



Memo: Principal/Guidance Counselors/SSW/ Psychologists
From: Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Inc.

September 22, 2008

Re: Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy

Greetings from PWCAC of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

It is that time again! As we kick off the 2008-09 **Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy** year, we the Lovely Ladies of the PWCAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., ask for your support and assistance in selecting participants for our program. The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy was created out of an urgent sense that bold action was needed to save our young females (ages 11-14) from the perils of academic failure, low self esteem, and crippled futures. PWCAC Delta Academy has partnered with local middle schools across Prince William County, Manassas Park, and Manassas City for several years to further enhance and enrich the educational, social, and leadership capabilities of our young ladies.

Specifically, Delta Academy's objective is to augment our young ladies' scholarship in math, science, and technology by exposing them to activities and different science-based experiences that may not be considered traditional or they may otherwise not be given opportunity. It is our desire to teach these young ladies forms of leadership through service learning (community service), sisterhood, defined as cultivation and maintenance of relationships, health & beauty, self-esteem, and etiquette workshops etc. The ultimate goal of our program is to connect with families and schools in partnership, to fully prepare our young ladies for the 21st century.

The academy takes many forms to implement its goals and objectives. We meet on one to two Saturdays throughout the months of October through June. Many of our young ladies are selected through the schools and we are depending on you, as a part of the staff to identify those who you believe could benefit the most by what is to be offered.

Ideas of who we are looking for...

- **11-14 years of age with potential but limited opportunity to achieve success**
- **Identified by schools, churches, youth groups, or individuals**
- **Interested in video games, computers, and technology**
- **Interested in learning new things**
- **Interested in math, science, technology, or careers that are considered non-traditional**
- **Usually overlooked or left out of special programs at school because they are not perceived as being able to overcome financial, personal, or academic obstacles in their lives.**
- **Perceived to have low self-esteem but with a little guidance, their future looks bright**

Please read the attached invitation letter for more details. Also please copy invitation letters and applications and distribute at your discretion. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Andrea Etheridge (804) 307-6508 or Celeste M. Sharper (703) 580-5853. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter of great importance. Remember, "It takes a village to raise a child".

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