

THE METRO

St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter



Jeanice Baker
Chapter President

A Message from our President....

My Dear Sorors:

As the sorority year end draws near, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for an amazing year! The success of Saint Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter is based on the relationships we have built over the years and new partnerships. This past year we have welcomed 54 dynamic ladies to the sisterhood and reclaimed 30 sorors. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to work with, and for you.

This sorority year has been filled with a multitude of both challenges and victories. Every year is different, but this one has been filled with more change than normal. It has been reassuring to see how our chapter has risen to meet every roadblock, while always looking out for all our members and community. We have persevered as sisters and came out stronger together!

Working together this past year has been a pleasure and I am proud to have you, you and you with us. Best wishes and happiness to you and your families over the summer season. Let's look forward to a successful 2022 working together.

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With Delta Love in My Heart,

Jeanice Baker

*A Celebration of
Life and Achievement
of Sorors in SLMAC*

**Congratulations to our Chapter's distinguished Sorors for the
2020-2021 sorority year.**

**Your service went above and beyond and you are deserving
of this recognition.**

New Soror of the Year: Soror Erin Ceesay

Delta Dear of the Year: Soror Karen Johnson

Soror of the Year: Soror Maria Bolden-Grimes

This year's Founders Day celebration was an outstanding and uplifting event. Thank you to Sorors Fredrecka McGlown and Tishaura Jones for the inspiring messages to help us Forge Forward!



Sorors in the Spotlight



Soror Jeanice Baker is the new Chief Financial Officer for Explore St. Louis.



Soror Jazmyn Ferguson, Immediate Past Central Regional Representative, has received a generous scholarship award and will be attending the University of Notre Dame Law School this fall.



Soror Monica A. Stewart was elected to the University City's School Board.



Soror Kinyetta Alexander received the Louis Lazarus Award from Whitfield school for her impact on students as a parent.



Soror Kisha Lee received Advanced and Master Certifications from the MO School Board Association.

Sorors in the Spotlight



Soror Cynthia Danley was named Interim Chief Executive Officer of Safe Connections.



Soror Deborah Dilworth passed her Engineering In Training License Test.



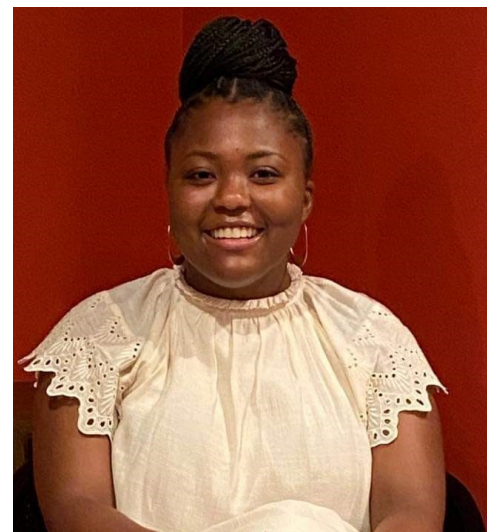
Soror Alexis Williams was selected as an awardee of the Young Leaders Division Award of Merit by The Bar Association of St. Louis



Soror Camesha Carter was elected President of the Special School District Parent Advisory Council representing 22 partnering districts and over 22K students.



Soror Chalana M. Scales-Ferguson was recognized by the University of Missouri with the Inclusive Excellence Award and received the Lloyd L. Gaines Award from the University of Missouri School of Law Black Law Students Association.



Soror Shannon Mitchell was honored for her service and research efforts that benefit women and gender minorities by the Association of Women Faculty. She is a second year doctoral student in Biomedical Engineering at Washington University.

Signature Events

Sorors enjoyed an afternoon celebrating Sorortine's Day. The afternoon consisted of bingo, lip sync karaoke, and dancing through the generations. Kudos to Membership Services for a job well done.



Sisterhood Month

This year Sisterhood Month was filled with opportunities to fellowship, connect and support each other and the community. There was a Sisterhood Night event that included trivia and a DJ. There was a Delta craft event, baking mentorship and the chance to support black-owned businesses. Throughout the month, Sorors encouraged and uplifted each other in the spirit of sisterhood.



Delta Dears

Welcome to Club Delta Dear!

