

Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc.

"Through Unity We Shall Prevail"

2014-2015 3rd Quarter Newsletter

Congratulations Graduates!

Stephen Hartfield

Alpha Chapter, B.S. Computer Engineering, Commissioned for Active Duty in the U.S. Airforce

Victor Lankford

Alpha Chapter, MBA in Strategic Leadership from Amberton University

Sherman Livingston

Alpha Chapter, B.S. in Civil Engineering, Hired by City of Austin

Jamel Simmons

Delta Chapter, A.S. Drafting and Design Technology, B.A. Business Administration (Conc. Mgt.), B.S. Architectural Engineering, Hired by Hensel Phelps

Paloma Woods

Alpha Chapter, B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Hired by Jacobs Engineering Group

Jordan Woodward

Alpha Chapter, B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Hired by Omaha Public Power District

New Members:

Alpha Chapter

"9 Missed Notifications"

1. Paloma Woods (poker face)
2. Sherman Livingston (2 LEgit 2 Quit)
3. Jordan Richardson (Kid no Play)
4. Joshua Heads (un4gettable)
5. Jawon Thomas (ARTificial Intelligence)
6. Tariq Muhammad (Command Center)
7. Darin Washington (Alter Ego)
8. Aaliyah Whitmore (Trophy Wife)
9. Bisoye Olaleye (Dead End)



Message From the National Director

Greetings Members! I hope everyone is having a great start to their summer. Congratulations to all the graduates and our newest members. There are a few things in this quarters newsletter I want to draw your special attention to:

- ♦ The new and improved **Epsilon Website** is now up and running! This is just Phase 1 and we hope to roll in more updates and functionality.
- ♦ **Membership Survey** is still in progress. Please reference the link to the survey below to capture your membership details. We will not distribute your information. Next raffles will be held exclusively for full lines that complete the survey collectively.



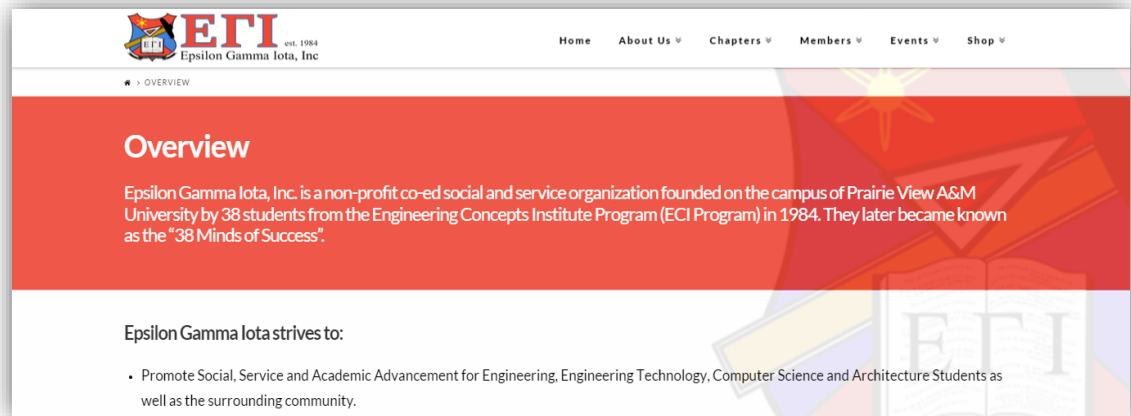
Finally I would like to give you a heads up on the upcoming homecoming planning. **Alpha Chapter Homecoming** will be **Oct. 9th-11th** and there is an URGENT need for assistance in planning due to campus changes. Please contact Briantoin Westmoreland (briwestmoreland@yahoo.com) if interested. The following weekend **Oct. 16th-18th** is **Delta Chapter's Homecoming** and a great milestone in Epsilon history as they will be celebrating 15 years. Interested in attending please contact Faye Moore (flmoore1984@gmail.com).

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

ECI Updates!!!

ECI Webpage!!!

Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. website at eci1984.org is now completed and ready for review. Currently, on the page you will find a history timeline, general information, board member bios, products to purchase, calendar of events, the membership survey, dues links, etc. If there are any questions or concerns please be sure to leave a comment in the contact us section on the website. A reply will promptly be provided.



Epsilon Alpha (EA) Graduate Chapter!!!

In a effort to reactivate the Alpha Chapter's graduate chapter there will be a meeting every first Saturday of every month. This past meeting was successful in which there was discussion on fundraising, community service, and coordinator positions.

EA



Survey News!!!

