

VOLUME TWENTY

22 H.E. L.I.V.E. Lessons for Parents, Teachers, & Leaders

DTEC-TAG created the innovative *H.E. L.I.V.E. Lessons Summer Learning Program*. The *Highly Efficacious, Effective and Efficient Educators (H.E.)*, will present 22 total *L.I.V.E. Lessons* that will focus on individual areas of teacher efficacy, advocacy, leadership and support highlighting best practices with instructional strategies. The word *LIVE* has a two-fold meaning for the program: 1) it indicates that the lessons will be presented in a “live” streaming format and 2) it is an acronym for *Learning In Vibrant Environments*.

The 22 Lesson Series is hosted every Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 pm EST / 5:30pm CST. The Series launched on June 2 featuring DREF President, Carolyn E. Lewis, and will run through August 27, 2020. These *LIVE Lessons* are streamed to each of DTEC-TAG’s social media platforms.



H.E. L.I.V.E. Crew with Special Guest (L-R) are Kieshla Wylie, Simene Walden, Dr. Johni Cruse Craig, Isis Spann, & Levatta D. Levels, and Carolyn E. Lewis

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“While a historic interruption caused school shut-downs nationwide, the resulting ‘pause’ offered an opportunity. DREF adroitly managed a “pandemic pivot” to prepare and help families and educators

recognize the growing dependence on digital learning tools. We had to assist and support families in their efforts to ensure positive educational outcomes for their children,” says Dr. Johni Cruse Craig, DTEC-TAG National Project Director.

Each *LIVE Lesson* is varied by topic, grade level and audience but all include discussions around instruction, policy and distance learning strategies for students, teachers, parents, district administrators and other community stakeholders. Tune in, and let us know what you think!

The TAG State Equity Warriors are preparing to launch a myriad of digital advocacy programming in September 2020 through April 2021. The TAG advocacy efforts are national with targeted efforts in DC-MD-VA, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee & Texas. Connect with DTEC-TAG by texting JOINTAG to 51555.

2020 STJ Forum Focuses on Voter Education and Registration



Washington, DC—This year’s Stephanie Tubbs Jones Forum held in conjunction with the 31st Annual Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital presented in February addressed the topic: “2020 Vision—Voter Education and Registration” and featured panelists (L-R) DREF CEO Patricia W. Lattimore, National Urban League President & CEO Marc Morial, NBC4 Journalist Tracee Wilkins (Moderator), DST 16th National President Thelma T. Daley, NAACP President & CEO Derrick Johnson, Social Activist Eunique Jones Gibson, and DREF President Carolyn E. Lewis. See full article on www.deltafoundation.net. (PHOTO BY E.L. BRIM PHOTOGRAPHY)

Research Matters for All of Us

The DREF Research Matters for *All of Us* initiative implemented an impressive transition from face-to-face engagement to a virtual awareness campaign, necessitated by the pandemic quarantine.

Over the last four months, a number of digital initiatives were implemented. They included: Wellness Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, Mental Health Awareness Month, Men’s Health Awareness Month and Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. The social media posts and videos fostered the development of healthy habits, highlighted previous activities and community partners as well as presented insight and

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Greetings from the DREF President

Dear DREF Supporters:

On behalf of the DREF Board of Directors and our staff, I extend kind regards and sincere gratitude to you, our DREF supporters. Thank you for *Standing Firm* with us as we experience these uncertain days resulting from the health pandemic and protests against racial injustice. Our new reality is truly being shaped by the current crises confronting us. It is times like this that the Foundation digs deeper to remain steadfast to *Creating Possibilities and Improving Lives* for African American Women and their families



Carolyn E. Lewis

by shifting its outreach and engagement activities from in-person to virtual. Please visit our DREF social media platforms to stay abreast of DREF Research Matters news and information about how bio-medical research is integral to shaping good health for African Americans.

It's summertime and a great season for grabbing a good book or two for one's reading pleasure. The DREF Sister Scholars Advisory Council debuts its 2020 Summer Recommended Reading List this season. Check it out (www.deltafoundation.net)

and see if there is a fiction or non-fiction title that interests you.

We extend gratitude to DST National President Beverly E. Smith and the Grand Chapter for including a DREF video update on the 2020 Regional Conference agenda. Hope you enjoy viewing the Foundation's current news and activities. The video can also be viewed at www.deltafoundation.net. Have a great summer and do stay connected with DREF via our social media platforms.

Standing Firm,
Carolyn E. Lewis
DREF Board President

The health pandemic has impacted the way education is being offered to students, shifting to digital learning on many levels. DREF's signature education program: the Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign and the Teachers Advocating to lead Great change (DTEC-TAG) is responding to the need to prepare students, their families, and educators to adjust to the new learning procedures. DTEC-TAG is offering the *H.E. LIVE Educational Summer Series* which presents weekly webinars on how to effectively adapt to learning and teaching remotely. This summer, the DREF Research Matters for *All of Us* Program has also made a pandemic pivot

Sister Scholars' Summer Reading List

Looking for a few good books to read this summer? Check out the inaugural recommended reading list from the DREF Sister Scholars Advisory Council presented for the 2020 summer season. The book titles are fiction and non-fiction and while some are new titles, several have been around for a few years. The list is comprised of books that you may find informative, interesting, empowering, and in some instances entertaining. *The Sister Scholars 2020 Recommended Reading List* features fiction titles by Robin W. Pearson (*A Long Time Comin'*), Terri A. Johnson



