



Stomp D.A.T. is an annual step show that features teams from the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area schools and youth-based community groups in competition to educate youth about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

**Saturday, March 24, 2012
Cramton Auditorium
Howard University
2445 Sixth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20059**

***Sponsored by
Federal City Public Service Foundation &
The Federal City Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated***

***www.federalcityfoundation.org
www.thefcacadst.org***

Introduction

The Federal City Alumnae Chapter (FCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service organization, along with The Federal City Public Service Foundation, Inc (FCPSF) will sponsor a recreational activity that is designed to promote a lifestyle that is free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco among the youth in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. We will sponsor the Seventh Annual Stomp D.A.T. (Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco) step show on **March 24, 2012**.

The art of “stepping” is a form of percussive dance in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps. This competition provides youth ages 7-18 the following opportunities:

- Education on the consequences of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use.
- Development in teamwork, creativity, coordination, and physical health.
- A positive venue to compete against one other in a meaningful and structured environment.

We solicit the participation of youth through local schools, church organizations and other community-based organizations interested in coming together to celebrate the art of “stepping” while promoting a lifestyle that is free of drug, alcohol and tobacco.

Registration

If your school, church, or organization has a step team that is interested in participating in this event, please complete the enclosed application form and mail/email it to:

YOUTH STOMP CHALLENGE 2011
STOMP D.A.T.
The Federal City Alumnae Chapter
C/O STOMP D.A.T.
P.O. Box 1605
Washington, DC 20013
stomdat@thefcacadst.org

If your group is selected to compete in Stomp D.A.T., you will be notified on or by **December 23, 2011**. Once your team is selected, they must send in the **non-refundable \$50.00** registration fee using an organizational check or money order by **December 30, 2011**. The organizational check or money order must be made payable to The Federal City Alumnae Chapter.

Any team submitting their registration fee after the December 30, 2011 deadline must send in the non-refundable fee of \$75.00 which includes a \$25.00 late fee.

THE LAST DAY REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED IS JANUARY 20, 2012.

Each selected team will be asked to perform a step routine incorporating a theme that encourages a lifestyle that is free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Once your team has registered we will inform you of the theme.



STOMP D.A.T.[®] Rules and Regulations

1. Participating teams must be a youth group that is affiliated with a community organization (school, church, community-based organization, etc...).
2. **The team size is limited to no more than 15 team members.** Any team with more than 15 team members' stepping will be disqualified!
3. **The show's theme must be used.** Each team is required to incorporate the STOMP D.A.T. theme, which you will receive upon registration, into their step show routine.
4. **Routines have a 10 minute time limit.** A team that goes over the allowed time of 10 minutes will incur a penalty of 10 points. **Any performance exceeding 15 minutes will be disqualified from the prize competition.**
5. **Only rubber-sole shoes should be worn by step team members.** Teams wearing inappropriate shoes will have 10 points deducted from their overall performance score.
6. The judges' scores are final. Contestants may review their final scores at the close of the competition.
7. Participating teams and its members should conduct themselves and their performance in a tasteful manner or be subject to point deductions by the judges or possible removal and immediate disqualification.
 - a. No cursing, derogatory remarks, lewd/suggestive gestures, or inappropriate dress is allowed (attire for the step show should adhere to the dress code at your respective organization).
 - b. No "calls" or hand signs of any of the nine organizations in the National Pan Hellenic Council shall be used in your routine.
8. Performances will be judged on the following categories: Originality of Performance, Appearance of Performers, Precision, Crowd Participation, Volume and Clarity, Enthusiasm of performers, complexity of performance, Incorporation of Theme and Overall Performance.
9. All team members must be present at Cramton Auditorium by 11:00 AM on the day of the show. Only the individuals listed on the registration form will be admitted without a ticket (no exceptions).
10. **All team members must complete a performance release and waiver form.** Any team that does not have all forms complete will be disqualified.
11. **Team members should maintain a positive, sportsman-like attitude during their performance.**



Judging Criteria

Each team will be allowed a 10-minute performance. Teams must incorporate the theme, which you will receive upon registration, into their routine.

Judges selected will represent Greek fraternity and sorority members from the National Pan-Hellenic Council as well as one community representative.

Each team will have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 110 points.

Each team will be judged on the following categories:

1. **Originality of Performance (20)**
2. **Appearance of Performers (10)**
3. **Precision (10)**
4. **Crowd Participation (10)**
5. **Volume and Clarity (10)**
6. **Enthusiasm of performers (10)**
7. **Complexity of performance (10)**
8. **Incorporation of Theme (10)**
9. **Overall Performance (20)**

Each category is defined as the following:

Originality of Performance: Artistic arrangement of the sights sounds and motions.

Appearance of Performers: Attire that reflects the concept of the team's performance. We also request that your teams wear appropriate attire which adheres to your organization's dress code.

Precision: Sharpness of movements; degree to which the team is in unison

Crowd Participation: Ability to excite or involve the crowd

Volume and Clarity: Audible delivery of speech, music, etc.

Enthusiasm of Performers: Apparent excitement and intensity of performers

Complexity of Performance: Difficulty associated with synchronized movements.

Incorporation of Theme: Apparent connection between performance and the theme.

Overall Performance: Measure of excellence in relation to all the above areas.

A team not wearing the appropriate rubber-sole shoes will incur a penalty of 10 points.

A team that goes over the allotted time of 10 minutes will incur a penalty of 10 points.

Any performance exceeding 15 minutes will be disqualified.

