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Let's continue to pray for all of our nurses, doctors, aides, and first responders as we deal with the COVID-19 virus. Continue to pray for those that are sick and those that have gotten well.



Voting is the most consequential way that ordinary Americans can exercise political clout. Our democracy is strongest when everyone's voice is heard, and we speak the loudest when we cast our ballots.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Southwestern Region Planning Meeting - September 26, 2020

Beta Psi Chapter Meeting - October 10, 2020

In-Person Early Voting - October 20-27, 2020

Vote by Mail Application Deadline - October 20, 2020

American Education Week - November 16-20, 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Sorors,

2020---A year of self-evaluation, turmoil and challenges. We have been challenged to take a good look at ourselves, our lives, our family, our community and the world. COVID-19 temporarily shut the entire nation down. I view it as God's way of saying STOP, I'm here and I will supply your needs. For once, time had no bearing on us. Our "to do list" has shorten or even disappeared. Our focus has changed from "got to be here or there" to virtual attendance and prayer. The "new norm" is becoming common place in our lives.

We are wearing masks to protect ourselves and others; we are disinfecting/cleaning surfaces more; we are practicing social distances; and we are limiting our congregating with others. Yes, 2020 has definitely affected us. Lives have been lost through the pandemic, police brutality, black on black crime, and natural disasters such as fire, floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes. Riots and marches are seen not only in 3rd world countries, but here in the United States. In the midst of all of this chaos, I thank God that His Grace and Mercy is bringing us through. He has blessed us so far to Survive and carry on with our lives!

As we continue to do the work of Iota, let us reflect on what we have already accomplished. We have adapted to conducting business virtually. Chapters have conducted virtual Founder's Days; Regions have conducted virtual planning meetings and Conferences; National conducted a Town Hall Meeting; and our own Southwestern Region is preparing to launch it's 3rd virtual Planning Meeting. We have entered the new norm running! This Sorority year will be one of praise and innovation. I leave you with these words from a well-known song that I feel is befitting to this time:

Thank you

"Tragedies are common place. All kinds of diseases, people are slipping away. Economies down, people can't get enough pay. But as for me, all I can say is. Thank you Lord for all You've done for me, yeah Folks without homes, living out in the streets. And the drug habits some say, they just can't beat. Muggers and robbers, no place seems to be safe. But You'll be my protection every step of the way. And I want to say. Thank you Lord for all You've done for me"

--Walter Hawkins

IOTA PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

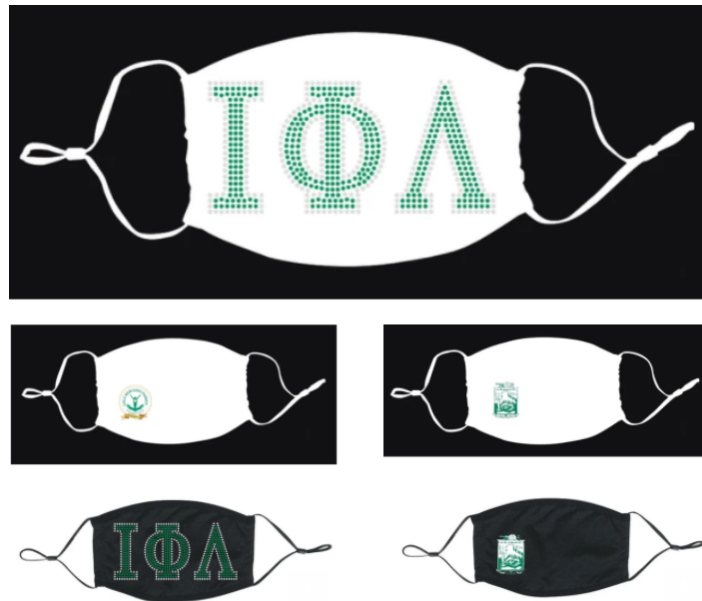
Founder's Day 2020



The sorors of Beta Psi Chapter conducted their very first virtual Founder's Day on June 1, 2020. We faced a number of challenges but all came away with a renewed dedication to the work of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. We look forward to having a productive 2020-2021 Sorority Year!

NATIONAL INFORMATION

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority & LMPF Month Long Fundraiser



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. and the Lola M Parker Foundation have teamed up to help you Mask-Up for Fashion & Protection. During the month of September, IPL and LMPF is having a month-long fundraiser selling branded masks to assist you in staying safe and being diligent about masking-up. Masks can be purchased on The 1929 Collection website link below. The cost of the mask is \$10. All proceeds will go towards Iota and LMPF.

<https://the1929collection.com/products/lola-mercedes-parker-foundation-face-masks>

NATIONAL INFORMATION

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority & LMPF Town Hall

JOIN US FOR A TOWN HALL

A COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

The Lola M. Parker Foundation, the charitable arm of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., is Celebrating 5 Years of Service Kicking Off with a Town Hall Discussion.



Dorothy White

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

AUGUST
27th
7 PM EST



Stephanie Dilworth

LOLA MERCEDES PARKER FOUNDATION
CEO & BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR



Moderated by Soror Cory Milam

FINANCIAL SORORS MUST REGISTER USING THE ZOOM LINK BELOW

https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t6Z-TDf_Q3OU_QuouI_f5g



Sorors Dr. Evelyn S. Mosley, Tanesha Mosley, and Willie Myers joined the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.'s National President and the Chairwoman of the Lola M. Parker Foundation for a town hall on August 27th. This was a wonderful collaborative and interactive discussion to update the membership of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. on the Foundation's activities.

NATIONAL INFORMATION

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority & LMPF Town Hall



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. RELIEF FUND

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. in partnership with the Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the Iota Relief Fund Micro Grants. These grants will help support small businesses owned by African American women, who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, in the five regions of Iota. As the first African American Business Sorority, we continue to support and empower African American business women with these funds and resources, that strengthen their business efforts.

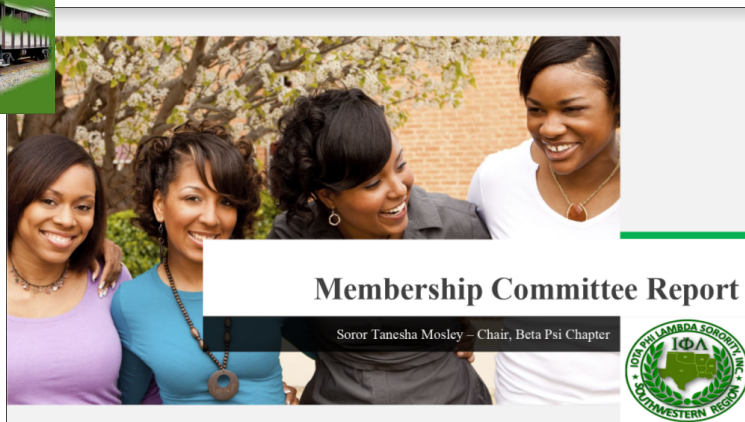
 <p>CENTRAL REGION DR. BARBARA J. ANDREWS The Open Arms Foundation Chicago, IL</p>	 <p>CENTRAL REGION PHYLLIS L. RODGERS Peer Plus Education & Training Advocates Chicago, IL</p>	 <p>EASTERN REGION KEZIA M. WILLIAMS Capital Cause d/b/a/ The Black Upstart Alexandria, VA</p>	 <p>FAR WESTERN REGION VERONICA DAWKINS Dresspart, LLC. Denver, CO</p>
 <p>FAR WESTERN REGION PAULA WELSH The Welsh PR & Event Planning Oakland, CA</p>	 <p>SOUTHERN REGION TUNISIA SCOTT Tennessee Minority Pages Nashville, TN</p>	 <p>SOUTHERN REGION STACY WASHINGTON Xubian Wellness & Acne Clinic, P.C. Fayetteville, NC</p>	 <p>SOUTHWESTERN REGION COURTNEY CALDWELL ShearShare, Inc. Frisco, TX</p>
 <p>SOUTHWESTERN REGION PORTIA ANDREWS & KIRA BUCKLEY HeyyHealer Holistic Health & Wellness Studio DeSoto, TX</p>			

Grant Recipients

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. announced the winners of the Iota Relief Fund Micro Grants. Kudos to all winners of this grant which help support small businesses owned by African American women. Special kudos to the winners from the Southwestern Region, Ms. Courtney Caldwell, Ms. Portia Andrews and Ms. Kira Buckley!

