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**Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service:**  
*Preserving the Legacy Through*  
*Passion Purpose & Public Service*

*Serving the Greater Houston Area since 1927*

**Tia N. Locke-Simmons - President**  
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## Houston Alumnae Chapter

**Houston Alumnae Chapter** began with the vision of seven service-oriented women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and made history by becoming the first Black Greek-letter organization to organize a chapter in Houston, Texas. Houston Alumnae, under the 2013-2015 leadership of Tia N. Locke-Simmons, is proud to share its rich history of 86 years of local and global public-service experiences.

As a collective body of college-educated women, **Houston Alumnae** strives diligently to offer the Greater-Houston Area a full scope of high-impact programs, services, and partnerships aligned with the Sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust.

With a membership of 530 women, **Houston Alumnae** welcomes the opportunity to partner with other organizations and community leaders that share the same goals and ideals. Additionally, reciprocal support of **Houston Alumnae's** efforts is welcomed.



## Signature Programs

### Delta Academy

#### *Capturing the Dream of Tomorrow*

*Delta Academy* is a catalyst for academic excellence among young African American girls ages 11-14. The academy curriculum is designed to develop young women with positive attitudes towards themselves and others, and who are effective and optimistic problem solvers, that are confident about their future.

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### Delta G.E.M.S

#### *Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully*

*GEMS* is designed to help African American young women between the ages of 14-18 realize their dreams. The program goals are to provide tools to: sharpen and enhance skills to achieve high levels of academic success; set goals; build decision-making skills; and planning for their futures.

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### E.M.B.O.D.I.

#### *Empowering Males to Build Opportunities to Develop Independence*

EMBODI is designed to address the plight of young African American males ages 12-18. The EMBODI curriculum includes STEM education, culture, self-efficacy, leadership, mental and physical health, healthy lifestyle choices, character, ethics, relationships, college readiness, fiscal management, civic engagement, and service learning.

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### Financial Empowerment

#### *Economic Development*

Focused programming, partnerships, and services relative to the stimulation of interest, awareness, and involvement in economic growth and financial planning.

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### Social Action

#### *Political Awareness*

Concentrated programming conducive to the stimulation of increased awareness of social and political issues at the local, state, and federal levels.

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## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust:

- **Economic Development**
- **Educational Development**
- **International Awareness and Involvement**
- **Physical and Mental Health**
- **Political Awareness and Involvement**

The **Sorority** was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

**Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre**

*National President*

**Mae Frances Rowlett**

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