

Crimson Connection

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,
Rockland County Alumnae Chapter

June 2020

Dear Friends/ Supporters

During these unprecedented, unmatched and perplexing times, it is imperative that we continue hold fast to our faith and those that are near and dear to us. As the last 90 plus days have unfolded, it is unfortunate that we have ALL been effected one way or another during our government shutdown; PAUSE. And now, our situation has been compounded with the increased police brutality in the case of George Floyd on Memorial Day. Please pause with us, for a moment of silence for the many families affected by the global pandemic and for the many lives lost by global racism. Thank you. It is essential that we remain vigilant and mindful to follow all CDC guidelines as we battle with the realities of COVID -19 and steadfast in our quest for sustainable laws for social and economic equality, for all.

As a national public service organization, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, has been on the frontlines of societal change and will continue to find opportunities for **JOY in our Sisterhood, POWER in our Voice, and SERVICE in our Heart.** Thus, we remind all community members to be counted for CENSUS 2020 and make sure you remind your neighbors to also be counted. According to the 2020 Census website, the census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily



services, products, and support for you and our community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. To date, as a state we are at 61% and the number rises daily, so be counted and let's get to 100%. With this in mind, nationally, Tuesday is designated "**Delta Census Day**" and we will officially remind everyone each TUESDAY to be counted because everyone counts!

In regards to our local programming, we have shifted to virtual opportunities to our support our community. We want to thank you personally for helping us achieve an inaugural Chapter moment with 50 participants Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30 pm for our Economic Development Workshop – **Leaving A Legacy: Preparation for Financial Growth & Estate Planning.** And "thank you" for joining us on Saturday, May 30th at 3pm for our 2nd Annual Youth Summit – **Engaging Our**

Youth While Sheltering in Place During PAUSE with over 60 participants.

Virtually this month we are celebrating college-bound High School seniors at our annual Scholarship Celebration. You do not want to miss this opportunity to congratulate, inspire and uplift our finalists for 2020. Additionally, Dr. Zenya Cleveland-Richardson will bring forth a motivational speech we can all embrace. So, join us on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 pm.

In closing, the members of RCAC Chapter thank you for continuously supporting our programs and events. Let us continue to intentionally pray for healing and restoration in June! Furthermore, we would like to acknowledge **all fathers** and wish you a very happy and prosperous **Father's Day!** We will continue to pray for the safety, well-being and health for you, your family, our country and all who are affected globally by COVID19. Have a well-rested, fun-filled and safe summer!

Sisterly,

Dr. Tonya Couch-Jenkins

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RCAC President

In This Issue

**Happy Birthday Soror Brown!
Remembering Our Chanda
Congratulations Soror Foster
Serving the Community & More**

Celebrating in Style!

RCAC helped **Soror Margaret Brown** ring in her 91st birthday in Delta style! A virtual birthday party was held outside of her senior living residence at Tolstoy Nursing Home in Valley Cottage (with her daughter Maureen participating) – she loved it + wrapped up the day with some cake!





RCAC Donates to Local Groups

Our Chapter gave monetary donations to three local organizations in two days in June: Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center (Spring Valley); Nyack Center (Nyack) and Catholic Charities (Haverstraw) to assist their efforts to help families in Rockland.



May Your Retirement Bring You Bounties of Joy!

Congratulations Soror Valerie Foster!



The Sweet Smell of Success

We all congratulate Soror Valerie Foster as she retired on June 23 after 32 years as a Special Educator in the East Ramapo Central School District! Her career also included serving as Pre-School, Special Educator at Nyack HeadStart. She earned a BA, Special Education from Bennett College; a Masters, Special Education from Long Island University, and a Masters, Supervision/Administration from the College of New Rochelle.

Her new mantra:

Goodbye tension, Hello pension!



A Farewell to Our Soror

Soror Chanda Bullock-Ogburn departed this life on April 17, 2020 after a battle with COVID-19. A native of Rockland County, NY, Chanda graduated from Tappan Zee High School and continued her education at Stony Brook University, in Long Island, NY. For several years, Chanda worked as a Rehabilitation Counselor at St. Luke's Hospital in NYC until her early retirement. Her commitment to improving the lives of others continued for her entire life.

She was an active member of St. Charles AME Zion Church for over 30 years where she assisted with the youth ministry, the kitchen ministry and wherever else she saw she need. A lover of people, Chanda's smile would light up the room.

Chanda was initiated into RCAC in 2003, where her fellow initiates described her as a beautiful lily who provided the nutrient of unconditional love that sustained all. Named "Still Waters," Chanda was usually quiet but would let her thoughts and
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feelings be known. Committed to the ideals of Delta, Chanda worked untiringly on many projects and programs in our Chapter.

A world traveler, Chanda was always on the move. She began a second career as a travel consultant. Affiliated with Beaches and Dreams Vacations, she is fondly remembered for planning vacations for her beloved family, friends and Sorors. The island of Saint Lucia stole her heart, and she spent as much time there as she could with her love, Fabian.

Chanda is survived by two brothers, two stepsons, two nieces, two grand-nieces and many cousins and friends. Chanda's parents, Charles and Lois Bullock, also succumbed to COVID-19 in April.

Rockland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. continues to mourn the loss of our beloved Soror. We look forward to the opportunity to remember her with love when we can once again gather with family and friends.

■ Soror Dana Greene Stilley



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We Know Her
Our own **Soror Dr. Daphne Mobley** is on the June cover of Issuu.com's PetVet magazine! Check it out online!

Got News?

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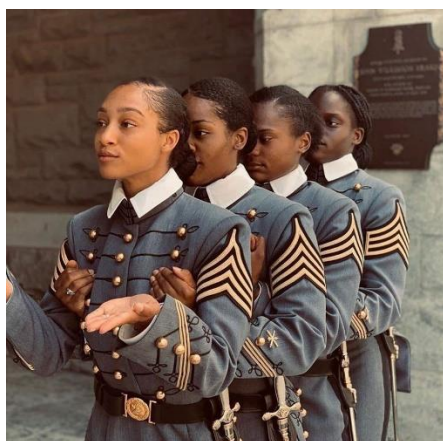
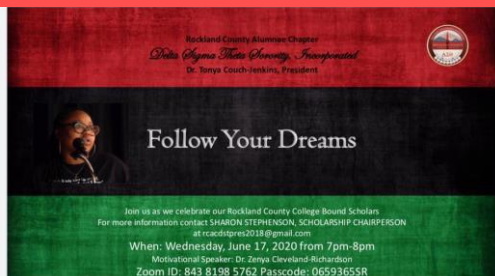


Feeding Hunger in Rockland During the Pandemic

RCAC answered the call to fund, register participants and help package food for distribution to families at the MLK Multi-Purpose Center!

Celebrating College-Bound Scholars

The 2020 RCAC scholarships were distributed virtually this year, allowing deserving young people to follow their dreams.



Speaking of Success!

We salute the **cadets of Tau Theta Chapter** who graduated from West Point this June!