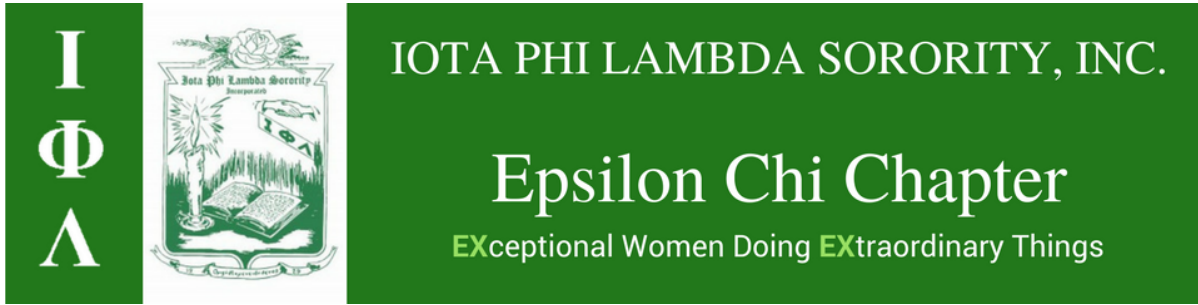


Epsilon Chi EXpress



December 2019

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President's Message



Greetings Sorors,

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing time with family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to express thanks to each Soror for all that you do on behalf of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated and Epsilon Chi Chapter. You are appreciated more than you know.

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I would like to acknowledge the Education Committee for recognizing Sorors within our chapter who are making a difference in education, whether in an instructional or support role. During our November chapter meeting, we had a great time supporting the Education Committee by bundling green pencils for students with notes of encouragement for teachers at Mayde Creek Junior High School. We got it done in less than 15 minutes. Epsilon Chi Chapter donated 22 bundles for a total of 110 pencils.

If you were not at the "I Am Beautiful Fall Extravaganza Fundraiser", you missed a great time. We partied with a purpose to raise funds for scholarships and the programs of Epsilon Chi Chapter. Seven long-stem white roses to the Fundraising Committee for an EXtraordinary event.

Calendar of Events

Epsilon Chi Chapter Business Meeting

December 14, 2019

Acorn to EXcellence Foundation Board Meeting

December 14, 2019

FIL Monthly Meeting

January 4, 2020

Recently, our FIL Auxiliary participated in a community service project. The FIL Advisors set a goal for our FIL's to donate 100 blankets to those in need. Because our FIL's are so EXceptional, they EXceeded that goal and collected 150 blankets that were provided to homeless families behind the George R. Brown Convention Center and the Loving Hands Residential Homes. Great job FIL's. Thank you to the Legends Motorcycle Club – Houston Chapter for escorting our FIL's and watching over them while they handed out the blankets. Because our FIL's got so much joy out of being a blessing to others, they want to continue this community service project on a yearly basis.

Seven long-stem white roses to the The Iota Mother's Assistance Program (IMAP) Committee for continuing our partnership with the Pregnancy Center of West Houston by presenting them with diapers on Giving Tuesday.

Epsilon Chi Chapter, let's keep the spirit of giving throughout the remainder of the sorority year through our programs and projects.

As we close out 2019, I hope that you will take time to relax, recharge and enjoy some time with family and friends during this Christmas season, because we are going to need you to come back in January 2020 and hit the ground running.

Happy Holidays!

In Sisterhood & Service,
Gloria Davis | Epsilon Chi Chapter President

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENT



Epsilon Chi Chapter has a newly appointed Journalist. Soror LaSandra Collins has accepted the position that was vacated in November by Soror Tanesha Mosley, who is relocating back to her hometown. We wish Soror Mosley the best and welcome Soror Collins to the office of Journalist and the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



On Saturday, November 9, 2019, the newly inducted Sorors of Epsilon Chi Chapter received their membership certificates. Congratulations to Sorors LaSandra Collins, Miriam Charles, LaFonda Smith, Genitra Andrews-Hypolite, Jana Gaskin, Trina Moore, and Tierra King. Again, welcome to the illustrious Sorority of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Incorporated.

Our new Sorors listen intently while attending New Member Orientation. During New Member Orientation, newly inducted Sorors get acclimated to the expectations, processes, and procedures of Epsilon Chi Chapter.



