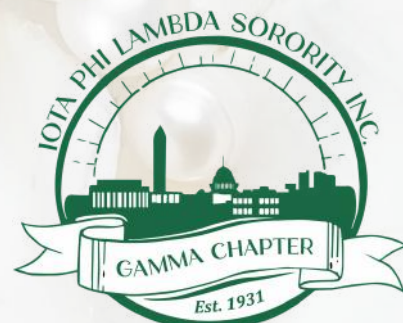


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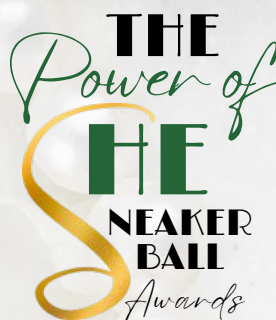
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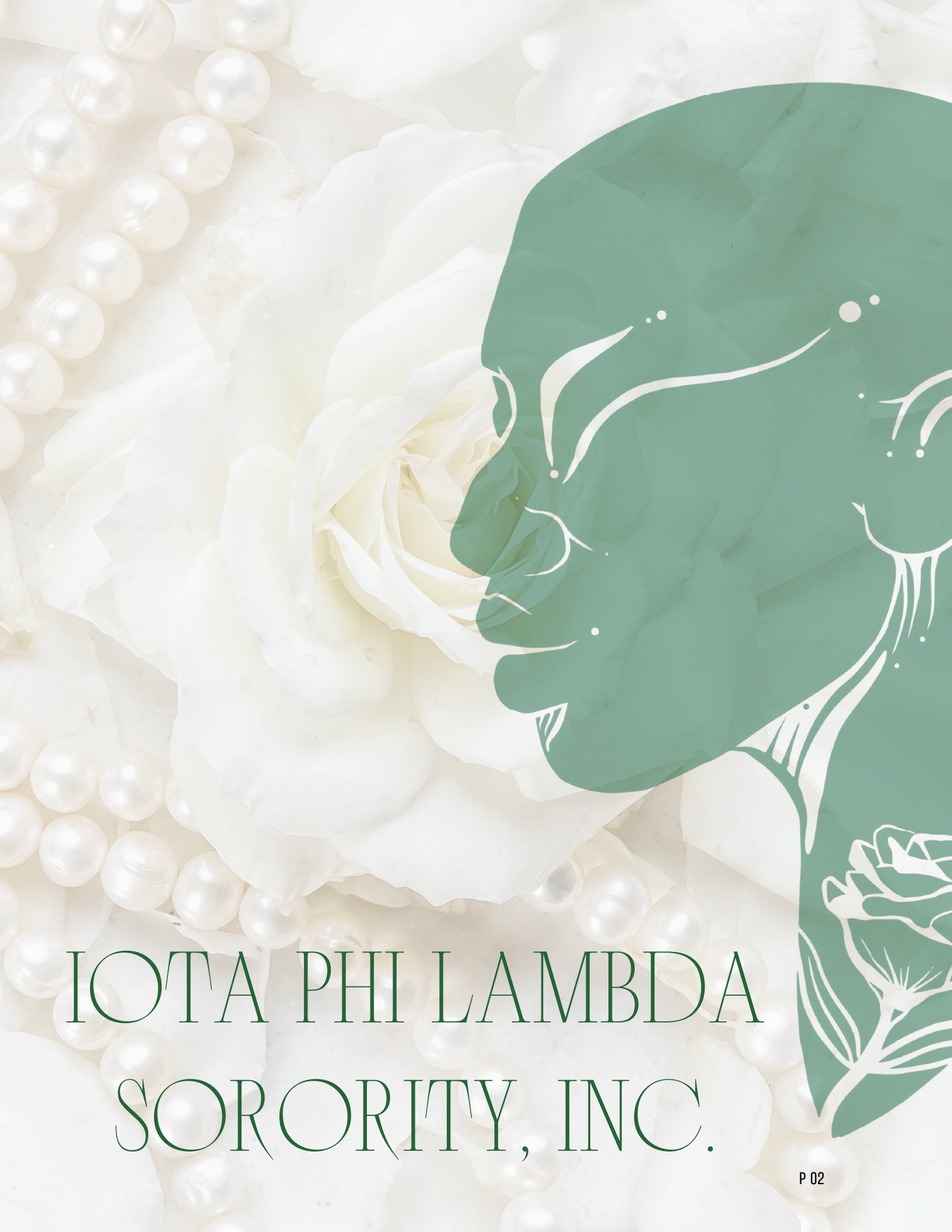
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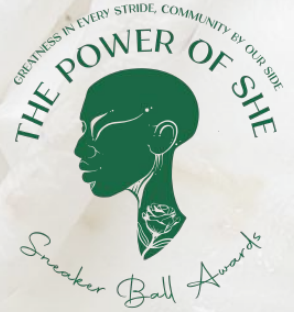




IOTA PHI LAMBDA
SORORITY, INC.



ABOUT US



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. (IΦΛ) was founded on June 1, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois by Lola Mercedes Parker. The founding of the sorority was important for African American women as after World War I there was the "Great Migration" of blacks from the South to the Northern cities, seeking greater opportunities and more tolerant society. These changes underscored the need for blacks to learn new skills. These skills, in turn, would hopefully ensure a better way of life for tens of thousands of blacks who had migrated northward.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. is the first African American Greek-lettered business sorority established by Lola Mercedes Parker for African American business women. There are now more than 100 chapters with membership numbering more than 1,300 in 85 cities and the US Virgin Islands. Iota Phi Lambda is not a National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) sorority; dual membership within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and NPHC sororities is allowed.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is a national business and professional women's organization which strives to:

- Unite in sisterhood qualified business and professional women in order to enhance and improve the status of women in our highly complex, competitive business and professional world;
- Promote increased interest in the broad field of business education among high school and college young women through planned programs and scholarships;
- Encourage the development of personal goals and leadership potential; and
- Establish and promote civic and social service activities for youth and adults.

