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**DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER**  
**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**



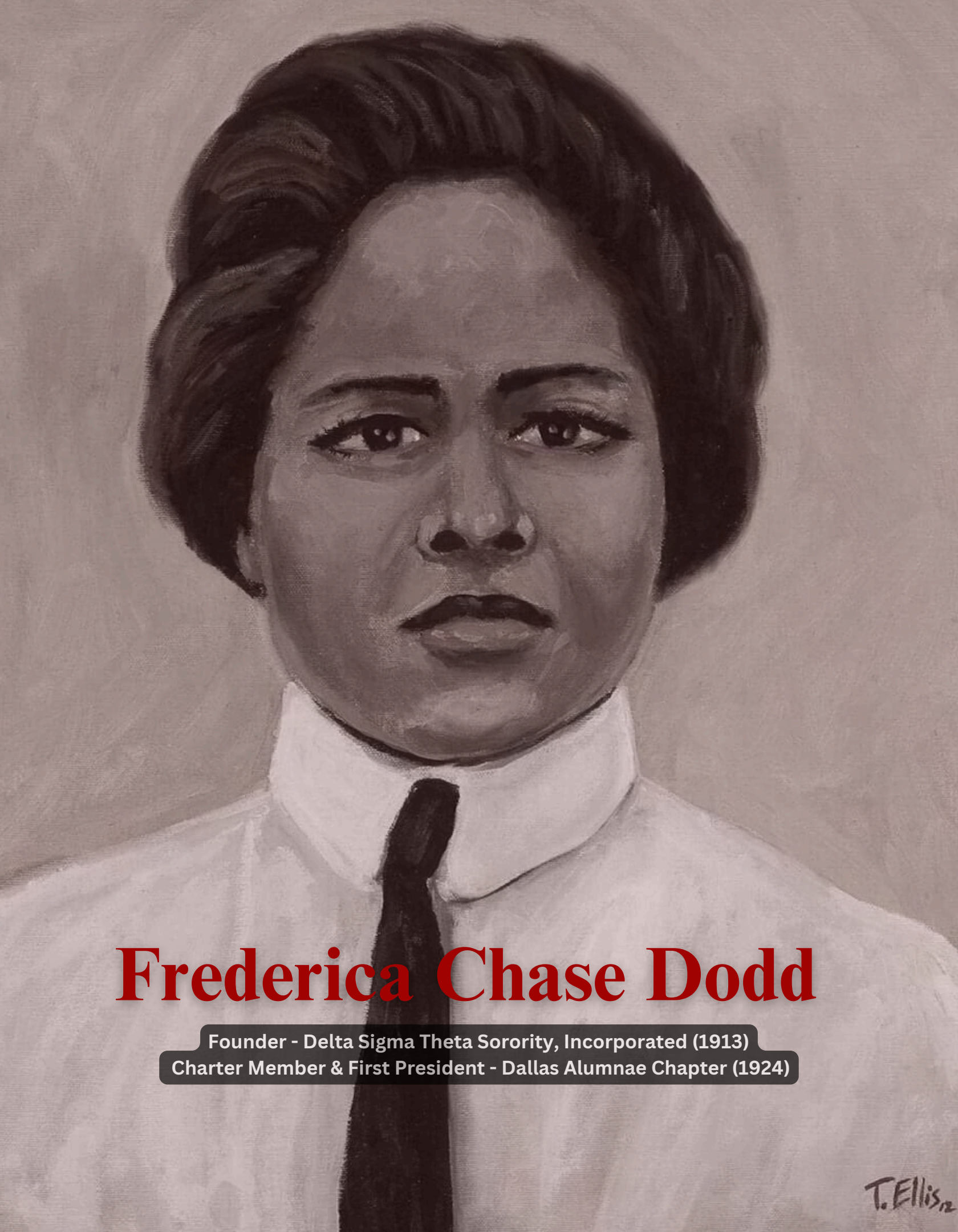
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**FOUNDERS DAY**  
PUBLIC LUNCHEON  
**ROOTED IN SISTERHOOD - RISING IN SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025, 11:30AM**  
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# Frederica Chase Dodd

Founder - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (1913)  
Charter Member & First President - Dallas Alumnae Chapter (1924)

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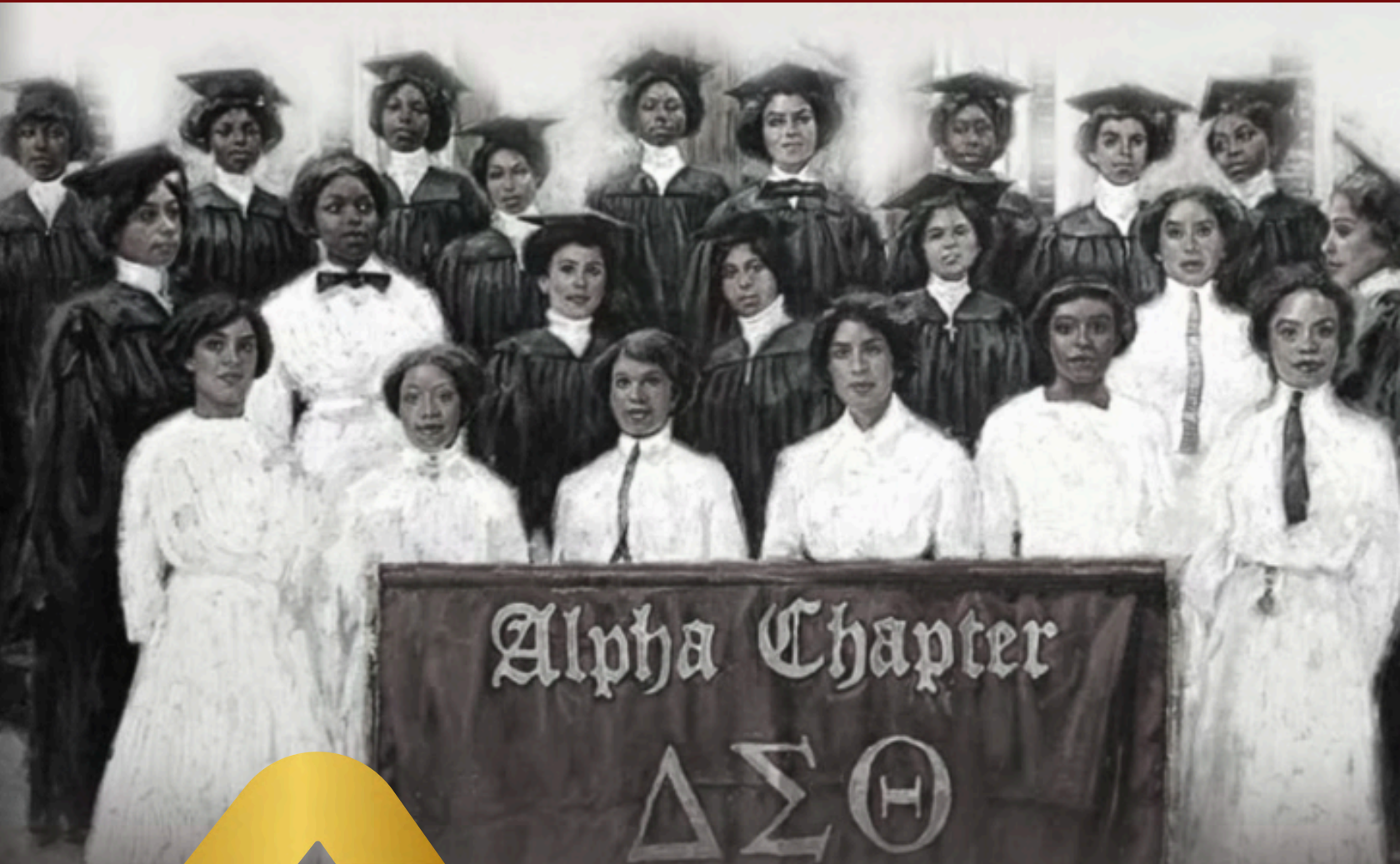
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# FOUNDERS

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Winona Cargile Alexander  
Ethel Cuff Black  
Bertha Pitts Campbell  
Zephyr Chisom Carter  
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Frederica Chase Dodd  
Myra Davis Hemmings  
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Vashti Turley Murphy  
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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

# National Profile

Founded on January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was established by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. The first public act performed by the Delta Founders involved their participation in the Women's Suffrage March in March 1913 in Washington, D.C.

