

**BALTIMORE
COUNTY
ALUMNAE
CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA
THETA
SORORITY, INC.**

**SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **President's
Message**
- **Committee News**
- **Soror Sightings**

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President's Message



Happy New Year and Happy Founders Day!!

Sorors, this month we kickoff 2017, a New Year and a New YOU! We also celebrate 104 years of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. A legacy of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service.

How many New Year's resolutions have you made...and how many have you broken thus far? Let us not make unrealistic resolutions; instead, let us make resolutions that we can monitor through setting inch stones or mile-stones. For example, one of your resolutions may be to get back involved within BCAC. An inch stone may be to attend chapter meetings or even to join a committee. Whatever your New Year's resolution is (are) may you embrace and enjoy the success and get motivated by the failure to start over again.

As we prepare to celebrate Founders Day, let us reflect on the 22 Trailblazers that made this all possible. On the campus of Howard University, twenty-two, Dynamic, Dedicated, Devoted, Disciplined women answered the call to serve. For over 104 years, women are still taking a stance fighting for rights for all people. We remember the work that was done, the victories won and map out the work that lies ahead. Twenty-two tenacious women paved the way creating a foundation that has called over 200,000 educated women to join the cause of serving and impacting their communities, addressing issues ranging from homelessness, literacy, financial independence and other social issues. With each workshop, program and activity we implement within our communities targeting health care, education, job growth, equal rights, we represent our Founders for they ignited the flame that continues to burn within each and every Delta. Founders Day is not celebrated one day out of the year but it is a year-long celebration for the women that wear the letters representing

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President's Message

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Delta Sigma Theta. On February 25, 2017, BCAC will rededicate ourselves to the nine cardinal virtues of our Sorority and pay homage to our illustrious Founders through Words, Images, Movement and Sound.

May one of your New Year's resolutions include to continue to carry the Torch within you and burn with desire to service your community.

Violets and Pearls

Soror President

Happy Founders Day

1913 to 2017



The Chaplain's Corner

As we pray for our sorors, let us meditate on this scripture.

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

(Romans 5:2-5)

Linda Miller, Chaplain

The Power of Prayer

Please keep these sorors in your prayers.

Soror Cheryl Berthau
Soror Janet Briscoe
Soror Cathy Carr
Soror Adrienne Dickerson
Soror Phyllis King
Soror Gloria Marrow
Soror Maria McClung
Soror Mabel Murray
Soror Jeri Reid
Soror Wendy Rose
Soror Gloria Wilson Shelton
Soror Judy Smylie



SAVE THE DATE!

SORORITY MEETINGS

Month	Date	Location
January	21	Randallstown Community Center
February	18	Randallstown Community Center
March	18	Randallstown Community Center
April	15	Randallstown Community Center
May	20	Randallstown Community Center
June	10	TBD

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Month	Date	Location
February	8	Northwest Hospital
March	8	Northwest Hospital
April	5	Northwest Hospital
May	10	Northwest Hospital
May	31	Northwest Hospital

BCAC UPCOMING EVENTS

<div>Delta Sigma Theta</div> <div>BCAC Program Calendar 2016/2017</div>						
January 2017		EMBODI Workshops GEMS M.A.D Girl Conference International Awareness & Involvement Human Trafficking Delta Academy – M.A.D.D. Conference				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 EMBODI-Workshop	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Executive Board Meeting	12	13	14 GEMS- M.A.D Girl Conference
15	16 M L King Day	17	18	19	20	21 Chapter Meeting /Delta Academy- M.A.D.D. Conf
22	23	24	25 EMBODI-Workshop	26	27	28
29	30	31 IAI-Human Trafficking				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Executive Board Meeting	9 EMBODI-Workshop	10	11 GEMS- Love Myself (Healthy Relationships)
12 BeauCo Closing	13	14	15	16	17	18 Chapter Meeting
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 EMBODI-Workshop	22	23 Outreach & Delta Academy - Black History Month Event	24	25 Founder's Day
26	27	28				



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Winter Weather Watch

Sorors,

As the winter season approaches, please make sure that the Information Communication Committee has your correct email address for you so you can be notified immediately regarding meetings and activities cancellations or postponements.

