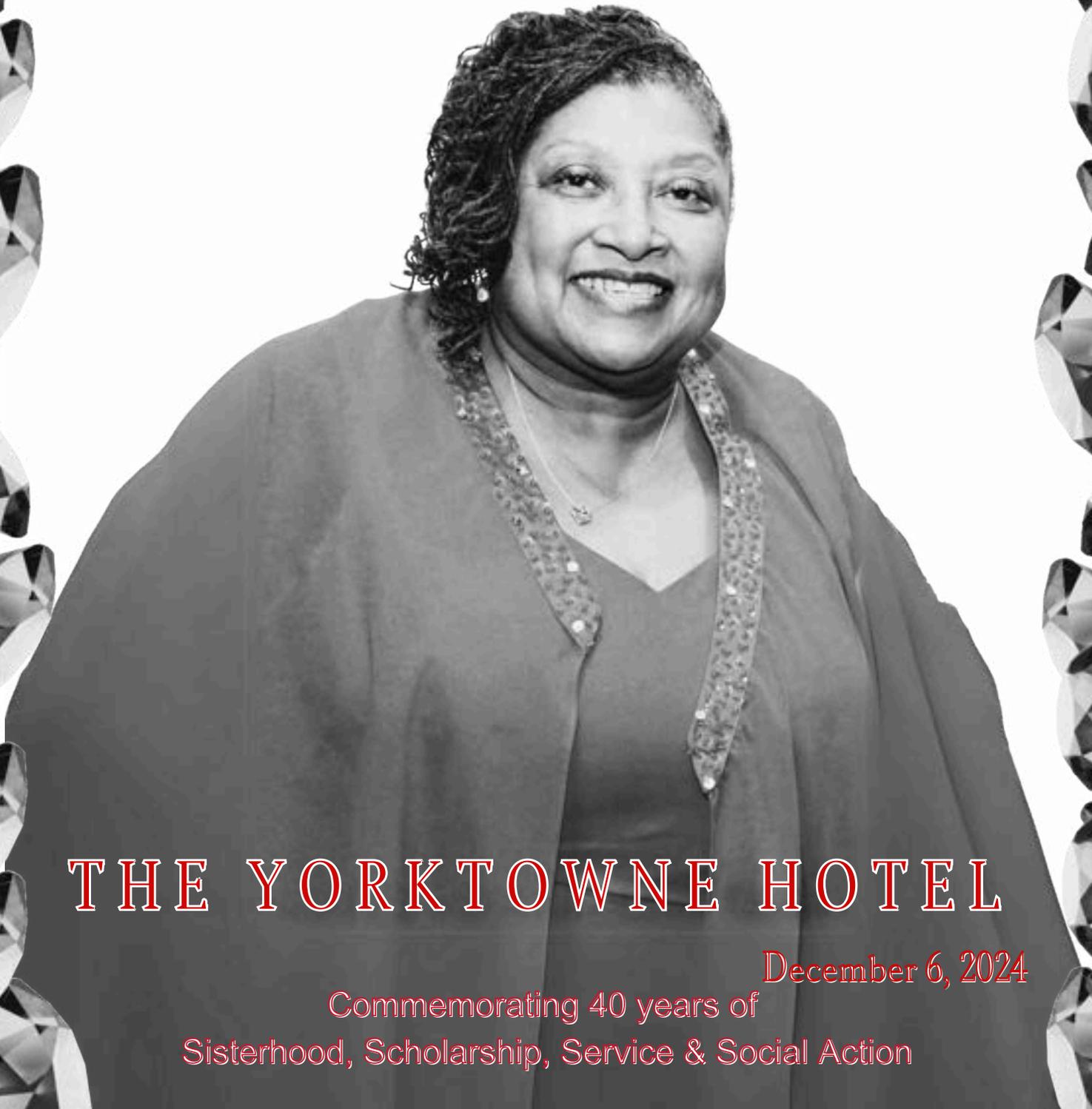




York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Presents:

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“There’s No Place Like Home”



THE YORKTOWNE HOTEL

December 6, 2024

Commemorating 40 years of
Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service & Social Action

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Congratulations!

✦ York Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

May God bless you as you commemorate your 40th Chapter Anniversary of sisterhood, impactful community service, and cherished memories.

The excellence and dedication to core values is what makes the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. truly exceptional. ✦

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Greetings Sorors,

As the newly elected President of the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our charter. This milestone not only marks a moment in time but also serves as a powerful reminder of the unwavering vision and dedication of our charter members, who, in 1984, set the foundation for what has become an extraordinary sisterhood committed to scholarship and service. I am humbled to stand on the shoulders of the dynamic chapter presidents who have led us to this moment and privileged to guide us into the next biennium.

