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An Interview with LaVon Wilson

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Juliet LaVon Wilson, *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority*, DST-A-L-2017-055

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Juliet LaVon Wilson was born on February 28, 1932 in Springfield, Illinois, the eldest of two children. Her mother Charlotte (Jones) Woodson and father Eugene Woodson were both self-employed, her mother as a beautician and her father as a Barber. LaVon was educated in the Springfield public school system and graduated from Feitchan High School in 1950. She enrolled at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, graduating in 1955 with a bachelor degree in music education. While at Lincoln University LaVon pledged with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She later attended the University of Illinois at Springfield to further her education. LaVon Woodson married Lamar Wilson during her senior year of college and two sons were born to that union, Lamar Wilson, Jr. and M.E. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson has a rich teaching career in the Springfield District 186 school system, where she taught music, traveling between all of the elementary school in the district. She also taught ethics and humanities to various groups in the community. In addition, she taught ACT and SAT preparedness courses through the Urban League.

LaVon was instrumental in the chartering of the Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, and served as the newly formed chapter's first president. She is a member of the United Methodist and is the choir director at her church. She is very active in the local church governing body, statewide and nationally.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Springfield Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta; teaching music in Springfield, IL schools

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