

EL PASO ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC



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Gala



1972 – 2023

50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
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*Fifty Years of Global Impact, Economic Development,  
and Visionary Pioneers*



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*From left to right*

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# Welcome to the 2023 Crimson & Crème Gala

## Serving Our Community Like It's Golden

Fifty Years of Global Impact, Economic Development, and Visionary Pioneers hosted by the El Paso Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

I am delighted you are here to celebrate, with us, two momentous occasions ---110 years since the founding of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and our very own 50th Chapter Anniversary.

In March 1913, two months after our founding, our Founders, despite the possibility of being mobbed and asked to march at the end of the parade, stood-up for rights of all women and joined the Women's Suffrage Parade. It was this courageous act of social justice that causes us to reflect and remember the rich and deep legacy that we celebrate every January 13th. Our theme, Serving Our Community Like It's Golden – Fifty Years of Global Impact, Economic Development, and Visionary Pioneers, embodies the attitude, tenacity, resilience, and vision of our Founders and ensures their legacy will continue here in El Paso. Keep coming around the corner, Sorors!

A tremendous amount of gratitude goes to my Vice-President Trepsha Sumpter, Committee Chair Antionette Howard, Co-Chair Monika Hall, and the supporting committee members for putting in the time to meet, plan, and meet some more to make this occasion, tonight, uplifting for all guest and additionally inspirational for the members of our illustrious sorority ---Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta has an unmatched heritage of worldwide impact with noteworthy programs that reflect physical and mental health, empowerment of women and girls, financial and economic education, and a profound appreciation of our culture through Arts and Letters. With this assignment understood, the members of El Paso Alumnae will continue to serve the El Paso community like it's golden, keeping alive the vision of our 22 Founders, and fulfilling our lifetime commitment of serving and moving forward with fortitude.

Guests, I hope you will gain new perspectives regarding the future direction of our chapter as we conduct "Delta Business" through innovative programming, engaging activities, community partnerships, and other enjoyable events. Members, I hope you will leave with a rejuvenated uncompromising commitment to service leadership and social action for the underserved and underprivileged in our local community.

*Keep coming around the corner!*

For the love of Delta,  
**Shavera D. Jamierson**  
President | El Paso Alumnae Chapter



# **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. has been serving communities throughout the globe since 1913.**

We are a sisterhood of predominantly black, college educated women who are committed to public service.

In fact, one of the first impactful service acts was to march and protest in the women's suffrage march of 1913. Deltas were involved in the "sit-ins", freedom riding, and even the March on Washington during the Civil Rights era. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has been instrumental in effecting change for over 110 years. Currently Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has partnered with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Reed Smith LLP, and The Arc and filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of the Houston Area Urban League challenging S.B.1, a new Texas law that targets voting rights.

The El Paso Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., is celebrating our Golden 50 year anniversary. We have been busy serving the El Paso area communities. We support agencies that are designed to assist displaced women and children, the homeless community, and immigrants and refugees who are displaced and in need while they are in the El Paso area. Annually we hold an event that honors breast cancer survivors, we provide backpacks to children that are returning to school, offer free haircuts to young men and financially donate to other charitable organizations. Each year we award four scholarships to deserving seniors who are college bound.

It is the honor of the members of our glorious sisterhood to serve our communities and assist those who are in need. Our efforts whether large or small are in the service of renewing communities, assisting those who are in need, promoting education and ensuring that our community is aware of the policies that may affect it.

***Thank you so much for attending  
the celebration of our Golden  
anniversary and helping us celebrate  
50 years of achievement.***

**Trephya Sumpter**, Vice President  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



# El Paso Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Antoinette E. Howard & Monika L. Hall

Founders Day/Crimson & Crème Gala Chair and Co-Chair



We are excited to welcome you to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the El Paso Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Our illustrious sorority has been an integral part of the El Paso community; Serving Our Community Like It's Golden! 50 years of Global Impact, Economic Development, and Visionary Pioneers! It has been a pleasure serving as the Founders Day/Crimson & Crème Gala Chair and Co-Chair for this DivaSTating event. Sit back and enjoy a program that highlights and showcases the many years of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Social Action demonstrated by the members of the El Paso Alumnae Chapter.

