



# THE PREMIER

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## Welcome to the Premier: Education Edition

Happy New Year, and Happy Black History Month my Sigma Brothers and friends!

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that the work being done in education has not gone unnoticed. Your continued commitment to awarding scholarships, building and sustaining Adopt-A-School relationships, and delivering meaningful academic programming has carried forward with strength into 2026. It has been both a joy and a privilege to witness the dedication and impact of this work.

In this issue, we proudly celebrate our 2025 International Scholarship recipients, introduce the 2026 Oratorical and Debate topics, and share information on collecting data for PIA and scholarships. We also take time to highlight the achievements recognized at Regional Conference. Thank you for the role each of you plays in advancing education and opportunity in our communities.

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



★ **SUPER**  
★ **SCHOLAR**  
★ **RECIPIENT**

*Congratulations*

**BRO. PALANDRE JOHNSON**  
**BETA PI CHAPTER**  
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL 2025  
**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

\*\*\* SOUTHERN REGION \*\*\*

 KARL WILSON AMABLE ZETA IOTA SIGMA	 JOSHUA JONES-REED ETA BETA	 KAMRAN KIMBER KAPPA ZETA	 JULIAN WILLIAMS PI ALPHA	 ROBERTO GILBERT IOTA RHO	 DHARNEL LEONARD IOTA RHO
 CASHUN BARR GAMMA RHO DELTA	 FRANBERT JOLTEUS LAMBDA TAU	 DOMINION NIBEDUM THETA ETA	 COREY THOMAS ETA	 TERRANCE EVANS CHI	 JASON JARVIS ALPHA ZETA



# ORATORICAL AND DEBATE TOPICS 2026



2025 Conclave Tampa Oratorical and Debates Representatives from the Southern Region.

## Oratorical Topic

Brotherhood or Brand: When Visibility Replaces Responsibility, What Do We Lose?  
 Focus: What is lost in culture, service, leadership development, and community trust when image becomes more important than obligation?

## Debate Topic

Which matters more for organizational success: visibility or responsibility?  
 Focus: Recruitment, partnerships, and advocacy vs Long-term trust, service, and internal development.

# 2025 CONCLUSIVE DATA FOR EDUCATION

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS SUMMARY

EVENT YEAR	STATE	SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISBURSED
2025	Alabama	\$25100.00
	Bahamas	\$2000.00
	Barbados	\$5000.00
	Florida	\$46534.00
	Georgia	\$178500.00
	Mississippi	\$25400.00
	Total	\$282534.00

## EDUCATION

PROGRAM YEAR	STATE	EDU PIA Count	HOURS
2025	Alabama	66	1402
	Bahamas	13	207
	Barbados	8	62
	Florida	296	7681
	Georgia	417	8838
	Mississippi	123	2255
	Total	923	20445



# SOUTHER REGION SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



The Southern Region continues its strong commitment to academic excellence by awarding ten \$500 scholarships at the 2026 Regional Conference in Miami. These scholarships recognize members who demonstrate achievement, leadership, and a dedication to the values of Sigma. This year's scholarship theme, "When Visibility Replaces Responsibility, Can Brotherhood Still Exist?" challenges applicants to reflect on the meaning of accountability, purpose, and the enduring strength of brotherhood. We look forward to celebrating the scholars whose work represents the very best of our region. Please see scholarship link below to begin application.

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/W663WSTX9U3KJAE9](https://forms.gle/W663WSTX9U3KJAE9)

## 2026 SOUTHER REGION EDUCATION AWARD CATEGORIES

### Education Chapter of the Year

Small (0-34 Members) and Large (35 Plus Members)  
A combination of PIA, Scholarship, and Education Initiatives.

### Adopt a School of The Year

Chapters with a signed MOU with the school.  
Must show documented work which combines Sigma and school initiatives.

### Educator of the Year

A brother who works in education within the classroom setting.  
All nominees will come from the state level.

### Administrator of the Year

A brother who works in education outside of the classroom setting.  
All nominees will come from the state level.

