

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, Iota Chi Zeta Chapter Sarah Hicks Jolley Scholarship Award

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations - to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty, and health concerns of the day. Founded January 16, 1920, Zeta began as an idea conceived by five coeds at Howard University in Washington D.C.: **Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, Fannie Pettie and Pearl Neal**. These five women dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of **Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood**. It was the ideal of the Founders that the Sorority would reach college women in all parts of the country who were sorority minded and desired to follow the founding principles of the organization.

The Iota Chi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. became a reality from the results of efforts by Mary M. Thompson and Sigma Brother, Coach Mac McPherson, to unite the Zetas on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Iota Chi Zeta Chapter was chartered on October 17, 1979 at Waugh United Methodist Church in Cambridge, Maryland. Since its inception, the Chapter has worked diligently to carry out the programmatic thrust set forth by the national body and has contributed to the local community in educational, social and civic activities. Iota Chi Zeta works under the motto, "**small in number, large in impact.**"

Soror Sarah Hicks Jolley was an educator in Dorchester County, Maryland for forty six years. She was born on May 10, 1898 to John J. and Matilda Grant Hick in Atlantic City, NJ. She began her formal education in the public schools of Atlantic City and she received her teacher training at the College of New Jersey State, then known as the New Jersey Normal School. She received her B. S. Degree in Education from Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md. She also studied at the University of PA, Temple University, University of DE and University of MD.

On May 23, 1924, she married Winfield P. Jolley of Vienna, MD where they made their home.

An avid traveler, Mrs. Jolley traveled extensively in the US, Canada and many countries abroad. In 1964, she received an award from the Wye Institute that enabled her to travel to the West Coast, Northwest Pacific and Alaska. She recorded many of these adventures on slides and often shared them with family, friends and students.

In 1937, she joined John Wesley U M Church, Vienna, MD and was an active and faithful member until her health began to fail in 1992. She served as Chairperson on the Council of Ministries, Communion Steward, member of the Usher Board and Sunday School Teacher.

In addition to being a member of the Iota Chi Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Soror Jolley was a member and Past Matron of the Oziel Chapter #23 of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Business and Professional Women's Club, League of Women Voters, Dorchester County and Maryland Teacher Retired Teachers Association, NEA, AARP and the Auxiliary of the Dorchester General Hospital.

Choosing to pledge Zeta later in life was just one of the many ways that Soror Jolley maintained a full, active and productive life after retirement. She said that she was most attracted to the sorority by their goal of developing and supporting Finer Womanhood. Not only was she a sister to the membership, but she also assumed a nurturing role and became a mentor.

Eligibility Requirements and Procedures

Applicants must be female.

Applicants must be of African American heritage.

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior.

Applicants must be a resident of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8.

Applicants must complete the application form in its entirety. All application materials (statement, resume, Transcript's and letters of recommendation) must be mailed to the chapter address on the application form.

Applications must be postmarked by April 18, 2015.

Award Recipient's will be notified by May 11, 2015.

Recipients must present documentation of enrollment in twelve credit hours at an accredited college/university during the semester for which the award is granted.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