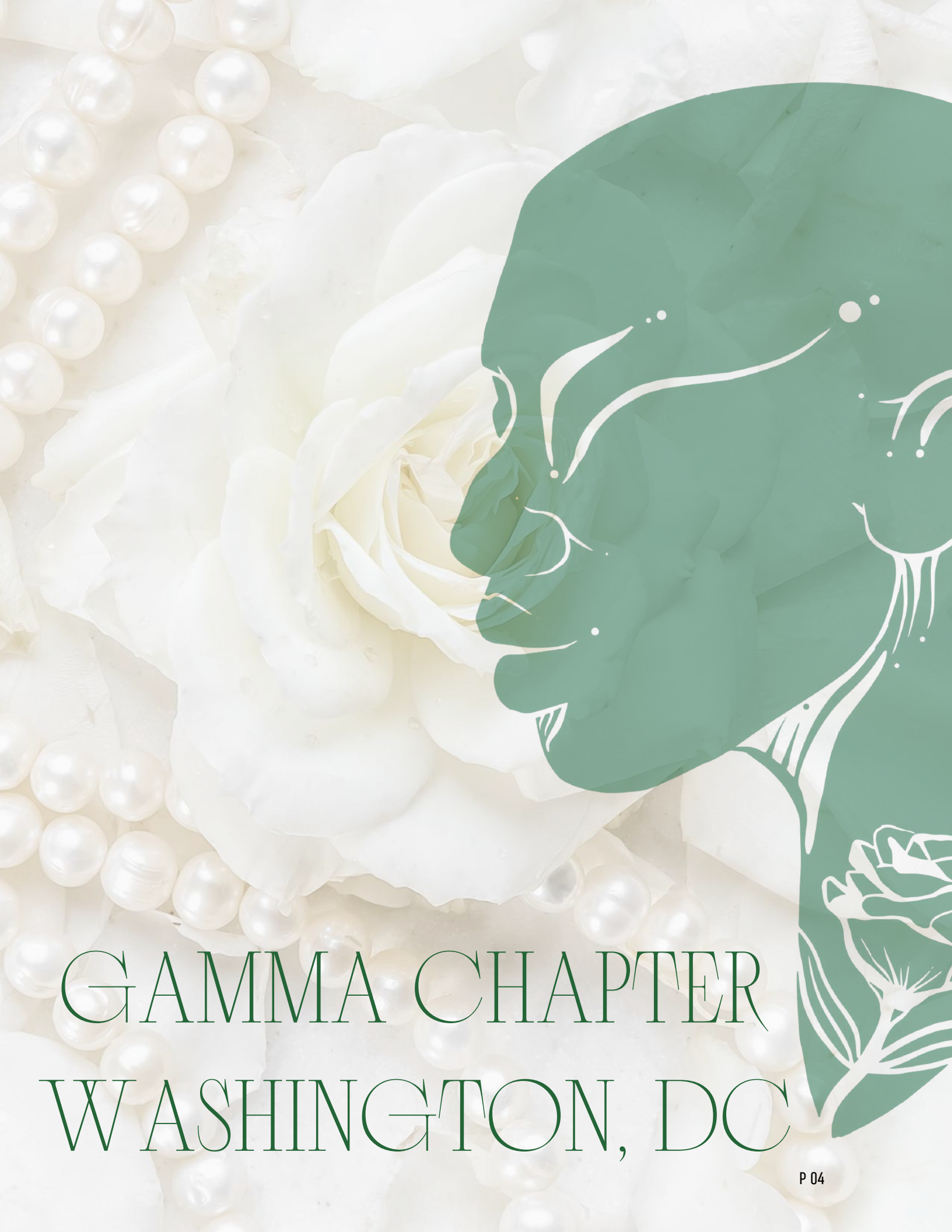
The Sorority's national theme: Professional Business Women Propelled by Ingenuity: Intentional Purpose
#Designed1929 #Driven2023-2027 #Distinction2029

The Lola M. Parker Foundation for Economic Empowerment of Business and Professional Women further supports the mission of Iota.

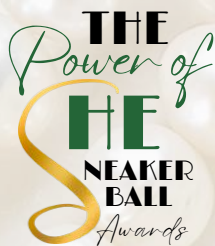
Business Month, celebrated in April each year, is dedicated to fostering and promoting business awareness, education, and economic empowerment within the community. This annual observance aligns with our mission to enhance the business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit of its members and the community at large.

Our national youth auxiliary, Future Iota Leaders (FIL), are pre-teen and teenage young women and men age 10-20 who benefit from the guidance and inspiration of positive role models- Iota women, the Men of Iota and Pelatis auxiliaries, and the broader community. The FIL program is designed to develop potential, character, and personal development. Our signature program, TOYS U CAN'T RETURN™, helps local communities learn more about teenage pregnancy and develop effective action agendas for preventing children from having children.

The Iota Mothers Assistance Program is an outreach program to meet the needs of teen and disadvantaged mothers by providing resources and referrals for health, employment, scholarships and leadership development. Iota Phi Lambda Sorority proudly awards scholarships of more than \$75,000 annually to deserving youth at the national, regional and local levels.



GAMMA CHAPTER WASHINGTON, DC



ABOUT US



Gamma Chapter was chartered on April 28, 1931, as the 3rd chapter in the body of Iota. The small group of members were proud to be a part of the only forum in which Black women would be inspired, stimulated and supported in their efforts to develop in their respective business vocations. The immediate goal of the first members was to recruit young business-oriented women, especially those who were owners and/or operators of small businesses.

The first officers of Gamma were Florence K. Williams (President), Ruth McWilliams (First Vice President), Victoria Robinson (Second Vice President), Fannie Offut (Treasurer), Marguerite Harvey (Corresponding Secretary), E.C. Cuffey (Recording Secretary), and Benetta Conway (Journalist).

Gamma's membership covers the entire Washington, DC metropolitan area – including sorors who live in northern Virginia, southern Maryland, and the District of Columbia. We pride ourselves on our diverse roster of both young and seasoned sorors, college students as well as developing professionals and retirees.

