



New Orleans Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
presents

Empowering the Community through Advocacy and Action

Saturday, April 13, 2024

McDonogh 35 Senior High School

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8:30 AM **Welcome/Acknowledgements**
Margaret Montgomery Richard
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Prayer
Linda Mc Gary
New Orleans Alumnae Chaplin

Occasion
Belencia D. Breaux
New Orleans Alumnae Chapter President

Introduction of Speaker
Belencia D. Breaux

9:00 AM **Opening Plenary** **Auditorium**
Plenary
Cheryl Powell, Keynote Speaker
Southwest Region Social Action Coordinator
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

9:50 AM **Round I Workshop** **Room 1105**
How to Get Black People to Vote!
Δ Morgan Shannon, Deputy Director, Power Coalition
Δ Dynisha Huggle, Data and Targeting Director, Power Coalition

Effective Advocacy – How to Use Your Power to Win! **Room 1009**
Δ Syrita Steib, Founder and President/CEO, Operation Restoration
Δ Charles Phipps, Sr., Director for Policy, Advocacy and Legal Affairs,
Urban League of LA (ULLA)

So, You Want to Run for Office - Candidacy 101 **Library**
Δ Honorable Delisha Boyd, LA. House of Representatives, District 102
Δ Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb, MG Consulting
Δ Honorable Diana Bajoie, LA Senate and N.O. City Councilmember (retired)
Δ Leila Eames, OPSB School Board, District 1

Empowering Young Voters **Room 1103**
Δ J. Christopher Johnson, Executive Director, Millennials Mobilize
Δ Alonnie Celestine, Advocates for Youth and Member of Gamma Alpha Chapter,
Xavier University

Agenda

Self-Care as an Act of Empowerment

Room 1104

- △ Dr. Andrea Boyles, Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Belonging, School of Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies, Tulane University
- △ Dr. Tonya Winfield, Clinical Psychologist and Director, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Division, LA Workforce Commission

10:40 AM Round II Workshop

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11:30 AM Lunch

Cafeteria

Social Action Priorities Tabletop Lunch Discussion

Tabletop discussions led by New Orleans Alumnae Social Action Subcommittee Chairs & Co-Chairs on the National Social Action Strategic areas: Education, Public Safety, Health Equity, Environmental Justice, and Economic Justice.

12:30 PM Public Meeting

Auditorium

“Navigating the Changing Voting Landscape in 2024 and Beyond”

Gina Swanson, Moderator

- △ Honorable Delisha Boyd, LA. House of Representatives, District 102,
- △ Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr., U.S. House of Representatives Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District.
- △ Honorable Jason Hughes, LA House of Representatives, District 100
- △ Telley Madina, The Madina Group Consulting, LLC
- △ Alanah Odoms, Executive Director, ACLU of LA
- △ Ashley Shelton, Founder, President and CEO, Power Coalition for Equity and Justice
- △ Will Snowden, Assistant Professor of Law, Loyola University

Call to Action

2:00 PM Next Steps

Margaret Montgomery Richard

Closing Remarks

Belencia D. Breaux

Cheryl Yvonne Powell

Cheryl Yvonne Powell is a 40-year Delta with nearly 40 Years of service in Arkansas state government. Cheryl began her professional career working with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children in the day school program at the University for Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Since that time, she has served Arkansas citizens through various roles, and is currently transitioning to full retirement in the Perkins and Accountability Office at the Arkansas Division of Career and Technical Education with a team working to expand preparation and access to high skill, high wage careers through the state of Arkansas.



Cheryl is a member of the Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas where she serves as director of the Angel Tree Charities for Christmas, as Curriculum Specialist, and Church Parliamentarian. Her heart lies in Christian Education where she has taught Sunday School for her entire adult life, but also directed the Christian Education Ministry and written Sunday School material for the Union Gospel Press.