For four decades, our chapter has been committed to uplifting our community through service and upholding the principles of our beloved Sorority. We remain steadfast in our dedication to our Five-Point Programmatic Thrust, which continue to guide our work as we focus on addressing the needs of our youth, health and wellness, economic development, international awareness, and political involvement.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded of the power of unity, collaboration, and purpose. Together, we will continue to enlarge our footprint, striving to make a lasting impact on the lives of young people in our community, while remaining an example of excellence and compassion. With God's grace, we will continue to be a beacon of hope, guidance, and service.

Thank you for your unwavering support as we embark on this exciting chapter. I look forward to all that we will achieve together, and I am confident that our bond of sisterhood will only grow stronger as we move forward in our mission.

In Sisterhood and Service,

Margaret Eckles-Ray

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*President, York Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated*



Program

6:00 – VIP Reception

7:00 – Music

7:20 – Welcome – Rev. D. Marie Tribble, Mistress of Ceremonies

7:23 – Invocation – Lakiesha Jernagin, York Alumnae Chapter Chaplains Council

7:24 – Remarks – Margaret Eckles-Ray, York Alumnae Chapter President

7:29 – Blessing of the Meal – Lakeisha Jernigan

7:30 – Scarlet Rose

- Dinner Service

8:00– Remarks & Introduction of the Speaker – Rosie Allen Herring, Past Eastern Regional Director

8:10 – Keynote Speaker – Rashida Jones, Honorary Member & President of MSNBC

8:20 – Acknowledgement of Charter Members & Presentation of Gifts – Anna Breland-Williams,
York Alumnae Chapter, Former Chapter President

- Final Remarks – Deborah Ritter-Grant, York Alumnae Chapter, Charter Member

8:30 – Scarlet Rose

9:00 – DJ Kyle Moore

Menu

Seared Salmon with Lemon Pesto

Chicken Caprese Layered with Fresh Tomato, Mozzarella, Basil Pesto &
Balsamic Drizzle

Ratatouille Stuffed Eggplant





REV. D. MARIE TRIBBLE
40TH ANNIVERSARY CHAIR

40th *Anniversary Chairs* "There's No Place Like Home"



DEBORAH RITTER-GRANT
40TH ANNIVERSARY
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Dr. Marie-Carmel Durandisse Pressley

Eastern Regional Director



My Dear Sorors of York Alumnae Chapter,

On behalf of our Dynamic and Historic Eastern Region, I extend our warmest congratulations as you celebrate 40 remarkable years of dedicated community service. What a way to celebrate- the Ruby Ball with the enchanting theme, "There's No Place Like Home." This theme beautifully captures the essence of your service to the community. Achieving this incredible milestone is a testament to your unwavering commitment, compassion, and tireless efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

York Alumnae's 40 years of our dedication to sisterhood, scholarship and service serves as a radiant reminder of the importance of cherishing roots, celebrating our shared values, and appreciating the bonds that remind us of home. Over the past four decades, your dedication has not only enriched our community but has also served as an inspiration to countless individuals and organizations. Your willingness to invest your time, energy, and resources has made a lasting difference, and your legacy of service continues to resonate throughout the York and Adams community.

Once again, congratulations on 40 years of service! May the memories created during this special evening continue to warm our hearts and remind us all that indeed, "there's no place like home."

Wishing you continued success and looking forward to future celebrations that are sure to be just as magical.

In Sisterhood and Service,

Dr. Marie-Carmel Durandisse Pressley
Eastern Regional Director
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

 **Press Forward with Purpose, Sisterhood & Service**

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Amina Cuascut
Eastern Regional Representative



Dearest Sorors of York Alumnae Chapter,

Congratulations on celebrating 40 years! Your unwavering dedication to the York and Adams communities is to be commended. Your theme, "There is No Place Like Home," reminds me that home is connection - to our roots, our memories, and the communities that shape us.

Over the years, York Alumnae has worked for positive change and to foster a spirit of unity within the community. Your dedication and hard work truly make the York and Adams communities feel like home for all and create a space where everyone can feel a sense of togetherness and belonging.

As we use this celebration to reflect on the countless initiatives, events, and support systems you have championed, it is evident that the chapter has laid a solid foundation or future generations. In a world that is constantly changing, you remind us that home is not just a place but a feeling—a safe space that stays with us no matter where life takes us.

