

Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc.

"Through Unity We Shall Prevail"

2015-2016 3rd Quarter Newsletter

2016 Convention

Early Bird Registration

Now –March 31st

- ◆ Undergraduate Members - \$75
- ◆ Graduate Members- \$90
- ◆ Life Membership - \$75
- ◆ Non-Members- \$85

Congratulations Graduate!

Nakita Bowman

Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Masters in Juvenile Forensic Psychology, Self Employed CEO of "The Foundation Builder, Enterprises"

New Members:

Delta Chapter's Fall 2015

"The Temptations"

1. Jared "PrimeTime" Jackson
2. Armoni "QuietStorm" Towner
3. Dwight "John Legendary" Pullen



Message From the National Director

Greetings Members! I hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break! This time of year is always exciting for the NAB as we are finalizing convention plans as well as the final push of our term. This years convention theme is "Bridging the Gap" and I need everyone's help to do just that. As we prepare for convention I have a few request of the membership.

- First and foremost...**COME!!!** I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Don't miss out on the Early Bird Registration rate., it ends March 31st.
- **Please pay your dues.** We are not requiring you to pay your dues to come to convention and participate but there are activities we can not allow you to participate in per the constitution. Our organization continues to need your financial contribution for scholarships, chapter assistance and operations.
- Prepare for **2016-18 NAB Nominations.** Don't wait till convention to think about if you want to hold office or who you would like to nominate. Look for future information about at to pre-nominate and/or run for office even if you will not be able to attend convention.



Before I go I would like to welcome our new Delta Chapter members to the "Framily".

Always a pleasure "Framily", my Frat is my Family. E-C.....

Faye Moore

National Director

2014-16

2016 Convention

"Bridging the Gap"

June 24th-26th

Get ready, Get Set, and Let's GO DOWN TO THA N.O. !!!!! This years National Convention will be in New Orleans, LA. Prepare yourself to experience an abundance of professional enlightenment, New Orleans cultural engagement, and Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. networking. Catch up with members you know and those you haven't gotten the chance to know. **Early Bird** convention registration has begun. Please visit the website, <http://eci1984.org/convention/>, for convention highlights and registration.

So go ahead and gather your roommates and travel buddies!! See you there!

- **Booking your hotel** has been made easy, act fast because the deadline is **June 2nd** for the ECI Rates. Use link for Epsilon group rate: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Epsilon%20Gamma%20Iota%2C%20Inc%20National%20Convention%5EMSYCM%60EGIEGIA%7CEGIEGIB%60139.00-149.00%60USD%60false%604%606%23%16%606%26%16%606%2%16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Did You Know?

Founder Jocelyn "Smiley" Atkins a advocate and survivor of Breast Cancer was a Cheerleader for Prairie View A&M University. Her list also includes being selected to PVAMU's Black Fox Dance team and most recently a Children's Book author.

Here's a few words of her insight:

1. What prepares you better, campus life or life experiences outside of college?

Campus life and life experience coincide. You have to make good personal decision in both life and on campus. When in school, you have to make sure you go to class and study. In life, you have to make sure you go to work and do your job to the best of your ability.

2. What has been your biggest challenges? My biggest challenge is balancing family, work, and personal entertainment. It is important to devote time to all these aspects of life in order to stay happy. It is also important to stay physically healthy. I challenge myself to exercise, eat healthy and get regular checkups and tests with my doctor. I would also recommend the same for others.

For Follow Up Questions/Inquires Feel Free To Inquire With Jocelyn at: dilstokes@yahoo.com

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WHATS HAPPENING IN CORPORATE WORLD?

The 2016 2nd quarter newsletter would like to highlight Soror Shondalyn Smith, who is a Software Engineer at IBM. Let's see what Shondalyn has been up to in the Industry...

Shondalyn is in her 2nd year with IBM as a Software Engineer. In the role, she has embarked on business with some of the industry's top banking companies. She states the needed fulfillment with these companies involve ensuring their network issues are resolved to prevent critical network failures. By doing so, company transactions are processed properly and accounted for within software by use of IBM's mainframe operating system, better known as z/OS Communications Server.

One of the major aspects of her position pertain to working on IBM's legacy product that was created in the 70's; "...so as the youngest person on the team, learning this product can be very challenging and intimidating (even for the not so shy person). However, having a go to person who has experience working with the product has assisted me in being successful not only in a technical aspect but it also has contributed to my professional development. Networking in a way to develop mentorship in a role is a big plus for success; it has been working great for me.

As a rule of thumb to get the role you desire be sure you have internships and/or Co-Op's completed. Be sure to have relative experience that you can develop into answers as you undergo an interview. Be sure to do a meaningful CAPSTONE and/or Senior Project. Maintain communication skills and always always be humble.

—Shondalyn Smith, Storm, Spr '11, Delta Chapter

Friendly Reminders

Dues:

- ♦ Undergraduate Members - \$30
- ♦ Graduate Members - \$90
- ♦ Chapter Dues - \$60
- ♦ Life Membership - \$590/\$530

**Please contact Faye Moore for payment options and details @
nationaldirector@nab.eci1984.org*

Membership Survey:

Visit the Epsilon website or use the link below to complete and or update your membership info.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gpEsse6EVZWijji7vpotS8-it7Wr9zW6qdC8v5PcVoY/viewform>

Business Hall of Fame

Wood Carving and Home Economics: Unique Wood Creations was developed five years ago after I pledged Omega Psi Phi, Inc. At the time I was interested in a very unique symbolism of my fraternity that no other member possessed. So I decided, to take a jig saw and create the image I had in mind out of a piece of wood. The product stood out creating positive chatter within my circle of friends which spread out to the community allowing me to create a consumer relation business "Unique wood Creations." In this business I provide a quality product based upon 4 areas: 1) customer service where you can reach me via cellphone or email without automated service. 2) people over pennies allows me to create a three-foot shield and still offer affordable pricing for the item. 3) usage handcraft skill omitting the usage of computational effects where you still come out cheaper by paying for the labor. 4) upcasing the customer request for a product. My highest clients come from Greek organizations; however, from there a network of clients are diversified by those needing home or office furnishing like shelves, baby chairs, and other wood based needs. On average the salary in this business is roughly \$45,000.00 just on Greek demand; so creating those 50 wood pieces this past holiday represented a great time investment. The challenge in this business is building an ACCOUNTABLE team to assist in pushing the products of Unique Wood Creations and maintaining a strict schedule. Although I know I can complete a product in a day or two because I enjoy the craft, I set realistic time frames due to other demands such as father, career, husband, and service. In this business keeping in focus on spirituality, family, and working smart leads to success. Spiritual and a work smart focus means having the ability to conduct your business due to the skill being a natural talent allowing you to work smart in a way that doesn't deplete your energy towards other personal demands. Lastly but most importantly, family focus assists me in advancing my family in a way that helps them understand they can be whatever they want to be and get whatever is needed to be a success whether financial or physical is needed. To any future or current businessman, if you keep the latter at heart you can be successful in your craft. For insight on Unique Wood Creations business or obtaining a product I can be reached at: BrandonMosley@uniquewoodcreations.biz

--Brandon Mosley (Gamma Chapter, "Ace" Spring 2002)