Cheryl speaks of the Little Rock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as her “happy place”, and currently serves as the chapter’s Sergeant- At-Arms. Cheryl is Little Rock Alumnae’s 19 th Past Chapter President. In November 1983, she was initiated through Mu Kappa Chapter on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock—serving as Mu Kappa’s president until graduation. She returned to serve as Mu Kappa’s Primary Advisor for several years. Her Delta journey has opened opportunities to serve on all levels of Delta operations including Arkansas State Coordinator, Arkansas Membership Intake Training Team, Arkansas State Social Action Coordinator, and currently, as the Southwest Regional Social Action Coordinator. One of her proudest moments was when she was named 2022 Delta of the Year in the Little Rock Alumnae Chapter. Later that year, she was honored to offer the opening prayer at the Social Action Luncheon at the Southwest Regional Conference.

Diana E. Bajoie

Former State Senator Diana Bajoie is definitely one for the history books. As a young woman in her twenties, she began her public service in the Louisiana House of Representatives, where she served as the only woman in that body during her first term. In 1991, she became the first African American woman ever elected to the Louisiana State Senate. In 2004 she took the oath as Senate President Pro Tem became the first woman ever elected to a leadership post in the Louisiana State Senate. In 2012 Senator Bajoie was appointed by Mayor Landrieu to fill a vacancy on the New Orleans City Council.



As a legislator, she led the efforts to create school-based health clinics and wrote legislation to provide breast cancer screening and treatment for low income and uninsured women, mandated coverage of mammography and other cancer screening tests, and increase health care coverage for citizens with mental health disorders. She sponsored legislation that created the Louisiana Cancer Research Center in New Orleans, the Metropolitan Human Services District that services Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines Parishes and the Minority Health Care Commission. Her efforts resulted in legislation to create the Louisiana State Museum on Civil Rights and the expansion and renaming of the New Orleans Convention Center in honor of the city's first African American Mayor, "The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center." She instituted guidelines and training for foster parents and subsequently attended the training and became a certified foster parent. She has two foster grandchildren in Texas and three in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Bajoie is a founder and former chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus. She also is a founder and served as President of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, a national legislative women's organization. She also served on the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board helping to rebuild the state after the devastating disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Former Senator presently serve as a Commissioner on the board of the New Orleans East Hospital and on the board of the National Organization of Black Women Legislators. She is a Life Member of the Southern University Alumni Federation and a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Also, she is a part-time member of the staff of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans as Director of Community Relations. Her responsibilities include defining the strategic direction, development, implementation, and operation of programs that provide current and pertinent information to the community about available health resources at the Health Sciences Center.

Former Senator Bajoie remains active in the community. In honor of her Mother, Ms. Bajoie, she established the Ms. "B" Hat and Glove Fund. Over the last five years, former Senator Bajoie and her family have purchased and distributed over 2000 hats and gloves to children in the community at Christmas. She is also a mentor to students, to young people and families across the state striving to better themselves, their communities and Louisiana.

Ms. Bajoie loves to travel, cook, and enjoy the Saints, the Pelicans and the Theater. She is a member of St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church where she serves as an usher.

Delisha Boyd

Delisha Boyd was raised in Uptown New Orleans by her grandparents after the death of her mother and father. Delisha has a Bachelors Degree, a Masters Degree and is (abd) on a doctorate in Business Administration. In love with the soul and culture of New Orleans, Delisha opened the doors of Delisha Boyd, LLC in 2014. This real estate brokerage was formed to create a competitive team of agents that embody a natural order of hard work and commitment to our community.



Delisha stands with our community on enforcing Fair Housing Guidelines. She is committed to expanding home ownership to every member of the community and is licensed in Louisiana, Georgia and Mississippi.

Delisha has sold over 270 million dollars in real estate over her career. She received the New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors Rookie of the Year Award in 2004. Delisha was recently awarded the New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors 2020 Manager of the Year.