We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, 22nd National President Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for joining us on this momentous occasion.

## Special Thanks to the Founders Day/Crimson & Crème Gala Committee

**Selena Armour**

**Marian Bennett**

**Elisabeth Brown**

**Patrice Hills**

**Sharonne Joy Jacobs**

**Allison Jenning**

**Sharmane Payne**

**Tierra Robinson**

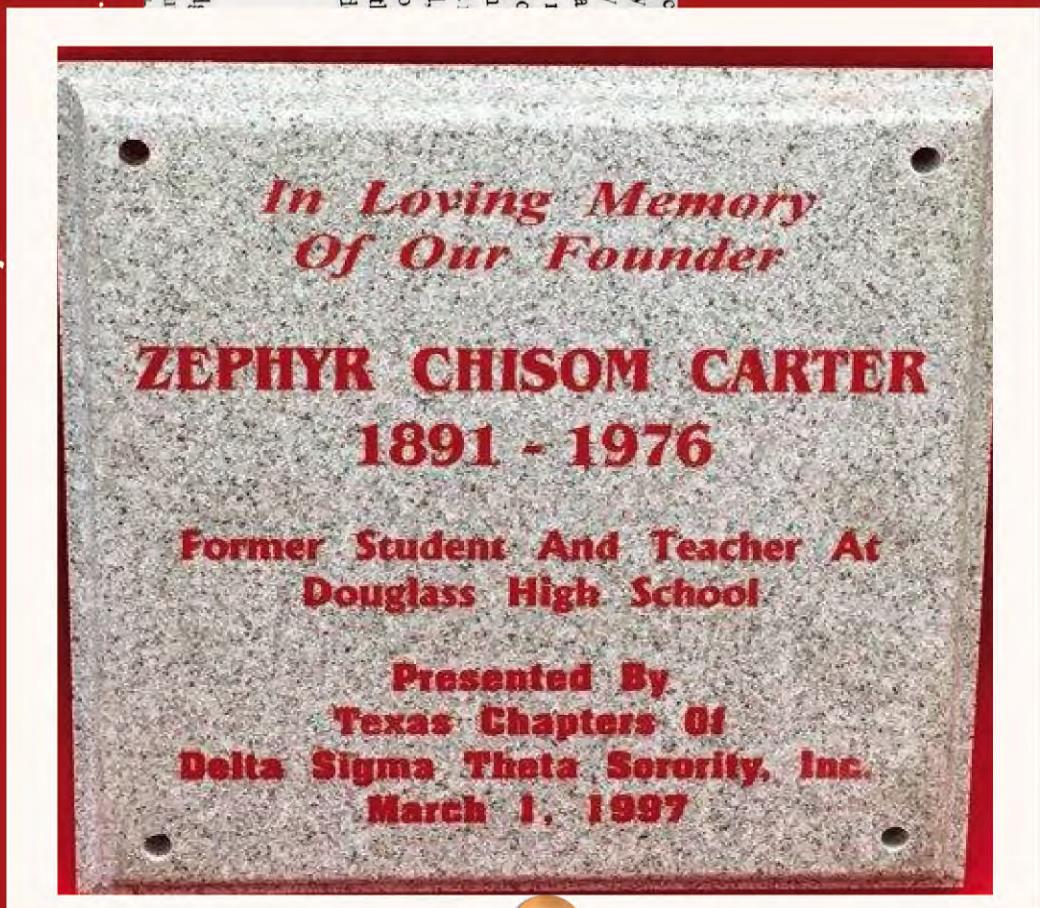
**Vivian Simmons**

**Diane Williams**

**Patrie Williams**

50 Years of Global Impact,  
Economic Development,  
and Visionary Pioneers





EPAAC

Legacy



# Building the Foundation

# Chapter History

On March 6, 1945, we were the first predominately African-American Sorority chartered and dedicated to serving the needs of the El Paso community.

