

Shelley Reed-Brooks

Greek Organization

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc

Bio

Shelley Reed-Brooks is an educator, U.S. Army veteran, mentor, and community leader committed to helping young people recognize their potential and achieve their educational goals. She earned an Associate of Arts degree with honors from Georgia Military College and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State University, with academic concentrations in mathematics, social studies, and special education.

Shelley's passion for education has been demonstrated throughout her professional and community service. She has worked as a junior high mathematics teacher and math tutor and has spent many years mentoring and supporting students as they navigate their academic, personal, and leadership journeys. Professionally, she also spent nearly two decades with State Farm as a Business Analyst/Paralegal and previously served in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. Since retiring, Shelley has continued to explore her creative side through graphic design, using her skills to create meaningful designs for organizations, community initiatives, and special projects.

A proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Shelley has held numerous leadership positions, including Tamiochus (Treasurer), Second Anti-Basileus (Second Vice President), Scholarship Chair, Epistoleus (Communications Officer), Undergraduate Advisor, and National Pan-Hellenic Council President. She served for nine years as an advisor to the Gamma Rho Chapter at Illinois State University, including six years as the primary advisor. Her dedication to developing and supporting collegiate leaders earned her Illinois State University's Chapter Advisor of the Year recognition for five consecutive years.

Scholarship and educational access have remained central to Shelley's service. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Cana Cares, a nonprofit organization dedicated to service, outreach, mentorship, scholarships, and supporting individuals and families in the community. Through her board service, involvement in scholarship committees, youth initiatives, mentoring, and community programs, Shelley continues to help connect students with the encouragement, resources, and opportunities they need to succeed.

As a member of the MAPS Board of Directors, Shelley brings together her experiences as an educator, mentor, veteran, scholarship advocate, and community leader to advance the organization's mission. She believes education can change the trajectory of a young person's life and that mentorship can provide the encouragement, guidance, and confidence needed to turn potential into achievement.

Shelley is a wife and proud mother of two daughters. At the heart of her service is a simple belief: when we invest our time, knowledge, and resources in young people, we not only help them succeed, we help strengthen the generations that follow.