

# GAMMA GAZETTE

GAMMA CHAPTER'S NEWSLETTER

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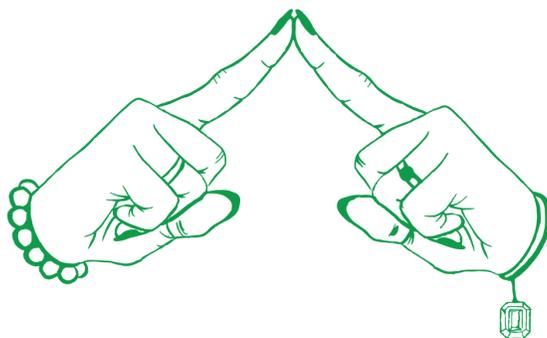


## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings and welcome to the Glamorous Gamma Chapter's newsletter. This year has been unparalleled as it has been filled with amazing opportunities to practice our pandemic pivot, demonstrate our commitment to innovative service to the Washington, DC Community while celebrating the legacy that comes with 91 years of service. We invite you to discover how we continue to make a difference to our community.

This year, we will continue to embrace the ideals of Iota and strive to further this great sorority by expanding its reach through

recruiting professional like-minded business women and providing business services to the community we serve while bringing fresh new ideas and new ways of doing things to the forefront. We will remember our founders and charter members and embrace characteristics that made them visionaries as they dared to be the first to establish a legacy that has lasted close to a Century.



## Gamma Chapter

### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Annual National American Education Week Essay Contest for middle school and high school students.

#### Other ways to celebrate and appreciate:

- Attend presentations honor those who've advanced education in your community.
- Get involved in your school. Fostering a network of support improves education for everyone
- make a donation to a local school in need
- thank the former/current teachers who helped to shape you and your loved ones' education



## Gamma Chapter Celebrates Education and Educators during American Education Week

American Education Week is an important Staple for Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. American Education Week marks its 100th anniversary this year. So here is to 100 years of celebrating the power of education, and the dedication of our educators and mentors. In celebrating this week, Gamma chapter recommits ourselves to ensuring that everyone, especially the underprivileged and underserved children, receives a quality and lasting education.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY INC.

## Evelyn D. Wilkey National Essay Contest!

#### Requirements:

1. Middle & Highschool Students
2. Essay Must be 500 words typed double spaced on 8.5"x 11" white paper
3. must include declaration of originality

All applications are due by November 14th at 11:59 pm

For application information, please visit the link in our bio.



**THEME: How Social Media Affects Teens.**



## Soror Zaria Huggins Launches Soul Mango

"I deliberated on the name for Soul Mango forever it feels like. In the end I chose this because it spoke to what I want this shop to be. I knew I had things I wanted to share with the world and art that I wanted to give, so I named the shop after those things; those fruits of my soul that will hopefully connect to some other thread of souls out there."

Soul Mango is a love letter to my culture and the diverse people in my life; people who grew me and loved me and accepted me. Soul Mango blends an unapologetically ethnic existence with the creature comforts of books, pop culture, history, and life. I hope that someone can identify with the soul (pun intended) of this company and will find the warmth and love that I am seeking to put out into the world. I hope that you can find something in my shop that makes you pause and think, laugh, or smile.

I love this journey that I'm on and I am blessed that so many have chosen to support me. All items in the shop are designed, drawn, and painted by me. Every artwork truly does feel like a little piece of my soul is floating out there.

visit [www.thesoulmango.com](http://www.thesoulmango.com)

IN 2021, THE GAMMA CHAPTER OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY INC. IS CELEBRATING:

# Small Business Saturday

SWIPE TO SEE SOME OF THE BLACK BUSINESSES WE'RE

FEATURING

THIS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



# Black Owned

1. HUNNYBUNNY BOUTIQUE  
[www.hunnybunny.boutique](http://www.hunnybunny.boutique)
2. CULTURE COFFEE TOO  
[www.culturecoffeetoodc.com](http://www.culturecoffeetoodc.com)
3. BLACK SQUIRREL COMPANY  
[www.blacksquirrel.company](http://www.blacksquirrel.company)
4. A BEAUTIFUL CLOSET BOUTIQUE  
[www.abeautifulclosetdc.com](http://www.abeautifulclosetdc.com)
5. CALABASH TEA & TONIC  
[www.calabashtee.com](http://www.calabashtee.com)
6. KOMBAS AUTO REPAIR  
[kombasautorepair.wordpress.com](http://kombasautorepair.wordpress.com)
7. EVERYBODYS JUICE  
[everybodysjuice.com](http://everybodysjuice.com)
8. NUBIANHUEMAN  
[nubianhuelman.com](http://nubianhuelman.com)



# CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

#SmallBusinessSaturday is one day every year set aside to support small businesses across the entire United States. This year, Gamma Chapter celebrated this important day by highlighting some black-owned businesses in our D.C., community. We compiled a comprehensive list of black owned businesses that we noted or who were doing fun, innovative and unique things in the community.



