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Michele V. Hagans Makes Major Gift to Delta Foundation

Washington, D.C. real estate developer, Michele V. Hagans, recently pledged to make a major gift of \$75,000 over a three-year period to the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (The Delta Foundation). Hagans, a former member of the national executive board of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, made her first installment of \$25,000



Michele V. Hagans

when fulfilling the pledge commitment.

Dr. Alison J. Harmon, president of The Delta Foundation, stated the organization is most appreciative of Hagans' magnanimous support. "Michele's gift is very important and surely helps us to realize our 40th anniversary campaign goal in 2010," said Dr. Harmon. **Thank You**

Vivian A. Ware Research Fellowship Available for Graduate Students

The Center for Research on African American Women and the Delta Research and Educational Foundation are seeking applicants for the 2009 Vivian A. Ware Research Fellowship. Financial members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. who are currently in graduate school are eligible to apply. Applications can be retrieved on the Foundation website or by calling the office; deadline for submission is Monday, March 16, 2009.

The Ware Research Fellow will be instrumental in fulfilling a current objective of The Delta Foundation—conducting research on African American women that may factor in shaping public policy and/or addressing issues that impact their lives. The fellow will be required to conduct original research relating to African American women in one of the following areas: economics, education, international affairs, health,, and

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Washington, D.C.—Newly installed Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH) (right) is congratulated by Delta Foundation board members Cynthia Butler McIntyre (also national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority) and Madeliene H. Dobbins, Esq. (center) at a reception hosted by the Sorority on January 6, 2009. On behalf of the Foundation President Alison J. Harmon and its board of directors, Dobbins presented a dual purpose gift to the congresswoman—congrats for being elected to congress and gratitude for having served on the Foundation board from 2006-08. Congresswoman Fudge is shown here receiving the foundation gift, a Maasai art sculpture; the Maasai people are noted for being warriors, fighting to the very end for their people. Dobbins expressed that this sculpture is symbolic of the congresswoman's determined spirit as a public official. (PHOTO BY SHARON C. FARMER)

Foundation Establishes Stephanie Tubbs Jones Institute for Social Justice

At the 20th Anniversary Delta Days in the Nation's Capital legislative event, the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (The Delta Foundation) announced its establishment of the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Institute for Social

Justice. The announcement was made during the Foundation's special political awareness event, "Coffee and Conversation with our Congresswomen," which was held on March 2, 2009 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center.



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Greetings from the President

Dear Supporters of The Delta Foundation:

The high spirit of hope and optimism recently experienced throughout our nation is indeed infectious; prompting me to begin this greeting by saying: "This is indeed our moment in time...and yes, we can" continue our good work for The Delta Foundation this biennium. I am very pleased to share good news and recent accomplishments at the Foundation.



Dr. Alison J. Harmon

Our 40th anniversary campaign is successfully underway, having generated more than \$600,000 in contributions and pledges over the past two years. Additionally, in a profound expres-

sion of support and commitment, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. approved a very generous, multi-year contribution to the Foundation at its July 2008 National Executive Board meeting. We extend our deepest appreciation to the Sorority.

This is an extremely productive time for us. As we go about the business of raising funds

to promote the Sorority's programs, we are concurrently creating opportunities to further uphold our mission. We are managing several new scholarship funds, con-

ducting the Cultures of Giving project, and seeking applicants for the Virginia A. Ware Research Fellowship. I am extremely proud to state that we are moving full steam ahead in branding the Foundation as a grant making entity and organization committed to research. Read more about these efforts throughout this issue of our newsletter.

In closing, I am pleased to welcome all of our new staff members who recently began employment with The Delta Foundation. The staff and Foundation Board of Directors, together, are ready to take their work to the next level—creating possibilities and improving lives for African American women and their families.

Sincere regards,
Alison J. Harmon, Ed.D.
President

Vivian A. Ware

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political awareness. The length of the fellowship is for one-year of study. A stipend of \$50,000 is offered.

