



# The Trailblazer

## SPECIAL EDITION

### CHAPTER RETREAT

On August 10-11th, TAC hosted an enriching and sisterly Chapter Retreat that was both informative and inspiring, setting the stage for an amazing sororal year ahead! This valuable bonding opportunity allowed us to experience renewal, connection, and growth, strengthening our sisterhood.



The chapter retreat, with its meaningful group church service at Tabernacle MBC and a delightful brunch at Early's Kitchen, was a precursor to the exciting and fruitful year that lies ahead, filled with new opportunities and growth.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all sorors for your invaluable contributions to the retreat. Your generosity and dedication have significantly impacted our community and will continue to bless us in the future. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed; we are truly grateful for your support.

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE

TAC significantly impacted the Southern Regional Conference, "Dreams of the South," held from July 4 to 7 in Nashville. Our sorors gathered for several days dedicated to professional growth, personal development, networking, and engagement, showcasing our active involvement in the broader sorority community.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Sorors!

I am beyond excited to reintroduce our chapter newsletter! As we embark on a new sorority year, we do so with renewed energy and a shared vision under the theme, *One Delta, One Voice, One Sound: With Servant Leadership*. This newsletter will serve as a resource to keep us informed, connected and inspired as we continue our legacy of impactful service and leadership.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication. Together, we will continue to blaze trails and make a difference in our community and beyond.



A highlight of the conference was the re-election of Soror Amaris L. Johnson to her second term as Regional Director of the Southern Region. Soror Kelley Bolden Bailey also secured a highly sought-after position on the Regional Nominating Committee. Soror Sandra Miles, a 2009 initiate of TAC, was elected Chair of the 2026 Regional Nominating Committee. Congratulations, Sorors, on these remarkable achievements! We are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication.



## SISTER SCOOP

Did you know?

- Soror Rayshell Holmes likes to crochet in her spare time.
- Soror Tiffany Packer recently returned from a trip to Ghana and received news that she awarded tenure and a promotion to associate professor upon her return.
- Soror Marie Rattigan received the Defender of Justice award from the Tallahassee Branch of the NAACP.

## Social Action

### GOTV

In August, the Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. made a powerful impact in our community by encouraging residents to register and exercise their right to vote.

Our 'Get Out the Vote' (GOTV) event was a day-long initiative where sorors spread out across six locations, engaging with our neighbors, and highlighting the importance of voting. This year's theme, 'Fortitude on the Frontline: Election 2024,' guided our mission with strength and purpose.



While the most recent primaries on August 20 saw a participation rate of around 30% in our service area, we remain hopeful and committed as we move closer to the national elections in November. Stay tuned for more opportunities to join us in empowering our community to show up and make their voices heard!

## Dates to Remember

9/15- Social Action - Voter Registration Training  
 10/3- CHARTER DAY!  
 10/12- Outdoor Movie (*Arts & Letters*)  
 10/12- Pamper Me Pink (*PMH/PP&D*)  
 10/20- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk/Run  
 11/5- Election Day  
 11/19- Delta Day at the Jefferson County School Board  
 12/21- Second Harvest: Jefferson County

### PEARL PROTECTION

As election season is in full swing and excitement is in the air, we want to remind everyone of the DOs and DON'Ts when it comes to wearing our letters, representing the chapter, and supporting your favorite candidates and causes. Here are a few important guidelines from National Headquarters to keep in mind:

- “Symbols CAN be worn at marches, protests, rallies and other social action activities that align with the Sorority’s principles and positions.”
- Members CANNOT
  - Wear paraphernalia to fundraisers, campaign events and other partisan activities
  - Post pictures of themselves in Delta symbols with candidates for office
  - Speak to the press on behalf of the Sorority.
  - Use or wear the Sorority’s Crest, logos or other intellectual property and symbols on campaign or other partisan material

### 78 JEWELS OF A CRIMSON DYNASTY

On April 27, 2024, we proudly welcomed 78 dynamic new members into our illustrious sisterhood, making it the largestline in our chapter's history. The New Initiate Presentation took place at the Al Lawson Center on the FAMU campus, where we introduced our newest sorors in front of an audience of approximately 2,500 sorors, supporters, family, and friends. This momentous occasion also marked our first line in six years, making it a historic event for our chapter.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the sorors who served on the membership committee and those who supported the membership intake process. Your dedication and commitment are deeply valued, making this extraordinary achievement possible. We are incredibly proud of our new members and the remarkable experiences and diversity they bring to our sisterhood. These exceptional women are a testament to our inclusive and empowering community:

#### Academic Excellence:

- Eleven members have earned terminal degrees.
- Over 50 members hold Master's Degrees, with two currently pursuing theirs.

#### Professional Impact:

- One-third of the group are educators, and six are dedicated to the medical field.

#### Family and Pets:

- Collectively, they nurture nearly 100 children and care for 34 beloved pets.
- Dogs are the most popular pets, with 29 dog moms. The group's pets also include four snakes, one ferret and fish.

#### Green Thumbs:

- Among the group, two members are proud plant moms, tending to 7 unique plant