Your contribution to our community is immeasurable, and you have created a lasting impression that will not be forgotten. Thank you for your remarkable service and dedication over the past four decades.

Congratulations once again!

Amina Cuascut
Eastern Regional Representative
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Maximizing the G.I.B.T of Delta ...when we Go Intentional Forward Together, we achieve greatness!

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GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

December 6, 2024

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
York Alumnae Chapter
York, Pennsylvania

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to recognize the 40th anniversary of the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Since its inception at Howard University in 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to empowering members and local communities through sisterhood, innovative programs, groundbreaking initiatives and services, academic excellence, and more. As one of the largest historically Black sororities in the nation with more than 350,000 members and over 1,000 chartered chapters initiated worldwide, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. has opened the doors of opportunity for countless Pennsylvanians. The York Alumnae Chapter continues to exceed this noble mission. Through its distinguished public service in education, economic development, and civic engagement, this chapter plays a vital role in the York community. I am grateful for this sorority's altruistic members who lead by example and inspire the next generation of young women. I am confident their work will continue to serve as a model for many throughout our Commonwealth for years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am happy to recognize the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this sixth day of December two thousand twenty-four, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
PENNSYLVANIA

December 6, 2024

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest regards and congratulations as you celebrate the 40th anniversary of the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

This anniversary is a remarkable milestone and is a testament to your organization's dedication to your community throughout the last four decades. Your work promoting community service, civic engagement, and health and wellness is truly commendable. Thank you for all the work you have done and all that you continue to do.

I look forward to your continued success and positive impact on others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Casey, Jr." in a cursive style.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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To the York Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your 40th Anniversary and Ruby Ball.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the York Community by awarding scholarship to local high school students in York and Adams County high schools. Letting students know that college is an option no matter where they grew up. By developing the Delta Gems to inspire and enrich the lives of Young Women. Health and wellness within the black and brown community is important and often go unnoticed but not with the Delta's by organizing workshops for mental and physical health, fitness and nutrition. Education is important and the Deltas recognize this by distributing books locally and internationally.

Civic participation as we know now is more important now than ever before. The Delta's know this and educate the community by hosting voter registration drives, issue awareness events, and lobbying in Harrisburg for social justice.

Deltas are a force to be reckoned in the community and nationally with over 300,000 members. Please know your work is always on my mind whether working in my district or on legislation in Harrisburg.

Once again, congratulations on your 40th Anniversary. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. If my district office staff or I can be of assistance to you in the future please feel free to contact us at 53 East North St, Suite 3, or by calling 717-848-9595.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Hill-Evans".

Carol Hill-Evans
State Representative
95th Legislative District



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Proclamation

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the York Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

WHEREAS, The York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on January 19, 1984 by twelve college-educated women which is part of an international sisterhood with over 300,000 predominantly Black members whose purpose is to aid and support individuals and organizations through established programs, outreach, and services in local communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, for the past 40 years, the Chapter has demonstrated commitment to community empowerment and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter initiated forums on voter education, social justice, and collaborated with organizations to combat sexual abuse and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter developed programs like Delta GEMS, a program aimed at mentoring at-risk African American girls aged 14-18, and Delta Academy, an initiative that promotes social skill development while building self-esteem, as well as providing various other leadership skills aimed at mentoring local youth and awarding scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter organized workshops on mental health, physical fitness, and nutrition, while supporting community health efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter raised funds through events like the Peppermint Ball and contributed thousands in scholarships, along with distributing books and donating supplies locally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter engaged in activities such as the YWCA's Race Against Racism, blood drives, and community service events to support local needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that We, the Members of York City Council, York, Pennsylvania, do hereby congratulate the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on its 40th Anniversary and we join the community in celebrating 40 years of sisterhood and outstanding service to the York Community.

Presented on behalf of York City Councilmembers Teresa Johnescu, Elizabeth Bupp, Dr. Felicia O. A. Dennis, Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, and Edquina Washington, President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hand and official seal of the City of York, Pennsylvania, this 6th day of December 2024.

Edquina Washington, President
York City Council



Congratulations on 40 Years of Service!

The York County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's York Alumnae Chapter on its 40th anniversary of its founding.

Since it was first chartered on January 19, 1984 by 12 college-educated women, the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has been a cornerstone of community empowerment and social justice here in York County.

