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Sorors! When I received the request for the first president's message of this historical year, I had writers block. It was difficult to decide what message needed to be conveyed to my sisters. Well, as divine intervention would have it, the message fell on my heart. "Compassion is the true essence of sisterhood" Does this line strike a cord in your heart? Do you remember where this line comes from? It is a line from our ritual-the text that embodies our traditions and ceremonies.

As a sisterhood, I'm continuing to see more infighting and unsisterly behavior. It saddens my heart when we as black women charged with uplifting our community cannot do so amongst ourselves first. There are a lot of outside systemic obstacles for us to fight which does not give us time to fight amongst ourselves.

Let's liken our chapter, state, region, and national body to a family. Our grand chapter is the core family unit, but as in our families we go out and form other relationships, marry and produce youth. Our separate chapters are just that, extensions/descendants of our core family unit. So when we go about our daily lives within the chapter and outside of the chapter, we directly affect our family back to the core of over 200,000 African American women.

When we go through our lives, we need to consider each other. The other side of that is that we also need to be willing to speak out to each other, reach out to each other in our times of need. Allow your sisters to be there for you.

Sorors, I challenge you to consider that compassion is the true essence of sisterhood! I challenge you to recognize that we have to be able to support each other in order to truly be powerful in our fight to uplift the black community. I challenge you to remember and act on the fact that we are a chapter that should work together- no one member or committee member is the chapter or the whole. If one of our programs is unsuccessful it reflects upon not just the committee, not just the chapter, but our entire sisterhood! Let us exercise compassion as we handle each other and as we go about all our interactions!

Sisterly,

Erica Jenkins

CAAC Reminders

- Δ Southwest Regional Leadership Retreat Oct. 13-24, 2007
- Δ CAAC 10-Year Anniversary Celebration Nov. 11, 2007
- Δ Statewide Meeting Feb. 16-18, 2007 in Arkadelphia



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Delta Academy/G.E.M.S. Kick Off

By Stephanie Walker Hynes

Amid heavy rain and thunder, the first meeting held on September 23, 2006, for the Delta Academy/Gems was full of SUNSHINE. Twenty four young ladies were present and at least 10 more called to say that they too would be attending the next meeting. For the first time in CAAC history, we may have to put a limit on how many girls we can work with in a sorority year. The calendar of events includes Science and Everyday Experiences activities (SEE), plus educational/community service/critical thinking/essay writing/career/ACT/PSAT preparation workshops. Hopefully (funds permitting) the wrap up event will be an overnight self esteem retreat for the participants who attend six or more of the scheduled activities.

The year promises to be mutually beneficial to the young ladies and sorors. I am sending Kudos to the sorors who showed up and participated at the kick-off and who have committed to working monthly with this mentoring program. If you haven't already signed up for a month (or more)—IT IS NOT TOO LATE—please call Stephanie Walker Hynes 261-7121 or Shirley Tyson 954-9499 to do so. Next month's meeting will be October 14th at the Terry Library on Nappa Valley Drive from noon until 2pm.

CAAC Delta Round-Up

By Angela Austin

On August 26, 2006, Sorors gathered to kick-off the year chapter year with over 20 Sorors attending the Delta Round-Up. Chapter and visiting Sorors assembled for a day of fun and fellowship.

Soror Erica Jenkins greeted attendees as the new president of Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter. Soror Claudette Barbee spoke to Sorors about the activities of the membership committee and invited everyone to take part.

Soror Angela Austin assisted Sorors in getting acquainted with one another with a fun ice breaker. CAAC wanted visiting Sorors to know that we are about handling the business of Delta; however, we like to have fun from time to time.

Soror April Nichols Smith spoke on the financial obligations of members and invited all inactive Sorors an opportunity to "Come Grow with Us" at CAAC.

DST Mission

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.