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Wilmington Deltas Award \$35k in Scholarships in 2021 \$1,000,000 in Total Awards in Last 21 Years

WILMINGTON, DE — The Wilmington (DE) Alumnae Chapter (WAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (DST) awarded \$35,000 to 17 deserving students at its awards presentation on Friday, June 11th. Since 2000, along with their fiscal sponsor, Delta Outreach and Education Center, Inc., a Delaware 501©3 nonprofit organization, 332 students have received scholarships totaling over one million dollars. Awards are granted through several mentoring and enrichment programs designed to increase the number of young women attending and graduating from college.

The Jabberwock Scholarship Program has awarded by far the largest amount. Biennially, 20 to 30 rising high school juniors and seniors participate in personal development workshops, cultural outings, networking events, community service projects and fundraising activities where they earn points. The participant who earns the most points is crowned “**MISS JABBERWOCK**” and is awarded the highest scholarship amount. Notably, all participants receive a monetary award. Other scholarship programs sponsored by WAC for high school seniors include the Charter Member and Sustainable Scholars programs. In recent years, Wilmington University in New Castle, Delaware has provided multi-year scholarships to be awarded by WAC.

In addition to the Jabberwock fundraising, WAC is known for events such as the Ebony Fashion Fair, A Delta Affair and more recently, the R.E.D. Run 5k and Swinging for Scholarships. The newest additions, “**It’s on and Poppin**” pop-up virtual shopping series and popcorn sales virtual campaign raised over to \$30k from hundreds of donors, vendors and customers across several states in 2021.

Chartered on March 6, 1949, WAC is recognized for its comprehensive, innovative, and impactful programming. The organization has been the recipient of several honors from the national and regional organizations of DST. It has also received the Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Award for Community Service, a resolution from Wilmington City Council, as well as awards and recognition from other community and local organizations. Through programs such as our youth initiatives (the Delta Academy, Delta GEMS and EMBODI mentoring programs, the Young Entrepreneur Program, and the Jabberwock scholarship program), WAC is focused on service and meeting community needs.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 300,000 initiated members and more than 1000 chapters worldwide, including six in Delaware. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national and local programs.

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