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## June Greetings from ET's President – Gavel Taps

On June 1, 2021, Epsilon Tau celebrated the 92nd Founder's Day of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. In the Founder's Day Message from National President Soror Dorothy White, she proclaimed, "During this past year, as illustrated by our regional conferences, we have shown that Iota women are not only empowered and equipped as leaders to meet the challenges of today, but they are ready to Rise UP and confront the challenges of tomorrow with collaboration, commitment and dedication, facing the future undaunted and untorn." Epsilon Tau, we were exceptional this year. We took the changes that the COVID-19 Pandemic presented to us and pushed the mission of Iota further than ever before. Nothing stopped us. We supported each other. We held each other up. We are sisters. We are family.

Seven gavel taps to Soror Ján Harbert and the Networking and Social Committee for organizing our ET Turns 8 Taco Tuesday Celebration. Seven gavel taps to Soror Michelle Peace and the Woman of the Year (WOTY) and the Soror of the Year (SOTY) Committees for the joyous celebration of our WOTY Akwete Tyehimba and SOTY Erielle Johnson. Seven gavel taps to Soror Ján Harbert and the Founder's Day Committee for the beautiful celebration our of sisterhood.

As I pen my last greeting as your president, I reflect on the past year and how I have continued to grow as a leader and an Iota woman. Thank you for being the best officers, committee chairs, and members a president could ask for. You challenged me and kept me grounded. Your dedication and commitment made me look good. ET, because of your love for Iota, we continue to "Kick, Push" and live a "Champagne Life".

Sorors, I am smiling from ear to ear. Not because "This Is It!", okay maybe, but because I'm passing the gavel to the next generation of ET leaders. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it." I cannot wait to see how Epsilon Tau flourishes under your leadership...INHALE COURAGE, EXHALE FEAR.

In Sisterly Love,

*Wendy B.*



### President Wendy B. Jacques



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## ET Supports Heart of Courage

On May 1, 2021, Epsilon Tau Chapter/ Epsilon Tau Outreach in partnership with Heart of Courage, sponsored a Pop-Up Thrift Store for women in need of interview clothing. Sorors donated suits and work appropriate attire which were delivered to Heart of Courage founder and 2020 Business Month Honoree, Dania Carter. On Saturday, May 1, 2021, the pop-up thrift store was held in the Bishop Arts District area for women to walk in and get the clothing for free. The event was executed using COVID-19 policies of masks, sanitized hands, and social distancing. All donations not given away on Saturday were donated to the Genesis Women's Shelter. Over 100 women stopped by and took home interview outfits and clothes for work. Thanks, ET sorors for your generosity. Planning for the 3rd Breaking Barriers Career Conference will begin over the summer. Epsilon Tau and Epsilon Tau Outreach sponsor the workshop and interview clothing drives as part our Iota Mother's Assistance Program (IMAP).



## Black Heritage Celebration at the Arboretum



On Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, sorors of ET were able to support the Black Heritage Celebration at the Dallas Arboretum. The event was the first of its kind opening the Summer of Sculpture exhibit, the return of ZimSculpt. The day was filled with events including over 20 Black-owned businesses selling their artisans and performances to name a few.





## Teacher Appreciation Week



## Thank You Educators!

Teacher Appreciation Week is a national holiday celebrated in the U.S during the first week of May. Epsilon Tau salutes the extraordinary educators who have worked tirelessly with scholars and families to keep things moving forward during this unpredictable year. ET educators, Erielle Johnson, Alicia Hinkle, Robin Mack, Dr. Tina M. Jackson, Katrina Martin, Phyllis Green, LaDonya Lewis, Courtney Taylor, Debonie Enge and Dr. Demekia Biscoe.

## National Nurse's Day

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6<sup>th</sup> and ends May 12<sup>th</sup>, Florence Nightingale's birthday. Epsilon Tau salutes the nurses that have continued to provide essential care to people in our communities despite the many challenges we have faced throughout the pandemic. Shout out to our ET nurse, LaToya Randle, for keeping us safe and healthy.



## Epsilon Tau Turns 8



On May 4, 2021, Epsilon Tau sorors gathered via Zoom to celebrate 8 years of service and accomplishments brought by its chapter. The evening included games to get to know its members better, videos of the past year in review, and words from charter members of how Epsilon Tau was formed. A virtual night to remember filled with reflections, fellowship, and laughter.



## 7 Days of Sisterhood

ET celebrated the Legacy of Soror Lola Mercedes Parker, founder of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority with 7 Days of Sisterhood social media campaign leading up to our organization's 92<sup>nd</sup> Founder's Day.

- #1 - Wear Your Letters
- #2 - State your line name and share the story behind it
- #3 - Share a business tip
- #4 - Patronize the businesses of an ET Business Month Honoree, Soror or friend of ET
- #5 - Attend virtual church
- #6 - Donate to FIL Eryn Fayson GoFundMe
- #7 - Reach out to a line sister



## ET Honors it's 2021 Soror of the Year and Woman of the Year

On May 26, 2021, Epsilon Tau Chapter honored its 2021 Soror of the Year and 2021 Woman of the Year in a virtual celebration attended by 35 sorors and guests.

