

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.-Alpha Kappa Chapter

# ALPHA KAPPA CHATS

## President's Message

### Greetings,

The National Executive Board of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. welcomes its members and friends of Iota to this year's **IOTA** experience. Every year during this month there is a heightened emphasis on promoting historical and present-day contributions by individuals of African American ancestry and organizations supporting efforts to promote cultural awareness of African Americans in the United States and globally. **Let it not be forgotten!**

This year our National President will celebrate this year's Black History Month through its **IOTA Her Story campaign**...Alpha Kappa Chapter salutes its founder's seven women of our history who have pushed for, change, excelled in their fields, and inspired sorors today from across the nation.

### Special points of interest:

- HerSTORY
- BLACK HISTORY
- Outreach
- What's Next?



President Carolyn Jones



## HER STORY



The **IOTA Her Story** campaign encourages Iota members nationally to promote, through local or regional workshops, events, media announcements, and social media outlets, information on IOTA'S history and its impact to communities within the United States and globally over the past 89 plus years. **Her Story** campaign can become a worldwide platform for women and girl's stories to be shared, illuminating their lives and amplifying their voices in the global discourse on gender equity. **The Her Story Campaign: Her Voice Our Future**

In the spirit of "IOTA"  
*Carolyn Jones-Alpha Kappa Chapter*  
 President  
**Get On Board! Standing 4 "IOTA"**

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# IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.

22nd National President Stephanie Dilworth and the National Executive Board  
Presents



## HerSTORY 2019

*Celebrating the contributions of the First African American  
Business and Professional Women's Organization and Sisterhood  
1929 to 2019*

**B L A C K \* H I S T O R Y \* M O N T H**

**IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. CELEBRATES 2019 BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY PROMOTING ITS OWN  
HISTORY THROUGH:**

### **IOTA'S HERSTORY CAMPAIGN**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.- February 1, 2019-** Today is the first day of Black History Month in the United States. The National Executive Board of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. welcomes its members and friends of Iota to this year's IOTA experience. Every year during this month there is a heightened emphasis on promoting historical and present-day contributions by individuals of African American ancestry and organizations supporting efforts to promote cultural awareness of African Americans in the United States and globally. Let it not be forgotten.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., the first African American business and professional women's organization and sisterhood founded June 1, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois by seven founders lead by Mrs. Lola Mercedes Parker, founder and President Emeritus, will celebrate this year's Black History Month through its **IOTA HerStory** campaign.

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Under the direction of its 22<sup>nd</sup> National President, Mrs. Stephanie Dilworth, IOTA aims to promote its rich history as business and professional women making productive changes within its target communities. *"As we prepare to celebrate 90 years on June 1, 2019, IOTA members are excited to promote our history as we Look Back, Look Forward, Imagining..."* stated President Dilworth. To learn more about Iota and its history visit: <https://iota1929.org/heritage>

