



DISTINGUISHED MEN  
COOKIN' WITH  
THE DELTAS



# CHEF REGISTRATION PACKET

## 2018



We are very excited about your participation in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas: The Showdown! The members of the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation, Inc. look forward to tasting your delicious dishes and seeing who will be crowned The Showdown Champion! This information packet provides all of the details needed to register for this event. Again, we thank you for your participation and desire to make a difference in our community, one dish at a time.

Yvette Downs  
Co-Chair

Courtney Keeler  
Co-Chair

Elisabeth Jones  
Co-Chair



Greetings Distinguished Chef:

The Washington DC Alumnae Chapter (WDCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas event is a signature program that provides chefs with a passion for food and cooking, an effective vehicle to support local programming and the college aspirations of local youth. Our fundraiser has raised over \$165,000 for scholarships and programs since its inception.

This is the 14th annual year for this signature program and this year it is being sponsored jointly by WDCAC and the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF), Inc. And, WDCAC and WDCAF, Inc. requests your participation as a chef in our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas community fundraiser. This volunteer-run, community event features amateur and professional chefs throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area for a one of a kind tasting extravaganza. We're looking forward to your participation on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, at Trinity Washington University's Athletic Center in Washington, DC.

WDCAC and WDCAF, Inc. have served the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area for more than 96 & 32 years, respectively, by providing community programs in education, health, political, economical and international development. Our event has proven that dining with a common purpose provides ambitious students the opportunity to attend college.

WDCAC programs include but are not limited to:

- \*Delta GEMS (young women ages 14-18)
- \*EMBODI (young men ages 11 to 18)
- \*Diabetes Awareness Programs
- \*Adoption and Foster Care Awareness Programs

WDCAF, Inc. (a 501(c)3 organization) programs include but are not limited to:

- \*New Endeavors by Women
- \*The Afro Newspaper
- \*Family Matters of Greater Washington
- \*The Fishing School

On behalf of the students and families served by community programs and scholarships, we thank you for your genuine consideration of support. If you have any questions, please contact the Chef Coordinator at [CookinwiththeDeltas@wdcacadst.org](mailto:CookinwiththeDeltas@wdcacadst.org). For more information on the initiatives above, please visit, [wdcacadst.org](http://wdcacadst.org) and [wdcaf.org](http://wdcaf.org).

Sincerely,

*Nichelle A. Poe, President*  
*Washington DC Alumnae Chapter*  
*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

*Audrey M. Doman, President*  
*Washington D. C. Alumnae Foundation, Inc.*

# Chef Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dish Information:**

Main: \_\_\_\_\_ Side: \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert: \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of dish: \_\_\_\_\_

**Setup Needs:**

Outlet?: \_\_\_\_\_ Sterno?: \_\_\_\_\_ Ice?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a Chef Assistant (fee)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Chef Assistant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a?: Professional chef \_\_\_\_\_ or Amateur chef \_\_\_\_\_

Did anyone refer you?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in participating in a Showdown? \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Showdown winners will receive a grand prize. Interest does not guarantee participation. Limited entries available.)

How many years have you participated in this event? \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Note – Event tables accommodate 2 chefs. If you'd like to share a table with a specific chef, please indicate name): \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration deadline: Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Email completed form to: [cookinwiththedeltas@wdcacdst.org](mailto:cookinwiththedeltas@wdcacdst.org)

Mail to: WDCAC, Attn: Distinguished Men, PO Box 90202, Washington, DC 20090

(please do not write below line)

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ CAFP: \_\_\_\_\_ PCT: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Table #: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTINGUISHED MEN COOKIN' WITH THE DELTAS ADULT PARTICIPATION & MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm to the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (**WDCAC**) and the Washington D.C. Alumnae Foundation (**WDCAF**), Inc. that I authorize my participation in the Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas event and its related activities, and that I have the legal authority to provide my consent and authorization for such participation.

I, and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns hereby release, waive, covenant not to sue, agree to hold harmless and forever discharge **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** and its executive board, members, employees, agents, affiliates and assigns; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., its officers, national board members, employees, members, local chapters, representatives, agents, affiliates and assigns (collectively, **Delta**), from any and all claims, demands and any actions or right of action of any and every kind, directly or indirectly arising out of, or relating in any aspect from any injury, action or inaction which may occur as a result of my participation in the Event.

I further agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless Delta, either jointly or severally, from any and every claim, demand, damages, loss of service or expense for property damages and for death, illness, bodily or personal injuries known or unknown which may occur to myself by my participation in the Event, or any activities in connection with the Event brought by a third party resulting or arising from my participation in the Event; unless such injury, illness, death, property damage or loss is a direct result of the willful misconduct of any Delta. I understand that, without limitation of the foregoing, Delta shall not be liable, and is hereby released from all claims that may arise from loss or damage to my personal property.