From its support of the YWCA Race Against Racism to its youth mentorship programs – Delta GEMS and Delta Academy – and its signature events like the Peppermint Ball, Delta Sigma Theta's York Alumnae Chapter has been synonymous with service.

Congratulations to the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on your 40th Anniversary!



Julie Wheeler
President Commissioner



Scott Burford
Vice President Commissioner



Doug Hoke
Commissioner



VISION: INSPIRING OPPORTUNITY FOR A UNIFIED COMMUNITY
MISSION: BUILDING A BETTER YORK COUNTY PURPOSE: STRENGTHENING QUALITY OF LIFE
CORE VALUES: INCLUSIVE, TRANSPARENT, DEDICATED

History of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated



Osceola Macarthy Adams • Marguerite Young Alexander • Winona Cargile Alexander • Ethel Cuff Black • Bertha Pitts Campbell • Zephyr Chisom Carter • Edna Brown Coleman • Jessie McGuire Dent • Frederica Chase Dodd • Myra Davis Hemmings • Olive Claire Jones • Jimmie Bugg Middleton • Pauline Oberdorfer Minor • Vashti Turley Murphy • Naomi Sewell Richardson • Mamie Reddy Rose • Eliza Pearl Shippen • Florence Letcher Toms • Ethel Carr Watson • Wertie Blackwell Weaver • Madree Penn White • Edith Motte Young

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 collegiate women at Howard University to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need. The Founders of Delta Sigma Theta envisioned an organization committed to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and addressing the social issues of the time. Since its founding, Delta Sigma Theta has become one of the preeminent service-based sororities, with more than 300,000 initiated members and over 1,000 chartered chapters worldwide.

As a sisterhood comprised primarily of Black, college-educated women, the Sorority seriously considers the issues impacting the Black community and boldly confronts the challenges of African Americans and, hence, all Americans. Over the years, a wide range of programs addressing education, health, international development, and the strengthening of African American families have evolved. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement.

The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, West Africa, Southern African, United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Korea.

Source: www.DeltaSigmaTheta.org





Rashida Jones

Rashida Jones is President of MSNBC, the premiere destination for breaking news, award-winning journalism, in-depth analysis and informed perspectives. She is responsible for oversight of all programming, editorial units, business development, and technical operations.

In this role, she has increased viewership and market share for the brand, ending 2023 as the most-watched cable network, adding more viewers than any other television network. Jones has also transformed what was known as a television brand into an omnichannel experience.

Before taking on the role of President in February 2021, Jones served as Senior Vice President at NBC News and MSNBC. In this role, she spearheaded cross-platform breaking news and major events for both networks, including coverage of the coronavirus pandemic and the networks' Decision 2020 coverage, including presidential debates, town halls, primaries, and special election nights and forums.

Jones is a member of the Paley Center Media Council, the Executive Leadership Council, and Milken Institute's Executive Women's Circle. In 2023, Jones received the RTDNA Leonard Zeidenberg First Amendment Award and the Alliance for Women in Media's Gracies Leadership Award. She is a board member of the Carole Kneeland Project for Responsible Journalism. Jones received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Media-Arts Broadcast from Hampton University, where she launched a scholarship in her name.

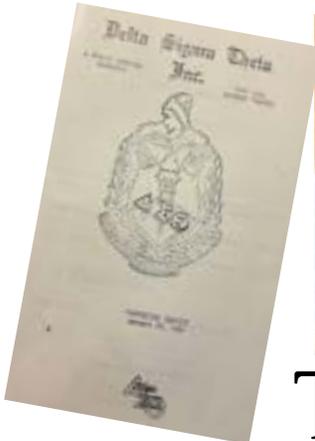
Chapter History



Seated from left are: Mrs. Alfreda Dorm, Mrs. Alice Faye Kirkland. Standing, first row: Miss Toni Gibson, Mrs. Pamela Jordan, Miss Jenora Orr, Mrs. Marcia Murray, Miss Sharron Ritter. Back Row: Mrs. Wanda Dorm, Miss Deborah Ritter, Mrs. Carmen Frost, Ms. Julia Hines-Harris. Missing is Mrs. Brenda Elby

From 1975 to 1983, the Lancaster - York Alumnae Chapter held its monthly meetings alternately in York and Lancaster. However, as time passed, the members in York saw a growing need to serve the local community more directly. In 1983, a group of York-based members from the Lancaster-York Alumnae Chapter petitioned the sorority to establish an independent alumnae chapter in York, allowing them to focus on the needs of York County on a full-time basis.

