



# THE LINK



## 2019-2020

### Officers & Appointees

**Casey Preston**  
President

**Ada R. Thomas**  
Vice President /  
Journalist

**Brenda Sanders**  
Recording Secretary

**Mildred Williams**  
Financial Secretary

**Jacqueline Guillory**  
Correspondence  
Secretary

**Lana J. Samuel**  
Treasurer

**Ronique Hinch**  
Dean of Intake

**Pamela Broady**  
Parliamentarian

**Ada Tasso**  
Chaplain

**Dorothy M. White, 23<sup>rd</sup> National President**

National Theme:

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

**Vahnita Loud, SWR Director**

Regional Theme:

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



## **A New E.R.A.**

Greetings Sorors,

I would like to thank each of you for this exciting opportunity to serve as the 27<sup>th</sup> President of the Beta Pi Chapter. It is indeed an honor and pleasure to serve amongst many who have worked so hard in the name of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority to carry on the legacy of this Chapter which began in 1948.

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2019-2020 sorority year. I look forward to an exciting year and I know with your help and participation, we can make it happen!

Sorors, my main goal this year is to focus on this year’s theme: A New E.R.A.: Emphasizing Rededication & Action. We have done a great work so far, but think about how AMAZING our Chapter, Beta Pi, could be if we pulled in ALL members, new and old!

Thank you again for entrusting me with such a n important task. I am elated to work with you all and hear your thoughts and ideas. Let’s make it a great year!!

Sisterly,  
Casey Preston  
Chapter President

**Casey Preston, Chapter President**

**Chapter Theme: “A New E.R.A.: Emphasizing Rededication & Action”**



Summer Chat and Chew → LOMEPA Pinning Ceremony

All roads lead to Iota Land!! Beta Pi Chapter ended the 2018-2019 sorority year with a bang and started the 2019-2020 sorority year with the same excitement and enthusiasm. On June 30<sup>th</sup> Beta Pi held its Chat and Chew to introduce prospective members to Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. In anticipation of the summer break a festive Hawaiian luau theme greeted guest. The Chat and Chew served as an opportunity to increase membership through new members, reactivation of sorors and the Pelatis auxiliary. Several guest and sorors were in attendance.

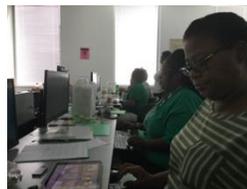
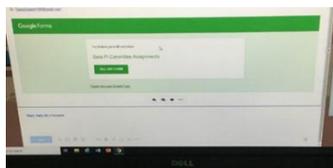
On September 14<sup>th</sup> Beta Pi Chapter held its 2019 LOMEPA Pinning Ceremony of five prospective members. Lead by the Dean of Intake, Soror Ronique Hinchon, the ladies and sorors bonded over a lovely brunch and were later pinned by their assigned Big Sister mentors. The ladies were excited to begin their journey to Iota Land.





## President's Workshop

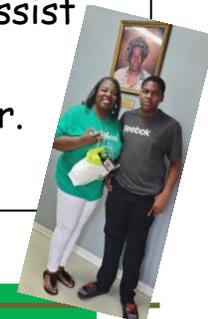
Beta Pi's new president, Soror Casey Preston, quickly got to business with her President's Workshop held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Community College Northline Campus. With a delicious breakfast on hand, sorors started the workshop by creating their own Iota Vision Board, capturing our personal lives, talents, and our future vision for Iota and Beta Pi Chapter. Soror Preston laid out her presidential goals for the year and introduced the Chapter to the efficient use of Google Docs. As an assignment, Soror Preston and Soror Ronique Hinchon instructed sorors on signing up for chapter committees using Google. The workshop concluded with sorors setting Chapter goals and brainstorming on fundraiser ideas for our scholarship fund.

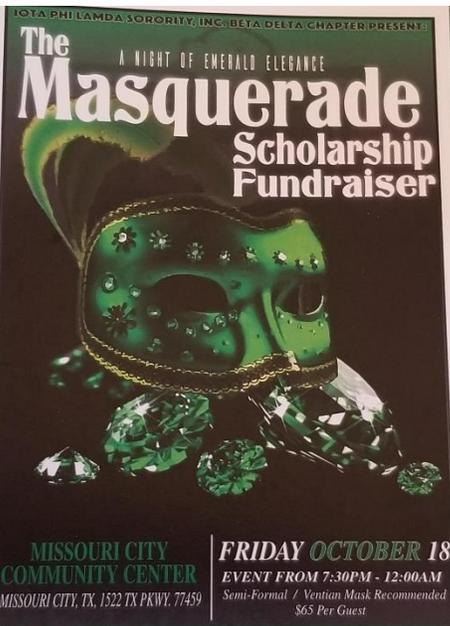


## Beta Pi's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Back 2 School Socks Donation



As a part of its community service projects, Beta Pi sorors participated in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Back 2 School Sock Donation at Madge Bush Transitional Living Center on August 24, 2019. Beta Pi provided bundles of socks wrapped in love to 17 youth ranging from infants to high school students. The socks were provided to assist the kids with their wardrobe as they head back school in the Houston Independent School District. Best wish to them on a successful school year.