A nucleus of four El Paso women traveled to San Antonio, Texas, where they were initiated into the Sorority at Psi Sigma Chapter from which Beta Omega Chapter was formed.

At that time, the Chapter accepted both graduate and collegiate members who hosted a performance of internationally known concert pianist and member, Phillipa Schyller, and sponsored then Texas Legislator, Barbara Jordan. Beta Omega Chapter also awarded scholarships to deserving high school graduates, sent books to Mississippi schools where libraries were not open to black students and assisted organizations such as the NAACP and Urban League.

On September 30, 1972, with the establishment of Iota Gamma Chapter at the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso Alumnae Chapter (EPAC) as chartered as a graduate chapter. Just two years later, El Paso Alumnae hosted the Southwest Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta in 1974.

From its early years – annually held Koffee Klatches, Salute Luncheons, and Career Days – EPAC has worked to promote the rich diverse history and legacy of our border city. EPAC has been cited at the Regional level for numerous outstanding projects and contributions to the Sun City. Additionally, EPAC served as the advisor for Iota Gamma until its retirement from the UTEP campus in 2013.

Numerous members of EPAC have been awarded, recognized, and heralded by the city, the University of Texas at El Paso, Fort Bliss, and other social and fraternal organizations. El Paso Alumnae Chapter is a member of the National Council of Negro Women and a Life Member of the NAACP.

**Beta Omega Chapter**  
Chartered 1945  
Giels Bundy Grimes,  
President



**El Paso Alumnae Chapter**  
Chartered 1972  
Lillian Williams Crouch,  
President





# Visionary Pioneers

# *El Paso Alumnae Chapter*

## *Charter Members*



JoAnn H. Berry\*  
Johnnie H. Calvert\*  
Lillian W. Crouch  
Jessi Dozier\*  
Tyndal Franklin \*  
Jean Heavens  
Frances Hills  
Joan Jones\*  
Ruth King\*  
Malinda Marlin\*  
Georgia Martin  
Eloise Mitchell\*

Minnie O. Moore\*  
Linda Nance  
Avice Pleasants\*  
Thelma Priestly  
Wilma Reed  
Mayola Senior\*  
Jacqueline Thomas\*  
Gwendolyn Toppin\*  
Bernice Washington\*  
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Gladys Wilson \*

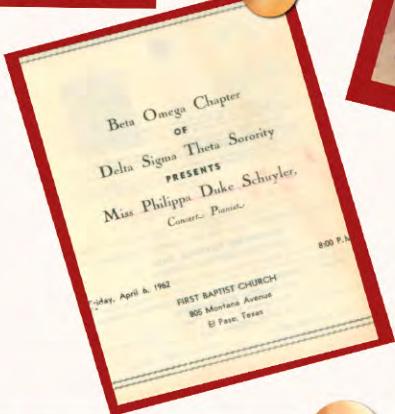
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## *El Paso Alumnae Chapter Past Presidents*

Margie Campbell  
Lillian W. Crouch  
Iola Crumady\*  
Cheryll Felder  
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Cornelia Gladden\*  
Debra Harris  
Voncious Hicks  
Frances Hills

Wilma Hudson\*  
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Ruth King\*  
Malinda Marlin\*  
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Vivian Simmons  
Glenell Smoot  
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Gwendolyn Toppin\*

\*Deceased



# Charter Members

Words of Wisdom  
from Crouch



Nothing breeds success like  
success... with commitment,  
hardwork and dedication  
EPAC will continue.

Words of Wisdom  
from Hills



Make El Paso your home.  
Elevate the community by  
helping the poor, elderly, and  
ALL of those in need.





## Guest Speaker

### Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd

is an engineer and is described as a dynamic and relevant leader, a prolific motivational speaker, a powerful preacher and a prominent advocate for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education.

Boyd is a native of Montgomery, Alabama and received a full scholarship to attend Alabama State University where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics with a double minor in physics and music. She received a full fellowship to pursue graduate studies at Yale University where she was the first African American female to earn a M.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from this Ivy League institution. She earned both the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees from Howard University. Additionally, she has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lincoln University (2004), Bennett College (2004) and Kentucky State University (2019) and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (2019).