Newsletter Article Submission Date—February 9

Did you attend a BCAC event and want to tell other sorors all about it? Do you have a burning passion about a subject other BCAC sorors will find interesting? Do you have something for the good of the chapter? Then submit a newsletter article to the Elephant Express. Next submission date is February 9.

Email journalist@bcacdeltas.org for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!



July 2017

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16	17	18	19		21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SORORS,

My sincere apologies for the gross error in misspelling the name of our late Soror Maxxx. Those who received their 2016-2017 Directory in November, please pick up the corrected page. Others who have yet to receive the 2016-2017 directory, the corrected page has been inserted for you.

Stop by the Directory table to receive the directory or the corrected page.

Thank you!

Barbara Crawley, Directory Chair

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BALTIMORE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC

Celebrating Our Founders Through
Words, Images, Movement and Sound

Mistress of Ceremonies



Sandi Mallory, WEAA Director of
Public Affairs & Community
Engagement

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 25, 2017

11 A.M.

Subscription: \$60

Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys
100 Village Square; 5100 Falls Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Special Guests



Dr. Karen A. Stanley Bethea
Senior Pastor, Set The Captives
Free Outreach Center



Kendall Isadore
Violinist, Vocalist

For more information, contact:
president@bcacdeltas.org

Committee News

Join the Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Arts and Letters Committee

Potluck Dinner and Discussion of *Beaches*



Thursday, January 26, 2017

7-8:30pm

Winfield Pal Center
8304 Carlson Lane
Baltimore, MD 21244

Open to Friends and Family

This updated, contemporary version of the beloved novel and 1988 film, *Beaches*, chronicles the lives and friendship of two friends from different backgrounds, whose friendship spans more than 30 years through childhood, love, and tragedy. This remake is starring Nia Long and Idina Menzel. *Beaches* will air on January 21st, at 8pm, on Lifetime. After viewing this remake, let's meet to discuss the film and compare the remake with the original classic "chick flick," which has gained a huge following, throughout the years.

Please email co-chairs Wanda Horne (mstricehorne@outlook.com) or Stacy Woods (staywoods@gmail.com) to RSVP and list the dish that you will bring.

Committee News

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEBT MANAGEMENT

By Soror Brenda Lane Oliver, Chair

Each month, EDC will share one of the 10 components of Financial Fortitude. December's topic is Estate Planning.



Credit is so easy to gain nowadays ñ it's not wonder why so many people are in unmanageable debt. If you are slow in making payments or often miss payments, you are not alone.

Before you file for bankruptcy, you should consider the following options.

Debt Consolidation Loan

One solution is to get a debt consolidation loan. Simply put, you will find a lender who will loan you the entire amount of your debts. You pay off your creditors and make one monthly payment on your consolidation loan. The purpose of doing this is to avoid having to pay many different creditors.

If you find a consolidation loan with a lower interest rate than the current rates that you are paying, you will save money in the long run.

Some individuals get consolidation loans in the form of home equity line of credit or a personal loan from the bank. Again, as long as the interest rate is lower, you will save from having to pay for finance charges. If you are having a hard time getting an unsecured loan, you might want to opt for a secured loan. A secured loan is backed up by collateral, usually your home or other personal possessions.

Credit Counseling

Another solution to debt problems is to contact a credit counseling agency. A qualified agent will review your current financial state and take the steps necessary to help you get your debt under control. They will most likely contact your current creditors to negotiate repayment terms in the form of a lower interest rate or reduced monthly payment. To find a good credit

counseling agency, conduct a search online or browse your local phone book. Remember to check the agency for legitimacy by asking questions about fees and accreditation.

A credit counselor will also sit with you to discuss your financial future. They will teach you basic personal finance management skills and will help you create a budget you can live with. Sometimes, they may ask you to cut up your credit cards so you can avoid future debts.

Debt Management Programs

You can usually enlist in a debt management program through a credit counseling agency, or find one for yourself. In such a program, an agent will review your financial situation and ask you a few questions to make sure you qualify. They will likely negotiate repayment terms with your creditors to lighten your obligations. They will then add up the total amount of debt and figure out a monthly payment for all your bills combined. You simply send the agency a payment and they will make sure that your creditors are paid the right amount.

Again, you should do your research to find a good debt management program. Find a not-for-profit agency that has been accredited or recommended by trusted associations. Enlisting the help of a less-than-legitimate firm can get you in further financial trouble because some agencies will hold your payment longer than necessary so your money can gain interest for their own profit.



