PRIDE in OUR HERITAGE TOUR HOST – Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole
Join American anthropologist, educator, museum director, and former college president, Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole on an amazing journey of Pride in Our Heritage across the country as she pulls us into intriguing discussions with Deltas in the Arts and Letters that have overcome adversity to nationally recognized success. Don’t miss this opportunity to be in the presence of this dynamic and powerful woman hosting each Tour stop!

On Dr. Cole’s side every step of the way will be Emmy Award-winning Poet Laureate, Hank Stewart. His works include books, CDs and DVDs, and he has performed at the Trumpet Awards and Essence Music Festival. Join us as his inspirational poetry lifts the human heart and tickles the soul!

PRIDE IN OUR HERITAGE TOUR!

Stop #1 – CENTRAL REGION – 9/22
Let’s kick off the 2018 Pride in Our Heritage Tour with Susan L. Taylor, a woman whose longevity and careers have bridged decades. After 27 years as the chief editor of "Essence" magazine, Susan L. Taylor now devotes her life to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty among African Americans through her organization, The National CARES Mentoring Movement. This inaugural event, Tour stop #1, is hosted by the historic Kansas City, MO Alumnae Chapter in its new home, the Delta Athenaeum, which has a rich history of its own! Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to engage in artistic festivities and a heartfelt conversation with Susan L. Taylor!

Stop #2 – MIDWEST REGION – 10/6
Join us in the Mighty Midwest with Joliet Area / South Suburban Alumnae Chapter as they host Jacque Reid near Chicago! Holding it down for the ladies as a correspondent for the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Radio Show, Jacque is a multi-media maven. On TV, she’s pulling double duty for NBC, hosting two lifestyle shows... "New York Live" in New York City and "The Hub Today" in Boston. She has also graced the stage as an anchor for CNN Headline News. Come experience fascinating stories with Jacque at the fantastic Palos Country Club in Orland Park, Ill.
Stop #3 – FARWEST REGION – 10/20
Ready to have dinner with Mara Brock Akil? Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter invites you to sunny California to dine with this writer and producer of over 300 episodes of television. Beginning her career as a writer on series such as "South Central," "Moesh," and "The Jamie Foxx Show," she continues to make her mark on Hollywood by writing for the drama, "Being Mary Jane" and most recently creating the hit series, "Love Is..." for Oprah Winfrey’s OWN network. Don’t miss this opportunity to break bread with a true Hollywood icon.

Stop #4 – SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION – 10/27
Acclaimed actress Keshia Knight Pulliam launched her career as Rudy Huxtable on the ground-breaking Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning television show “The Cosby Show”. The Durham Alumnae Chapter is honored to host Keshia at the 4th Tour stop in the South Atlantic Region! Keshia has continued to act in numerous roles for TV and film. Recognizing her tremendous blessings, Keshia started her non-profit, The Kamp Kizzy Foundation, in 2010 that offers a free mentorship camp for youth. Come to the 4th Tour stop at the Hilton Hotel in Durham, NC to learn more about the intriguing life of Keshia Knight Pulliam.

Stop #5 – EASTERN REGION – 11/3
Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter will host one of America’s foremost poets. Over the course of a long career, Nikki Giovanni has published numerous collections of poetry—from her first self-published volume Black Feeling Black Talk (1968) to "New York Times" best-seller Bicycles: Love Poems (2009). Her poems helped to define the African-American voice of the 1960s, ’70s and beyond. This Civil Rights activist, poet, and television personality was also a major force in the Black Arts movement. Join Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter at The Moore College of Art & Design for an unforgettable evening with the powerful Nikki Giovanni.
Stop #6 – SOUTHERN REGION – 11/17

Join Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter for another enchanting evening with Susan L. Taylor! After 27 years as the chief editor of "Essence" magazine and the visionary credited with building the brand, we want to hear from her again on this 6th Tour stop in the Southern Region! Susan L. Taylor left publishing to devote her life to building an organization that breaks the cycle of intergenerational poverty among African Americans. The National CARES Mentoring Movement is that organization, a community transformation crusade dedicated to changing the predictable futures defined for our young who are struggling and living in poverty. This event will be appropriately hosted at Sisters Chapel on Spelman College, Atlanta, GA. Come experience southern hospitality in the Southern Region with Susan L. Taylor!

Stop #7 – SOUTHWEST REGION – 12/1

Last, but certainly not least! Let's join New Orleans Alumnae Chapter in hosting Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole and our prolific writer of "In Search of Sisterhood," Paula J. Giddings, on this 7th Tour stop. If you know the spirit of Deltas in the Blazing Southwest Region, we are in for a special treat! New Orleans, La., is a festive city of music, art, and culture. This experience is sure to give us the flavor of the city, as well as a deep look into the lives of these two women who have made extraordinary contributions to our nation through their work in the arts and letters. Stay tuned for more information and keep this date, Saturday, December 1st on your calendar.