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### **Soror Spotlight**

### Janida A. Newby



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Soror Janida Amanda Newby became a member of NSPDK Iota Chapter around May 2010. "I wanted to become a member of lota to be with likeminded colleagues and colleagues who education as much as I do. Also, with women who had a heart and a passion for what we do daily." Her most memorable experience, "The time that I was a Co-Chair for the Cotillion with Soror Sherry Spence-Leslie. She was a wonderful teacher." What Soror Janida finds most rewarding about being a member of lota Chapter, is ." the camaraderie that we share as sorors, I feel like we all want to see everyone succeed."

Soror Janida grew up in Valdosta, Georgia. She now lives in Pleasantville, New Jersey and is moving to Egg Harbor Township, Jersey (really soon). Soror Newby is married and has one daughter. Soror Janida is an elementary school teacher in Pleasantville Public Schools. Her educational philosophy is that "Everyone can educated; it still takes a village."

Soror Newby enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping online and in the stores. One thing people don't know about her is that she has a huge extended family on her mom and dad's side, "however, I am my mother's only child, and her favorite".



# SOROR SPOTLIGHT Marchita McKinley

April 29, 2021



I became a member of the NSPDK lota Chapter in 2007.

I always wanted to be a part of a professional organization that worked with children and gave back to their community. Once Soror Gist-Ragland told me about the NSPDK lota Chapter, I knew this was what I was looking for.

My most memorable lota experience was working with Soror Stephens and Soror Gist-Ragland taking the Xinos to their youth conference. I find the sisterhood and fellowship are the most rewarding things about being a member in lota

Chapter. I grew up in Atlantic City, NJ. I currently reside in Galloway Township with my husband Jeffrey. We have been married for twenty-seven years.

I have been teaching at Leeds Avenue School for the past 16 years as a Pre-K Teacher. I am the current Team Leader, I developed our "Celebrating Culture Through Stories & Snacks" annual project and have facilitated several Early Childhood workshops for our school's Pre-K parents. My educational philosophy is every student deserves a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment. My hobbies are baking, riding my bike on the boardwalk and working in my garden during the summer. One thing people don't know about me is that I like to volunteer my time assisting senior citizens!

"Once you get the child together, you can get the world together" (Marva Collins 1936 - 2015)



## Soror Spotlight Nicole Williams



Soror Nicole Williams has a unique Iota relationship. She became a member of NSPDK lota Chapter in. June, 2017. What made her want to become a member was that she was an Iota Xinos and, "and I always admired the women of Iota Chapter." Her most memorable lota experience is one that many of us do not have, which is, "Being in the cotillion and winning Miss Iota!" What Soror Nicole finds most rewarding about being a member of Iota Chapter is, "Learning and being among women who have made their mark in education locally."

Soror Williams grew up in Atlantic City and Pleasantville and now resides in Pleasantville. There are two in her family, she and her mother, Priscilla, who is also a soror, but in our closest sister chapter, Delta Lambda. . Soror Nicole is currently Vice Principal at Sovereign Avenue School in Atlantic City. Her educational philosophy is, "Every child has the ability to learn and should be offered meaningful experiences and opportunity to become productive members of society."

Soror Nicole likes to ride her bike, read, and travel. One thing that people don't know about her is that she is scared of thunderstorms



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

That April is Black Women's History Month?

Here are just a few history makers in our chapter.



Dr, Juanita High is one such soror. She is the author of the New Jersey

Higher Education Equal Opportunity Fund Program.''



Brenda Braithwaite is also a part of African American Women's History as a NJEA powerhouse.



So is Soror Miriam Martin. She was one of the founding parties responsible for in instituting Amistad curriculum in NJ schools.



Soror Lateefah Scott is heavily involved in the leadership of NJEA and NEA.



Soror Dr. La'Quetta Small, the first lady of Atlantic City, NJ.



Nicole Williams, youngest Vice Principal of Sovereign Ave School in Atlantic City, NJ.



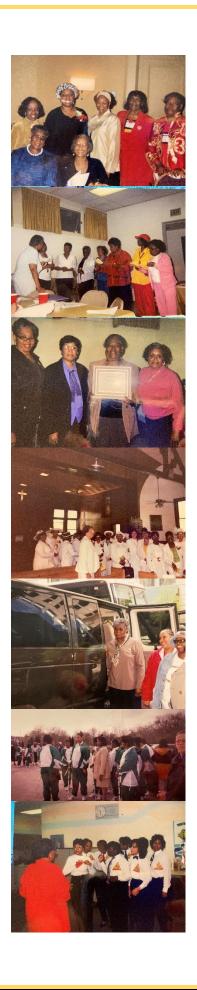
Dr, Sherri Parmenter, Iota Basileus, is the first African American female to sit on the Galloway Township School Board.

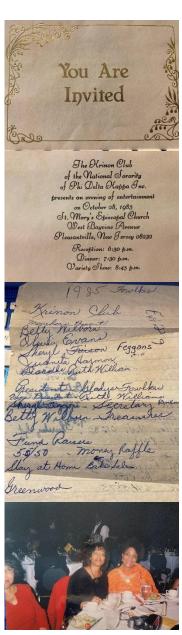


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More Black Women's History -Throwback Pictures of Iota Chapter Courtesy of Soror Gladys Fowlkes









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