



*Please note that the Academy is now closed to new participants this year. Please check back during summer 2010 for eligibility requirements and an application.

Dr. Betty Shabazz became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1974. Many years ago, the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. named the Academy in honor of Dr. Betty Shabazz, to recognize her contributions as an outstanding educator and exemplary role model for young women.

The Delta Academy was created out of an urgent sense that bold action was needed to save our young females (ages 11-14) from academic failure, low self-esteem, and crippled futures. The program promotes the principles of sisterhood, scholarship and service. Our mission statement is: Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow, Preparing Young Women for the 21st Century.

Every third Saturday, members of the Sorority help sharpen the participant's skills in math, science and technology; and teach them how to cultivate and maintain interpersonal relationships with female adults.

Delta Academy Program Goals & Objectives

The Delta Academy program focuses on the following goals & objectives:

- Developing interests in math, science, and computer technology

- Providing exposure to public service involvement
- Encouraging educational and cultural enrichment
- Helping to achieve academic excellence
- Heightening social graces
- Stressing the importance of proper health
- Emphasizing the dangers of drug usage
- Developing leadership skills; and
- Promote sisterhood as it relates to relationship with peers and Delta members

The Delta Academy program's Keys to Success:

- Parent/guardian participation
- Attending a majority of the scheduled activities. Informing a mentor when you cannot make it.
- Positive attitudes
- Good listening skills
- Letting your guard down; being open
- Respect
- Punctuality
- Active participation