For the 2015-2016 year NAB has started a roster drive "Bridge the Gap" to update the list of members within our organization. This is in an effort to keep members accurately connected and informed on Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. events. To complete the survey please go to the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gpEsse6EVZWlji7vpotS8-it7Wr9zW6qdC8v5PcVoY/viewform>

Congrats to the Survey Winners:

- 24 hr Winner - Myles Pearson (Delta Chapter Fall 14)
- 48 hr Winner - Chauncey Wiley (Alpha Chapter Sp.06)
- 72 hours - April Taylor (Delta Chapter Sp.01)
- 1st Week - Samiria Percival (Alpha Sp.13)
- 2nd week - Shenitha Holley (Alpha Sp.01)
- 3rd week - Alonzo Ellis III (Alpha Sp.98)
- 4th week - Keisha McKinnie (Delta Fall 00)

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WHATS HAPPENING IN CORPORATE WORLD?

The 2014-2015 **Q3 E-dition** Newsletter would like to highlight Frat Terry LaFleur, who is a customer quality engineer. Mr. LaFleur has had the chance to experience what it takes to transition from one role within a company to another. And he can guide you on what skills he has seen work. Lets see what Terry has been up to in Industry...

Terry LaFleur is working currently in Sugar land, Texas for TI as a customer quality analyst by way of ten years in its manufacturing division as a process and equipment engineer (previous team lead of 11 associates). Currently, he is responsible in ensuring that customers who return Texas Instruments chips are informed as to why the item malfunctioned and what will ensure that malfunction will never happen – known as application of the failure and root cause analysis. Within the role communicating in a fashion that involves influencing others without actually having authority and the fire and forget method are two major challenges. Terry says, with the fire and forget method, in both of my roles following up on emails and keeping up with the Department I sent the emails out to cuts down of company quality time loss; in this way I will know directly who is currently working on what analysis instead of having to go thru outside departments who may miscommunicate the analysis needed. Additionally, composing request in a professional manner is a must because soft mail can be interpreted in different ways – so there is no room for error when it comes to company time efficiency. The above are doable, but requires careful implementation.

Also Terry mentions, the idea of transitioning from one role to another comes from doing well in your current position which will speak well on how you will perform in your new role regardless if the roles are related or not. For me, stringing together wins such as completing a variety of assignments on time and correctly allowed for fellow colleagues wanting to assist me in the continued company success. This behavior created a network for me to work on international team/issues and other departmental leadership teams within Texas Instruments (TI). In this way I was able to see other opportunities outside of TI's manufacturing role. Just three years ago I spoke with a mentor within my company in which he informed me that customer quality engineer would be a great new role for me go consider. With my manufacturing and technical background, I am equipped to know what the issue is with company items and could express to the customer the technicalities proving why the solution will work on a suddenly malfunctioned item. I accepted the idea and transitioned over from Dallas to Houston area. To any upcoming engineer, there are two key things to keep in mind: one, focus on what your role is and never be afraid to go above and beyond what your role requires. The extra time that you spend is invested time into your career. If your passionate about what you're doing the passion is what will drive you to make those additional hours at the job worth your while. And, if you find that you may be in the wrong role, don't be afraid to network outside of your department to schedule inquires about specific career paths. It worked for me to obtain my position in my current role, I am sure it will work for you as well. – Terry Lafleur (Alpha Chapter, Fall 2003)

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*

Alerts!!!

- ◆ Paraphernalia Sale

<http://egammai.spreadshirt.com/us/us/shop/index/index>.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc.

Business Hall of Fame

Visual Artistry: Artworks Unlimited, LLC has been a operating business of mine since 2008. Its custom paintings and faux finishing presentation came from skill developed by my completion of detailed research into art. The business aspect started in my family; my parents were business partners before getting married and remained that way. So business was always groomed into my being, but art happened to be a blessing from GOD. Some of the quality my product brings to my customers is large scale presentation of paintings wither in home or in the city uniquely from a female and African American visual prospective—in this field art is dominated by men. Also, on the business side I am certified with HUD licensee displaying my familiarity with the state law when it comes to completing visual public projects. And I continuously sharpen my business etiquette from involvement with the Women Business Association, which is a business side that most artists wouldn't complete. Some of the challenges in this business is the money aspect. Many artist take the money from the customer without keeping in mind all money is not good money. In my opinion it is always best to be sure the client is aware of how their idea will be presented to them in my art work. Provision of samples seems to always work for me. Also accepting that some clients just wont be satisfied and you would have to do the best thing on behalf of the business and pass them off to someone who may be of better assistance. But, being sure that you have done a review of the clients needs in all capacity is a must before you decided to let go. And I am always sure to research the idea that the client has in mind before I accept the money in contract. My highest demand would be both faux paintings (\$1500 min.) and mirials (cost: \$2500 min). Early on in my career the average salary was \$28000; as of now it is \$38000. I have come to find as a business accounting for donations assist in minimizing tax hits. Outside of the money, my goal is to be sure the customer is satisfied with the piece of art work he or she had in mind as and abstract idea that is now accurately tangible to the touch and visual to the eye. If there was any advice I could give to upcoming business owners I would say mention two words, FOCUS and PASSION. Keep the latter two words in mind during your business at all times. As for my business, "If you can dream it we can create it." For more detail on business or obtaining a product please contact:– Charise Kelly (Alpha Chapter, Spring 1999).