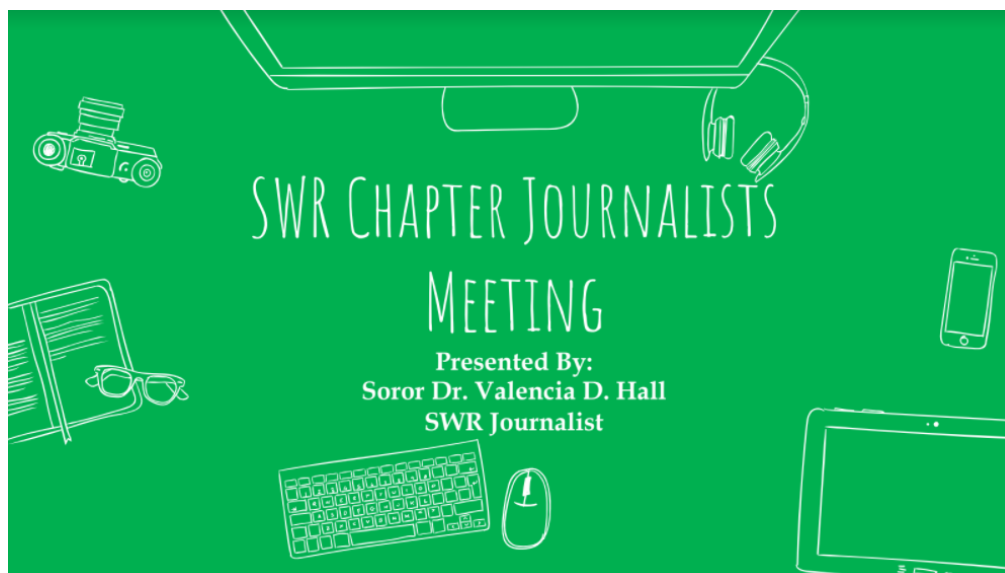
REGIONAL INFORMATION

Southwestern Regional Conference 2020



Members of Beta Psi Chapter participated the Southwestern Region's first Virtual Regional Conference on June 6, 2020. It was so good to see all the beautiful faces of our regions members. Our very own Soror Tanesha Mosley presented the Regional Membership Committee report as the chair of that committee. Kudos to all of the chapters that won regional awards and to all of our newly elected officers.

Southwestern Region Chapter Journalist Meeting



Soror Tanesha Mosley participated in the virtual Southwestern Region Chapter Journalist Meeting conducted by SWR Journalist Soror Dr. Valencia D. Hall. Madam Journalist was able to gather valuable information to effectively execute her role for Beta Psi Chapter. Soror Hall's workshop renewed a keen sense of responsibility and action for all of the journalist on the call. Kudos to Soror Hall!

Southwestern Region Planning Meeting




You are cordially invited to attend the SWR Digital Planning Meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at 9:00 AM. The deadline to register is Saturday, September 19, 2020, by 11:59 PM.

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/SWRDPM20>

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Thursday Prayer Call



LET'S TAKE A MOMENT

*Iota Day of
Prayer
Thursday*

Please join the ladies of Beta Psi Chapter as we pray for our Sisters, Families, Friends, and First Responders

*Time: 19:29 pm (7:29 pm)
Dial-in number (US): (712) 770-4035
Access code: 363112#*

Beta Psi Chapter continues to hold our Iota Day of Prayer every Thursday at 7:29 pm. The call is open to the public and all Sorors of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Won't you join us?

CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS

Soror Vallie Mims retires after 50 years of service!

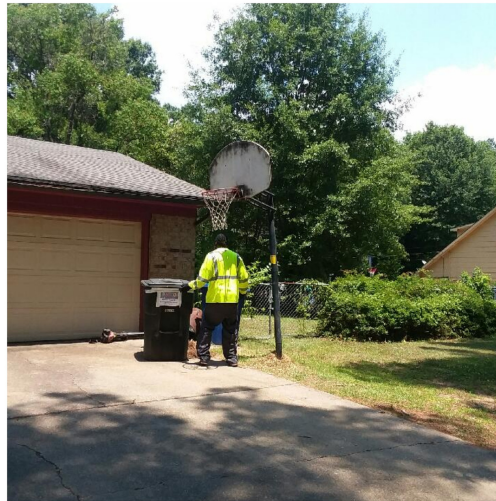
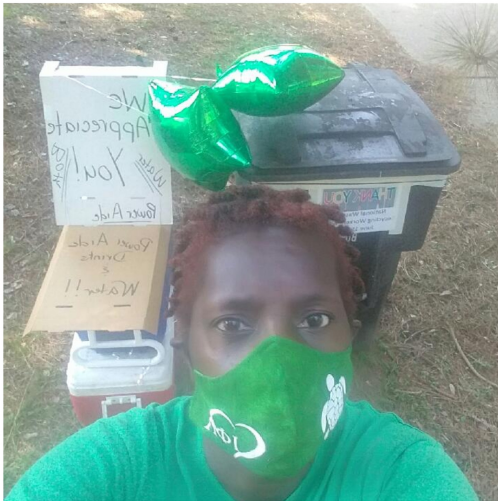


Soror Vallie Mims has retired from the Caddo Parish School Board effective August 1, 2020 after 50 years of service. Soror Mims began her tenure in 1970 and has been a diligent and faithful worker for the school board. Kudos to Soror Vallie Mims!