As a part of my participation in this **Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas Event**, I hereby grant **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** the unrestricted right and permission to use and re-use my likeness in any and all publications, including photograph, television broadcast, video recording, internet sites, audio-recording or any other form of electronic or print communication (the Promotional Materials), for its own purposes without payment or any other consideration to me, in perpetuity. I understand and agree that any material produced using my likeness is the property of **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.**

I understand and agree that the Promotional Materials will become the property of **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute my image or likeness for purposes of publicizing or promoting the **WDCAC's** or **WDCAF, Inc.'s** programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my own likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the Promotional Materials.

I hereby hold harmless and forever discharge **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** from any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the photographed activities in which I am taking part. I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

~ AND IF APPLICABLE ~

**DISTINGUISHED MEN COOKIN' WITH THE DELTAS MINOR CHILDREN PARTICIPATION AND MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Parent/Guardian) hereby affirm to the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (**WDCAC**) and the Washington D.C. Alumnae Foundation (**WDCAF**), Inc. that I authorize my child's participation in the Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas and its related activities, and that I have the legal authority to provide my consent and authorization for such participation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Parent/Guardian) on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns hereby release, waive, covenant not to sue, agree to hold harmless and forever discharge **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** and their executive boards, members, employees, agents, affiliates and assigns; and **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** its officers, national board members, employees, members, local chapters, representatives, agents, affiliates and assigns (collectively, **Delta**), from any and all claims, demands and any actions or right of action of any and every kind, directly or indirectly arising out of, or relating in any aspect from any injury, action or inaction which may occur as a result of my child's participation in the Event.

I further agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless **Delta**, either jointly or severally, from any and every claim, demand, damages, loss of service or expense for property damages and for death, illness, bodily or personal injuries known or unknown which may occur to myself by my participation in the Event, or any activities in connection with the Event brought by a third party resulting or arising from my child's participation in the Event; unless such injury, illness, death, property damage or loss is a direct result of the willful misconduct of any **Delta**. I understand that, without limitation of the foregoing, **Delta** shall not be liable, and is hereby released from all claims that may arise from loss or damage to my personal property.

I am the **parent/guardian** of \_\_\_\_\_ (**print full name of child**) ("**My Child**"). As a part of **My Child's** participation in this **Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas Event**, I hereby grant **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** the unrestricted right and permission to use and re-use **My Child's** likeness in any and all publications, including photograph, television broadcast, video recording, internet sites, audio-recording or any other form of electronic or print communication (the Promotional Materials), for its own purposes without payment or any other consideration to me, in perpetuity. I understand and agree that any material produced using **My Child's** likeness is the property of **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.**

I understand and agree that the Promotional Materials will become the property of **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute My Child's image or likeness for purposes of publicizing or promoting the **WDCAC's** or **WDCAF, Inc.'s** programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive my and **My Child's** right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein **My Child's** likeness appears. Additionally, I waive my and **My Child's** right to any royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the Promotional Materials.

I hereby hold harmless and forever discharge **WDCAC** and **WDCAF, Inc.** from any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the photographed activities in which **My Child** is taking part. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

I represent that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and am fully competent to sign this Release.

**THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS.**

**READ IT CAREFULLY AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE SIGNING (Both parents, if possible)**

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW THEN SIGN YOUR NAME(S)**

**CONSENT:** We/I hereby certify that We/I are/am the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named child and do hereby give our/my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of My Child.

**NON-CONSENT:** We/I hereby certify that We/I are/am the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named child and do not hereby give our/my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of My Child.

(Mother/Guardian's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mother/Guardian's Printed Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Primary Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

(Father/Guardian's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Father/Guardian's Printed Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Primary Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_



# General Information

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
 Trinity Washington University Athletic Center  
 125 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20017

### ~ TICKETS ~

- ✓ Participating chefs are admitted FREE OF CHARGE
- ✓ Fee for chef Assistants - \$20 (through 1/20/2018) \$25 thereafter
- ✓ General Admission tickets - \$45 (through 1/20/2018) \$55 thereafter
- ✓ Student/Child ticket - \$20 (through 1/20/2018) \$25 thereafter

To purchase a ticket, please visit [www.wdcacdst.org](http://www.wdcacdst.org); [www.wdcacaf.org](http://www.wdcacaf.org); or <https://wdcac-cookinwiththedeltas.eventbrite.com/>. Or mail a check/money order to (WDCAF, Inc., Attn: WDCAC-DMCwD, PO Box 90202, Washington, DC 20090). A \$25 NSF fee will be charged for all returned checks.



### ~ WHAT TO BRING ~

- ✓ Enough food for a MINIMUM of 100 people to sample. However, feel free to bring more. An example of samples for 100 people is 2 full sized aluminum casserole steam pans. We will provide portion cups for sampling.
- ✓ A prepared dish. Your dish should be heated (if appropriate), ready to heat, or ready to serve. We will provide additional aluminum pans and sterno at each station. Please let us know if you are bringing a crock pot.
- ✓ Business cards, brochures, small flyers and decorations for your table.