Delisha has hosted or co-hosted annual Back to School Giveaways, Easter Basket Giveaways and Turkey Giveaways. She personally adopts families in our community for Thanksgiving and Christmas and provides everything needed to make their holiday seasons complete.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Delisha responded to the call to assist those in need. She supplied hot meals to our front-line workers. Along with our newly elected Congressman Troy Carter and other members of the Algiers delegation, they provided nearly 750 meals, donated thousands of masks, and held COVID-19 testing events for the community. In recent months, Delisha has also been a leader in providing opportunities for residents to receive the vaccine. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida,

As State Representative, Delisha continues fighting for better and enforceable Fair Housing Guidelines, more avenues for affordable home ownership, and living wages which will open more opportunities for members of our community to achieve the dream of home ownership. She stands strong against voter suppression. Delisha Boyd was elected to her seat in November of 2021 in a special election. Sworn into office in February of 2022, Delisha authored 6 Bills signed of by the Governor and co-authored another 18 Bills that were signed by the Governor. Delisha was awarded the Democratic Rising Star by the Louisiana Democratic Party. Delisha is a proud mother to Kristen Boyd and has one granddaughter, Reagan Boyd.

Dr. Andrea S. Boyles

Dr. Andrea S. Boyles is Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Belonging in the School of Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at Tulane University. She is also an award-winning author of books, *You Can't Stop the Revolution: Community Disorder and Social Ties in Post-Ferguson America* (2019) and *Race, Place, and Suburban Policing: Too Close for Comfort* (2015), President of the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), as well as, Sociologists for Women in Society NGO delegate to the United Nations (UN) for Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).



Andrea's community-centered, social justice research and racial/ethnic scholarship ranges topics, including but not limited to Black feminism; community and neighborhood poverty, disorder, and crime; police brutality and the carcerality; segregation and racial-spatial politics; social movements and collective action; and social inequality generally.

As a noted public intellectual, Dr. Boyles is a [Tedx](#) speaker, with special thanks and featured in short films and documentaries, such as "[Whose Streets?](#)" and "[Never Been a Time](#)"; and an Op-Ed author, widely cited in print media like [Newsweek](#), [Politico](#), [NBC News](#), [The Washington Post](#), and [The Atlantic](#), with appearances on nationally syndicated TV, radio, and podcasts. Additionally, she has taught in the Missouri prison system and worked collaboratively with corporations and organizations, such as American Airlines, Amnesty International, and more.

Andrea is a native of St. Louis, MO, and holds a B.A. in English and M.A. in Sociology from Lincoln University of Missouri. She earned her PhD in Sociology, with concentrations in Gender and Criminology, from Kansas State University.

Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr.

Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. is an elected United States House of Representatives member from Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District. Congressman Carter currently serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, one of the largest committees in Congress that has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation and infrastructure. He also serves on the powerful committee for Homeland Security of the United States, where he serves as Ranking Member over Emergency Management and Technology. Congressman Carter previously served on the Small Business Committee, which has direct oversight and consideration over all matters affecting America's backbone, small businesses.



Congressman Troy A. Carter earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University and a master's degree from Holy Cross University. He has also studied at Harvard's JFK School of Government and Carnegie Mellon's School of Urban and Public Affairs. In May 2023, Congressman Carter was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Xavier University. Congressman Carter began his professional career as a senior aide to Mayor Sidney Barthelemy. In 1991, Congressman Carter became the first African American to be elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives from the 102nd District in Algiers, where he served as the youngest-ever floor leader

representing the City of New Orleans.

In 1994, Congressman Carter was elected to the New Orleans City Council, representing District C, including Algiers, and the historic French Quarter, again becoming the first African American elected. After a hiatus from public office, Congressman Carter was elected to the State Senate for Louisiana's 7th District, where he served as Senate Minority Leader. During his time as a Legislator, Congressman Carter authored and co-authored hundreds of bills that are now law.

Congressman Carter is a staunch advocate for criminal justice reform, women's health care, civil rights, environmental justice reform, mental health, and equality for all! Congressman Carter is a proud husband to wife, Brigadier General Ana Carter of the United States Army, and father to sons Troy Jr. and Joshua. They live on the Westbank of New Orleans, where Congressman Carter was born and raised.

Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. has enjoyed a series of historic 1sts including:

- △ 1st African American elected to the Louisiana State House from District 102
- △ 1st African American elected to the New Orleans City Council representing District C
- △ 1st African American elected to the Louisiana State Senate from District 7
- △ 1st Congressman elected to Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District from the Westbank of New Orleans (Algiers)
- △ 1st Congressman whose spouse is a General in the United States Army

Alonnie Celestine

Alonnie Celestine is a Fall 2023 initiate of the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. Hailing from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Alonnie is a second-year student at Xavier University of Louisiana majoring in Public Health Science with a minor in Political Science. Upon completion of her collegiate matriculation, she plans to attend law school and obtain a J.D. Alonnie is actively involved in the Student Government Association, as the past Treasurer and the newly appointed Chief of Staff. She also serves on the executive board for Vincent's Vault Food Pantry. Outside of school, Alonnie is the founder of Youth for Change, an organization dedicated to the encouragement of youth to be educated and involved in their community. She also works as a Student Organizer for Advocates for Youth, an organization that advocates for the expansion of rights for marginalized groups, including women, female-identifying individuals, Muslims, the LGBTQ+ community, and Black people. Their motto, "Young. Powerful. Taking Over" charges young people between the ages of 14-24 to be engaged in social action issues affecting their generation. At Advocates for Youth, student activists are trained and equipped to educate their communities and bring awareness to current issues. The Organizing 101 workshop for social action by Advocates for Youth has become a foundational experience to compel young individuals to be civically engaged.



Leila Jacobs Eames

Mrs. Eames was born and raised in New Orleans and is a product of the school system in New Orleans. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge with a Master's in Administration. She also earned certification in administration from Loyola University and the University of New Orleans. Mrs. Eames is a retiree of New Orleans Public Schools where she worked professionally for more than 33 years. She served as a 5th grade teacher, Title 1 Resource Teacher, Title 1 Coordinator of Instruction, and Associate Superintendent of Federal Programs, where she managed a \$50 million annual budget.



Even though she is retired, Mrs. Eames serves as a member of The Pontchartrain Links Chapter where she chairs programming and a commissioner on the Audubon Board. Mrs. Eames also served on two non-profit boards: Eastover Property Owners Association Board and the Non-Flood Protection Management Levee Board and the Lake Forest Charter School Board. In addition, she served as an educational national consultant providing support and assistance to school districts working with teachers, principals, and associate superintendents.

Mrs. Eames attends St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, and this year she traveled to Ghana on a mission trip with her Links Chapter to help distribute food and supplies. She is the mother of two children and the proud grandmother of five grandchildren. Mrs. Eames enjoys traveling, reading, playing bridge, playing golf, and shopping.

Jason Hughes

Jason Wynne Hughes is a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from the 100th District, serving since 2019.

Hughes graduated from McDonogh #35 Senior High School. Hughes then attended Southern University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. Hughes was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on campus.

Before becoming a politician himself, Hughes worked as a political strategist in Louisiana politics. Hughes has served as the assistant legislative director to former Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco, the regional manager for former US Senator Mary Landrieu, and the Director of Federal Relations for the city of New Orleans.



Dynisha Hugle

Dynisha Hugle is the Data and Targeting Director for the Power Coalition and manages how partner groups access and interface with the data file. As we move into more complex integrated voter engagement strategies, Dynisha provides training, support and leadership to how we engage new and infrequent voters across Louisiana.



J. Christopher Johnson

J. Christopher Johnson is a dedicated activist, grassroots organizer, and strategic planner with a passion for creating change and promoting social equity. A graduate of Dillard University and currently pursuing his Master of Social Work at the Dr. Millie M. Charles School of Social Work housed on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans, he made history as the youngest candidate to run for Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District in the 2021 special election. As the Founding Executive Director of the Mobilizing Millennials Organization, J. Christopher leads a non-profit focused on advancing civic engagement and political literacy through workshops and seminars. He has also contributed to the New Orleans Youth Alliance, On Track to College Success, and CK Life Education and Pathways. J. Christopher's work empowers young people and he has served in

key roles in education and employment opportunities. One of his most rewarding roles was his appointment as Chief Deputy Clerk of Court and Chief of Staff for Second City Court of Orleans Parish, He is also a pastor and founder of the Tabernacle of Truth Charismatic Christian Assembly, a judgment-free worship hub. Aside from his commitment to community, J. Christopher is further committed to helping people and organizations be their greatest self through strategic planning and consulting. Further, he is currently an associate with the Teamer Strategy Group, LLC. Driven by the belief that there are no limits to what one can achieve, J. Christopher Johnson is determined to make a positive impact and create a better future for all.



Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb

Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb is a consultant with expertise in information technology, project management, and political campaigns. Yvonne was previously an information technology manager for McDermott, Inc. and Lockheed Martin, and Community Relations Manager for Harrah's New Orleans. She is involved in education, business and community organizations and has served on the boards of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Algiers Economic Development Foundation and Committee for a Better New Orleans; and was recognized as a Young Leadership Council Role Model in 2006. She is engaged in leadership roles with other civic organizations such as the Pontchartrain Chapter of Links; National Coalition of 100 Black Women, League of Women Voters of New Orleans, Independent Women's



Organization, and Walnut Bend Civic Association. Originally from Birmingham, AL., Yvonne is a graduate of Macalester College and is a mother of three (David, Adrian and Alicia) and grandmother of five (Ivan, Nathalia, Braeden, Evan and Adriana).

Alanah Odoms

Alanah Odoms is a civil rights leader, mother, and a professional and spiritual support to countless activists across Louisiana and beyond. As the first Black woman to lead the ACLU of Louisiana in its 65 year history, she has answered the call to defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights by challenging systemic racial and gender injustice – vestiges of slavery displayed most prominently in Louisiana's epidemic of mass incarceration, immigrant detention and deportation, and racist policing across the state.



Through ACLU of Louisiana's "Justice Lab: Putting Racist Policing on Trial" initiative, Alanah and her team will lead law firms and law school legal clinics from across the country in representing plaintiffs who've experienced racially motivated police misconduct. This work stands on ACLU of Louisiana's foundational legal docket and advocacy efforts, which protect the First Amendment for *all* Louisianans, and challenge conditions of prisons and detention centers; the pretrial incarceration system in Louisiana; and the blanket denial of humanitarian parole to asylum seekers. In 2018, Alanah led the organization's successful coalition campaign to overturn Louisiana's non-unanimous jury law, which dated back to 1898.

Before joining the ACLU in June, 2018, Odoms served as the director of the Division of Children and Families, Deputy general counsel of the Louisiana Supreme Court,

and special counsel to Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, Bernette J. Johnson. Alanah co-chaired the statewide effort to reduce incarceration of children through the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), and was appointed special counsel to Louisiana's landmark Justice Reinvestment Task Force, which developed the policy recommendations behind the state's historic package of criminal justice reforms passed in 2017. Recognizing the need to have directly impacted community members at the table, she was the architect of a series of listening sessions which allowed Louisiana citizens to address the task force.

In July 2018, Alanah graduated from the prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholars Program, a partnership between the George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Lyndon Johnson, and George Bush presidential centers. She is among a distinct group of national up-and-coming leaders recognized for her commitment to solving one of our nation's most pressing problems.

Alanah is a graduate of Rutgers School of Law- Newark and a Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers College in New Jersey. Her selection as a scholar in Rutgers' Institute for Women's Leadership was a compass in her academic and leadership journey. Odoms also completed a prestigious certificate program at the Eagleton Institute of Politics as an undergraduate student.

Charles Phipps

Charles Phipps is the Senior Director for Policy, Advocacy, and Legal Affairs at the Urban League of Louisiana (ULLA). As a member of the League's Policy and Social Justice team, Charles provides strategic leadership in the development and implementation of the organization's policy campaigns and legislative agendas. This includes shepherding the League's SEE CHANGE Collective. He will also serve as in-house counsel on policy, legal and other matters identified by the CEO.

Prior to joining ULLA Charles was an attorney at Waters Kraus & Paul (WKP) in the firm's New Orleans office. At WKP Charles was a member of the firm's litigation group and represented plaintiffs involved in complex civil matters. Admitted to practice law by the State Bar of Louisiana, Charles served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Omar K. Mason within the Orleans Parish Civil District Court prior to joining WKP.

