**Program Planning and Development Committee Reports**

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| **[Arts and Letters Committee](https://members.dstonline.org/National-Area" \l "arts):** [dsttaarts@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaarts@gmail.com) Chair [Shenika Baisley](mailto:sbaisley33@gmail.com)-Woodley: The final Circle of Friends Book Club was held Friday, May 8, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:30pm. Several community members joined us for a fun interactive conversation of “Becoming” by Michelle Obama. Netflix Party and Virtual Painting with a Twist- Collaborations with Membership Services still pending.  Next Committee Meeting: Sunday May 17, 2020 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom |
| [**Economic Development Committee**](mailto:Economic%20Development%20Committee)**:** [dsttaecondev@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaecondev@gmail.com) Chair [Kay Lee-Smith](mailto:klee2345@msn.com): The Economic Development discussion with the educational development programs was held in April as part of Financial Fortitude month. “Level Up” Women’s Business Pitch - Virtual Competition and Collaboration with 100 Black Women; Flyer with application link has been disseminated. The deadline for businesses to submit their applications will be 22 May 2020  Next Committee Meeting: TBD |
| [**Educational Development**](https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/educational.html)**:** Coordinator, [Angie Fields](mailto:angie.l.fields@gmail.com): Virtual activities continue. May 17 end of the year program. Time TBD. May 30 is the deadline for the 25 spots for the 2020-21 year |
| **Delta Gems**: [tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com](mailto:tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com) Chair [Quicta Nicole Walters](mailto:tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com), co-chairs [Maureen Goins](mailto:maureengoins@yahoo.com), and [Sharon Semple-Hays](mailto:semple8@hotmail.com): 61 girls enrolled. 23 Gems and 13 Volunteers. Elections will be held on May 24.  Next Committee Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. |
| **Delta Academy**: [tadeltaacademy@gmail.com](mailto:tadeltaacademy@gmail.com) Chair [DeVonne McKeever-Daniels](mailto:devonnemc9@gmail.com), co-chairs [Jeanine Baron](mailto:jeaninebaron@yahoo.com), and [Deidre Joseph](mailto:djoseph173@aol.com):  Next Committee Meeting: TBD |
| |  | | --- | | **EMBODI**: [taembodi@gmail.com](mailto:taembodi@gmail.com) Chair [Michelle Stone](mailto:famurat1990@aol.com) co-chair [Angie Fields](mailto:angie.l.fields@gmail.com):  Next Committee Meeting: TBD | | [**International Awareness and Involvement Committee**](https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/international.html)**:** [dsttaiaandi@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaiaandi@gmail.com) Chair [Jackie Jackson](mailto:msj626@aol.com) co-chair [Christine Lewis](mailto:cj2lewis@yahoo.com): World Health Day is April 7, 2020. The goody bag event was postponed. Items have been purchased and the staff of 40 nurses was excited so we will wait for direction from leaders Tampa Family Health Centers.  Next Committee Meeting: The week of May 19 | | [**Physical and Mental Health Committee**](http://deltasigmatheta.org/health.html)**:** [tapmh@dstta.com](mailto:tapmh@dstta.com) Chair [Julie Williamson](mailto:juliewilliamson2003@icloud.com) co-chair [Kareen Moreland](mailto:kareenw_nylife@yahoo.com): Virtual Expressions of Determiniation Strength and Triumph is being explored in order to continue the fight to reduce stigma for mental health and substance abuse using spoken word. Ahmaud Arbery, a young man from the Brunswick area of Georgia, was killed by two men while out jogging on February 23rd.  To show support, you can run or walk 2.23 miles in honor of Ahmaud (2.23 represents the day that he died) You can wear your letters, take pictures, and send to our IG direct messages @TampaDeltas1947 and #irunformaud #JusticeForAhmaud. Please continue to follow CDC guidelines. Walk/run on your own. Please stay safe. PMH Will also be exploring ways to show appreciation for healthcare workers and first responders.  Next Committee Meeting: June 7 at 7:00 p.m. Every first Sunday via conference call 7:00 p.m. (605) 472-5396 access code 254640# | | [**Political Awareness and Involvement**](mailto:Political%20Awareness%20and%20Involvement)**:** [dsttapolitical@gmail.com](mailto:dsttapolitical@gmail.com) Co-Chairs [Walinda McKnight](mailto:walindamckgr@msn.com) and Erica Williams: No updates  Next Committee Meeting: TBD | | [**Scholarship Committee**](https://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#scholar)**:** [scholarshipdstta@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdstta@gmail.com) Chair [Tina James](mailto:tee_jay10@hotmail.com) co-chair [Joanell Lawson](mailto:jazdst10@msn.com): Our annual scholarship program will be postponed until fall. Awards letters are being finalized and will be sent to recipients along with a gift. In collaboration with D.E.L.T.A., Inc., $36,070 in scholarships will be awarded. A PowerPoint presentation will be shared with the chapter highlighting recipients.  Next Committee Meeting: TBD |   [**Social Action Committee**](hhttps://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#social)**:** [tasocialaction@gmail.com](mailto:tasocialaction@gmail.com) Chair [Heddie Sumpter](mailto:hmshollywd1@gmail.com) co-chair [Audrey Sullivan Moore](mailto:mammamooreasm@gmail.com): Social Action would like to propose a new initiative for next year in order to make them a more viable committee – a potential collaboration with Economic Development that empowers women. Census 2020 is underway. Please be sure to submit your information.  Next Committee Meeting: April 16, 2020 via conference call |
| [**Risk Management**](https://members.dstonline.org/getmedia/b3270cc4-04eb-4af4-8717-e876aa303f2e/Risk-Management-Manual-September-2017_Amended.pdf)**:** [dsttariskmng@gmail.com](mailto:dsttariskmng@gmail.com) Coordinator [Cassandra Thomas](mailto:bbzephyr01@aol.com) Trainers: Brenda Webb Johnson, Angie Fields, DeVonne McKeever-Daniels, and Gloria Williams: Next month Cassandra will be soliciting feedback from returning volunteers to determine if recruitment is needed. National guidance came out reminding us to be compliant with assuring we are not posting youth photos without a signed release from the parents. |

### Respectfully submitted by Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson, 1st VP, 813-789-1691, [firstvp@dstta.com](mailto:firstvp@dstta.com)