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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter, in partnership with The Givens Foundation for African American Literature will present its 18th Annual Literary Luncheon featuring actor and author Hill Harper.

While Harper may be most recognized for his starring role as Dr. Sheldon Hawks in the hit television drama series "CSI: NY," Harper has also authored four New York Times bestsellers – "Letters to a Young Brother," "Letters to a Young Sister," "The Conversation and The Wealth Cure" and his latest book, "Letters to an Incarcerated Brother," which was released this past November.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter has sponsored the Literary Luncheon since 1997, and has sought to feature authors whose personal experiences augment their readings to provide an especially inspiring presentation. Previously featured authors include Alexs Pate, David Haynes, Rosalyn McMillan, Venise Berry, Omar Tyree, Valerie Wilson Wesley, Yolanda Joe, E. Lynn Harris, Diane McKinney-Whetstone, Ian Smith, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Tananarive Due, Pearl Cleage, Tina McElroy Ansa, J. California Cooper, Walter Mosley and Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Harper is most recognized for his starring role in the hit television drama "CSI: NY," where he played eccentric Dr. Sheldon Hawkes from 2004 until early 2013. During that time Harper won three NAACP Image Awards for Best Lead Actor in a Drama Series for his portrayal of Dr. Hawkes. He currently stars on USA Network's "Covert Affairs" as CIA station chief Calder Michaels.

Harper's book, "Letters to a Young Brother" won several awards and was named Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association in 2007.

Unusual for an actor, Harper received a bachelors from Brown University, a masters from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and law degree from Harvard Law School. In an effort to stop the high school dropout rate and improve the life chances of underserved youth, Harper created the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on empowering, inspiring and guiding youth towards a better future, as well as developing the leadership capacity of young adults to serve as mentors.

The event, which is open to the public, takes place on Saturday, April 12 at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel, 11 Kellogg Blvd E., St. Paul, starting at 11:30 a.m. The event includes a lunch,

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book reading and discussion, and a book signing. Tickets are \$75. Copies of Harper's latest book, "Letters to an Incarcerated Brother," will also be on sale at the luncheon.

In addition to the luncheon, the Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta conducts mentoring programs for African-American youth in the Twin Cities and provides an annual scholarship award for high school seniors. The students receiving the organization's 2014-2015 scholarship award will also be recognized at the event.

To purchase tickets, go to [www.dstmsp.org](http://www.dstmsp.org). For additional questions about the luncheon email [literaryluncheon2014@gmail.com](mailto:literaryluncheon2014@gmail.com).