities. PAC member Kiesha Curry was elected as chair of the McCracken County Democrats and wasted no time in getting the Chapter involved. As a result, Representative Attica Scott visited the city not only to receive an award but also to engage women in supporting the fight for equal justice.

MIDS activities focused on economic empowerment for minority-owned businesses. Prior to the target date of October 16, 2021, sorors blasted social media with information about creating wealth within the black community by using the event as a motivating tool.

The Merryman House is a local facility meeting the needs of victims of domestic violence. Selected residents received “keepsake bags” filled with goodies supplied by the chapter. Not intending to omit any need that can be filled, Delta Dears collected coats and masks for children.



# XI

## Working Hard and Achieving Goals

Xi Chapter has been working hard and achieving many goals. At the start of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Xi Chapter started an endowed scholarship at the University of Louisville to financially assist an African American female student. We also held our first fundraising campaign that raised over \$10,000 in 60 days where we will present our first scholarship in the spring of 2022 in honor of Xi Chapter's centennial celebration.

Xi Chapter kicked off the fall semester by hosting "Study with Delta" where attendees learned effective study skills to encourage good study habits. Additionally, Xi Chapter collaborated with the Office of Student Involvement, Cultural Center, Student Recreation Center, and Counseling Center in September to host "Trap Yoga" in which nearly 60 individuals engaged in vinyasa-style yoga flow paired with trap music.



Attendees at Study with Delta



Attendees at Trap Yoga

In November, the Chapter hosted "Mindful Mini-Week" which featured "Clean Eating for Collegiates", "Art Therapy for Mental Health", and "Clear Your Mind with Blanket Making". Xi Chapter's mini week aimed to provide crafts, tips, support services, and healing for the soul.

To conclude the Fall semester programming, Xi Chapter hosted activities for World AIDS Day in which they aimed to raise awareness about the AIDS pandemic, resources, and services through interactive and engaging activities. In the midst of hosting events for the campus community, Xi Chapter continued to participate in community service activities as well as sisterhood bonding activities to continue their commitment to sisterhood and service.



Sorors Kaylen Gary, Kennedy Frye, Jaelyn Mayes, & Maliya Homer completing community service at the Salvation Army/Red Kettle.

# SOUTHFIELD ALUMNAE

## Magnifying Sisterhood and Service

Southfield Alumnae Chapter (SAC) strives to be innovative in servicing the community and being our sister's keeper. The Community Outreach Committee kicked off the Sorority year in August, by partnering with community partners to provide 400 students with back-to-school supplies and welcoming them back to the classroom, after a year of home study. In September, it was "all aboard the SAC Delta train" for a two-day Round-up experience! First, Sisterhood & Engagement hosted 250 sorors during an outside movie night featuring Soror Aretha Franklin's movie, RESPECT, and saluted the new Fall 2020 initiates. The second stop or day two of events included a virtual journey of SAC history and high-energy activities.



(l) Joann Stephens, Semea Holland and Chapter President Kimberly Owens Calloway. (c) Southfield Police Officer Kelly Buckberry with Adrienne Watts, Brigette Officer Holley and Terri Banks Faison. (r) Chapter President donating blood.

The emergency preparedness event held in collaboration with Economic Development, ERT, Ritual and Ceremonies and Social Action could have also been referred to as the "stay ready so you don't have to get ready" event. The event which featured the Southfield Chief of Police, the Oakland County Emergency Director and several other experts shared home, financial, and retirement safety precautions that everyone can learn from. The Physical Mental Health Committee went "old school" in October, passing out flyers on windshields as well as advertising on social media to fill all 46 slots of their first American Red Cross Community Blood drive.

SAC closed out October with the Delta D.E.A.R.S. taking a cultural journey celebrating their crowns, learning the history of, and how to wear African head wraps, while supporting one of the businesses featured during their MIDS Buy Black Five-Point Pop-Up shop, from Soror Ashley N. Company of Jelani Enterprises.

