



**“WHERE OTHERS LOOK TO  
GARNER RESPECT FOR THE  
ACTIONS OF THEIR PAST,  
OUR EYES ARE EVER FOCUSED  
ON THE FUTURE. IT IS NOT A  
QUESTION OF WHAT OTHERS  
HAVE DONE BEFORE YOU.  
BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO  
TODAY?”**

**BUILDING A TRADITION  
NOT RESTING UPON ONE**



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***Building A Tradition...***



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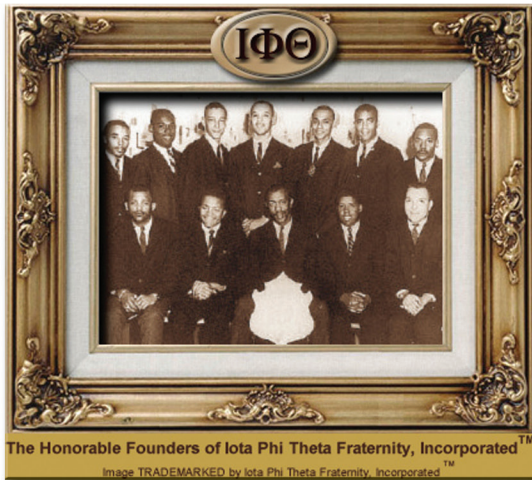
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# IOTA PHI THETA



On September 19, 1963, at Morgan State College (now Morgan State University), 12 students founded what is now the nation's fifth largest, predominately African-American social service fraternity: The Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated. The Honorable Founders of Iota Phi Theta were: Albert Hicks, Lonnie Spruill Jr., Charles Briscoe, Frank Coakley, John Slade, Barron Willis, Webster Lewis, Charles Brown, Louis Hudnell, Charles Gregory, Elias Dorsey Jr., and Michael Williams.

The Fraternity's purpose is, *"The development and perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood among Men."*

As Iota Phi Theta continues to grow and strengthen, so will its commitment to make meaningful contributions to society in general, with particular emphasis in the African American community. Throughout America, Iota phi Theta has come to represent excellence in all areas. The Fraternity is and shall forever remain dedicated to its motto *"Building a Tradition Not Resting Upon One."*

## Quick Facts

Official Colors:  
Charcoal Brown & Gilded Gold

Number of Chapters 235  
Undergraduate Chapters 162  
Graduate Chapters 73

National Affiliations:  
The National Inter-Fraternity Conference (IFC)  
The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

## Notable Iota's

**Bro. Elvin Hayes: NBA Hall of Fame**

**Bro. Calvin Murphy: NBA Hall-of-Fame**

**Bro. Chris Wilson: Defensive End,  
Washington Redskins**

**Bro. Sterling Hudson, III: Dean of  
Admissions Morehouse College**

**Bro. Earl King: Vice President/Investment Center  
Manager, Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.**

**Bro. Shelley Stewart: Vice President,  
Supply Chain, Tyco Corporation**

**Bro. Norman Johnson, Esq.: Judge, District Court  
of Maryland**

**Bro. Karl Price: District Attorney, Louisville, KY**

## Service Initiatives

### **National Iota Foundation**

The National Iota Foundation is a Tax-Exempt, 501(c) (3) organization founded by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. to serve as a clearinghouse for funding and programs for worthwhile endeavors. An example of the Foundation's work is the annual IOTA Black College Tour.

### **The IOTA Youth Alliance**

The IOTA Youth Alliance is a national umbrella program through which individual chapters of Iota Phi Theta address the needs of Black Youth in their communities.

## **THE IOTA POLITICAL MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN:**

Participation in the American political process has been a long-term concern for minorities. Because of various factors (racism, lack of concern for the political system, lack of awareness), minorities (especially African-Americans have found themselves politically disenfranchised. To combat this problem, Iota Phi Theta launched the IOTA Minority Political Mobilization Campaign.

## **CULTURAL EDUCATION MOVEMENT:**

This programing will seek to educate the masses about the impact that the African-American culture has had on our society. Iota Phi Theta chapters will sponsor numerous activities during January and February that will promote cultural awareness. Iota's goal is to bring forth a change in race relations in society. In order to bring forth this change, we believe that cultural education is essential.