

GAMMA GAZETTE

GAMMA CHAPTER'S NEWSLETTER

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Gamma Chapter celebrates 90 years of service in April of 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAMMA CHAPTER

Scholarship Alert



- 1. Fredda Witherspoon National Scholastic Scholarship**
 - a. The Deadline is 1/20/21
- 2. National Future Iota Leaders (FIL) Scholarship**
 - a. The Deadline is 2/18/21
- 3. Jean P. East Scholarship**
 - a. The deadline is by February 28, 2021
 - b. Local/Regional Winner will be submitted for the Hornbuckle National scholarship consideration
- 4. Helen Newberry McDowell Scholarship**
 - a. Deadline to Soror Berry by February 28, 2021
 - b. Local/Regional Winner will be submitted for the Allen National scholarship consideration

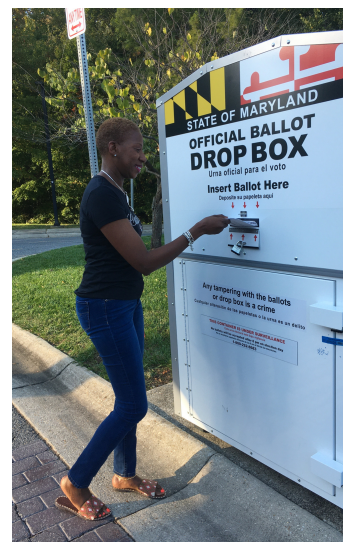
Visit www.iota-gammade.org for additional scholarship eligibility information.



RAFFLE OF LOVE

Contact your favorite Gamma Soror for a chance to win the prizes below!

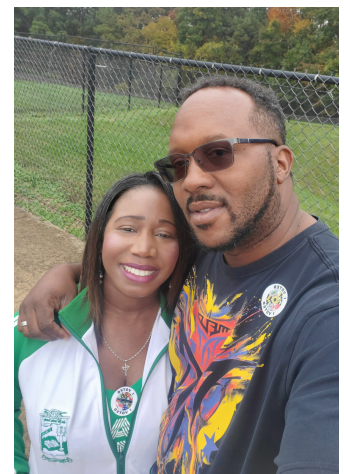
- \$5 Tickets to win:**
- 1st: \$125 Visa Gift Card
 - 2nd: Hugs & Kisses Basket—Mary Kay Satin Body & Lips



#MYVOTER SQUAD

Gamma chapter shows up to the polls

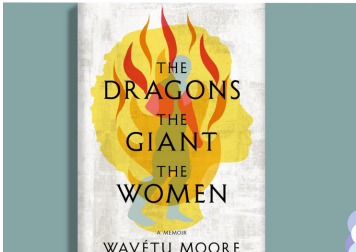
This year's presidential election was one of the most important elections to date. Gamma Chapter celebrated and paid homage to our ancestors who fought long and hard for the right to vote and allow their voices to be heard.



We did this by using the hashtag #MyVoterSquad to show pictures of us and the registered voters in our circles exercising that hard-earned right and staying safe while doing so! Check out our Facebook page,

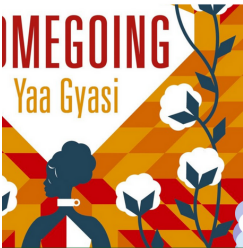
Wayetu Moore

Moore was born in Liberia and grew up in Texas. Her family moved to NYC because of the war in Liberia when she was five in 1990. In her memoir, the Howard University Alumna tells a deeply moving story of the search for home in the midst of upheaval. Moore has a novelist's eye for suspense and emotional depth, and this unforgettable memoir is full of imaginative, lyrical flights and lush prose. In capturing both the hazy magic and stark realities of what is becoming an increasingly pervasive experience, Moore shines a light on the great political and personal forces that continue to affect many migrants around the world, and calls us all to acknowledge the tenacious power of love and family.



Yaa Gyasi

Recipient of the National Book Foundation's 2016 '5 Under 35' award, 'Homecoming' tells the story of a family split between America, and the legacy of slavery through generations. In an interview with the Guardian, Gyasi spoke on black suffering, "Suffering stays the same," she said. "In America, the worst was never new. That was something I was trying to trace in the novel - the trail of trauma reinvented."



Britt Bennett

Raised in Southern California, Britt Bennett graduated from the University of California and later earned her MFA in Fiction at the University of Wisconsin. She won a Hopwood Award for College Writers. She is a 5 Under 35 honoree, and her debut novel 'The Vanishing Half' is a New York Times bestseller. Her essays have been featured in New York Times Magazine, The Paris Review, and...



Soror Lauren Poteat publishes a children's book called: Giraffes don't talk to ants

Philanthropist, Journalist and now first time Author, Soror Lauren Poteat, officially launched the release of her first children's book: "Giraffes Don't Talk to Ants," proving that success and character has no limits.

