

## **D.E.F.I.N.E. Club Description**

D.E.F.I.N.E. stands for Determined Empowering Females Inside Neutral Environments. We hold bi-weekly meetings for all University of South Carolina Lancaster female students to join us and engage in our group activities. At our meetings, our primary focus is on the students and their needs. We offer a safe environment for the students to bring up and discuss anything they would like. While we primarily focus on academia, we allow our students to open up to one another and discuss their own real-life problems. We provide our students with a safe place that allows them to be themselves; and in doing so they are forming a sister like bond with their fellow D.E.F.I.N.E. members.

The purpose of D.E.F.I.N.E. is to provide mentoring, academic support and higher educational opportunities for young females enrolled at the University of South Carolina Lancaster through our program. The ultimate goal is to enhance academic achievement, improve retention, and promote sisterhood of all women who are working towards a higher education.

Our organization is highly involved with our community. We visit, help, donate, and more to various organizations within our community. We have done community service projects with Clinton Elementary School, HOPE of Lancaster, K.A.R.E., Habitat for Humanity, Lancaster Promise Neighborhood, Women's Enrichment Center, White Oak Manor, Brooklyn Springs Elementary, and The Lancaster Children's Home. We plan to continue to get as much involved within the community as possible. In addition to us going out to different community organizations, we have some guest speakers from our community come in and speak at our meeting. Through these organizations, D.E.F.I.N.E. will promote the importance of higher education and cultural enrichment activities. In addition, D.E.F.I.N.E. will have an active participation in campus sponsored events.