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**Americus Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
presents**

107th Founders Day Observance

&

30th
Anniversary
Charter Program



Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 11:00AM

Georgia Southwestern State University
Fine Arts Theatre
800 GSW State Univ. Dr. Americus, GA 31709

Speaker

Dr. Louise A. Rice

23rd National President
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Louise A. Rice, Ph. D



Dr. Louise A. Rice is the 23rd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., having served from 2004 -2008. She has more than 33 years of national experience and committed leadership to the Grand chapter of DST. On behalf of the Sorority, Dr. Rice presented a \$1 million donation to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in support of its exceptional work for civil rights. She also established a Health Task Force to work in collaboration with Delta’s National Program Planning and Development Committee to determine the most effectual plan of action to improve health among African-American families and, ultimately, to change the statistics of such major health diseases as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and hypertension. In April 2006, the Sorority held Summit VI: “Health Issues that Impact Women of African Descent” in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Health care professionals shared their expertise in the research and treatment of chronic diseases which disproportionately affect African-Americans.

Under Dr. Rice’s leadership, the Sorority established the Delta Hurricane Katrina Relief Task Force to facilitate the needs of Gulf Coast residents affected by the national disaster. The Hurricane Relief Task Force created strategies to address the numerous difficulties impacting persons displaced by Hurricane Katrina as it relates to housing, health and wellness, emotional, and financial needs. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. made a major commitment to three Historically Black Colleges and Universities that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Collectively \$700,000 was awarded to Dillard, Xavier, and Southern Universities and a total of more than \$1.2 million dollars was committed to agencies, organizations, members, and other residents of the affected Gulf areas.

Prior to assuming the presidency, she served as the Sorority’s National First Vice President, 2000-2004, where she chaired the Scholarship and Standards Committee. Dr. Rice was on Delta’s National Executive Board as National Secretary from 1992 to 1996. She also served as Director of the Southern Region, 1986-1991, the Sorority’s largest region, comprised of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and The Bahamas. Her other national involvement includes the chairing of Delta’s Leadership Academy, 1996-2000.

Her devotion and steadfast leadership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority began while she was an undergraduate at Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Rice was initiated into the Sorority through Tuskegee’s Gamma Tau Chapter in 1961. She has held membership in the Augusta Alumnae chapter for over 40 years and served that chapter as President and Vice President. She also holds Golden Life and Diamond Life membership status in the Sorority.

An educator for 40 years, Dr. Rice taught on both the secondary and university levels. She is an Associate Professor of Reading Emerita of Augusta State University, now Augusta University, where she was employed for 20 years. Her career in education began in the Grady County, Georgia (Cairo) School District where she taught English and later chaired the English Department. She has also taught in the Lansing, Michigan School District; the Richmond County, Georgia School System; and at Paine College in Augusta. Educating students and providing service are indeed two of her passions in life.

In the area of civic and community involvement, Dr. Rice serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Richmond County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), where she formerly served as chair; the Board of Advisors of Cadence Bank in Augusta, formerly State Bank and Trust; and the Executive Board of the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., where she serves as treasurer. In addition to having served as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Richmond County Board of Education for more than 20 years and the Paine College Board of Trustees from 2007-2016, she is a member of the Augusta Chapter of the Links, Inc., formerly serving as President. She holds a Life Membership in the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and is a member of Leadership Augusta.

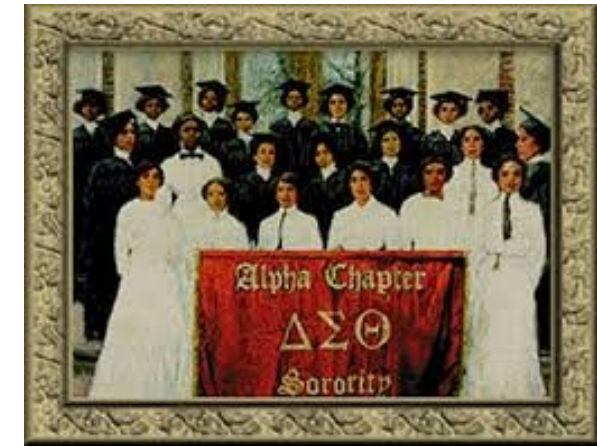
After earning her Bachelor’s degree in English and Secondary Education from Tuskegee (Institute) University, she earned a Master’s degree in Remedial Reading and Psychology of School Subjects from Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. Dr. Rice was awarded the Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Reading Education from the University of Georgia in Athens and is certified at the doctorate level in educational administration and supervision. She has received numerous honors and awards from such entities as the State of Kentucky; the County of Dade Florida; the Tennessee House of Representatives; the City of Augusta; the City of Milledgeville, Georgia; the United Negro College Fund; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; the American Association of University Women (AAUW); Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; the CSRA Council of Girl Scouts of America, where she was named 2008 *Woman of Excellence in Education*; the Augusta Renaissance, where she was named 2008 *Sister CEO of the Year*; the 100 Black Men of Augusta; the Paine College National Alumni Association; and others

Dr. Rice currently resides in her hometown of Augusta, Georgia, where she is a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church. To the union of her and her late husband, Dr. Wilson L. Rice Sr., were born two sons, Wilson, Jr. and Christopher. Wilson is married to Elicia, and Christopher is married to Stephanie. The grandchildren are Edward Lamar, Alana Elyce, Laura-Louise, and Christopher John.

PROGRAMME

Dr. Oneida Ingram, Mistress of Ceremony

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| Prelude | Americus-Sumter High School Chorus Keith Thomas, Chorus Director |
| Invocation | Sharon Evans, Lee County Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| Introduction of Dais | Dr. Oneida Ingram, Chapter President Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| Greetings | Dr. Neal Weaver Georgia Southwestern State University President |
| | The Honorable Mayor Barry Blount City of Americus |
| | The Honorable Mayor James Cutts City of Desoto |
| | The Honorable Chairman Mickey George Macon County Board of Commissioners |
| | The Honorable Representative Mike Cheokas House District 138 |
| Occasion | Eloise R. Paschal, Founders Day Chair Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| Special Recognition for Charter Members | Kengreal Porter, Macon County Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| | Alice Green Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| | Geraldine West-Hudley Albany Alumnae Chapter |
| | Dr. Lillie D. Ward Fort Valley Alumnae Chapter |
| Musical Tribute | Angie Gardner Albany Alumnae Chapter |
| Introduction of Speaker | Tammye Pettyjohn-Jones, Sumter County Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| Keynote Speaker | Dr. Louise A. Rice, 23rd National President Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Augusta Alumnae Chapter |
| Recognition of Achievement “Women in Sports” | Lisa Stephens, Terrell County Americus Alumnae Chapter |
| Special Presentations..... | The Honorable Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. 2nd District – GA |
| Announcements & Closing Remarks..... | Eloise Paschal, Founders Day Chair Americus Alumnae Chapter |



History of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength 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. The first public act performed by the Delta Founders involved their participation in the Women’s Suffrage March in Washington, D.C. during the month of March 1913.

Delta Sigma Theta was incorporated in 1930 as a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 300,000 predominately Black college educated women. The sorority currently has 950 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Founders

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Wertie Blackwell Weaver
Madree Penn White
Edith Motte Young

**All Founders are deceased.*