This will be the second time that the Ware Fellowship has been awarded. The first Ware Fellowship was awarded in 1998 to Delta member Ruth Jones, former South Atlantic Regional Representative. The fellowship is named in honor of the late Vivian A. Ware, a former member of The Delta Foundation

Board of Directors and Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter.

For more information about the Vivian A. Ware Research Fellowship, please contact the program officer at The Delta Foundation at 202-347-1337, ext. 228 or via email at dpcoleman@deltafoundation.net.

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Dr. Alison J. Harmon, president of The Delta Foundation, stated that the Institute will perpetuate the life, leadership and legacy of Delta member and Congresswoman, Tubbs Jones. Congresswoman Tubbs Jones was the first African American woman to represent Ohio in the United States Congress. She represented the people of Ohio's 11th congressional

district from 1999 until her untimely death on August 20, 2008.

"The STJ Institute will provide a forum for African Americans to receive training and educational opportunities, advancing their work as elected officials, community activists, and civic leaders," explained Dr. Harmon.

The **FRONT PAGE** is published by the Delta Research and Educational Foundation several times a year to report news and information about its programs, activities, and fund raising efforts. The publication is distributed nationally to donors, partners, and supporters of the Foundation; circulation typically totals 2,500 per issue. The office is located at 1703 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009; 202-347-1337.

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Creating Possibilities...
Improving Lives**

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Scholarship Funds Available

This coming spring and summer, two scholarship funds managed by the Delta Research and Educational Foundation will issue applications for students seeking scholarships for college. The Oleta L. Crain Endowed scholarship is available for female students in the Central Region. Secondly, students majoring in education may apply for the Eula Dean Roby Scholarship. This year marks the first time the scholarships, named in honor of two members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, will be awarded.

The Delta Foundation is also managing the Dr. Grace L. Hewell Scholarship Fund, which was established upon her death in March 2008. Upon her passing, Dr. Hewell's relatives, friends, and Delta members made contributions to establish this fund in her honor.

Two new scholarship funds have been established at the Foundation during the 2008-09 fiscal year. The Lansing (MI) Alumnae Chapter has established a scholarship fund in honor of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's 18th National President, Hortense Golden Canady, a member of the Lansing chapter. Also, a scholarship fund has been established in honor of the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, who passed in 2008.

Cultures of Giving

The Delta Research and Educational Foundation will conduct training sessions for its Cultures of Giving (COG) project this spring and summer at special Delta program events and during several of the 2009 Regional Conferences. The COG session provides training to Delta members on how to raise funds for their chapter programs.

The training educates Delta members on the five types of fund raising, the necessary steps needed to implement a successful fund raising campaign, and how to raise funds to impact social change. Delta members in



There is a seat waiting for you at the Cultures of Giving upcoming training sessions.

each of the Sorority's regions have become certified as official COG trainers for their respective regions. Delta Foundation President Alison J. Harmon and Delta Foundation Director Madeliene H. Dobbins, Esq. extend their sincere appreciation to the COG trainers for the excellent work that they are performing as trainers.

The trainers are Theresa Loveless and Carol A. Weir from the Central Region, Sheila Ogilvie, Deborah Peaks Coleman and Venida Hamiton from the Eastern Region, Gloria R. Williams and Racquel Robinson of the Farwest Region, Danyale Ellis and Cristyna Rogers of the Midwest Region, Minnjuan Flournoy of the South Atlantic Region, Cheryl Turner of the Southern Region, and Carolyn Grant of the Southwest Region. The Delta Foundation received a generous grant from the Cultures of Giving Fund established at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



Delta Foundation President Alison J. Harmon extends appreciation to Dr. Louise A. Rice (right) as she ends her term (2004-08) on the Foundation Board last year. Dr. Rice, the 23rd national president of DST, was recognized for her exceptional service to the Foundation and for being a consistent and major donor. The Foundation presented her a crystal sculpture created by 4 You Custom Gifts and Awards.

