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Message From Our President



It's Fall, y'all! This means colder weather, warmer clothes and pumpkin spice EVERYTHING. For our chapter, Fall brings us fully into what we do: the planning and execution of events and activities, reporting on what we have accomplished, and opportunities to fellowship with your fellow Mother members, their families and our Associates. We are in full swing!

On the heels of an amazing Jack and Jill Day, and what was an awesome experience for members that attended the On the Hill Legislative Summit in Washington, DC; we look forward to the IL Area Work Day Cluster at the end of this month, an initiative with St. Jude Hospitals, our Group activities and implementing our community service and outreach.

There's a lot to do and a lot to learn-the doing and learning never end. It makes us who we are, and I am proud of who we are.

It's Fall. The seeds have been planted. Your commitment and full participation will ensure a beautiful harvest for the South Suburban Chicago Chapter. Grow in your greatness!

Daleta Mitchell
President

Jack and Jill Day 2019

Jack and Jill Day was a success! The Teens, Wynton Wright, Jade Mitchell, Cameron Mitchell and Faith Wilson with the help of Group 4 Jackson Alsberry presented an informative, moving and inspiring experience for the Carole Robertson program. During the ceremony they provided a brief history of Carole Robertson, the church bombing at 16th Street Baptist Church and why her legacy still lives. Their presentation was made especially heartfelt with the reading of the poem, Ballad of Birmingham by Dudley Randall. The participants did a fantastic job!

After the Carole Robertson program kids of all ages were welcomed to the dance floor by the #1 Kid Party DJ in the area. At just 11 years old, DJ Reign Supreme amazed us with his repertoire of music which ranged from House to Hip Hop to R&B. If the kids were not busy dancing they were watching the balloon artist Sean Gardiner create the animal of their dreams, eating the delicious food catered by Blazing Ribz (the family business of Michelle Hemp-Anderson) or munching on sweets provided by the Teen group during their fundraising bake sale. Thank you Chair Downing and Programing Committee for an outstanding job well done!



2019 On The Hill- Legislative Summit

Legislative Chair Kimberly Orlandi, Mother Member Tonya Coats and Teens Jaden Sharp (Legislative Chair), Kennedi Coats and Veronica Goldstein attended the 2019 On The Hill Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. The seven day program began with a “Welcome to Chocolate City” themed welcome reception followed by a series of highly engaging seminars.

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In addition to the seminars, a well-respected panel of speakers presented on various topics pertaining to legislation:

- Donna
Brazile
-
Political
Stratetist
and
FOX
News

Contributor

- Lucy
McBath
-
Congresswoman(D-
GA),
Mother
of
Jordan
Dacis
“Loud
Music
Shooting”
- Bakari
Sellers-
Attorney/Politician/Political
Analyst,
CNN
- Benjamin
Crump,
Esq-
Civil
Right
Attorney
- Valerie
Jarrett-
Author,
Former
Senior
Advisor,
Pres.
Obama
- Kemba
Smith-
Activist,
Author,
Speaker

What a wonderful experience for all who attended!

Jack and Jill Census

JJSSCC is currently at 40% chapter participation. We can do better! Please take

a few moments to complete the survey. Chapters who receive 85% participation will be rewarded however let's strive for 100%!

The deadline has been extended to **October 9th**.

[Please click here to be directed to the survey](#)

IL Area Fall Workday- Community Service Ask

Over the next 2 years the Mid-Western Region will be looking to make an impact on mental health in our communities. For the IL Area Workday Cluster we have an ask for the Chapters and for the Teens:

Chapters: We are asking each chapter to give a minimum of 15 \$10 gift cards to Target, Walmart, Walgreens or CVS. Please note each gift card can not have a value greater than \$10. That is an ask of \$150 in gift cards per chapter.

Mother Members attending IL Area Workday Cluster - Please bring an unsealed notecard with an encouraging note to be given to a person who is transitioning from being in a psychiatric ward to living on their own for the first time while coping with mental illness. Please sign your card "Jack and Jill Mom".

We will collect the gift cards at the Foundation Table during the IL Area Workday Cluster on Saturday.

Our goal is to collect 250 \$10 Gift Cards! Thank you in advance for your support. Please contact MAL Marvis Donalson via email or phone 847.922.8638 with any questions.

Teens: We are asking each teen to bring an item that will help a child that is going through the intake process to be evaluated or admitted for mental illness. Please bring one of the following:

- Puzzles
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 - Up
 - to
 - 60
 - Pieces
 - (New

or
Gently
Used)
■ Children's
Books
-
Picture
Books
up
to
Kindergarten
(New
or
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Our Goal is 3-4 Puzzles and Books Per Chapter. This will give us a total of 60 Puzzles and 60 Books.

