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# THE DESERT VIOLET NEWSLETTER



**Fall Edition 2024**

**Celebrating Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service and  
Social Action in the High Desert**



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Soror Hisani Behn**  
**HDAC President**

Dear Sorors,

Welcome to the Fall edition of our chapter newsletter!

As we reflect on our journey together, I am reminded of the strength, unity, and purpose that define us as sisters. Each of you bring something truly special to our chapter, and it is your passion, commitment, and shared values that make our bond so extraordinary.

This quarter, let's continue to uplift one another, embrace new opportunities, and celebrate the successes—big and small—that make our sisterhood thrive.

Remember, every step we take together brings us closer to our shared goals and the legacy we are building.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Let's make this quarter one to remember!

Yours in sisterhood,  
Soror Hisani

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# HONORING OUR CHARTER MEMBERS



**On September 17, 2006, the High Desert Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered by 14 extraordinary, professional women in the city of Victorville, CA.**

**These dynamic divas included (in alphabetical order):  
Yemela Bell-Gomez, Elise Brown, Sharon Burroughs-Cobb, Frances Busby, Llawanna Carroll, Rosemary Day, LaChelle Franklin, Shirley Gaines, Eloise Gibson, Roxanne Johnson-Jones, Frances Lewis, Peggy Moore, Katheryn Shelton, and Lillian Walker**

**WE SALUTE YOU SORORS!**



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# EXECUTIVE BOARD '24-'26



**Soror Hisani Behn**  
**CHAPTER PRESIDENT**



**Soror Zakiyah Rigmaiden**  
**CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT**



**Soror LaMarche Mosley**  
**CHAPLAIN**



**Soror Llawanna Carroll**  
**TREASURER**



**Soror Frances Lewis**  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**



**Soror Veronica Rowl**  
**RECORDING/ CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY**

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**WELCOME OUR NEW SORORS!**

**HDAC SPRING 2024**

**DSTinguished Trin3ty**



**#1 Poised & Ready**



**#2 SteadfaST\_Leader**



**#3 Qui3t Storm**

**LaMarche Mosley   Tamisha Gilmore   Audrey Osborne**

Hampton University

Howard University

Wilberforce University

DSTinguished Trin3ty crossed the sands into Delta Sigma Theta land on Saturday, April 13, 2024. These ladies have something special in common; they are all Alumnae to three DSTinguished Historically Black Colleges & Universities. They are dedicated to sisterhood, scholarship, service and social action and they've hit the ground running! They are making us proud as they do the work of Delta!

**WELCOME NEOS! LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER!!**

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# SOROR HIGHLIGHTS

## CONGRATS ARE IN ORDER!!!



**Soror Leslie Irving**  
Victorville City Council,  
District 5



**Soror LaKerie Williams**  
Apple Valley Town Council,  
District 2 Candidate



**Soror Carla Hamilton-Yates**  
Doctor of Education in  
Education Leadership,  
Administration and Policy  
May 18, 2024



**Soror Erika Ruffin-Chaney**  
Wedding Day  
September 21, 2024



**Soror LaMarche Mosley**  
Retirement from Apple Valley  
School District  
June 1, 2024



**Soror Toni George**  
Appointed the rank of  
Sergeant Major  
June 13, 2024



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## DELTA ACTIVITES

This quarter has been BUSY! From meeting up for breakfast, to participating in the Fall Festival, to serving the community at the Fairgrounds with the Delta Academy and GEMS volunteers, amongst other activities, HDAC was present for the community, as Deltas should be. Here are some highlights!



### Chapter Breakfast September 24, 2024

Nothing like breakfast with your sisters! HDAC Sorors started this quarter off right, meeting for breakfast and bonding over great food and even better company!

### 21st Annual Victorville Fall Festival October 5, 2024

The VV Fall Festival is the largest street fair experience in the High Desert. This festival includes live entertainment, craft and food vendors, a Kids Zone, petting zoo and more!

HDAC uses this time to educate the community of the importance of vaccinations, also providing GOOD HEALTH WINS information, and this year, included information on how to register to vote. DELTAS SHOWS UP!





