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Austin Alumnae Chapter,
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.






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Stay Connected

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Sorors, we are always evolving!
Introducing our new format to the MIDpoint Message!
Please enjoy - thank you!

News from Social Action



Help Fight Insecurity #AustinGiveBack

Austin Alumnae along with our 10 civic organization partners will come together to supply food to local area food banks.

- Healthy, non-perishable food – our most requested items include:
 - peanut butter
 - canned chicken breast or tuna
 - canned low sodium vegetables
 - canned fruit in its own juice (no sugar added)
 - dry pinto beans
 - brown rice
 - non-fat dry milk powder
 - 100% whole grain cereal
 - dry pasta
- Items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging
- Items with non-breakable packaging (no glass please)

Austin Alumnae members who wish to make a contribution, please contact Soror Celeste Williams dstatx.pai@gmail.com to arrange a pick up of your donation. Final drop offs must be scheduled by **Friday, October 27.**

Donations can also be made this upcoming **Saturday, October 22 from 2-4PM** at the

Stroll, Post, #BlackAustinVotes

Join the Greater Austin Area Divine Nine and Other Community Civic Organizations as we Caravan to the Polls to Early Vote.

OCTOBER 29, 2022 1:00 PM

POLLING LOCATIONS

Pace Campus Gym Mega Central
700 West Pecan Street Pflugerville, TX 78660

Round Rock Randalls
2051 Gattis School Rd Round Rock, TX 78664

Millennium Youth Complex
1156 Hargrave St. Austin, TX 78702

South Park Meadows
9600 IH35 Suite 500 Austin, TX 78748

Austin Area Urban League Young Professionals

The Links, Incorporated
Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Town Lake (TX) Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta

Alpha Kappa Alpha

AANO

Kappa Alpha Psi

Omega Psi Phi

Epsilon Iota

VOTING RIGHTS NOW!

WE MARCH FOR JOBS FOR A DECENT LIFE

WE MARCH FOR US FOR ALL DECENT PAY

Austin Area Texas eligible Voters, we are Calling ALL to join us as we caravan to the polls October 29 at 1:00 pm. Participants are asked to arrive at 12:30 pm, to assemble as and prepare to walk to the polling location. Be informed and learn who and what is on the ballot by [visiting this link](#).

See the flier for the polling site near you and be counted as an early voter on October 29th. Use hashtags [#PowerInOurVoice](#) [#DSTATX](#) on social media.

Austin Mayoral Candidate Debate



You have an opportunity to watch an Austin mayoral debate on **Tuesday, October 18th at 7PM**. All six candidates will participate in this debate hosted by KVUE, Channel 24 News. To find out how you can watch and submit questions, **KVUE to host Austin mayoral debate**.

#PowerinOurVoice Livable Homes is Required

The Austin Justice Coalition believes all renters have a right to use their voice when landlords fail to provide livable housing. They believe tenants have the right to request violations be remedied and are seeking a 21-day period to allow landlords to do so before ordering evictions. The Austin City Council will consider this Right to Cure Ordinance in their meeting scheduled for **Thursday, October 27th**. 725 of Black Austinite households are renters. If you plan to join them at city hall, **fill out this form**. This will help with communication and preparation for the Council meeting.

Easy at Watching and Telling

The Algorithmic Transparency Institute plans to release Weekly mis/disinformation Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Issues include but are

this link.

Call for Nominations! AAC, Who Has Next?

The Call for Nominations opened on October 1, 2022. The Nominating Committee invites you to step up and step out. Select an office or position where you want to serve. **You can be nominated by an active member or you may self-nominate** by completing this form, **2023-2025 Chapter Officer Nominations**. Nominations close **Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 11:59PM CT**.

Refer to the *Call for Nominations* email sent on 10/11 for the full list of positions and current Austin Alumnae Chapter Policies and Procedures for complete eligibility requirements for each elected office and position.

Please email **nominating.aacdst@gmail.com** with any questions you might have.