# Black Owned

9. GLOW & GROW  
[www.etsy.com/shop/glowandgrowproducts](http://www.etsy.com/shop/glowandgrowproducts)
10. THE SPICE SUITE  
[www.thespicesuite.com](http://www.thespicesuite.com)
11. YINIBINI BABY  
[www.yinibinibaby.com](http://www.yinibinibaby.com)
12. YOCO CONFECTIONS  
[www.yococonfections.com](http://www.yococonfections.com)
13. TURNING NATURAL  
[www.turningnatural.com](http://www.turningnatural.com)
14. THE MUSEUM  
[www.themuseumdc.com/shop](http://www.themuseumdc.com/shop)
15. MIYA LOUNGE  
[www.miyalounge.com](http://www.miyalounge.com)



*Pictured: Soror Imani Panton-Blake, Soror Melissa Resil, and Soror Maxine Samms Washington*

## CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The Gamma Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. love our community service opportunities. It has been difficult to form the personal connections that we thrive on whilst trying to navigate community service in a virtual setting. However, we don't let things like that stop us from serving. In fact, it drives us to come up with innovative ways to continue to make personal connections while also staying safe, maintaining good standing with COVID-19 rules and protocol. This Thanksgiving season, Gamma Chapter decided to participate in the S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat) 5K Trot!!!! We are thrilled to announce that Team Gamma met our fundraising goal by raising \$1,000. Our 1st Vice President and Programming committee chair, Maxine Samms-Washingtoespecially wanted to thank all of our participating Sorors and donors who made this happen!! We are continuing the legacy of making a positive impact in Washington DC!!

visit [www.some.org](http://www.some.org) to learn more!

WISHING YOU A HAPPY

Christmas



LOVE, THE GAMMA CHAPTER OF  
IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY,  
INC

WISHING YOU A SAFE  
AND PROSPEROUS

New Year



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# CELEBRATING THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

Correspondence has been particularly important in this virtual space. The Gamma chapter made extra efforts to share holiday cheer this winter with several posts, as well as Christmas and New Years cards that were sent out to various Sorors across the country!

WISHING YOU A NEW YEAR FULL OF LOVE,  
PROSPERITY, AND BLESSINGS

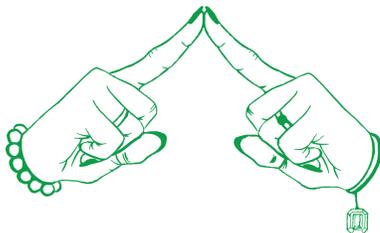
Happy New Year!

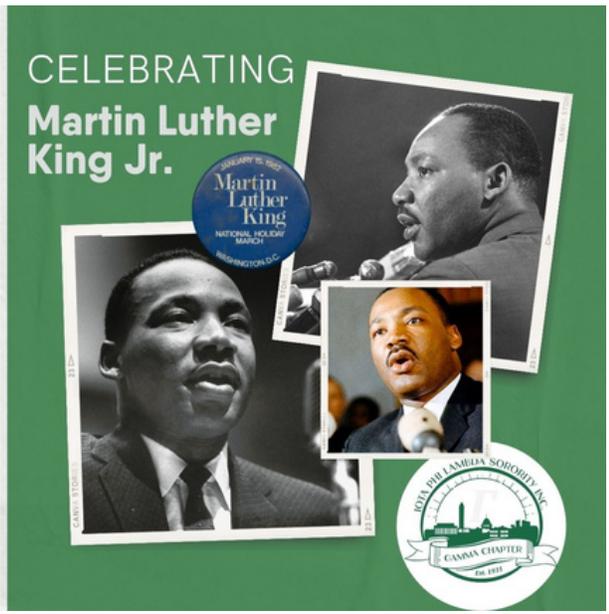
With love, from the Sorors of the Gamma Chapter of Iota Phi  
Lambda, Sorority Inc.



Merry  
Christmas!

WITH LOVE,  
FROM THE GAMMA CHAPTER





# CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF REVERAND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." So, in honor and recognition, of Dr. King's incredible legacy of service, as well as Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc.'s own founder's aims to serve and assist, Gamma Chapter observes and celebrates Dr. King's Legacy and this Day of Service.



# PIVOTING IN THE PANDEMIC!

It is difficult knowing how to navigate inside of this pandemic. From understanding interpersonal relationships, to understanding what your rights are when it comes to Pandemic related policy changes. We decided to have a timely conversation about it all. Dr. Shaunna Payne Gold joined us as a phenomenal speaker, as we explored tools and tips to preparing your personal return to office strategy. It was an informative and strengthening conversation.



**Gamma Chapter presents**  
**Women Working Well**

**Pivoting in the Pandemic**  
Preparing your Personal Return to Office Strategy



**Dr. Shaunna Payne Gold**  
Gold Enterprises LLC

- Have you been working from home since the Pandemic began?
- Do you have reservations about returning to the office?
- How are you adapting to your "new" normal?
- Have you moved to a Hybrid Work Environment?

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Shaunna Payne Gold as we explore tools and tips to preparing your personal return to office strategy.

January 13, 2022  
7:00 pm

Free

**Register [HERE](#)**