Delta Sigma Theta was incorporated in 1930, and the women of this organization have never strayed from the mission their founders created, which is now their legacy. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs to promote human welfare. The Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has a membership of over 200,000 predominately African-American, college-educated women. The Sorority currently has 900-plus chapters located in the United States; Tokyo and Okinawa, Japan; Germany; Bermuda; the Bahamas; Seoul, Korea; St. Thomas and St. Croix of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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

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

In March 2003, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. became a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) at the United Nations. In a presentation by Hanifa Mezoui, Chief NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the UN (ECOSOC), Past National President Gwendolyn Boyd (who served as National President during this time) accepted the credentials on behalf of the sorority, before 150 members of the organization from across the country. Delta Sigma Theta was welcomed to the United Nations by Assistant Secretary General for External Affairs, Gillian Sorensen, who asked the sorority in her keynote address to "use your NGO status to monitor the status of women and children in the world and bind together with other NGOs to insure that the UN honors its commitments." Delta Sigma Theta was granted Special Consultative Status as an NGO to the Economic and Social Council of the UN as a result of its volunteer services and humanitarian efforts performed to address issues throughout the world.

In 2013 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated a century of Sisterhood and Service, commemorating the centennial anniversary of the organization's founding.



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*A Service Sorority Founded in 1913*

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January 25, 2025

Greetings, Dynamic Sisters of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter,



It is with boundless joy and immense pride as both your International President and Chair of the National Board of Directors—and as a proud member of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter—that I extend my warmest greetings to you as we celebrate 112 incredible years of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action at the Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Luncheon. What a magnificent milestone we have reached together! A heartfelt thank-you to Chapter President Karla McGary, Founders Day Chair Leslie Swann, and the tireless Founders Day planning committee for creating what promises to be a phenomenal celebration of our legacy.

As we embrace our 2025 theme, “Rooted in Sisterhood – Rising in Service,” we are called to honor the deep roots of our Sisterhood while reaching ever higher to serve our communities. From our founding in 1913, when 22 trailblazing women dared to dream of change, to the global impact of over 350,000 initiated members and more than 1,050 chapters worldwide today, Delta Sigma Theta is

a living testament to the power of unity, vision, and action.

For nearly a century, the Dallas Alumnae Chapter has stood at the forefront of this legacy. Chartered in 1924 by our own esteemed Founder Frederica Chase Dodd and 16 extraordinary women, this chapter has grown into a powerhouse of over 600 members dedicated to transforming lives and empowering communities across Dallas. As a fellow member of this phenomenal chapter, I couldn’t be prouder of the work we’ve done together to exemplify what it means to be Rooted in Sisterhood – Rising in Service.

Sisters, as we look to the future, let us rise boldly to the challenges of our time. The work ahead is immense, but so is our resolve. Together, we must confront the persistent inequities and injustices that plague our communities while addressing emerging global issues with the same fervor and tenacity that inspired our Founders. The seeds they planted over 112 years ago continue to bear fruit through the transformative impact of our Sisterhood, and now it’s our turn to nurture that growth and expand our reach.

I challenge you to actualize our national Founders Day theme, “*Forward with Fortitude: Together, We R.I.S.E. (Resilient, Impactful, Steadfast and Empowered)*” by coming together to rededicate yourselves to the work of our Sisterhood as we continue to elevate our impact this Founders Day. Furthermore, I challenge each of you to deepen your connection to our Sisterhood and rededicate yourselves to the work of Delta Sigma Theta. Lean into the power of collaboration, inspire one another to new heights, and remain steadfast in your commitment to making a difference. Sisters, the future is ours to shape—let’s rise to meet it with courage, passion, and determination. Let’s rise in service!

Let this celebration spark joy, ignite inspiration, and reaffirm our shared purpose. Together, we will continue to honor the legacy of our Founders and ensure that Delta Sigma Theta shines brighter than ever as a beacon of hope, service, and Sisterhood.

With love, Sisterhood, and boundless pride,

Elsie Cooke-Holmes  
International President  
Chair, Board of Directors

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*International President and  
Chair, Board of Directors*

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*National Treasurer*

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*Executive Director*



# REGIONAL DIRECTOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

## SOUTHWEST REGION



January 25, 2025

Sorors of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter,

On behalf of the Sorors across the Blazing Southwest Region, we congratulate you on your 101st Founders Day celebration. As you commemorate this milestone during the Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day luncheon, we hope you will take a moment to reflect on the impact your chapter has made over the past 100 years.

Over the past 101 years, the Dallas Alumnae Chapter has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to empowering lives and creating opportunities. Through your hallmark initiatives, the Annual Teen Town Hall Summit, Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, the Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS and EMBODI, you have championed the cause of African American females and males, addressing critical needs with determination and care. Sorors, because of your impactful programs, area youth are inspired to become successful students and well-rounded individuals who will make meaningful contributions to their communities.

As your Regional Director, it brings joy to my heart to learn that your membership contributed over \$270,000 to support Black-owned businesses and collaborated with the Texas Ramp Project to build wheelchair ramps for elderly and disabled individuals in need. It is services like these that solidified the decision of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Dallas, to select Dallas Alumnae as Chapter of the Year...this is awesome!

Sorors, congratulations on this remarkable achievement – 100 years of unwavering dedication to the betterment of Dallas and the surrounding community. May God continue to bless you individually and collectively. This Is U.S. – United in Sisterhood.

**Believe and Love,**

*Crystal T. Barker*

Regional Director

*Kamya Gibbs*

Regional Representative





# CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER



January 25, 2025

Greetings Sorors and Guests,

It is with great pride, joy, and gratitude that I welcome you to the 2025 Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Public Luncheon as we celebrate two extraordinary milestones—112 years of Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service, and Social Action as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and 101 years of dedicated service by the Dallas Alumnae Chapter to our beloved Dallas community.

On behalf of the Executive Board and the devoted members of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter, thank you for joining us to honor the trailblazing visionaries who paved the way for us in 1913 and the countless members who have carried their legacy forward with passion, purpose, and persistence. Together, we stand rooted in sisterhood and rising in service, embodying the theme of this year's celebration:

**"Rooted in Sisterhood - Rising in Service."**

We are especially honored to welcome our esteemed keynote speaker, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, the National Chaplain of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Bishop McKenzie's transformative leadership, spiritual wisdom, and dedication to service reflect the very essence of our mission, and we are privileged to have her inspire us on this momentous occasion.

Frederica Chase Dodd, one of our revered 22 Founders, brought the spirit of Delta home to Dallas in 1924, establishing what would become a beacon of sisterhood and service for the community. For over a century, the Dallas Alumnae Chapter has been steadfast in its mission, enriching lives and fostering change through advocacy, education, and compassionate action. Our commitment to service remains as strong as ever, and the impact of our work is felt throughout the communities we serve.

Today, we also celebrate and honor eleven members who are marking 50 years of service and five members celebrating 25 years of service. To our honorees, we extend our deepest gratitude and admiration for your unwavering dedication to the ideals of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Your legacy of commitment continues to inspire us all.

This celebration would not be possible without the outstanding work of the 2025 Founders Day Committee, led by Chair Leslie Swann and Co-Chairs Pamela Hunter and Crystal Sheppard. Your tireless efforts, creativity, and heartfelt dedication have made this day truly unforgettable.

As we gather to celebrate this remarkable legacy, let us reflect on the incredible work we have done, the lives we have touched, and the futures we have shaped. But let us also renew our commitment to the work ahead, fueled by the strength of our sisterhood and the power of our collective service. We are Delta Sigma Theta—bold, determined, and united in our purpose to serve and uplift our communities.

Once again, welcome, and thank you for being a part of this special day. Together, let us honor the past, embrace the present, and rise boldly into the future.

With passion, pride, and sisterly love,

*Karla McGary*

President, Dallas Alumnae Chapter



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER



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# FOUNDERS DAY CHAIRS

## DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER



Greetings Sorors, Friends, and Community Supporters,

It is with profound joy, deep gratitude, and immense pride that we welcome you to celebrate **101 years of sisterhood, service, and impact** as we gather for the **Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Public Luncheon**, hosted by the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Together, we reflect on our rich legacy and embrace this year's powerful theme: "**Rooted in Sisterhood - Rising in Service.**"

This year, we are truly honored to welcome as our featured speaker the National Chaplain of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the dynamic and inspirational **Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie**. A trailblazer, spiritual leader, and exemplar of servant leadership, Bishop McKenzie's words of wisdom will undoubtedly inspire us all to continue rising in service as we remain firmly rooted in the bond of sisterhood.

As we reflect on our legacy, we pay tribute to **Frederica Chase Dodd**, a visionary leader and one of the 22 Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., who also served as a charter member of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter. A proud Dallas native, her mission was to bring the national organization's goals of sisterhood, scholarship, and public service to the city of Dallas, with a steadfast focus on uplifting the Black community. Over the past 101 years, we have carried her vision forward, fostering empowerment, education, and social action to create lasting change in our communities.