1940's - 1950's

A few years after WWII, Gamma Chapter assumed responsibility for completing the last two years of a National Scholarship to Howard University for a student from Sierra Leone. After graduating, she became a member of the chapter.

From 1948 to 1951, Gamma Chapter assumed guardianship of a "Brown Baby". In April 1952, this young girl was brought to America and later adopted by author Pearl Buck, a National Honorary member of Iota.

The banner year for Gamma Chapter was 1954. In March, Gamma hosted the Eastern Regional Conference; in July, Marion H. Jackson, a chapter member, was elected National President of the sorority and served for four years; during that same year, Gamma Chapter accepted an invitation to place a copy of the membership roster (along with the purpose of our organization) in a huge silver Time Capsule atop WTOP, which is now known as WUSA TV 9. In the year 2054, 100 years after being sealed, the capsule will be opened and Gamma information will be among the first items worth remembering.

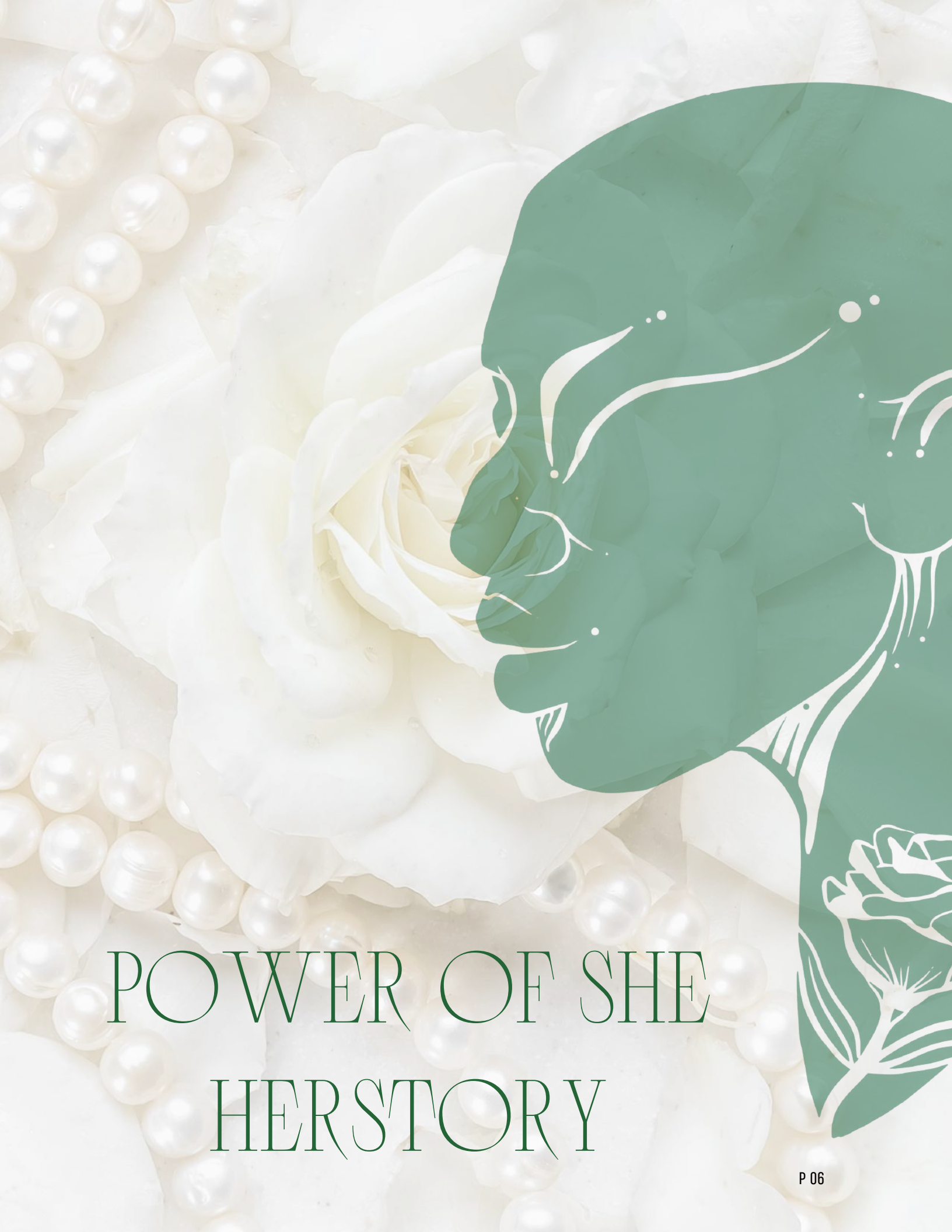
1960's - 1990's

In the early sixties, the National Body of Iota selected a Gamma Chapter member for her outstanding accomplishments and leadership ability; they bestowed upon her Iota's highest honor–The Lola M. Parker Award. In 1963, a Gamma Chapter member served as a Uniformed Volunteer at the program site for the famous March For Civil Rights. In 1969, for the third time, Gamma Chapter readied the DC area to host a large Iota National Convention, where three of its members were serving as National Officers.

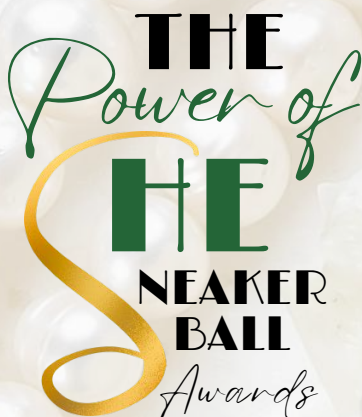
In the seventies, Gamma Chapter launched several outstanding Business Week programs that honored Business Women from the public media, banks, and real estate. In 1981, Gamma Chapter hosted a successful Eastern Regional Conference. The speaker was Iota's National Honorary Member, Marion Edelman, chairperson of The Children's Defense Fund. The 1990s found Gamma Chapter members making a difference in the field as tutors, mentors, and advisors to for elementary to senior high school students. These efforts were performed in conjunction with Iota's Tutorial and Assault On Illiteracy programs.