### ~ CHEF ASSISTANTS ~

You are encouraged to bring a male chef assistant to the event with you to assist in serving your dish and securing your table if you need a brief break. Use this opportunity to bring a young man you are mentoring, your son, nephew or friend to expose him to other professional mentors in the culinary field.

### ~ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ~

- ✓ Attire for the event is casual; white shirt and black pants. You will be given an apron to wear the day of the event as our gift to you.
- ✓ Every chef must RSVP and submit a participation registration form prior to the event. Chefs will gain admittance to the venue after verification of registration.
- ✓ Chefs and chef assistants should arrive between 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm. Chefs must be fully set up at their tables by 2:00 pm. A late arrival may result in forfeiture of your chef station.
- ✓ Encourage your family & friends to attend! Guests of chefs and other attendees will be allowed to enter the venue with a ticket or Eventbrite confirmation at 3:00 pm when the event begins.

If you need additional information, please contact the Chef Coordinator at [CookinwiththeDeltas@wdcacdst.org](mailto:CookinwiththeDeltas@wdcacdst.org)

*We look forward to having you join us for this exciting event!*

# The Showdown!

## ~ SHOWDOWN ~

The theme of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Men Cookin' with the Deltas is "The Showdown". This year we are introducing a theme that will allow a friendly, separate, competitive component that pits similar dishes against each other for an opportunity to win a Showdown Grand prize and bragging rights. This year we will award **6 showdown grand prizes!** Two for each category: **main dish, side dish, & dessert.** The Showdown winners will be determined by a panel of judges and guest votes. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category. *Please note, the winner's photographs will be displayed on the chapter's website and may appear in local news outlets including print media. See the media release form.*

## ~ PEOPLE'S CHOICE ~

In appreciation of our chef's dedication and commitment, we are continuing our People's Choice award (amateur & professional categories) to provide opportunities to win one of (FOUR) grand prizes including an LED HDTV.

### *So, how do you win one of our 4 People's Choice grand prizes (2 professional & 2 amateur)?*

**1. ATTENDEE VOTES** - Every event attendee will receive (5) People's choice tickets that are included with their ticket purchase. Each chef will have a container at their station to collect tickets. Guests can simply give you 1 ticket or all 5 of their tickets for whatever reason they want you to have their vote. **Each ticket = 1 VOTE.** Work the crowd. There are literally hundreds of tickets (votes) in the room that day including additional on site people's choice tickets for sale by members of Washington DC Alumnae for guests that want to purchase more.

**2. CHEF INCENTIVES** - *Want more votes? It's easy.*

- ✓ **Early Bird Registration** - Register by Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. There's no fee for chef's to participate. Simply fill out the registration form, email, mail or fax back to us and you are officially a participant. Early Bird registrants receive **25 additional votes** added to your day's total. And there is a discount fee to register an assistant chef.
- ✓ **Register an Assistant Chef** - While there is a fee to bring an assistant chef; previous participants have found this to be very useful. Not only is it a great way to reward a budding male chef or young man interested in the culinary field, you'll have additional help distributing your samples and engaging with our attendees. Registering an Assistant Chef receives **5 additional votes** added to your day's total (only one registered sous chef is permitted).
- ✓ **Refer a chef** - Do you have a friend that would be interested in participating as well? We celebrate chefs of all skill levels that are interested in donating their time and food to our worthy cause. Registered chefs that list you as a referral (as indicated on the registration packet) will earn you **3 additional votes for each chef** added to your day's total.
- ✓ **Arrive within the set-up time window** - **3 additional votes** added to your day's total.
- ✓ **Decorate your table** - get creative. Provide a theme for your table and add some flair. **2 additional votes** added to your day's total.

**3. SPONSOR A CHEF** - *Get the community involved.* Do you have a co-worker, friend, or relative willing to donate towards your culinary effort for this scholarship program? Every \$1 they pledge to you is a vote towards the People's choice prizes. **Each \$1 pledge = 1 vote (unlimited).** Upon receiving your registration packet, our Chef Coordinator will send you a pledge sheet to track donations. If interested in participating in the sponsor a chef incentive, pledge sheets and monies will be collected at the event check-in and the total number of votes based on pledge money received will be added to your day's total.

*Please note, final tickets will be collected at 5:00 pm and the top FOUR grand prizes will be awarded by cumulative votes at 5:45 pm! All prizes will be on site and awarded the day of the event.*

We hope you are excited about the new theme this year and truly thank you for your hard work and commitment to our sorority's scholarship programs in our community. Tickets can be purchased at <http://wdcacadst.org/>; <http://www.wdcac.org/>; or <https://wdcac-cookinwiththedeltas.eventbrite.com>.