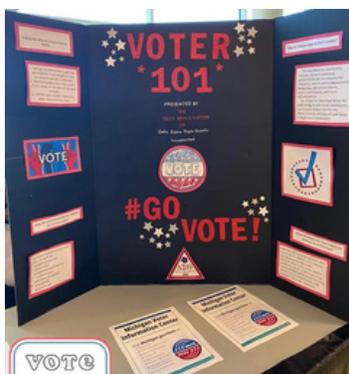
## DELTA BETA

### Teaches Voter 101 with Lobby Tables

As college students, many of our peers are uneducated about their voting rights. The last election was one to remember. It showed us the importance of using our vote and our voice to be the change we hope to see in the world.

On National Voter Registration Day, the Delta Beta Chapter decided to educate the students of Eastern Michigan University on candidates running for office, election days, jurisdictions, policies and procedures.

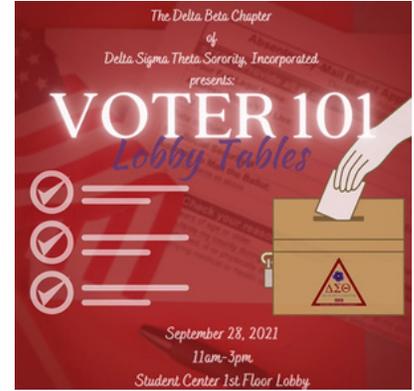
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there are rules and regulations established to suppress the vote of young, black people. In this political climate, it seems dangerous to be unaware of the people we are electing to office. Therefore, we expressed the seriousness of voter suppression to students. To help promote voting and awareness we passed out voter stickers, candy and directed people to the voter registration page on their mobile devices, as well as provided paper copies of Registration Forms. During our outreach efforts, we reached 52 students! We had a great turn out and an outpour of students were ready to learn about Political Awareness and Involvement.



From left to right: Soror A'Rhyanna Tyus (Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement Committee Co-Chair) Soror Jewel Rhymes (Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement Committee Chair) Soror Daezja Giles (First Vice President-Program Planning and Development Chair)



## OMICRON ZETA OZ Celebrates Delta Week



Sorors and participants at the 'Popping Up Pink' Breast Cancer Walk

The Omicron Zeta Chapter had a week full of events focusing on Delta's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust with an added focus on community service! We started the week off with International Awareness and Involvement by hosting a pizza fundraiser where all the proceeds were sent to help with the restoration of Haiti as a result of the earthquake that occurred in August 2021.

On Tuesday, we hosted an event called 'Can You Dig It?: Delta Tank Edition' for Economic Development, where participants came together to collaborate on the creation of a product

from supplies we gave them and then presented their best elevator pitches!

Our Physical and Mental Health event was all about if you could 'Bring It.' It was our Zumba Class with Zoe Fitness, bringing music and health together! Next, we wanted to remind our participants of our goal through college and hosted 'College Hill: Graduation Edition!' for Educational Development, where we created graduation caps and discussed our goals for life after college! Ending out the week with Political Awareness and Involvement, we hosted 'Dear White People: The Conversation', which was a safe space for an open conversation discussing events within the Black community such as COVID-19, predominantly white institutions (PWIs), The Black Lives Matter (BLM) Movement and much more. The fun didn't stop. On Saturday, we had a Popping Up Pink Community Service Breast Cancer event and walk in collaboration with Pontiac Alumnae Chapter and Sunday morning ended with church service. We had a large turnout of participants and are excited for the events to come!

# INKSTER ALUMNAE

## A Great Beginning

The Inkster Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., kicked off our 2021 Sorority year strong by improving not just our physical wellness but also the importance of improving our overall lives to ensure that we can pour into others.

On Sept 25th, the Physical and Mental Health Committee in collaboration with our Membership Committee, hosted RED S.H.O.E. Walk in the Park with a Soror. Sorors had a blast bonding while walking to improve our physical wellness while raising over \$2100 toward our national partnership with St. Jude.



Soror Vivian L. Kirkland (Chapter President), And Soror Jessika Kennedy.

