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Message from the District Representative

Brothers of the Mighty Second District,

It is with great honor and humility that I address you in this issuance of the Omegan. A lot has occurred since our Fall Council Meeting in November 2017. Our leadership team continues to advance our district even in the face of adversity, while improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the 2nd District operations.

During this period, the 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee, led by Brother Donald Williams II, spearheaded an initiative titled the WBGR Podcast Radio Show. The Talk Show Podcast highlights the Fatherhood and Mentoring Program work that we are executing to “strengthen families” across the 2nd District. This is a great opportunity to tell the 2nd District “Story” using internet and social media outlets to engage the community. Brothers participate on the Talk Show to share their impact on the Mentoring Program, best practices, and success stories and how the community can work together for a greater impact.

We also celebrated our 106th year Anniversary during Achievement Week whose theme was “Omega Men: “When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer.” High school students participated in our National Essay Contest whose topic was: “What Actions Can You Take to Promote Social Justice and Embrace Diversity of All People?”

Members of the 2nd District attended the Supreme Council Meeting and International Undergraduate Summit, In Atlanta, Georgia, during the period 18 - 21 January 2018. We had Undergraduate Chapters, Undergraduate Advisors, and graduate members from across the District to participate in the training conducted. During the Supreme Council meeting, we gained approval to establish a new undergraduate charter in Harford County, Maryland, for Stevenson University and McDaniels College.

During the month of February 2018, members from New York and Maryland will participate in the “Blacks and Hispanics Caucus” in Albany, NY and “Omega Day at the Capital” for Annapolis, MD. This is an outstanding opportunity for Omega Men to address the issues of HBCU funding and social Injustice, and make recommendations to Omega Men working in Legislative Branches of State Governments. We have established Legislative Liaisons for each state, led by Brother Robert McGlotten as the Second District Chairman.

As we prepare for our 70th Second District Conference, at the Baltimore Hilton, in Baltimore, Maryland, 26 -29 April 2018, please register immediately as we will host members of the Supreme Council, the 2nd District, local politicians, family members, and friends. We’re near capacity.

The Mighty Second District is also preparing to attend the 81st Grand Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the period 20 – 24 July 2018. There is a space limit for brothers registering and attending the Grand Conclave so be included. Please register as soon as possible as the room blocks are filling up quickly and we have competition for lodging in that the ladies from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will also be in town for their Annual Boule, during the same period. We will sponsor our International Candidates Forum – March 10, 2018 – hosted by Omicron Chi Chapter, as we prepare to elect new Grand Officers this summer.

Our business is all about the work of Omega, advancing our District, and advancing our community. I am honored and humbled to serve the 2nd District and this great organization.

Long the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the 2nd District
Brother Sherman L. Charles
35th District Representative, Second District



Message from the

Director of Public Relations

Brothers of the Second District,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Director of Public Relations and it continues to be a labor of love. Omega is a clandestine organization; therefore we have the sole responsibility to chronicle our Chapters' success stories and Brothers' accomplishments. They must be recorded and preserved for perpetuity. Each Chapter Director of Public Relations, Chapter Editor, Reporter, and Photographer are vital contributors to the Omega publications, chronicling the history of the Second District.



On the cover, we honor the life of Brother Leslie Wyche. A life-long resident of Harlem, Brother Wyche in part was the reason why Xi Phi Chapter is known as the Harlem Ques. Known by all community leaders, business owners, celebrities and residents as The Mayor of Harlem, it was his presence among the city's political elite that Brother Wyche leveraged to almost single-handedly elevate Xi Phi Chapter's profile throughout New York City in the 80's. Practically everybody knew him, and they knew they could go to him with a problem and he would take it to the right agency to get at the root of the issue.

This is the advent of an active mid-term election season in our country, as a whole and administration change election season in Omega, in particular. Many Brother in Prince Georges County, Maryland are candidates for state office. Brother Rushern Baker, current Prince Georges County Executive has announced his candidacy for Governor of the State of Maryland. Enclosed, Grand Counselor Michael Lyles and Brother Tim Adams announced their candidacies for Prince Georges County State's Attorney and Maryland State Senate District 23, serving Prince Georges County, respectively. Brother Ivan Bates has announced his candidacy for Baltimore City State's Attorney. These Brothers need our support in their quest to elevate as public servants.

In this edition, Brother Gary Rodwell eloquently charts his journey in his quest to redevelop the Coppin Heights Area of West Baltimore in Op/Ed article "A Baltimore Redevelopment Journey." Many thanks to all chapter Achievement Week celebrations and observances. Accolades to Tau Pi Chapter for their Salute to Military Brothers, exceptional Social Action Initiatives and Mentoring Programs.

