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Greetings Soror Coachman,

On behalf of the Kansas City (MO) Alumnae Chapter I would like to submit "**Chapter of the Year**" nomination for award and recognition at the 52<sup>nd</sup> National Convention.

Recognizing that our chapter received this esteemed honor at the 46<sup>th</sup> Central Regional Conference, we believe we have been steadfast and consistent with being a model chapter of having a "**Legacy of Leadership: Servant Leaders, Serving Communities**" to receive this recognition two consecutive years.

The 2014-2015 Sorority year has been a very busy and exciting year for our chapter. We continue to ensure the communities we serve our proud to have a Delta chapter amongst them.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [president@dstkcmo.org](mailto:president@dstkcmo.org) or (816) 668-7539.

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## CHAPTER OF THE YEAR SUBMISSION - KANSAS CITY (MO) ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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Through *Collaboration, Action, Resilience and Education*, the Kansas City (MO) Alumnae Chapter spent the 2014-2015 sorority year showing the membership and community that we C.A.R.E. Lead by me, Jacqueline A. Dillard, Chapter President, the executive team was intentional about ensuring that our programs aligned with the service agenda of the organization as well as the needs of the community.

## COLLABORATION -

The Kansas City (MO) Alumnae chapter partnered with several organizations to leverage resources to provide services and programming to the community. Our initial collaboration with the YMCA where we provided Thanksgiving baskets to their Head Start participants allowed us to reengage their families as we partnered with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Leslie's Legacy Foundation and the YMCA to host a community health fair. This allowed our chapter to engage and serve more than 300 families! We hosted a blood drive, blood pressure screenings various health presentations and several interactive sessions that taught participants how to burn calories while line dancing!



Collaboration extended further with our partnership with several civil rights organizations regarding voter registration and voter engagement. On Election Day members of the Social Action Committee volunteered with the Election Protection Program that was co-sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and the KCMO Branch of the NAACP. Additionally, the chapter used social media to give people information and messages about the importance of voting. A different message appeared each day for twenty-two days. Sorors, family members, and even our 24th National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II held messages urging the community to vote on Election Day. The messages were on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Our Chapter saw a significant growth in our partnership with the Delta Educational and Economic Development (DEED) Foundation Cotillion Program where our participation grew from 19 to 33. This growth allowed us to partner in providing more than \$49,000 in scholarships.



## ACTION -

The Kansas City (MO) Alumnae Chapter took an active interest in the welfare of our city by focusing voter registration and education efforts in the Kansas City Area Schools. Voter Education was very important for our Social Action Committee in which they hosted a Deputy Registrar training to ensure Sorors had the tools and knowledge to properly register our young voters. The participants represented charter and public institutions.

In addition to registering more than 63 African American and Latino high school students, Sorors actively mentored the students on the voting process. This initiative also allowed us to speak to hundreds of younger students about the importance of registering and voting.

Medicare expansion was also a focus of the committee. We partnered with State Representative Gail McCain-Beatty to host a panel of participants, from health care administrators to health care facilities to discuss Affordable Healthcare Act and implications on the regional and national level.

Whether it was rallying at the state capital, a community parade for Medicare outreach, informational tables at community events or forums with high school students our social action efforts were intentional.

## RESILIENCE -

We would be remised if we did not mention that in addition to implementing our day-to-day initiatives whether Delta Academy, Delta GEMS or even sisterhood month activities, our chapter spent a significant time praying and connecting with bereaved Sorors and their families. Our Courtesy and Hospitality team implemented a prayer line in which the Chaplain and other Sorors would convene via conference call at 6am to pray for our chapter. Additionally we added a prayer box at every chapter meeting to gather the prayer requests so that this team could ensure that we were intentional about including our Christian



principles in all that we do. Our Sorors were faced with several surgeries, deaths, sickness and illness, but the actions of this team was reflected when we saw those same Sorors bounce back and begin to serve.

Our Delta Academy and Delta GEMS Programs displayed resilience by continuing to engage and provide the participants an experience that addressed challenges but provided hope and encouragement while encouraging the young women to lift as they climbed. The participants collected and donated over 800 hygiene items to a local women's shelter, as well as, hand-made Holiday cards to the woman who live in the facility. They visited Lisa's Hope House (battered women's shelter) - sorted over 1000 bras to be distributed to those who live in the facility as well as volunteered at the Harvester's Community Food Bank where they assembled nearly 1000 weekend snack bags to be given to local children grades K thru 6th grade. The collaboration among the two programs ensures resilience in supporting a higher percentage of transition to the next program to further their enhancement of life skills.

## EDUCATION -

The "Arts in the School" initiative is designed to enhance arts program deficits in the public school system. The target groups are schools serving students from urban areas within the Kansas City, Missouri School District. The age range began with our elementary school students, with the intentional purpose of reaching this age group while their minds are still curious and open to learn new art forms. Additional participants will be the school administrators and teachers from the classes selected.



The vision behind the Art in the Schools initiative was created from the awareness of the budget reductions in the Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools art programs. The Arts in the Schools initiative is designed to expose students from one school in the Kansas City urban area to a wide range of local

professional artists, during the school day with a culminating performance outside of the school prior to the end of the 2014-15 school years.

Showing that we C.A.R.E. is a direct reflection of the chapter commitment to upholding the expectations, vision and mission of our beloved sisterhood. We were intentional in maintaining and increasing service programs, but ensured that went beyond the basic reach. Because of our consistent commitment to being servant leaders, serving our community, for these reasons and more we hope that you once again, consider the Kansas City (MO) Alumnae Chapter for Chapter of the year!

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