On Oct. 24th, our chapter hosted “Wow, I am Stuffed: The Mental Overload of the Black Woman and the Need for Self Care.” Supporting our national Delta Care initiative with 46 individuals in attendance, the event focused on improving the lives of black women while dealing with the stressors of everyday life piling onto one’s plate. Attendees were able to recognize the stressors in their lives while implementing tools to help with aiding their overall self-care. This event also focused on bringing awareness to Domestic Violence through our partnership with Angel House, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization to help women victims of domestic violence escape their abusers.

# ANN ARBOR ALUMNAE

## Doing Good During Roundup



After more than a year of virtual events, the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter came together for their 2021 Round Up on August 28. However, it wasn't just moments of sisterhood, fellowship, and welcoming reclaimed sorors. Our Chapter hosted a school supply drive benefiting the Holmes Elementary School located in Ypsilanti, MI. By the end of the day, so many donations had been received, it took a team of sorors to load and store supply bins. Our Chapter donated over 35 supply-filled backpacks, a 50-gallon tote with additional supplies, several 32 oz. hand sanitizers, disinfectant spray and wipes to help the students and teachers start the in-person school year safely. The school’s principal, Mr. Anglin, expressed his gratitude as many of the students need not just school supplies, but basic necessities.

And while the drive was successful, our chapter decided we wouldn't stop there. As we prepare for the winter months ahead, we are planning to host another drive for the holiday to collect personal items and gifts for the students and hope to continue this partnership for years to come!

# KALAMAZOO ALUMNAE

## Creating Tech Savvy Seniors



An increasing number of senior citizens utilize technology for multiple purposes. Therefore, Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter in partnership with Kalamazoo Ecumenical Senior Center, Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Western Michigan University decided it was important to pursue programming around technology for seniors. Collaborating partners agreed that this is was a critically important topic.

Thanks to a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Seed Grant secured by Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter, collaborating partners developed Creating Tech Savvy Seniors Three-Part Workshop Series program. The first session “How to Stay Safe When Using Technology” was offered October 29th where several members from the community and some of our own Delta Dears participated. Participants received a folder with articles on cyber security, latest scams, and other pertinent information, along with a flash drive that included resource materials. Soror Caroline Ray facilitated the session. The second session was held in November and participants learned about using apps for health and wellness. The final session will be held in December and will focus on using technology to tap into the creative within. One of our most esteemed Delta Dears and Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter’s very own Soror Eva Ozier, first black woman to serve as the Vice Chair of the Kalamazoo County Commission will be the presenter.

# PONTIAC ALUMNAE

## Starting The Year With a Bang

The Pontiac Alumnae Chapter established its Annual Charity Golf in 2011. The golf outing has become one of the Chapter’s signature events dedicated to supporting community service programs. The proceeds from this event fund programs for the chapter’s youth groups as well as scholarships for students who reside in the service area. The event was held on September 18 with a total of 119 participants. The event raised more than \$29,000.00.



Golf-Outing Committee Members.

On October 2, the Health Education Committee held its annual “Popping Up for Pink” Breast Cancer Walk. There were 123 registrants. The event honored survivors, remembered those who lost their battle, and championed the progress being made to defeat breast cancer. The event included testimonies from breast cancer survivors, an OB-GYN, who shared information about breast cancer, entertainment from Quest Athletics Cheer and Dance, and a 30-minute walk. Important breast cancer information was provided. The event raised over \$258 which was donated to the American Cancer Society and Susan G. Komen Organization.



President Sangeya K. Wiggins; Chairs Zenet Patten & Andrea Taylor and honorees.

The Social Action Committee held its monthly Crimson Conversations Facebook Live Community Forum which is a 30-minute conversation that uses social media as a means to engage conversations with the community and fosters Courageous Real Talk. The community heard from Pontiac Mayoral Candidates Alexandria T. Riley and Tim Greimel on September 10 and October 8 respectively. Each candidate was asked to discuss their vision for the city and answer questions from the community. The two forums resulted in over 840 viewers.



