



January 23, 2022

Dear CMS Administrator,

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Arts and Letters Committee Presents:

***My Dream: A Spoken Word Competition***

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter's Arts and Letters Committee has a mission to implement programs that promote an appreciation of different art forms and foster community-wide Arts enrichment.

We are seeking middle and high school students from CMS to exhibit their verbal talent through the artistic format of Spoken Word/Poetry. Participants will have the opportunity to perform an original piece that combines the elements of performance, articulation, creative style, stage presence and subject matter that culminates in virtual competitions.

Students will create their piece based on the topic: "My Dream" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and will incorporate the word eighty (80) into their original piece. Scoring is based on articulation, creative style, stage presence, and subject matter. The awarded prizes are 1<sup>st</sup>-place \$175, 2<sup>nd</sup>-place \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup>-place \$100. All participants will be recognized for their efforts.

Students will need to record their spoken word performance on their own and submit their video to Delta Sigma Theta's Arts and Letters Committee. Additionally, selected participants will remain engaged during the process through a series of activities during a virtual Writer's Workshop facilitated by Bluz Rogers of Blumenthal Performing Arts.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. adheres to policies and procedures that will keep youth and adult volunteers emotionally and physically safe. As with all our youth initiatives, parents will need to provide consent for their students to participate in the virtual Spoken Word Competition. Compliance documents will be emailed to parents for completion and submission prior to the competition.

Charlotte Mecklenburg School District has been a continual focus for many of CAC Delta's service programs including our yearly youth initiatives: Delta GEMS, Delta Academy, and Delta Cotillion.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping art in public education by allowing Delta Sigma Theta to assist with your efforts. We are confident this will be a great experience for your students.

Please feel free to contact CAC Arts and Letters Chairpersons, Renee Harrison and Dr. Kondra Rattley with any questions at the email below. Please submit your commitment to the Spoken Word Competition at the same email address: [artsletters@charlottedst.org](mailto:artsletters@charlottedst.org).

We look forward to receiving your commitment by Monday, January 31, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody Harris".

Melody Harris, President  
Charlotte Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.