



Delta Academy & Tweens

With a motto of “Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow, Preparing Young Women For the 21st Century,” *Delta Academy* was created as a national program to help divert young females from the perils of academic failure, low self-esteem, and crippled futures.

Over the course of several years, *Delta Academy* mentors noted the divergent interest level of adolescents, once they left the elementary grade levels and began matriculating at the middle school level. In order to take advantage of the progressing levels of educational and social exposure, the *Delta Academy* group was divided, so that girls who were aged 7 through 5th grade continued in the *Delta Academy* Program, while girls who were at the 6th through 8th grade levels were engaged in similar activities, with a stronger emphasis on activities that would help to bridge the period between middle and high school. The goals for *Delta Academy* and *Tweens* are:

- To help to achieve academic excellence;
- To provide exposure to public service involvement;
- To encourage educational and cultural enrichment;
- To develop leadership skills;
- To stress the importance of proper health; and
- To promote sisterhood as it relates to relationships with peers.

Cultural Focus

Nguzo Saba, the seven principles of *Kwanzaa*, provides a blueprint for the development of a meaningful, productive and value based life. The training includes a cultural based curriculum, rich in history and heritage centered on these principles:

- *UMOJA* - unity
- *KUJICHAGULIA* - self determination
- *UJIMA* - collective work & responsibility
- *UJAMAA* - cooperative economics
- *NIA* - purpose
- *KUUMBA* - creativity
- *IMANI* - faith



Delta GEMS

(GROWING & EMPOWERING MYSELF SUCCESSFULLY)

Delta GEMS provides the frame work to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a “CAN DO” attitude. The goals for Delta GEMS are:

- To instill the need to excel academically;
- To provide tools that enable girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic success;
- To assist girls in proper goal setting and planning for their futures, high school and beyond; and
- To create compassionate, caring, and community minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

The Delta GEMS framework is composed of five major components (Scholarship, Sisterhood, Show Me the Money, Service, and Infinitely Complete), forming a road map for college and career planning. Topics within the five major components are designed to provide interactive lessons and activities that provide opportunities for self-reflection and individual growth.



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