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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

EPSILON GAMMA IOTA, INC.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

On behalf of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc., it is my great honor and privilege to greet you as the National Director of this amazing organization.

For the past 34 years, ECI has been a staple as a resource, guide and advocacy to increase the number of STEM career professionals through our promotion of social as well as academic excellence for the betterment of engineering, engineering technology, computer science and architecture majors at universities throughout the United States. Our brotherhood, sisterhood, and unity is second to none as we have built bonds that have transcended generations and supported our members and communities throughout every level of their lives.

In that time, we have supported the inclusion of hundreds of career professionals in STEM industries, policy, education and service.

There is no secret that while we have achieved these great feats, we have also had our challenges. Currently, active memberships are at a low, we gone from six active chapters to one, we have run into obstacles reviving graduate chapters and convention attendance is the lowest in years.

Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. has developed numerous leaders in the public, private, and non-profit sectors while simultaneously boasting several graduates of local and national leadership programs. Our members are entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, architects, educators, healthcare professionals, C-suite executives, philanthropists and policy influencers.

As we journey towards our 35th anniversary, ECI has equipped our National Advisory Board with a group of audacious, capable and committed members. We have developed a plan entitled "Transforming and Tradition into a Legacy." The tradition of ECI is strong and our membership base is even stronger. We aim to re-energize our Culture of Unity, Excellence and Advancement through the following goals:

- * 35th Anniversary Celebration
- * Convention 2020
- * Undergraduate Endowment Programs
- * Membership Mentor Program
- * Website Updates
- * Job Banks

The bar has been set high but we are the standard of excellence.

#ThroughUnityWeShallPrevail

John Nicklos II



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THE EPSILON ENDOWMENT FUND – PVAMU

As Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. began preparations to celebrate its 35th anniversary, the idea of creating a legacy began to formulate. The same concept used by the 38 Minds of Success to initiate a legacy of family atmosphere, focused on fostering a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood for engineering and architecture students. Thus, the endowment was created to provide scholarship funding to undergraduate members as well as highly qualified undergraduate students in the College of Engineering and the School of Architecture for generations to come.

Our goal is to provide a check for \$100,000 to Prairie View A&M University at the 2019 Homecoming game, which is also the 35th Anniversary of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. The crescendo of our celebration will be every member congregating on the field as we present the check to President Simmons. We will continue our legacy of trendsetting and challenge other organizations to support our university through unified funding.

The university allows the creation of endowment scholarships through its nonprofit foundation. The endowment is structured so that the principal amount is kept intact, while only the income from earned interest is used for scholarship funding. Consequently, the principal of the endowment will continue to grow as donations are received and the earned interest grows as the endowment principal grows. Additionally, all donations are tax deductible and aligns with your companies matching programs. Every dollar that you give will go towards scholarships for students in the College of Engineering and the School of Architecture, with a preference for undergraduate members of Epsilon Gamma Iota.

Joe Clay





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020 CONVENTION



- > Old School VS New School Stroll Off
- > Entrepreneur/Business Owner Workshops
- > NEW Paro for Sale
- > Vending Opportunities
- > Pool Party
- > *AND MORE...*

35th CELEBRATION



- > Thursday (10/17) - Kickoff Happy Hour
- > Friday (10/18) - Tent Party
- > Saturday (10/19) - Brunch on the yard/Scholarship Presentation
- > Founder's Celebration
- > PARO Package
- > *AND MORE...*



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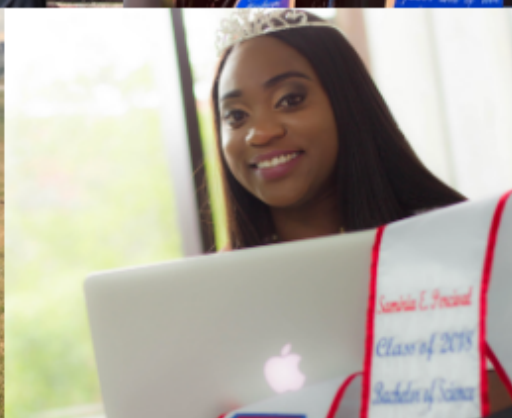
CONGRATS TO THE 2018 GRADS

SPRING 2018

Tralon Jackson (Spring 16 – Alpha)
 Tralae Jackson (Spring 16 – Alpha)
 Adam Burns (Spring 16 – Alpha)
 Jawon Thomas (Spring 15 – Alpha)
 Jordan Richardson (Spring 15 – Alpha)
 Darian Washington (Spring 15 – Alpha)
 Samiria Percival (Spring 13 – Alpha)

FALL 2018

Kyana Yates – Summer Grad (Spring 18 – Alpha)
 Andre Clayton (Spring 17 – Alpha)
 Brandon Banks (Spring 16 – Alpha)
 Ronnie Crenshaw – (Spring 14 – Alpha)





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THE TRUE MEANING OF BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD

The Poem

"As the rib which the Lord God has taken from man, made he women and brought her to the land, and called her woman." As depicted by these biblical scriptures, men and women have been divinely created to coexist with one another because she was made from man. The brothers and sisters of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. were united to achieve a common goal, the success of their beloved organization; both standing as pillars of strength and support beside one another. Never suppressing the other, but uplifting and bringing the other to a belief that he or she can accomplish anything. Just as siblings related by blood, despite conflict with another, we understand that we too will conflict, but never shall we let temporary moments of mental weakness distract us from the love and mutual respect we have for one another. The Brothers and Sisters of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. will continue the commitment to scholarship and excellence and together achieve the goals set forth by the 38 Minds of Success, by striving to live by our motto "Through unity we shall prevail"

NEW MEMBERS

ALPHA CHAPTER - SPRING 2018

- #1 - Chelsea "Vision" Conaway
- #2 - Johnny "Hip HoppEr" Turner
- #3 - Chase "Do not DEsturb" Crowder
- #4 - Mark "FlashdrIVE" Guillory
- #5 - Donnie "JuvenilE" Edwards
- #7 - Kyana "LitEs Out" Sinclair
- #8 - Akin "Blind F8" Bowman
- #9 - Aaron "Reversible" Brown

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

DUES

UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS - \$30

GRADUATE MEMBERS - \$90

CHAPTER DUES - \$60

LIFEMEMBERSHIP - \$590/\$530

PVAMU 2018 HOCO Celebration





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CURRENT ECI PARO

2018 HOMECOMING JERSEYS

Contact Liania Bellamy for all jersey inquiries
 (P: (817) 501-4059 E: lianabellamy.lb@gmail.com)
(Available for all chapters - orders depend on quantity)

ASH JAY PRODUCTS

Contact Johnnie Jermany for all PARO inquiries
 Email: jjermany@icloud.com



A BLAST FROM THE PAST





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National Director John Nicklos II



John Nicklos II, a native Houstonian, is a graduate of the University of Houston Bauer College of Business, where he received degrees in Entrepreneurship and Marketing through The Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. In addition to his achievements at the University of Houston, John studied Electrical Engineering at Prairie View A&M University where he worked in project management, project controls and quality assurance for Bechtel and Boeing. He has over 15 years of experience in business, leadership, sales, and operations. He has successfully built 15 companies from the ground up, four of which are nonprofit organizations.

1st National Vice Derrick Davis



I graduated from Prairie View A & M University in December of 2014 with my B.S. in Computer Science after attaining my A.A.S in Computer and Electronic Engineering Technology in 2006. I entered the lights of the Alpha chapter of Epsilon in Spr. 2014 while in undergrad I held the positions of Community Outreach Chair and also Alumni Liaison.

I joined Epsilon as a way to culminate all my successes as an engineer having already been a member of the National Technical & Vocational Honor Society, and holding the position of Telecommunications Chair in the National Society of Black Engineers both at the chapter and regional levels this opportunity was another piece of my engineering masterpiece. Family, discipline, patience, and endurance are things this great organization offers me.

After graduation I traveled to California to perform duties as a Senior Analyst of SAAS Application Development in the field of Business & Technology Integrations. I also worked as an Inclusion & Diversity steward within the company and this extended my duties to become a community outreach and recruitment resource. I obtained many skills and certifications through my time with the company that now allow me to pursue personal entrepreneurial and contract opportunities.

As 1st National Vice my goals are to see where I can motivate the National Advisory Board and offer my services in efforts to build and support this organization.

2nd National Vice Dyonasis Collins



Dyonasis Collins is originally from Denver Colorado and grew up in Mansfield, Texas. She graduated from Mansfield High school in the spring of 2015. She began her college career at the esteemed Prairie View A&M University that following summer. She majors in Architecture with a minor in construction science. Dyonasis ultimately plans to obtain her masters degree in architecture and continue on to pursue a license in architecture. Dyonasis has been a proud member in various organizations on campus which has only made her love grow for the university. She is a member of American institute of architecture students, PVAMU purple jackets, and national organization of minority architecture students. In Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. she crossed spring 2017 and is the number three. She also serves as the 2nd National Vice on NAB. Dyonasis is also recognized for her academic achievement by being on the honor roll and being in the honors program here at Prairie View. One of her greatest achievements to date is participating in a six week study abroad program to China and being the 1st runner up in the 2018 Miss Prairie View pageant.



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Treasurer **Ronnie Crenshaw**

I am a Fall 2018 graduate that received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University. I became a member of Epsilon in Spring 2014. I joined Epsilon for the networking opportunities as well as to become a part of a family of likeminded goal oriented individuals.

During my undergraduate studies I've held the President, Vice President, Treasurer & Assistant Membership Chair positions of the Almighty Alpha chapter. Also, during my time at Prairie View, I've acquired co-op opportunities that has led to gaining experience in the oil & gas industry as well as the aerospace industry.

