

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Rho Chapter
presents



**The Dorothy I. Height Spirit
Award**

About Our Soror

Soror Dorothy Irene Height was born on March 24, 1912 into a world fraught with social injustices. As a young teenager, she quickly became involved with organizations whose purpose was to fight against those same injustices. As early as her 20s, she made her mark in the civil rights movement as she helped New York City resolve the Harlem Riots of 1935 and helped organize against lynching. She later went on to work for the desegregation of the armed forces and for complete access to public accommodations.

She was known across the United States as “the Godmother of the Civil Rights movement”, a title that she earned 100 times over. She was the only female leader among the “Big Six,” which included Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Phillip Randolph, John Lewis, and James Farmer. Her opinion was respected and taken very seriously – she truly was a driving force behind the fight for equality. It was Soror Height who arranged for Dr. King to have no limit placed on his speech during the March on Washington in 1963, which allowed him to give his “I Have a Dream” speech in its entirety. She was the brain behind much of the planning and execution of civil rights programs, and she was also an active participant; always watching, always thinking, always present.

Many know her for her role in leading that National Council of Negro Women for more than 40 years, but she was involved in the NCNW as early as 1937 as a volunteer. She devoted her life to causes such as quality of life for Black Americans, health education and economic empowerment through the NCNW and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in addition to her own life’s work. She dedicated almost all of her time to the fight for civil rights and held membership in many other social action groups and programs. She was also extremely involved internationally, working on many humanitarian and research projects in Africa, India and the Caribbean. Her efforts did not go unnoticed; she was the recipient of the 2004 Congressional Gold Medal and the 1994 Presidential Medal of Freedom, among countless others. Recently, the state of Virginia proclaimed March 24, 2011 to be Dorothy Irene Height Day in her honor and George Washington University has established a Scholarship for Public Service in her name.

About The Award

Soror Height became a member of our beloved Sorority in 1939 and was initiated through Rho Chapter. There are many things that can be said about our beloved Soror, but amongst them, we can say that she was a quiet soldier. She personified our Nine Cardinal Virtues. In Delta, we believe that when a Soror passes, she is neither gone nor forgotten because her spirit lives on through the rest of the sisterhood. Keeping with this belief, Rho Chapter is striving to honor an Alumnae Soror from the New York Metropolitan Area who embodies the spirit of Soror Dorothy I. Height, who transitioned out of this life on April 20, 2010 in Washington, DC.

Please nominate any Soror who you believe demonstrate this exemplary spirit. Nominate a Soror who is dedicated to education and social action; one who readily gives advice, who is a quiet soldier not just for Delta but also in her everyday endeavors, and above all, a Soror who is sisterly.

Please complete the enclosed nomination form and send electronically to Rho Chapter at rhopresident1923@gmail.com by **Wednesday, April 11th, 2018**. Please make sure to include the format "Soror's Name - Height Award Nomination" in the email subject line and document title and direct any questions to:

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The recipient of The Dorothy I. Height Spirit Award must be present at the Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Luncheon held at Columbia University on **April 28th, 2018** from 12:00-3:30pm.

The Dorothy I. Height Spirit Award Nomination Form

Criteria for Eligibility

The nominated Soror:

- **Must** be an alumnae Soror who is a financial member of a New York Metropolitan chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- **Must** be nominated by the executive board of a chapter (not necessarily the chapter of current membership).
- **Must** be available to attend the Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Luncheon on **April 28th, 2018** from 12:00-3:30pm.

Name of Nominee: _____

Current Chapter Affiliation: _____

Chapter of Initiation: _____

Telephone Number: (H)_____ (C) _____

Email Address: _____

Education (Undergraduate, Graduate):_____

Degree(s) Earned: _____

Leadership Positions Held (Public, Professional, Delta):

Honors/Awards Received (Public, Professional, Delta):

Educational Involvement:

Social Action Involvement:

How does this Soror embody the ideals of Soror Height? (Please do not exceed 250 words)

Nominated By (Name & Chapter Office): _____

Current Chapter of Affiliation: _____

Please direct any questions or queries to:

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Subject heading: ACH Scholarship