2000's - Present

Gamma Chapter, once again ready to take the lead, hosted the 2003 Eastern Regional Conference ... always striving, as empowered business and professional women, to make "a notable difference". As a new decade began, Gamma served as the host chapter for the 2010 Eastern Regional Conference which was held in Arlington, VA at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel. In April 2016, Gamma Chapter proudly celebrated 85 years of service with the Power of She Awards Gala by honoring seven phenomenal women who have demonstrated leadership, making changes and impacting our local communities every day. Gamma Chapter once again took the lead by hosting the 87th Eastern Regional Conference in 2022 in Alexandria, VA and we look forward to being the host to our National Convention here in our nation's capitol in 2025.



POWER OF SHE HERSTORY



HERSTORY



Since its inception in 2016, “The Power of She” Awards has celebrated women who serve as agents of change and leaders in their respective fields and industries. This prestigious event not only highlights the achievements of extraordinary women in the DMV area but also provides a platform for showcasing and patronizing women-owned businesses.

Honorees

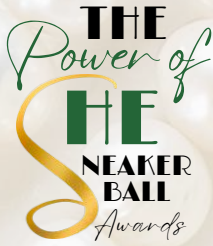
Our past honorees exemplify the spirit and mission of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. Some notable recipients include:

- **Ms. Sylvia Hopkins:** The first black woman to own a GEICO Insurance office in their 80-year history.
- **Jessica L. Brown:** Nationally recognized financial aid expert as seen on Good Morning America, MSNBC, and The Tamron Hall Show.
- **Monique Y. Ferrell:** Developer of effective strategies, plans, and policies for the Army's Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) programs.
- **Regine Elie:** Executive Director, Healthy Babies Project, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting DC's nation-leading rates of teen pregnancy, infant mortality, and low birth weights in low-income neighborhoods for over 25 years.



GAMMA ENRICHMENT & EMPOWERMENT FUND

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ABOUT GEEF



ABOUT THE IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY GAMMA ENRICHMENT & EMPOWERMENT FUND

On August 12, 2015 the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. Gamma Chapter Enrichment & Empowerment Fund (GEEF) was registered in the District of Columbia as a nonprofit corporation under then chapter President Nicole Ford and her executive committee. Over the eight year period priorities took over and the Fund was placed on a pause with the growing team of members at the time. Fast forward to September 2023, the Fund became reinstated under the current Chapter leadership of Chapter President Vonetta Martin with heavy assistance from Chapter Treasurer Lakeshia Hurling. With the current Gamma Executive Committees of 2023-2025 the chapter was successfully able to obtain its IRS tax exemption status as a 501 (c) (3) in June 2024, extending back to January 2024. Therefore any donations or payments made to the GEEF as a public charity in DC is considered tax deductible to our donors. This allowed the doors of opportunity to open wider for fundraising through grants and sponsorships. To date the Fund has accomplished securing nearly \$10,000 in three months of its existence, under the current leadership and co-hosting Gamma chapter's pioneering local programming Power of SHE as a partner.

The intended activities of the Fund were established to be focused primarily on supporting the implementation and operations of programs and projects to youth, young adults bound for college or in college, disenfranchised women seeking to be in business or become an entrepreneur or grow their professional development through educational opportunities. The Fund also provides support to the implementation of programs and projects managed by the national umbrella organization of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated (1929) and the chapter, Gamma of DC, serving as a nonprofit 501 (c)(6) since 1931. Gamma chapter is the 3rd chapter, out of, currently, 71 chapters serving, training, and educating communities nationally while using key signature programming with principles of business and professional development. Gamma chapter has authority to create its own 501 (c)(3) fund for the following purposes:

- (1) to make financial distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code for education and charitable purposes.
- (2) to promote interest in business, professional, & entrepreneurial education among high school and college students, young adult and adults through planned educational programs.
- (3) to give or grant scholarships to individuals.
- (4) to support by funding planned and executed educational programs by Gamma Chapter.
- (5) to work in-tandem with Gamma chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. organized since April 28, 1931 to provide the aforementioned community support and services.

The Fund was managed initially by the Gamma Chapter executive leadership called the Executive Committee. Now it is managed by a combination of the general membership and Executive Committee for the benefit of its DC community as a public charity. The Fund also welcomes non-members of the business and professional community to serve on its board in an effort to increase its reach of raising donations towards the causes previously mentioned.

At this time the Fund would like to thank two major supporters of the Fund in 2024. We thank the following individuals for sponsoring and/or donating \$1,000 and more to the mission, programs, and projects of the Fund and Gamma Chapter.

GEEF Major Donors Donations of \$1,000 and more

**Nicole & Preston Ford
Teresa Gonzalez and the Capital Group**





GREETINGS

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& THE IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY GAMMA ENRICHMENT & EMPOWERMENT FUND INC.



CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Vonetta B. Martin

Welcome to the 2024 "Power of She Sneakerball Awards!" Greatness in every Stride, Community By Our Side hosted in partnership by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Chapter of Washington, DC and its 501 (c) (3) nonprofit the Gamma Enrichment and Empowerment Fund.

Good evening, distinguished guests, sisters, honorees, and friends. I am Vonetta B. Martin Chapter President for Gamma Chapter and the Enrichment and Empowerment Fund President. On behalf of my illustrious Gamma Chapter of Washington, D.C., I am honored to welcome you to this day of celebration, elegance, and empowerment. Today, we recognize the incredible achievements of six phenomenal entrepreneurial, business, and professional women who have not only excelled in their respective industries but have also made a lasting impact in their communities. Additionally, we will take time to memorialize a member who has made a lasting impact while leaving this earthly plane too early in life. These women embody the essence of strength, resilience, and leadership that we, as an organization, hold dear.