Boyd's professional career of more than three decades at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory was highlighted by exemplary leadership and dedicated service as part of engineering teams. Early in her career, she was an analyst in the Strategic Systems Department, where she was a part of teams that conducted independent analyses an operational performance evaluation of Strategic weapons Systems on Polaris, Poseidon and Trident submarines. Later she became the Assistant for Development Programs and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff. She was selected to serve on the inaugural team of the Johns Hopkins Diversity Leadership Council (DLC) for Johns Hopkins University (1996) and served as Chair of the DLC from 2001-2013 reporting directly to the President of Johns Hopkins University as the Council worked on issues of diversity, inclusion, civility and respect across all the various divisions of Johns Hopkins.

Boyd is a nationally recognized champion of education, especially as it relates to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. In March 2009, Boyd was nominated by President Barack Obama and she received U.S. Senate confirmation to serve as a trustee to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. In January 2014, President Obama appointed Boyd and 14 other individuals to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. This Commission was charged with strengthening the nation by improving educational outcomes for African Americans and to ensure that all African Americans receive an education that prepares them for college, productive careers and satisfying lives.

Boyd returned to her undergraduate alma mater, Alabama State University (ASU) in January 2014 and for three years she served as the 14th and first female president of ASU. Highlights of her presidency included getting the university its very first engineering degree program

with approval for a BS in biomedical engineering. Boyd and her team got the university removed from accreditation warning status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) which had been from previous university financial instability. The largest freshman class was documented during her tenure.

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd is a minister and an ordained itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She serves on the ministerial staff of Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, Maryland. She is also a sought-after speaker and lecturer to various audiences on topics including STEM, higher education, HBCUs, leadership development, and non-profit board development. She mentors young people interested in careers in science and engineering.

In 2000, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd was elected to serve as the 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., an international organization of more than 300,000 initiated members. During her tenure from 2000-2004, Boyd was described as a creative and innovative leader. She was known as the "Technology President," as she facilitated the establishment of technology usage and capacity in all facets of the sorority's activities and administration. Her four-year tenure as president included a number of transformative accomplishments, including the launching of Project SEE (Science in Everyday Experiences), an initiative funded by a \$1.6 million National Science Foundation grant with a goal of promoting math and science for middle school African American girls. As National President, Boyd created and secured external funding for a new initiative, Leadership DELTA, an innovative year long program for collegiate members to prepare for STEM careers by introducing them to tools for workplace success and providing them with meaningful internships. She led the sorority through the process of obtaining Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council making Delta Sigma Theta the second African American organization to obtain this designation. With the receipt of this NGO status Boyd introduced and led the sorority to have its first annual Delta Day at the United Nations. As National President, Boyd also led the sorority's humanitarian, education, advocacy efforts and facilitated fundraising for projects in various parts of South Africa specifically to build a group home for AIDS orphans in Swaziland, establish a computer center in Lesotho and providing a library and other school essentials at the Adelaide Tambo School for the disabled in Soweto. During her administration as President the sorority published a cookbook "Occasions to Savor" featuring vetted recipes from throughout the sorority's membership. As the 22nd National President, Boyd led the fundraising effort to pay in full a one-million-dollar donation to Howard University in honor of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Founders and to provide academic scholarships at Howard University during the sorority's 90th anniversary celebration in Washington, DC.

In 2013, Boyd served as Chair of the sorority's Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Celebration began on January 1, 2013, with a historic float representing the sorority in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Centennial festivities involved many multifaceted celebratory events throughout the country all year long culminating in a Washington, D.C.-based convention that brought together more than 40,000 members of the sorority from around the world.

Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd is a lifelong STEM advocate and community servant. She is a Golden Life member of the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a member of the Capital City Chapter of the Links, Inc., a member of Leadership Greater Washington and serves on the Board of Directors of MedStar Health. She has also served on the Board of Directors of Children's National Medical Center of Washington (Children's Hospital); a member and chair of the Board of Directors of United Way of the National Capital Area; a member and chair of the Board of Directors of the APL Federal Credit Union; member of the Board of Directors of National Partnership for Community Leadership; a member of Leadership Alabama; and as a part of the Career Communications Group she is the Chairperson of the Black Engineer of the Year ((BEYA) Alumni Group having also been the recipient of multiple BEYA Awards for STEM outreach and public service.

