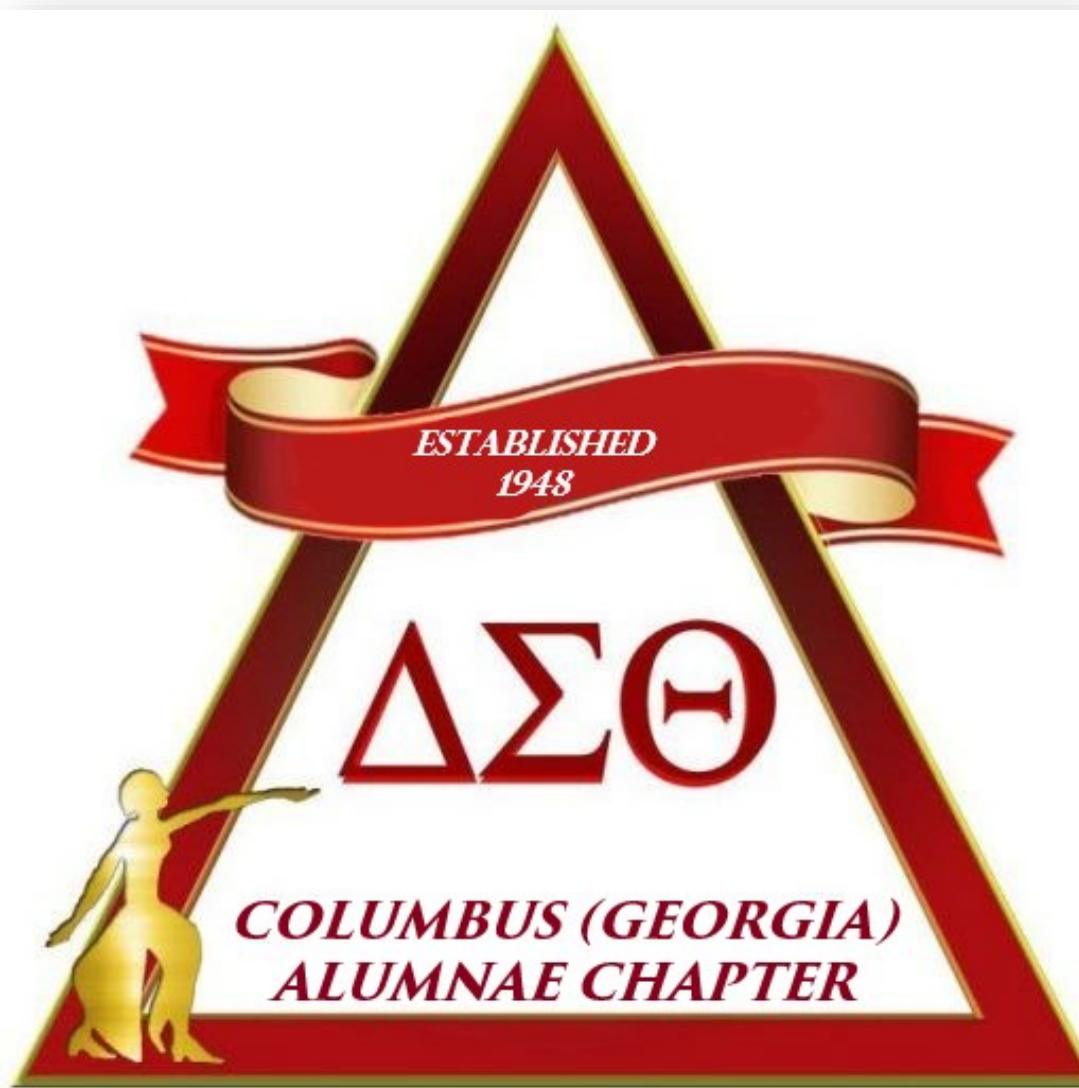




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# SUPER SATURDAY

107 YEARS OF DELTAS ON THE MOVE



Super Saturday was hosted by the Programming, Planning and Development Committee on Saturday, January 11, 10:00am - 2:00pm at Faith Tabernacle Community Church, 1603 Floyd Road, Columbus, Georgia. The event was held in recognition and celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's 107 years of community service. The goal was to reach 107 Deltas and 107 community citizens. The Five Point Programmatic Thrust Committees' presentations and projects included a voter registration drive, HIV/AIDS testing, Blood Pressure testing, CPR Hands on Only activity, Debt free awareness information, CENSUS 2020 information, a pillow case project, and other fun activities.





