

## FIAT CLUB

FIAT is the name of our official interest group. Membership is a stepping-stone for admission. However, a FIAT member is not obligated to apply for membership into the fraternity, nor is he guaranteed admission. Membership in FIAT allows individuals to work with other interested men and with the Fraternity. It allows an individual to make an educated decision as to whether or not they want the lifelong responsibilities and privileges of being a Brother of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; the Oldest Latino Fraternity in Existence.

## MEMBERSHIP

Any male is eligible for membership. The Fraternity is entitled to single-gender membership under the provisions of Section 86.14 of the regulations promulgated under Title IX of the US Educational Act Amendment of 1972. The specific requirements are:

- Matriculation in an accredited four year, degree granting institution of higher education
- Good academic standing in accordance to the mission of the organization
- Willingness to work in teams
- Strong commitment to Friendship & Brotherhood
- Initiative to serve the community and humanity as a whole.

These requirements must be satisfied in order to be properly initiated into the induction process. During the process, candidates undergo training that enhances their organizational skills. The ultimate goal of the process is to train candidates to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the organization.

## UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

A	RENNSALEAR POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
B	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: STONY BROOK
Γ	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: NEW PALTZ
Δ	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: ALBANY
E	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: BINGHAMTON
Z	HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
H	UNION COLLEGE
Θ	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: OLD WESTBURY
I	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: OSWEGO
K	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Λ	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: BUFFALO
M	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
N	BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Ξ	HARVARD UNIVERSITY
O	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Π	ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
P	MARIST COLLEGE
Σ	CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
T	BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Υ	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
Φ	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
X	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: CHICAGO
Ψ	LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY: C.W. POST CAMPUS
Ω	RESERVED FOR DECEASED BROTHERS
AA	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
AB	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND: COLLEGE PARK
AG	ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY
AD	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: PLATTSBURGH
AE	CALIFORNIA ST. UNIVERSITY: DOMINGUEZ HILLS
AZ	ST. THOMAS ACQUINAS COLLEGE
AH	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS: SAN ANTONIO

## ALUMNI CHAPTERS

A	SOUTHERN NEW YORK STATE
B	CENTRAL & WESTERN NEW YORK STATE
Γ	NEW YORK STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT
Δ	LONG ISLAND NEW YORK STATE
E	NEW ENGLAND

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

National Website:

[www.phiota.org](http://www.phiota.org)

OR YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER

# THE DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS OF PHI IOTA ALPHA



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THE OLDEST LATINO FRATERNITY  
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ESTABLISHED 1931

# Phi Iota Alpha: An Introduction.

## FOUNDATION

La Familia of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity Inc., is a brotherhood composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional men internationally, established on December 26, 1931. Phi Iota Alpha is the Oldest Existing Latino Fraternity. We dedicate ourselves toward the empowerment of our Latino community by providing intensive social and cultural programs and activities geared toward the appreciation, promotion and preservation of the Latin American Culture.

## PURPOSE

As an organization whose roots stem back to the late 1800s, we cherish and live by the ideals set forth by our forefathers. In this manner, Phi Iota Alpha distinguishes itself from other Greek lettered organizations. Our organization prides itself in the ability to motivate people, develop leaders, and create new ways to unite our community.

We challenge ourselves by supporting and developing a strong network for the advancement of our people. To this end, each member swears loyalty not only to himself but also to a greater cause, his people and Latin America.

Do not let the word "fraternity" dissuade you. Join us in representing professionalism, empowerment, education and family.

## HISTORY

Phi Iota Alpha's history can be traced back to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York in 1898. A group of students, inspired by five great Latin American



leaders, we call *The Five Pillars*, founded a secret organization for Latino Americans, "La Union Hispano Americana" (UHA). This was the first association of Latin American students ever founded in the United States. This organization expanded, however due to the secrecy imposed upon its members, not many records were kept.

In 1916, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pi Delta Phi was also founded aligning themselves to the objectives of UHA. In 1919, at the University of California at Berkeley. Phi Lambda Alpha was also established with similar goals to UHA and Pi Delta Phi. On June 19, 1921 these three organizations fused into one, adopting the UHA constitution, the emblem of Pi Delta Phi and the letters of Phi Lambda Alpha.



Previously on 1904, an organization with similar goals as Phi Lambda Alpha was founded under the name "Sociedad Hispano-Americana" at Louisiana State University. In 1912, this organization changed its name to Sigma Iota and became a Latin American fraternity.



"La Sigma" expanded very rapidly to Europe, Latin America, and the Continental US. 1931 became the most significant date in the history of fraternities for Latino Americans. On December 26, 1931, Phi Lambda Alpha and Sigma Iota, after several years of negotiations, merged and became: Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

In 1932, to expand the richness of our cause, Phi Iota Alpha ( $\Phi$ IA) developed "La Union Latino Americana" dividing Latin America into twenty-one zones, (each being represented by a Greek letter). The US became number twenty-two, represented by "La Fraternidad."

For Example:

- Phi Kappa Alpha -Cuba.
- Phi Sigma Alpha -Puerto Rico.
- Phi Tau Alpha -Mexico.

During the breakout of WWII, the 60's counter-culture,  $\Phi$ IA's brothers declined drastically due to the reduction of Latino Americans in universities. By 1968, the only active undergraduate chapter existed at RPI. By 1976,  $\Phi$ IA closed its undergraduate doors along with ten other fraternities nationwide. During this period, Alumni Brothers continued to strive to achieve the goals of the fraternity without the benefit of Undergraduate chapters.

In 1984, a group of men at RPI, guided by  $\Phi$ IA Alumni Brothers, revived the undergraduate spirit. Since 1984, our Brotherhood has expanded throughout the United States.

## PHIOTA FACTS

- Colors: Red, White, Navy Blue & Gold
- Greek Letters:  $\Phi$ IA, *Fuerza*, *Integridad*, *Amistad*.
- Highest GPA and Graduation Rate Amongst Latino Fraternities
- Fastest Growing Latino Fraternity