After enlisting additional Deltas within the York County area, the Eastern Regional Director, Dorothy Stanley, was contacted and a proposal to establish a new chapter was drafted. Upon completing all necessary documents Chapter #724 was established. The York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered January 19, 1984, with twelve charter members: Alfreda Dorm, Wanda Dorm, Brenda Elby, Carmen Frost, Toni Gibson Thompson, Julia Hines-Harris, Pamela Jordan, Faye Kirkland, Marcia Murray, Genora Orr, Deborah Ritter-Grant, and Sharon Ritter.



Though few in number, the York Alumnae Chapter worked tirelessly to meet the goals established by our organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement. To that end, the York Alumnae Chapter adopted Black businesses to highlight the importance of black owned businesses, established the well known Peppermint Ball in 1986 to raise scholarship money, and honored some of the dynamic African American women in the York community.

Spotlight



Spotlight on Soror Charter Member, Deborah Ritter-Grant.

Soror Ritter-Grant, a proud native of York City and graduate of William Penn Senior High School, is an active member of the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



The Charter members' tenacity enabled us to participate in Habitat for Humanity; DTEC (Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign) in support of educational programs; hold forums on voter education and registration; offer the Delta GEMS/EMBODI Youth Mentoring Programs and now Delta Academy; provide educational supplies to Apam, Ghana and offer mental health and wellness opportunities through the services of our sorors. In 2019, the York Alumnae Chapter distributed 20,000 books to members of the York Community. Over the past 40 years, the Chapter has disbursed tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship dollars to students in York & Adams County. The York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority continues to move "Forward with Fortitude."

The York Alumnae Chapter continually supports education in many ways: providing thousands of dollars in college scholarships to deserving high school graduates; working directly with youth through our GEMS & Delta Academy program, participating in school events such as Back-to-School Kickoffs and giveaways, and by consistently lobbying our legislators to vote for fair and equitable school funding. We have hosted numerous voter registration, issue awareness and education sessions. We will continue to lobby our legislators and organize our communities to demand social justice in all areas, including a living wage for the lowest wage workers in our communities. Our chapter currently partners with a school in Apam Ghana to provide educational materials for students. We are committed to being on the front lines of issues of the Diaspora both locally and worldwide, whether it be supporting a maternity hospital in Kenya, a school in Haiti, or assisting international areas during natural disasters. York Alumnae's history has included providing workshops and events that promote heart health, exercise through walking and line-dancing, breast cancer awareness, eating healthier and hair health.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Claflin University and, upon graduation, returned to York to serve as an educator with the York City School District.

Soror Ritter-Grant joined Delta Sigma Theta 52 years ago while attending Claflin University. She has since exemplified leadership within the York Alumnae Chapter, serving as President and Internal Audit Chair.

Today, we honor and celebrate Soror Ritter-Grant, a distinguished charter member, for her unwavering commitment and dedication to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to the York community.



Celebrating Resilience: The York Alumnae Chapter's Journey

HIGHLIGHT

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

YAC collaborated with Face-2-Face Ministries and Restoration Community Christian Church, led by Rev. D. Marie Tribble, to host over 50 virtual sessions addressing critical topics, including:

- Mental, physical, breast, and heart health
- Grief and combating stress
- Meditation and autism awareness
- Imposter syndrome
- Domestic violence and racism
- Health and fitness

The chapter also supported key initiatives to promote health and wellness:

- Participated in the March of Dimes Walk to prevent birth defects and premature births.
- Partnered with WellSpan for a webinar on breast health and COVID-19 prevention.
- Co-sponsored a 2024 Health Fair and school supply giveaway at William Penn High School, which served over 1,000 attendees.
- Collaborated with Divine Nine Sororities to host a baby shower for expectant mothers in need.
- Supported the York YMCA's annual toy and coat drives.
- Delivered food to families during COVID-19 and conducted wellness checks for Delta D.E.A.R.S. and donated cleaning supplies to the Bell Socialization Services.

ADAPTING THROUGH CHANGE:



In November 2019, the York Alumnae Chapter (YAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated celebrated its 35th Anniversary, marking over three decades of unwavering commitment to sisterhood, service, and scholarship. As the world shifted in 2020, so did YAC, adapting its focus and operations to meet the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Transitioning from in-person to virtual platforms, YAC not only maintained its dedication but thrived, making remarkable strides in alignment with the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Extending its mission globally, YAC donated \$1,000 to support girls and women in Cameroon, providing hygienic supplies and reproductive education to those in need.

