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Delta Sigma Theta Welcomes New Honorary Members, Gwen Ifill and Soledad O'Brien

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the single largest African-American women's organization in the country, inducted Gwen Ifill, PBS Newshour senior correspondent, and Soledad O'Brien, CNN anchor and correspondent, as honorary members today at Howard University. The public service Sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913.

"We are excited to have Sorors Ifill and O'Brien join our ranks," said Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. "Delta women are movers and shakers, committed to uplifting and empowering our communities. These remarkable women embody the spirit of Delta and we welcome them into our sisterhood with open arms."

Ifill is moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "The PBS NewsHour." She is a best-selling author of "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama," has covered six presidential campaigns and moderated the Vice Presidential debates during the Presidential elections in 2004 and 2008. Ifill is a native of New York, N.Y. and a graduate of Simmons College in Boston.

As she was welcomed into the sisterhood, Ifill said, "You have no idea how much this has made my day... The warmth in this room is overwhelming."

O'Brien joined CNN in 2003 and has reported breaking news from around the globe. She has produced award-winning, record-breaking and critically acclaimed documentaries on the most important stories facing the world today—including the Black in America series, "Latino in America," "Words That Changed a Nation" and "Eyewitness to Murder: The King Assassination." She also covers political news as part of CNN's "Best Political Team on Television." She is a graduate of Harvard University. She currently lives in New York, N. Y. with her husband and four children.

"I've been waiting a long time to say, 'hey sorors!'" said O'Brien as she greeted her new sorority sisters. "To have a sisterhood that supports you is heartening...Before I would say that service is what you do, now I say it's what we do."

For more information on Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., please visit 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; to 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 more than 250,000 members and nearly 1,000 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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