This year also marks a special milestone for us, Gamma chapter, as we celebrate 93 years of being the first business and professional sisterhood, providing service, and excellence in Washington, DC and the metropolitan area through our programs, projects, and scholarships. . Gamma is the 3rd in a national body of chapters spanning all over the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The chapter, like the national body, is composed of a diverse set of business and professional women, youth, and auxiliary members, known as Men of Iota, excelling in their own right. We reflect on our rich history while looking forward to the future with renewed passion and purpose. All of this while in the midst of weathering an extremely turbulent election season, the resurgence of flu season, climate change that is directly impacting some of our own members and attendees, an ongoing pursuit for social justice and awareness as well as an ever changing society in America. Our chapter has remained an unsung pillar of support for women in business, and today's celebration is a testament to the power of unity, collaboration, and the relentless pursuit of greatness.

As we come together for the fourth Power of She Awards program in our sneakers and stunning attire, let us embrace the spirit of innovation, connection, sisterhood, and above all community, which defines Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated. Here's to the Power of She, the committee members who pulled this outstanding event together, our awesome honorees and their families here to support them today, the greatness of Gamma Chapter, and the bright future ahead for women in business and leadership.

Enjoy today's festivities, network, partake in visiting our vendor showcase, and let the celebrations begin! Please don't forget to visit iota-gammadc.org, as Scholarship season is on its way!

Warmest Regards,

Vonetta B. Martin

Vonetta B. Martin
Gamma Chapter President
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

&
Gamma Enrichment & Empowerment Fund,
President

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1st VICE PRESIDENT

Soron Alisha Akoff

Welcome honorees, guests, community partners, and esteemed supporters of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated. We are here to unite in a sisterhood, qualified business and professional women who encourage, inspire, nurture, and assist persons engaged in business vocations. That is the mission of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and in the spirit of our founder, Lola Mercedes Parker, the Gamma Chapter of Greater Washington, D.C. presents the 2024 Power of SHE Awards.

Acknowledging and uplifting dynamic businesswomen is in our DNA and the 2024 Power of SHE Awards is our way of giving our sisters their flowers while they are here to appreciate them.

Today, we honor six women who are positive beacons of light who are excelling in their chosen fields and continually affirming their commitment to serving the communities in which they live and work. These women embody the enduring qualities of strength, courage, versatility, and compassion, all of which inspire each of us to identify our niche and walk boldly on our own path.

Each of these dynamic women integrate the qualities of Iota Phi Lambda by exhibiting excellence in both their personal and professional lives and being intentional about leaving an enduring legacy for aspiring young professional women to emulate. Please join us in celebrating these incredible women as we honor them in the 2024 Power of SHE Awards. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Soron Alisha Akoff

1st Vice President
Gamma Chapter
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.



POWER OF SHE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Soror Tangela Brogden

On behalf of the Gamma Chapter's Power of SHE Committee, we are excited to celebrate the brilliance, resilience, and power of the phenomenal women in our communities! This year's event is dedicated to our beloved Soror Kendra Cherrice Gibson, whose passion for service and youth empowerment inspires us. Her vision helped shape the Power of SHE Awards; we honor her legacy today.

I also want to acknowledge the spirit of my entrepreneurial grandmother, Jannie Lou Kearse, whose strength and determination inspired me to bring this event to life. Her legacy of leadership drives everything I do, and I am forever grateful for her example.

Thank you to the Sorors of Zeta Mu, especially Judy Belton and Antoniette Kitchen, for your unwavering support since 2016. I want you to know that your belief in this event has been invaluable.

Madam President Vonetta B. Martin, your leadership and guidance are appreciated beyond words. I also want to extend a special thanks to Co-Chair Crystal Jones, the Power of SHE Awards Committee, and the entire Gamma Chapter—your hard work has made this day possible.

Congratulations to all of our honorees! Your leadership and dedication inspire us all. We also extend our deepest thanks to our vendors and guests—your support makes this event truly special.

As we celebrate, let's remember that this is more than an awards ceremony—it's a reminder of our collective power and the impact we can have together. Thank you for joining us, and let's continue this journey of empowerment and service.

Soror Tangela Brogden

Tangela "Tangi" Brogden

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POWER OF SHE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Soror Crystal Jones



On behalf of the entire team, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for attending the Power of SHE event. Your presence and participation made the event truly special.

We are grateful for the opportunity to connect, share insights, and celebrate the incredible achievements of women in our community. Your engagement and enthusiasm contributed to the vibrant atmosphere, and we hope you found the discussions and activities as inspiring as we did.

We believe that together, we can continue to empower one another and drive positive change. We encourage you to stay connected and keep the conversations going beyond this event.

Thank you once again for being a part of the Power of SHE. We look forward to seeing you at future events!

Sincerely,

Soror Crystal Jones

Soror Crystal Jones
Co-Chairman Power of She Committee
Gamma Chapter
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.



EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Soror Dr. Audrey Douglas-Cooke

October 12, 2024

Greetings.

On behalf of the Eastern Region Executive Committee, I welcome you to the 4th annual The Power of She 2024 Sneaker Ball Awards sponsored by Gamma Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. I am elated to see Gamma Chapter's continuance in their dedication to acknowledge six outstanding and effectual business and professional women from the DMV area.

I commend Gamma Chapter's intuitive efforts to highlight those business and professional women who continue to seek ways to address and erode the disparities in health, race, media, arts, community development and economic biases that remain in existence today. To see change, there must be organizations such as Gamma Chapter whose advocacy efforts are accomplished in part by recognizing excellence in these defined areas.

Congratulations to The Power of She 2024 women being celebrated and honored for your invaluable contributions. Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek...Barack Obama.

Respectfully,

Audrey Douglas-Cooke

Soror Dr. Audrey Douglas-Cooke
Eastern Region Director
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Soron Chantotte Berry

October 2024

On behalf of the National Board of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. and myself as the 24th National President, I extend greetings and welcome to Gamma Chapter's the Power of She Awards. Today you recognize and celebrate six exceptional women and their contributions to your local community. As African American business and entrepreneurship continues to be the fastest growing segment of business ownership in the country.

It is noted that business ingenuity sparks financial independence and generational wealth in communities Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. advocates for, and recognizes the value in sustaining business growth within our communities and beyond.

Today as you salute the accomplishments of these outstanding women, it is exciting to see that Gamma Chapter continues to foster relationships in the community in which it serves. Congratulations Gamma Chapter and to all the honorees.