Crimson Conversations with President Sangeya K. Wiggins; 1st Vice President Jacquelyn A. McClinton, Social Action Chair Melissa McClellan and Mayoral Candidates.

## DETROIT ALUMNAE “Fall” in Formation



(top) President Katrenia L. Camp accepting honors at the virtual UNCF Walk for Education.

(bottom) Sorors patronizing Flo Boutique on MIDS Day.



The Midwest Day of Service (MIDS) and the UNCF virtual Walk for Education each allowed Detroit Alumnae (DAC) to partner with sister Delta chapters - to uplift Black businesses and to raise funds to support the students and schools of the UNCF.

For MIDS Day, DAC joined forces with the collegiates of city-wide Delta Psi Chapter to “Secure the Bag, Buy Black,” with a business crawl. Sorors filled the stores and websites as they lifted the spirits of Black entrepreneurs by purchasing from these selected retail and online businesses. The Chapters coordinated a six-hour, 10-stop itinerary of in-person meet-ups at nine unique locations. The featured businesses included a restaurant, a Delta-owned cosmetics bar, a spa, bookstore, and a pop-up boutique with clothing and jewelry. Sorors also supported a children’s clothing shop, cycling studio, a bed and breakfast – as well as four online shops. It was a full day of fun retail therapy for all.

When it was time for Detroit Deltas to participate in the UNCF’s 33rd Annual Walk for Education, DAC and sister chapters in metro Detroit teamed up, raising big bucks to support bright minds. Delta sorors were pleased and proud to once again win the virtual fundraiser’s NPHC competition, bringing home the award as the top Greek Fundraising Team by raising a total of \$6,750. Metro Detroit Deltas are continuing the winning streak as the top fundraiser in the category and the Chapter looks forward to continuing this enthusiastic level of support - for years to come!

## MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL ALUMNAE

### Hosts Virtual Shopping for MIDS

Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter hosted a tremendous virtual shopping event as part of the Midwest Impact Day of Service. The Chapter hosted 15 vendors and had a total of 95 registrants attend for a fabulous afternoon event. Vendors ranged from jewelry, self-care healing sessions and grant writing consulting to organic cosmetics, body care and Greek paraphernalia. Many thanks to Sorors Sabrina Jones and Nneka Constantino for organizing and marketing a very successful event. We will be continuing to build our relationships with Black-owned businesses with the creation of a website directory and more connections throughout the year.



# AKRON ALUMNAE

## Financial Fitness For Your Future



Keynotes, Facilitators, 19 News, Greater Akron Chamber, United Way, Summit County Prosecutor's Office, Bounce Innovation Hub

The Akron Alumnae, Zeta Alpha, and Epsilon Mu Chapters presented the Midwest Impact Day of Service with a theme of "Financial Fitness for Your Future." Valuable information was shared with the community on how to understand and navigate student financial aid for our collegiate students, cybersecurity and crime prevention tools and resources, and understanding capital and resources available to start and grow a small business.

We collaborated with a variety of community partners including the United Way of Summit and Medina, who provided our opening keynote that focused on resources available through the Akron Financial Empowerment Center. The workshop concluded with a panel discussion that included Robert DeJournett, Vice President of Opportunity and Inclusion, with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce and Rose Saborse, Director of Community & Partnerships, with the Bounce Innovation Hub.

Each participant received a swag bag that included continental breakfast items, provided by Homemade Delites, a small Black-owned business, that could be enjoyed during the MIDS program. The Council of Negro Women also provided a donation to help defray the cost of the event. Important information about Covid was provided by Summa Health System and the local fire department provided information on securing fire alarms. Each participant also received an electronic, black owned business directory that contained coupons. The Akron NAACP Branch and several other black-owned businesses provided prizes. The day concluded with participants being encouraged to support Syn Kade Corner, a Pop-Up Shop and Social 8, also a Black owned business.