Charles is a graduate of Loyola University New Orleans, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Thereafter, Charles earned his Juris Doctor and a Sports Law Certificate from Tulane University Law School. While at Tulane, Charles served as the managing editor for *The Sports Lawyers Journal*, member and coach of the Moot Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, President of the Black Law Students Association, and was inducted as a member of the Order of Barristers.

Charles enjoys professional affiliations with the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. Civically, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Morgan Shannon

Morgan Shannon is a crusader for communities of color. Morgan's passion has allowed her to build connections amongst various stakeholders including youth, advocates, organizers, and philanthropy.

Morgan served as Program Manager at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation where she worked with the Mississippi, New Orleans, and Boys and Men of Color portfolios. She also served as Program Associate at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where she supported the Health and Climate Justice programs. Morgan is deeply committed to youth development and racial equity, having worked in both and as frontline staff for CommonHealth Action and Pittsburgh Community Improvement Association in South West section of Atlanta, GA.



Ashley K. Shelton

Ashley Shelton, Founder, President and CEO: Ashley K. Shelton is the Founder, President and CEO of the Power Coalition, a statewide 501c3 table in Louisiana. The Power Coalition uses a broad-based strategy that combines community organizing, issue advocacy, and civic action all while increasing the capacity of community organizations throughout the state to build and sustain power. Mrs. Shelton has led both C3 and C4 strategies to move more than a million voters throughout the state of Louisiana having significant impact in elections in the major metros including New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport. Since our inception we have focused on moving infrequent voters of color, increasing voice and building people power. Our integrated voter engagement approach has changed policy at the municipal, state and federal levels as well as move infrequent voters of color to vote at the same levels as chronic voters in the communities where we run a full get out to vote program.



Will Snowden

Will is the proud son of Billy Ray and Kay Snowden who were not only Milwaukee Public School teachers, but also taught Will why speaking up and speaking out is important. Will plays the cello, loves to dance but isn't that good at it, and spends his professional time as a criminal defense lawyer, jury duty nerd, and law professor at Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law. Will is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



Syrita Steib

A native of Vacherie, Louisiana, Syrita Steib graduated from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center as a licensed and certified clinical laboratory scientist. In 2016, Syrita founded Operation Restoration, a New Orleans-based nonprofit that works to support women and girls impacted by incarceration to recognize their full potential, restore their lives and discover new possibilities. Syrita is recognized nationally for her work on dismantling the legal system and removing barriers for women and girls impacted by incarceration while transitioning back into the community.

She serves on numerous local and national boards and appears regularly as a keynote speaker and panelist on topics of incarceration and injustice. Syrita was one of 73 people granted a full and unconditional presidential pardon in January 2021. In 2022, Syrita ran for United States Senate in Louisiana and placed fourth among the thirteen candidates.



Dr. Tonya Jones Winfield

Dr. Winfield was born and raised in New Orleans Louisiana. She is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother to the BEST seven grandchildren on the planet. Dr. Winfield holds a Doctorate in Psychology (PsyD) from Grand Canyon University, Doctorate degree in Healthcare Administration from Virginia University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg Virginia a Master's of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Science degree in both Criminal Justice and Psychology from Southern University of New Orleans.

Dr. Winfield has a multifaceted professional background to include over 20 years of Law enforcement experience, serving Physical and Mental Health populations and Academic Leadership. She is currently employed with the State of Louisiana and serves as Director to the Equal Opportunity and Compliance Division.

Among other rewarding accomplishments and memberships, Dr. Winfield is a proud member of the Illustrious Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, serves as Academic Chair Board member for International High School of New Orleans and is the Co- CEO of "A Journey through Forever", a non-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless youth.

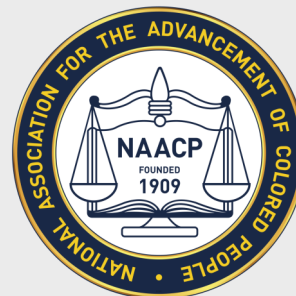


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