

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

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Las Vegas to Host Delta Sigma Theta’s 53rd National Convention

WASHINGTON — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the single largest African-American women’s organization in the country, will convene in Las Vegas for the 104-year-old organization’s 53rd National Convention Aug. 3 – 9, 2017. The week-long conference will be held at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center with an expected attendance of over 10,000 delegates, vendors and guests.

“The women of Delta Sigma Theta are delighted to gather in the 'City of Lights' once again,” said Dr. Paulette Walker, National President. “Vegas is the perfect backdrop for us to be inspired by its brilliance as we remain those beacons of light keeping our 'uncompromising commitment' to being of service to our communities; leaders by example; and retaining a spirit of empowerment that enhances any space and place the Deltas are present.”

The 2017 convention will conclude Dr. Walker’s second term in office as National President. Operating under her presidential theme: “**Uncompromising Commitment to Communities: Service, Leadership, Empowerment,**” for the past four years, the Sorority has continued to maintain the 104-year mission of the organization by promoting academic excellence in education; community service; and participation in political and legislative processes.

The area’s local chapters will collaborate to host thousands of the organization’s members. Host chapters include: Las Vegas Alumnae, Eta Chi (UNLV - University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and Tau Mu (University of Nevada, Reno) chapters. As a new addition to the organization’s traditional convention workshop offering, UNLV will grant three (3) Continuing Education Units to members who obtain a full registration (not to include weekend/two-day registrations), submit payment to participate in the CEU offering and attend the 53rd National Convention.

“We have come to Vegas to not only simply enjoy the marvelous venues and entertaining shows. The work we accomplish here will recognize the tireless service done by our local chapters and community advocates; provide our members with the tools needed to combat poverty, racism, educational disparities, and disenfranchisement in their communities; and conduct the internal business of the Sorority – making us better as a whole,” said Dr. Walker.

Events for the convention include, but are not limited to: a **Welcome Event** promising “Las Vegas-style glitz and old Vegas glamour” featuring Music Hall of Fame artist Merald “Bubba” Knight, local artists Earl Turner, Vince Priester, Bernard Gaddes and more; show-stopping **Greek Step Show**; spirit-filled **Gospel Concert** featuring Grammy Award winning Gospel artists **Hezekiah Walker and Love Fellowship Choir** and **Tasha Cobbs**; **Delta Extravaganza** featuring legendary R&B singer and producer **Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds**, and the **Literary Café** with invited authors Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin, Pat Smith, and Sheri Riley.

To learn more about Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., visit the organization’s corporate website www.deltasigmatheta.org.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University 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. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 250,000 initiated members and more than 900 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.

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