



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Bernardino-Riverside Area Alumnae Chapter
Julie Wilson, President



**The Dr. Betty Shabazz
Delta Academy 2017 - 2018**

Perris High School, 175 E. Nuevo Rd., Perris, CA 92571

*“Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow,
Preparing Young Women for the 21st Century”*

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. In 1930, Delta Sigma Theta was incorporated. The organization has grown from 22 collegiate women to over 200,000 worldwide.

San Bernardino-Riverside Area Alumnae Chapter

The San Bernardino-Riverside Area Alumnae Chapter has been active in this community since 1959. As a group of college educated, professional women, we are committed to sharing our many talents and skills. Delta Academy is a vital part of our five point programmatic thrusts:

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

What is Delta Academy?

Delta Academy is a program developed by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. that is designed for young women who meet the following criteria:

- Is 11 to 14 years of age
- Shows interest in developing leadership skills.
- Shows interest in community action and social change.
- Shows interest in non-traditional STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) careers.
- Sessions occur at least once a month from October – May. Participants are required to attend every session.

Components of Delta Academy:

- Sisterhood by bonding with girls of similar background.
- Scholarship in the areas of math, science, arts and technology.
- Service through the promotion of leadership in the community.

Criteria for participating in Delta Academy

- All participants must be girls as this is a gender specific program.
- Girls must be between the ages of 11 and 14 and in middle school.
- Participation in the Delta Academy program is not a prerequisite to or an affiliation with membership into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Academy Parent Sessions

The best part of Delta Academy is the promise it has for enhancing the lives of young girls. We are thrilled, every year, as we witness the improvement in academic skills, sense of self-worth, competence and confidence as the program unfolds.

Since parents and guardians are an integral part of a child's success, Delta Academy programs are expanded to include three Parent Sessions to support their efforts. The Parent Sessions are the first session (Orientation), the Kwanzaa session in December and the Culmination in May. However, parents are welcome to attend each session.

Rules & Responsibilities of Delta Academy Participants & Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Participants:

- It is expected that each young lady attend all sessions. Should an emergency occur, you must contact one of the Chairs.
- Three consecutive absences will lead to grounds of removal from program and exclusion from Youth State Day in April.
- Participants are asked to be on time for each session.
- There will be ZERO tolerance for rude/disrespectful behavior. This can lead to removal from program.
- There will be a ZERO tolerance for bullying. This can lead to removal from the program.

Parents/Guardians:

- Are responsible for participant's attendance.
- Are asked to attend the 3 parent sessions.
- Are asked to be on time to pick up participants.
- Are asked to complete and return all permission forms or parent information requested.
- Are asked to be available during sessions for emergencies or to provide emergency contact for participants.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Donna Hines or Nicky Smith Co-Chairs
sbraac.academy@gmail.com

*****NOTE:** Our meetings are located at Perris High School, 175 E. Nuevo Rd., Perris, CA 92571, unless otherwise stated. **Our first meeting date/Parent Orientation is Saturday, Oct 21 at 9:00am at Tomas Rivera Middle School, 21675 Martin St., Perris, CA 92570**



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Delta Academy
For young ladies ages 11-14 who are in middle school
2017 – 2018 Application for Participation

Please type or print clearly and completely.

Incomplete application will not be considered.

Today's Date _____ Age ___ Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Applicant E-mail _____ Parent Email _____

T-shirt size (Circle one): Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult 2XL

This upcoming year would be my (Circle one): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th year participating in Delta Academy

Name of School _____ Grade entering upcoming year: _____

Do you receive free or reduced lunch at school (Circle one)? Y N

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Full Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Participant Cell phone _____

Best method of communication (Circle one): Email, Home Phone or Cell Phone

Is anyone in your family a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Circle one)? Y N

If yes, please provide name and relationship: _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

You may return completed application to:

San Bernardino-Riverside Area Alumnae Chapter
SBRAAC/ Delta Academy c/o Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Post Office Box 1355, San Bernardino, CA
92402. You may also scan and email the application to: sbraac.academy@gmail.com

Application Essay

Name: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY: Why do you want to be a part of Delta Academy? What do you hope to learn or gain by participating in this program? (Please write/type your essay in at least 150 words below or use a separate page).

Note: Completion of the Essay is mandatory to participate in the program.



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2017 – 2018 Calendar

Academy will have three major focus areas:

Knowing Me

- o October 21, 2017
 - Orientation and Getting to Know You (True Colors)
- o November 18, 2017
 - Self Esteem /Decision Making/Vision Boards

Developing Me

- o December 9, 2017
 - Kwanzaa
- o January 20, 2018
 - Body Image and Sexual Health
- o February 17, 2018
 - Nutrition and Fitness/Social Action

Preparing Me

- o March 17, 2018
 - Financial Workshop
- o April 21, 2018
 - Leadership Development, Community Action & Advocacy
- o May 12, 2018
 - Culmination Program