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South Florida's Distinguished Men Cook up Delectable Dishes to Raise Scholarship Dollars for Underserved Youth

Miami, Fla. – May 6, 2013 – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Miami Alumnae Chapter, in partnership with Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative, Inc. (DEHCI), will host its 18th annual Cooking Gents Affair on Saturday, May 18, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center. What began as a small fundraiser back in 1995 has grown into a high-profile event that tops itself every year. Last year the Cooking Gents Affair hosted over 500 guests and raised more than \$30,000.

The theme for this year's event is *Food for the Soul: Amazing Food, Amazing Gents*. Featuring South Florida's most distinguished gentlemen and their favorite cuisine, the event boasts an evening of vibrant music, mouth-watering dishes, and opportunities to win fabulous prizes through several raffles including a 50/50 raffle.

"The Cooking Gents Affair is one of Miami Alumnae's most exuberant fundraising events," stated Brenda Bryant, president of the Miami Alumnae Chapter. "Not only is it an evening filled with fascinating people and tasty cuisines, prepared by some of Miami's most delightful gentlemen, it's an event designed to bring the community together for an important cause—ensuring the future of our youth."

The Cooking Gents Affair is a fundraising event that benefits the chapter's Scholarship Fund—providing scholarship funding to some of South Florida's most deserving youth. In addition to surpassing last year's fundraising goal, the event has exploded into a celebratory event that empowers community members to make a difference in the lives of some of Miami-Dade County's underserved students.

"We have provided more than \$290,000 in scholarships to deserving young ladies of the Miami-Dade community for more than 50 years. Annually, we continue to provide more and more support, reaching some of the brightest scholars our community has to offer. We invite the community to come along with us and be a part of history and giving back," said Andrea Pelt-Thornton, president, DEHCI.

The Cooking Gents Affair will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$20 for children, and can be purchased from members of the Miami Alumnae Chapter.

For more information on the Cooking Gents Affair, please e-mail cgents@dstmiami.org or call (305) 609-0858.

About the Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative, Inc: The Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative, Inc. (DEHCI) is a not-for-profit organization that promotes educational, health and cultural related services and programs that enrich South Florida's diverse communities. DEHCI awards \$20,000 in scholarships annually to deserving college freshmen—more than \$290,000 in scholarships has been awarded to date.

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About the Miami Alumnae Chapter: Chartered in 1941, The Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has established itself as a public service organization in Miami-Dade County. The chapter serves the community through projects and programs that are aligned with the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust and that educate and empower the community. Miami Alumnae has a membership of over 300 and has received local and national recognition for its commitment to community service. For more information, visit www.dstmiami.org.

About Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 300,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development; Educational Development; International Awareness and Involvement; Physical and Mental Health; and Political Awareness and Involvement. *The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University and is in its 100th year, celebrating a century of an unyielding commitment to public service and a rich and elegant legacy of resilience and fortitude.* For more information about Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., visit www.deltasigmatheta.org.

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