

Arts and Letters Report

September 2018

Maestria Africana 2018:

Saginaw Alumnae Chapter along with the Saginaw African Cultural Festival sponsored the Talent Showcase on August 11th held on Morley Grounds. The theme for the showcase was “Pan Africanism” – The Way Forward. On this year we had around 17 participants (youth participated in an inspiring range from music, speech, art and drama). The showcase allowed Saginaw area youth to display gifts of talents in a supportive environment.

- Planning Committee for the Talent Showcase: (Sorors) Lanasia Hood, Andrea Bond, Monique Riley, Karen Lawrence-Webster and Sheronda Hodgers
- Youth Coaches for the Talent Showcase: Démona Reed, Lanasia Hood and Sheronda Hodgers
- Judges: Soror Beverly Harge and Soror Tiffany Collins
- Youth Participants: Matthew Jordan, Phoenix Williams, Andre Martin, Zion Presley, Angel Tarrant, Shania Noel, Destiney Pruitt, Madison Ford, Alex Butler, Derricka Johnson, Kiarri Stopeckl, Tahlia Yrlas-Thomas, Isaiah Haynes, Amaya Bradley, Daniel Webster and Niajah Gibbs

Old School Step Show 2018

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- On August 10th Sorors participated in the Step Showcase and represented Delta Sigma Theta very well. Sorors performed with high energy and grace. During the performance the history of our lovely Sorority was demonstrated.

Step Show Participants:

Karen Lawrence- Webster, Lanasia Hood, Kujuanna Ray, Donna Bledson-Cole, Kamillah Dawkins, and Sheronda Hodgers

Voice Over: Fontella Smith

Dramatization: Tacarra Ford

Music: Tosha Hemphill

Props: Bertha Fabin and Tacarra Ford

Del SPRITE – Youth Group Step Show

- On August 11th our youth group participated in the step show with a flavor of uniqueness. The Del Sprites practiced each week in the month of July while building confidence in each movement. These dynamic young ladies represented the group and made us proud.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aretha Franklin Tribute

Location: U Me Paint

Date: September 21st

Time: 6:30pm

- During this event Sorors will be able to paint and listen to some of the greatest songs from Soror Aretha Franklin
 - Cost: \$30.00 per person (Sorors, Friends, and Family Members welcome to participate)
 - Individuals can go online (U Me Paint website and pay directly)

Prayer and Praise Gospel Brunch during May Week 2019

Saginaw Alumnae Chapter will present an original play called “Shaded Faces” written by Andrea Bond which will be followed by a Gospel Prayer and Praise. “Shaded Faces” will bring awareness to suicide. The play will be relatable to each age group and will include short stories in each segment.

After the play will follow a delightful brunch along with entertainment ranging from jazz and gospel music headed by Monique Riley. The May Week Committee, Gospel Brunch Committee and the Arts and Letters Committee will collectively come together (along with selective organizations) and create a masterpiece of awareness about suicide and enjoyable fellowship and entertainment through the day.

We are awaiting a response on an application that was submitted from the committee on a grant that will potentially help with the cost of the play if granted.