

SACRED NEWSLETTER

UNVEILING TRULPHIVE, SPARKING JOY
WHILE CELEBRATING DISTINCTION



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together!" As Deltas, we are deliberate in our service and it takes EVERYONE'S commitment to succeed.

As we reflect on welcoming our incoming President, Soror Tonya Arrington, celebrating her vision of collaboration under the motto "Better Together" and the meaningful strides made in Quarters 3 and 4, let us celebrate the accomplishments and look forward to a future strengthened by unity as the Shelby Alumnae Chapter will continue to uphold excellence in serving Cleveland, Rutherford, and Lincoln counties.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
SHELBY ALUMNAE CHAPTER
CHARTERED 1981

QUARTERLY EDITION

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President Tonya Arrington



Q3 Recap

Service is our name! 

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INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Seasonal affective disorder, SAD, or winter-type, also known as fall-winter depression, is a form of mood disorder that occurs at the same time of the year and was first diagnosed in 1984.

Let's Break the Stigma

PREVALENCE

SAD affects millions of Americans, with an estimated 5% of adults in the U.S.

Source: NIMH

POLITICAL AWARENESS



Q3 Recap

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DELTA ACADEMY GEMS EMBODI

2024



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DELTA ACADEMY & GEMS

Launched "Embracing Your Brilliance: Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow," and under the Dr. Betty Shabazz curriculum, the Delta Academy committee is preparing these local young women for success in the 21st century. We had an overwhelming response with a record-breaking 56 applicants to participate in this year's program.

*Q4 - SAC Announced plans to host both the Cotillion and EMBODI for the 2025-2026 school year

Reclamation Recognition

As we thrive on service and embodying the power it has to transform lives and communities, we want to welcome (pictured left to right) Soror Felicia Jefferies, Soror Christina Battle and Soror Maria Maddox as new additions to the Shelby Alumnae Chapter.



Programs & Events

- Chapter Retreat was held in person, fostering fellowship and strategic planning.
- We began strengthening community ties while collaborating with Gardner-Webb University while participating in the Connect Fair and a Diversity & Inclusion Divine Day Out, including a tailgate and Gospel Day Party.
- As a sponsor, SAC's logo made it on the back of the Rutherford County School Backpack Program Truck.
- SAC Communication text was implemented as a new streamlined communication system (@dstsat2023 to 81010) to improve chapter connectivity.





CLEVELAND COUNTY RESCUE MISSION

Community Matters!

Through the ongoing partnership between the Shelby Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Cleveland County Rescue Mission we had the pleasure of visiting the Rescue Mission to provide and served the women and children residents a delicious and savory Holiday meal. We are grateful for the chance to contribute to such a vital community organization that embodies the values of Rescue, Recovery and Restoration in Jesus' name.



Elementary

Love

James

Notable Updates from Regional

- Members are encouraged to review their Ritual and songs to keep them in our hearts.
- No Fall State Meeting will be held, however the focus will be shifted to cluster activities with Asheville, Hickory, Western Carolina and Appalachian State chapters.
- Emphasis has been placed on not using personal emails but to use chapter emails instead for all business to align with Nationals' guidelines.

JOIN US FOR THE Q4
BREAKFAST WITH A BOOK
 1:30-3:30 A.M.
 DECEMBER 10TH | DECEMBER 12TH
 10 A.M. - 2ND | 3RD, 4TH, 5TH
 + 5TH
 8:00-9:45 A.M.



Q4 Better Together!



The Details:

Tickets will be available
Saturday
1 Entry - \$10
3 Entries - \$30

Fundraiser Duration:
11/14/24 - 1/8/25



Fundraising Committee



November

- Participated in early voting efforts (10/17-11/2) and the Stroll to the Polls initiative.
- Sorors Degree and Patty Smith worked diligently at the Neal Senior Center on Election Day.
- Conducted turkey drives across Cleveland, Lincoln, and Rutherford counties.
- Participated in the Outreach Ministry Parade of Tables, earning bragging rights and a trophy for most donations collected.

October

Despite cancellations of events like the Health Healing & Hope Walk due several significant losses and the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the PHAST Committee continued our commitment to community service with projects such as the HIV Awareness Workshop at Faith Harvest and monthly social media posts on Physical or Mental Health topics.

December

- Volunteered during "Breakfast with a Book" at James Love Elementary as part of their Title 1 initiative.
- Participated in the local Shelby Christmas Parade.
- Celebrated the season with an in-person Chapter Holiday Party, delicious Potluck and Gift Exchange.
- The Fundraising Committee Launched the 50/50 Raffle Initiative during the holiday party. Sorors are encouraged to purchase tickets and share this opportunity on their social media platforms or by word of mouth. The drawing will take place on February 8th, just in time for Valentine's Day!





EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Election Day
♀ Neal Senior Center

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH



Lincoln County
Turkey Drive

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS



Stroll
to the **POLL**

Join members of your local Divis 9 chapters for a Saturday Stroll and Party to the Polls.

This Saturday Stroll initiative will activate local organizations, encouraging their members and family to go out and cast their ballot during the early voting period.

BE ON SITE **FREE**
DOOR PRIZES GAMES FOOD

CLEVELAND COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
150 S POST RD
SHELBY, NC 28152

Saturday
NOV
1pm - 4pm

POLITICAL AWARENESS



SENSATIONAL SORORS SPOTLIGHT

Let's embrace the spirit of sisterhood and dedication as we strive for excellence in all we do.



Recognition for **Soror Dr. Masonya Ruff** on her leadership as a member of the Feeding Kids Cleveland County Board of Directors



Congratulating **Soror Patty Smith** for her appointment as North Carolina's Lead Chaplain (2024-2026) by our South Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Pamela Lewis



Commending **Soror Barbara Borders** for her appointment as Regional Advisors Circle by our South Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Pamela Lewis

Recognition for **Soror Felicia Tyson** on hosting her 11th annual community tailgate event in conjunction with the Official Reunion of Classes in her hometown, Dillon, SC



Closing Note

Thank you for your continued commitment to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Together, we are making an indelible impact in our communities. Let us move forward with purpose and pride as we embrace the new year with open hearts and shared goals.

in Sisterhood,

Soror Lisa Randolph

Journalist, Shelby Alumnae Chapter

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