YAC contributed to economic empowerment through impactful initiatives: Hosted syndicated financial columnist Michelle Singletary for a workshop on financial fitness. Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for local families.



EDUCATION

“Intelligence is the torch of wisdom,” and YAC has shown its dedication to education over the past five years through the following initiatives:

- Launched Delta Academy, a mentoring program for girls aged 8-14.
- Awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships to deserving high school students in York and Adams Counties.
- Honored scholarship recipients at annual luncheons and hosted a reunion check-ins for awardees.
- Donated hundreds of school supplies to students in need.



POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

As trailblazer Shirley Chisholm once said, “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” YAC embodied this spirit by actively engaging in political and social causes:

- Conducted voter registration and education drives.
- Partnered with the York City Police Department to support their Gun Violence Initiative.
- Collaborated with the York YWCA for its annual Race Against Racism.
- Raised awareness of missing and exploited Black and Brown children through a May 2024 Awareness Walk.
- Represented the community on over 15 Boards of Directors.
- Hosted a community lecture featuring our member, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a Freedom Rider, civil rights activist, sit-in participant and 2015 National Civil Rights Museum’s Freedom Awardee.



MOVING FORWARD

Through resilience and adaptability, the York Alumnae Chapter continues to exemplify its dedication to service, sisterhood, and scholarship. As the chapter moves forward, its unwavering commitment to uplifting communities locally and globally remains stronger than ever.



SOCIAL ACTION

Our 40th chapter anniversary has given us the opportunity to reflect on our chartering. Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service forms the body of our beloved sorority's existence. Within that body, our dedicated membership is the heart but Social Action is its enduring conscience.

Since 1984, the York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been dedicated to addressing the pressing needs of the York community with passion and purpose. Our chapter was chartered by 12 strong, visionary women who witnessed the challenges specifically facing York and were determined to create their own solutions. The chapter was chartered during a time when the community grappled with significant issues, like the rise in teen pregnancy. Our charter members foresight and dedication led to initiatives that not only addressed these challenges but also empowered future generations.

One of their earliest impactful endeavors was the Peppermint Ball. This debutante ball was much more than a glamorous evening; it was a celebration of excellence. Designed to showcase the best of the best among Black high school students in the York area, the event became a beacon of hope and inspiration. It reminded young women of their inherent value and limitless potential. Beyond its cultural significance, the Peppermint Ball raised money to fund scholarships, which paved pathways to higher education for many.

Social Action remains the life force for our endeavors. It steers the York Alumnae Chapter toward meaningful and impactful work. It ensures that every initiative we undertake reflects our commitment to address local issues, empower our community, and inspire change. As we celebrate this milestone, we honor the legacy of our charter members and reaffirm our pledge to continue the work they began.

To that end the York Alumnae Chapter has initiated the annual Crimson Ties Initiative: Grassroots Connections Increasing Community Impact.

*Our lifelong commitment
is rooted in social action!*

This chapter-year commitment to one grassroots organization is inspired by the need for direct action with laser precision focus to assist that organization to build capacity, direct efforts within its vision, and to fill its self-determined needs. It is our promise toward servant-leadership.



CHRYSTAL'S PLACE

This chapter year we are delighted to focus the Crimson Ties Initiative resources to the wonderful and necessary organization: Chrystal's Place. Chrystal's Place embodies the spirit of community care in York. As we approach the holiday season Chrystal's Place reminds us of those Kwanzaa principles and values that strengthen our shared humanity. Chrystal's Place is more than a resource. It is a measuring stick for who we should be as a community.



Their work exemplifies *Nia*, a shared purpose, by driving our commitment to see every member of our community succeed. A twice weekly food pantry to provide groceries for families in need as well as monthly food deliveries to seniors ensure that a core community purpose, to leave no one hungry, is fulfilled.

Imani, the faith we hold in one another and in our collective future, shines through in the care extended to every visitor. Whether they are choosing warm clothes or blankets for winter or kitchen-wares to make dinner at home (and we know there is no place like home), Chrystal's Place free store provides a place where individuals can shop with dignity and pride and find the essentials they need to survive and thrive.

Umoja, the unity we share, is demonstrated in the way Chrystal's Place brings people together: Like hosting its community garden where neighbors grow and harvest their food dedicated plots, fostering community, self-sufficiency, group-sufficiency and empowerment.

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It is time to reflect on what truly connects us: a shared purpose, a belief in one another, and the strength of unity. Together, we will uplift our community and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to simply live a better life.



