



# The GAMMA GAZETTE

The **National Cherry Blossom Festival** will be held in Washington, DC and surrounding areas May 20th-April 14th 2024

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## A Message from our President

We are nearing the Spring season, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Gamma chapter is ramping up for **Business Month** come April 2024. Now in March, Women's History Month, we will aim to share information on our Sorority and the efforts undertaken in the Washington, DC plus metropolitan area. We have been providing program and project services for over 92 years while serving as professionals in a variety of industries such as commerce, technology, education, sciences, project management, and more. According to the United Nations, March's theme is "**Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress**" aimed at tackling economic disempowerment. It is fitting that such an organization ties and connects with Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated as our current national theme is: "**Professional Business Women Propelled by Ingenuity: Intentional Purpose**" #Designed1929 #Driven2023-2027 #Distinction2029. We hope that you will take time to learn more about Gamma chapter and its sister chapters throughout the United States and US Virgin Islands while also joining us in April for our special events and activities such as our educational series called **Gamma.TALKS**. Visit us on our social media handles as well as our website. I look forward to meeting you!



Sisterly,

Soror Vonetta B. Martin  
2023-2024 Gamma Chapter President  
Past National Executive Director, 2015-2023



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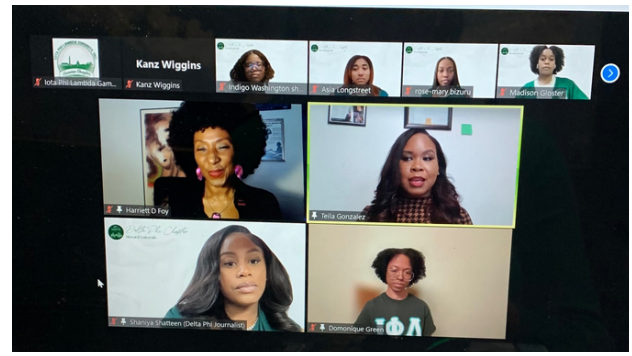
# Gamma Celebrates Black History Month with a joint collaboration

This year's Black History Month theme is "African Americans and the Arts". Gamma Chapter hosted a panel discussion via Zoom on Friday, February 23rd featuring 3 Black women who have careers in the Arts with 37 virtual attendees.

The panel featured Iota member **Dominique Green**, owner of Dom G Creative Agency, **Harriett D. Foy**, Award-winning Actress (of P. Valley fame) and **T.Nicole**, Writer, media Personality & TV/Film Location Assistant. Panelist discussed their successes and challenges as a Black woman in the industry and gave advice to those looking to pivot into a career in the arts.

This event was made possible from the collaboration with **Delta Phi** chapter and **D.I.V.A. Inc** - a Howard University organization for Black women in the arts (Ms. Foy is one of their Founders!).

Learn more about **D.I.V.A. Inc** @hu\_divainc and **Delta Phi** @iota.deltaphi



Sorors enjoyed each other's company by having Karaoke Night! Gamma, Delta Phi and, their invited guests spent time fellowshiping and belting out their favorite tunes by their favorite Black artists!

