

Message From The President

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Sorors of the EXceptional Epsilon Chi Chapter we have overcome the challenges of this past year with professionalism and creativity. We had a wonderful Founders Day program and have rededicated ourselves to our illustrious sorority.

We have thought outside the box to develop programs and projects that were appealing to the community. We have utilized technology to capture the voices and faces of our attendees, hosts, and the public. The Iota mission has been unstoppable, and we have overcome what some would call the impossible.

Be proud dear Soror of what we have accomplished together this year. We are a few days away from the end of the sorority year and continue to pursue excellence. I can truly say that the challenges and pitfalls were turned into triumphs and lessons learned. It has been an honor serving you in this virtual space; the president who led fearlessly, with passion and truth. It is my hope that you will continue to live in one accord with the values of our creed and we will uplift, encourage,



and empower each other to pursue our happiness and implement the dream our founder, Lola Mercedes Parker, so boldly carried out. Onward and Upward my Sisters!



New Soror of the Year



Soror Jana Gaskin

Epsilon Chi recognizes Jana Gaskin as our New Soror of the Year. The pandemic made this an inspiring year for Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. We showed the world how professionals can handle adversity.

Recording Secretary, Soror Jana was consistent and thorough. A new member, she joined and improved processes in every role she occupied. Jana served as the MOI liaison. She was a member in our public relations and membership committee. Thank you for your service Soror Jana Gaskin.



Birthday Announcement



Calendar of Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Soror Tonya Tompkins	18	19
20	21	22 Soror Alicia Brock	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Soror LaSandra Collins	2	3
4 4 JULY	5	6	7 Soror Genitra Andrews-Hypolite	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Soror Audrey Hamilton	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	NATIONAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2021		SWR Planning Meeting August 21 st President's Workshop August 28 th		



Message from the Dean of Intake

Soror Redessa Shaw

On Saturday May 15, 2021 the Epsilon Chi Chapter hosted a RUSH and met with some pretty amazing prospects. If you know anyone who resides on the West side of Houston and is willing to be part of a movement greater than them, please let the Dean know. We will host a 2nd RUSH on June 24, 2021 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00.

Roses Beyond the Wall

Farewell Soror Ruth Taylor

By: President Donna Mitchell



When one of our dear sisters goes on to Glory, we call them our **Rose Beyond the Wall**. With great sadness we will miss our beloved Soror, Ruth Taylor from the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Her smile and energy lit up the room. Our sincere condolences to the Sorors of Alpha Kappa Chapter. We wish you peace during this time. Our sister Ruth Taylor will be truly missed but not forgotten.

Boss Book Club



This book speaks specifically on choosing which type of business, to start partnerships, funding, and management from business structure and employees, to understanding the latest tax and healthcare reform information and legalities.

Soror Accolades

Austin Women's Way Awards 2021

By: Sheri Marshall, 1st Vice President

Soror Sheri Marshall was appointed as a member of the Austin Woman magazine Woman's Way selection committee.

The Woman's Way Business Awards are designed to support women doing amazing things.

'We are so excited to have you on the committee, it's been quite a year and it's so necessary to celebrate the women who have not only survived but thrived as compelling and inspiring leaders through this time of uncertainty and we couldn't do it without you!'

The job of the Selection Committee is to review and score about 50 applications where women are applying for awards in at least 10 categories. We then met via zoom to discuss each candidate, eliminated, and choose the three finalist and the winner for each category. On May 19 the 2021 Women's Way

Awards was held at the Long Center in the beautiful city of Austin Texas.

More than 700 businesswomen purchased tables and showed up for this annual event.



Soror Accolades

National Women of Achievement

By: Sheri Marshall, 1st Vice President

A Salute to Women Veterans. Soror Sheri received the National Women of Achievement Award in for Business in 2021. This year National Women of Achievement - Austin Metroplex Chapter honored women who have served in the military. The Women Veterans led all the honorees into the church for the program.



National Women of Achievement, Inc. is a professional 501(c)3, non-profit organization dedicated to community service. The heart of our work is encouraging youth leadership, service to the elderly, political awareness, and honoring the status of women.

Membership provides leadership enhancement, friendships that will last a lifetime, opportunities to motivate, nurture and honor youth, and the opportunity to make this world a better place in which to live. It is our desire to invite outstanding women of all ages who are looking for opportunities to contribute, learn and become potential leaders in our organization.

Scholarship Recipient Update

Dorothea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship

By: Donna Mitchell, President

Angela Zhong, 2020's Dorothea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship winner, provided these updates after her first semester on campus Harvard University.



Angela has excelled during her first semester. She has learned to manage increased course load and the competitive nature of ivy league college and has relished her time in Cambridge.

