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Pictured from left to right: Nicole Springette, Tashana Johnson, Ashley Foster, Tristesia Bellamy, Astrid Simmons, Shayana Lemon-Brookins

**Nu Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Welcomes Six New Members**

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On December 18, 2011, Nu Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, welcomed six new members into the oldest Greek letter organization founded by college trained African American women. The newest members of this pillar of the community are FAMU Alumni Shayana Lemon-Brookins and Tristesia Bellamy (also graduate of Florida State University); Ashley Foster, Michigan State University and Nova Southeastern University Alumnus; Tashana Johnson, Mercy College and Fordham University Alumnus; Astrid Simmons and Nicole Springette who matriculated locally at Columbia College and University of Central Florida respectively.

During the membership process, the initiation group, in a joint community project with the existing members of Nu Iota Omega, held a Mother-Daughter Holiday Brunch for women and their daughters from the Margaret Square and Winter Park Communities. The brunch featured keynote speaker Janean Davis, of Inspiring Minds Institute, LLC, who discussed the principles of healthy mother-daughter relationships. At the conclusion of the brunch, the mothers were presented with food baskets and gifts for the entire family.

These women join the Nu Iota Omega Chapter, an organization which has a longstanding history in the Central Florida Community, serving the North Orange and South Seminole Counties. Nu Iota Omega was

chartered in 1980 and is based out of Maitland, FL. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's, whose mission is to provide service to all mankind, international program activities focus on significant issues in families, local and international communities, and government halls. The membership is comprised of over 260,000 college trained women in graduate and undergraduate chapters throughout the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, Korea and on the continent of Africa.

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