



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

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**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED LAUNCHES GLOBAL YEAR OF SERVICE
WITH INDUCTION OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT ADVOCATES
DR. ANITA HILL, ESQ., CYNTHIA JAMES AND RHONA BENNETT**

WASHINGTON – Jan. 11, 2017 – Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, a 96-year-old women's service organization, inducted Dr. Anita Hill, Esq., Cynthia James, and Rhona Bennett as honorary members. A reception in their honor was held following their induction, which occurred during the sorority's national executive board meeting in Dallas, TX.

During the reception, International President Mary Breaux Wright officially launched the sorority's *Global Year of Service* with a pledge to provide 20 million hours of community service by the organization's centennial year in 2020. "As Zetas, we take service seriously, which can be seen through our partnerships with the March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," said Dr. Mary Breaux Wright, International President. "It is my honor to welcome women of such prominence who are willing and ready to roll up their sleeves, and help us fulfill our mission as a community-conscious, action-oriented organization," Wright added.

Natalie Dillard Brannon and Shonté Fuller, National Co-Chairs of Honorary Membership, formally presented the inductees to attendees:

- *Dr. Anita Hill, Esq.* is a pioneer of women's equality in the workplace. The Yale School of Law graduate is currently a Professor of Law, Public Policy and Women's Studies at Brandeis University, and author of *Speaking Truth to Power* and *Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home*.
- *Cynthia James* is a multiple-award winning author of *What Will Set You Free* and *Revealing Your Extraordinary Essence*, and international life coach. In 2014, her Extraordinary Living Project was selected to be a *Commitment Maker* by the *Clinton Health Matters Initiative*.
- *Rhona Bennett* is a singer, songwriter and actress who appeared on popular television comedies such as *Living Single* and *Martin*, with a reoccurring role on *The Jamie Foxx Show*. She is currently a performing member of the R&B group EnVogue and a "Personal Power" life coach.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on Jan. 16, 1920 by five co-ed students at Howard University that envisioned a sorority that would promote the highest standard of scholastic achievement and Finer Womanhood. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Zeta has a diverse membership of more than 120,000 college-educated women with over 800 chapters in North America, Europe, Asia, The Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East. For more information about Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. visit www.zphib1920.org.

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Washington – Jan. 11, 2017 – *New Honorary Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (From left to right – Shonté Fuller, National Co-Chair of Honorary Membership; Natalie Dillard Brannon, National Co-Chair of Honorary Membership; Rhona Bennett, entertainer and "Personal Power" coach; Dr. Mary Breux Wright, International President; Dr. Anita Hill, Esq., professor, author and women's equality activist; Cynthia James, speaker, author and coach; Dr. Jylla Moore Tearte; Past International President; Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker, National First Vice-President of Membership; and Norma Dartis, National Historian)*

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