Arts and Letters Presents...



Austin
Alumnae
Chapter
Arts & Letters

Presents...

READERS, WRITERS & WRANGLERS

*"Celebrating African
American Cookbook
Authors"*

*Featuring Author:
Angela Shelf Medearis*

**OCTOBER 22, 2022
2PM - 4PM**

**Krab Kingz Restaurant
1202 FM 685, Suite A1
Pflugerville, TX 78660**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information contact us at:
dstatx.arts@gmail.com

The Arts and Letters Committee will host, "Celebrating African American Cookbook Authors" on **Saturday, October 22nd from 2-4PM**. Austin's own cookbook author, Angela Shelf Medearis, will be the featured author. Ms. Medearis will discuss her journey to becoming "The Kitchen Diva" and share recipes from Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas collected from slave quarters, plantations, church suppers, family reunions, and modern ethnic kitchens. She will also share recipes for vegetarian dishes and offer ways to combat diet-related illnesses from diabetes to heart disease. Don't miss this event! Come early and purchase lunch from Krab Kingz, a black

Krab Kingz
1202 FM 685
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Risk Management Volunteer Training

RISK MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING



 DSTATX.RISKMGMT@GMAIL.COM

Risk Management Volunteer Training is required for ALL volunteers intending to work with Delta Academy, GEMS, EMBODI, or Early Childhood Literacy. Join us for this upcoming virtual training session.

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022
6PM**

[Register now](#)



<https://zoom.us/join/join?j0duCuqj0rG9XVFO8v7Lijy4J3i5XDEGSx>

You are invited to the last Risk Management Volunteer Training for 2022-2023. This meeting will be held virtually on
Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022 at 6PM CT.

Use this link to register in advance for this meeting.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Austin Delta Foundation

Promoting educational, economic and community development

Sorors of Austin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Austin Delta Foundation (ADF) needs your attention and assistance with the ADF House! We are in the throes of cleaning out, repairing, organizing and properly arranging items in the ADF House to ready it for use for Austin Alumnae Chapter (AAC) members and place it in good condition to be a source of revenue. We also need to declutter so our cleaning service can do a thorough cleaning each time they come to clean. To make it easy for those of you who have items at the ADF house, we are having a Red Tag Party. Everything with a Red Tag stays. Items not tagged by or before October 30 will be removed.

Thank you in advance for your help and support with this mammoth undertaking. Please contact Director Alta Y. Alexander at 512.825.6622 | ayalexander1913@gmail.com with questions.

Historian and Heritage Archive Committee



Pyramid Club

Heritage Archive Committee Collection Efforts

It is a National Initiative for chapters to preserve their history. We have been working at the Foundation House going through containers, closets and boxes looking for items to preserve our history. Our goal is to identify, categorize, label and preserve our history in one location, in a climate/controlled facility.

Pictures of various events identifying the people in the picture and the name of the event. We need your help, Sorors. Start looking in your closets, old photo albums, souvenir bags for the items we need. Please contact us by email at dstatx.ha@gmail.com or by cell phone Soror Nancy Thompson, Chair 512-565-1855; Soror Tashia Coleman, Co-Chair 512-897-9971 to arrange how we will pick up the items.

Local and Community News

Relationship Banker

Branch Banking



Wells Fargo is looking for talented professionals to join our **Relationship Banker Team**. Please share this opportunity with potential talent within your network that may have an interest in applying.

Steps to express interest:

- Click [here](#) to register your interest in becoming a Wells Fargo Relationship Banker
- A member from our Recruiting Team will review your submission
- Once the position is open, you will receive an email with instructions on how to apply if it is determined that you are a fit for the opportunity
- Please complete your intent to apply registration by **Sunday, October 23rd at 11:59PM CT**

BLACK PROFESSIONAL ALLIANCE MIXER

JOBS SCHOLARSHIPS NETWORKING

October 18, 2022

About This Seminar

Free event to the community offering information on jobs, internships, scholarships, and networking opportunities from Meta and BPA member organizations. Free parking in the parking garage next door. Refreshments will be served.

