

## Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

*Divine Nine Fraternity | MOU Signed: February 21, 2026*

### About the Organization

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*Founded 1963 at Morgan State University · Headquartered in Baltimore, MD*

Iota Phi Theta was founded to develop and perpetuate Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood among men. With 75,000 active members, the fraternity is dedicated to making meaningful contributions to society with particular emphasis in the African American community, building a tradition of excellence while serving humanity.

### Partnership Purpose

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Iota Phi Theta and the NAACP are collaborating to increase civic participation among Black voters, advocate for equal rights, and build the capacity and infrastructure for sustainable community impact across the country.

### Civic Engagement Activities

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- Encourage members to volunteer with NAACP's Indirect Relational Organizing Program — goal of 10% of 75,000 active members
- Coordinate GOTV activities at national, state, and local levels: canvassing, phone banks, text banks, and election protection
- Share nonpartisan research and messaging on Black voter engagement and voter issues

### NAACP Tools & Resources Available to Partner

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- Voter Action Network (VAN) — 50-state database access after completing VAN training
- Voter Engagement and Mobilization Tools — peer-to-peer SMS/MMS, voter registration, relational organizing
- Data, Messaging & Research Toolkit — GSSA data analytics and election strategy resources
- Building Community Voice Fund (BCVF) — grant opportunities for voter registration and turnout initiatives

### Membership

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Iota Phi Theta members are encouraged to join the NAACP as Annual or Life Members, with a goal of 10% of active membership. NAACP tracks participation via a unique organizational code.

### How to Engage at the State & Local Level

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- Identify Iota Phi Theta chapters active in your state or city
- Connect with state or chapter leadership for an introductory meeting
- Recruit Iota brothers as NAACP volunteer phone bankers and canvassers
- Collaborate at regional and state Iota conferences on civic education and voter mobilization

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*For questions or to activate this partnership, contact NAACP Partnerships & Community Team — [strategicpartnerships@naacpnet.org](mailto:strategicpartnerships@naacpnet.org)*