Sincerely,

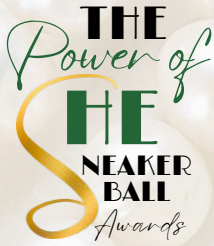
Soron Chantotte Berry

24th National President
National Board Members
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.



PROGRAM

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PROGRAM



WELCOME

Vonetta Martin, Chapter President

GRACE

Cory Milam - Immediate Past Chapter President | Member

-----BRUNCH-----

INTRODUCTION OF THE MC- TIRA OLIVER STEPHENS

Alisha Acoff - 1st Vice President

PRESENTATION OF THE POWER OF SHE AWARDS

ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Honoree Chef Huda Mumin

SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT AWARD

Honoree Shaquetta Hassell

STYLE ICON AWARD

Honoree Danette Sloan

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO SOROR KENDRA GIBSON CHAIR OF THE 2024 POWER OF SHE AWARDS

KENDRA GIBSON YOUTH & COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD

Honoree Marjuan Canady

MEDIA MAVEN AWARD

Honoree Angie Ange

WELLNESS WARRIOR AWARD HONOREE

Honoree Tashira Halyard

REMARKS

Vonetta Martin, Chapter President

Alisha Acoff - 1st Vice President

BENEDICTION

Cory Milam, Immediate Past Chapter President | Member

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MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Sonor Tira N. Oliver Stephens



Tira N. Oliver Stephens, a dedicated member of Gamma Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. since Fall 2009, has contributed to the organization's mission of fostering sisterhood, scholarship and service. With a strong commitment to community empowerment and leadership development, Tira has embraced the sorority's values and exemplifies them in her personal and professional life. As a leader in Talent Acquisition, Tira's ability to scale, think strategically and successfully guide organizations through the talent acquisition process has made her a respected subject matter expert and thought partner. During her membership within Iota Phi Lambda, Tira has held many leadership roles including Corresponding Secretary, and has developed conflict resolution standards. Tira holds a degree in Psychology from Howard University and is committed to lifelong learning and professional growth. She participates in workshops and conferences to enhance her skills, but most importantly, share her knowledge with the community, colleagues, mentees and family. Outside of her personal endeavors, Tira enjoys travel, sports, supporting her nieces and nephews in their various endeavors, further enriching her life experiences and connections. With a strong sense of purpose, community and No Sister Left Behind, Tira tries her best to continue to embody the ideals of Iota Phi Lambda, inspiring others to strive for excellence in all aspects of life.



HONOREES

HONOREE ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Chef Huda Mumin



Celebrity Chef Huda Mumin: Fueling Inspiration Beyond the Plate
Telly Award-winning Chef Huda Mumin, the Record-Setting Champion of Food Network's "Cutthroat Kitchen" and a standout from ABC's "The Taste", is reshaping the culinary landscape. As the magnetic host of "The Kitchen Table" and the Founder of The Just Savor Group, she's redefining Healthy Comfort Food with a cultural twist and a mission to educate and inspire.

Chef Huda is the founder of Chefs For Kamala, where culinary arts meet political advocacy and her culinary talents have impressed luminaries like President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

She's a millennial influencer and culinary innovator, having collaborated with prestigious international brands, including The Recording Academy (The GRAMMYs®), Disney, World Bank, Coca-Cola, Proctor and Gamble, Pantene, GE, Lincoln, MedStar Health, Delta, Nissan, Albertsons, and Teremana Tequila. She proudly holds the distinction of being a featured guest chef at the White House for exclusive events.

Chef Huda's achievements are as remarkable as her culinary creations, with honors that include a Telly Award, Who's Who in Washington, D.C., Tastemaker of The Year Award, PGCSIF Forty Under 40 Award, and a USDA Certificate of Appreciation. She is a prominent presence at prestigious events like the New York City Wine & Food Festival (NYCWFF), Disney's Epcot® International Food & Wine Festival, the Essence Festival, The Tom Joyner Fantastic Voyage, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) Annual Legislative Conference "Taste of ALC."

Chef Huda isn't just a culinary expert; she's also a devoted ambassador for The American Heart Association, Red Nose Day (Comic Relief), and The Salvation Army. The Just Savor Brand™ is dedicated to inspiring, educating, and empowering individuals through food by continuing to support non-profit organizations addressing childhood poverty, hunger, and health disparities.

Just Savor by Chef Huda®, represents a culinary and lifestyle brand committed to infusing fun, accessibility, sophistication, and ease into cooking and entertaining. Offering a gourmet selection that includes beloved Just Savor Spices, exquisite sauces, premium olive oils, teas, coffees, and designer homewares available at www.justsavor.com, Chef Huda's mission is to inspire.

Chef Huda's culinary journey continues with an upcoming cookbook and podcast, furthering her commitment to inspiring individuals to Cook, Share, and Just Savor each moment. www.chefhuda.com, www.justsavor.com, www.chefsforKamala.com

HONOREE SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT AWARD

Shaquetta Hassell

Shaquetta Hassell is from Portsmouth, Virginia. She has a passion for education and the empowerment of young women. Shaquetta was a part of DNIMAS and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Norfolk State University. In 2019, she obtained a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from Old Dominion University.

Shaquetta is an author, poet, and math specialist. Shaquetta worked with local Black business owners to design and create her first two book signing events. She attends Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist church and serves in the youth ministry there. Shaquetta loves God, her family, and her friends. She is also a lover of words, music, and food, which were essential in the making of her first book, *Girl, You Are Golden*.



HONOREE STYLE ICON AWARD

Danette Sloan



Danette Sloan, originally from Covington, VA, moved to the DMV area to pursue her passion for hair. A proud graduate of Calvinade Beauty Academy Inc. in Washington, DC, she began her career at just 19, working in the industry for years before stepping out on faith to open her own salon—Danette's Hair Care. For decades, she has serviced thousands of clients in the DC metro area, creating a warm, welcoming space for clients of all ages to relax and feel at home.