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& Venitia Harper



Spring 2003

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& Vlonda Kearse



Spring 2009

Shontee Hart



Spring 2014

4 R.E.E.L.

Kari-Claudia Allen, Stacy Pagan,
Melanie Still, & Brandi Wiafe



Spring 2017

3X D.O.P.E.

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Spring 2019

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40+ Years

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Demetra Middleton
Crystal Mitchell Tilson
Rhea Simmons
Jodi Williams

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07

DEC, 2024

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YORKTOWNE HOTEL 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

07

DEC, 2024

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FEB, 2025

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JUN, 2025

SPRING BLING

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Born with the gift of song, Britney Walker, also known as Scarlet Rose has been wowing crowds from a very young age. Having honed her talent and skill at a young age, Britney spent the



majority of her childhood years singing in church. It wasn't until elementary school, when she covered the Whitney Houston classic "Who Would Imagine A King" that a real love for stage and performance was born. This songbird has opened up for various artists including Tamela Mann, CoCo of SWV, Lil Mo, Bobby Valentino, Lyfe Jennings, J. Holiday and Chelsey Green. She has also graced the 2022 and 2023 main stage of the Dauphin County Jazz Festival. The York native splits her time between serving her community, caring for her family, and studying for her Masters degree in Social Work. Both driven and focused, she is determined to blaze her own trail through music and melody. Her goal is to " Make everybody feel like somebody" through her lyrics and song stylings. Performing at various locations throughout the country she hopes to expand her reach and audience internationally to inspire joy, hope, and peace to all she meets through song.

Kyle Moore, widely recognized as DJay Moore, is a cornerstone of the sound and entertainment scene throughout Central Pennsylvania. Starting his journey as a DJ, he quickly expanded his vision, making a lasting impact on York City by becoming a trusted "one-stop shop" for all event planning and entertainment needs. Beyond his work as a DJ, Kyle has elevated the local event industry by founding Kyle Martin Management & Event Venue, a premier space that offers comprehensive event services to meet the diverse needs of the community. In 2023, Kyle further diversified his ventures by creating Men in the Kitchen, a restaurant that combines his passion for community engagement and quality service. Through his many enterprises, Kyle Moore continues to inspire, enrich, and elevate experiences for individuals and organizations alike in the York community.



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Spring 2014

Melanie
Stacy
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Brandi



Congratulations York Alumnae Chapter for 40 years of service to our community. Special thanks to the Delta Academy Committee for dedicating your time and talent to our girls. The impact you have made in their lives will be cherished forever.