# DAYTON ALUMNAE

## Supports Black Businesses & Fair Redistricting

Dayton Alumnae Chapter is having a strong year. Our Midwest Impact Day of Service focused on supporting Black businesses and this was in collaboration with the Montgomery County Alumnae and Wilberforce Alumnae Chapters as well as the Dayton events coordinator. Over 27 vendors including three food trucks participated with over 65 people in attendance. Collectively, the businesses reported raising \$13,024 in sales.

The Redistricting Social Action Subcommittee hosted the Chapter's first power hour of the year, "Redistricting 201: Where Do We Go from Here?" on October 13, 2021, via Facebook. The panel discussion focused on the state's proposals for drawing new state and Congressional districts. Other Social Action and Political Awareness Committee members testified at public hearings on the proposals and advocated for fair maps.



Wright State University (WSU) honored Soror Carolyn E. Wright on October 2, 2021, by naming a service award for her and then presenting it to her. The award, the Carolyn E. Wright Service Award, was presented to her by the African American Alumni Society and the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center. She was a founding member and later Director of the center. She was also the first president of Epsilon Rho at WSU.



Soror Earnestine Smalls celebrated her 99th birthday also on October 2, 2021, and Chapter members extended special wishes with a drive-thru birthday celebration. Soror Smalls was initiated into Alpha Chapter at Howard University on January 1, 1944, and she will celebrate 78 years of active, financial membership in Delta Sigma Theta next year.

## YOUNGSTOWN ALUMNAE

### Collaborating with The Community

The Youngstown Alumnae Chapter hit the ground “running” and walking this year. In August, twenty-three sorors contributed to the success of the annual National African American Male Wellness Walk by serving on the planning committee, assisting with registration, and participating in the walk. The event encourages exercise and provides free health screenings, resources, and services.

In September, sorors welcomed high school students back to school and encouraged seniors to become eligible for the November 2, 2021 election by providing on-site voter registration.

October was a very busy month. Alumnae sorors kicked off the month’s Non-Violence Week by marching with collegiate Zeta Gamma sorors in a non-violence parade. On the Midwest Impact Day of Service, sorors actively contributed to the success of the “Secure the Bag Buy Black Expo,” which featured two online-only businesses and six in-person vendors.

We concluded the month on October 31, 2021, by encouraging early voting in a “Souls to The Polls” rally and by providing the Youngstown Park & Recreation Department’s “Trail of Treats Fun Fest” with Halloween treats for two hundred children. We are proud of this wonderful start and look forward to what we know will be an awesome year of community service and dedication to Delta. For further information, please visit our [website](#).



## CINCINNATI QUEEN CITY ALUMNAE

### Making A Difference in More Ways Than One



The Cincinnati Queen City Alumnae (CQCA) Chapter was proud to partner with the Political Action Committee of the Cincinnati NAACP Chapter to Make a Difference in Winton Terrace on October 2, 2021. At Winton Hills Academy, the Chapter collaborated with the NAACP to register voters, check voter registrations, and register members for the local NAACP organization.

The community was provided boxfuls of fresh produce for each household and children were able to connect with master librarians and other educators to obtain free books, school supplies, and even hot dogs, snacks, and drinks. The children even had the opportunity to practice their reading skills with fellow educators.

While registering residents in underserved areas can be an uphill battle, the Chapter saw this as a win-win with over 35 participants. CQCA members were delighted to put their best foot forward to make even a small difference in the community.

Later that day, with the help of the Cincinnati NAACP, CQCA, and Cincinnati Alumnae Chapters, hundreds of voter education packets were prepared and distributed door to door to homes in Bond Hill.

Making a difference one voter at a time.



Cincinnati Queen City & Cincinnati Alumnae chapters collaborate to prepare voter education packets at the NAACP.



Soror Elizabeth Henley hangs voter education packets on doors.

