



Gamma Gamma Chi Sorority, Inc.

The first Islamic-based sorority

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Eight Women inducted into Alpha Chapter of Gamma Gamma Chi Sorority, Inc.

ATLANTA-Six undergraduate students, one graduate student, and a graduate were inducted into the second chapter of Gamma Gamma Chi Sorority, Inc., at the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Sunday, April 23, 2006.

The Alpha Chapter is comprised of students from Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College, Georgia Perimeter College, American Intercontinental University, and a graduate of Troy University. Members of the Alpha Chapter are:

Aziza Abdul-Wali
Clark Atlanta University

Adebimpe Wakilat Kasumu
Spelman College

Christi Bristol Bey
American Intercontinental University

Jamila Mapp
Spelman College

Ronada Burgess
Clark Atlanta University

Rasheeda Salaam
Graduate, Troy University

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The probationary process began on Thursday, April 20, and concluded with the induction on Sunday, April 23, after the Lavender Luncheon, the Peace Luncheon. During the probationary process, prospective members (called "Gamma Lilies" in recognition of the sorority's flower, the water lily) engage in several educational and social activities designed to help them grow as sisters in the sorority, to learn about the sorority, to learn more about each other, and to learn more about themselves. The Lavender Luncheon is designed to introduce the Gamma Lilies to the public and for the sorority to meet people important to them whom they invite to be their guests. Under the leadership of sorority members Imani Abdul-Haqq, Dr. Althia F. Collins, and Kimberly Harper, the Gamma Lilies worked on activities developed along four themes: "Our twofold sisterhood," "Our ummah" (community), "Leadership in our community," and "Sisterhood perfected."

The sorority's first chapter, the National Grand Chapter, inducted members on November 6, 2005. This chapter is reserved for members of the board of directors and honorary members.

Gamma Gamma Chi Sorority, Inc., was founded on April 23, 2005, in Greensboro, N.C., by the mother-daughter team of Imani Abdul-Haqq and Dr. Althia F. Collins. They started the sorority to improve the image of Muslim women and Islam in general. The sorority unifies collegiate and professional Muslim women and non-Muslim women who support the mission.