Yours in Delta,
Brandi, Demietra and Travia





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Spring 2017



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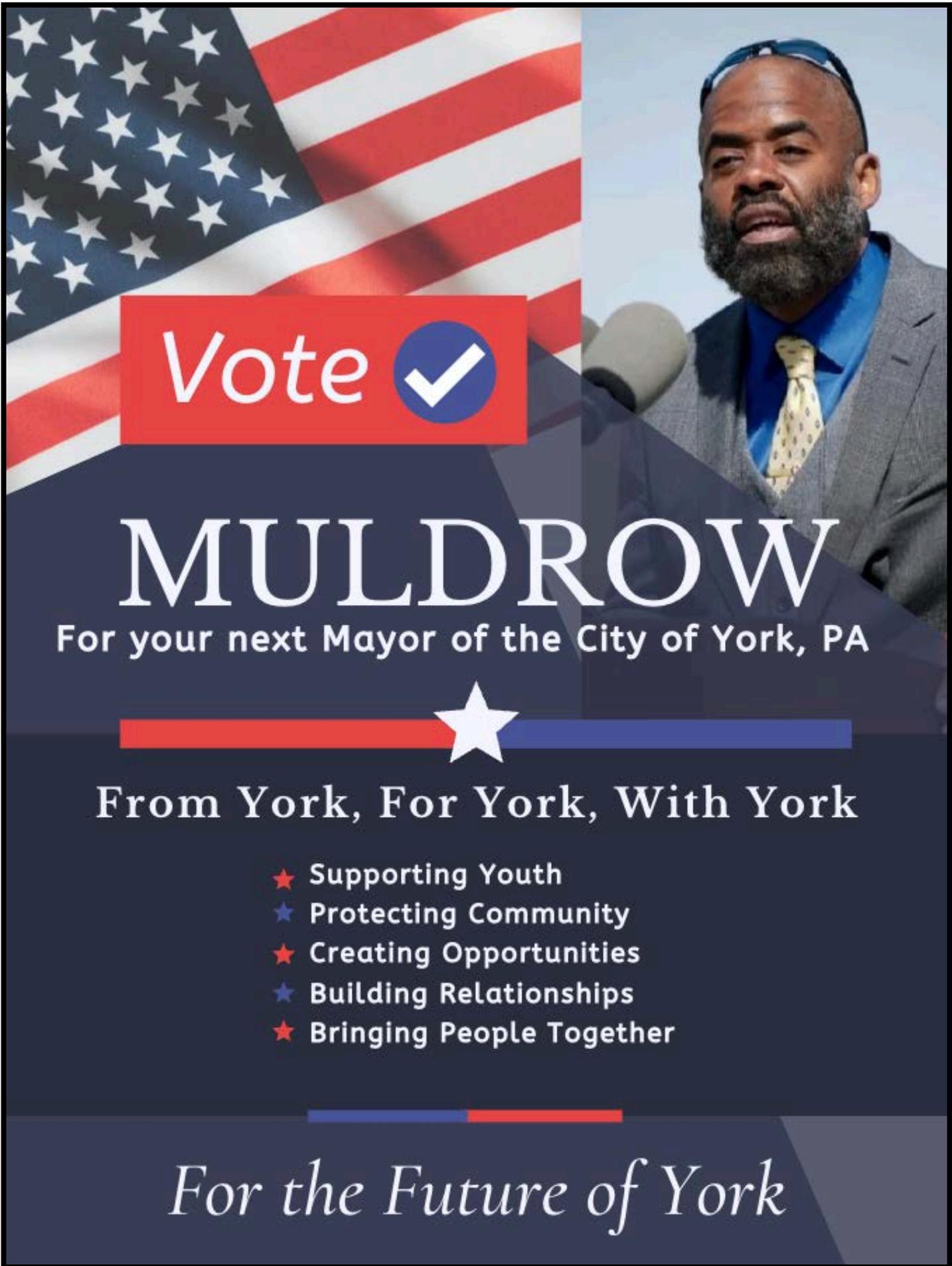
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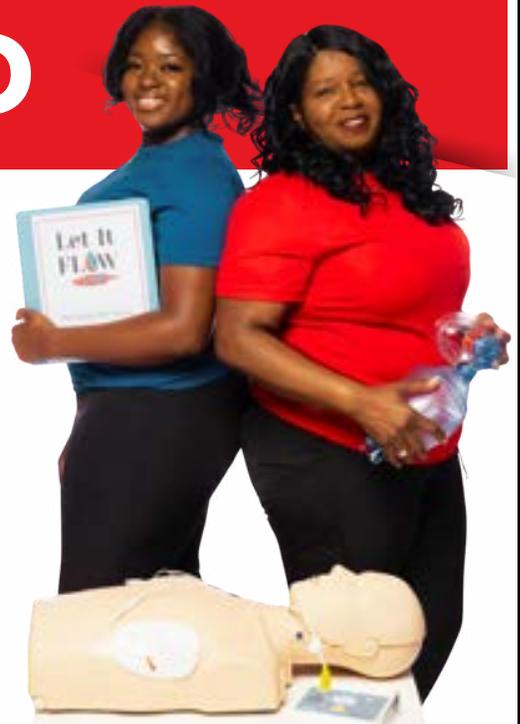


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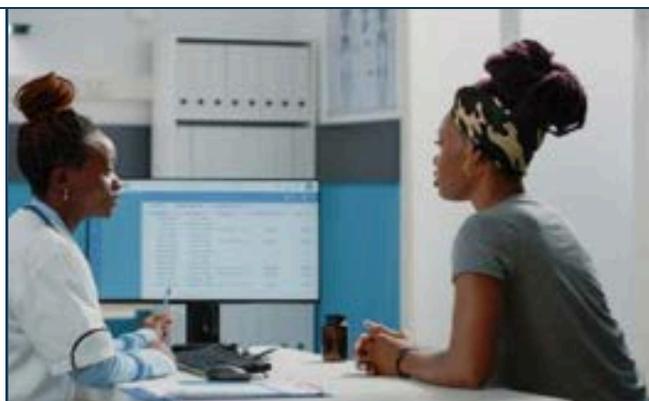
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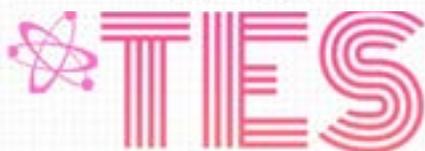
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