Delta Foundation Awards Program Grants for 2008-09

GRANT CYCLE I (OCTOBER 2008)

CHAPTER/ORGANIZATION	AWARD AMOUNT	PROGRAM
East Point/College Park Alumnae	\$1,000	Second Chance Act for Ex-Offenders
Ames (IA) Alumnae	\$ 500	Delta Academy: Girls Rule Leadership Retreat
Glodine Kennedy Foundation	\$1,000	Total Health: Mind, Body, and Spirit Community Health Fair
Ventura County (CA) Alumnae	\$1,000	Delta GEMS
Boston Alumnae	\$1,000	Delta GEMS (focus on Entrepreneurship)
Lawndale Christian Health Center	\$1,000	Lawndale Summer Youth Project
Association for Haitian Women	\$1,000	Economic Literacy

GRANT CYCLE II (NOVEMBER 2008)

Selma (AL) Alumnae	\$1,000	Education and Economics: Money Management for Girls and their Families
Marietta-Roswell Alumnae	\$ 500	Christmas Store and Interviewing Class
Franklin Tri- County Alumnae	\$1,000	Employment Training for Personal Care/Aide
Knightdale-Wake Forest Alumnae	\$1,000	HIV/AIDS Awareness in Rural Communities
Girls, Inc. of Greater Atlanta, GA	\$1,000	Education, Economics, and Health: Our Good Choices and Life Skills Institute
Alpha Chapter, Howard University	\$1,000	17th Annual Woman-to-Woman Conference

GRANT CYCLE III (DECEMBER 2008)

Mu Rho Chapter, Vanderbilt University	\$ 750	Love Fest for People of Haiti
Lambda City-Wide Chapter, Chicago, IL	\$ 500	Healthy Lifestyles Summit I
Theta Zeta Chapter, Eastern University, IL	\$ 250	Health Seminar: Do You Know Your Status?

Director's Memorandum

TO: Supporters of The Delta Foundation

FROM: Madeliene H. Dobbins, Esq.
Director

In fulfilling the objective of strengthening the infrastructure of the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (The Delta Foundation), I am very pleased to announce that we are fully staffed. Having adequate staffing enables us to grow our capacity for major fund raising endeavors. In the past few months, all vacancies have been filled with very capable individuals. I would like to introduce you to the new staff members at The Delta Foundation.

Deborah Peaks Coleman, an experienced public relations, programming and development professional, began employment with The Delta Foundation on December 1, 2008 as the Program Officer. In this position, she is responsible for providing technical assistance and counsel to chapters as it relates to using the Foundation's charitable giving service. She is also responsible for managing the grant awards program, the Center for

Research on African American Women, and serving as the in-house editor for the Foundation's publications (newsletter, annual report, brochures) and its website.

Cheryl Thomas, CPA, has been contracted to serve as the Accountant/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Foundation. She is responsible for managing the organization's financial operations and works with management to develop annual budgets, forecasts, ensure proper accounting for financial transactions, and prepare financial statements and management reports. As CFO, she is also responsible for analyzing financial performance, facilitating independent audits, and re-engineering business processes as appropriate.

Veronica Lewis-Smith is the Donor Services Coordinator, making her responsible for keeping records on all donations received at the Foundation as well as maintaining the organization's database of contributors. She uses increasingly sophisticated software to manage, track, and update charitable gifts received from individuals, chapters, foundations, and the business community.



Delta Foundation staff celebrate Kwanzaa last December (L-R): Cheryl Thomas, Deborah Peaks Coleman, Madeliene H. Dobbins, Shalieda Marquez, and Veronica Lewis-Smith

Shalieda Marquez is the Administrative Assistant who is responsible for coordinating administrative activities and disseminating information to all staff members. She performs clerical support and technology driven tasks necessary to run an efficient office. She is often the first point of contact for the chapters and non-profit agencies that partner with the Foundation, making her key in providing assistance and/or directing them to the appropriate person.



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