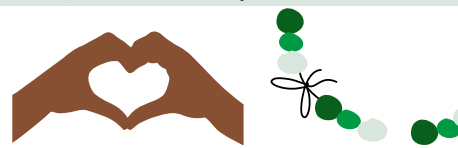


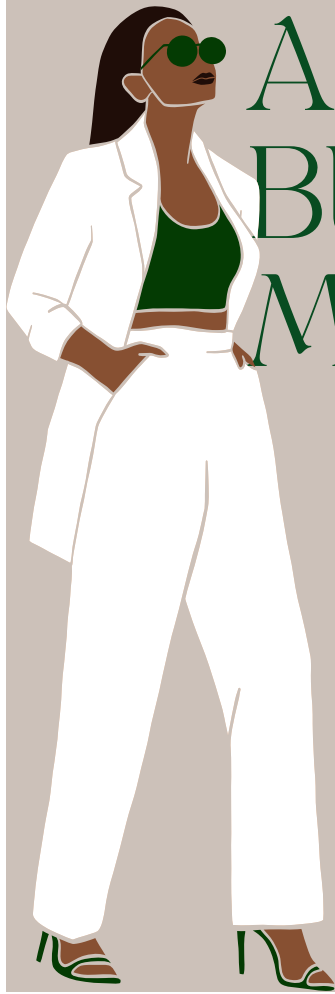
Sorors started March off on a positive note by participating in a **bracelet making** activity. Hosted in the home of Soror Stephanie, Sorors shared laughs in a small intimate setting, ready to let their creativity shine! Thank you to the **Membership Committee** for organizing this event



**Special Thank You to the Black History Month Committee:**  
 Soror Melissa R., Soror Tangila B., Soror Lakesha H., Soror Alisha A., Soror Leona N.

March/April 2024





# APRIL IS BUSINESS MONTH



“Iota’s capstone programs occur throughout the month of April. Activities focus on efforts to stimulate interest in business education and to recognize to those who have made outstanding achievements in the field of business.”

Gamma Chapter | Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc Presents  
**Gamma Talks Speaker Series**

**Unlocking Your Business Brilliance**

a virtual event



Learn tips and techniques to celebrate your talent(s) and create an action plan to capitalize in your business with guest speaker **Monique Toussaint**

**Wed. April 10th 7pm-8pm EST via ZOOM**

Public \$15  
Graduate Members \$10  
Undergraduate Member **FREE**



In recognition of business month, we will have our second Gamma Talks session titled "Unlocking Your Business Brilliance". This will be an interactive session where attendees will learn tips and techniques to celebrate their talent(s) and create an action plan to capitalize in their business.

Register Here:




Gamma Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

1st Business and Professional Women's Sorority at Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Washington, District of Columbia, United States · Contact info

46 connections

Jasmine Jones, Alisha Acoff, and 1 other mutual connection

Message More



Don't forget to connect with us on our **NEW LinkedIn page!**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/plgammachapter/>



The **Eastern Region** is creating a directory for members and affiliates to promote their businesses and increase opportunities for sisterhood bonding across chapters.

[Submit your business information here!](#)

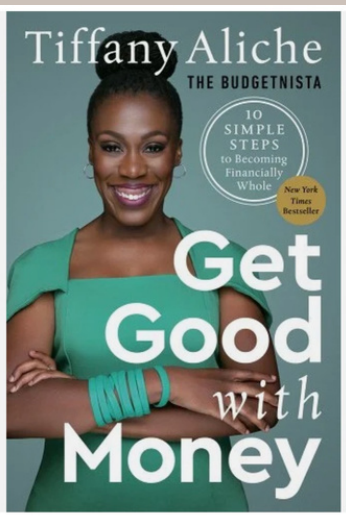




April's Book Club meeting will be held in person! Join Soror Alisha **Busboys and Poets** in Shirlington, VA on **April 27th at 1:30pm**. Don't worry - there's ample parking! "Walk Through Fire" by Sheila Johnson will be discussed. ALSO - bring a book! One you may want to give away or possibly discuss in a future meeting. Please **RSVP by April 21st** by contacting **Soror Alisha Acoff** at 678-522-8712.



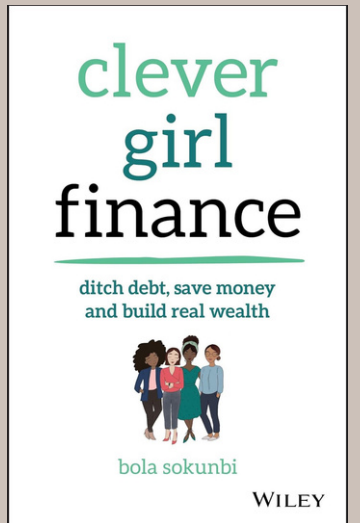
## We also suggest....



