OTA of Kappa Alpha Theta was established on January twenty-ninth, 1881, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with three charter members.

The Chapter was received at first with great opposition, but this was soon overcome, and Iota has ever since held a high place among the women of the University. It was the only women's Fraternity represented at Cornell for some years, but there are now also Chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, and Alpha Phi.

At the suggestion of Iota, in 1887, the experiment of pledging no Freshmen until a certain date, previously agreed upon by the different fraternities, was tried for the first time, and the custom has been continued up to the present year.

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