Committee News

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BCAC—ARE YOU READY?

By Soror Angela Corbin, Co-chair



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has a partnership with the Red Cross to address Emergency Preparedness. Help is in your hand.



Please visit <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps> to download free mobile applications offered by the Red Cross to receive important information.

Committee News

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

By Soror Stephannie Solomon, Co-chair

Sorors, did you know that nearly 13,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and that the disease is virtually always preventable with proper screening and vaccination? Screening can occur anytime; however, scheduling a screening during the month of January is a great time to monitor the health of one's cervix. With so many women setting health goals at the onset of 2017, getting that cervical examination should be one of them since January has been designated by the United States Congress as Cervical Health Awareness Month.

At one point cervical cancer was one of the leading forms of cancer, causing the deaths of many women. According to the American Cancer Society, the cervical cancer death rate has gone down by more than 50% in the past 30 years. This decline is due to the increased use of screening tests. Screening can find changes in the cervix before cancer develops. It can also find cervical cancer early. Cervical cancer screenings can help detect abnormal (changed) cells early, before they turn into cancer. Most deaths from cervical cancer could be prevented by regular Pap tests and follow-up care.

One way to combat or prevent cervical cancer in the future is to have both adults and children vaccinated against human papilloma virus (HPV), which causes most cases of cervical cancer. HPV is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity. It's also a

major cause of cervical cancer. Both boys and girls need the vaccine.

Let us take action today and spread the words of awareness and prevention throughout our communities and families regarding cervical cancer. Here are few things that we can do:

- Tweet, post, and broadcast on YouTube, Periscope and Facebook about Cervical Health Awareness Month.
- Add a badge from a health website that informs on the issue to your website.



Actress Cote de Pablo
discusses her cervical cancer
scare and has a message for
women in this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UImDRCUPPu4&feature=youtu.be)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UImDRCUPPu4&feature=youtu.be>

Remember, cervical cancer is preventable. Take the time to schedule your screening today and encourage other women to do the same.

Resource and References:

American Sexual Health Association, <http://www.nccc-online.org/hpvcervical-cancer/cervical-health-awareness-month/>

American Cancer Society, <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/news/specialcoverage/cervical-health-awareness-month>

Committee News

DELTA ACADEMY

DELTA ACADEMY CONTINUES TO THRIVE!

By Soror Iris Steele, Co-chair

BCAC Dr. Betty Shabazz, Delta Academy continues to thrive!

December was a very busy month. The young ladies joined the students of the PAL center for a Holiday fest. They thoroughly enjoyed the food, stations and were excited to receive gifts and their Delta Academy shirts.

On December 29th, the young ladies, committee members, President Robinson, 1st Vice President Mitchell-Brown and Soror Roberts journeyed to University of Maryland College to see the Maryland Lady TERPS (GO TERPS!) take on the University of Connecticut Huskies. The Terps lost by 8 points, however the game was exciting and all young ladies had a wonderful time!

We also welcomed 3 new members to our group.

On January 21, 2017, we will attend the MAD GIRL Conference at the Baltimore Delta Center. Several of the young ladies have entered the video contest in hopes of winning a \$300, \$150 or \$75 gift card.

Stay tuned- Coming Soon to BCAC Delta Academy Land, CSI –“To Catch a Thief”, P.I. Day, and Activity with Woodlawn High School National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)



Academy participants making crafts and enjoying holiday fest



Soror Judy Smylie preparing Snowflake ornament station

Committee News

SOCIAL ACTION

COMMITTED TO ACTION

By Soror Danyell Smith, Chair

Happy New Year BCAC 2017

Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action Committee is committed to serving BCAC for the Sorority Year of 2016/2017.

Our Social Action Committee would like to thank each and every Soror who participated in the Voter's Registration/Voter's Education process last year. Our committee is committed to ensuring that our community is well informed from a social action/political awareness perspective.

We as advocates for our community need to also make sure that our community leaders and state and local politicians/representatives are held accountable for their actions. If we as constituents/advocates don't agree with our representatives and we need to put a little pressure on them to support a particular piece of legislation, we need to let our representatives know exactly where we stand via writing letters and or calling their perspective offices.