Time and Place

- 6 pm to 8 pm
- City of Austin Permitting and Development Center Event Room C1405
- 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752

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For more information email treasurer@blackprofessionalalliance.org, call 512-366-0483, or scan the QR Code



NABJ is offering grant funding to support freelance reporters and producers at Black-owned print, broadcast, and digital outlets through the “**Black Press Grant Program.**”

The program is supported by a grant from the [Chan Zuckerberg Initiative \(CZI\)](#).

The grants aim to help ensure Black-owned media outlets are resourced with original and innovative coverage of the **COVID-19 pandemic and its intersections within the nation's K-12 education system.**

A promotional banner for the NABJ Black Press Grant Program 2022. The banner features a red and black color scheme. At the top left is the NABJ logo. To its right is a graphic of a smartphone displaying 'CORONAVIRUS NEWS UPDATE'. The main text reads '2022 BLACK PRESS GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN!'. Below this, it says 'SPONSORS FREELANCE REPORTERS AND PRODUCERS' and 'For original & innovative coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic & its intersections within the nation's K-12 education system published in/produced by Black-owned media (including broadcast, print, digital)'. A black box on the left contains the text 'Fast grants awarded to Black-owned media, freelancers & producers up to \$10,000.' and 'APPLY NOW! https://bit.ly/NABJBlackPressGrant22'. On the right, it says 'Supported by: Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI)'.

Journalists and those within Black-owned media are invited to submit original proposals for investigative, feature, and enterprise for a single or series of original stories published/broadcasted in Black-owned media.

Fast grants to freelancers and Black-owned media will be up to \$10,000. NABJ will also distribute content produced from the grant through [BlackNewsandViews.com](#), its newly launched news platform.

Program term ends December 2022.

Eligibility

The grant is open to journalists working at a Black-owned media organization within the United States or serving as a freelance journalist to a U.S. Black-owned news organization. NABJ membership is not required for funding support, but is helpful.

APPLY NOW!

[Click here to apply.](#)

Sorors, be on the Lookout...



EMBODI symposium: "We Gon Be Alright"

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022
Location: Huston-Tillotson University
Time: 9AM-5PM
Target audience: Males, 8th-12th graders



Complete registration form via the QR code and put "EMBODI" as the program.
For more information contact at dsteddev@gmail.com



Prayer Corner

Sorors, please continue to lift the following sorors and their families up in fervent prayer:

- Soror Sandra Williams Willis for health and healing;
- Soror Alexis Ervin for the loss of her Grandfather;
- Soror Florence Smythe Macauley as her Son recovers from surgery;
- Soror Khasion Reed for the loss of her Aunt, Shirley Moore;

- Soror Lisa Newman for recovery from hip surgery;
- Soror Cynthia Robinson, Soror Crystal Robinson, and family for the loss of their Aunt;
- Soror Freda Mills and her family - Soror Mills' Brother recently passed, earlier this month;
- Soror Claudine B. Shorter, the Mother-in-Law of Soror Patricia Shorter for complete recovery;
- Soror Kerri Lang for health and healing;
- Soror Cathy Ellison for complete healing; and
- Soror Sandra "FeFe" McCrary-Marshall for health and healing.

To submit your prayer requests and bereavement notices please [click here](#).

November Chapter Meeting

Please don't forget to [register](#) for our upcoming November Chapter Meeting that will be held **Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 10AM** via Zoom.

Upcoming Odyssey Submission Deadlines

- November Odyssey - Submit all content by Tuesday, October 25
- December Odyssey - Submit all content by Tuesday, November 22
- January Odyssey - Submit all content by Tuesday, December 27

Please note, due to swift publication constraints, content not received by the stated deadline may appear in a subsequent edition of the desired Odyssey or MIDpoint Message publication. Questions? Please email Soror Autumn Caviness, dstatx.journalist@gmail.com.

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