This year's theme, "**Rooted in Sisterhood - Rising in Service,**" calls us to honor the foundation upon which our organization was built while continuing to rise, lead, and serve with passion and purpose. Our roots ground us, but it is our commitment to service that propels us toward a future filled with transformative impact.

Today, we proudly recognize **sixteen chapter members** for their unwavering dedication and service to our sisterhood, including **eleven Golden Year honorees** and **five Silver Year honorees**. These remarkable Sorors represent the very best of Delta Sigma Theta, embodying leadership, advocacy, and a deep commitment to uplifting others.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to **Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie** for sharing her time and insight with us during this significant milestone. We also thank the **Founders Day Subcommittee Leads** for their exceptional leadership and to every committee member for creativity, diligence, and dedication. To the Dallas Alumnae Chapter, thank you for your collective support in ensuring that this Founders Day celebration is an unforgettable success.

Finally, we extend our appreciation to all attendees and supporters of this momentous occasion. Your contributions to the Period Access Dallas (PAD) initiative in partnership with the City of Dallas at the Fruitdale Recreation Center, demonstrated support of fundamental issue of human rights, dignity, and public health.

As we celebrate **101 years of excellence**, let us remember the foundation built by our Founders, embrace the opportunities of today, and boldly rise into a future filled with sisterhood, service, and success. Together, we are rooted in unity, strengthened by service, and inspired by the limitless possibilities that lie ahead.

In Sisterhood and Service,

*Leslie Swann, Pamela Hunter and Crystal Sheppard*

Founders Day Chairs



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January 25, 2025

Greetings Sorors:

It brings me immense pleasure to extend greetings to you as the Congresswoman for Texas' 30<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. As you gather for this year's Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Public Luncheon, I am especially honored to congratulate the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on 101 years of impactful service across our communities in Dallas County.



Dallas Alumnae continues to serve the community of Dallas through innovative programs that fulfill our beloved sorority's ideals of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action. Whether it's through Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts led by this organization, your successful EMBODI program that addresses the issues facing our African American young males, remaining heavily involved with giving back to our senior citizens, and much more, this chapter has and continues to do the work.

The vision that our Founders had in 1913 continues to light our paths as we all collectively dedicate our time, talents, and resources to lifting our voices and advancing our efforts to advocate for the issues pressing our country. By keeping fortitude on the frontline, Deltas have been at the forefront of demanding change in all the right areas. As we continue navigating our journeys, let us remember to always lend a helping hand, lead with grace, and never tire of speaking for what is right.

It gives me great pride and joy to be only one of very few Sorors of our dear sorority to represent you in the halls of Congress. If my office can ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Your Soror in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jasmine Crockett'.

Jasmine Crockett  
Member of Congress



**Senator Royce West**  
District 23  
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January 2025

Greetings to the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated:

Congratulations to the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated as you celebrate your founding through the Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Public Luncheon. The contributions of the national organization as well as the local chapter are worthy to be recognized and acknowledged.

It is my sincere desire that your annual Founders Day observance will be a fitting celebration recognizing the important and vital work of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter.

The doors that you open and the opportunities that you provide for others manifest themselves into "life changing" circumstances. How powerful and brilliant the mind and the manner of women who seek to improve the potential and quality of life for our communities.

As your state senator and a member of your brother organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, I thank you for your leadership and I am confident that you will continue to be successful in all your efforts. Once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Royce West  
State Senator  
District 23





## TONI ROSE

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
DISTRICT 110



January 25, 2025 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dallas Alumnae Chapter  
P.O. Box 222051  
Dallas, Texas 75222

Greetings Sorors of Dallas Alumnae, Family, and Friends,

As we celebrate Dallas Alumnae's 101 years "Rooted in Sisterhood - Rising in Service", let us be mindful that the vision of our Founders persists only through our present determination. The value of our collective contribution to the local communities we serve remain relevant only when our efforts meet the current needs of the time.

From our involvement within the suffrage movement to developing a local safety net to address the challenges our children faced during the desegregation of the Dallas Independent School District, our actions have always sought to improve quality of life and address justice concerns within our community as they occur.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. embodies a mission of public service that stands boldly on our commitment to economic and educational development, international awareness, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. We have clearly distinguished ourselves as a public service organization that confronts the challenges of people throughout the world.

A heartfelt congratulations to my chapter, The Dallas Alumnae Chapter, on our Frederica Chase Dodd Founders' Day Luncheon and for our recognition as Sorority Chapter of the Year by the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Dallas. I would also like to recognize and welcome Soror Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, National Chaplain of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as today's keynote speaker.

The growth and success of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is largely dependent on having dedicated and committed members like our honorees celebrating 25 & 50 years of service. Keep burning the torch and continue to leave a rich legacy for those who follow. Congratulations honorees and here's to continued success! The best is yet to come!

Yours in Service,

Toni Rose  
State Representative  
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**ERIC L. JOHNSON**

MAYOR OF DALLAS



January 10, 2025

***Greetings! Congratulations!***

As Mayor of the City of Dallas, I am pleased to welcome the attendees and members of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. to the Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Celebration in honor of the 101st anniversary on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

The mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is to foster high academic achievement, promote ethical standards, unity, and friendship among college women, advance the social status of young girls and women, and maintain progressive interest while providing public service to those in need within the community.

Your organization's efforts to build an indelible legacy of service and sisterhood are what make you an invaluable part of our city and a shining example to others.

Best wishes for a memorable, joyous, and successful event.

All my best,

Eric L. Johnson  
Mayor



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January 25, 2025

Dear Members of Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,

On this momentous occasion of the Frederica Chase Dodd Founders Day Celebration Luncheon, I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations as you commemorate 101 years of extraordinary public service.

For over a century, the Dallas Alumnae Chapter has exemplified the highest ideals of community, leadership, education, and social uplift. Your unwavering commitment to service has enriched countless lives, strengthened communities, and created a legacy of excellence that will inspire future generations.

The chapter's dedication to public service programs and accomplishments such as the Annual Teen Town Hall Summit, Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, the Jeanne L. Noble Delta Gems, EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence), the Frederica Chase Dodd Scholarship, national, state and local non-partisan involvement in the political process (voter mobilization); and sponsoring forums to hear candidates for various political offices and increase members' involvement in each level of government relating to the public policy-making process just to name a few, foster empowerment and addressing critical societal needs resonates profoundly with vision of our esteemed founder, Frederica Chase Dodd.

As you celebrate this milestone, may you reflect on your remarkable achievements and pride and gratitude. Let this occasion also serve as a reminder of the enduring impact of your work and a call to continue advancing the principles of sisterhood, scholarship and service.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn King Arnold".

Carolyn King Arnold, IOTA PSI CHAPTER - 1973  
Council Member, District 4



# FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE



## DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER



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# CHAPTER HISTORY

## DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

For 100 years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dallas Alumnae Chapter has stood as a pillar of empowerment, advocacy, and service in Dallas County. Chartered in 1924 by Founder Frederica Chase Dodd, this dynamic chapter has blazed a trail of excellence, transforming lives and communities through its relentless dedication to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action.

### Pioneering Beginnings

The chapter's origins are a testament to the vision and determination of its charter members: Frederica Chase Dodd (President), Ruth Mason, Jesse Pollard, Ruby Pollard, and Nettie Wycliff. As the **first chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. chartered in the state of Texas**, this groundbreaking achievement underscored the chapter's vital role in advancing opportunities for African American women and communities in the region. With a passion for uplifting their community, they chartered the Eta Beta Chapter, which later evolved into the Dallas Alumnae Chapter in 1960. Despite obstacles, including the loss of the original charter in a fire, the chapter's resilience and commitment to progress never wavered.

From its earliest days, the chapter championed partnerships with organizations like the Red Cross, Community Chest, and YWCA to address systemic inequities and advance the rights and welfare of African Americans in Dallas. This spirit of collaboration was rooted in a bold legacy of advocacy, beginning with its participation in the Women's Suffrage March—the first social action activity by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

### Signature Programs that Transform Communities.

Over the decades, the Dallas Alumnae Chapter has developed a legacy of impactful programs that reflect its deep commitment to advocacy and social change. These initiatives have not only addressed critical needs but have also fostered meaningful partnerships and inspired collective action:

- **Delta Joy Woodfork Beauty Salon** brings dignity and joy to residents of the Modern Living Rehabilitation Center, with youth from Delta GEMS lending their voices and presence to enrich intergenerational connections.
- **Community Market Festival** champions economic empowerment by connecting local vendors with the broader community, showcasing the chapter's dedication to fostering prosperity.
- **Frederica Chase Dodd Scholarship and Joy Woodfork Scholarship** transform futures by providing substantial financial support to African American students who exemplify service, character, and academic excellence.

