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**SIGMA RHO
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*Zeta: A Community Conscious,
Action Oriented Organization*



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The History of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC as the sister organization to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Five women chose not to embrace the tenets of established black sororities, and chartered Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to encourage the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs; promote service projects on college campuses and in the community; foster sisterhood; and exemplify the ideal of Finer Womanhood. A private nonprofit organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is incorporated in Washington, DC, in the state of Illinois, and in Goldsboro, NC.



Since its inception, the sorority has chronicled a number of "firsts" among the established black sororities. In addition to being the only organization constitutionally bound to a fraternity, the sorority was the first to charter international chapters, those in Africa and Germany; to form adult and youth auxiliary groups, the Amicae, Archonettes, Amicettes, and Pearl-ettes; and to organize its internal affairs within a central, national office administered by a paid staff.

Zeta Phi Beta's purpose is to foster the ideals of service, charity, scholarship, civic and cultural endeavors, sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority's national

programs for which its members and auxiliary groups provide countless hours of voluntary services to staff community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change.

The History of Sigma Rho Zeta Chapter

During the summer of 2001, a group of sorors began discussing the noticeable void in a nearby, thriving community where there was no Zeta presence. These sorors were actively involved in the local graduate chapter, but were beckoned by the call to integrate Zeta into the diverse communities that compile the Cary, North Carolina area. After several months of thorough research and vigorous planning, ten esteemed women embarked upon the challenge of chartering a Zeta chapter that would predominately serve these communities.

On June 1, 2002, the tangible results of their diligent efforts were born into reality in the living room of one of its members. Thus, Sigma Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was officially chartered by the NC State Director, Eastern Regional Director, and NC Area II Coordinator.



Through vision, leadership and vigilance, members of Sigma Rho Zeta constantly strive to share their enthusiasm for the primary purposes of community outreach and volunteer



services to embrace Cary and its surrounding communities. United the goal of maintaining a visible and productive presence, members are empowered

by the knowledge that it takes one to reach many. For years to come, Sigma Rho Zeta will strive to always share positive and broad-based resources to project the vitality of the Sorority's immaculate image.

Chapter Signature Programs:

- Annual Girls' Night In
- Light The Night Walk
- Adopt-A-Family Holiday Cheer Events
- Zeta Prematurity Awareness Weekend
- Triangle Area Founders' Day
- African American Read-In
- Triangle Youth "Step-Off"
- Z-HOPE Community Health Fair
- March of Dimes WalkAmerica
- Special Olympics
- Sister's Keeper

National Partnerships & Affiliations

American Diabetes Association
American Cancer Society
American Lung Association
American Red Cross
Black Women's Health Imperative
Howard Thurman Educational Trust
Leadership Conference of Civil Rights
March of Dimes
NAACP
National Council of Women of the U.S.A.
National Council of Negro Women
National Medical Association
National Pan-Hellenic Council
National Political Congress of Black Women
Office of Minority Health (Healthy People 2010)
SIDS Foundation
The Black Women's Agenda
The Washington Center
Urban League
United Nations
United Negro College Fund