

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Dr. Terri Lynn Johnson Delta Academy**

*“Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow,  
Preparing Young Women  
For the 21st Century”*

The Delta Academy was created out of an urgent sense that bold action was needed to save our young females (ages 11-14) from the perils of academic failure, low self-esteem, and crippled futures. Delta Academy provides an opportunity for local Delta chapters to enrich and enhance the education that our young teens receive in public schools across the nation. Specifically, we augment their scholarship in math, science, and technology, their opportunities to provide service in the form of leadership through service learning defined as the cultivation and maintenance of relationships. A primary goal of the program is to prepare young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21st Century.

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The Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. organized its Delta Academy in February 2005. The Academy falls under the Five Point Programmatic Thrust of Educational Development of the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The program is modeled after the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, and shares the primary goal of preparing young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter Delta Academy was named in honor of deceased member, Terri Lynn Johnson, M.D. Dr. Johnson was an expert in the field of Cytopathology. Her extensive research and publications made her a nationally renowned lecturer and instructor. She was a champion for community service and participated in numerous civic organizations. Dr. Johnson's dedicated work with the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. included her instrumental assistance in the organization of the local "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" program. She also served as a mentor to hundreds of students whose careers and lives were positively influenced by their relationship with Terri.

The Terri Lynn Johnson Delta Academy focuses on three guiding principles: scholarship, service and sisterhood. Activities and programs that exemplify its guiding principles beginning with scholarship include academic assistance and enrichment in math, technology and science, test-taking skills and non-traditional career awareness. Under the principle of service, the girls will participate in leadership development workshops, plan and conduct academy meetings as well as participate in community service activities. Lastly, under the principle of sisterhood, academy participants will learn and work closely together for the good of the organization as a whole. They will engage in friendship, self-esteem and team-building activities. They will also attend cultural events and social etiquette workshops. It is our hope that these activities will encourage the young ladies to think globally and act locally.

Members of the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. have pledged a commitment of service, time and expertise to serve the Delta Academy. The Delta Youth Programs committee will plan programs and activities for Academy participants. Sorority members will also serve as activity leaders, mentors, tutors, and workshop presenters.

***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

- Leadership Development
- Self-Esteem Building
- Health Awareness
- Cultural Events
- Social Graces
- Citizenship
- Community Service
- Career Exploration
- Academic Assistance and Enhancement
- Building Friendships

***PROGRAM CRITERIA***

- The program is currently accepting applications for candidates who will be in grades 5-8 in September 2020.
- Completion of a participant application form and a parental consent form.
- Aspiration to achieve academically and eagerness to engage in new learning.
- Commitment of time equivalent to a minimum of four hours per month, which includes regular attendance at Delta Academy meetings and activities.
- If participants miss more than 2 meetings, we will review with their parent/guardian their membership with Delta Academy.