For her many and varied contributions to the community, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd has received numerous honors, awards, citations, commendations and tributes. These include, but are not limited to recipient of: The Carver Medal from Simpson College; Chancellor's Award from North Carolina Central University; numerous Congressional city and state recognitions; "Keys to the City" from 38 cities; a "Key to the State of Florida"; declaration of Gwendolyn E. Boyd Day in eighteen cities; selected as part of a permanent display at Johns Hopkins University entitled, The Indispensable Role of Blacks at Johns Hopkins; Presidential Award from the Black Women's Agenda; Living Legend Award from the Greater Nashville Black Teachers Alliance; The Spirit of Rosa Parks Courage Award from the Southern Youth Leadership Development Institute; The Yates Achievement of Excellence Award from BFSA at JHU; The Trailblazer Tribute Award; The Voices of Democracy Leadership Award from the Committee of Ten; Powerful and Influential Woman from the Alabama Diversity Council; and many other civic, leadership and professional awards for her achievements in the fields of engineering, higher education and community activism.

El Paso Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

# Crimson & Crème Gala Program

Theme: Serving Our Community Like It's Golden!

50 years of Global Impact, Economic Development, and Visionary Pioneers!

*Mistress of Ceremony*  
Sierra Williams

*Presentation of Colors*  
Horizon High School JROTC

*National Anthem*  
Mary Williams-Bell  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter

*Greetings,*  
*Introduction of the El Paso Alumnae Chapter*  
*Officers & Acknowledgements*

Shavena Jamierson  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter President

*Invocation/Blessing of Food*  
Vivian Simmons  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter Chaplain

*"Bon Appetit" Dinner is Served*

*Artist Presentation*  
Ashley Johnson  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter

*Pan Hellenic Counsel Speakers*

Jesse Smith, El Paso Pan Hellenic Council President  
Dr. Anson Jordan, Sr., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Talesh Sweetenberg, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Roosevelt Turner, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc  
Dr. James Brown, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Harold Hunt, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Brenda Kemp, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Krystal Adams, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



# *El Paso Alumnae Awards and Recognitions*

**Presenters:**  
**Marian Bennett and Allison Jennings**  
EPAC Award Committee

## *Special Presentations*

**Presenters:**  
**Patrice M. Hills**  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter

**Dr. Antoinette E. Howard and Monika L. Hall**  
Founders Day/Crimson & Crème Gala Chair & Co-Chair

## *Artist Presentation*

**Saxophonist Joseph Kennerly III**  
Iota Phi Theta, Fraternity, Inc.

## *Introduction of the Speaker*

**Dr. Antoinette E. Howard**  
Founders Day/Crimson & Crème Gala Chair

## *Keynote Speaker Address*

**Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd**  
22nd National President  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

## *Speaker Presentation*

**Trephya Sumpter**  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter Vice President

## *Artist Presentation*

**Ashley Johnson**  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter

## *Anniversary Toast*

**Shavena Jamierson**  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter President

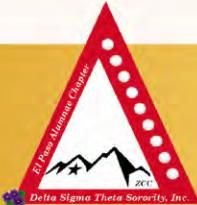
## *Announcement of Silent Auction Winners*