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

We salute our Sorors who have careers in Education. Thank you for playing a critical role in the lives of our youth!

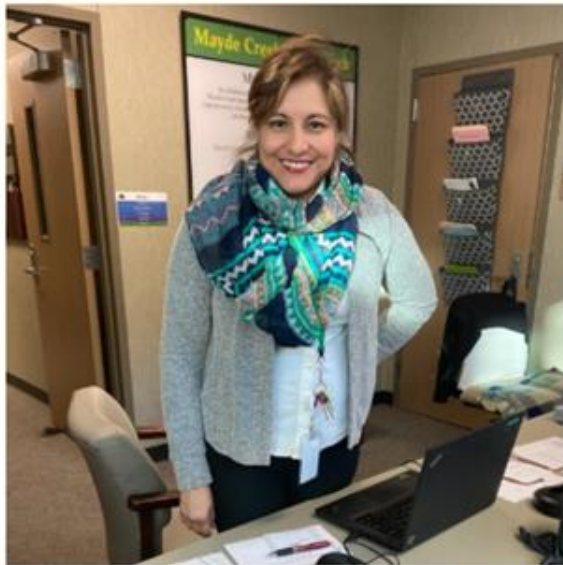
Lois Fort, Adria James, Cynthia Patton

Alicia Brock, Gloria Davis, Jana Gaskin

Miriam Charles, Micah Moore, Pamela Williams



Epsilon Chi prepares for American Education Week. The Epsilon Chi Chapter work together to bundle pencils for students with a note of encouragement for teachers at the Mayde Creek Junior High School of Katy ISD.



"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth."

~ John F. Kennedy

IOTA MOTHER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IMAP)

As a service of our Iota Mother's Assistance Program (IMAP), Epsilon Chi Chapter collected diapers on **Make a Difference Day** and donated them to our community partner, Pregnancy Center of West Houston on **Giving Tuesday**.

Soror Marchisha Dottrey and Soror Katrina Warren represented Epsilon Chi Chapter in presenting the diapers collected to the Pregnancy Center. The Director, "Jeannie" was very thankful for our donation.



"I AM BEAUTIFUL" FALL EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER

On November 22, 2019, the Fundraising Committee of the Epsilon Chi Chapter hosted the **I Am Beautiful Fall Extravaganza**. The committee consists of the chair Vanessa Hawkins and committee members, Gloria Davis, Katrina Warren, Wanda McKinnies, Marchrisha Dottrey, Redessa Shaw, and Tierra King.

The purpose of this event was to raise funds in support of scholarships and sorority programs.

A special thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. We had a great turnout and everyone had an EXcellent time.





SOROR SPOTLIGHT

Soror Donna Mitchell - President-Elect of Federation of Houston Professional Women

Donna Mitchell has served on the executive board of the Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW) for the past two years in the role of Administrative Secretary. The board of directors consists of women from a variety of organizations who are unified in providing a platform for women to network and be recognized in their area of professional success. She represented the Epsilon Chi Chapter as their 2017 FHPW Woman of Excellence and is now honored to be elected as the 2020 FHPW President-Elect. The mission of FHPW is to unite women from diverse member organizations, to enrich personal and professional relationships and expand leadership, partnership, and educational opportunities. The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is proud to be a member of FHPW while providing awareness on the programs and projects of Iota.



Congratulations to the incoming Federation of Houston Professional Women 2020 Executive Board



Jill Almaguer
President
Society of Women Engineers
Houston Area Section



Donna Mitchell
President-Elect
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Epsilon Chi Chapter



Anita Long
Vice President
Texas Executive Women



Sharon York
Recording Secretary
Humble Artesian Chapter of ASWA



Nelia Mazula
Administrative Secretary
Society of Women Engineers
Houston Area Section



Mary Faris
Treasurer
Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance
Houston Chapter



Lix Cloud
Immediate Past President
Texas Executive Women

Soror Eureka Patton - Massage Envy Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations to Soror Eureka Patton on the ribbon cutting of the new Massage Envy Alianna located at 10237 W. Grand Parkway S, Suite 107, Richmond, TX 77407. Sorors Donna Mitchell & Redessa Shaw attended the event to support our Sister on this glorious day!