Brothers, thank you for allowing me to continue serving as your Director of Public Relations. It is my joy chronicling the activities of Second District Chapters and Brothers having a great impact on our respective communities. I am very proud of the hard work and the commitment to our mantra of always putting the communities first and leaving them better than we found them.

Fraternally,

Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, Second District
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LGG Supports Grand Counselor Michael Lyles Candidacy for Prince Georges County, MD States Attorney



Brother Ben Crump with Grand Counselor Mike Lyles campaign sign

Prince Georges, County, MD. Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. concluded their Achievement Week events with their Annual Purple & Gold Ball on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Bro. Benjamin Crump traveled to the metropolitan Washington D.C. area and served as the keynote speaker at Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter's sold out annual Purple & Gold Ball Award Program.

Being that close to Prince George's County, Md. – which borders D.C. – Bro. Benjamin Crump, the nationally renowned civil rights attorney was determined to fit LGG's Purple & Gold Ball event into his busy schedule. "We really need people like Mike for due process of the law and fair administration of justice," Bro. Crump said. "Mike is a person who understands civil rights because that's what he's been doing as director of the Prince George's County Human Rights Commission. He knows what it means to fight for civil rights and he knows what it takes to win."

Just a few weeks earlier, Prince George's was one of only two counties in the U.S. to receive a special three-year grant from the Department of Justice to coordinate the fight against human trafficking. As chair of his county's Human Trafficking Task Force, Bro. Lyles played an integral role in landing the \$1.3 million grant.

Bro. Lyles contributions were lauded by Bro. Rushern Baker III, the County Executive and a leading candidate in Maryland's 2018 governor's race. Bro. Baker appointed Bro. Lyles to head the HRC in 2011 and chair the newly-formed trafficking task force in 2013.

Bro. Lyles, who was initiated into Mu Theta Chapter at Iowa State in 1981,

has a track record of success and more than 20 years of legal, political and executive experience. He was elected overwhelmingly for two terms as a Bowie (Md.) City Councilman from 2004-2007. Under his leadership of the HRC, it has become one of the nation's top agencies of its kind. Bro. Lyles also has emerged as a highly-sought expert on human trafficking.

Bro. Lyles heart to serve the vulnerable and victimized developed early, as a young child raised by elderly godparents in Southeast DC. "My 14-block walk to a Catholic school – in uniform – proved to be a daily lesson in survival and negotiation," says Bro. Lyles, who has served as Deputy General Counsel for the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency. "Growing up like that gave me a deep understanding of violence's impact in our community and the need for residents to feel safe at home, at work and on the street.

"My commitment is to ensure that this wonderful county continues to be a safe place to live and raise a family," says Bro. Lyles, husband to his college sweetheart and father of their two daughters. "To that end, I will tirelessly seek justice to ensure the safety of our residents, while also ensuring fairness for those charged with crimes." Brothers let's do thy duty and get involved, vote, and support our Bro. Grand Counselor Mike Lyles through his journey to States Attorney, Prince George's County, Maryland.

To learn more about Lyles' campaign and make a donation, please visit www.votemikelyles.com, or send an email to info@votemikelyles.com.

LGG Supports Brother Tim Adams Candidacy for Maryland State Senate - District 23



Upper Marlboro, MD. Some may have seen it as a matter of time before Bro. Tim Adams, '79 decided to run for a leadership position. Leadership other than the multi-million dollar business that he founded and runs that employs over 500 people.

That time has come as Bro. Adams, founder, President and CEO of Systems Application & Technologies, Inc. (SA-TECH), a program management company offering operations and maintenance, logistics, and engineering support services to the Department of Defense, and husband to Judge Sheila R. Adams, throws his hat into the 2018 political race for Maryland State Senate. <http://votetimadamsnow.com/>

"I have been blessed to be here," said Bro. Adams, the 22 year resident of Prince George's at the announcement Oct. 14. "I have been blessed to have family and friends who support me. It's a blessing to have a company that I can be proud to say every day hundreds of men and women put on my SA-TECH badge. But the blessing doesn't stop with me. It's about what we can do for each other and our community. It's about how much we believe in who we are and what we can accomplish. We have often settled but we don't have settle. I want the Prince George's County and that District 23 that I was told about 20 years ago. I want us to be the dream that we talk about. We have the opportunity to do that."

Bro. Adams has long been an active leader in the region. He sits on several boards including the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, Doctors Community Hospital, Prince George's Community College Founda-

tion, The Maryland Chamber of Commerce and Bowie State University. He has a solid track record in supporting Prince George's and the region. <https://www.sa-techinc.com/sa-tech-about/executive-management/timothy-j-adams.html>

Bro. Adams and his wife Judge Sheila R. Tillerson-Adams was honored this year at the annual 2017 Civic Leadership Awards on Nov 16. The campaign announcement, held that the Broadwater Estate in Upper Marlboro, was attended by well over 400 county residents, community activists, elected officials and business leaders – a solid turnout for a first-time candidate seeking to unseat Doug Peters, a popular and longstanding senator with a strong track record in Maryland politics.

"I have never been out hustled or out worked at anything in my life and I'm not about to start now," Bro. Tim Adams said of the work required to champion the county's interests if elected.

Maryland senior statesman and respected county elder Mr. Tommie Broadwater has thrown his support toward the Bro. Adams bid: "It's one thing to talk about fighting and another to know how to fight. It's one thing to fight and another to know when to fight. Tim knows both. I put my faith and trust in him because I know he can do good job. He knows people and he cares for people. He will fight for the issues that concern us." Brothers let's take action, spread the word, and support Bro. Tim Adams for Maryland State Senate. <http://votetimadamsnow.com> Due thy duty that is best, leave unto the Lord the rest.

Omega Brand Statement

25-Word (Elevator) Positioning Statement:

OPPF is a historically Black fraternal organization that provides and promotes programs of social-, cultural- and economic uplift to the communities we serve. For over a century, we have recruited, trained and deployed men of color for leadership roles in service to humanity.

50-Word Positioning Statement:

Our social action programs touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of families and individuals each year. Whether our efforts result in entertaining an audience, educating a group of young people; or simply helping those in need, we have developed a reputation for delivering programs and projects that make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

100+ Word Positioning Statement:

A partial list of social action initiatives includes: scholarships for deserving students, mentoring programs for disadvantaged youth, leadership development and training in partnership with GE, health and wellness prevention through partnerships with State Farm and American Cancer Society.

If your company is looking to move from "success" to "significance" as a corporate neighbor, let's have a conversation! Our aim is to make you feel welcome, respected and well served!

LGG Achievement Week Founders Ball



*LGG Basileus Michael Coward with Citizen of the Year
Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams*



*Keynote Speaker Bro. Ben Crump receives accommodation
from LGG Basileus Michael Coward*

Crystal City, Virginia. November 18, 2017. Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their annual Founder's Ball for Achievement Week on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Our Achievement week culminated with the Founder's Ball at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia. The Ball was open to the public this year and began at 7:00 PM. Our keynote speaker this year was the illustrious Benjamin Lloyd Crump, civil rights lawyer and fraternity brother. Brother Crump's topic was one that has been a very hot issue all across America, Social Injustice.

Brother Crump, a very personal speaker, immediately connected with the audience. He gave a warm welcome to more than 180 Brothers and guests in attendance. He shared his personal experiences involving the Trayvon Martin case and his experiences with the incident in Ferguson, Missouri, involving the shooting of Michael Brown. Brother Crump gave numerous examples of the social injustices that take place in America. He spoke of how young white men are given the benefit of the doubt when they get in trouble and go to court, while young African-American men and other minority children are immediately finger printed and given a record for being accused of the same crimes. Brother Crump's speech was very dynamic and at the same time quite heartbreaking. The information he shared with the audience was an eye opener for everyone present. Brother Crump finished the night strong with an inspirational quote: "If we don't stand up for our children and protect them, nobody else will."

Brother Crump was presented a glass plaque from LGG's Basileus, Brother Michael Coward for his dynamic speech and uplifting message. The

audience was attentive and mesmerized with Brother Crump's speech. Afterwards, Brother Crump was gracious enough to take pictures with anyone who asked.

In addition to having Brother Crump as our keynote speaker, we were graced by the presence of Deputy Surgeon General, Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams along with her husband and two daughters. Rear Admiral (RADM) Trent-Adams was recognized as the LGG Citizen of the Year. With the dignity and grace of an outstanding role model, RADM Trent-Adams graciously accepted her award, along with the well-deserved accolades she received followed by her speech which was inspiring to all. The night ended on a high note with our 2017 awardees being recognize for their outstanding work achieved during this past year. Our prestigious Omega Man of the Year went to Brother Robert Lavender. Brother Byron Ross was the recipient of the Superior Service Award and Brother Lonnie McAllister was awarded the Colonel Charles Young award.