These programs, along with initiatives like **Monday Night Politics** and **Teen Town Hall**, embody the chapter's steadfast commitment to advocacy, civic engagement, and community service.

### A Legacy of Advocacy and Partnerships

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter's work is not confined to programmatic activities—it is a living, breathing force of advocacy. Through strategic partnerships with local, national, and global organizations, the chapter has tackled pressing issues like health disparities, voter education, and social justice.

- Collaborations with **Baylor Scott & White Health** and the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** have enabled groundbreaking health initiatives, including enrollment in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the provision of birthing beds in Kenya.
- As the **lead Texas chapter** during Delta Sigma Theta's 100th Anniversary Torch Tour, Dallas Alumnae showcased its role as a trailblazer in the sorority's enduring mission to inspire change.

### Accolades That Speak to Excellence

The chapter's transformative impact has not gone unnoticed. Among its many accolades, Dallas Alumnae has received:

- **1967 Dallas Morning News Award for Outstanding Community Service**, recognizing the chapter's unparalleled commitment to Dallas.

# CHAPTER HISTORY

## DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER



- **2008 Women’s Council of Dallas - Organization of the Year**, honoring its far-reaching influence on the Dallas community.
- **National President’s Award for Service in Our Heart (2017)** for international health initiatives and community health advocacy.
- **Southwest Region Social Action Award (2017)** for leading ACA enrollment efforts, which set a national standard for effective community advocacy.
- **Dallas National Panhellenic Council (2024) Sorority Chapter of the Year.**

These recognitions affirm the chapter’s role as a beacon of excellence and a catalyst for change.

### Decades of Cultural and Community Enrichment

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter has enriched the cultural fabric of Dallas, hosting world-class artists and fostering access to the arts. Performances by **Louis Armstrong**, **Lena Horne**, **Vanessa Williams**, and the **Ramsey Lewis Trio**, who appeared twice, remain a hallmark of the chapter’s efforts to bring renowned talent to the city. Its youth initiatives, including **TASPers**, **Delta Academy**, **EMBODI**, and **G.E.M.S.**, have cultivated leadership and character among generations of young people.

In 1985, the chapter achieved an unprecedented feat by hosting the National Convention as a single chapter—a remarkable accomplishment that showcased its organizational excellence and commitment to Delta Sigma Theta’s mission. This level of leadership is now virtually unheard of, standing as a testament to the chapter’s exceptional capacity for impact.

### Rising to Modern Challenges

In addition to its cultural and programmatic achievements, Dallas Alumnae became the **first sorority in Dallas to establish a physical facility** to serve the community. **The Frederica Chase Dodd Life Development Center**, opened near downtown Dallas, was a hub for transformative service for 24 years. Although the property was sold in 2021, the chapter’s legacy of service continues, marked by reinvestments in community projects, including a \$10,000 donation to the Juanita Craft Museum.

As part of its centennial commemoration, the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. raised nearly \$300,000—an extraordinary testament to its enduring commitment to empowering communities and creating lasting change. This monumental achievement reflects the chapter’s unwavering dedication to service and its ability to inspire collective generosity. Even beyond this milestone, the chapter continues to raise significant funds, ensuring the legacy of transformative impact will extend far into the future.

### Inspired for the Future

As the Dallas Alumnae Chapter enters its second century, it remains a force for good, fueled by an unyielding commitment to advocacy, partnership, empowerment, and social action. Its story is one of resilience and inspiration—a testament to what can be achieved when driven women unite in purpose.

To be part of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter is to belong to a legacy of impact. It is to walk in the footsteps of visionaries and leaders who dared to make a difference. And it is to carry forward the torch of progress, blazing the path for future generations to rise.

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has blazed a century of transformative service, unyielding advocacy, and enduring sisterhood. The legacy forged over the past 100 years serves as both a testament to the power of collective action and a beacon for future generations. As the chapter advances into its next century, the path is clear—marked by a bold commitment to progress, empowerment, and unwavering dedication to uplifting the Dallas community. The foundation has been laid, and the future promises to be as impactful and visionary as the trailblazing journey that brought the chapter through the first 100 years.



# A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP...A HERITAGE OF SERVICE

## THE CHAPTER PRESIDENCY

1st	Frederica Chase Dodd 1924-1927	25th	Ada Gipson Williams 1971-1973
2nd	Ruth Mason Ward 1927-1929	26th	Sandra Dorsey Malone 1973-1975
3rd	Ruby Pollard Reid 1929-1933	27th	Joan Tarpley Winn 1975-1977
4th	Rowena Wilkins Blackmon 1933-1939	28th	DeArtis Purify Stinson 1977-1979
5th	Dessie Pearl Overton 1939-1941	29th	Eddy Dorsey O'Neal 1979-1981
6th	Loyce Willis Bynum 1941-1942	30th	Tommie Nell Canady 1981-1983
7th	Minnie Turner 1942-1944	31st	Ella Goode Johnson 1983-1985**
8th	Dotsie H. Mason 1944	32nd	Verna G. Brown Mitchell 1985-1987
9th	DeArtis Pryor Purify 1944-1945	33rd	Gwendolyn Brown Sneed 1987-1989
10th	Minnie Nell Jackson Taylor 1945-1946	34th	Oscar Faye Branch-Williams 1989-1991
11th	Novella Beaty 1946-1947	35th	Jovern Kelly James 1991-1993
12th	Willie Burke Anderson 1947-1948**	36th	Deborah Phillips Watkins 1993-1995
13th	Gloria Fields 1948-1949	37th	Eulastine Williams Woodberry 1995-1997
14th	Hazel Washington Partee 1949-1951**	38th	Daisy Thompson Critton 1997-1999
15th	Jewel Price Ross McKenzie 1951-1953	39th	Curtistene Smith McCowan 1999-2001
16th	Bernice Simmons 1953-1955	40th	Lynn Phillips Nash 2001-2003
17th	Hazel Washington Partee 1955-1957	41st	Gayle Colston Barge 2003-2005
18th	Odessa Foreman English 1957-1959	42nd	Marsha Bailey-Cantrelle 2005-2007
19th	Ramona C. McCain 1959-1961	43rd	Ella Goode Johnson 2007-2009
20th	Julia K. Gibson Jordan 1961-1963	44th	Bobbye Sanders 2009-2013
21st	Eula Harris Williams 1963-1965	45th	Sharon Royal Hunt 2013-2015
22nd	Willie Burke Anderson 1965-1967	46th	Tonya R. Derrick 2015-2017
23rd	Deborah Bedford Fridia 1967-1969	47th	Leslie Swann 2017-2019
24th	Mary Cravin Nobles 1969-1971	48th	Andrea Hilburn 2019-2023
		Current	Karla McGary 2023 -

National Founder

\*\* Served Two Terms

Served Two Consecutive Terms



# Jennifer C. Stimpson, Ed.D.

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES**



Dr. Stimpson serves her community to strengthen STEM awareness and knowledge by educating students about the wonders and possibilities of science. Her passion for science began in a household with pharmacists, her parents. Recognizing the need for more robust science education, Dr. Stimpson advocates for the future and promise of STEM education by advancing science education through her educational philosophy and teaching practices.

As a leader in science education, Jennifer spent a year working for Congress, as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator, crafting STEM Education legislation for Congress. Her policy experience helped launch the HBCU Podcast and work with the Education Policy Fellow Program, representing the state of Texas. Her career began as a forensic chemist, working at the Dallas County Morgue and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Jennifer has worked at the Hockaday School, Dallas ISD's Yvonne Ewell Townview Magnet, and led programs with the T.D. Jakes Foundation.

Dr. Stimpson, who is currently a member of Dallas Alumnae, was initiated into the Beta Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at Dillard University. She served on the sorority's National Program, Planning and Development Committee. Jennifer was the National Torch Chair for the Sorority's Centennial celebration. During college, she was elected Programs Vice President, leading her chapter to receive numerous awards for community service on campus and within the city of New Orleans. Jennifer served as the second vice president of the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter, was part of the Southwest Region Project SEE (Science in Everyday Experiences) Committee, and served as program chair for the Dallas PanHellenic Council.

Jennifer's note-worthy recognition includes the 2022 Woman of Distinction for the Girl Scouts, a City of Dallas proclamation lauding her for creating a sustainable biofuel source for the school district's transportation system, and Dallas College naming her an Exemplary Teaching Award winner and role model for future STEM teachers. Oprah Magazine honored Dr. Stimpson, as well as the State of Texas, the Michael Jordan Foundation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, for her work in science education. Jennifer received the inaugural Hidden Figures in STEM Dallas Award from the National Society of Black Engineers. Dr. Stimpson was a finalist for the People's Choice Award by Ebony Magazine, and the Texas Women's Foundation honored Jennifer with their prestigious Maura Women Helping Women Award. But one of her most prominent recognitions was the life-size statue of her likeness at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. honoring her STEM education career. In the fall of 2024, Jennifer will be one of the featured STEM professionals in McGraw Hill Science Textbooks for the State of Texas.