My main goal as Treasurer is to compile accurate records documenting all transactions and dues paid in an easily accessible manner available for future treasures.



Corresponding Secretary **DaKira Taylor**



DaKira Taylor, originally from Dallas, Tx (Oakcliff), studied Computer Science and graduate with her B.S in Spring 2017. DaKira pledged Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. in Spring 2016 (#3 - Olivia Pop3). After graduation, DaKira decided to stay in the Houston area to start her career and be closer to majority of the members of Epsilon. She is the only child, so she truly cherishes her bond with her brother and sisters of Epsilon.

She is currently employed at one of the top consulting firms in the world, Accenture Consulting as a Technology Consultant. She has worked on multiple SAP projects and plan to continue her knowledge, training and expertise in that field. DaKira is a go-getting, goal setter, and all-around happy and blessed individual. In her spare time, DaKira enjoys making YouTube videos and running her wig/bundle business, Wigs By Redd.

DaKira's goals as Corresponding Secretary is to inform the members of all future events, send out a quarterly newsletter and various other activities. DaKira feels that communication is the #1 attribute to keep any relationship going and she plans to do as much as she can to give the brothers and sister of Epsilon what they need.

Let's continue to build upon our legacy!

Recording Secretary **Justin Tatum**

Hi my name is Justin Tatum I'm the current national advisory board recording secretary. I am spring 2016 alpha chapter initiate. I currently reside in Orlando, Florida as a drainage engineer for lane construction I am 24 years old.





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Historian Kimberly Allums-Spencer



Kimberly Allums is an Alumni of Prairie View A&M University. She received her doctorate and currently works in the aerospace industry in engineering and science.

I became a member of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. in the Fall of 2002 through the Almighty Alpha Chapter. During my undergraduate years at Prairie View A&M University, I served as Historian and Step Master of the Alpha Chapter. While at PVAMU, I have been a member of SGA, Council of Student Organizations, PALs, worked as a CA in the University College, as well as many other activities and organizations. Upon graduating PVAMU in May 2010, I moved to Dallas, TX to work for Luminant as a Technical Data Specialist in Process Management. I now live in Houston, TX where I work as a 4th and 5th Grade Math teacher. I am also the mother to 2 wonderful beautiful girls, Ry'Leigh and Ja'Ziah.

As a member of the National Advisory Board, my primary goal is to integrate lasting and meaningful activities for the Undergraduate and Graduate members. I hope to provide fun and exciting adventures and memories to last a lifetime.

Director of Social Events Jessica Grice-Gridley



Director of New Membership Samiria Percival



26, B.S. Digital Media Arts

Samiria Percival has always had a passion for driving new membership. Alongside many other positions, she served as the Almighty Alpha Chapter President and New Membership chair two years in a row and even jumped on to the National Board as 2nd National Vice before she graduated. Not only does she have tons of experience with new membership initiatives, but she also has big plans for recruiting and membership retention. She's already making her mark by innovating the current training sessions and adding value to our membership by incorporating member-only incentives and perks. Her major goals throughout the duration of her term is to spread the radiant light. Samiria believes that the key to growth is a solid foundation. She feels that with a solid core the light of Epsilon will radiate to great depths.



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Director of Undergraduate Affairs Tariq Muhammad

Tariq Na'il Muhammad is proud member of Epsilon Gamma Iota Fraternity Incorporate. He joined this great Family in Spring 2015 through the Alpha Chapter on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. As an undergraduate member Tariq served as Recording Secretary and Assistant Membership Chair (AMC). Tariq graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from PV May 13, 2017. He is currently work for Accenture as a Management Consulting Senior Analyst and currently holds the position for Director of Undergraduate Affairs.



Director of Internet Services Jeremy Williams



I became a member of Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc. in the spring of 2008. During my undergraduate years at Prairie View A&M University, I served as Vice President of the Alpha Chapter. While at PVAMU, I was captain of the golf team and won 3 collegiate golf tournaments. I was also named Academic All SWAC and was recognized as the Computer Science Student of the year for excellence in the classroom. Along with school and golf, I worked part time at the PVAMU Storefront as a program tester for Lockheed Martin. Upon graduating PVAMU in May 2010, I moved to Chicago, IL to work for IBM as a Technical Sales Specialist in Enterprise Storage solutions. I worked at IBM for 3 years until deciding it was time to pursue my true love and passion for Golf. I currently work for Golf ATX as a Ball Flight coach and Golf assistant for the City of Austin golf courses. I get to use some pretty cool and very advanced technology to help golfers understand their swing and help them play better golf. I live in the beautiful city of Austin, TX where I was born and raised. When I'm not golfing, I volunteer at the First Tee and Junior Golf Academy to help teach and mentor young minority golfers.

As a member of the National Advisory Board, my primary goal is to improve both the electronic and verbal communication of the organization to increase the attraction and awareness of members and sponsors.