Danette's journey is a testament to her resilience and dedication. During the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, she navigated the restrictions with care, ensuring her clients' safety while keeping their hair healthy and maintaining their appointments once federal mandates allowed. Her passion and commitment have made her a standout in the industry, where balancing the physical demands of the job and the needs of family life are no small feat.

In addition to running her successful salon, Danette has made a lasting impact by turning Danette's Hair Care into a training center for young professionals pursuing careers in hair care. She offers apprenticeship opportunities, giving aspiring stylists hands-on experience and mentorship. Beyond teaching technical skills, Danette imparts essential business knowledge, helping many of her mentees gain the confidence to start their own businesses. Her dedication to fostering new talent and encouraging entrepreneurship has been a game-changer in the community, empowering the next generation of hairstylists to reach their full potential.

Danette Sloan's story is one of leadership, heart, and an unwavering commitment to her craft, her clients, and her community. She is not only a trailblazer in the hair industry but also an inspiration to those she mentors and serves.

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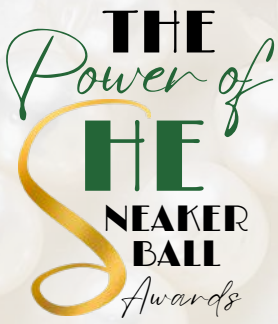
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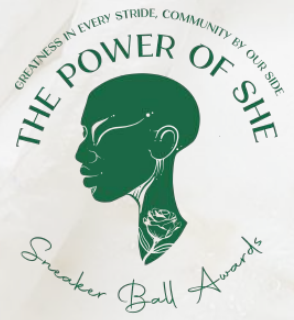
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INTRODUCING THE KENDRA GIBSON YOUTH & COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD



In Loving Memory of Sister Kendra Gibson



As we honor the incredible women shaping our community through the 2024 Power of SHE Awards, we are especially proud to introduce a new award in memory of a remarkable sister and leader, Kendra Cherrice Gibson. This award is named after Kendra in recognition of her outstanding contributions both within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chapter and far beyond its walls.

Kendra's life embodied the values of service, leadership, and resilience. From her early beginnings in Prince George's County, Maryland, to her community service work in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Kendra dedicated herself to empowering others. She pursued education with excellence, earning degrees in international business and marketing and a master's in her field. She also advanced her career in e-commerce with Giant Food Corporation. Yet her greatest impact came through her entrepreneurial spirit and passion for youth development.

As Chair of the 2024 Power of SHE, Kendra's vision, dedication, and leadership were unparalleled. Her work within Gamma Chapter and her tireless efforts to empower young people through her organization, Pic n Roll, Inc., helped to build bridges for the next generation. With a heart for giving back, Kendra instilled values of commitment, responsibility, and support in the youth she mentored, leading by example in her community and inspiring many others to do the same.

The Kendra Gibson Youth and Community Legacy Award was established to honor individuals who exemplify Kendra's unwavering passion for service, resilience, and dedication to empowering youth and impacting their communities. This award recognizes leaders who inspire positive change, uplift others and continue the legacy of service that Kendra has deeply embodied.

We are proud to continue Kendra's legacy through this award and honor her profound influence on all of us. It is our privilege to recognize future leaders in her name, knowing that her spirit and work will live on through them.

HONOREE KENDRA GIBSON YOUTH & COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD

Marjuan Canady

Named as a 2023 Woman to Watch on Broadway, Marjuan Canady is a Tony® Nominated Broadway Producer and award-winning Caribbean-American artist, entrepreneur, educator, artist-scholar, literacy advocate and mom. Her work spans theater, film, television, children's media and literature.



Marjuan is currently an Artist in Residence at Eaton DC and a Research Scholar for the August Wilson Society. She was also a Spring 2024 Kennedy Center Social Impact Local Playwright in Residence. Her Co-Producing Broadway credits include: Alicia Keys' *Hell's Kitchen*, *The WIZ*, and *Death of a Salesman*. A DC native, Canady was the recipient of the 2023 DC Mayor's Arts LARRY NEAL Writers Award. She was the 2021-2022 inaugural Front Row Productions Fellow / Adjunct Research Scholar at Columbia University MFA Theatre Management and Producing Program. Her original work has been seen on Hoorae Media, Sensical TV, Sesame Street, at The John F. Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian, The Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, The National Theatre, and Folger Shakespeare Library. She is the CEO/ Author and Creative Director of the children's media brand, [Callaloo Kids](#). Marjuan has held fellowships at The Kennedy Center, The Schomburg Center, the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute, Lincoln Center, Harlem Stage, and the Anacostia Arts Center. She is a 13 time DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Artist Fellow. A creative-social-entrepreneur, Marjuan is the Founder of her production company [Sepia Works](#) and non-profit, [Canady Foundation for the Arts](#). Canady is a graduate of Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and holds her B.A. in Theatre / African Studies Fordham University and her M.A. in Arts Politics from NYU Tisch School of the Arts. She is a member of the Producers Guild of America, Actors Equity Association, Dramatist Guild, and the Parent Artist Advocacy League. She is the proud mom of her four year old daughter, Savannah.

HONOREE MEDIA MAVEN AWARD



*Angela "Angie Ange"
Hailstorks*



****Angela "Angie Ange" Hailstorks**** is not just a name; she's a vibrant force in the media landscape and a beacon of inspiration for countless individuals across the country. From Prince George's County, Maryland, to her current role as "Director of Content at WHUT – Howard University Television", Angie has masterfully transformed her passion for communication into a powerful platform for change.

Her journey began in high school, where she captivated audiences as the voice of the morning announcements on her school's TV station. Little did she know, this was just the beginning of a remarkable path. Driven to make an impact, she chose Howard University as her training ground, immersing herself in the media world through the student-run WHBC 830AM radio station and WHUT-TV. Graduating "magna cum laude" from the John H. Johnson School of Communications, Angie was ready to take the radio world by storm.