With a global vision of creating change, Jennifer recognizes the need for more vital science literacy and serves her community to strengthen STEM awareness and knowledge. To that end, she is the founder of the National Association of Black Science Teachers. She holds active membership with The Links Incorporated, Leadership Women, National Girls Collaborative, and The Dallas Summit. She serves on the board of directors at Montessori Children's House, the ChildCare Group, and the STEM advisory board for Northeast Texas' Girl Scouts.



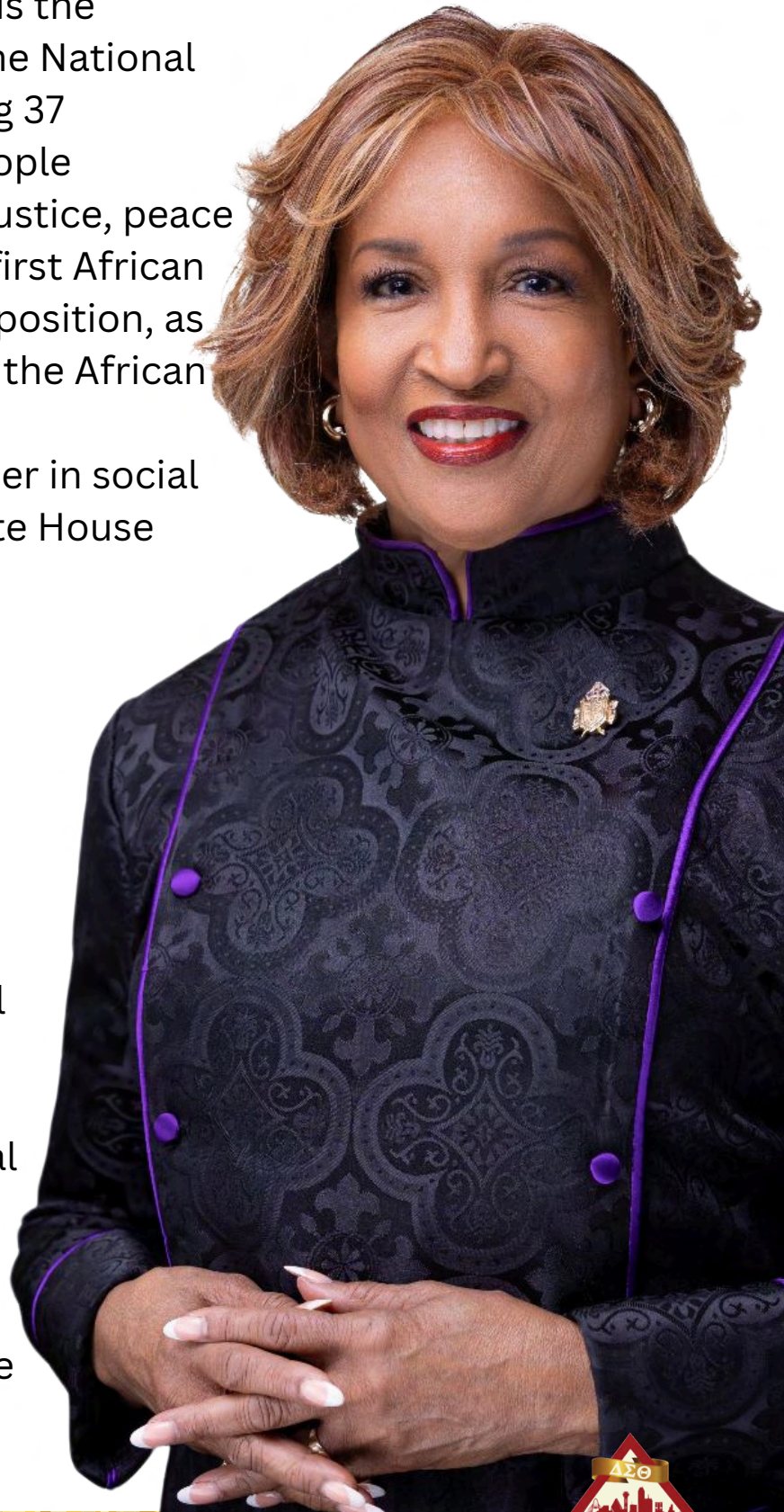


# *Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie*

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie** is the President/General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, representing 37 denominations and 30 million people worldwide advocating for social justice, peace and ecumenical unity. She is the first African American woman to serve in this position, as well as, the first female bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop McKenzie is an active leader in social justice, having served on the White House Commission of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and named one of the 50 Most Powerful Women Religious Leaders by the Huffington Post. She is also the founder of Selah, The Leadership Encounter for Women, and the author of six books on leadership and personal growth. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Howard University, and United Theological Seminary, she is a passionate mentor and global educator who leads with unwavering faith, wisdom, and dedication to service in everything she does.





FREDERICA CHASE DODD

2025 Founders Day Program

Rooted in Sisterhood - Rising in Service

Jennifer C. Stimpson, Ed.D.  
Presiding

Prelude

Dallas Alumnae Past Presidents  
Dallas Alumnae Executive Committee  
2025 Honorees

Musical Interlude

Processional

Invocation

Reverend Challis S. Bradford, Ed.D.  
Chaplain, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Welcome and Occasion

Karla McGary  
President, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Civic Greetings

Representative Toni Rose  
Texas House of Representatives - District 110

Acknowledgements

Eureka Drayden  
Vice-President, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

The Founders Tribute

Leslie Swann  
Chair, Founders Day Committee

Blessing of the Table

Madeline Anderson Thomas, DDS  
Chaplains Council, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Lunch Served  
Soft Music



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Community Service In-Action

Rosalyn Walker, Ed.D.  
Second Vice-President, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Jennifer C. Stimpson, Ed. D.  
Member, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Keynote Speaker

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie  
National Chaplain  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Golden Year Honorees Recognition

Pam Hunter and Crystal Sheppard  
Co-Chairs, Founders Day Committee

Silver Year Honorees Recognition

Pam Hunter and Crystal Sheppard  
Co-Chairs, Founders Day Committee

Honoree Musical Salute

Silver and Golden Year Honorees  
Members, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Closing Remarks

Karla McGary  
President, Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Recessional  
Please Remain Seated





# GOLDEN YEAR HONOREES

50  
*years*



# Honoree

Gayla Burton

50  
years



#### **Most Memorable Delta Moment:**

Pinning my daughter at her initiation into the sisterhood at Saint Augustine's University. Also the honor of participating as soloist at many Omega Omega services for our dearly departed Sorors.

- Initiated Fall 1974 at Zeta Eta Chapter, University of North Texas
- Golden Life Member
- Received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (University of North Texas), Master of Arts in Professional Development (Amberton University)
- Retired Sr. Community Development Representative, United States Department of HUD
- Member of Good Street Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes DeSoto Steppers, Concerned DeSoto Citizens, DeSoto Planning and Zoning Commissioner, DeSoto ISD PTA, HUD Retirees Association, Good Street Baptist Church: Social Service Board, Choir Member, and Sunday School Teacher, Zeta Eta (ZH) Alumni and NAACP Life Member
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Physical and Mental Health, Scholarship and Standards, Rituals and Ceremonies Committee Co-Chair, Delta Voices, Delta DEARS, and Gems and Jewels
- Hobbies include listening to music, singing and line dancing
- Family: daughter Veda Frazier Thompson and grandson Ian Frazier Thompson



# Honoree

Debra Chachere

50  
years



**Most Memorable Delta Moment:**

Traveling with my line sister, Donna Taylor, and good friend Dr. Pat Smith to Langston University to pin my daughter, Meah.

- Initiated Fall 1974 at Eta Epsilon Chapter, West Texas State University
- Received Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Biology
- Retired AT & T Engineer
- Member of Friendship West Baptist Church (FWBC)
- Community Involvement includes FWBC Usher and Benevolence Leader; Baylor Scott White Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer and Corresponding Secretary
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Delta DEARS
- Hobbies include reading, crocheting and going to movies
- Family: husband Greg, daughters Savannah and Meah, granddaughter Ryane

# Honoree

Denise Clements Foxx

50  
years



#### Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Surprising my niece Tyrannie during her initiation and pinning her. I can still see the look on her face. Priceless!