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*Promotional offer ends December 31, 2019. Gift cards must be purchased at a Massage Envy franchise location. Offer is not valid online, from a third-party retailer, or for previous purchases. Minimum \$100 per transaction for a \$25 Promotional Card or \$150 per transaction for a \$40 Promotional Card. Gift cards are not redeemable or refundable for cash or credit except where required by law. Promotional Cards expire on March 31, 2020, and are subject to restrictions on use (see Promotional Card for details). Rates and services may vary by franchise location and region. For a specific list of services, check with specific franchise location or see MassageEnvy.com. Additional taxes and fees may apply. Each location is independently owned and operated. ©2019 ME SFE Franchising, LLC. ME 4284

Soror LaSandra Collins & Soror Redessa Shaw - Vision Board Event

On December 21, 2019, Sorors LaSandra Collins and Redessa Shaw will be guest speakers at the Winter Solstice, Holistic Vision Board Event 2020 Vision. The tickets are \$20.00. Join them as they provide tools to help others to position themselves for 2020.

Details to the event are provided on the flyer and tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

WINTER SOLSTICE

2020 *Vision Board Event*

December 21, 2019 3pm-6pm

A Holistic Approach to 2020

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET STARTED...





**Ramona Carter, Founder
Saving Minds Coalition**

**LaSandra Collins
Motivational Speaker**

**Redessa Shaw, Founder
H.E.R.B.S Of Nature
Guest Speaker**




Vendors:
Touch by Tay - Jewelry, Crystals & More
Three Fifths Brand by Torrie Hodge

16800 Imperial Valley Drive, Suite 310, Houston, TX 77060
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-solstice-vision-board-event-tickets-81869284233>

Write with PhotoMyWall.com

FIL SPOTLIGHT

The Epsilon Chi Chapter FILs had their 1st blanket donation drive. Over 150 blankets were donated to homeless families behind the George R. Brown Convention Center. The homeless families were very thankful for their blankets. The FILs loved being able to help them and would like to continue to do community service like this to make a true impact in the lives of others.



Happy Birthday to FIL's Lauren & Dobeart

Lauren Mitchell - December 13

Dobeart Williams - December 15



The Epsilon Chi Chapter is happy to announce the awardees of the 2019 Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay Contest. Students were encouraged to write a 500-word essay on the theme "Cyber Bullying...its impact on today's youth". Three judges not affiliated with the sorority scored the anonymous essays to select the top three for each age bracket. We commend all of our participants on their insightful writings. Congratulations to our first place winners Kennedy Mitchell - High School and Lauren Mitchell - Junior High School. They will advance to the regional level and compete among other students in the Southwestern Region.

Thank you to Sorors Donna Mitchell and Genitra Andrews-Hypolite for serving on the Scholarship Committee. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations FIL winners of the Evelyn Wilkey Essay Contest

High School

- 1st place - Kennedy Mitchell
- 2nd place - Aaliyah Herbert-Cyres
- 3rd place - Kya Carpenter

Middle School

- 1st place - Lauren Mitchell
- 2nd place - Elijah Copeland
- 3rd place - Isaiah Copeland

- 1st Place winners will receive \$100.
- 2nd Place winners will receive \$75.
- 3rd Place winners will receive \$50.

1st place essays were submitted to the Southwestern Region Essay Chair to compete on the regional level.

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Epsilon Chi Chapter 2019 scholarship recipient Quiann Bogle is a freshman at Prairie View A&M University majoring in biology. She has maintained all A's and a C in Chemistry. She manages to balance her academics with many extracurricular activities of which are the Pantherettes dance team, Student Government Association, Club Chic (promotes female empowerment & professionalism), Minority Association of Pre-health Students and True Life Change Bible Study. Quiann's outgoing personality and leadership have also landed her the position of co-chair for the Prairie View Choice Awards. We are so proud of our 2019 scholarship recipient. She has acclimated to college life with flying colors.



Kidpreneur SPOTLIGHT

Brice Everhart owner
of Vallaire's for Men and the

kidpreneur who won the pitch contest at Epsilon Chi's Chapter Bold Men and Women in business during business month has opened up a pop-up store in the Galleria Mall. Please save the date for the Ribbon cutting that will be held on December 19, 2019, at 7 pm. Brice has invited us to attend and will be sending an invitation to us in the near future. We will keep you posted.