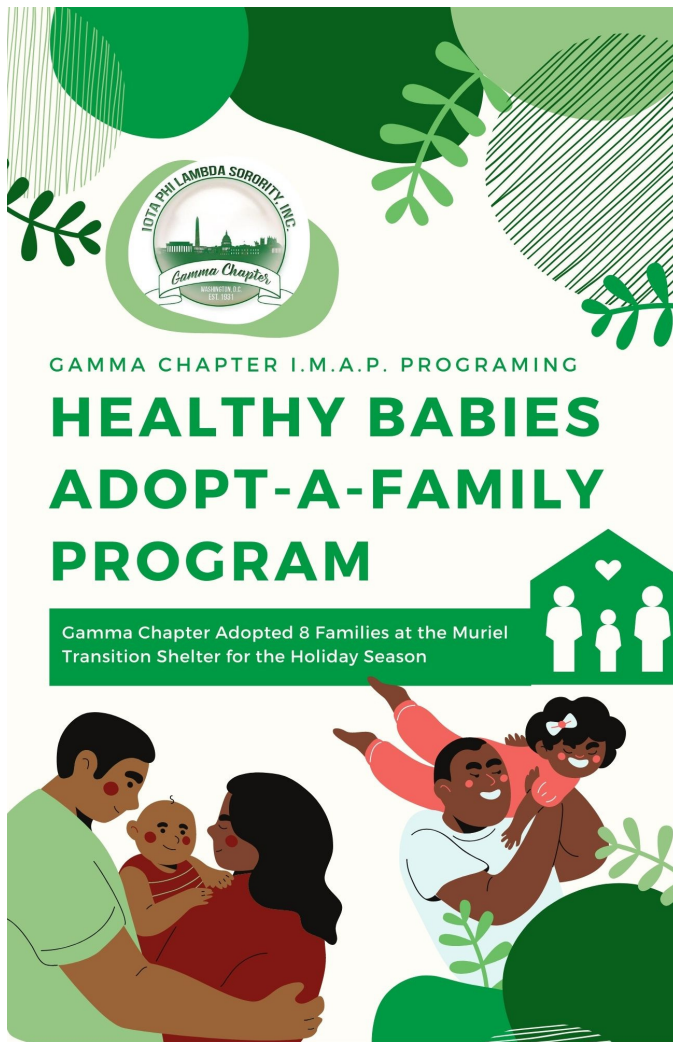
Centered in South Africa, on the lush plains of Zululand, "Ant number 42" tries his hand at destiny, when he decides to do something different and break free of the status quo. Following in the footsteps of a lingering Giraffe,

"Ant number 42" proves that size is not what matters, but the measurement of one's character and their heart." So excited to announce the release of my first children's book, 'Giraffes Don't Talk To Ants,'" the author said. "It's such a beautiful children's read, with something fun to learn for the whole family. Go grab yours today!"

Gamma Chapter Celebrates black authors on National Author's Day and during National Writing month

November was #NationalWritingMonth or as many dub it #NaNoWriMo and #NationalAuthor'sDay was on the first day in November. Gamma Chapter celebrated these important initiatives by sharing some of the writings of Black Authors who are doing great things in literature and tell the tales of the beautiful Black Diaspora. This list included Yaa Gyasi, Britt Bennett, Wayetu Moore and Maisy Card.

We included a short blurb about each of the authors, information about their books and inspirations. We also posted a companion list filled with more black authors to check out in the upcoming year.



*Gamma Chapter's
Iota Mother's Assistance Program*

Over the Holiday seasons, Gamma Chapter Adopted 8 families at the Muriel Transition Shelter for the holidays. It is always our pleasure to serve and uplift the various families in our community. Although being in a season of social distancing can make service look different we are still proud to do what we can.

SOCIAL MEDIA FEED





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OF SERVICE AND SISTERHOOD



Working Towards a Brighter Future

Based in the great District of Columbia, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. - Gamma Chapter, strives to keep wellbeing at the forefront of what we're working together towards. Our programs and activities are designed to be a catalyst that helps community members reach their goals and fulfill their potential. Learn more about the positive impact we have and join us in bringing about positive change.

Gamma Chapter Launches New Website

This year marks a major turning point in our country's history, but it also marks an amazing milestone in the Gamma Chapter as we are celebrating 90 years of friendship, service, and professionalism in April.

We could not be happier to celebrate this milestone year by launching a new website with fresh graphics and information to support our chapter's ever upward and onward facing endeavors.

In our nearly 90 years, Gamma Chapter has established itself as a statement chapter and holds a national reputation of leading with a growth mindset to achieve success! The vision of our Founders and Charter Members have been continuously nurtured and cultivated through the leadership of our visionary Past-Presidents of Gamma Chapter in Washington, DC.