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# President's Message



#### **Greeting Sorors**,

Now that Business Month is behind us what a journey this has been.... The whole month of April full of business month activities!...Like our Chapter Theme: GET ON BOARD!! And we were on board with it. The sorors were geared up and we had full participation in attendance! To top it off we ended the month of April with our "Observing "I" Awards Program with over 200+ in attendance. 'Thank you" Business Month Committee and sorors, I appreciate your work. When was the last time you said "thank you members for a job well done"? It only takes a few minutes to say, "thank you" and it's well worth the effort. The events were well organized and attended.

Mother's Day is a day in May when Mothers are celebrated and honored in the United States. To all the mommies out there, who are used to hearing the expression "Happy Mother's Day," I want you to think of it differently this year. I 've decided, May 13 is not just Mother's Day, its Happy Mother's Day... a day for all Mothers to feel happy. In fact, everyday should be a happy Mother's Day!

With so many out there just going through the motions, I'd like to celebrate the fact that all moms are deserving of happiness. Take a moment to celebrate all things happy, and all the happiness that mommies bring to the world. So, "Happy Mother's Day" to all the sorors across Iota Land.

Blessings, Garolyn Jones Carolyn Jones, President (AKC)



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Alpha Kappa Celebrates Cinco de Mayo! Timothy Project Style



### Timothy Project: Youth Mentoring Youth Eighteenth Annual Kick-Off! 5/5/2018



The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. joined longtime partner, Timothy Project: Youth Mentoring Youth to launch its 18th Annual Kick-off! Iota annually holds workshops and seminars on FIL, IMAP, Toys U Can't Return and Youth Finances during the kick-off and throughout the year. This May, Iota-Alpha Kappa, had a table full of memorabilia about the organization along with items for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. The sorority table included the Shield, Iota Lady Statue, Poster, turtles, roses and ferns along with banks for all youth, Toys U Can't Return brochures and poster, IMAP baby bag for our adoptees, and gift bags for all youth ( pink for girls and gold for boys) and blue monogrammed shirts and blue backpacks for FIL members. It was a fun filled celebration with youth involved in doing the welcome, occasion, reflections. All were treated with a very moving message by an assistant pastor of Christian Tabernacle Church and delicious lunch prepared by community volunteers. Alpha Kappa ladies stood together to present the gift bags and banks with \$1 bill to each youth. The president introduced members present and shared information about the youth programs within the sorority. On the sorority table there were the Toys U Can't Return brochures and information on Iota's efforts to lessen teen pregnancies and babies having babies. The Sorors also served as official judges of the many competitions that were going on simultaneously. The presentation was well received. The president also shared info on the various projects and programs of the sorority. The youth were very excited to receive the gift bags filled with toys and goodies. Audience members also received door prizes. Man of Iota Lewis Crockett donated a bandana pillow and two bandana lap quilts for door prizes!



**Best Wishes Timothy Project: Youth Mentoring Youth!** 





## **GRADUATION 2018**

Nykiya Bailey, an Alpha Kappa Chapter scholarship winner, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston's College of Technology with a major in Retailing and Consumer Sciences.



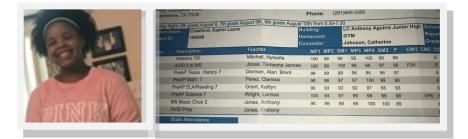
Brett LeBlanc, Iota FIL and Alpha Kappa Chapter's Houston Area Young Scholar (HAYS) recipient graduated from high school. Congratulations!







## What an Honor!



#### GREAT YEAR KAYLOR CRAWFORD ON AN ALL "A" YEAR AT ANTHONY AGUIRRE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CHANNELVIEW, TEXAS.! KAYLOR IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AGUIRRE BASKETBALL TEAM, THE AGUIR-



Gabrielle Davis is an honor roll student. She is also

MVP Basketball player.





Westfield High School of 2015 Early College Academy Andrew Mark Williams, Jr. Westlake High School George Mason University Mason Recognition Stevenson University Trustee Scholarship Class of 2015 O'Shea René Willis California Lutheran University Oaks Scholarship University of Pittsburgh Bradford Pitt-Bradford Panther Scholarship Breannah Shadai Woodley • Department of Veterans Affairs Post-9/11 GI Bill Program at Cos day, May 30, 2015 turday, May 30, 2015 12:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m Robert Leo Worth, III • State of Maryland House of Delegates Scholarship, Delegates Richard E. Berry unty Public Scher Richard E. Berry

In the spring of 2015, Alpha Kappa Chapter received graduation invitations from six young ladies who had participated in our youth programs-Future Iota Leaders (FIL) and Houston Area Young Scholars (HAYS). Soror Annie Crockett attended the family celebration for these six young ladies and represented Alpha Kappa Chapter with goody bags, certificates, Success plaques, and \$50. Their Grandamother personally kept them involved in Iota's activities to keep them headed in a direction of achievement and success. She calls every year to give an update. Three of her "grands" have finished their courses of study which is outstanding. Congratulations Mrs. Sharon Woodley! Granddaughters—Tiera Hawkins, Mariah Smith, Breannah Woodley, Keanna Woodley, Markia Woodley, Sanjini Woodley keep up the good work!





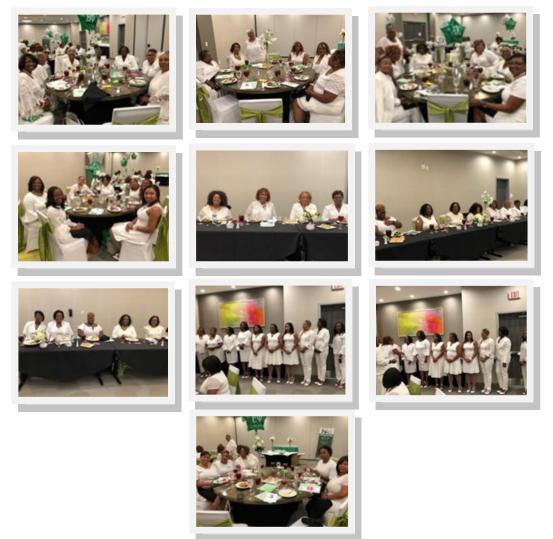




Founder's Day Luncheon June 1, 2018



All chapters of lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. in the Houston area, celebrated Founder's Day together at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Houston West Katy Mills, 25406 Katy Mills Parkway, Katy, Texas 77494.



Happy Founders' Day! Alpha Kappa Chapter, Beta Delta Chapter, Beta Pi Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Epsilon Phi Chapter, and Epsilon Chi Chapter







Sister-to-Sister "Happy Birthday to You!"



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#### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is the first African American Greek-lettered business sorority established by African American business women. There are now more than 100 chapters with membership numbering more than 5,000 in 85 cities and the US Virgin Islands Iota Phi Lambda is not an NPHC sorority and dual membership within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and NPHC sororities is allowed.

Motto: "Upward and Onward in Efficient Service"

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was founded in Chicago, Illinois, June 1929 by Lola Mercedes Parker and six other ladies, all of whom were engaged in the field of business. Her vision was to establish an organization which would offset the result caused by the great depression.

#### PURPOSE

(1) unite a sisterhood qualified business and professional women, (2) promote increased interest in business education among young ladies high school and college through planned programs and scholarships, (3) encourage leadership development through educational opportunities, (4) establish and promote civil and social service activities for youth and adults.

#### AIM

To make worthwhile contributions o our increasingly global society, promote the pursuit of excellence in all worthy endeavors among youth and adults, and develop leadership expertise among business and professional women.







Founder Lola Mercedes Parker

What's Next?



Carolyn Jones Chapter President





Vahnita Loud Southwestern Regional Director





Stephanie Dillworth National President



"Business and Professional Women Furthering the Dream of Economic Independence"

"Get on Board and join the adventure!"

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