## ZETA ALPHA

### Blood Drive Collaboration

Zeta Alpha Chapter (ZA), University of Akron, and Akron Alumnae Chapter's (AAC) ERT and Social Action collaborated with our Local Akron Urban League (AUL) and American Red Cross to assist with the Sickle Cell blood drive. Zeta Alpha and ACC sorors collaborated with the Akron Urban League's Dr. Jennifer Ross, Director of Strategic Initiatives (and, also an Alumnae soror), as we worked together to get the word out to more donors to ensure the event was successful as forty donor spots were filled.



Robert DeJournett, Vice President of Greater Akron Chamber, stopped by to recognize our efforts too. He was extremely impressed with the information available for the donors. The atmosphere was filled with awesome energy. Our Zeta Alpha and AAC Social Action Committees were in full effect with Voter Registration and Fair Districts awareness. Both got the work completed!

Here's some of the information the Social Action Committee shared:

- Fair Districts education, with postcards, yard signs, and handouts.
- Provided voters registration education and passed out voters registration cards
- Facial masks with Fair Districts info.

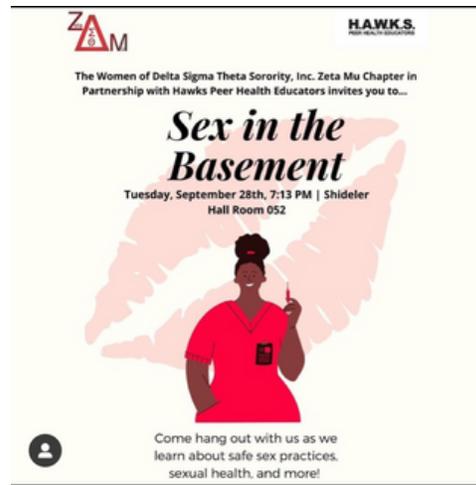
# ZETA MU

## Zeta Mu Gets Real About Sex

Zeta Mu sorors kept it completely real with their presentation of "Sex in the Basement." In collaboration with the Hawks Peer Health Educators, the event was held in the basement of a campus building. Chapter members engaged their female peers in healthy conversations about intercourse, abstinence, sexuality, health, and safety.

While keeping the atmosphere comfortable and judgment-free, the sorors led participants in an interactive competition designed to demonstrate how to properly use various forms of contraception, while educating them on the effectiveness and differences of each. There was also a healthy discussion about the importance of making it 100% clear to your partner that consent for intercourse has been provided and that it is your choice and ONLY yours to consent.

This conversation was deemed especially important due to the high incidence of sexual assaults that happen on college campuses. Each attendee was able to take information on how to find additional local resources and support, as well as contraception samples if desired. The event was tastefully executed, well received, and could be the reason a young woman is kept out of harm's way.



# COLUMBUS ALUMNAE

## Celebrate Sisterhood, Elevate Community

The Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter's 2021-2023 biennial theme is "Celebrate Sisterhood, Elevate Community." This theme expresses the embodiment of our Chapter as we enthusiastically strive to reach goals by focusing on sisterhood, scholarship, and service. The Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter was one of four chapters in the Region awarded a \$1,000 grant. The Conference was hosted on October 30, 2021. This year's theme was: "Power in Our Voice: Young Leaders Taking over the World."

The Conference was planned and implemented by the participants in Delta Academy, Delta G.E.M.S., and E.M.B.O.D.I. The participants were tasked with creating a logo, workshop topics, selecting speakers, and moderating all the panels. Conference topics included:

- Wrapping Our Minds Around It: Mental Health Awareness
- Teen Entrepreneurship
- Transition to High School
- Transition to Beyond High School



The Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter also partnered with the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) for a virtual webinar on November 3, 2021, called, "Let's Talk About Child Tax Credit." The expanded Child Tax Credit is part of the American Rescue Plan. It helps families afford the everyday expenses of raising children. The plan was signed into law in March 2021 and helps disproportionately Black and Latinx children.

The partnership will provide information to eligible families to increase awareness and advocate for children's issues such as reducing child poverty and boosting income security.



