



# THE BUSINESS CHRONICLE



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## Outgoing President Transition – Final Gavel Taps

In this my final greeting of the Epsilon Tau Business Chronicle, I leave you with these words. “Thank You.” Epsilon Tau Sorors, I have grown so much because of you. My presidential legacy for this chapter is remarkable. We have survived some extreme highs (like hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> regional conference) and extreme lows (losing FIL Diego Jones).

As a group of women, these four years have been a testament to our strength. We have persisted through our tears, aches, pains, broken spirits, broken bones, and losses of those who meant so much to us. But really, no pandemic or life tragedy has proved capable of quenching our spirits to make Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. a better organization because of the fabulous women of Epsilon Tau Chapter. We stood in the gap for one another and held it down when things got rocky, itchy, and tough. So, I stand proudly as the chapter’s 2<sup>nd</sup> president and know that we are standing at the summit of greatness.

Is our work done? No, but we can take this time to celebrate our successes, make plans for the next steps of our future, and be fluid as organization, ready to pivot when those plans must change. I deliver you gently into the arms of Soror Wendy Jacques as we prepare for leadership that will be Epsilon Tau born and raised. We have so much more to do, Sorors and I cannot wait to see where this road will lead us. I am so glad we are sisters! I am more than grateful for how you have stood with me, supported me and encouraged me to become a better leader while leading.

Here are my final gavel taps. Seven Gavel Taps to Soror Jasmine Gause, and her Founder’s Day Committee for their great work with the Sisterhood Week, our chapter gift and the Founder’s Program. Seven Gavel Taps to Dean of Intake, Soror Robin Mack for our Virtual Soror Recognition program. Thanks to every officer and appointed officer who has served during the last four years and this year has been unique.



Thank you so much, ET!

All the best as we continue the legacy of founder, Mrs. Lola M. Parker!

### President Michelle Peace



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# ET Celebrates Soror Recognition

Soror Recognition Quarantine Style 2020 led the Sorors of Epsilon Tau to join in and continue to fellowship, recognize, and appreciate each other on Saturday, June 20th! Although we couldn't be together, we celebrated how Savage, Fierce and Successful we were during 2019 – 2020.

**SERVICE CERTIFICATE**  
This certificate is awarded to Members of the  
*Career Exploration Committee*  
for your hard work planning our 2019-2020  
Careers in Aviation Event  
Committee Members:  
Carmor Brown      Sheila C. Fisher  
Vena Thomas      Monique Smith  
Dr. Tina Jackson

*Michelle R. Peace*

**Service Certificate**  
This is awarded to the members of  
**BUSINESS MONTH COMMITTEE**  
in recognition of your hard work and support during our 2019-2020 Business month events.  
(1) Wine Down Wednesday's  
(2) Virtual BOB Crawl  
Committee Members:  
Monique Smith      Robin Mack

**IΦΛ  
Epsilon  
Tau**

**Sisters: Savage & Successful**

**Virtually Phenomenal Soror Recognition 2020**

**THIS IS PRESENTED TO**  
**Aneyshia Taylor**  
Thank you for participating as a Special Guest for Epsilon Tau's Wine Down Wednesday: Green Thumb Edition during Business Month. Your knowledge and willingness to share is invaluable!  
ERIELE JOHNSON  
COMMITTEE CHAIR  
MICHELLE PEACE  
PRESIDENT

**mbda Sorority, Inc.  
n Tau Chapter  
vice Award**

**Erielle Johnson**  
Thank you for your 5 years of service to Iota!

*Michelle Peace, President*

**5 YEARS  
2015 - 2020**

## ET Future Iota Leaders



FIL Shandrell Fisher and Tristen Moore received their graduation gifts and baskets from the Chapter on Sunday, June 14th. They were excited and very appreciative.



Congratulations also to FIL Shandrell who received her Associate of Arts in Applied Sciences Degree from Cedar Valley College.



