



# The Beta Delta Times

“Highlighting the Beat of Beta Delta”



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## President’s Corner

A New Year is finally upon us! If you’re like most folks you’re looking forward to a fresh start, making resolutions, setting new goals and making plans let go of undesirable habits. We all know we’ve been dealing with a crazy year, and have been hopeful that 2021 would usher in some refreshing changes from 2020. Unfortunately it appears that very little has changed, especially the political climate and this dreaded pandemic, but don’t be dismayed. Remember. You can set a goal any day of the year. Think about how much more resilient you’ve become over the past year, you’ve adjusted and adapted and hopefully arrived at the realization that you’re much more resilient than you ever imagined. No matter what happens in 2021, you are prepared and ready to take it on and receive whatever lessons it presents. I often hear people say at the start of a new year, “this is my year”! Or they make big hairy audacious resolutions at the beginning of the New Year, only to see it fail before the end of January. I believe every year is your year, just as every day is your day. Don’t let them do more, be better cultural narrative make you feel inadequate. Yes, it’s very beneficial to do some self-reflecting and make adjustments - even if you change course weeks or months later. Just don’t let the pressure to change overwhelm you just because it’s January. We only need to go with the flow... You Got This! Happy New Year!

Sisterly,

Soror Brenda Patton, President  
Beta Delta Chapter

*National Theme:*

*“Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for  
Generational Financial Empowerment”*

# Chapter Essay Contest

Beta Delta awarded our local Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay contest participants, Ronald Walker, II (High School) and Ryan Walker, (Middle School) with a monetary and certificate of recognition for their participation.



**EVELYN D. WILKEY NATIONAL  
ESSAY CONTEST  
APPLICATIONS DUE  
NOV. 30, 2020**

Applications available  
through your local Iota  
chapter. Visit [iota1929.org](http://iota1929.org).

#Iota.A.E.W.2020

## Shout Out!!

Beta Delta is so proud of our very own Soror Misty Gee's daughter Ari Gee who was a past local participant in our Evenly D. Wilkey Essay Contest. Ari attends Abilene Christian University and was spotlighted for her efforts.

### *Student Spotlights*

#### **MSW Student Spotlight: Ari Gee**



Ari is an advanced graduate student from Missouri City, TX. She frequently goes to plays and symphony concerts hosted by the Abilene philharmonic. Most of her days are spent doing work on her thesis, so those events are always a part of her self-care. During the Pandemic she was able to take up a new hobby in cooking Japanese food after her new found interest in Anime. After graduation she is looking forward to advancing her career and to getting into the groove of adulthood. She plans on taking her licensing exam right after graduation and finding a job within schools. Currently, she is interning at AISD under the McKinney-Vento Program which serves homeless youth.

# Virtual Informational Session

**Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.**  
**BETA DELTA CHAPTER**

*Sisterhood*

**VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL SESSION**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**01:00 - 02:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021**

Join us to learn about Iota and how you can join us as we make a powerful impact in our communities

Register by Jan 8 for this meeting at:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcu6srT4pGtRQTKfYu\\_-UqmYvVHjLrLqC](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcu6srT4pGtRQTKfYu_-UqmYvVHjLrLqC)  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Beta Delta held its first virtual information session on Saturday, January 9, 2021. We kicked off our session with a wonderful ice breaker where each person on the call had to state what their favorite song would be if stranded on a deserted island. That was a fun activity and way to kick off our session.

Soror Sanders went over the history of the organization and Soror Ayanna Tasby-Bertrand went over the history of Beta Delta. Soror Butler went over the qualifications in becoming a member and the benefits of being a part of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. We had 22 participants attending the event; 9 guests participated in this informational session to ask questions of us; it was so enlightening to hear the personal stories that our guests shared about themselves. Awesome group of women.

## *Happy Birthday Wishes*

Misty Gee December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Michele Martin December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ester Lunnon December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Brenda Patton January 15<sup>th</sup>



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## *Happy Anniversary*

Soror Cynthia Patton December 19<sup>th</sup>



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## *Rose Beyond the Wall*

The Beta Delta Chapter mourns the loss of two of our beloved Sorors. They will be forever in our hearts and memories.

Soror Pamela Broady – Beta Pi Chapter  
Soror Janie Samuels – Beta Psi Chapter



**Beta Delta Chapter Officers:**

Brenda Patton, President  
 Ester Lunnon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 Michele Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Rhonda Miller, Treasurer  
 Sharyl Butler, Financial Secretary  
 Nicole Davis, Recording Secretary  
 Ester Lunnon, Journalist  
 Sharyl Butler, Dean of Intake

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 Lambda Sorority, Inc.  
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Southwestern Region

www.iotaswr.org

IOTA Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

www.iota1929.org

**Calendar of Events**

Virtual Chapter Information Session	January 9, 2021
Beta Delta Chapter Meeting	January 23, 2021



**Chapter Fundraiser**

We cordially invite you to click on this link [African American Expressions](#) and join our fundraising campaign where you will find accessories, stationery, greeting cards, home décor, drinkware and more! This is a great way to continue to safeguard the health and safety of our families because the items you purchase will be shipped directly to you, and a portion of your purchase goes towards our scholarship fund.

**Instructions to place an order:**

Click this link: [African American Expressions](#)  
 Select: "Find my Fundraiser" at the very top of the page.  
 Enter the Beta Delta Account no. 21368  
 Select Beta Delta  
 Make sure that the cart at the top indicates "Shopping with Beta Delta"

Start shopping! After you pay online for your order, it will be shipped directly to you and a portion of your payment will be sent to Beta Delta's scholarship fund.

