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Historical Black Sorority Honors Rose A. Stuart; Capital District's own Finer Woman!

Albany, NY. – March 24, 2007- Rose A. Stuart, affectionately known by the capital district community as **Apostle Rose** was honored by the prestigious *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.*, **Omicron Epsilon Zeta Chapter** (OEZ) for her noteworthy commitment to serving the public. **OEZ** extended its most dignified “Award of Finer Womanhood” to **Apostle Rose** along with **Dara A Yusuf**; a high achieving, community conscious **SUNY Albany** student.

“Although I have received several awards, I hold this one dear to my heart.” said **Apostle Rose** in acceptance of her award. “To the ladies (of Zeta Phi Beta), I hope that when you look at me you see a person of great love and passion. I am always grateful to help every hurting child”

OEZ's Finer Womanhood Luncheon was a celebration concluding the month long National Finer Womanhood Observance, held annually in March by the entire sorority. For the **SUNY Albany** campus and general public, March has been filled with enticing and educational programs geared towards uplifting and celebrating women.

“The process of researching the perfect ladies, from both the **SUNY Albany** campus and public community was scrupulous, it was important to us as a chapter that they exemplified the sorority's ideals.” said **Tonicia Kelly**, **President** of OEZ. “Apostle Rose and Dara definitely deserved their awards”

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. has recently celebrated 86 years of scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood. OEZ's upcoming community service commitment(s) includes the annual **March of Dimes “Walk for America”** taking place on April 29th at Colonie-crossing in Albany, NY. To find a walk site nearest you, please visit www.walkamerica.org. To learn more about OEZ's work in New York's Capital District, please visit www.zphib.com.



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About Rose A. Stewart

Rose M. Stuart, along with her husband Donald, are the Founders and Pastors of New Covenant Christian Fellowship, a Multi-Cultural, Non-Denominational Church located in Albany, NY. She has established several community outreach ministries such as, Nehemiah 21st Century Ministries which renovates houses for low to moderate income persons and Black Women of Courage Awards. In 1999, Pastor Rose established Shepherd's Purse Association for Children (SPAC), a national organization whose primary objective is to help annihilate poverty from America's innocent children. Pastor Rose has received such awards and recognition from NAACP Woman of Distinction; NYS Senate; Feed the Children International; Arthritis Foundation; Arkansas State Volunteers; and Pioneer Pastors' Awards. She has received "Keys" to the cities of Little Rock, AR; Timmons ville, SC; Jonestown, MS; and recognition from the County Social Service of Quitman, MS., and many more honors. Most recently, Pastor Rose received the New York State Governor's (Harriet Tubman Spirit) Award & the Black Women's Association of Albany Award.

About Zeta Phi Beta Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta was founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by five coeds. Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl A. Neal, Fannie Pettie Watts, Myrtle Tyler Faithful and Viola Tyler Goings dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for Black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood. For Eighty- six years, the trail blazed by the founders has been traversed by thousands of women dedicated to the emulation of the objectives and ideas of the Sorority. Since its inception, the Sorority has expanded to encompass more than 500 graduate and collegiate chapters. Zeta's national and local programs include endowment of its National Education Foundation; community outreach services; and support of multiple affiliate organizations. Zeta chapters and auxiliary groups have given un-totaled hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change.