- Initiated Spring 1975 at Zeta Eta Chapter, University of North Texas
- Received Bachelor of Arts
- Retired
- Member of Zion United Methodist Church
- Community Involvement includes member of Michaelson Museum of Art, volunteering at George Washington Carver Community Center and member of New Town Neighborhood Association
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Previous Chair of Arts and Letters, Chaplain Council, Rituals and Ceremonies, EMBODI, Membership Services, Nursing Home
- Other Chapter Affiliations include Marshall Alumnae and Arlington Alumnae
- Honors include Women of Distinction: National Council of Negro Women Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, Campus (2) Teacher of the Year - Dallas Independent School District
- Hobbies include trying different cuisines, traveling and reading
- Family: daughter Alicia Foxx , sons Lonnie (Brenda) Perryman, Larry, Brent (Sascha) and Joseph (Melissa) Foxx, twelve grandchildren, bothers John Phillip (Royshell) Osborne, Allen Clements, sisters who are also Deltas: JonEvette Osborne, Anita E. Osborne-Lee Esq., Jeannine Dion Osborne, nieces who are Deltas: Dr. Tracie Washington, Tyrannie Anderson



# Honoree

Sylvia Humphrey Hamilton

50  
years



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Pinning my sister, Dianne Humphrey Williams, as my soror when she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., through the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter.

- Initiated Fall 1974, Beta Gamma Chapter, Dillard University
- Golden Life Member
- Received Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Retired IT Project Manager
- Member of Friendship West Baptist Church (FWBC)
- Community Involvement includes member of Dillard University DFW Area Alumni Association, Charter Member and Past Recording Secretary, Dillard University National Alumni Association-Member, American Heart Association – Red Women Luncheon volunteer, FWBC Hospitality Ministry and Voter Registration, financial donor to North Texas Giving Day
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Chair of Election Committee, Delta DEARS, Policies and Procedures, and Program Planning and Development (PPAD). Former Chair of Communication, Delta Related Events and Evaluations committees; Assistant Chair of Evaluations committee; Sub-lead for Community Market, & Money Smart and Savvy of PPAD: Jabberwock Team Lead for Miss Jabberwock Pageant (1989, 2012, 2019); Former member of Social, Opening Party, Jabberwock, Membership, Nominating, Physical and Mental Health, Technology, Founders Day, Delta, Academy and TASPers committees
- Other Chapter Affiliations are 1985 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. National Convention: Registration, 2007 Southwest Regional Conference: Elections, 2010 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. National Convention: Election; 2018 Southwest Regional Conference: Registration, and Charter member of Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Hobbies include reading, puzzles and traveling
- Family: husband, Stephen (married for 44 years), daughters Stephanie and Staci

# Honoree

Mythe Y. Kirven

50  
years



**Most Memorable Delta Moment:** Co-chaired the First Red and White Day at the Texas State Capitol in 1990 where Barbara Jordan was keynote speaker.

- Initiated Spring 1975, Eta Lambda Chapter, Texas Tech University
- Golden Life Member
- Received Bachelor of Science (Texas Tech University), Master of Public Administration (Atlanta University)
- United States Housing and Urban Development Policy Analyst
- Member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church
- Community Involvement includes Chaired Skyline High School, Class of 1974, 50th High School Reunion, May 2024; Chaired National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs National Convention, Dallas Texas, 1990; 17th President, South Dallas Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc. 1987-1989; Chaired the 24th, 25th (Silver), & 55th (Emerald) Trailblazer Awards Luncheons, South Dallas B&PW Club
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Dallas Alumnae Social Action Chair, 2017-2021; Chaired Dallas' 1st Female Police Chief's Reception, 2018, Southwest Region, Social Action Texas-New Mexico Co-Coordinator, 2018-2022. Led Texas' delegation to Delta Days at the Nation's Capital, 2019-2022 and Red and White Day at the Texas Legislature
- Other Chapter Affiliation: President, Eta Lamba Chapter 1976-1977
- Honors includes served on Delta Sigma Theta National Nominating Committee 1990; organized Red and White Day at the Texas Capitol defeating voter suppression bills during the 2019 and 2021 Legislative Sessions as Texas Social Action Co-Coordinator; Coordinated Delta's North Texas' National/Regional leadership, chapter presidents, for the only US Census Bureau 2020 partnership meeting with any community-based organization nationally with the Deputy Secretary of Commerce
- Hobbies include being owner of TELM Apparel, special occasion apparel for tall women and donating clothing to at-risk women
- Family: aunt, Verdene Austin; brothers Kirven Powers and Thomas (Vanessa) Kirven



# Honoree

Valencia Nell Lewis

50  
years



**Most Memorable Delta Moment:**

Pinning my youngest Sister, Reyhana, at her initiation into the Sisterhood on April 2, 2023, York Alumnae Chapter, York, Pennsylvania.

- Initiated Fall 1974 at Epsilon Beta, University of Texas at Austin
- Diamond Life Member
- Received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Sales, AT & T Yellow Pages
- Member of Greater Providence Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes GPBC Usher, VIP & Sunday School Ministry, Volunteer Hope Restored Missions & North Texas Food Bank
- Chapter Committee Involvement include Delta DEARS
- Hobbies include traveling, reading, listening to music, dancing and playing board games
- Family: mother Clydia Wyatt; daughter Jamila LeRat Starwell; sons: Alfred E. Craig II, Malcolm Jamal Craig I; six grandchildren: Clyde, Khaliq, Alfred III, Genesis, Malcom III, and A'Lani; sisters and Sorors: Cassandra Ringer and Reyhana Khalil

# Honoree

Antoinette Mitchell-Morgan

50  
years



**Most Memorable Delta Moment:**

Becoming a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc and being initiated through the Zeta Eta Chapter!

- Initiated Spring 1975, Zeta Eta, University of North Texas
- Received Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
- Sr. Talent Acquisition Partner
- Community Involvement includes North Texas Food Bank and CGI Breast Cancer Awareness Planning Team
- Honors includes recognition as a top sales development representative, effective niche recruiting successes and work-related social media campaigns
- Hobbies include traveling, genealogy, and reading
- Family: husband Michael, dog Sully, sister Jackie and host of nieces, great nieces and nephews



# Honoree

Evelyn Yvonne Reed

50  
years



**Most Memorable Delta Moment:**

Special moments with Amazing Zeta Eta and Dallas Alumnae sorors over the years especially at the Centennial celebration in Washington D.C. and other national conventions.

- Initiated Fall 1974, Zeta Eta, University of North Texas
- Received Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in Rehabilitation; Master of Arts in Psychology
- Educational K-12 Assessment Director
- Member of Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes volunteering at The Stewpot for the Homeless at First Presbyterian Church, participating in voter registration, volunteering with the elderly at Grace Presbyterian Church and conducting state mandated assessment tutoring for DISD students
- Other Chapter affiliation is North Dallas Suburban Alumnae
- Hobbies include cattle ranching, traveling, reading, ancestry and astrology
- Family: late parents Isom and Vivian Morgan Reed; six surviving siblings (of 13): Robert, Kenneth, Sharon, Charles, Eileen and Tammy; nieces and nephews: Valerie, Jerry, Brandon, Shaharah and Isaac; special aunt and uncle the late Elwood and Vera Reed Livingston

# Honoree

Donna Robinson Taylor

50  
years



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Serving as the 2013 Delta Centennial Torch Custodian - Dallas & Washington, DC and welcoming my daughter Caldonnaye into the sisterhood in 2014.

- Initiated Fall 1974, Eta Epsilon Chapter, West Texas State University
- Received Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Biology Laboratory Management
- Member of St. Paul Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes South Dallas Concert Choir, Dallas Metroplex Musicians Association, Henosis (Unity) D9 Choir, Leadership Southwest National Association of Parliamentarians, West Texas A&M University Alumni Board of Directors/Co Chair Student Food Pantry, West Texas State University African American Student Reunion Committee, Project Still I Rise, Heads Up Foundation
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes May Week Chair, Heritage and Archives Chair, Protocol and Traditions Chair, Delta Voices Chair, Founders Day, Rituals and Ceremonies, Housing and Properties, Membership Services, Policies and Procedures, Social, and Nominating committees
- Other Chapter Affiliations are Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter Choir and Regional Conference Transportation Committee Chair
- Honors includes M.A. Professional Development, M.S. Human Relations and Business, Dallas College Longevity-30 Year Plus, 1st Blue Diamond Inaugural Class Dallas CCCD - Longevity Awards 5, 10, 15, 25, & 30 Plus, Brookhaven-Campus Tree-25th Year, Consortium Leadership and Renewal Academy, Brookhaven Professional Support Staff Association President, Leadership DCCCD, Black/Women Employee Resource Groups, AAWCC, PSSEC -Parliamentarian
- Hobbies include singing with various concert choirs and musical groups throughout the Metroplex, traveling, collecting China and teaching dining etiquette to youth and adults
- Family: husband Calvin (45 years), daughter/soror Caldonnaye, Delta aunt, niece, cousins, beloved line sisters Debra Savannah Chachere and Susan Hurrington Gooden



# Honoree

Jo Anna Warren-Lewis

50  
years



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Feeling the pride and positivity during the 100th year celebration in D.C. while painting the town RED, as stated by Tom Joyner on the radio.