# 2020

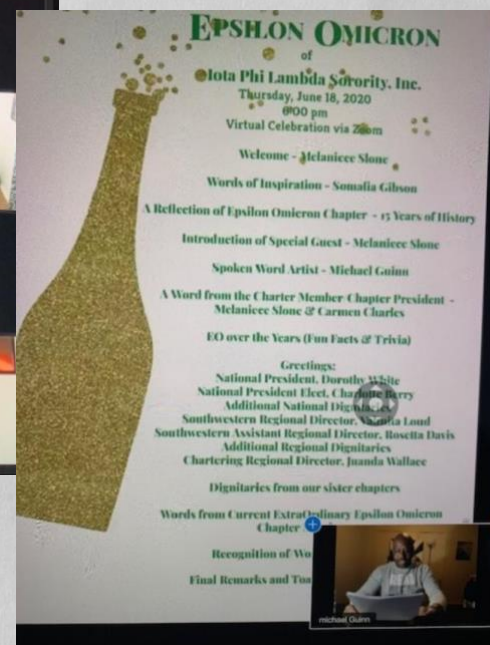
## ET Celebrates Our EO Sisters

**Celebrating Our Sisters - Epsilon Omicron Turns 15!**

Sorors Wendy B. Jacques and Michelle Peace celebrated with Epsilon Omicron Chapter via Zoom Meeting as they celebrated their 15th Chapter Anniversary.

Epsilon Tau celebrates the tenacity, strength, and courage of its sister chapter to face adversity and risen from those tests with a sense of purpose and renewal.

We look forward to working closer together in the upcoming sorority year.



## Soror Spotlights

### Your New Journalist ~ Calinda Jones ~



Hello Sorors!

I am so happy to be your journalist this year, and I am eager to embark on this journey of opportunities, fellowship and learning ahead with each of you.

I feel my role is essential to let others know the tremendous things our chapter is doing at the local and national level. I am genuinely thankful for this opportunity to be a pillar in our community in this time of need.

“The difference between a broken community and a thriving one is the presence of women who are valued.” Michelle Obama

### Iota Woman – Iota Entrepreneur ~ Eriele Johnson ~

Soror Eriele Johnson decided to take a risk and begin a candle making company that has been on her heart for almost a year!

Sacred Scents Candle Co. offers uniquely scented candles paired with positive affirmations and self-care tips. Our products are created to welcome a positive atmosphere within our hearts and homes! All candles are made with 100% natural wax blends to provide our customers the best quality and Eco-friendly selection of products at unbeatable prices.

She currently offers 4oz, 6oz, 8oz, 9oz and 16.5oz candles made to order and available for pick up or drop off. Shipping and online orders will be available soon!

"Thanks to all the sorors who have supported me so far. I will continue to work on my craft and am determined to create candles that transform your home and heart" - Soror Eriele

Social Media Tags- @thesacredscent

Cash app for order- sscandles89

Phone number for current scent list- 903-744-0001



# ET Celebrates the 73rd SWR Conference



On June 6, 2020, the Southwestern Regional Conference was held virtually due to the pandemic. The meeting started with greetings from the National President of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Dorothy White announcing that Southwestern Regional Director, Vahnita Loud would be completing her term of office through the 2020-2021 Sorority year.

The election of Regional Officers occurred, and Epsilon Tau Soror Robin Mack was re-elected to serve as the Regional Recording Financial Secretary. Reports shared with the Conference included the Past Regional Officers Council; National Membership Committee, the Undergraduate Membership Committee, and the Special Taskforce on the SWR Policies and Procedures led by Epsilon Tau Soror Michelle Peace.

The conference also included the Awards Program during which Epsilon Tau Chapter was recognized with the following awards:

2nd Place for Future Iota Leaders;  
3rd Place (tie) for Networking/  
Sharing/ Services; 2nd Place for  
Business Month; 2nd Place (tie) for  
Chapter Growth; 2nd Place for  
Newsletter; and the Dwala Brown  
Technology Award.

Sorors Shelia C. Fisher and LaToya  
Randle were awarded their 20-year  
service medals.

Overall, the virtual Regional  
Conference was  
successful. Hopefully we will  
gather again in Humble, TX in  
2021.

## IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. 73rd Southwestern Regional Virtual Conference

Conference Theme – “Committing to Business”

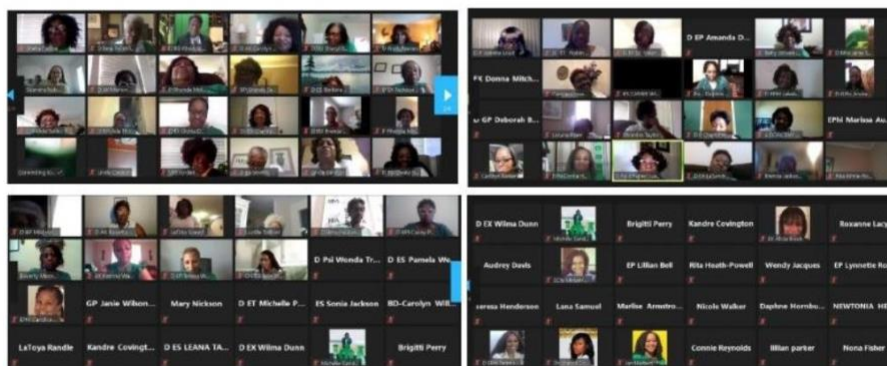
Conference Focus – “Iota Nuts and Bolts”

Conference Challenge – “Each One Bring One”

Conference Focus: “Iota Nuts and Bolts”

Theme Song – All Aboard the Love Train by the O’Jays

June 6, 2020 ZOOM – Southwestern Region



**“Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood,  
Committing to Business and Developing Leaders”**

## The “Greenprint” Virtual Webinar Series

### The “Greenprint” to Iota Leadership Virtual Webinar Series

Soror Melaniece Slone of the Epsilon Omicron Chapter had an idea years ago to create a series of trainings to help develop future leaders in Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

With the 2019-2020 Sorority Year coming to an end and the election of officers upon us, Soror Slone felt this was the opportune time to compose these trainings.

She reached out to 3 other past and present chapter presidents, Soror Carmen Charles of Epsilon Omicron and Sorors Michelle Peace and Wendy Jacques of Epsilon Tau to develop this virtual webinar series.

**IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.**  
**Epsilon Omicron and Epsilon Tau Chapters**  
 present...

*The 'Greenprint' to Iota Leadership*  
**VIRTUAL WEBINAR SERIES**

What it Means to be a Soror, in Sorority and in an Organization  
**Thursday, July 16, 2020 - 7:00 pm**

Programs, Projects & Committee Chairing  
**Saturday, July 18, 2020 - 11:00 am**

Protocol & Parliamentary Procedures  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2020 - 7:00 pm**

So Now You Want to Lead – Part I: Presidency  
**Thursday, July 30, 2020 - 7:00 pm**

**\*\*Registration Required to Attend - Registration Link Provided by Chapter Facilitators\*\***

The webinar series took place over two weeks, July 16-30.

There were special guest presenters like National President Elect, Charlotte D. Berry and Epsilon Tau Chapter Parliamentarian, Shelia Fisher.

## Surprise Drive By!

On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Epsilon Tau's Officers officially transitioned into their roles.

We decided to have a "Surprise Drive By" at Soror Michelle Peace's house to whole-heartedly thank her for 4 years of leadership, commitment and hard work.

Thank You Soror Michelle Peace!

Job Well Done!



## Soror Nicole is Now Mrs. Nicole Owens!

On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, our Soror Nicole Walker exchanged vows with Craig Owens in Terrell, Tx.