**Sierra Williams**

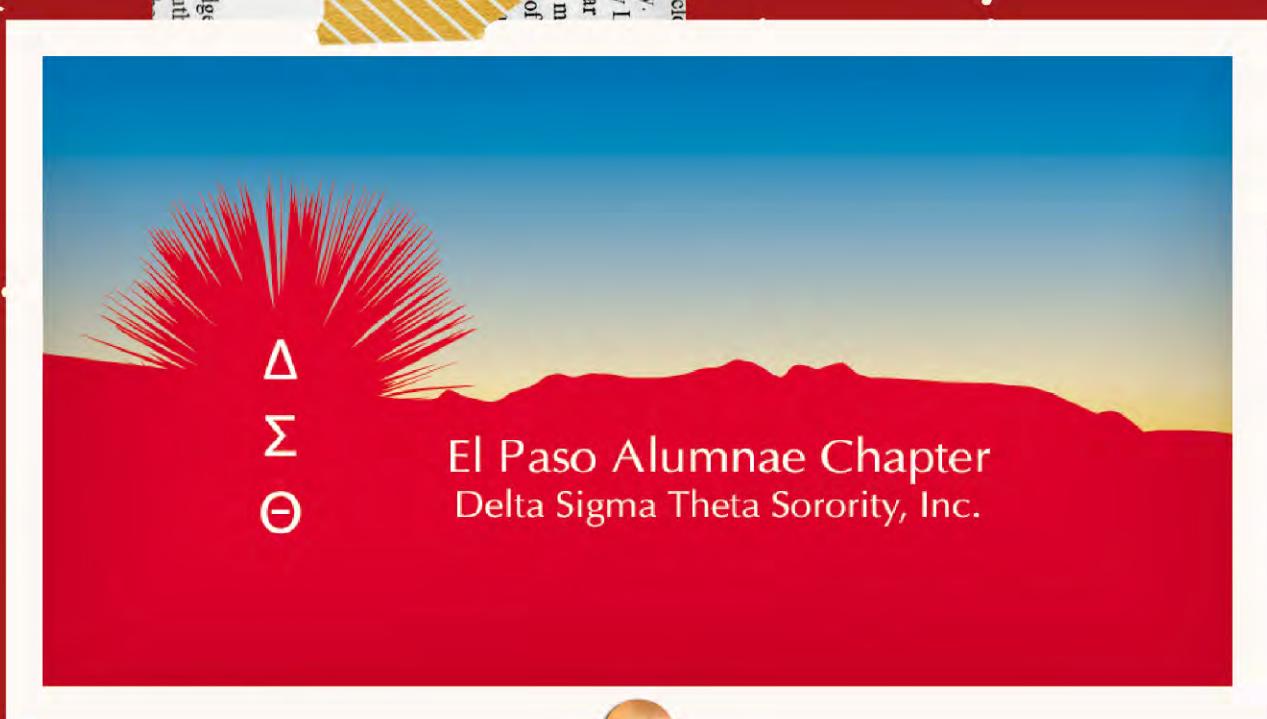
## *Closing Remarks*

**Monika L. Hall**  
Founders Day/Crimson & Crème Gala Co-Chair

*Dance*



# Through The Decades



# The Distinguished Nine of 99



## The Rough Riders



# Diva\$ Tating Forces of Nature



## The Divine Duo



# The Five Heartbeats



## 9 Jewels of DSTyntion



# 3 Degrees of Fortitude



# Virtually DSTined 17



# Detta Dears



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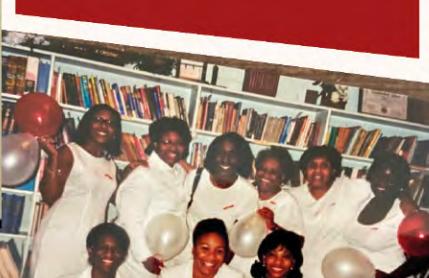
Judith Craig; Arlene Worthy; Patricia Davis; Lena Ellis; Selina Armour

**Front Row Left to right**

Marian Bennett; Allison Jennings; Lilian Crouch; Cheryll Felder; Vivian Simmons

*Not Pictured*

Jane Bills • Lonell Faulks • Debra Harris • Frances Hills • Sylvia Johnson  
• Regina Roundtree • Diane Williams









Cheers to 50 More Years!