- Initiated Fall 1974, Zeta Eta Chapter, University of North Texas
- Received Bachelor of Art
- Educator
- Member of Community Missionary Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes Career P.E.T.S. (Professionals Encouraging the Students), Founder, Tutor, free resume writing clinics-Eastfield & GED Program, Church Choir, Church Usher, Vacation Bible School Instructor, Drifters, Inc., Top Ladies of Distinction, Storyteller, Sunshine Committee, Breast Cancer 5K Walk, Juvenile Diabetes Walk-Nortel Networks, Motivational Speaker
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Nominating, Founder's Day, Gems and Jewels, Jabberwock, Protocol and Traditions, Policies and Procedures, Minerva Circle and Program Planning and Development
- Honors includes Dallas Association of School Administrators, President and 25 Year Delta Honoree
- Hobbies include reading, traveling, shopping and dining out
- Family: late parents Grady and Lovie Warren, husband Jonathan; god-daughter Iesha Sims Johnson; sister Twinda Williams; brothers: Ernest, Randy, Milton and Dennis, nieces: LaToy, Elizabeth, Jasmine, Gwen, and Ja'Lisha; nephews: Milton Jr., Jared, and Cameron; bonus daughters Candice King and LaShedra Crockett, little guy Christian Corbin and best friends: Albert Wright, Jimmy Paton, and Patsy Smith Needum

# Honoree

Mary Delores White

50  
years



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

When my daughters Trelita Perry and Travise Montgomery were initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at Prairie View A&M University.

- Initiated Spring 1975 , Amarillo Alumnae Chapter
- Attended Prairie View A & M University
- Received Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education
- Educator
- Member of Friendship West Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Tri-city NAACP, Hospitality and Tourism Association, Industry Expo 21st Century Girl Clinic, Retired Teachers Association, Heads Up Foundation/Board of Directors, Director of ICAP Summer Youth Program (DISD), and Education is Freedom Summer Youth Program (City of Dallas)
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Chair of Delta DEARS, Social Action, Delta Academy, Arts and Letters Committee, Membership Services and Mental and Physical Health
- Other Chapter Affiliations include President/Midland Alumnae Chapter and President/Hayward California Tri-City Chapter
- Honors includes Business and Professional Women's Award, National Top Honor Academy of Hospitality and Tourism ( First in DISD), Kimball High School Teacher of the Year, Miss Prairie View A&M University 1968-69, Who's Who Among American High School Teachers
- Hobbies include Interior Design and Fashion Design, serving the Community, working with young ladies and Shopping
- Family: husband Ronnie, daughters Trelita Perry and Travise Montgomery



# SILVER YEAR HONOREES

25  
years





# Honoree

## Majaliwa Bass



### Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Performing the solo in the Sweetheart song while serenading the Charter members of my pledge chapter, Kappa Alpha, at our chapter's 50-year anniversary.

- Initiated Spring 1999, Kappa Alpha Chapter, University of Oklahoma
- Received Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Marketing Executive
- Member of St. John Church in Southlake, Texas
- Community Involvement includes caring for the homeless and making blankets for homeless children
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes Frederica Chase Dodd Centennial Campaign and Inaugural Easter Egg Hunt
- Hobbies include cycling, sewing, crafting and singing
- Family: husband - Willie, children - Khari, Khalil, Nia and Amara



# Honoree

## Tanja Lavon Fluellen-Barrett



### Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Having the opportunity to personally meet Soror Dorothy Irene Height, the 10th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

- Initiated Spring 2000, Iota Upsilon Chapter, Austin Peay State University
- Diamond Life Member
- Received Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Registered Nurse
- Rockwall Friendship Baptist Church
- Community Involvement includes Black Nurses Association, NAACP, PTA and The Barrett's quarterly feeding of the homeless
- Chapter Involvement includes Physical and Mental Health 2015-20, Physical and Mental Health Chair 2019-20, Delta Academy 2016-22, NPHC Rep---2016-2018, Jabberwock Lead---2017-18, Jabberwock 2018-19, DAC Minerva Circle 2022-23, Assistant Financial Secretary 2023-25, Budget & Finance 2023-2025, Policies and Procedures 2023-25, Founders Day 2023-25
- Other Chapter Affiliations are N. Texas/NM State Advisor Coordinator 2020-22, Collegiate Secondary Advisor (Theta Nu), 2017-22 MIT Certified Trainer 2024-26, DID Certified Trainer 2024-26, DFW Founders Day Honorees/Protocol/Programs subcommittee, SWRC San Antonio-Credentials Committee, TX/NM State Summitt Dallas, TX-Welcome Committee, SWRC Dallas KIT Solicitation/Souvenir Committee, SWRC Dallas Step Show Committee and SWRC Dallas Service Project Committee
- Honors include The Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses
- Hobbies include traveling and caring for the sick
- Family: late mom Lola McDonald; dad and stepmom James and Tippiie Fluellen; children Christian, Anylah, Zalyah and Isaiah; siblings: Michelle and Tyrone



# Honoree

Kaliska Comoneci

Dominick



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

Attending the 54th National Convention with my mother in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- Initiated Spring 2000, Alpha Tau, Southern University
- Received Bachelor of Science and Master of Education in Special Education
- Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
- Member of Friendship West Baptist Church
- Chapter Committee Involvement include EMODI and TASPers
- Hobbies includes exercising, experimenting with new recipes, visiting museums and collecting art
- Family: parents late Robert L. Dominick and Cynthia Dominick (Crowley Alumnae Chapter) husband, Kendrick

# Honoree

Bashie LaShun

Howard



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

I have enjoyed every opportunity of serving our local community with my Sorors.

- Initiated Spring 2000, Theta Gamma, Stephen F. Austin State University
- Received Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
- Business Analyst
- Member of Covenant Church
- Community Involvement includes CrossRoads Community Services volunteer, Women Called Moses, Texas Ramp Project, the Main Place, Oasis Focus Inc., Dallas Mayor's Back to School Fair, Good Samaritans of Garland, Good Street Social Service Center, Texas Black Invitational Rodeo volunteer, S.M. Wright Foundation's Christmas in the Park volunteer and Veterans Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony volunteer
- Chapter Committee Involvement includes TASPers, Joy Scott Woodfork Delta Hair Salon, Program Planning and Development Co-Chair, Teen Town Hall, Annual Food Drive Sub-Committee Lead, Jabberwock, Social Action; National Pan-Hellenic Council Inc. of Dallas Voting Representative, Alternate Representative and Community Engagement Committee Chair.
- Other Chapter Affiliations include Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter Charter Member
- Honors include 2022 Norman Perry Presidents Award
- Hobbies include painting, visiting museums, attending a performance
- Family: parents Mrs. Glenda Howard and the late Mr. Osben Howard; sister Ms. Sonja Howard-Smith; loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; an aunt and three cousins who are also members of Delta: Mrs. Zelda Smith, Mrs. Barbara Valorie, Dr. Thalia Matherson, and Mrs. Verna Mitchell, respectively.



# Honoree

Dr. Beverly Rice



## Most Memorable Delta Moment:

The expression of pride my late mother had when I crossed (and became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated).