In 2006, her dream became a reality when she landed her first professional gig at WPGC 95.5 in Washington D.C. Her infectious energy and undeniable talent quickly propelled her from intern to producer and on-air personality. By 2007, she hosted the night show at 93.9 WKYS, becoming a beloved voice in the D.C. area. But Angie didn't stop there; she shattered glass ceilings by becoming the first woman to lead a morning show on a hip-hop station in D.C., launching the "Angie Ange Morning Show" and later contributing to the creation of the nationally syndicated "Morning Hustle" heard in over 40 markets nationwide.

Angie's ability to connect with audiences goes beyond entertainment. With her signature "Morning Motivation" segment, she uplifts and energizes listeners, becoming a trusted voice of reason in the community. Her influence has earned her recognition as one of the top thirty radio personalities in the nation by "The Source Magazine," solidifying her status as a media trailblazer.

But Angie's story isn't just about her ascent in radio; it's about her unwavering commitment to giving back. In 2009, she founded "College Is Cool, Inc.," a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth and helping them navigate their educational journeys. Through initiatives like the "Last Dollar Scholar" program, Angie ensures that financial barriers don't hinder students from achieving their dreams. She also honors her late grandfather by establishing the "Charlie Wilson Scholarship," supporting students facing financial hardships.

In 2022, Angie took her talents to WHUT, where she's now leading a revolution in content creation. As the "Director of Content", she's not just curating programming; she's opening doors for local creators and fostering new connections in the community. Her mission is to elevate WHUT's presence, making engaging, original content accessible to all and expanding its reach across multiple platforms.

As a proud entrepreneur, Angie founded "38Madison Media", a digital media management and production agency, and co-owns "Miss Toya's Creole House", in Silver Spring, Maryland. She champions local businesses and continues to uplift her community, embodying the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Angie Ange's journey from a dreamer at Howard University to a nationally recognized media personality is a testament to her dedication, creativity, and passion for community. She's not just a voice on the airwaves; she's a catalyst for change, an advocate for education, and a mentor for aspiring leaders. With every broadcast and initiative, Angie continues to inspire and empower, proving that dreams can indeed become reality with hard work and a heart for service. Join her as she redefines media and advocates for the next generation, making waves and leaving a lasting legacy in the world of arts, culture, and beyond!

HONOREE WELLNESS WARRIOR AWARD

Tashira Halyard

Tashira Halyard is a reformed attorney, multi-platform content creator and activist. She's a graduate of Georgetown University Law School and has a background as a child welfare attorney, public policy expert and racial justice trainer. She started her lifestyle blog, Politics and Fashion, while in law school because she needed a creative outlet that combined her passions for justice and creative expression.

Throughout the years, Politics & Fashion has become a home for Black women and femmes to find style and self-care inspiration, including her viral White Toenail Season rants on bodily autonomy. Today, she is a solopreneur who wears many hats including equity consultant, YouTuber, podcaster and content creator. She's been featured in the Washington Post, Washingtonian, Essence and multiple local news segments. She, her fiancée and highly disobedient dog live in Alexandria, VA.





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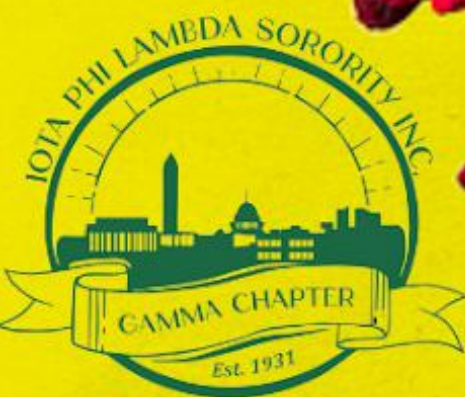
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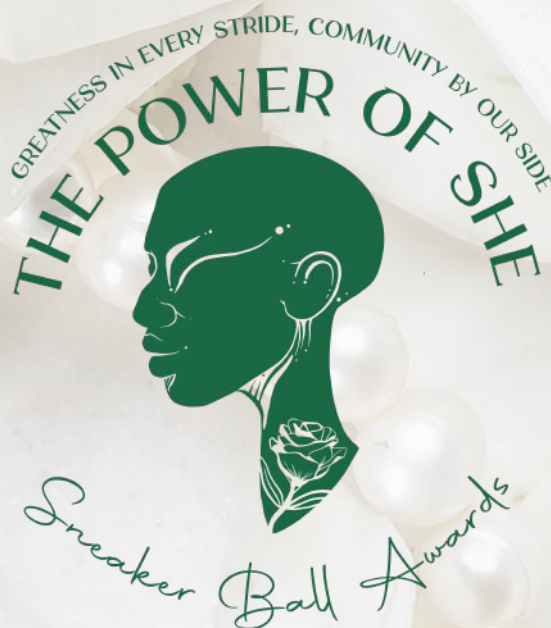
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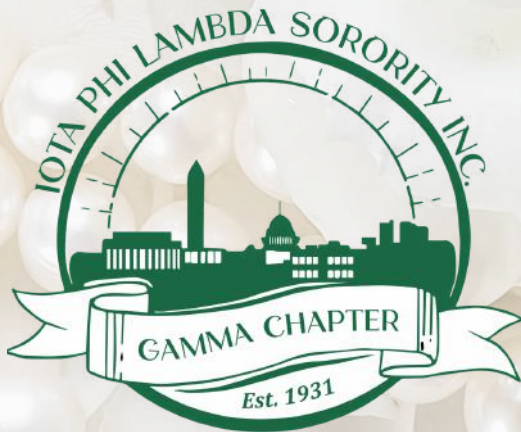
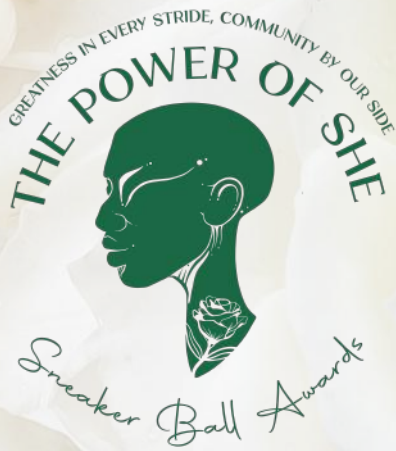
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