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SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

Saturday, June 21, 2025 | 11:30-2:30

San Francisco State University
Student Life Events Center
1 N. State Drive, San Francisco, CA 04132



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About the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter

The Mission of the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter is to organize and implement a full program of public service initiatives in the local communities of San Francisco and Marin. Rooted in Delta Sigma Theta's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust, our chapter's work focuses on economic justice, educational equity, physical and mental health, and social action. Through these program areas, we strive to provide resources, scholarships, mentorship, and strategic initiatives that empower individuals, strengthen families, and uplift communities.

Founded on January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. At the heart of our work is a commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action.

Whether we are advocating for policy reform, supporting youth through educational programs, promoting financial literacy, or addressing critical health disparities, our goal remains the same: to leave a lasting impact that preserves our legacy, promotes our wellbeing, and protects our future toward a stronger, more just society.

In the past five years, SFAC is proud to have awarded nearly \$200,000 in scholarships to more than 50 students, and since our chartering we've granted more than \$500,000 in scholarships, showcasing our commitment to the pursuit of higher education.



A Message from Our Scholarship Chair

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate our outstanding scholarship recipients. Your achievements, dedication, and passion for learning have brought you to this moment, and we are proud to support your continued growth and success. This scholarship brunch represents more than financial assistance. It is a commitment to nurturing potential and investing in futures filled with promise. Each of you has demonstrated resilience, excellence, and the drive to make a meaningful impact in your communities and beyond.

A very special thank you to our Scholarship Committee (Natasha Griffin Kambi, Ifey Nzerem, Heneliaka Jones, and Janelle Green) for your hard work, commitment, and countless hours of service throughout the year. Your thoughtful evaluation, collaboration, and dedication have been vital to the success of our scholarship program. It was your engagement throughout this year that has been invaluable, and I'm profoundly thankful.

To all of our supporters, thank you for championing the value of education and the promise within each of our scholars. Your support truly makes a lasting difference.

Congratulations to our recipients! We can't wait to see what you will achieve next.

With Gratitude,

Alena Maunder





A Message from Our Fundraising Chair

With heartfelt appreciation and joy, I extend my deepest thanks for joining us at our Scholarship Brunch. As Fundraising Chairperson, I have been truly inspired by the unwavering commitment of our community in supporting our 20 remarkable scholars on their academic journeys. This event is a testament to the power of collective support, the belief that when we come together with purpose and heart, we can uplift future leaders, dreamers, and changemakers.

To our scholars, your dedication and achievements are truly inspiring. May this celebration serve as a tribute to your hard work and a reminder of the bright future that lies ahead. Your perseverance and excellence continue to motivate us all, and we are honored to recognize your journey.

To our donors, sponsors, and supporters, thank you for believing in the power of education and for standing behind these students. Your generosity is shaping futures and leaving a lasting impact.

I am deeply grateful to be part of this meaningful celebration, and I look forward to seeing the continued success of our scholars and the enduring legacy of this program.

In appreciation,

Antoinette Porter





Event Program

Sounds by Mickala Cheadle Josey and Future Perfect Band

Emcee: Dr. Matais D. Pouncil

Silent Auction until 2 PM

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Saidah Leatutufu-Burch, President, San Francisco Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Tachelle Herron-Lane, Academic Advisor, Soul of SF State

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Mickala Cheadle Josey

Invocation

Pastor Staci Current

Brunch & Good Vibes

Keynote Speaker: Fredrika Newton

Co-Founder and President, Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation
Co-Founder, Black Panther Party Museum

Introduced by De'Yani Dillard

Fireside Chat

Dr. Saidah Leatutufu-Burch (Moderator), Fredrika Newton, Lejeanne Shelton, Arianna Grice, Zoe King

Scholar Presentation

Alena Maunder, Scholarship Committee Chair
Natasha Griffin Kambi, Scholarship Committee Member

Auction Results

Dr. Matais D. Pouncil

Thank you & Closing Remarks

Antoinette Porter, Fundraising Chair
Alena Maunder, Scholarship Chair



“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



Meet Our 2025-2026 Scholarship Recipients



Annica Harris

University of Southern California
Nongovernmental Organizations and Social Change