Please join us this sorority year in what our sorority's principles were built on, Social Action. We look forward to collaborating with your committee.

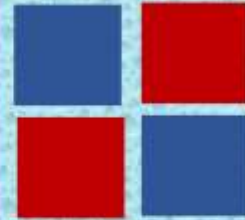
Save the Dates/Upcoming Events:

- January 21, 2017 – National Women's March in Washington, DC
- Delta Days in The Nation's Capital March 04-07, 2017
- Delta Days in Annapolis – March 23, 20217

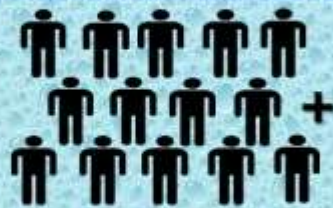
Committee News

**Help Empower a
Community by Donating to
BCAC's Water Project to
Support a Water Well
System in Africa**

In partnership with waterwellsforafrica.org.



**\$50.00 provides water to 14
individual for 20 years.**



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**20
years**

**Members of the IAI Committee will be collecting
final donations at the January, February, and
March Chapter meeting.**

**If you would like to receive a receipt for your
charitable contribution, please mail a payable
check to Baltimore County Delta Foundation, Inc.
(BCDF) to Baltimore County Delta Foundation,
Inc., PO Box 744, Owings Mills, MD. 21117, or
make an online donations at**

<http://www.crowdrise.com/worldwaterday/fundraiser/baltimorecountydeltafoundationinc>

For questions, contact Soror Anissa Brown at anissabrown77@gmail.com.



Committee News

***We are making progress,
lets keep pushing...***

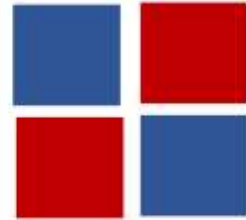


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**20
years**



**Help Empower a
Community by Donating to
BCAC's Water Project to
Support a Water Well
System in Africa**

In partnership with waterwellsforafrica.org.



**-34% to Goal
(\$2940.25)**



**For questions, contact Soror Anissa Brown at
anissabrown77@gmail.com.**




Committee News

January Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Stay Tuned for an IAI Human Trafficking Program in sponsorship with Lambda Kappa (UMBC) in May, 2017.

**SOMEONE
BECOMES A
VICTIM OF
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
EVERY
30 SECONDS
VACANCY**



#STOPHUMANTRAFFICKING

**RESOURCES ON
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center
Hotline - NHTRC**
1-888-3737-888

National Human Trafficking Hotline
humantraffickinghotline.org/

Homeland Security Investigations
1-866-DHS-2ICE (1-866-347-2423)

**Nexus Institute to Combat Human Trafficking
and International Organization for
Migration**
www.nexusinstitute.net

**U.S. Department of State
(Shelter Best Practices Fact Sheet)
Office to Monitor and
Combat Trafficking in Persons**
<http://m.state.gov/mc6825.htm>

**U.S. Department Of Health and Human
Services (Tool Kits)**
[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/
rescue-restore-campaign-tool-kits](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/rescue-restore-campaign-tool-kits)

Information on the Film, "In Plain Sight"
<http://www.inplainsightfilm.com>

**Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
(MHTTF) Resource Directory**
[http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/victim/documents/
human-trafficking/2014-Resource-Directory.pdf](http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/victim/documents/human-trafficking/2014-Resource-Directory.pdf)

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Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter
International Awareness Committee




Soror Sightings

Sorors celebrating ...



1st Vice President, Soror Stacy Mitchell-Brown, in the MLK Parade

Soror Sightings

...and celebrating ...



Sorors celebrate Founders Day



Soror Sightings

...and celebrating...



Soror President at the
BCAC Founder's Day Fellowship



Soror President at the Washington Metropolitan
Area Wide Founders Day with Soror Sandra
Richburg, President of Harford County Alumnae

Soror Sightings



BCAC sorors attend a showing of Hidden Figures



The BCAC Arts and Letters Committee together with BMAC and BAC hosting the Delta Red Carpet Event showing of Hidden Figures 1/8/2017.

