



To: Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter Members

Subject: Delegate Report

32nd South Atlantic Regional Conference held July 30-Aug 2, Charlotte, NC

Deltas Reign in the Queen City

The South Atlantic Region proudly gathered in the Queen City under the dynamic conference theme, “**Deltas Reign in the Queen City**,” for an inspiring celebration of sisterhood, service, leadership, and the continued legacy of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The conference welcomed an impressive 4,766 in-person attendees and 1,339 virtual participants. According to the final Credentials Report, total conference attendance reached 6,990 Sorors, participants, and guests combined—a powerful reflection of the strength, enthusiasm, and engagement of our region.

The Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter was proudly represented by 160 Sorors, with 94 attending in person and 66 participating virtually. Whether present in the Queen City or connected from afar, NoVAC Sorors showed up with pride, purpose, and a shared commitment to sisterhood and service

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter Sorors proudly participated in **Community Impact Day**, joining Sorors from across the South Atlantic Region in demonstrating Delta’s enduring commitment to service and community engagement.

The experience was especially meaningful for two of our newer members, who shared their pride and enjoyment in participating in the activity. They expressed how rewarding it was to witness firsthand the collective strength of the South Atlantic Region living our service mission in action. Their reflections served as a wonderful reminder that opportunities such as Community Impact Day not only benefit the communities we serve, but also strengthen

sisterhood, deepen engagement, and connect our members more closely to the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Pre-Conference Presidents' reception for Incoming, outgoing, and returning members was held. We were able to review the PEARL program participants' capstone projects and discuss relevant issues that we face in leading the chapter. Each president was provided a crown and courtesy gift from the region leadership.

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Collegiate Day

Attended Delegate orientation, which is the platform used to inform new and returning members on the rules and expectations of being a voting delegate.

Public Meeting featured information sharing on the need for continued support to HBCUs.

Hostess Chapter welcome event.

Friday, July 31, 2026

Plenary 1: Formal Opening

Highlights:

- Members from NoVAC serving on committees included Soror Marche Solomon, member for the Credentials Committee, Soror Tameka Tunsil Co-Lead for the Recommendation Committee.
- Greetings by Past National Presidents

Plenary 2: National Updates

- **National Treasurer's Update:** We learned from the National Treasurer that chapters can anticipate the future implementation of debit cards for approved chapter expenditures, providing an additional tool for managing financial transactions. We were also pleased to hear that **the** financial position of the South Atlantic Region remains strong.
- **National Constitution and Bylaws:** The National Constitution and Bylaws presentation provided an informative review of the process and established timeline for submitting proposed amendments. This information reinforced the importance of understanding and adhering to the proper procedures when recommending changes to our governing documents.
- **Message from the International President:** The International President addressed concerns regarding **members who have chosen to denounce their membership**, including misconceptions surrounding the Sorority's purpose, rituals, and

traditions. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that women seeking membership have a clear understanding of the organization and encouraged Sorors who advocate for prospective members to engage them **in** meaningful and candid conversations about the responsibilities, expectations, values, and lifelong commitment associated with membership.

Plenary 3: Meet the Candidates

Each of the 19 candidates was provided an opportunity to deliver a three-minute speech, highlighting their qualifications, leadership experience, and vision for service. Following their remarks, each candidate responded to a **randomly selected question**, providing attendees with additional insight into their perspectives, preparedness, and approach to leadership.

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Plenary 4: Elections

Early-morning vetting and official voting were conducted.

Concurrent Workshops:

Attending, Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs were strongly encouraged to take advantage of the role-enhancing training opportunities offered throughout the conference. Chapter Officers participated in workshops specifically designed for their respective offices, gaining valuable information, resources, and best practices to strengthen their effectiveness in their roles.

Equally important is bringing that knowledge back to NoVAC. Officers and Committee Chairs were encouraged to share key takeaways, new ideas, and relevant updates during their reports throughout the new sorority year, ensuring that the benefit of the conference extends beyond individual attendance and contributes to the continued growth, effectiveness, and excellence of our chapter.

Plenary 5: National Updates and Final Committee Reports

Election Results:

Pamela Murphy Lewis, Regional Director

Addisyn Huff, Regional Representative

Regional Nominating Committee: Dr. Joyce M. Diggs, Kimberly Ginyard, Deanna Hamilton, Dr. Regina Turner, and Tantasía Francis

Member, 2027 National Nominating Committee: Birhanie Robinson

Plenary 6: Closing Banquet

Attendees adorned in shades of purple enjoyed a “house party”

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Transition of Officers

It was announced that Charlotte, North Carolina, will be the location for the next Regional Conference in 2028.

Respectfully submitted,

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Delegate

President 2026-2028

Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter