

# Epsilon Phi Observer

Epsilon Phi Chapter

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

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2018



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## President's Message

*Soror Audrey Dutton Davis, NWOY*



First and most important the members of Epsilon Phi chapter extend continuous condolences to the members of Epsilon Sigma Chapter for the passing of our National Honorary, Soror Lora R. Clemmons. I held the honor of being a member of previous chapters with the reward of her continuous dedication, passion, and support of our organization.

Thanksgiving was established as a National Holiday by President Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War. In the proclamation, President Lincoln specified that the last Thursday of each November should be set aside as a day to give thanks for the founding of our nation. By the President of the United States of America. Extended celebrations are given by organizations and individuals who have always been thankful for things like family, freedom and the ability to give to those who are less fortunate in various aspects of life. Due to the diversity of the location for our members, we chose this year to have all Sorors choose a family to dedicate their honor of giving to. This was rewarding for all. This allowed Sorors time to say thank you to special supporters and visit more abundantly with their families and friends this year. Special recognition for our Veterans was given this month also. A special salute to Sorors Teresa Ward and Dr. Candice Pankey. Our month was busy, as members of the chapter attended a special celebration with the 125-year-old B. T. Washington High School and will be joining various groups and activities in the future.

As December begins, we are looking forward to attending the Big Feast in Houston as a group during the Christmas holidays which is a tradition for the chapter. Before we close this year, we are uniting our interested potential members for our LOMEPA membership. Our first meeting for the year was held December 1st at the Courtyard by Marriott and a Virtual information Session Video Conference on December 9th to be followed by a final Informational Session during the month of December.

Until next month we wish you all a Merry Christmas! Correspondences will be shared during the month of December. In closing..... *We will continue to serve with passionate professionals and dedicated Sorors whose commitment is undeniable ....because it is the belief of this President that the foundation of a Good and Successful Sisterhood is: Structure, Understanding, Trust, and Commitment from each Soror.*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2018

Soror Eboniece Hussain--15th  
Soror Roxanne Grant-Lewis--21st  
Soror Valencia Dutton-Hall--21st



## Wedding Anniversary

Soror Lillian Bell--29th



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### \* December Meeting / Christmas Gathering

12/15/18

(Details will be emailed)

### \* Christmas Eve Volunteering

12/24/18 @ 7:30 AM

(George R. Brown Convention  
Center - 1001 Avenida De Las  
Americas, Houston, TX 77010)



## Officers 2018-2019

**President** - Audrey Dutton Davis

**1st Vice-President** - Teresa Ward

**2nd Vice-President** - Tamara Bayson

**Corresponding Secretary** - Lynnette Ross

**Recording Secretary** - Roxanne Grant-Lewis

**Financial Secretary** - Cynthia Brown

**Treasurer** - Amanda Dutton

**Journalist** - Naomi Sonnier Williams

**Dean of Intake** - Dr. Valencia Hall

## Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Sorors, you should be saving and preparing for our upcoming Regional Conference which will take place in 2019. Let's make plans to be in attendance so we can represent our chapter well. You may start making payments towards the registration (\$200) to our Treasurer, Soror Amanda Dutton, in person at our meeting or to our Chapter PayPal. If you would like to be on the Scrapbook or Crazy Hat committees, please let President Davis know now so she can provide details to you. Let's show everyone our E-Phi spirit as we continue to provide service in the name of Iota!

### Regional Information

SW Regional Conference

March 28 - 31, 2019

Dallas Hilton/Lakefront

2055 Summer Lee Drive

Rockwall, Texas 75032



*SWR Theme: "Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood and Committing to Business"*

## 72ND SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

MS. VAHNITA D. LOUD, REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
MARCH 28-31, 2019  
EPSILON TAU HOST CHAPTER



**EPSILON TAU, HOSTS**

Epsilon Tau is so excited to host its first Southwestern Regional Conference. We welcome you with open arms and hearts. We look forward to rolling out the green carpet for our sisters across the Southwestern Region and pray in advance for safe travels as you come to join us in Rockwall, TX by way of Desoto. Make your plans today to come and experience Dallas-Ft. Worth area in ET-style.

**DALLAS HILTON/LAKEFRONT**

2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032  
USA TEL: +1-214-771-3700 FAX: +1-214-771-3701  
Room Rates: \$149.00, Deluxe -169.00 (lakefront)  
Group Code is LOT. Due: 2/28/19  
WEBLINK: COMING SOON

**HOTEL ATTRACTIONS**

Located 22 miles east of downtown Dallas, the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront hotel is a beautiful waterfront destination in the exclusive lakeside community of Rockwall. This Lake Ray Hubbard hotel is set in The Harbor Rockwall, a stunning Mediterranean-style boardwalk development featuring excellent shopping, dining and entertainment.

**THE HARBOR ROCKWALL**

- Restaurants like Dodie's Seafood, Campisi's Pizza, and Gloria's Mexican
- Ice Cream, Nail Salons, etc.
- Movie Theater

**PLAZAS AT ROCKWALL**

- about 2 miles east of the hotel is shopping with Target, Belks, TJ Maxx, Best Buy, Ulta, J.C. Penney
- Restaurants
- Shenanigans Entertainment Center



### Iota Needs Your Support!

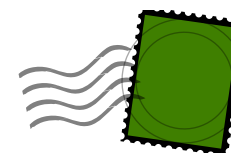


The Epsilon Phi Chapter in conjunction with Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National Executive Board would like for you to "support the Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation by purchasing through the Amazon Smiles program. Amazon donates .5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to the Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation."





## National Correspondence Month



Every year during the Month of December our sorority celebrates National Correspondence Month where we send greetings out to our fellow Sorors across Iotaland. This year, we will also send greetings to our local supporters and community partners that we have encountered throughout this year. It is always a great idea to keep the communication lines open with those who help us to be of service to others.

### Regional and National Scholarship Opportunities



The *Fredda Witherspoon* and *Alma I. Mackey* Scholarships are given on Regional Level to a **Female** H.S. Senior (2.5 or higher) wishing to pursue business related degree.

Due to chapter by: **1/20/2019.**

The Dorethea N. Hornbuckle National Scholarship is awarded to a youth who is a H.S. graduating Senior or college student pursuing a degree in the field of business, science or engineering.

Due to chapter by: **3/2/2019.**



The National Future Iota Leaders (FILS) Scholarship is given to a **Female or Male** H.S. graduating Senior wishing to pursue business related degree in our auxiliary group.

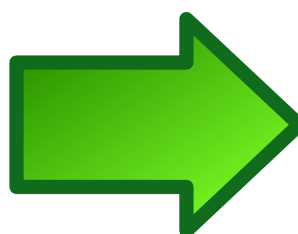
Due to chapter by: **2/16/2019.**



The Alice P.Allen National Scholarship is awarded to a teenage mother who is a H.S. graduating Senior wishing to further her education beyond high school.

Due to chapter by: **3/16/2019.**

\* Students may access an electronic copy of the applications via our Chapter Website at:  
[www.iota-epsilonphi.org](http://www.iota-epsilonphi.org)



**Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.**  
**National Convention**  
**July 24 - 28, 2019**  
**Shreveport, Louisiana**

**Host Chapter: Beta Psi Chapter**

**National Theme:**

"Business and Professional Women: Furthering The Dream of Economic Independence"

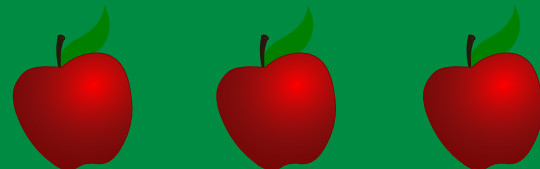
Soror Cynthia Brown



Education Week 2018

Looks like Soror Cynthia enjoyed American Education Week as she helped us honor Demetria Brown -HISD, LaKetra Glover - Royal Elementary (Royal ISD), and LaKia Jenkins at Bammel Elementary (Spring ISD) as Outstanding Educators. We love making our educators in the community feel appreciated. Way to go Soror!

Educational Week 2018



The Principal at Booker T. Washington High School hosted the campus PTO meeting in support of American Education Week. The principal allowed our chapter (Epsilon Phi) to give his parents certificates of appreciation for their support (sample certificate in photo to the left).

Booker T. Washington High School Parent University Event



November 15, 2018

President Davis and Soror Lynnette are out at Booker T. Washington High School for the Parent University Event showcasing our organization to the community. Thank you Sorors!

Thanksgiving 2018

Our chapter decided to adopt families and provide items to the local shelters in need this holiday season. Soror Cynthia Brown spent time at The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club during the Thanksgiving Break while Sorors Lillian Bell and Lynnette Ross visited a home of a family in need. Each provided, toiletries and can goods to help with spreading Thanksgiving cheer. Every one was in the giving spirit.



Out and about

December is "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights" Month

Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity.

Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10th. On this day in 1948, The United Nations General Assembly adopted The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year will mark 70 years, and it is a milestone document that proclaim the inalienable rights which is inherently to as a human being regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, your property, birth or other status.

This Declaration was drafted by representatives of all legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world. This document spells out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all people and all nations. It also helps to establish the equal dignity and the worth of all people.



Epsilon Phi Veteran Sorors



Soror Teresa Ward 1st Vice President



Soror Dr. Candice Pankey

# American Education Week 2018

## November 12-16

 #aew2018 | [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew)

### *Epsilon Phi Chapter Essay Competition Winners*

From the beginning of October until November 18, 2018, we collected essays from Middle and High School students for our 2018 American Education Week Essay Competition. Each of the students took time to develop essays that focused on the following theme:

**"In recent years Cyberbullying has become a national problem.**

**What are some forms of Cyberbullying that you are familiar with and how would you address the problem?"**

The following students are the winners for their category and have been submitted to the Regional level for judging. Each of the submissions were judged by local unbiased judges from various educational backgrounds in English.

#### Middle School Category Winner

**Daniella Thomas**

6th Grade Student

Houston Gateway Academy

#### High School Category Winner

**Bracaya Pellum**

12th Grade Student - Houston ISD

Booker T. Washington High School

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*A Special Thank You!*

A special electronic greeting was sent out this year for Support Staff Educators Day which took place Tuesday, November 13, 2018 (*see the photo on the right*). The staff who received the greetings were very appreciative. One of the campuses who received the greetings was Booker T. Washington High School in Houston Independent School District. The principal has allowed us to partner with the campus. We have participated in the Parent Teacher Organization meeting and their Parent University Event. A Parent University Event is where parents come out to the campus to learn about the opportunities and supports that are available to their child. We were able to set-up a booth and speak with some of the students about our essay competition and scholarship opportunities. We look forward to participating in more events this school year and thank the campus for allowing us to support them.



Good Morning,

Thank you for always lending an extra hand on campus. You are truly appreciated for all you do for the staff and students at your campus. Enjoy your upcoming Thanksgiving break and Happy Support Staff Educators Day!


~ From: The Epsilon Phi Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

# 90th Anniversary

We would like to share what the Epsilon Phi Chapter has been doing to celebrate our upcoming 90th year as an organization from September to November 2018. We have embraced our communities even more by hosting events, donating items, and having fun throughout the process. We stuck to our number 90 for the opportunities we had and shared information about our organization.



- A Thank You to All Sorors and Auxiliaries...**
  - 90 minutes of walking for Breast Cancer Awareness...
  - 90 diapers donated to deserving young mothers...
  - 90 packages of cookies, candy, treats, stickers and food items for the Pelatis and FILs Community Halloween Party...
  - 90+ Children who attended our Community Halloween Party...
  - 90+ student essay competition applications sent out to various Houston and Humble area schools...
  - Continuing to educate our Social Media communities with 90+ business articles and tips this sorority year...
- AND this is not all we have done.  
What a great start Sorors!!!!**



Epsilon Phi Chapter  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.  
High School Essay Winner  
Fall 2018 – American Education Week

Ms. Audrey Dutton Davis, President  
Dr. Valencia D. Hall, Chapter Essay Coordinator

## Christmas Time

By: © Ronald Doe

*Christmas time is finally here.  
It only comes but once a year,  
And it's a time to spread good cheer  
To those we love and hold so dear.*

*Christmas time is a time of glee,  
A time when peace and love run free,  
A time for those like you and me  
To sit beneath the Christmas tree.*

*Christmas time is a time of joy,  
A time to sit back and enjoy  
The smile on each girl and boy,  
As they play with a Christmas toy.*

*Christmas time is a time to share  
The passing of another year.  
Birth of Jesus, a joyful prayer,  
To show loved ones how much we care.*

*Christmas time is a time for song,  
A time for us to get along,  
To make us feel Lord Jesus strong,  
Forgive all those who did us wrong.*

*Christmas time is a time to pray,  
Put love and kindness on display,  
Show compassion along the way.  
Christmas time should be every day.*

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/christmas-time>



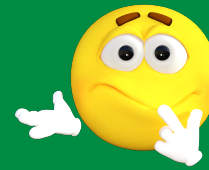
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night ~ from the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Epsilon Phi Chapter

## Christmas Word Scramble

**Directions:** Unscramble the following letters to create words related to Christmas.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <i>ntgcikso</i> _____  | 6. <i>errdneie</i> _____   |
| 2. <i>yancecadn</i> _____ | 7. <i>enssao</i> _____     |
| 3. <i>gnvgii</i> _____    | 8. <i>eglish</i> _____     |
| 4. <i>osryft</i> _____    | 9. <i>herawt</i> _____     |
| 5. <i>velse</i> _____     | 10. <i>solteimte</i> _____ |

*\*Look for the answers in our next edition. Good Luck!*



# Announcements

## Soror Spotlight



Soror Eboniece Hussain--a great asset to the chapter. Eboniece doesn't drag her feet when things need to be done. She is commended for her positive attitude when asked to support the chapter. She never thinks twice if she is able to do. Thanks for your support in making us the best. Congratulations Soror of the month!



## Pelati of the Month



Pelati Betty Lee--Chaplin.--Ms. Betty as we all call her is an active member of the Pelatis. She joined us and became our chaplin immediately. Ms. Lee has been a great asset to our organization. Congratulations Pelati of the month!

## Want to Know More?

You can learn more about Epsilon Phi via our:

Chapter Website: [www.iota-EpsilonPhi.org](http://www.iota-EpsilonPhi.org)



Chapter Email: [ephi2016ipl@gmail.com](mailto:ephi2016ipl@gmail.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/EPhi2016ipl>



[https://www.instagram.com/iotaphilambda\\_ephi](https://www.instagram.com/iotaphilambda_ephi)



[@EPhi2016ipl](https://twitter.com/EPhi2016ipl)

Sorority Website:  
[www.iota1929.org](http://www.iota1929.org)

Southwestern Region Website:  
[www.iotaswr.org](http://www.iotaswr.org)

## Men of Iota of the Month

Steven Cotton--He is the oldest of two boys. He is the son of Reginald and Viva Cotton. Steven is the father of two daughters and he is an active member of Holman Street Church. Steven is also the owner of South Side Rams Football team and an active Mason, Masonic Lodge HB Turner GL East Gate #329. Steven has been a great asset to the Men of Iota. Congratulation Steven!

### Steven Cotton



Man of Iota



Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

~ Hamilton Wright Mabie