- Initiated Fall 1999, Zeta Eta, University of North Texas
- Received Bachelor of Science in Biology; Baylor College of Dentistry DDS
- Dentist
- Member of One Community Church
- Community Involvement includes Dallas Stewpot - Dental Clinic for Homeless, Give Kids a Smile, Texas Mission of Mercy, Scientific and Strategic Planning - Dallas County Dental Society
- Other Chapter Affiliations include Waco Alumnae, Southwest Dallas County Alumnae, Wichita Falls Alumnae
- Honors include 2023 - Full NeoArch Technique Participant in Brazil, 2022 - National Cares Award - Affordable Dentures & Implants, Implant Pathways Fellow, First African American Program Chair-Dallas County Dental Society, Board of Directors Dallas County Dental Society (DCDS), Southwest Dental Conference Exhibit Chair -(DCDS)
- Hobbies include Hot Chocolate 5K Runner Dessert Connoisseur, dog lover, horseback riding, comedy shows, traveling, foodie
- Family: two beautiful sisters, eleven nieces and nephews, two great nephews and one great niece

*Congratulations*  
**HONOREES**



*Congratulations to  
Mythe Kirven  
50 Golden Years  
in Delta Sigma  
Theta Sorority*





*Celebrating 101 years*  
*of*

**Dallas Alumnae Chapter**  
Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service,  
and Social Action!

In loving memory of the 39th Chapter President

*Curtistene S. McCowan*

Always in my heart - Leon



Initiated April 5, 1986  
Dallas Alumnae Chapter



CONGRATS TO US  
CELEBRATING A  
MOMENTOUS

# 50 YEARS MYTHE KIRVEN

Dallas Alumnae Chapter,  
Thanks to you, Mythe  
and Mae Frances have  
been Deltas most of our  
lives -TASPers since 1969

**CHEERS TO 100 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO DALLAS**

**MAE FRANCES ROWLETT  
WICHITA FALLS ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
2009-2014**





# Congratulations

*Bashie L. Howard*  
25-Year Honoree



**Celebrating true sisterhood  
We love you and are so proud of you!**

**Thalia F. Brown Matherson, EdD - Cousin**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. member since Spring 1961  
Alpha Kappa Chapter, Huston-Tillotson University

**Verna George Brown Mitchell - Cousin**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. member since Spring 1965  
Alpha Kappa Chapter, Huston-Tillotson University

**Sonja Howard-Smith - Sister**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. member since Spring 2001



# Congratulations!



*In Loving Memory of those in Omega Omega*



## The Elite Establishment 23 Out of Reach



**Congratulations to honorees initiated in the ZH Chapter**

**Line Sisters:**

***Gayla Mitchell Burton,***

***Evelyn Reed***

***JoAnna Warren-Lewis***

**Omega Omega:**

***Phyllis Wilborn Patterson***

***Beverly Stewart Stuckey***

***Stephanie Wines Hurd***

**Also, from the Spring 1975**

**pledge class:**

***Denise Clements Foxx and***

***Antoinette Mitchell Morgan***







*The Sorors of  
Dillard University  
salute our very own  
Soror Sylvia Humphrey Hamilton  
for 50 years of dedicated service to the  
Sorority and for being the human glue  
that keeps us all connected.*

*We Love You Sylvia!*





*Congratulation!*

*Gayla Burton*



*Thank You for  
Your Service!*

*To Gayla Burton, our sister in Christ. Your Church Family, the Good Street Baptist Church, congratulate you for 50 years of dedicated service in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. As a member of our Church, for over 40 years, we have personal knowledge of your works (John 10: 37-38). Your devoted service in the Ollie Lee Scruggs Choir, Sunday School, Social Service Center Board and other auxiliaries are a testament to your Christian character. You have been a blessing beyond measure. Additionally, and most importantly you have freely and eagerly fulfilled the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by sharing the good news with mankind. Your God given talents (singing, teaching, helping, etc.) are used to God's glory which in turn blesses fellowman. Thanks for setting the example. You have truly demonstrated the life, our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, requires of all His saints.*



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*Gayla Mitchell Burton*



*Legacy!*



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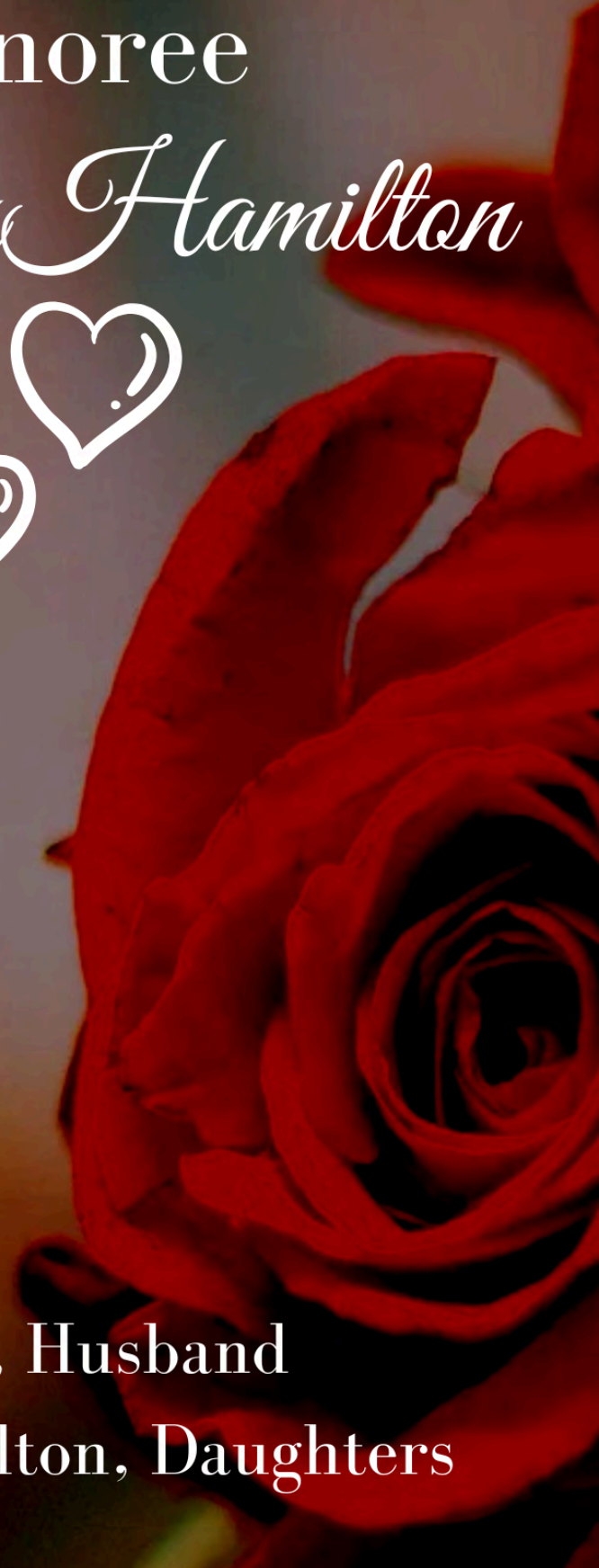
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WE'RE PROUD OF YOUR 50 YEARS IN DELTA



Congratulations

50 Year Honoree

*Sylvia Humphrey Hamilton*



Stephen B Hamilton, Husband

Stephanie and Staci Hamilton, Daughters



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THE HOUSE



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*Kaliska,*

**Congratulations on 25 years of  
exceptional service!**

**This amazing milestone is a testament  
to your perseverance and passion.**

*The Freeman Family  
Dedric, Aneika, Carson, and Kason*

*Kaliska*  
*25 year Honoree*

**Congratulations on your 25 years of  
committed service to**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**A Sisterhood Called to Serve**

*Love Mother,  
Cynthia Dominick  
(Member of Crowley Alumnae Chapter)*



Congratulations to my beautiful daughter

*Bashie L. Howard*

25-Year member of  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



*Love Always,  
Glenda F. Howard*

*Congratulations*  
50 YEARS IN DELTA SIGMA THETA



Mythe Kirven & Friends



*Congratulations*

*Gayla Burton*

Celebrating your 50th year of service to  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

From Concerned DeSoto Citizens  
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*Kaliska*

*25 year Honoree*

*Congratulations*

*You've reached an incredible  
milestone, and we couldn't be  
prouder of your dedication and  
achievement.*

*We are so proud of you and your friend*

*Your Friends,  
Charlis, Darrea, & Mahogany*



# Dallas Alumnae Delta T.A.S.P.er

Thank You Claudette Taylor

Guidance Counselor at James Madison High School, invited me to join the Delta Sigma Theta Youth Group, 8th Grade thru 12th Grade

Congratulations Mythe Kirven!!

56 Years Later

1969-1974



*Congratulations*

50 Years in Delta Sigma Theta

*Mythe Kirven*

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter, Congratulations on reaching your 100th Year Milestone  
Wishing you continued success in future endeavors

Maxine Richardson Cormier, Southwest Regional Director  
1989-1993

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Mythe Kirven*



**In Delta**

*With Love,*

**Cassandra Anderson Carter**  
**San Antonio Alumnae Chapter**

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Floyda and Robert Myrick  
congratulate



*Bashie L. Howard*  
25-Year member of  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Mythe Kirven*

Dallas Alumnae Chapter  
January 25, 2025  
Honoree



50 Years of  
Membership in  
Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.  
Many Years of  
outstanding service  
and community  
involvement and  
Unimpeachable  
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From a former teacher who knew you  
as an excellent Dallas ISD James  
Madison High School student  
and who is Honored to share  
membership with you in the  
Dallas Alumnae Chapter of  
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**IN LOVING  
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*of*

**Marjorie Carol Manney Atkins**



*on behalf of*

**JOE ATKINS REALTY**







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