(*Faith Alone*), and Terry McMillan (*It's Not All Downhill from Here*) and others. Non-fiction work is recommended by Ibram X. Kendi (*How to Be an Antiracist*), Bakari Sellers (*My Vanishing Country: A Memoir*), and Keneshia Grant, Ph.D. (*The Great Migration and the Democratic Party: Black Voters and the Realignment of American Politics in the 20th Century* among others. Access the complete recommended reading list here <https://www.deltafoundation.net/news-events/news/summer-is-for-reading-dref-sister-scholars-recommended-book-list>

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PROGRAM NOTES

Sister Scholars Research Assistant

Kelsey Bogard, *Indiana State University*

In mid-April 2020, Kelsey Bogard, a doctoral student, began volunteering as a DREF Research Assistant. Kelsey is studying Higher Education Leadership in Indiana State University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Program. She is a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Kelsey Bogard

member, who is originally from Memphis, TN. Appreciation is extended to Sister Scholar Mary Howard, Ed.D. of Indiana State University for engaging Ms. Bogard.

Empowering Wellness for Women

Read an informative article by Kimiyo Williams, M.D. entitled "Empowering Women for Wellness," which covers women's health, the Coronavirus and other related topics. The article is published in the Louisiana First Foundation's June 2020 publication, founded by Mrs. Donna Edwards, First Lady and wife of

Louisiana Governor John Edwards. As the inaugural author of the Women's Health Section, Dr. Williams has contributed to several articles to the online publication. Dr. Williams is the Training and Volunteer Coordinator for the DREF Research Matters for *All of Us* Program. Click her to read article:

<http://louisianafirstfoundation.com/womens-health-june2020/>

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Lord & Taylor Benefit Shopping Event

Delta members and friends attended the Lord & Taylor Benefit Shopping Event presented by DREF on February 23, 2020. The fundraiser, held during the 31st Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital event, featured a fashion show and private shopping experience. More than 150 guests enjoyed an evening of fashion festivities complete with giveaways and refreshments.

This was the second year that DREF collaborated with Lord & Taylor's Department Store, receiving a percentage of total shopping sales as proceeds for the Foundation. DREF CEO Patricia W. Lattimore stated that sales totaled approx-



DREF Benefit: Modeling high fashion at Lord & Taylor, the nation's oldest department store chain.

imately \$20,000. She expressed appreciation to the luxury department store chain and looks forward to presenting the event again in 2021. Ms. Lattimore also thanked Marcia Milton President & CEO at First Priority Trailways, Inc., for providing shuttle bus service from the Delta Days venue to department store.

Theatre Party for Shirley Chisholm One-Woman Play

On Sunday, March 1, 2020, DREF hosted a benefit theater party for Odell Ruffin's *Campaign 72: A One Woman Performance on the Life of Shirley Chisholm* at the Eaton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The performance chronicled the life and historic 1972 U.S. presidential campaign of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, a DST member who was the first African American woman elected to serve in the U.S. Congress.



Board member Pat Hurlock (R) with a DREF supporter at Campaign 72.

Actress Dominique Brown gave a brilliant performance as Congresswoman Chisholm, channeling her mannerisms and giving the audience a look at the Brooklyn, NY democrat's trailblazing journey in American politics. The event was well attended by theatre-goers of all ages, who came to learn about and celebrate the life of a phenomenal Black woman.

The fundraising event was coordinated by DREF Board member Pat Hurlock, who chairs the Fund Development Committee. She reported that nearly 100 tickets were sold, raising \$4,900 in unrestricted funds.

CFC and Workplace Giving

Contribute to DREF with ease and consistency...consider Workplace Giving! Federal employees are able to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which enables them to donate to the 501 (c)(3) charity of their choice via automatic payroll deduction. Make DREF your choice when the CFC registration season opens in early fall of 2020. All you need is the desire to give and the DREF CFC Number which is 11213. Many CFC contributors express that giving to DREF via automatic payroll deduction is effortless and the funds are not missed because it is automatically done each pay period. Several state employment systems also offer automatic payroll deduction for

charitable donations. In the private sector, employees can also utilize Workplace Giving by simply making a call, visit, or sending an email to their Human Resources Department requesting to enroll in automatic charitable giving. If DREF is not on the company's list, you can request that it be added. Contact DREF office if you need more information about Workplace Giving.



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2020-21 Community Empowerment Grantees

Congratulations to the chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. that have been selected to receive Community Empowerment Grants for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The chapters will conduct charitable programming in areas related to Gun Violence Prevention, the U.S. Census, or Voter Registration/Education.

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ideas for African Americans to lead a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

The May 2020 Rooted in Research Webinar Series conducted in partnership with the National PanHellenic Council / Black Greek Letter Consortium (BGLC) and DTEC-TAG addressed a variety of topics each of which aligned with the National President and programs of each of the NPHC organizations. A total of

thirteen (13) webinars were presented and featured panelists included Carolyn E. Lewis, Patricia W. Lattimore, each of the Divine 9 (Nine) National Presidents, and representatives from the NIH *All of Us* Consortium.

The month of June concluded with intense collaborations which included Virtual Collaborations Webinars and Community Connection Events. Partnering organizations included churches, community-based non-profits, support groups and community leaders to share information about the *All of Us* Research Program with attendees and participants during

prescheduled webinars and events. Diverse audiences participated in the virtual gatherings or were recipients of care packages containing food and other essentials.

DREF Research Matters for *All of Us* is expanding the team to include Citywide Coordinators in the cities of focus selected the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As a result, a comprehensive application, interview and selection was conducted in June 2020. The representatives have been selected and additional information regarding team members and new initiatives are forthcoming.

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