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# The Torch

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## AWARD WINNING DELTAS



\*\*Gloria Battle received the Alabama State University's Spirit of Marion Award . The Spirit of Marion Award recognizes individuals whose professional efforts have created innovation, positive change or notable advancement in an industry, environment or concept. Like the Marion Nine, the recipient of this award must demonstrate great vision, honorable citizen and success in the face of challenge.

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, Ruby Bridges Hall and Ava DuVernay were honored at the 2015 Freedom Award for their significant contributions to civil and human rights. The Freedom Award was hosted by the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland participated in the infamous sit in at the Woolworth in Jackson, Mississippi and became the first white student accepted in Delta Sigma Theta.



**L to R:** Joan Trumpauer Mulholland and \*\*Sarah Beecham



## AWARD WINNING DELTA

\*\*Dorothy Harris , a retired Social Worker from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging’s Advocacy Bureau, saw firsthand the struggles and hardships that many seniors face on a daily basis with housing, insurance finances and even having to decide whether to buy their medication or to buy food.

Dorothy presides over Greater Columbus Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), an advocacy and service-oriented organization with founding principles such as promoting independence, dignity and purpose in the lives of the older persons, enhancing their quality of life and encourage older persons to “serve an not be served.”



\*\*Dorothy Harris



## INFLUENTIAL DELTAS

The Courier/Eco Latino newspaper recently listed the Annual Guide to the 65 most Influential African Americans of Columbus, Fort Benning and Phenix City. The list of people were chosen because they have the power or capacity have an effect on the condition or development of the people in our community. Several members of Delta Sigma Theta were privileged to be on the list.



**\*\*Pat Hughley Green**  
Muscogee County School  
District



**\*\*Lula Huff**  
Tax Commissioner



**\*\*LaRae Dixon Moore,**  
Chapter President,  
Columbus Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



**\*\*Crystal Shahid**  
Leaders of Today  
and Tomorrow



# INFLUENTIAL DELTAS



**\*\*Evelyn Turner Pugh**  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Columbus



**Aurey Boone Tillman**  
General Counsel  
Aflac



**\*\*Teresa Whitaker**  
News Anchor WRBL TV 3



**\*\*Teresa White**  
President  
Aflac



## FINANCIAL FORTITUDE

The Delta Life Development Foundation Inc. and the Columbus (GA) Alumnae and Columbus Metropolitan Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta held a Financial Fortitude workshop entitled Loose 'Em Debt Shackles on January 23, 2016 at the City Services Center.

Financial Fortitude is the Economic Development Program Initiative of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. The workshop was held in an effort to inform and raise awareness in the community about ways to reduce debt, increase savings, and spread financial education. The presenters at the workshop were Mrs. Sandra DeVoe Bland, CEO, S.J DeVoe and Associates, and \*\*Rev. Donna Baker, President, DeVoe Baker and Associates, LLC. There was a question and answer period at the end of the workshop. Two new small businesses in the metro area were spotlighted. They were allowed 5 minutes to tell something about their business and how they got started. Each business also gave away a door prize. It was a morning filled with food, fun, door prizes, networking, and valuable information.



Sandra DeVoe Bland,  
A presenter for the  
Financial Fortitude Workshop



# SOCIAL ACTION



## The 2nd Annual Social Action Luncheon

presented

### “Taking a Stand Against Human Trafficking”

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is the illegal trade of human beings for commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. Young girls often fall victim to this horrific exportations. The Human Traffic Luncheon and Forum provided an arena to learn more about how crimes of human trafficking are being committed in this state and our local area and what we can do to protect our children and community.





Congratulations to \*Rosa Patterson, the recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Humanitarian Award for her leadership role in getting relief to more than 40 families left homeless from a devastating apartment building fire days before Christmas



## Delta Sigma Theta Red Carpet Event RACE: The Jessie Owens Story



# MARTIN LUTHER KING UNITY WALK



The Mayor's Commission on Unity, Diversity and Prosperity planned The Dream Lives celebration. The entire event is made up of a 5K Race and 1 mile Fun Run events in the morning and the Unity Processional at noon, where a number of organizations gathered at staging areas to march to the Liberty Theater. It's at this historical cultural hub where they will all celebrate and hear from several guest speakers.

Members of the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Jean R. Noble Delta G.E.M.S., and the Delta Academy were present for this memorable event.





## AWARD WINNING DELTAS

### Deltas Seeking Transformation Corner

- April 4-10 National Public Health Week
- April 7 World Health Day
- May National High Blood Pressure Education Month
- May National Stroke Awareness Month
- June Men's Health Month
- June 1-7 National CPR and AED Awareness Month
- June 14 World Blood Donor Day

*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### Upcoming Events

- April 9 Be the Match Tennis Match  
Sponsored by the NPHC
- April 9 Adopted Daughters Seminar
- May 2 Senior Teens Seminar
- May 3 Delta Days at the Capitol
- May 6 Delta Days at the Mildred Terry Library