

USC student elected to national sorority office

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The beginning of school for most students means starting classes, decorating dorm rooms and buying books, but, for USC senior Thyra White, it also means national travel, regional programming and speaking engagements.

White has been elected national second vice president for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

"The main purpose of my office is to strengthen the role of undergraduates in our organization and help Delta Sigma Theta members remain active during the transition from undergraduate to alumni members," said White, a psychology major.

She was elected to her national position through a rigorous and extensive campaigning process at the national Delta Sigma Theta convention in San Francisco.

According to the organization's national constitution, the position of second vice president is a two-year position, elected at the biannual convention.

White said Delta Sigma Theta is divided into seven regions with chapters as far away as South Korea, the Bahamas and Liberia.

"I work very closely with regional officers. Together we coordinate the Delta Sigma Theta national service project. This year we're working with the Bush Foundation on the School America Project. The kick-off date for the event is Sept. 14," she said.

The USC chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will participate in the project by coordinating a local reader registration drive, Pam Martin, USC Delta Sigma Theta president, said.

"It's going to work similar to a voter registration drive," said Mar-

tin, who also served on the Delta National Program Planning and Development Committee.

"We will solicit local community organizations, church groups and other campus organizations to go out into the community and sign people up to volunteer to read to children between the ages of one to 10 at least once a week," she said.

The USC chapter is also tentatively working on an adopt-a-school or children's home project for later in the year, Martin said.

"We do so many service projects because the main purposes of the organization are cultural enrichment, academic achievement, economic empowerment for the African-American community and service," she said.

Delta Sigma Theta is also very concerned with raising scholarships for higher education.

They are in the process of planning their second annual Stompfest on Oct. 28. The proceeds from the event will go to the Richard T. Greener minority scholarship fund. The sorority works in conjunction with the Black Alumni Association, Martin said.

Delta Sigma Theta is also sponsoring a South Carolina Delta Day at the State House. Deltas from across the state will meet with legislators and lobby for issues that affect the black community, Martin said.

"Delta Day will show the legislators that we are a force to be reckoned with. When politicians see a large group of people that can decide their futures, they will be more receptive to the wants and needs of their constituents," she said.

She said the organization wants to hold politicians accountable to what they say they will do in the African-American community.

"We also want to increase the awareness of students by letting them know who their congressmen and state representatives are and how they are voting on issues that affect the African-American community," Martin said.

"Delta Sigma Theta certainly keeps you busy," White said.



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Thyra White is the newly elected national second vice-president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

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