Our current Delta Dears welcomed six new Dears into the fold. The following Sorors have reached this momentous life milestone:

Cheryl Crayton

Rhonda Cross

Loretta Ellis

Lauren Lemmie-Pearson

Judy Lynum

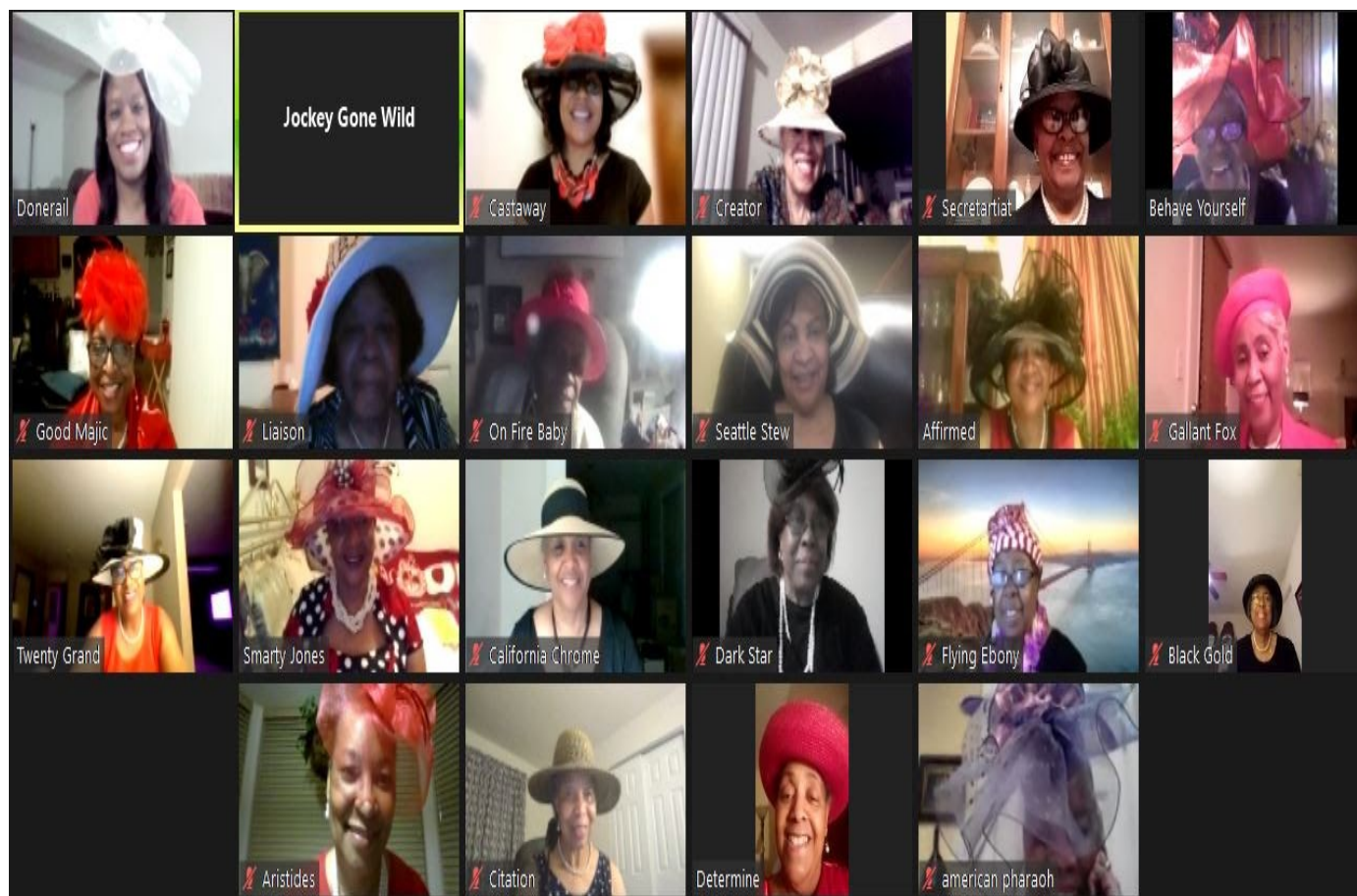
Renee Richardson

In Memoriam

We pause at this time to remember our charter member, **Soror Mildred Shelton**.



Our Delta Dears concluded the sorority year celebrating Derby Style. Donning their favorite hat, the Dears gathered virtually for fun and fellowship. They are pictured below with smiling faces and “new” names!



Health Awareness

SLMAC remained committed to improving the health and wellness of all its members and the community. The chapter followed CDC guidelines and remained intentional in wearing masks. Our Fortitude for Fitness group participated in the Susan G. Komen More than Pink Virtual Walk. SLMAC also hosted virtual events that focused on mental health and heart health utilizing the expertise of Sorors and community professionals.