The 2017 Lambda Gamma Gamma Founder's Ball was a smashing success! It was an elegant event that was highlighted by a powerful message of the injustices that still exist in America today. The audience was motivated to take a stand in order to protect our children and those who would not otherwise be afforded justice. Brother Crump presented himself as an articulate speaker and humble Brother. It was a great honor to have Brother Crump as the guest speaker and the Deputy Surgeon General, Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams as our Citizen of the year for this year's Founder's Ball.

Mu Chapter Community Service to Philadelphia Human Services

Philadelphia, PA. November 2017. On Monday evening November 13, 2017, Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provided community service at a local human services agency. Several members of Mu chapter volunteered their time at Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA). MANNA, since 1990 has been committed to providing meals three times a day, weekly, to those individuals affected by serious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, rare forms of cancer, to name a few. These individuals, with MANNA's help, could not otherwise find the nutritional and emotional support they need while dealing with their myriad of health issues. Bro. Michael Burton (Drexel University along with Bros. Tyrone Quartermann and Glen Casey (Univ. of Pennsylvania) by taking time away from studies and college life, have answered the clarion call known to Omega men. This act of kindness and service is yet another clear example of the positive impact that Omega men have on the world in many ways.

*Mu Chapter Brothers preparing meals at the
Metropolitan Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance*



Phi Omega's Brother Willie "Hutch" Jones Inducted into Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame



Bro. Willie "Hutch" Jones gives Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame Induction Speech

Omega Achievement

Buffalo, New York. November 1, 2017. At the 27th Annual Induction Ceremony and Gala held in Buffalo, New York on November 1, 2017, Bro. Willie "Hutch" Jones was inducted into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame for his basketball career and community leadership. He is an iconic sport figure and leader in Western, New York. Bro. Jones was initiated into the Theta Beta Chapter (Vanderbilt University) and is a Life Member currently active with Phi Omega Chapter.

A native of Buffalo, Brother Jones graduated from Bishop Turner High School and briefly attended Buffalo State College prior to transferring to Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee). While at Vanderbilt, he played three seasons in the Southeastern conference and averaged in double figures producing 11.5 points per game. As a senior, Bro. Jones was selected team captain and led the Commodores in scoring at 15.8 points per game. After graduating with his Physical Education degree, Bro. Jones was selected as the 54th player in the 1982 National Basketball Association draft by the Los Angeles Lakers. He played with the Lakers through their exhibition season but was released. That same year Bro. Jones was signed by the San Diego Clippers where he played in the 1982-1983 and 1983-1984 seasons. Additionally, he enjoyed a successful professional career playing in Italy and Spain prior to retiring in 1989.

Bro. Jones started the Willie "Hutch" Jones Educational and Sports Program, in 1982, to provide urban students, at no charge, equal opportuni-

ties to engage in high quality programs and to offer character-building activities through academics, sports and the arts. His program has served more than 10,000 children ages 5-16 for over 34 years. The program have grown from basketball to currently offering baseball, chess, crew, dance, football, golf, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, and STEAM training. Additionally, there are after-school programs and homework clubs. Bro. Jones received a Master's degree in Sports Administration from Wayne State University (Detroit, Michigan) which has prepared him to acquire sponsorships from major corporations to support his free community jewel.

Bro. Jones works in the Buffalo Public School as a physical education teacher and coaches basketball, cross country and track. Bro. Jones is the recipient of several honors including the Black Achievers in Industry Award, the Westside Rowing Club Community Service Award, chosen by both WGRZ-TV2 and WNED/WBFO -TV for Making A Difference in The Community, Buffalo Masters Outstanding Contributor Award, The National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York Award, inducted into the Buffalo Inner City Athletic Educational Association Hall of Fame, and recent induction into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. However, his greatest accomplishment is his family. Jones, 59, and his wife Tamica, are the proud parents of Aswad, Aaliyah, David, and Leah.

Tau Pi Sponsors Mentees on HBCU Tour

Columbia, MD. November 12-17, 2017. Tau Pi Mentoring Committee sponsored two of its mentees to participate on a five day tour to ten Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The mentees were Shamar Laine and Kenneth Thomas, each an 11th grader attending Hammond High School located in Columbia, MD.

The tour was organized by Rho Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., located in Washington, DC. The chapter partnered with its foundation, DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc. Forty-eight students from the DMV area and six chaperones traveled by bus to these schools. The seniors in advance had applications, SAT scores, FASA and other necessary information to apply on the spot. The HBCUs had the necessary administrative personnel available to process admission.

The schools visited were Morehouse College (males only), Spellman College (female only) and Clark-Atlanta as their initial visitations. The next

day, they visited Claflin University and South Carolina State University. The fourth day was to North Carolina to Johnson C. Smith, NC A&T, NC Central, and Winston-Salem Universities. The final schools visited were Hampton and Virginia State Universities.