MOI SPOTLIGHT

The Handsome Men of Iota!

On November 22, 2019, the MOI of Epsilon Chi Chapter was dressed to impress and came out to support the I Am Beautiful fundraiser event. The DJ was none other than MOI Orlando Dottrey; he came to spin the beats and kept us on our feet. Thanks to all MOI for your continued support.



CHAPTER PARTNERSHIPS

Epsilon Chi Chapter is a member of the Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW). The FHPW Educational Foundation is accepting scholarship applications through February 29, 2020.

Click the button below for more information.

[Application Form & Information](#)

ACORN TO EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION



September 28, 2019 Acorn to EXcellence partnered with The Gulf Coast Organization for the 2019 Fall Symposium offering FREE ACT & SAT Text Prep and Strategy Session for 8th - 12th grade students and The Game of Life activities were played with the Elementary and Middle School Students. The students were very engaging and thoroughly enjoyed the entire event.



ATEX NEWS

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wine Tasting
Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

Youth Forum
Saturday, April 4, 2020

MISSION

To empower women and youth interested in a career in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), business-related careers and entrepreneurship.

P.O. Box 5693
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"EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH"

SOROR BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Sorors Trina Moore (12/15); Tierra King (12/23); Redessa Shaw (12/25); and Vanessa Hawkins (12/28)! Wishing you a joyful, loving and peaceful day.



The Epsilon Chi Chapter would like to wish all our fellow Sorors a safe and enjoyable holiday season! We sincerely hope you have an opportunity to spend time with your family, friends, and loved ones sharing memories and making new ones. Have a blessed Holiday Season!



REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

REGIONAL NEWS

Sorors, The time is NOW!

Below is the link to book your hotel reservation for the 73rd SWR Conference.

[73rd SWR Conference Hotel - Marriott CityPlace Springwoods Village](#)

2019 Conference Theme: “Committing to Business”
Conference Focus: *Iota Nuts and Bolts (Revised)*
Conference Challenge : “Each One, Bring One”
Conference Theme Song : *(All Aboard the Love Train)*
Conference Host Chapter : *Epsilon Phi*

The SWR Executive Committee hopes to see you there.



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1200 Lake Plaza Dr, Spring, TX 77389

P: 281-350-4000 www.marriottspringwoodsvillage.com

NATIONAL NEWS

Iota Alerts and Updates

- Iota Bylaws 2019 have been updated thanks to National Recording Secretary Soror Jennifer Porter and Past National Secretary Erma Braithwaite-LaMotta. An updated version should be accessible through your Chapter President and Regional Director.
- Iota's Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation for the Economic Empowerment of Women (LMPF) is seeking board members. They are seeking qualified individuals to serve on the board. Talents and skills in fundraising, grants writing, governance are all needed. Visit here for more details: <https://mailchi.mp/df2481f13d3f/calling-all-sorors-impf-announcement>
- The National Publicity Committee (NPC) **Visibility Campaign 2019 to 2020**: One Day at A Time kicked off early September 28, 2019.
- Submit chapter newsletters to the NPC chair and National Executive Board. Upload your PDF newsletter here
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1llrgsTDvGSjJq2bSSF4PgR6KEmM5YKXU>
- Save the date. LMPF Symposium 2020 is coming. More exciting news forthcoming. Visit <http://impfdn.org> for more details. Did you miss Symposium 2018, no worries check out the video: [LOLA Mercedes Parker | Ignite Gala & Youth Leadership and Innovation](#)

2019-2020 EPSILON CHI CHAPTER OFFICERS

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1st Vice President - Soror Donna Mitchell

2nd Vice President - Soror Katrina Warren

Recording Secretary - Soror Cynthia Patton

Corresponding Secretary - Soror Eureka Patton


Financial Secretary - Soror Adria James

Treasurer - Soror Wanda McKinnies

Journalist - Soror LaSandra Collins
Dean of Intake - Soror Redessa Shaw

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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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NATIONAL THEME

Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment

Dorothy White - 23rd National President

REGIONAL THEME

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

Vahnita D. Loud - Southwestern Regional Director

CHAPTER THEME

Building on Our Legacy

Gloria Davis - Chapter President

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