## EL PASO ALUMNAE CHAPTER

# Awards

### Rising Star

Has been an active member of El Paso Alumnae for \*\*no more than 3 years\*\*

- Has actively participated on at least 2 committees
- Attended at least 70% of chapter meetings
- Participated in at least 70% of chapter activities

### Professional of the Year

Has been an active member of El Paso Alumnae for at \*\*least 2 years\*\*

- Has actively participated on at least 2 committees per year
- Has attended at least 70% of chapter meetings
- Has attended at least 70% of chapter activities
- Has attended one national convention \*\*or\*\* regional conference
- Credentialed in a profession other than education

### Educator of the Year

Has been an active member of El Paso Alumnae for at \*\*least 2 years\*\*

- Has attended a national convention \*\*or\*\* regional conference
- Be certified/qualified to teach on any level
- Has attended at least 70% of chapter meetings
- Has actively participated on at least 2 committees per year
- Has attended at least 70% of chapter activities

### Minerva (the chapter highest award)

Has been an active member of El Paso Alumnae for at \*\*least 5 years\*\*

- Has attended at least 80% of chapter meetings, in person or virtual
- Has attended at least one national convention and one regional conference
- Has actively participated on at least 5 committees per year
- Has attended at least 80% of chapter activities
- Participates in community activities



*Rising Star*

# Elisabeth “Juice” Brown

My name is Elisabeth Brown, affectionately known as Juice. I was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I received my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Certificate in Emergency Management and Homeland Security and my Master of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida. I moved to El Paso in May of 2017. I was EPAC made in Fall of 2020 as a part of Virtually DSTined17. I currently hold the position as the Recording Secretary and Chair of the Physical and Mental Health Committee. Since becoming a Delta woman, I pride myself in being a committed and dependable member of the organization. I try to be involved in every facet of the sorority by serving on many committees, from the scholarship committee to co-chair of our annual Jazz Event. Oh, to Be a Delta Woman!





## Professional of the Year

# Lena Ellis

Lena H. Ellis, was born in Lockhart, Texas a few years back. She was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. by the Portland (Oregon) Alumnae Chapter in 1999. She was the third on a line of three.

On a professional note, Ms. Ellis, who holds a BBA in Accounting from Texas A&M Kingsville, along with a Master in Management, is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the states of Arizona and Texas. She spent the majority of her career in municipal government accounting and finance, employed by local governments such as the City of Phoenix, Arizona, City of Portland, Oregon, and the City of San Antonio, Texas. Prior to coming to El Paso, Ms. Ellis was the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Fort Worth, the nation's 14th largest city, where she managed a multimillion-dollar operating budget. Currently, Ms. Ellis is employed by the El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund where she also serves as Chief Financial Officer and directs all aspects of the Fund's multibillion-dollar fiscal operation.

Career awards and achievements include appointment to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada Board of Directors and appointment to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Government Performance and Accountability Committee (GPAC). In 2009, Ms. Ellis received the AICPA Outstanding CPA in Local Government Award (a national award), which was presented in Washington D.C. by AICPA Chairman Ernie Almonte. This award was in recognition of her significant contributions to increase local government efficiency and effectiveness, along with her influence on the growth and enhancement of the CPA profession.

Following in the footsteps of the Sorority's twenty- two Founders, Ms. Ellis' greatest desire is to give back and leave a legacy of public service, scholarship, and sisterhood.

Ms. Ellis is a member of the Abundant Church where she actively participates in multiple community outreach ministries. Her passion is financial literacy for especially youth and people of color. To this end, she Chairs the El Paso Alumnae Chapter's Economic Development Committee, which sponsors youth and adult initiatives encouraging and empowering individuals to become financially literate and economically self-sufficient. Additionally, Lena is a mentor for young colleagues who are currently pursuing a career in accounting/finance. This extends to providing counsel/guidance to those sorority sisters who are interested in a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority financial leadership role. Her previous tenure as Chapter Treasurer and her current role as Internal Audit Chair gives her first-hand knowledge and experience on proper insight for up-and-coming Chapter Fiscal Officers.