In the spirit of Women's History Month and Business Month, **Soror Lakeisha** recommends **Get Good with Money** by Tiffany Aliche and **Clever Girl Finance** by Bola Sokunbi.

*"Both books are excellent sources of financial literacy! Each author provides steps to building wealth and overcoming debt. If you need initial steps on how to be financially successful or just need a refresher, these are the books for you."* -

**Soror Lakeisha**



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GAMMA CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON, DC  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

# Get to know Gamma

LEARN ABOUT IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC & OUR CHAPTER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2024**  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**BENNING/DOROTHY I. HEIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
3935 BENNING ROAD NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20019

ATTIRE IS BUSINESS CASUAL  
MUST RSVP BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO  
MEMBERSHIP@IOTA-GAMMADC.ORG  
NO LATER THAN MARCH 20TH, 2024

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IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC  
GAMMA CHAPTER'S 93RD CHARTER DAY

# Sunday Brunch

**APRIL 28**      **TIME TBD**

**DUE SOUTH**

301 Water St. SE, Washington, Dc 20003

Contact Soror Melissa to RSVP [vicepres1@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:vicepres1@iota-gammadc.org)



# March

Khalila Lomax 3/1  
Vonetta Martin 3/13  
MOI Tyren Sutton 3/25

# April

Nicole Darden Ford 4/2  
Miriam Kayongo 4/13  
FIL Marshall Milam 4/18  
Stephanie Polk 4/24



Happy 10th Anniversary Sorors!

March 26th

*Adrienne Sutton*

March 29th

*Tangila Brogden*

Q.U.E.E.N.S. - April 6th

*Mikayla DeVille*

H.E.I.R.S. - April 11th

Genesis Zimmermon, Jaellyn Brady-Dennis

Lyrical Storm- April 15th

*Maxine Samms*



See you in St. Thomas, USVI



# 87TH EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE



May 16 - 19, 2024

Last day to register: April 1st (no exceptions)

Theme: IOTA Women – Breaking Barriers and Empowering Change

Have questions about Slack? MemberPlanet?

Join Soror Angie for

## TECH TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday @ 12PM-1PM

Email [techteam@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:techteam@iota-gammadc.org) to schedule time with Soror Angie





# Gamma Chapter Calendar

## March

- 3/16 Chapter Photos 9am
- 3/23 Gamma Meet & Greet
- 3/28 Turtle Trot Check-in
- 3/31 Easter Sunday
- 3/31- Delta Phi "Iota Week" begins @ Howard U

### Recurring Dates

- Chapter Meetings - 3rd Saturday of every month\*
- Y.E.S. (Projects) - 1st Monday
- Membership - 1st Wednesday
- Finance/Treasurer - 1st Thursday
- Programs - 2nd Tuesday
- PR/Marketing/Journalist - 4th Monday
- National Convention Planning - 4th Tuesday
- Correspondence/Sunshine - 4th Thursday



## April

- 4/1 Last day to register for ERC (no exceptions)
- 4/1 Business Month Begins
- 4/6 Delta Phi's 6th Charter Day Celebration
- 4/10 Gamma.Talks Unlocking Your Business Brilliance
- 4/12 Delta Phi Senior Send-off
- 4/20 Chapter Meeting (Virtual)
- 4/21 Last day to RSVP for Bookclub meeting
- 4/25 Turtle Trot Check-in (Final)
- 4/27 Sister Circle Bookclub (In person)
- 4/28 Gamma Chapter's 93rd Charter Day & Charter Day Brunch

## May

- 5/1 Newsletter Submissions Due
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/16-19 88th Eastern Region Conference USVI
- 5/27 Memorial Day

Look out for correspondence via email and Chapter Google Calendar for up-to-date events and deadlines



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