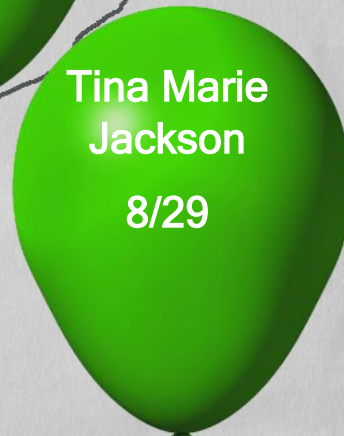
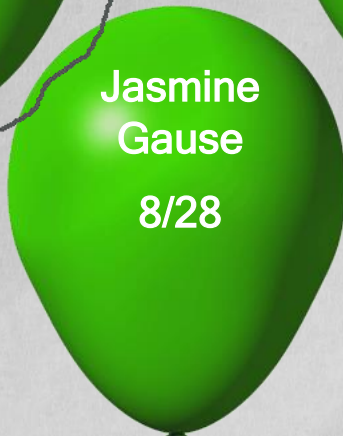
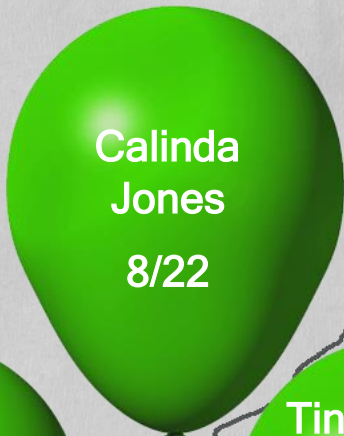
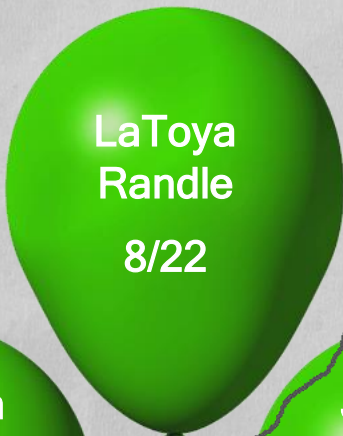
Congratulations!!



Nicole ∞ Craig



**Happy Birthday  
Sorors!**





# The Iota Relief Fund

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc, in partnership with the Lola M. Parker Foundation is committed to empowering youth and women to achieve financial independence through entrepreneurship and business education. Small businesses owned by African American women are being adversely affected by COVID-19. As we continue to recover from the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic and the inequality of loan assistance and resources, Iota has renewed its efforts to help small businesses in our communities.

Iota will award up to 10 micro-grants ranging from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 to small businesses owned by African American women, with less than 15 employees, to aid in their survival and recovery. The grants are to be awarded by a lottery of qualified applicants on August 8, 2020. To qualify, a business must have been in business for at least one year, have less than \$100,000.00 in annual revenue and experienced a 25% decrease in revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Epsilon Tau Chapter was pleased to submit three (3) local small businesses for consideration of receipt of funds from the Iota Relief Fund. Each of these businesses have been honored as business owners during Epsilon Tau’s Business Month Celebrations in the last two years.

1. Ashley Nicole Photography (ET Business Month Honoree, 2018-2019)
2. ShearShare, Inc. (ET Business Month Honoree, 2018-2019)
3. HeyyHealer Holistic Health +Wellness Studio (ET Business Month Honoree, 2019-2020)

Epsilon Tau Chapter Sorors supported this effort during our Sisterhood week in May leading up to our 91st Founder’s Day celebration. We sent over \$800 in donations to the Iota Relief Fund Through the Lola M. Parker Foundation. Epsilon Tau Chapter in partnership with Epsilon Tau Outreach will be sponsoring micro grants as part of its local Iota Relief Fund



... And the Winners Are...

**Congratulations to the Recipients!**

## ET Celebrates Founders Day

After our wonderful #7daysof sisterhood challenge...

The members of Epsilon Tau came together on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and celebrated Founders Day. We celebrated the legacy of our founder, Lola M, Parker, who on this day 91 years ago gathered 6 friends and created Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois.



## ET Stands in Silent Protest

Sorors Alicia Hinkle, Erielle Johnson and Future Iota leader Rosa H. attended a Dallas silent protest in honor of the late George Floyd and many other unarmed African Americans that were victims of police brutality.



"During the protest, we got to reflect on what it truly means to be black in this country.

It was great to see the solidarity of people of all backgrounds.

Yet, this incident was a gruesome reminder of how far we have to go to truly reach equality and equitability in this nation!"

-Soror Erielle



**2020 – 2021  
Officers**



**Wendy Jacques  
President**



**Eriele Johnson  
1st VP**



**Jan Harbert  
2nd VP**



**Malika Walker  
Recording Secretary**



**Twyla Williams  
Corresponding Secretary**



**Alicia Hinkle  
Financial Secretary**



**Nicole Owens  
Dean of Intake**



**Mary Andrews  
Treasurer**



**Calinda Jones  
Journalist**

## Chapter Officers

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
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Nicole Owens

## September Calendar

ET's First Business Meeting	Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>
ET's President's Workshop	Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>
SWR Planning Meeting	Saturday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>



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