"I could not have accomplished any of this without the support I've received in paying for college. I owe each member of a huge thank you and would love to assist in any way I can to pay it forward." Angela said.

Congratulations Angela on your first year at college. We are proud of you and wish you success.

This spring, Angela was recognized by several groups. She was named Outstanding Volunteer by the Small Claims Advisory Service of (PBHA) Phillips Brooks House Association.

She was the Case Team Leader, Harvard College Consulting Group. She was also the Northwest Campus Fellow with the (UNA) United Nations Association.

Angela was a student advisory councilmember

for the Harvard Mindich Engaged Scholarship. Ms. Zhong also served as the Associate Editor for Criminal Justice with the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics. This summer, she will be working at the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau and will also do research at the Harvard Kennedy School.

A dream written down with a date becomes a GOAL.

A goal broken down into steps becomes a PLAN.

A plan backed by action makes your dreams come true.

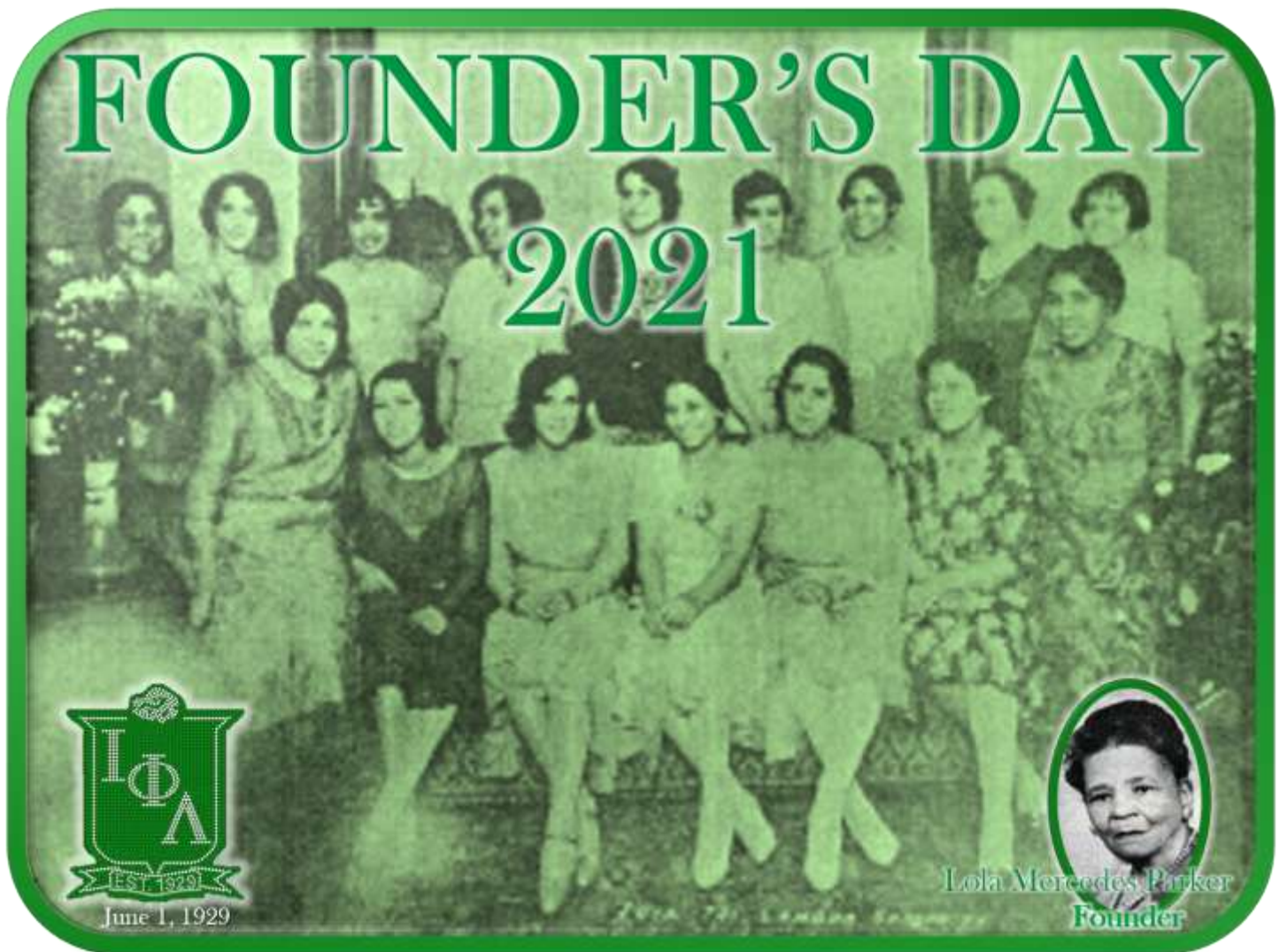


Wedding Announcement

Soror Marchisha Dottrey Gets Married August 1, 2021



♥ Happy Founder's Day Sorors ♥



The Importance of Founder's Day

By: Soror Tameka White

Founder's Day is a special day to every organization. It marks the beginning of a journey that will become a legacy- a tradition, to be handed down for generations and generations. Founder's Day for Iota Phi Lambda is no exception.