## CINCINNATI ALUMNAE

### Continuing to Make an Impact



Nothing stops the momentum of the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter (CAC). The Chapter continues to make a needed positive impact on the Greater Cincinnati community through focused efforts in social action, voter registration and a nonpartisan redistricting campaign, physical and mental health with a presence at city-wide walks and events, and through economic development by supporting black businesses during the Midwest Impact Day of Service.

To kickstart the sorority year, more than 50 sorors from CAC and sister chapter, Queen City Alumnae showed up to march in Cincinnati's historic 33rd annual Black Family Reunion parade, created by Soror Dorothy I. Height.

To support non-partisan redistricting, the Social Action Committee led a postcard drive and sent hundreds of postcards to elected officials to call attention to fair maps and no gerrymandering. The committee also teamed up with the NAACP to canvas more than 1,000 homes for voter registration and voter education.

Sorors also rallied to support breast cancer awareness, as many Chapter members are personally affected by the disease. This October, \$3,451 was collected to support the cause. Nearly 30 chapter members participated in the city's Breast Cancer Awareness walk and were caught in the act by the local newspaper. In addition, the chapter spotlighted survivors and used the hashtag #cacdstgoespink to show support on social media.

During this year's Midwest Impact Day of Service, CAC hosted a virtual pop-up shop to promote more than 20 local black-owned businesses which resulted in revenue funneling back into the community.



The Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. raised over \$3,000.00 for The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, October 23, 2021. Ligaya West, center in pink t-shirt, is the president of the group. The event included a three-mile walk from Yeatman's Cove. The event remembers those who have passed, celebrates survivors, and raises money for research.  
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# TOLEDO ALUMNAE

## Working Towards 50 Years of Service

Toledo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is coming up on their 50th chapter anniversary on February 12, 2022. The programs thus far leading up to this significant anniversary have been outstanding for the community. Fourteen chapter members along with family and friends attended the Delta Red Carpet event “RESPECT”.

The Social Action Committee (through the statewide Ohio Cohort on fair mapping) and the chapter have continued a strong activist presence in the community by focusing on and being a part of the National Social Action Commission’s ReDStRicting efforts (registering voters, providing written and oral testimonies, and writing letters to legislators). The chapter has ongoing activities that support Voter Education, Registration, Participation and Mobilization. Members are also following State Legislature bills and pending lawsuits in the state (HB322, HB 327, Stand Your Ground repeal, women’s health and maternal morbidity, policing reform, voter rights and legislature geared toward criminal justice).

The chapter held a successful Midwest Impact Day of Service on Saturday, October 16, 2021 which was an online pop-up shop with four vendors and 31 shoppers (community members and Deltas) present. The chapter held the event in conjunction with the collegiate chapter, Epsilon Omicron, at Bowling Green State University. The vendors showcased affordable, stylish clothing, candles and a variety of beauty products.



Respect Red Carpet event



TAC Social Actions Chair Dr. Regina Vincent-Williams with the Honorable Ohio State Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson



TAC President, Dr. Rochelle Hall-Rollins registers voters with League of Women Voters Member Nancy Gurney

# GREATER CLEVELAND ALUMNAE

## Buy Black Pop-Up Shop



Chapter President Ruth Price Rollins supporting the vendor tables.

Social media and word of mouth did all the marketing for the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Pop-Up Shop for the Midwest Impact Day of Service. It felt good to support Black-owned small businesses at the Buy Black Pop-Up Shop event. For the newbie retail business owners and seasoned entrepreneurs alike, the Pop-Up shop was a great way to take their business to the next level.

The event began with a small business workshop with speaker Gloria Ware. She has leveraged her 30 years in finance, ecosystem building, and innovation to help communities of color secure the relevant financial information, financial capital, and social capital they need to grow successful businesses. Customers and vendors were highly engaged with the workshop as demonstrated by the numerous questions during the Q&A session.

After the workshop, the pop-up shops were open for business. Throughout the day, energy was high, and support was real as customers visited the vendors. Every vendor made a profit! There were 26 vendors that earned a combined profit of \$7,260 in five hours. There were over 170 customers engaged with the vendors and the vendors were pleased with the results of the day.