January Birthdays

Jan 1	Patricia Johnson
Jan 3	Jacquelyn Nicole Winston
Jan 5	Sandra J. Bristow
Jan 5	Belinda Cornish
Jan 5	Harrietta Wallace
Jan 12	Kimberleigh Nigel DeLaine
Jan 12	E. Joanne Graham
Jan 13	E. Cathy Carr
Jan 13	Gail Neverdon Edmonds
Jan 16	Sandra W. Stevenson
Jan 19	Barbara Bundy
Jan 20	Sondra Kendrick
Jan 20	Darlean Cager Williams
Jan 22	Gloria Richardson Marrow
Jan 23	Sherrill Douglas Campbell
Jan 23	Cynthia Neverdon-Morton
Jan 24	Tamara Combs
Jan 24	Vivian Knight-Jones
Jan 25	Cheryl Nadine Berthau
Jan 26	Deborah Peaks Coleman
Jan 26	Shirley Smith-Washington
Jan 31	Edith Corrine Jenkins

BCAC Executive Committee 2016-2017

President	Keitha Robinson
First Vice President	Stacey Mitchell-Brown
Second Vice President	Monique Cephas
Corresponding Secretary	Cynthia Jordan
Recording Secretary	Tracy Watkins
Treasurer	Tanisha Pryce
Assistant Treasurer	Tajuanda Singletary
Financial Secretary	Kathy Boykins
Assistant Financial Secretary	Renee Jenkins
Historian	Stephanie Ennels
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kimberly Johnson-Redder
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms	Janice Bowie Michelle Danois
Journalist	Cheryl Berthau
Chaplain	Linda Miller
Parliamentarian	Sharon Gamble
Nominating Committee	Belinda Cornish
Immediate Past President	Jerilynn Reid

2016-2017 BCAC Committee Chairs

Arts & Letters

Wanda Horne

Stacy Woods

Budget & Finance

Tanisha Pryce

Delta Academy

Christina Fitts

Iris Steele

Delta GEMS

Wanda Campbell

Economic Development

Brenda Lane Oliver

Educational Development

Jessica Robinson

Emergency Response Team

Angela Corbin

Sondra Kendrick

Fundraising

Monique Cephas

Beautillion-Cotillion 2016

Carla Chase

JoVonne Day-Miles

Michelle Gross

Crab Feast 2016

Zena Penn

Michelle Danois

Julie Ivey

Grants

Cynthia Neverdon-Morton

Heritage & Archives

Stephanie Ennels

EMBODI

Courtney Garnes

Shanae Fant

Information & Communication

Cheryl Berthau

Directory

Barbara Crawley

Publicity

Shanae Fant

Wendy Faulkner

Internal Audit

Tujuana Hinton

International Awareness &

Involvement

Anissa Brown

Alexis Bruce

Membership Services

Stacey Mitchell-Brown

Amenities

Linda Miller

Hospitality

Eathell Lewis

Reclamation

Adriene Dickerson

Sisterly Yours

Kim Brown

Music Chorale

Janice Bowie

Nominating Committee

Belinda Cornish

Delta Community Outreach

Center

Umekca Horsey

Physical & Mental Health

Nneka McNeal-Jackson

Stephannie Solomon

Policies & Procedures

Sharon Gamble

Political Awareness & Involvement/Social Action

Danyell Smith

President's Council

Keitha Robinson

Program Planning & Development

JoVonne Day Miles

Gloria J Mason

Project A.C.E.

TBD

Risk Management Youth Initiatives

Linda Miller

Ritual and Ceremonies

Darlean Williams

Scholarship

Stacey Mitchell-Brown

Donations

Donnell Phillips

Step Team

TBD

Strategic Planner

Adriene Roberts

National Pan-Hellenic

Council Rep

TBD

2016—2017 EASTERN REGION LEADERSHIP



Regional Director	Rosia Blackwell Lawrence, North Manhattan Alumnae Chapter
Regional Representative	Indira Ridgeway, Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Delaware State University
Regional Secretary	Randi N. Gray, North Manhattan Alumnae Chapter
Assistant Regional Secretary(s):	Delphine Henry, Dover Alumnae Chapter Pamela Jackson, North Manhattan Alumnae Chapter
Member, Scholarship & Standards Committee	Traci Price-Birkhead, Federal City Alumnae Chapter
Member, 2017 National Nominating Committee	Carol Moses, Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter
Member, Regional Nominating Committee	Arnette Dorsey, Baltimore Alumnae Chapter Diana Jaden Janet Williams-Coger