NETWORKING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beta Psi Salutes our Sanitation Workers



The City of Shreveport celebrated its sanitation workers during National Waste and Recycling Week June 14 - 21, 2020. Soror Dr. Evelyn Mosley showed her appreciation by providing water and Powerade to the workers in her community. Citizens were asked to give a thank-you card, note, bottled water or Gatorade to their garbage and recycling workers on their pickup day during this week.

National Waste & Recycling Workers Week, formerly known as National Garbage Man Day, began in 2012 as a one-day holiday. The popularity of the activities grew and now it is celebrated for a week.

The holiday founded by John Arwood, CEO of Arwood Waste in Jacksonville, Fla. He teamed up with the Solid Waste Association of North America to bring national attention to how dangerous the job is and how important the service is to Americans.

NETWORKING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Epsilon Omicron Charter Day Celebration



Come Help Us Celebrate

**15 Years of service
to the Arlington
Community**

**June 18, 2020
6-8 pm via Zoom**



Soror Tanesha Mosley participated in the celebration of 15 years of service by Epsilon Omicron Chapter. The night was filled with games, laughs and the joy of sisterhood. Congratulations EO on your tireless service to the Southwestern Region and Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. as a whole!

Polichic Juneteenth Weekend Census Event



Beta Psi participated in the PoliChic Juneteenth Weekend Census phone bank event.

Soror Tanesha Mosley partnered with PoliChic Texas Engagement Fund by contacting our community via telephone to encourage them to answer the 2020 Census. Please text 10 friends and remind them to complete the 2020 Census to raise awareness and raise self response rate! This is your reminder to "Check Black" and answer the Census!!!

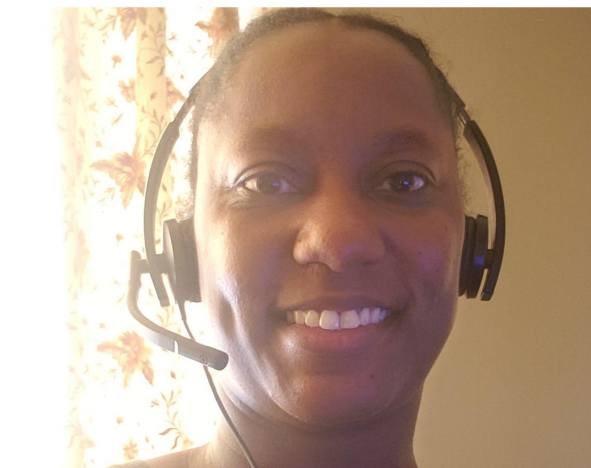
Have you answered the 2020 Census?

If not text to iCount2020 to 313131 to complete your Census today!!!

About 56 percent of Louisiana households had responded to the census online, by mail or by phone, compared to a national rate topping 61%.

NETWORKING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Registered and Ready Virtual Rally w/Michelle Obama



On September 3rd, Soror Tanesha Mosley participated in a voter's rally hosted by When We All Vote called Registered and Ready with Michelle Obama! They celebrated the accomplishments they've made so far, and talked about upcoming weeks of action and provided resources and simple ways to organize in your community — on and offline. The special guest, Michelle Obama, encouraged each and everyone of us to share our voices through our votes and encourage our friends and family to let their voices be heard. The 2020 Election is not only a historic one but one that we all need to pay attention to and vote.

BETA PSI BIRTHDAYS



Dr. Evelyn S. Mosley
June 28th

Soror Connie Reynolds
October 23rd

Soror Jerlene Craig
October 31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



INSPIRATIONAL WORD



COVID-19 HELP

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS* OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

*** Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure. If you have been in China within the past 2 weeks and develop symptoms, call your doctor.**

www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. has entered into a partnership with the United States Census Bureau. Through this partnership, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. seeks to make an impact by ensuring that we have a complete and accurate count of the people in our community. We will support this effort on a national, regional and local level.

BETA PSI OFFICERS

Soror Dr. Evelyn S. Mosley - President

Soror Willie Myers - Treasurer

Soror LaTreshia Payne - Financial Secretary

Soror Tanesha Mosley - Journalist

Soror Jimmeka Batiste - Correspondance
Secretary

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Soror Vallie Mims - Chaplain

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Don't forget Iota
Thursdays!

Southwestern Regional Theme:

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

National Theme:

"Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation of Generational Financial Wealth"