We are extremely proud of the accomplishments and works of Soror Eriele Johnson. Soror Eriele has served the chapter with excellence in her work as Business Month chair and chair of our Black History Month, Adopt A School/Tutorial, and Yearbook. She is the owner of Sacred Candles and is an educator by profession. She is most deserving of the honor as ET's fourth Soror of the Year. The evening also included honoring our 2021 Outstanding Businesswoman of the year, Mrs. Akwete Tyehimba, owner of the Pan African Connection Bookstore, Art Gallery and Resource Center. Mother Akwete is a blessing to the Dallas community as a cultural champion and educator, community advocate, and outstanding businesswoman. ET is pleased to recognize and honor these two phenomenal women.



## COVID-19 Guideline Updates

Given the recent updates in CDC guidelines and vaccinations, the National Board has provided COVID-19 guideline updates effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR MEETINGS:** Indoor facilities should be large enough to accommodate social distancing and have good circulation of air. If you are meeting **OUTDOORS**, the space should be large enough to accommodate social distancing and a mask is not needed if vaccinated, your personal choice.

1. We will continue to wear mask and observe frequent handwashing for indoor meetings and activities
2. Recommend hybrid meetings, if possible, to accommodate unvaccinated members and members with medical issues, who choose not to attend in person meetings.
3. Prepackaged refreshment only, no buffet style refreshments, including coffee, served at meetings

### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

1. Chapter may resume social and community gathering with caution.
- \*Recommend the wearing of mask and social distancing, until further notice
2. May resume participation in community activities wearing Iota gear
3. May resume in-person membership recruitment with limited contact, remember everyone has not been vaccinated and we cannot require them to do so or ask if they have been vaccinated. Keeping that in mind, we recommend wearing a mask during interaction with any prospective LOMEPA.



## Soror Spotlights



### What's New With You? ~ Jan Harbert ~

**Occupation** - HR Business Partner for BGSF

**New life events** - Earned my SHRM-CP certification earlier this year (Society for Human Resources Certified Professional)

**Personal life** - Mom of 3 sons, married for 22 years

**Hobbies** - Singing, cooking, spending time with family, watching musicals

**Favorite movie** - Annie, Grease, The Color Purple

**Favorite book** - White Fragility, The Prodigal Son, The Water Dancer

**Years in Iota** - 7.5 years

**Why did I join Iota** - I was new to the DFW area and I wanted to meet and collaborate with like-minded women in an effort to support other women. I wanted to touch lives and be part of something bigger than myself.

**What do I want to accomplish as incoming VP** - Not set goals, just want to continue to follow the leadership examples that have been set by previous ET leaders and be the example for those who come into leadership after me.



### Iota Woman – Iota Entrepreneur ~ Krystal Brown ~

#### Brilliant, Ambitious, Executives!

Krystal is the Co-Founder of "Brilliant, Ambitious Executives– B.A.E.", a platform for women supporting women! We strive to empower entrepreneurial women by supporting them in building brand awareness, securing additional income streams, and generating retirement & generational wealth. We seek to provide professional women with the tools to elevate their financial and mental well-being, as well as connect B.A.E.'s through workshops, peer-to-peer mentoring, work-cations, galas and so much more!

[www.brilliantambitiousexecutives.com](http://www.brilliantambitiousexecutives.com)

You're invited to the Level Up B.A.E experience July 18<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, Tx. More info can be found [here](#).



## June Birthdays



Happy Birthday to You... 🎵

## ET's FIL needs our Support



<https://gofund.me/8b0f4257>

**Eryn Strong The Fight Is On!!**

## Future Iota Leaders

Four of our FIL are high school graduates!!



FIL Eryn Fayson will attend Southern Methodist University in the Fall of 2021. She is our local and SWR scholarship winner.

# Congratulations



FIL Camryn Moore will attend Tennessee State University in the Fall of 2021.

FIL Miles Moore is undecided.



FIL Kayla Watson will attend Texas A&M in the Fall of 2021. Kayla was one of the top 25 in her class of more than 600.

## CLASS OF 2021



## 2021-2022 Officer Installment

*President - Eriele Johnson*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Jan Harbert*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Angela Delph*

*Recording Secretary - Malika Walker*

*Corresponding Secretary - LaDonya Lewis*

*Financial Secretary - Alicia Hinkle*

*Treasurer - Britni Brown*

*Journalist - Calinda Jones*

*Dean of Intake - Nicole Owens*



*Thank You for Everything!*



Wendy B. Jacques  
President  
2020-2021



Eriele Johnson  
1st Vice President  
2019-2021



Jan Harbert  
2nd Vice President  
2020-2021



Mary Andrews  
Treasurer  
2017-2021



## Chapter Officers

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## June Calendar



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority  
Founders Day

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Business Meeting

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @3pm



Southwestern Region Theme: “Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood, Committing to Business and Developing Leaders”

National Theme: “Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment”

“Upward and Onward in Efficient Service”

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