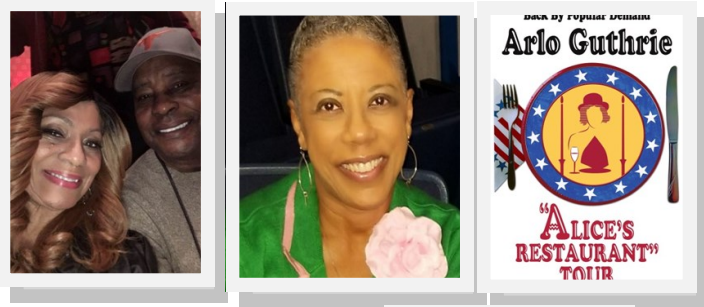


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# BLACH HISTOR



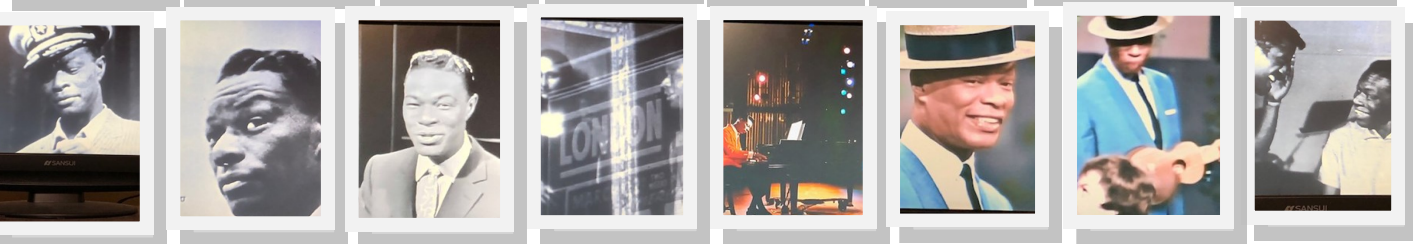
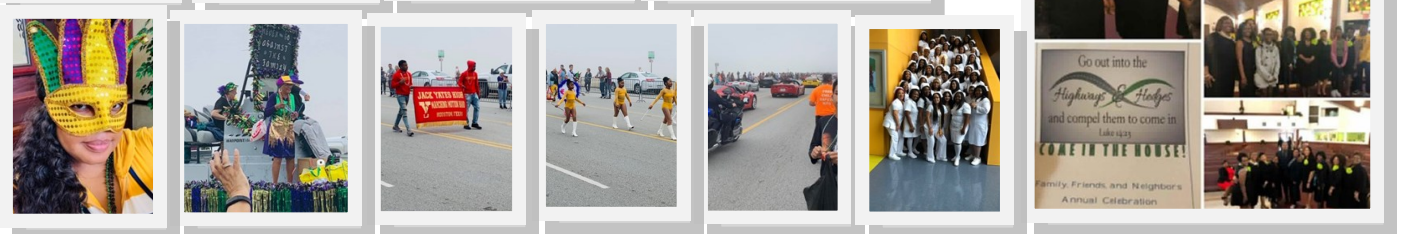
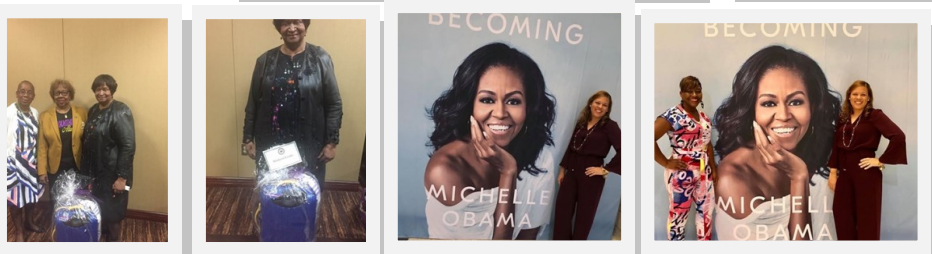
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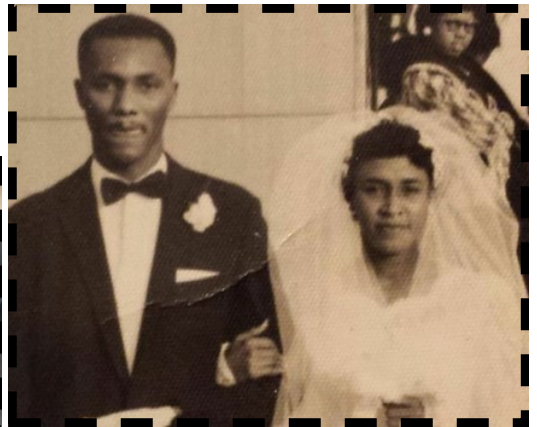
**Nat King Cole** was born Nathaniel Adams Coles at Montgomery, Alabama. He received music lessons from his mother and his family moved to Chicago when he was only five, where his father Edward James Coles was a minister at the True Light Baptist Church and later Pastor of the First Baptist Church.



# ALPHA KAPPA CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY



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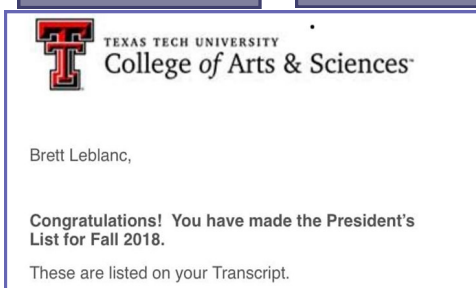


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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !!!



MAKE HISTORY  
FUTURE IOTA LEADERS!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH!

Soror Alma Banks ended the Black History events for the chapter with a beautiful ribbon recognition and service. The month ended just as it began with sorors worshipping together as a unit across the city.