Prizes

- ❖ Teams will be ranked by the average of scores as determined by a panel of judges.
- ❖ First, Second, and Third place step teams will receive a monetary reward. Prize amounts will be announced upon registration.
- ❖ All participating teams will receive a certificate for participation.



Step Team Responsibilities

- Each team is responsible for submitting the \$50.00 registration fee by **December 30, 2011**. **Any team submitting their registration fee after the December 30, 2011 deadline must send in the non-refundable fee of \$75.00 which includes the \$25.00 late fee.**

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- Any update team updates must be submitted by **February 3, 2012**. Individuals whose names are not listed on the form must have a ticket to enter.
- All teams will be responsible for providing the STOMP D.A.T. committee with a brief introduction for your team by **February 3, 2012**.
- Each team is to report to Cramton Auditorium by **12:00 p.m. March 24, 2012** for check-in and will be allowed a dress rehearsal.
- Each team must attend an arranged rehearsal on the day of the event, in order to coordinate lighting and music requirements.
- Within ten minutes of completing a performance, all team members, assistants, and their belongings must exit the stage area and return to reserved seating.
- Each step team shall have no less than four members and a maximum of fifteen members.
- **Each team will be allowed two sponsors who may enter without a ticket. All other assistance or coaches must purchase a ticket.**

Team Arrival Instructions

- The Step Show will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will end around 7:00 p.m. on March 24, 2012.
- All team members and advisors/coaches must check-in at 12:00 p.m. to meet their FCAC team liaison. Only those listed on the team list will be allowed entrance.
- All teams will be allotted between 10 - 15 minutes of rehearsal time on the stage.
- You will be provided with a room to change into your show outfits. However, you are responsible for all personal belongings.
- Team advisors/coaches must remain with their teams at all times.
- A light lunch will be provided. You may bring a bag lunch with you or money to purchase additional food and refreshments.



Ticket Guidelines

Tickets for the event for your family and friends to attend STOMP D.A.T. can be purchased on line at www.ticketmaster.com or at the Howard University Cramton Auditorium box office. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 on the day of the event.

Performing teams and two advisors/coaches will receive complimentary tickets for the event. All other coaches/assistants/prop keepers must have ticket for entry. This policy will be strictly enforced and there will be no exceptions.

Complimentary posters and flyers will be provided to each team to help promote your participation with your community.

Summary of Dates

December 30, 2011	Registration fee, signed registration, and agreement forms must be received by the STOMP D.A.T. committee
January 20, 2012	Last day registration will be accepted
February 3, 2012	Submit and of team updates including sponsors/coaches) to the STOMP D.A.T. committee. Submit a brief team introduction and team photo (optional) to the STOMP D.A.T. Committee
March 24, 2012	Report to Cramton Auditorium by 12:00 p.m. for registration

Contact Information

Adaora Nwigwe Co-Chair, STOMP D.A.T. Committee adaora_nwigwe@yahoo.com	Shadonna Logan Co-Chair, STOMP D.A.T. Committee shadonna_logan@hotmail.com
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AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

We have read and agree to abide by all the rules & regulations for STOMP D.A.T. 2012.

Group Name: _____

Group Contact: _____

Home Number: _____

Work Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Number of posters needed: _____

Number of flyers needed: _____

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REGISTRATION FORM

PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

Group/Team Name: _____

Team Sponsor Name (Adult): _____

Team Sponsor Phone Number: Daytime- _____ Evening- _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Organization Affiliation: _____
(School, church, community organization)

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

We will compete in FCAC's STOMP D.A.T. Show on March 24, 2012 at Cramton Auditorium.
(Team size limited to 15 step team members).

Enclosed is the \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee.

Enclosed is the \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee (which includes a \$25.00 late fee).

My group is interested in attending the step show only. Please send ticket information.

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TEAM INFORMATION

Organization/Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Step Team Members (Limit: 15 team participants and two advisors/coaches)

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| 2. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 8. _____ | |

Advisor/Coach 1: _____

Advisor/Coach 2: _____

Will you need special lighting or effects? Yes No

You will receive a notification confirming the receipt of all documents and your registration fee no later than January 30, 2012.

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PERFORMANCE RELEASE AND WAIVER

Participant _____

In consideration of my child's participation in the STOMP D.A.T., event (hereinafter, "the Event") hosted by The Federal City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and The Federal City Public Service Foundation, I hereby grant The Federal City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and The Federal City Public Service Foundation., and its members (the parties) the absolute and irrevocable right and permission:

- (1) To photograph and/or videotape my child and further to use my child's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, trade, vending and promotional materials in association with the Event without reservation or limitation;
- (2) To use, reuse, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs or videos, in any medium and for any purpose, including but not limited to illustration, promotion, advertising, vending and trade.

I further agree that the parties exclusively own all rights, title and interest in (including not limited to copyrights) and to any written materials, photographs or videos created in connection with the event, including, without limitation, the right to edit, alter or modify said items and to use all or part of my child's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in conjunction with said items in any and all media now know or hereafter is devised.

I hereby release the parties from any requirement or responsibility to provide compensation for the use of my child's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with my child's participation in the event.

I further agree to assume the risks incidental to my child's participation in the Event and, on my child's behalf, release and forever discharge the parties from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with my child's participation in the event, and further agree to indemnify and hold each of the parties harmless against any and all such liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses.

I declare that my child is physically fit and has the skill level required to participate in the event. I further authorize medical treatment my child, at my cost, if the need arises.

Print Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

**EACH PARTICIPANT MUST COMPLETE
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