Up The Hill



It's almost that time of year again! Submissions for the 2020 edition of Up the Hill will be due by **January 1, 2020.**

Up the Hill is the annual publication that showcases who Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated is as a national organization. In addition to highlighting the many projects and activities planned by our chapters, it provides a medium for us to celebrate our families, Regions, Debs, Beaus, and graduating seniors.

If you would like your family, graduating senior, deb and/or beau to be featured in

this publication, please submit the photo you would like to use no later than January 1st (.jpg or .pdf ONLY).

While all families are able to submit a photo, being featured in UTH is especially important for our graduating seniors! For moms of graduating seniors/debutantes/beaus, a bio will be needed to accompany your photo submission (*no more than 100 words- if you send more than 100 words your submission will be edited).

Please send all photos and bios to Editor Alsberry at editor@jackandjillsscc.com. Submissions will only be accepted at this email address. If you have any questions, please contact [Editor Alsberry](#).

More information and details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Silver Bells: A Holiday Tradition

Jack and Jill South Suburban Chicago Chapter Presents:

Silver Bells: A Holiday Affair

Sunday, December 8, 2019

1pm-5pm

Georgios Banquets

880 W. 159th Street Orland Park, IL 60462

Celebrate the magic of the holidays with Jack and Jill South Suburban Chicago Chapter

It's never too early to start thinking about one of the most magical times of the year and there's no better way to spend it than celebrating with family and friends. We've planned a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, great food, entertainment, and fun activities for the children. Additionally, we are supporting our community partner, the Boys and Girls Club of Ford Heights, by continuing our tradition of "giving the gift of literacy" to the children. All are encouraged to bring a child appropriate book to drop into Santa's Box.

Ticket prices are as follows:

- Silver Bells (Table of 10): \$650.00

- o Guests will receive a table photo

- o Two bottles of champagne

- o Priority seating

- Jack and Jill South Suburban Chapter Member -Adults: \$65.00

- Jack and Jill South Suburban Chapter Member - Children: \$45.00

- Guests – Adults: \$70.00

- Guests – Children: \$55.00

For additional inquires contact Chair [Michelle Lee](#) or Co-Chair [Gigi Hinton](#).

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

STEMPREP Project

STEM Opportunity for our Teens

STEMPREP Project is a vehicle for producing multiple generations of minority terminal degree holders (Ph.D., M.D.) in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and Medicine. The STEMPREP Project is a revolutionary training paradigm which utilizes an early start model (7th grade) for a national pool of minority high achievers, a longitudinal training continuum (10 years) and a multi-institutional mentorship approach (10 sites). For the last 30 years, the STEMPREP Project has employed this innovative training paradigm to create a cadre of STEM trainees eligible for post-baccalaureate programs at the nation's elite graduate schools, medical schools and engineering schools.

Three summer residential programs under the STEMPREP Project have generated a pipeline of advanced trainees: the Physician Scientist Training Program (PSTP) was designed to produce candidates for M.D. programs in academic medicine and M.D./Ph.D. dual degree programs; the Basic Scientist Training Program (BSTP) was designed to produce candidates for Ph.D. programs in the biomedical sciences; the Technology, Engineering & Math Program (TEMP) was designed to produce computer scientists and engineers,

as well as candidates for Ph.D. programs in bio-informatics, bio-engineering, and bio-statistics.

The STEMPREP Project has become one of the most successful STEM training initiatives in U.S. history: 100% of their trainees attend college, 99% graduate from college, 92% complete the 10-year regimen and 83% of college seniors matriculate into post-baccalaureate educational programs in STEM. Target populations are those racial groups underrepresented in the STEM arena: African Americans, Mexican Americans, Native Hawaiians, Native Americans, Puerto Ricans and Pacific Islanders.

The application period for admission is October 01, 2019 - February 28, 2020, and applicants should be "A-B" students for the last three years. All applicants must take the SSAT national exam and fee waivers can be obtained for the SSAT by calling Dr. Knibb: 215-828-1790.

The five-week summer internships for 7th & 8th graders are conducted in teaching labs/lecture halls at the University of Washington (Seattle) and trainees live in University dorms. The seven-week summer internships for 9th & 10th graders are conducted in biomedical research labs at four Philadelphia Medical Schools and trainees live in dorms at the University of Pennsylvania. Extensive details about the STEMPREP Project can be found on their website: www.thedistancelearningcenter.org

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Mother Member Deadra Stokes who was recently appointed to the Lincoln-Way High School District 210 board of education. She was one of eight applicants the board interviewed for the position. Deadra, who has many plans for the district in her new role, will be sworn into office at the board's Oct. 17th meeting. Kudos!

Do you have information or news to share with our chapter?

If you'd like to contribute to the monthly JJSSCC newsletter, please send your information to editor@jackandjillsscc.com.

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