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JAMAICA ALUMNAE CHAPTER TO PROVIDE FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP FOR A UWI OPEN CAMPUS SINGLE MOTHER

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA— Gaining a college education can often be the gateway to securing jobs with greater wages, financial security, and a better quality of life. Achieving this goal can be significantly more challenging for Jamaican single mothers combating statistics that say nearly 40% of the country’s households are headed by a single parent. The Jamaica Alumnae Chapter (JAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is putting its global reach into action to help a local student get her education with their ‘Mission Possible Scholarship.’

The 18-member organization headed by Chapter President Jewel Daniels Radford reached out to their Sorority’s members to raise the US \$10,000 to completely cover the tuition cost for a deserving student enrolled at The University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus. The organization is an international organization of college-educated women committed to improving the lives of women and girls. Daniels Radford said this project puts JAC in a unique position to change the trajectory of a single mother’s life.

“Many of us know intimately the journey of raising children without sufficient support whether it is our story or that of someone close to us,” she said. “Our goal is to help lift the financial hardship off the shoulders of an academically strong student who is wrestling with obtaining her degree while balancing the demands of motherhood.”

This project is the brainchild of the Chapter that created a partnership with the University of the West Indies Open Campus under the leadership of retired Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal Dr. Luz Longworth. It continues with the support of interim Principal Dr. Francis Severin who said the initiative aligns securely with the Open Campus mission of Access and underscores the well-known fact that investment in single mothers is one of the most efficacious ways of enhancing the lives and livelihoods of our citizens.

Severin shared that he applauds Chapter President Jewel Daniels Radford and the indefatigable Jamaica Alumnae Chapter members for their open-handedness and progressiveness—and their partnership with the Open Campus. He said, “we are indeed delighted to be associated with such a liberal, forward-thinking, and enlightened initiative which empowers single mothers You have recognized an unsung heroine.”

Applications are being accepted through May 10, 2022, with more information available at the Jamaica Alumnae Chapter’s website www.dstjac.com.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 300,000 initiated members and more than 1000 chapters worldwide, including seven in Wisconsin. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national and local programs.

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