

Trunkline June 2019



Dear Friends/Supporters,

Greetings to one and all! As we look toward to end of our sorority year, we would like to simply say, "thank you" one and all for your unwavering support for the members of the Rockland County Alumnae Chapter (RCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

We thank you for supporting us with your presence and donations for our various programs, activities, events and our fundraisers, especially our two signature events; "Fall Fusion ~ Wakanda Style" and our "27th Annual Look Who's Cooking with Delta" Event. We were so pleased with your outpouring of support for our collaborative effort with the Brothers of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, New Rochelle-White Plains Alumni Chapter for our first "Red and White Affair."

Your generous proceeds enabled RCAC to adhere to our national, regional and local initiatives by supporting local programs such as our Youth Summit, and awarding nearly \$11,000 for college bound scholars. This year, we also implemented May Week; a national initiative dating back to 1921 where we focused on our Five Point



Programmatic Thrust which included programming for Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Additionally, on the regional level we were able to donate \$1300 and go on-site with nearly 200 DELTAS to pack food. Nutritional food that went out to a network of emergency food programs in New York City including soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, low-income day care centers, senior and nutrition childhood programs and senior, youth and rehabilitation centers. Our combined Eastern Regional efforts helped the Food Bank for NYC provide nearly 58 million free meals to New Yorkers in need.

On a local level, we launched our "Adopt-a-Classroom" Initiative giving needed supplies to students at Summit Park Elementary School (New City, NY), Ramapo High School (Spring Valley, NY) and the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center (Spring Valley, NY), as well as, serving at our local soup kitchen for St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Spring Valley, NY).

In closing, the members of Rockland County Alumnae Chapter (RCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, once again extend a heartfelt "thank you" for continuing to support our programs and events! Together we have made a difference! Stay tuned for the continued support we have planned for 2019-2020.

Sisterly,

Dr. Tonya Couch-Jenkins

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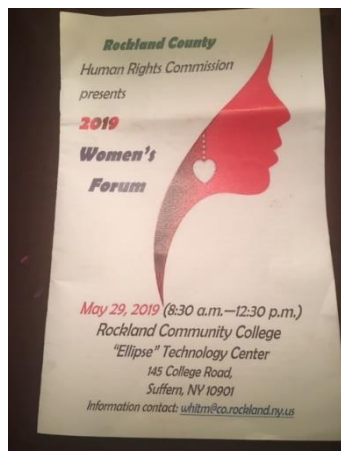
Honoring Thurgood Marshall

In 1943, Thurgood Marshall came to Hillburn and helped lead a boycott of the village's inferior Brook School that educated the children of color. This experience helped him with his later fights against segregation that culminated with arguing *Brown* in front of the Supreme Court.

Recently, local leaders, some former Brook School students and **RCAC** came to Hillburn to honor former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Marshall's legacy in Rockland County, and to advocate for legislation to name a section of Route 17 Thurgood Marshall Memorial Highway.

Look Who's Cookin' in 2019!





Sorors Honored at Women's Forum

The following sorors received Community Service awards at the Rockland County Women's Forum – congratulations!

Sorors Carole Anderson, Anita Cunningham, Voncile Oliver and Frances Reid.



History in the Making!

RCAC congratulates our **four outstanding Tau Theta Chapter Sorors** on their historical graduation and accomplishments!



Heritage Moment:

Founder Osceola Macarthy Adams (1890-1983)

Osceola Macarthy Adams was one of the 22 collegiate women who founded our Sorority. She was born on June 13, 1890, in Albany, Georgia. She attended Fisk University's Preparatory School and Howard University, where she studied Ancient Greek, Philosophy and Drama and was a leader in Howard's Dramatic Club.

She graduated in 1913 from Howard University and received her master's degree in 1936 from New York University.

In 1915, she married Numa P.G. Adams, a member of Alpha Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the first Dean of Howard University Medical School.

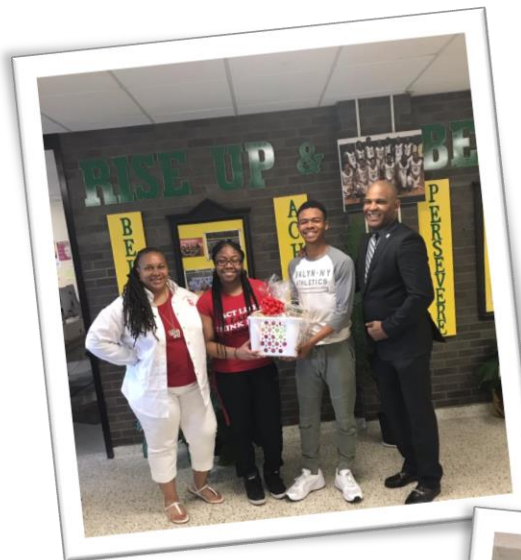
Osceola Macarthy Adams was an actress, drama teacher, director, and fashion designer. She was one of the first Black actresses on Broadway. She had to deal with discrimination and race issues, but she was determined to achieve. She worked under the stage name Osceola Archer. Her many appearances include O'Neill's "The Emperor Jones" with Paul Robeson. As a director, she helped to start the careers of Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte, and taught Ruby Dee. She also produced Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."

Her career included being the resident director at the Putnam County Playhouse, teaching dramatics arts at Bennett College and working as a fashion designer at the J. Reinhardt firm.

She passed away in New York on November 20, 1983 at the age of 93.

Closing Out May Week

May Week 2019 ended strong. In addition to awarding scholarships and our Look Who's Cooking fundraiser, RCAC conducted Adopt-A-Classroom activities at Ramapo High School, The Dr. Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center and Summit Park Elementary School.



More on Soror St. Louis!

Want more about **Soror Alison St. Louis'** Distinguished Service Award from NY State PTA and award certificates from Ed Day, Ken Zebrowski and David Carlucci for outstanding community service, check out: <https://www.ccsd.edu/site/Default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=413&PageID=1291&ViewID=DEDCCD34-7C24-4AF2-812A-33C0075398BC&FlexDataID=13206!>

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**More! Look Who's Cookin' in 2019!****Mark Your Calendars!**

- June 15: **Annual African American Heritage Parade (Juneteenth)**, 11 a.m., Nyack
- June 22:
 - **Adopt-A-Highway**, Keep Rockland Beautiful (tentative), 9 a.m., Spring Valley
 - **Rockland Pan Hellenic Blood Drive**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fire House, Chestnut Ridge
 - **Start of Adopt-a-Classroom SUMMER Supply Drive**, 2 – 5 p.m. location TBD
- July 9-14: **54th National Convention, New Orleans, LA**
- **Fall Fusion 2019**, Nov 9, 7 p.m. Paramount Country Club, New City