Lena H. Ellis has one son, Samuel, a daughter-in-law, Eronessa, and one grandson, Elijah. Her biological family, as well as the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority family, are high priorities and life-time commitments. Following in the footsteps of the Sorority's twenty-two Founders, Ms. Ellis' greatest desire is to give back and leave a legacy of public service, scholarship, and sisterhood. Financial fortitude, which entails helping sorority members, the local community, and others to attain individual wealth and financial security, is a primary objective of Ms. Ellis. What began back in 1999 and before now culminates in a personal mission for family generational wealth-building and community financial literacy education and awareness. She hopes to serve as a role model for others.



## Educator of the Year

# Dr. Antoinette Howard

Dr. Antoinette E. Howard has been a member of the El Paso Alumnae Chapter since 1999. She currently serves as the Nominating Committee Chair, Educational Development Chair, Founders Day Chair, African American Knowledge Bowl Co-chair, and is a member of the Arts & Letters, Scholarship & Awards, and Economic Development committees. In the past, she also has served as the Chapter Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary. She has been an educator working in the El Paso community for 31 years. She has worked in both the Socorro Independent and El Paso Independent School Districts. Her career began as a special education teacher, she has worked as a middle and high school cheer coach, an Educational Diagnostician, a High School Assistant Principal, and Director of Special Education: Instructional Programming. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology from Grambling State University, a Masters of Education in Educational Diagnostician from UTEP and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from New Mexico State University. Currently, Dr. Howard is an Adjunct Faculty member at UTEP teaching future special education teachers and a College Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University teaching Public School Law and Introduction to Educational Leadership. She is a strong advocate for ensuring that all students regardless of their culture, disability, economic status, ethnicity, gender, and race receive equitable educational opportunities. She is also the proud mother of a 27 year old daughter, Sierra Williams and a 5 year old Jack Russell Terrier named Aries.





## Minerva Award

# Diane Williams

Diane Williams is a native of Port Arthur, TX who entered the United States Army at the tail end of the Women's Army Corps and has been a trail blazer ever since. Diane has the honor of being the first female to obtain the rank of Aviation Command Sergeant Major and the first female to serve as an Aviation Brigade Command Sergeant Major. She has served her African American heritage and Women every proud with such a distinguished military career of over 30 years!

As a retired Command Sergeant Major, she holds a Master of Education Degree from North Central University, a Master of Arts Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University (graduating with Honors) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University.

In 2019 Diane became the first African American female to be inducted into the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence Hall of Honor and was awarded the "Yellow Rose of Texas" by Governor Greg Abbott. Combining her military leadership experience with her love of community service, Diane dedicates countless hours in community activities as a member of the following organizations: she is the current President of the El Paso Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction and Top Teens of America; Vice President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of El Paso; Vice President of the El Paso Sergeants Major Association; an active member of the El Paso LINKS, Inc.; she serves on the El Paso Police Disciplinary Review Board; an active member of the NAACP, a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy and the list goes on to of course being a DELTA!

Diane joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. during the Spring of 1997 in Hampton, Virginia. She has served in several Leadership positions and has chaired numerous committees. In June of last year, she received her 25-year service award which reaffirms her and all Deltas alike that this journey is a lifetime commitment!





Congratulations  
 El Paso Alumnae on  
**50 Golden years**  
 of serving the community.



Happy 50th Anniversary  
*El Paso Alumnae Chapter*  
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



# The DiSTinguished Nine of 99



Left to Right

**Back row:** Rita Porter, Latasha Allen, Sylvia Johnson, Shirley Delva and Eboni Washington.

**Front row:** Antoinette Howard, Selina Armour, Marian Bennett and Yvette Berry

Celebrating with the  
El Paso Alumnae Chapter  
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**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
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**AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY**

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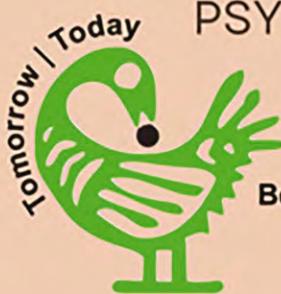
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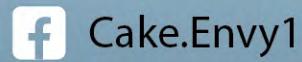
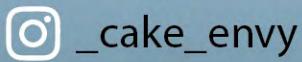
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