Mental Health - Let's Talk About It

Special Guests



TRACIE BERRY-MCGHEE M.ED
LPC LICENSED PROFESSIONAL THERAPIST

DR. BRANDY S. PEOPLES
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST



MIKKI NORFOLK
FOUNDER & CEO OF WE RISE UP 4 KIDS



Fortitude for Fitness



2021 More than Pink Walk



Heart Health Happy Hour

featuring guest presenters



Dr. Denise Hooks-Anderson
President of the Board of Directors
St. Louis Affiliate-American Heart Association



Karla Lockridge
Certified Fitness Instructor



Dorian Doss MS RD LD CLC
Registered Dietitian & Nutritionist

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Join us on Zoom!

To register visit www.dstsllmac.com

This event will address women's heart health matters.



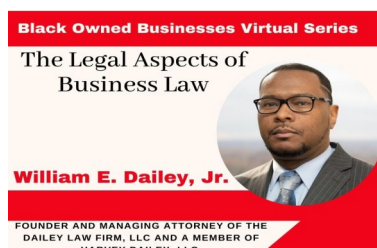
Dr. Carolyn Pryor Shurn, Moderator
Board Certified Obstetrician & Gynecologist

Service in our Hearts

SLMAC provided needed resources to our communities throughout the pandemic. While we were not able to volunteer in-person, we continued to serve! Volunteer Services organized a donation to help support the organization, Friends of Kids with Cancer. Pictured below are members of the committee dropping off the items to the organization. SLMAC also donated 15 cases of bottled water to Northwest Ambulance & Fire Protection District.

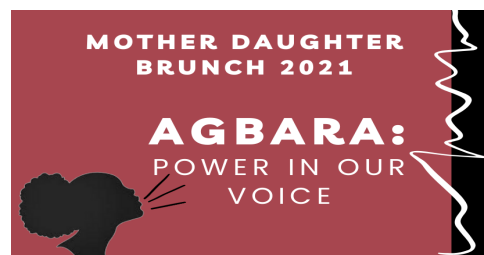


Economic Development



Economic Development hosted virtual events targeting finances for the community. Topics included Estate Planning; The Church in COVID-19 and The Legal Aspect of Business Law. Each event was well attended by So- rors and the community.

Educational Development



The Education youth groups attended the Eye on Youth Watch Party for the African Film Festival. In April, youth who participated in SLMAC programs were celebrated during the annual Mother-Daughter Brunch.

Arts and Letters

SLMAC's Sylvia Bailey Smalls Book Club read and discussed seven books during the 2020-2021 sorority year. The book club had the final meeting of the year on May 1st. If you did not have an opportunity to read with the book club throughout the year, you are encouraged to read the books during the summer. The books are listed below.

- September:** *Broken Spirit*
by Soror Rose Jackson-Beavers
- October:** *Vanity Fair Issue* edited
by Ta'Nehesi Coates &
John Lewis: Good Trouble
- November:** *Broken Conditions*
Soror Jo Lena Johnson
- February:** *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson
- March:** *God is Able* by Priscilla Shirer
- April:** *Just as I am* by Cicely Tyson
- May:** *The Three Mothers*
by Anna Malaika Tubbs



International Awareness and Involvement



The International Awareness and Involvement committee hosted a dialogue Diaspora Dialogue: Black Women in Conversation. This roundtable discussion was in partnership with Vintendo 4 Africa.

Scholarships

In the spirit of our dedication to scholarship and supporting the educational goals of bright young minds, SLMAC awarded six \$1,000 scholarships this sorority year.



Dillion Scott

Discovering Real Educational Advantages Motivates (Dream) Scholarship



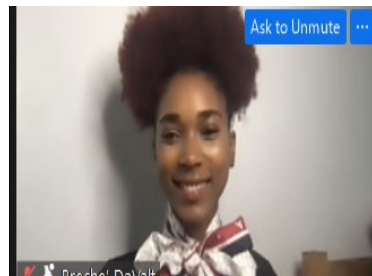
Kaci Miller

Tomorrow's Business Leaders Scholarship



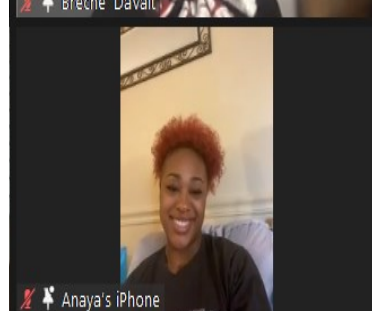
Kaleb Jenkins

Young Leaders of Distinction Scholarship



Breche' DaValt

Cora Cade-Lemmon Scholarship



Anaya Tyehimba

Elaine M. Diggs Scholarship

Regan Crews (not pictured)

Elaine M. Diggs Scholarship

Thank you to the Scholarship committee & Sorors who attended the virtual Scholarship Reception.

