

About Delta GEMS

Delta G.E.M.S is a natural outgrowth and expansion for the continuation of the highly successful “Dr. Betty Shabaaz Delta Academy: Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow”, Delta G.E.M.S. was created to “catch the dreams” of at-risk, adolescent girls aged 14-18. Delta G.E.M.S. provides the framework to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a “CAN DO” attitude.

Delta G.E.M.S is national signature program of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is being sponsored locally by the Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter.

The Delta G.E.M.S. framework is composed of five major components (Scholarship, Sisterhood, Show Me the Money, Service, and Infinitely Complete), forming a road map for college and career planning. Topics within the five major components are designed to provide interactive lessons and activities that provide opportunities for self-reflection and individual growth.

Program Goals

The goals of the Delta G.E.M.S Program are:

- △ To develop strong, confident and respectful young ladies and prepare them to take an active role in their success and society.
- △ To instill in girls the need to excel academically.
- △ To provide tools that will enable girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic successes
- △ To assist girls in proper goal setting and planning for their futures.
- △ To create compassionate, caring, and community minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter Delta GEMS Program

The Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter (BCAC) G.E.M.S program has been in existence since 2005 and have had over 30 participants.

Delta G.E.M.S. attend college preparatory workshops, bonding activities, college tours cultural activities, and social outings. Delta G.E.M.S. will also earn service hours by participating in community service projects.

The BCAC G.E.M.S. program is held during the academic school year. Activities are held at least one Saturday per month at the Hillendale PAL Center in the Parkville area of Baltimore County. Funding for the BCAC Delta G.E.M.S. program is supported by chapter funds as well as a grant from the Baltimore County Police Department.

Delta G.E.M.S. is geared toward inspiring and enriching young women.

Participation Criteria

In order to participate in the Delta G.E.M.S. program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- △ Be in grades 9-12 (ages 14 -18)**AND**
- △ Be a resident of Baltimore County **OR**
- △ Attend a Baltimore County High School
- △ Complete and submit the participant package by the deadline

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History of Delta Sigma Theta

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 on the campus of Howard University by 22 African-American women. Realizing the need for change, these young women envisioned an organization that focused on the needs of the community both at home and abroad. Embracing the ideals of scholarship, service and sisterhood, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has grown into an organization of over 200,000 members predominately African-American college educated women in over 900 chapters. After 97 years, the Deltas continue to address the needs of a growing and changing community by providing quality programming built around economic and educational development, international awareness and involvement, political awareness and involvement and physical and mental health.

Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter History

The Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter (BCAC) was chartered on December 15, 1984. The Pioneering Thirty-one were the chartering members. Since that time, the membership has expanded to over 200 members, both chapter initiates and transfer members. Outstanding programs that have been in place include the Beautillion Cotillion, the annual crab feast and the annual back-to-school program. BCAC provides several scholarships to high school graduates, who are pursuing a college education. BCAC houses many of its community outreach programs at the Winfield PAL Center in Randallstown, in partnership with the Baltimore County Police. BCAC continues to grow and develop; using programs that define the AIDS epidemic, heart disease, diabetes and a myriad of other health issues that affect the community. BCAC is a vibrant part of the greater Baltimore metropolitan area, actively involved in events such as the Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival, Juneteenth, and many more.

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