# RED CARPET MOVIE

"JUST MERCY"



Sorors, family, and friends strolled the red carpet and enjoyed an afternoon

of fun and fellowship at a private screening of the movie "Just Mercy" on January 11. Everyone enjoyed strolling the red carpet, receiving red carpet favors, prize drawings, lots of picture taking, and most of all the movie. Soror Meleta Whitfield-Parker and the Arts and Letters Committee are to be commended for coordinating this great outing in celebration of Founders Day weekend.







# RED CARPET J-13 EVENT

## STEPPING WITH A PURPOSE



On January 12, Sorors came dawned in their fashionable red shoes, red handbags, and red hats. These fashionistas strolled the red carpet, stepping with a purpose. In honor of 107 years of sisterhood, a goal to collect 107 or more pairs of shoes to be donated to “The Soul of My Foot-print” a non-profit organization founded by Alfie Jelks in 2012. The primary objective of this

organization is the dissemination of deliberate and provisional supplies of medicine, clothing, and basic care items for the people of Jinja, Uganda. Sorors were asked to bring a pair or pairs of gently used shoes to be donated. A total of 428 pairs of shoes were collected, far exceeding our goal. Thank you Soror Pamela Allen and the Membership Service Committee for coordinating and hosting this worthy event.





## GEORGIA STATE CLUSTER

SAVANNAH, GA JANUARY 24-26

Members of CAC attending the 2020 Georgia State Cluster in Savannah, GA. Our theme for the weekend was "Empower, Embrace, Engage: Connecting the Pathway to Joy, Power and Service." It was an amazing weekend that included a fun filled welcome event, inspiring workshops, a service project, rededication ceremony and a spirit-filled ecumenical service/prayer breakfast.



Southern Region  
**RED  
RIBBON**  
*Award*

Congratulations to our chapter on receiving the 2019-2020 Southern Region Red Ribbon award. The Red Ribbon Award recognizes chapters that are in compliance, that have met attendance quorums, and that have presented programming that is aligned with our Five Point Programmatic Thrust and the Social Action Commission.





## ARTS AND LETTERS BOOK CLUB

### “HOW WE BECAME HUMAN”



The Arts and Letters Committee hosted a Book Club event at the Mildred Terry Library on February 18. Shari L. Williams, Ph.D. Candidate, Auburn University, highlighted interactions of Creeks, settlers, and enslaved persons as the Federal Road evolved from a prehistoric Native-American hunting and trading path into a conduit for U. S. westward expansion and a contributor to Creek Indian forced removal.

On February 21 the committee and The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries co-sponsored the Big Red Project, an evening with Native American Poet Laureate Joy Harjo. The title of the book was “How We Became Human” an anthology of poems. Twenty-five free copies of the book were given to Sorors and guests in attendance

Two great events.



## COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

### DELTA DAY AT MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD



On February 19, CAC honored its commitment to support the Muscogee Student Hygiene Repository by donating more than \$1,000 in cash and feminine hygiene products to the school district. Period poverty is real. Statistically, 1 in 4 teen girls will miss class due to lack of access to menstrual hygiene products. Our goal is to eliminate barriers to education and eliminate any shame associated with the lack of resources. Our young girls deserve to learn with dignity.

In addition, we also saluted the Delta "game changers" teachers, principals, administrators, counselors, paraprofessionals, janitors, cafeteria staff and school board members who work tirelessly to create transformational change in education and impact lives one child at a time.

This is US....CAC and this is OUR commitment to education.







# COLLEGIATE CONNECTION

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

## Collegiate Connection Month



**Chequeta Prince-Davis**

Theta Phi Spring 2018  
Columbus State University  
BBA in Management 2019

She is a Senior Specialist of Bulk Materials & Tooling at Kia Motors Manufacturing of Georgia. And she is a member of Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter.

#CommittedBeyondCollege  
#CollegiateConnection



## Collegiate Connection Month



**Sha'Kedra Ellison**

Theta Phi Fall 2019  
Columbus State University  
BS in Education 2019

She has accepted a position with the Putnam County Charter School System. And is transitioning to the Lake Oconee Alumnae Chapter.

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## Collegiate Connection Month



**Kiara Williams**

Theta Phi Spring 2018  
Columbus State University  
BS in Criminal Justice 2019

She recently completed Basic Juvenile Correctional Officers training. She is working at the Muscogee Youth Development Campus. And she is an active member of Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter serving as the Co-Chair of the Delta Gems Committee.

