

Gamma Phi Beta Announces Closure Of Iota (Columbia)

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Centennial, Colorado — With heavy hearts, International Council (IC) announces the closure of Iota Chapter at Columbia University, effective December 1, 2025. All current collegiate members of Iota Chapter in good standing will be granted alumnae status.

In reflecting on the closure of Iota Chapter, International President Stephanie Carriere (Arizona) shared: “It’s never easy to close a collegiate chapter. After thoughtful consideration and conversations, International Council has made the difficult decision to close Iota Chapter at the University of Columbia. Originally installed on November 16, 1901, Iota Chapter thrived until January 1, 1915, when sororities were discontinued on campus. A century later, in 2015, the chapter was reestablished and has since been a home away from home for countless members. For nearly 25 years, Iota Chapter has been a place where True and Constant friendships formed and flourished — where members supported one another, shared laughter and created lasting memories. To our Iota Chapter sisters: while your chapter may be closing, your sisterhood does not end here. As you transition to alumnae membership, we hope Gamma Phi Beta continues to be a lifelong source of belonging, support and friendship. We look forward to the many ways you will continue to shine as members and create new memories with fellow alumnae.”

About

Gamma Phi Beta was founded on November 11, 1874, at Syracuse University by four bold and courageous women. The Sorority’s mission is to build confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around us. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered 190 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada and has more than 248,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

