



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Quaker City Alumnae Chapter

QCA Loves the Arts

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Soror Tracey M. Oliver-Davis

Musician: Flute, Piccolo, Alto Sax, & Oboe



Soror Tracey M. Oliver-Davis was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Spring 1994 on QCA's Lindiwe line. Since her initiation she has been a very faithful, active Delta. She has been on many committees and in the elected positions of Nominating Committee member, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary,

and Historian. She is currently Quaker City Alumnae's Financial Secretary and is a member of the Technology and Finance committees. Soror Oliver-Davis earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology Education from Hampton University and her Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Gwynedd-Mercy College. Tracey is employed by Cheltenham School District as a 7th Grade Science Teacher and Interim Dean of Students.

So, when did this busy soror have time to develop a love of music? Soror Oliver-Davis states that she has always loved music. She was raised in a family of very talented singers and instrumentalists. She has played the flute since the 4th grade, when the J.S. Jenks School band director told her "You look like a flute player". She also took private lessons at Settlement Music School. Tracey's grandfather gifted her with her very own personal flute (Izzy) when she was in high school. In order to get to play solos, Soror Oliver-Davis learned to play the piccolo - she had classical training for 9 years! She is also a self-taught alto sax and oboe player.

Soror Tracey's musical endeavors continued all throughout her school years. She was a member of a Glockenspiel Bell Choir, Orchestra, Band, Pep Band, Chorus, All City Band, All City Marching Band (Drum Major) and Baroque Trio. While at Hampton University she was a member of Hampton's Marching Band, Pep Band, Orchestra, CIAA Marching Band & CIAA Orchestra.

Since her college graduation, her love of the Arts has continued. Soror Oliver-Davis is a former Board Member of Sedgwick Theater (Mt. Airy performance theater) and the creator/director of the middle school Black History play *The Story of US & Harambee*. She participates in Cedarbrook Middle School's theater productions as a faculty participant (pit orchestra) and provides philanthropic support of arts programs.

Soror Oliver-Davis considers her proudest moments in the Arts to be: marching in the parade with Hampton University's Marching Force to celebrate the inauguration of the first Black Governor of Virginia - Governor L. Douglas Wilder, being selected to the Hampton University's small ensemble to honor the Arlington National Cemetery internment of Matthew Henson (a Black man and the first person to reach the North Pole), playing a Scott Joplin arrangement with friends to welcome Angela Davis to Hampton University's campus, and being co-creator of QCA's Artists Café (formerly the Poetry Café), one of QCA's signature programs.

Tracey explains her love of the Arts as follows: "The arts are soul feeding. If you're my friend on social media you know that I often use the following two hashtags: #musicisLIFE #bandisLIFE. I don't really know who I'd be without it. Any school that chooses to do away with its arts programs is doing a great disservice to its students."

Soror Oliver-Davis - Quaker City Alumnae thanks you for your musical contributions to the Arts!

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