



RICHMOND ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.  
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**December 16, 2020**

To Richmond Area School Administrators, Parents, and Students:

The Arts and Letters Committee of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is proud to announce its **31st Annual L. Rita Davis Oratorical Contest** to be held **Saturday, February 6, 2021**. This year, the contest will be held **virtually** and is open to students in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Richmond Metropolitan area.

This year's theme: ***"Power in Our Virtual Voices"***

Competition categories will include:

Narratives, oral and dramatic interpretation, originality, storytelling and presentation abilities.

*Students are encouraged to compose original selections with a theme around Black History which is celebrated during the month of February.*

We request your assistance in recommending talented youth for this event. The competition will encourage and provide a showcase for our aspiring students. All participants will be recognized and special awards will be given to the winners of each of the five grade level categories. ***Please encourage and recommend students to participate.***

**School Administrators:** If you plan to have students participate in the contest, **please designate a coordinator from your school and submit their contact information via email to [artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com)**. Schools are recognized for the highest participation the day of the contest.

**Parents and Students:** If students wish to participate in the contest, you **MUST** complete the digital **Registration and Use of Image Release Form (link below)**. Forms must be completed by **January 19, 2021**.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpY9\\_MOXibYee4nJI4XhH1qyc7NpuVrwQPQErkZEI6ehfJ3Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpY9_MOXibYee4nJI4XhH1qyc7NpuVrwQPQErkZEI6ehfJ3Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

For more information, please contact Leslie Lewis at [artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com) or 804-387-1865.

Thank you,

Vanessa Evans, President Richmond Alumnae Chapter Arts

Dr. Antoinette M. Rogers, Chairperson Richmond Alumnae Chapter Arts & Letters Committee

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SERVICE

Richmond Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
**31st Annual Oratorical Contest**

Via Zoom

**Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Theme:** “*Power in Our Virtual Voices*”

**WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN BASED UPON:**

\* Articulation \* Originality \* Interpretation \* Clarity \* Timing \* Delivery

**Guidelines:**

- All Presentations Will Be Strictly Limited to **One Participant**
- Only the orator should appear on camera
- Please make sure video is **well lit** and with **appropriate volume** (no background noise)
- The Selection **MUST NOT Exceed 3 Minutes**
- Selection must begin with **GREETINGS**: name, school, title of selection and if it is an original piece or not

**Recommendations:**

- Dress to Impress / Dress like a character from your selection
- Props are welcomed
- Additional points are awarded for original student written performances
- Selections should be memorized; reading your selection is discouraged

**Awards will be presented in each of the following categories:**

High Level: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Junior Level: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Upper Primary: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
Middle Primary: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades  
Lower Primary: Pre K and Kindergarten

**TO SUBMIT VIDEO:**

**Please send video AS A LINK to the email:  
[dstoratoricalvideos@gmail.com](mailto:dstoratoricalvideos@gmail.com)**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Arts & Letters Committee – [artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com)**