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#DSTCAC



## Collegiate Connection Month



**Sharai Brown**

Theta Phi Spring 2018  
Columbus State University  
BBA in Marketing 2019

She is working as a Brand Advocate, Analyst at Home Depot. And she is a member of Stone Mountain Lithonia Alumnae Chapter.

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In celebration of Collegiate Connection Month, we spotlighted recent graduates of Columbus State University and members of Theta Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. These Sorors are committed beyond college and have transitioned to various graduate chapters including Columbus (GA), Stone Mountain Lithonia, and Lake Oconee Alumnae Chapters.

## Collegiate Connection Month



**Lacadia Cross**

Theta Phi Spring 2018  
Columbus State University  
BS in Health Science 2019

She is pursuing a Masters of Science degree in Exercise Science. Her future career goal is to become a Physical Therapist. And she is an active member of Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter serving on the Technology, Information, and Communications Committee.

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## Collegiate Connection Month



**Zhane' Dykes**

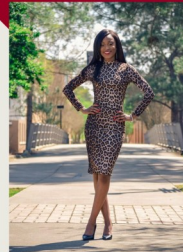
Theta Phi Fall 2019  
Columbus State University  
BS in Criminal Justice 2019

She is pursuing a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree at Troy University. And is transitioning to the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter.

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#CollegiateConnection



## Collegiate Connection Month



**Kayla Henderson**

Theta Phi Spring 2018  
Columbus State University  
BBA in Accounting 2019

She is a Staff Accountant at Taylor CPA & Associates, PC. And she is an active member of Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter serving on the Delta Gems Committee.

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#CollegiateConnection  
#DSTCAC



## Collegiate Connection Month



**V'Keyah Singleton**

Theta Phi Spring 2018  
Columbus State University  
BS in Health Science 2018

She recently accepted a position as an Outreach Educator. And she is an active member of Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter serving as the Co-Chair on the Delta Gems and Founders Day Committees.

#CommittedBeyondCollege  
#CollegiateConnection







# SALUTE TO SELMA MARCH

CALLING ALL DELTAS TO THE BRIDGE



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated partnered with Salute Selma, Inc. to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March on March 1. Sorors from all over the United States including CAC members joined in the annual bridge crossing to honor the sacrifices of those who first crossed the Edmund Pettis Bridge to fight for social justice.



## 2020 FOUNDERS DAY EVENT

### CELEBRATING 107 YEARS OF SISTERHOOD



Joy in our sisterhood, power in our voice, and service in our heart as we celebrated 107 years. Our joint Founders Day Sisterhood Luncheon with Theta Phi was a fascinating event. Many wore white and dawn their beautiful fascinators. Our guest speaker was Dr. Paulette C. Walker, 25th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. More than 300 were in attendance. An after lunch affair was hosted by Membership Service at the Delta Life Development Foundation House. Sorors enjoyed more food, so much fun, and lots of one on one time with Dr. Walker. The weekend ended with a high spirited worship service at Saint John A.M.E Church.







# COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## DELTAS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Members of the three Columbus area chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., teamed up to give back to the community on March 31. The chapters collected food to help Feeding the Valley Food Bank replenish its food supply in this time of critical need. It's all part of the sorority's 22 Hours of Service Challenge. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for food is greater than usual. We collected more than 400 pounds of food. Chapters included the Theta Phi chapter at Columbus State University, the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter, and the Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter.



The Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter donated 100 homemade masks to the Piedmont Columbus Regional Foundation on April 9. The masks will be used in the Emergency Department to help protect patients and caregivers!

The Foundation was very appreciative of all the time and love given to create each of the masks.

This effort was spearheaded by Soror Sabra Strickland.





# CONGRATULATIONS SORORS

## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Congratulations to Sorors Gwen Ruff and B. J. McBride. They were honored at the 35th Annual Black History Month Observance Breakfast on February 17. Both received the Points of Light Award. This award recognizes outstanding individual volunteers - people who are making a change in their community.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Drive Thru Mask Giveaway. Limit 2 per vehicle—May 2, 2020  
11:00AM—1:00PM

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic shelter in place and social distancing orders, other previously scheduled CAC events have been placed on hold or canceled. Please stay tuned for additional information from our chapter president as it becomes available.

## REMINDERS

### Annual Dues

The deadline to submit annual dues is July 1, 2020. If you are paying by check or PayPal the deadline is June 22, 2020.

2020 Regional Conference Cycle Has Been Canceled.



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