## BUFFALO SOLDIER!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SOROR!

Linda Raye Taylor February 14, 2019





HERSTORY **LOLA MERCEDES PARKER** HERSTORY

Lola Mercedes Parker, founder of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc, was born in Little Rock, Arkansas to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith around 1895. After finishing elementary school, she and her family moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she completed high school. In 1919, she became a resident of Chicago, Illinois, where she began her post secondary education, culminating with graduation from Chicago Business College. In 1922 she married William S. Parker. Two children were born of this union, both of whom preceded their parents in death.

In 1929, while employed as secretary to Rev. L. K. Williams, then president of the National Baptist Convention, she founded Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. Its aim: "To encourage young women to enter the Business Field by means of business training". Lola M. Parker was founder of a premier sorority and its National President from 1929 to 1946 and President-Emeritus until her demise in 1987.

Subsequent to her employment with Dr. Williams, Mrs. Parker held many important positions: Administrative Assistant to Congressman William Mitchell; Director of Women's Activities; Chicago Negro Chamber of Commerce; first Negro Department Manager at R.H. Donnelley Corp; Secretary-Treasurer, Business and Professional Association's Credit Union; and Business manager, South Parkway YWCA.

In 1935, as the sorority's National President, she was instrumental in Iota Phi Lambda Sorority being present when Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune presided at the historic first meeting of the National Council of Negro Women on December 5, 1935, in Harlem. The sorority was one of three sororities represented, along with representation from other national organizations.

She was active in many national and community organizations including member of Olivet Baptist Church; served as National Vice-President of the Women's Army for National Defense; National Council of Negro Women, co-organizer of the first Chicago Section; Life Member NAACP; Iota Phi Lambda Welfare Organization; YWCA; and many national and local organizations engaged in civic endeavors for racial, educational and economic advancement.

Lola Mercedes Parker died on March 19, 1987, and was buried in Lincoln Cemetery, 12300 Kedzie Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois.





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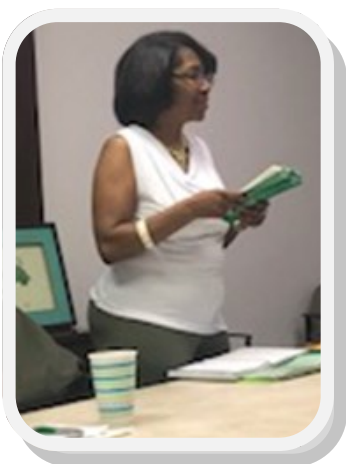


## WOMEN IN RED!



The American Heart Association's signature women's initiative. Go Red for Women is a comprehensive platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally.

## SOROR OF THE MONTH!



Connie Anglin



*Congratulations*

Soror Anglin is a Happy Go Lucky member in Alpha Kappa Chapter...She is a 30 plus year member in Alpha Kappa Chapter, she is a past Chapter President and always show a willing to learn. You will notice by her beautiful smile. She is dedicated and loyal to the aims and ideals of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. She is a retiree from the North Forest Independent School District. for many years. Soror Anglin now serving locally as Vice President, Co-Chair Membership and Business Month. We thank you soror Anglin for your years of service in "IOTA"/Alpha Kappa Chapter. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## What's Coming Locally?

72nd Southwestern Regional Conference-March 28-31-2019  
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□ 90th National Convention: July 24-28, 2019  
Hilton Convention Center

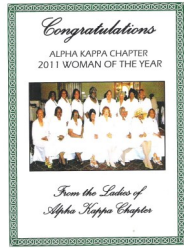




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Lola Mercedes Parker, Founder



**We're on the web!**

**[www.alphakappachapter.com](http://www.alphakappachapter.com)**

**[iotaswr.org](http://iotaswr.org)**

**[iota1929.org](http://iota1929.org)**

**FACEBOOK**

**[iota.alphakappachapter](https://www.facebook.com/iota.alphakappachapter)**

### 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 to 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.

## THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPEAKS

### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. LEADERSHIP DISCUSSES MEMBERS IMPACTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

**WASHINGTON, D.C.- January 31, 2019-** The National Executive Board of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. stands with its members impacted by the United States Federal Government shutdown and applaud the reopening of the government offices. However, we acknowledge the tenuousness of the situation as only a temporary solution has been found and the possibility of another shut-

down is looming. This is not a good situation for anyone.

As our elected officials work towards a reasonable solution to the border security issue(s) we ask all members of IOTA to contact your Congressmen and Senators to express support for our Federal Government Workers and to remind them of the devastation a shutdown can cause to all Americans.

Warmest regards,

*Stephanie Dilworth*

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**22<sup>nd</sup> National President**

