



Sydney Sharpe



Jalena Roseborough

Young dancers make big impression

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Local dancers Reyana Bentley 12, Sydney Sharpe, 10, and Jalena Roseborough, 13, have been recruited by renowned dancer/choreographer/actress/director Debbie Allen to star in her latest musical production, "Brothers of the Knight," a spin on the Grimm Brother's "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" that will be staged at Charlotte's Owens Auditorium from July 17-20.



Reyana Bentley

Auditions for talented young dancers were held in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Charlotte, where Reyana, Sydney and Jalena, students of Courtney Taylor's Positive Image Performing Arts in Winston-Salem, dazzled and stood out among the more than 200 others who auditioned.

Positive Image Performing Arts, based at the Winston-Salem Lake Family YMCA (901 Waterworks Rd.), strives to help "youth to reach their full potential through God, education, dance and performing arts, thus becoming positive images in their communities." Learn more about the studio at www.pipartsnc.com.

Educators' sorority marks anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Ninety-one of Forsyth County's key female educators met at Forsyth Country Club on April 12 for the annual Delta Kappa Gamma luncheon. The Zeta Chapter, chartered June 1, 1939, hosted the event, which had a 75th birthday party theme.

Members of several Delta Kappa Gamma chapters were on hand. Eta State President Patricia Taylor helped Region IX Director/Beta Nu President Toni Bigham and Zeta President Wrenn Conrad initiate 13 new members and induct 2014-16 officers into the three local chapters - Zeta, Beta Mu and Beta Nu. Reagan High School Senior Anna Simeonides received the annual joint recruitment grant from Zeta Scholarship Chair Sandy Crater. Poet Terri Kirby Erickson delivered the keynote address, and the Reynolds High School group Synopates, under director Terry Hicks, performed a 1930s medley.

In addition to Zeta Chapter's 75th anniversary, 2014 marks the founding of Delta Kappa Gamma International in Austin, Texas on May 11, 1929 and NC Eta State on October 23, 1934.

Delta Kappa Gamma International has members in 18 countries throughout the world. Eta State, the



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The new members are initiated into local chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma.

fourth largest in the entire organization, after Texas, California and Ohio, has 5,000 members in 107 chapters divided into 11 regions across North Carolina. The three Forsyth Chapters have a total of 180 members who are invited to join based on their contributions to local students and education.

The Zeta Chapter welcomed into membership Abby Allen, a teacher at Jefferson Middle School, Clemmons Elementary teacher Penny Carlton and Terri Kirby Erickson, who teaches poetry classes to students of all grade levels.

The Beta Mu Chapter initiated Nina Cassidy, Cathy Denning, Kay Landry and Rhett Newton. Beta Nu has six new members - Amber Bryant,



Eta State President Patricia Taylor speaks.

Dean Clifford, Patty Dewitt, Sarah Huddleston, Jennifer Murphy and Cynthia Needham.

The new officers for the Zeta Chapter are President Penny Craver-Beck, First VP Leslie Baldwin, Second VP Alexandra Hoskins, Recording Secretary Kay

Windsor and Corresponding Secretary Julie Addington. The Beta Mu officers are President Barbara Scantland, First VP Judith Kuhn, Recording Secretary Roanna Ornelles and Corresponding Secretary Lynn Roach. The Beta Nu officers are President Cyndney Conger, First VP Susan Carter-Hope, Second VP Nancy Hoover and Secretary Cynthia Curtis.

Three members received special recognition for their many years of membership. Zeta Hazel Mitchell and Beta Mu Martha Walker are 60-year members, while Mabel Brandon was honored for 55 years of membership.



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