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High Desert No Drugs America Kids & Youth Day  
October 12, 2024

The mission of this organization is to provide substance use, misuse, harm reduction information and overdose protection for people who use drugs and to educate children about the dangers of drug use to prevent consumption.

This event included games, prizes, vendors and booths, and a chance to win a free bike, helmet and backpack!

You know HDAC was there!





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## TRUNK OR TREAT with Burning Bush Church

October 27, 2024

HDAC Sorors were able to give out candy to the children in the community, and.....apparently ride a bull! Looks like a great time!



## DELTAS VOTE!



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## Veteran's Day Parade in Victorville

The 28th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and parade was held on Monday, November 11, 2024. The parade started at the corner of Seventh and Tracy streets, and included a variety of marching bands, entertainers, and military units. Our HDAC sorors made an appearance to honor our Veterans and show love and support to all those who fought for our freedom. Soror Leslie was in attendance and gave an amazing and inspiring speech.

**WE SALUTE OUR VETS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!**



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## Victor Valley Rescue Mission's 18th Annual Great Thanksgiving Celebration Banquet and Turkey Giveaway

Delta Academy and G.E.M.S with Encore High School of the Arts

The VV Rescue Mission is a non-profit Christian organization in SoCal whose main goal is to help men and women live beyond their circumstances. They provide food, hot showers, toiletries, clothing, recovery programs, and so much more.

This event included a full course, hot Thanksgiving meal, a turkey basket giveaway, and resources to aid in every day living. There was a huge turnout and our Academy and GEMS really enjoyed serving the community.





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# 18TH CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In the Farwest Region, the High Desert Alumnae Chapter (HDAC) was chartered by 14 extraordinary and professional women on September 17, 2006 in Victorville, California. Today, with a dedicated community of members, the chapter stands at the forefront, actively shaping public policy, addressing social issues, and fostering opportunities for higher education through annual scholarships and youth development programs.





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IT WAS ALL FUN AND GAMES!



We ate, played games, and even did a little stroll. Bonding time with Sisters is definitely a vibe. Our Vice President Soror Zakiyah Rigmaiden was an exceptional host! Thank you Soror Zakiyah for setting up this day where we can all say, was memorable and a great time. And thank you Soror Jennifer for giving us the space to bond and enjoy each other. This was definitely a highlight of the Fall quarter.





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## AUGUST-NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

**GO SOROR! IT'S YA BIRTHDAY!**



**Soror Peggy**  
**August 15th**



**Soror Erika**  
**August 27th**



**Soror Tamisha**  
**August 30th**



**Soror Evelyn**  
**September 25th**



**Soror Sharon**  
**October 5th**



**Soror Yemela**  
**October 10th**



**Soror LaMarche**  
**October 16th**

**NOT PICTURED:**

**Soror Majorie- September 9th**  
**Soror Kathryn- September 28th**  
**Soror Nakesha- November 30th**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COORDINATING COUNCIL  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC  
PRESENTS

*Founders* 2025  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11  
Hosted By Lancaster CA Alumae Chapter *Day*

**FARWEST CENTENNIAL**  
**A LEGACY OF SOCIAL ACTION**

**Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel**  
6101 W Century Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Rededication Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 AM**  
**Luncheon begins promptly at Noon**  
**Red Business Attire**

**\$125 Alumnae/ \$100 Collegiate**  
**Tables seat 10 people**  
**Payment via chapter check only to**  
**Lancaster (CA) Alumnae**  
**PO Box 1841**  
**Lancaster, CA 93539**  
**Questions Email:**  
**SCCCFoundersDay2025@gmail.com**

  
**Keynote Speaker**  
**Rosie Allen-Herring**  
**Immediate Past Eastern Regional Director**  
**CEO United Way Nation's Capitol Area**

  
Southern California  
Coordinating Council  
SCCC  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS. PLEASE CONTACT SOROR FRANCES FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT UNTIL DEC 14TH @  
LANCASTERCADST.ORG**

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### SISTERHOOD TEA COMING IN MARCH 2025



More information to follow

Contact Soror Zakiyah for more details

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Yours in Delta,  
Soror Tamisha Gilmore  
Chair, Communications and Public Relations