Ninety-two years ago, Lola Mercedes Park and seven of her friends came together to galvanize a vision. Our founder Lola Mercedes Parker was motivated by the need and great vision of an organization to offset the despair caused by the Great Depression.

She sought the assistance of Ethel T. Edwards, Mildred G. Hardin, Harriet M. Robinson, Ophelia

Harrison, Burdette Trigg, and Marjorie Tyndell. They established an organization that would add prestige to the field of business and the women who had chosen business as a career. More than an organization, they founded a sisterhood of professional women.

Looking at the photo of our founder and her friends, it is conceivable that they were filled with excitement. They probably felt empowered and encouraged that they were laying the groundwork for a sisterhood to empower "businesswomen" in this time in U.S. History.

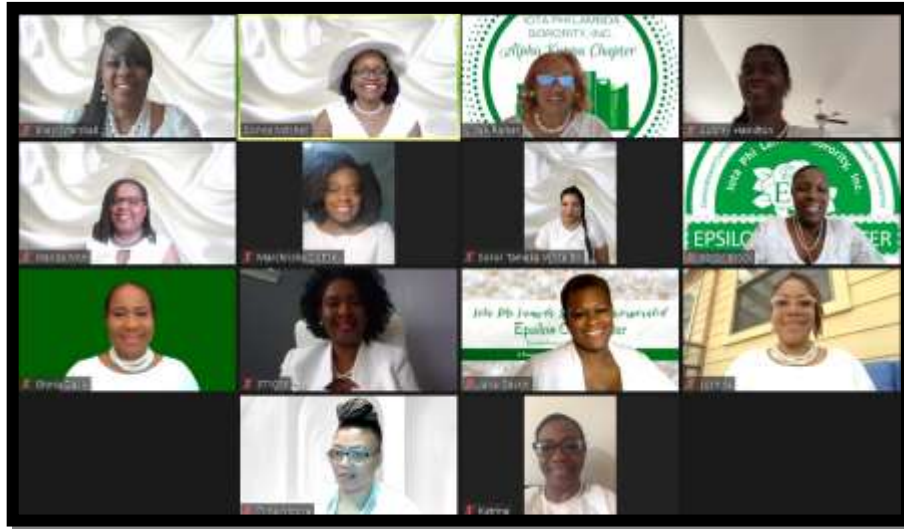
This Founder's Day, we should adopt that same excitement and rededicate ourselves to this great sorority.

Officer Installation

What's in Your Iota Bag?

By: Soror Tameka White

Saturday June 12, 2021, Epsilon Chi installed its new executive board. Madam White Rose Queen, Lillian Parker performed the 2021-2022 officer installation ceremony. This year WRQ charge the 2021-2022 executive



committee and the entire chapter to evaluate themselves. "What is in your Iota bag, rate your participation with letter **A** if you participated in: Chapter meetings, Chapter events, Founder's Day, Regional Conference and National Convention. If you did not attend all the events grade your participation with the appropriate grade of **B** or **C**. If is less than a **C**, it is insignificant" WRQ Parker said.

The chapter was then tasked to rate ourselves on our participation with

our sister chapter. White Rose Queen Parker said, "Participating with our chapter forwards the vision of our president. Our president's vision forwards the vision of the Regional Director. The Regional Director's vision forwards the vision of our National President. They all work together."

If our Iota bags did not have 100% participation in it this year, we should remember to pack it for the upcoming

sorority year. We should ask ourselves, do we truly "believe in Iota's ability to get results." If yes, we know that participating is the only way to get results. If we are not seeing the result, we should check our Iota bags to make sure we have packed participation.

2021-2022 Installed Executive Committee



"I Believe in Working Not Shirking."



Sorority Meeting

2nd Saturday of Every Month
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Epsilon Chi Chapter

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Let's stay connected:



Check out our website: [Epsilon Chi Chapter](#)

SORORITY LEADERS



Donna Mitchell
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Vahnita D. Loud
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Regional Director



Dorothy White
23rd National President



Lola Mercedes Parker
Our Founder

Chapter Theme:

Together we are Limitless as we Imagine, Excite and Empower

Regional Theme:

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

National Theme:

Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment

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