New Meeting Date

**WHAT**  
Monthly Chapter Meeting

**WHEN**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
2:00 pm

**WHERE**  
Houston Community  
College Northline Campus  
8001 Fulton St.  
Houston, TX

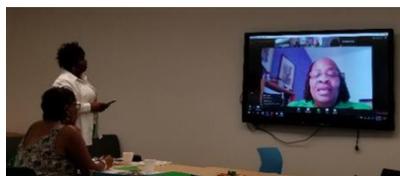


Soror don't forget  to pay your dues to be financial for the 2019 - 2020 sorority year. Please see Soror Lana Samuel, Treasurer, for more details.

73<sup>rd</sup> SWR Conference Digital Planning Meeting



On September 7, 2019 Beta Pi and its sister Houston area Chapters met at HISD's Booker T. Washington High School for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Southwestern Regional Conference Digital Planning Meeting led by SWR Director Soror Vahnita Loud. The 73<sup>rd</sup> SWR Conference will be held March 26-29, 2020 in Spring, TX (Houston) and hosted by Epsilon Phi Chapter. The conference focus is "Iota Nuts and Bolts". The planning meeting received greetings from National President Dorothy White and SWR Asst. Dir. Rosetta Davis. Soror Loud and the SWR Executive Committee conducted presentations and discussed their goals for the year.



# 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



# National Convention

## Shreveport, Louisiana



July 24 - 28, 2019 Beta Pi Sorors had a wonderful time bonding in sisterhood and taking care of business at the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. in Shreveport, LA. National President Stephanie Dilworth passed the mantel to our new National President Soror Dorothy White. The SWR was overjoyed to have our very own illustrious Soror Charlotte Berry (Psi) elected as National President Elect. Our Soror Lana Samuel shined as a presenter at the Leadership Institute presenting on the topic of *Iota Leadership*. And kudos to Soror Pamela Broady as she represented Beta Pi Chapter in her last duties as Chapter President. Job well done sorors!!



**LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR GENERATIONAL WEALTH**

W **WEALTH:** Wealth is way more than money. It is a mindset. It encompasses health, peace, joy, freedom, valuable relationships, self-love, and mental stability.

E **EDUCATE:** Educate yourself and those around you. Stay hungry for knowledge. We are destroyed by a lack of knowledge.

A **ATTITUDES:** There are inherent qualities in you that make you influential and effective. Your attitude keeps you necessary.

I **INVEST:** Losses and failures are part of the win. Actual is, we reinvest. It either we win or we learn.

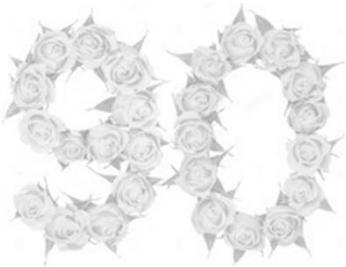
T **TRAIN:** Pick and teach. Don't show. Recognize and tap into the God given potential and abilities that your job is to strengthen their wings. They will fly on their own.

H **HIRE:** Hire your weaknesses. Successful people are comfortable with knowing what they don't know.

WRITTEN BY DR. FAITH OLIVER-ROBERTSON

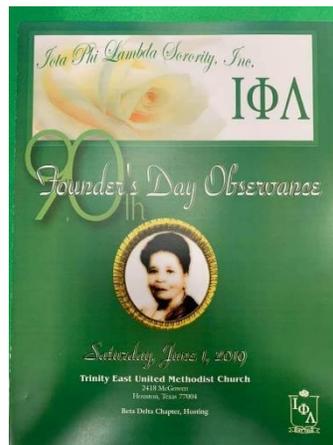
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## Founders Day 90th Anniversary 1929 ~ 2019

On June 1, 2019 the Sorors from the Houston area Chapters of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. held its joint Founders Day program in celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Founders Day program was hosted by Beta Delta Chapter, led by President Brenda Patton. The program was well attended by sorors and beautifully decorated by our very own Soror Lana Samuel. Beta Pi's 2019 - 2020 Chapter Officers were inducted by past SWR Director Linda Cannon: Casey Preston - President, Ada R. Thomas - Vice President / Journalist, Brenda Sanders - Recording Secretary, Mildred Williams - Financial Secretary, Jacqueline Guillory - Correspondence Secretary, Lana J. Samuel - Treasurer, and Ronique Hinchon - Dean of Intake.





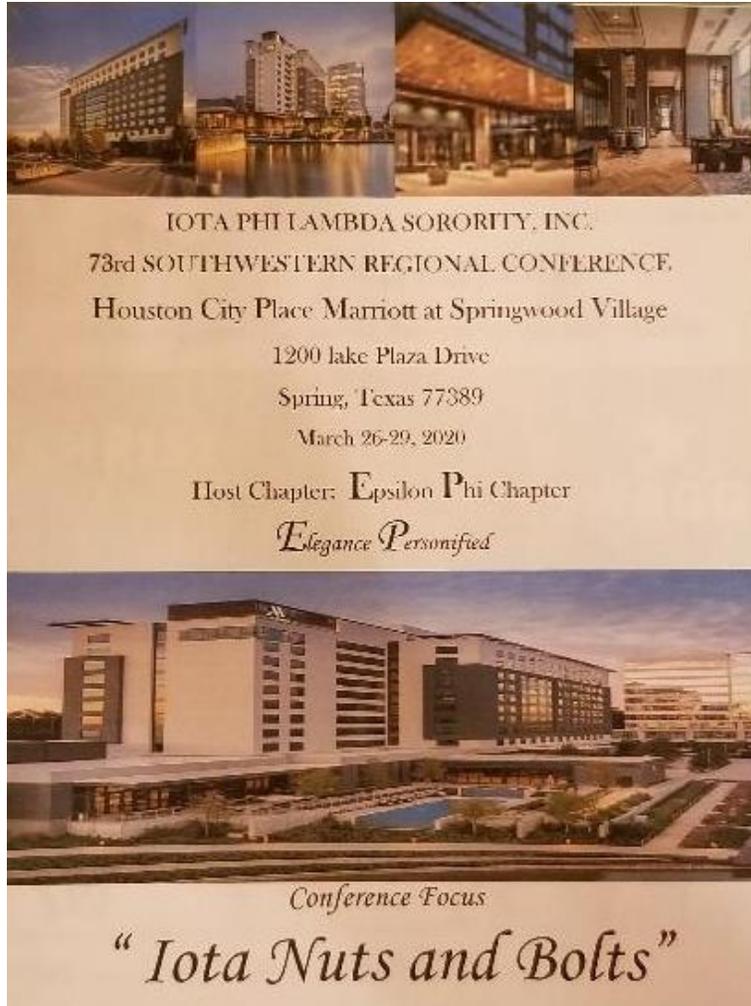
## Beta Pi Making a House a Home

This past spring Beta Pi Chapter adopted and decorated its first apartment unit at Madge Bush Transitional Living Center. Madge Bush has a 16 one-bedroom unit apartment complex which provides transitional housing for single women, over the age of 22 years, with 1-2 children in a homeless situation.

Beta Pi sorors put an Iota touch to their adopted unit using the Sorority colors of green and white through out the unit. From the front to the back, Beta Pi filled the home with love and all the essentials needs for a young family in transition.



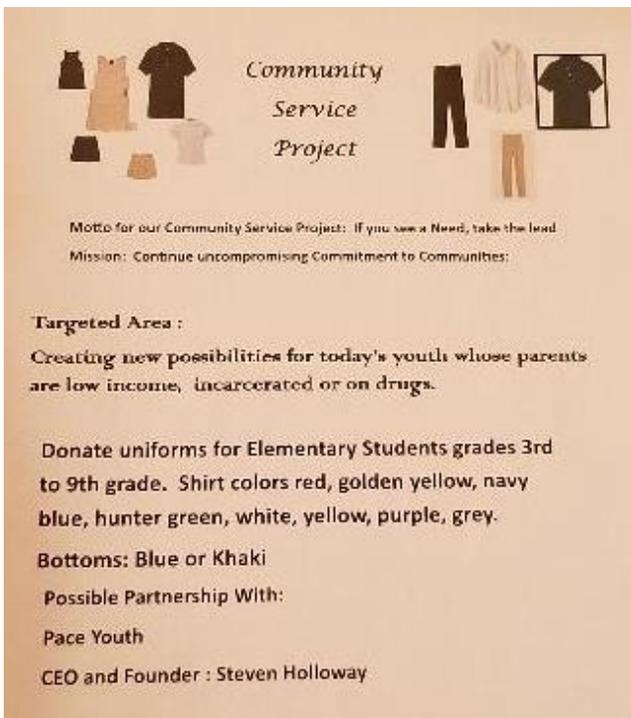
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IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.  
 73rd SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
 Houston City Place Marriott at Springwood Village  
 1200 lake Plaza Drive  
 Spring, Texas 77389  
 March 26-29, 2020  
 Host Chapter: Epsilon Phi Chapter  
*Elegance Personified*

Conference Focus  
*"Iota Nuts and Bolts"*

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**Community Service Project**

MOTTO for our Community Service Project: If you see a Need, take the lead.  
 Mission: Continue uncompromising Commitment to Communities:

**Targeted Area :**  
 Creating new possibilities for today's youth whose parents are low income, incarcerated or on drugs.

Donate uniforms for Elementary Students grades 3rd to 9th grade. Shirt colors red, golden yellow, navy blue, hunter green, white, yellow, purple, grey.  
 Bottoms: Blue or Khaki  
 Possible Partnership With:  
 Pace Youth  
 CEO and Founder : Steven Holloway

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Jerseys and Jeans Evening Musical Celebration  
 Sorors\*Pelati\*Men of Iota\*Fil  
 73rd Regional Conference  
 Epsilon Phi Chapter Scholarship Fundraiser  
 Friday, March 27, 2020 8:30 pm—12:00 a.m.

Featuring  
 Minister-Gospel Rapper-Motivational Speaker-Author

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 #SWAGG  
 GOD 1ST  
 Jazz, Rock & Roll, Hip Hop, Gospel

Prizes .....Additional Information Coming Soon