Amahji Cook

University of Arizona
Psychology



Harmony Harris

Long Beach State University
Psychology



Maty Thiane

George Washington University
Civil Engineering



Damysia Walls

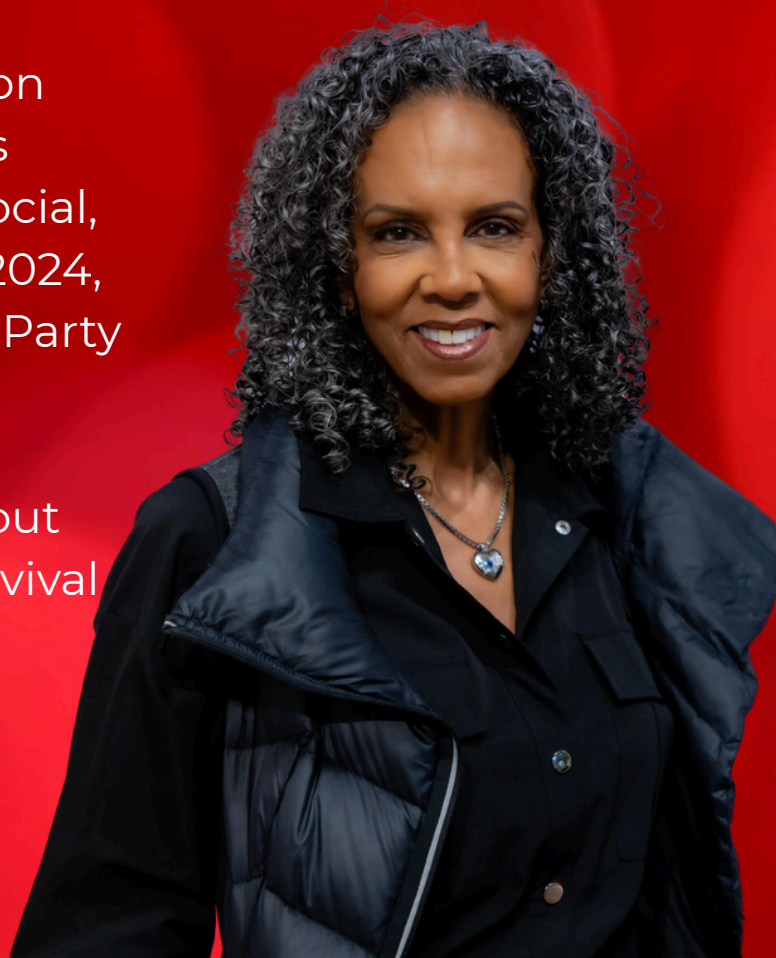
Xavier University
Psychology



About the Keynote Speaker: Fredrika Newton

Fredrika Newton is the co-founder of the Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation and the Black Panther Party Museum in Oakland. A former rank and file member of the Black Panther Party, Fredrika is also the widow of its co-founder Dr. Huey P. Newton. For 30 years, the Foundation has worked to preserve and promote the accurate legacy and ideals of the Black Panther Party.

Under her leadership, the foundation commissions public art and creates educational tools to produce real social, economic and political change. In 2024, she co-founded The Black Panther Party Museum in downtown Oakland, featuring a variety of exhibitions designed to educate the public about the Party. Its newest exhibition, *Survival Pending Revolution*, opened on February 13th of 2025.





About the Emcee: Matais D. Pouncil, Ed. D.

Dr. Matais D. Pouncil is the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Evergreen Valley College in San José, California. With nearly 25 years of experience in higher education across the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California systems, he has served in numerous leadership roles including Dean of Student Services, Associate Dean of Financial Aid Services and Student Success, and Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. He has also taught graduate students at the University of California and served as full-time faculty at a California State University.

Dr. Pouncil earned his B.S. in Economics from Southern University in Baton Rouge, an M.Ed. in Social and Multicultural Foundations from California State University, Long Beach, and became the first African American man to earn an Ed.D. from the University of California, Irvine. He also completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.



In addition to his academic leadership, Dr. Pouncil is deeply committed to civic and cultural engagement. He is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., serves on the board of the historic Cameron-Stanford House, and is a former board member of both the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area and the African American Shakespeare Company. He is also active with the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, a supporter of the GRIP Training Institute, and a passionate patron of the arts.

An avid traveler, Dr. Pouncil has explored 42 U.S. states and four continents, enriching his global perspective and deepening his commitment to education, equity, and cultural understanding.



Meet Our Current Scholarship Recipients



De'Yani Dillard
Dillard University
Senior - Psychology



Erika Morris
Fisk University
Graduating Senior - Political Science



Shima Konishi-Gray
University of Southern California
Junior - Political Science



Thaliyah Miller
San Jose State University
Junior - Social Work



T'yanna Thomas
Tennessee State University
Sophomore - Human Performance and Sports Science



Meet Our Current Scholarship Recipients



Raven Shaw

Howard University
Junior - Economics



Symil Austin

UC Riverside
Senior - Psychology



Israa Mussa

Howard University
Graduating Senior - Political Science



Zoe King

Clemson University
Psychology



Gabrielle Grice

Tennessee State University
Junior - Political Science



Meet Our Current Scholarship Recipients



Indigo Eatmon

San Diego State University
Senior - Journalism

Elani Johnson-Heyward

North Carolina A & T
Junior - Business Administration



Tori Scott

Livingstone College
Sophomore - Computer Science



Samrawit Menghisto

CSU Los Angeles
Graduating Senior - Biochemistry

Arianna Grice
Hampton University
Political Science - Pre Law





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