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## St. Paul woman installed as national sorority president

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Stephanie Dilworth of St. Paul, Minnesota was installed as the 22<sup>nd</sup> National President of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. at the 86th National Convention in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island, which convened at the Marriott Frenchmen's Reef and Morningstar Beach Resort July 14-20.



*Stephanie Dilworth, left, is installed by outgoing Iota Phi Lambda president Phyllis Shumate.*

Dilworth said that "leadership, entrepreneurship, education and technology are critical to the success of the youth and women of today." She shared her views with convention attendees following her installation, calling upon Iota Phi Lambda's members to "affect change in each of these areas and to be a powerful force making a difference in the lives of our youth and women."

Under the theme of "Business and Professional Women: Furthering the Dream of Economic Independence," the goals of her administration will focus on "advancing the

economic foundations of women, while strengthening our individual capacities to bring about change locally, regionally and nationally.”

Dilworth has been an active member of Gamma Tau Chapter since 1983. Previously she held offices on both local and regional levels. Dilworth is a graduate of both the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota. Currently, she is employed by the University of Minnesota as director of finance in the College of Design.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1929 by Lola M. Parker and six of her friends in Chicago, Illinois as a national organization of business and professional women whose mission is to unite in a sisterhood business and professional women. Currently, there are more than 50 chapters in 60 U.S. cities, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Gamma Tau Chapter consists of members from the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. It supports local and national programs that develop leadership skills in youth and women.

Gamma Tau Chapter is well known for its Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Auction, which has provided scholarships to graduating seniors in the Twin Cities for over 40 years. Gamma Tau also recognizes outstanding business women in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area for their involvement and commitment to community service.

For example, Tracey Williams-Dillard, MSR CEO and publisher, was recognized as the local and regional 2015-2016 Lola M. Parker Business Woman of the Year.

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