This was the perfect example of how supporting our community is a win-win. It was a great way for the Black-owned small business owners to engage directly with consumers and provide great value. The customers supported Black-owned businesses and facilitate economic empowerment in our community.



Sara Corprew, Sara Lyons, Dominique McIntyre and Andrea Dockery Murray "securing the bag."

## GREATER TORONTO AREA ALUMNAE

### Ready For The New Sorority Year



Supporting Black Owned Toronto for MIDS

We're excited to be able to "throw it back" to some of the wonderful memories that we've created over the past 3 years!

Our first memory would be the day that GTAAC was chartered. April 14, 2018, was a long time coming. Our 16 charter members were joined in Toronto by over 200 sorors from across the United States and the Bahamas, as we chartered the very first chapter of Delta in Canada and the first international chapter in the Mighty Midwest Region! The outpouring of love and support that we received from sorors brought many of us to tears.

Attending our first Regional Conference is another memory that tops the list. In 2018, we traveled to Cincinnati in full force for the 48th Midwest Regional Conference. This was the first time that we represented GTAAC on the regional level

and felt pride when we saw the province of Ontario banner hung amongst the other US states that make up the region.

Seeing our delegate seated amongst the other chapters at the 54th National Convention in New Orleans in July 2019, and winning the National President's Vision Award is a moment that we will cherish! Our stand-out memory was last Fall when GTAAC welcomed its inaugural line! We welcomed 6 new initiates into the chapter - "DSTined F.I.R.S.T. 6ix"- and already the new initiates have immersed themselves by supporting, creating, and conducting effective and lasting programming for our chapter.



Sorors contributing to the Canadian Blood Services campaign video



Supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities



# HUNTINGTON ALUMNAE

## Beauty and the Black Business

The Huntington Alumnae Chapter held an in-person promotional event for Noni Beauty Supply Store in support of the 2021 Midwest Impact Day of Service. Sorors gathered on October 16th at the beauty store, set up display tables and decorated the store front to draw attention to the store from local foot and vehicular traffic. The Chapter's presence on the property and social media blitz increased sales by more than 500 percent for the day. The event garnered more than 900 social media interactions on the day of the event. Noni Beauty Supply Store is owned by an African American citizen of Huntington, West Virginia.



**Top Left:** Wendy Thomas, Felisha White, Rebecca Glass, Cecilia Hart, and Shakira Bowman setting up for the MIDS event.

**Top Right:** Sorors from the Huntington Alumnae Chapter at the Noni Beauty Supply Store.

**Bottom:** Customer making a purchase with shop owner.



WEST VIRGINIA



## MADISON ALUMNAE

### Tricks and Treats Bring Out the Community



Tricks and Treats Flyer

On a beautiful sunny afternoon, the Madison Alumnae Chapter brought the community together for a Fall Gathering full of tricks & treats, music, food trucks, vendors, fun and games. The brainchild of the Projects and Program Development Committee, this festive event held on October 17th, was a thought collaboration of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust Committees designed to kick-off the sorority year. This outdoor event was free and open to the public bringing 175 people together including vendors and Chapter members. The music was the icing on the cake completing the scene and setting the tone for dancing, strolling, and partying!

There was pure excitement in the air as children played games and participated in various activities.

They eagerly decorated pumpkins, and excitedly chose their own free books. Candy-filled treat bags were a huge hit as well as the hotdogs and chips. The adults were busy trying to keep up with their children as they swiftly moved between activities. When the adults had a free moment, they chatted with each other, visited the Black business vendors, and received information about voter registration and statistics regarding fair maps.

Vowed to its commitment of public service, the Chapter displayed information about the sorority's school in Haiti and the damage it sustained from the recent earthquake and flooding. This information sharing garnered concerned public interest and a donation of \$500 from a community member! Overall, this event was a success; the Chapter is looking forward to next year.



Tricks and Treats Event Crowd

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