At each school, there were tour guides who showed the students dormitory rooms, admission buildings, library, football fields and the basketball gym. To put the icing on the cake, they made sure they checked out the "yard". Here they were able to see the displays of the Divine 9.

The overall objective of the tour was to show students our HBCUs located in these four southern states. In doing so, the students could personally see these African American schools rich educational history. They also had the opportunity to talk with students and administrators to get their personal perspective.

Tau Pi Honors Its Military Brothers

Brother Sidney Lawrence Holmes



Brother Sidney Lawrence Holmes

Columbia, MD. Bro. Sidney Lawrence Holmes graduated from North Carolina A&T State College in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Engineering. In 1968, he also received a B.S. from Hampton Institute in Architecture. Brother Holmes was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., through Mu Psi Chapter on the campus of North Carolina A&T State College. The Norfolk, VA, native enlisted into the U. S. Navy on November 22, 1963, the day President John F. Kennedy, a navy man and the 35th U.S. President was assassinated in Dallas, TX. Holmes said, "I joined the Navy because I am from a Navy town-Norfolk. On September 15, 1971, Holmes received his second Bronze Star, "For heroic achievement while serving at Kien An Operating Base engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam,".

After 28 years of service, Brother Holmes retired in 1991 at the rank of Captain. During his prestigious career in the U.S. Navy, Holmes was awarded two Bronze Stars for Combat, and two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat Distinguishing Devices.

After Navy retirement, Bro. Holmes worked for the Army Corp of Engineers in the Norfolk area as an architect. Later he moved his family to the Washington, D.C., area where he served as an architect for the Naval Facilities Command. He also worked as a project manager and later the head of the Engineering and Planning section for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

He is currently a member of Tau Pi Chapter where he served on several committees including the chapter's signature event, Holiday With Omega. Brother Holmes also served as a former Keeper of Finance.

Brother Oliver S. Jackson

Columbia, MD. Army Lieutenant Oliver S. Jackson's was commissioned as an infantry officer and placed in the 1st Cavalry Division after completing Morgan State University's ROTC program in 1962. Bro. Jackson was a reconnaissance battalion leader when he went to Vietnam in 1965. As the leader of the first brigade's advance party, he and nine enlisted men were assigned to bring overseas all of the 1st Cavalry Division's equipment. During his tour in Vietnam, Lt. Jackson was awarded the Bronze Star for combat.

After his return to Baltimore, and closer to the family, Brother Jackson served as an induction officer at Fort Holabird, a Baltimore Army post. After about a year, the Army sent Jackson to Special Warfare School at Ft. Bragg. He served as psychological warfare officer. His other overseas assignments included serving in Germany and Korea.

After serving on active duty, Captain Jackson again returned to Baltimore in search of an Army reserve unit. He found a spot as a transportation officer at Curtis Bay, an Army Reserve Center. While serving his reserve commitment, Jackson worked as a civilian equal employment specialist. Captain Jackson retired from the Army in 1980, after serving first as an Air Force enlisted man for four years before enrolling at Morgan State University. He graduated from Morgan with a B.S. in History. He also served ten years on active duty (Army), and eight years in the Army Reserves.

During the summer break, he pledged Zeta Psi Chapter in Brooklyn. He did not live that far from the frat house. He was informed that they were taking on a line, so he and two other guys from Morgan jumped on the line. So when he came back to Morgan in the Fall of 1960, he was Que. During his military career, Bro. Jackson joined several chapters. After ending his active duty service, he joined Pi Omega Graduate Chapter. He later became a founding member of Tau Pi Graduate Chapter.

Brother Jackson said that his Army episodes had their challenges. He noted that he is a 100 percent Disabled Veteran. He now suffers from post-traumatic stress caused by his battlefield experiences in Vietnam. He finally went back to Vietnam in 2015. Since that visit, he has been sleep-

ing better. He has been going to therapy for the last 15 years at the Vet Center. He has acupuncture treatment in his ears every week. However, the Vietnam trip has restored his emotional stability.



Brother Oliver S. Jackson

Tau Pi Honors Its Military Brothers

Bro. Charles Lester Brown Interred at Arlington National Cemetery



Brother Charles Lester Brown Interment Services at Arlington National Cemetery

Columbia, MD. November 27, 2017. The Brothers of Tau Pi chapter, along with family and friends traveled to Arlington National Cemetery to honor and pay our last respects to Omega Chapter Bro. Charles Lester Brown, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army.

The military personnel that served us were impeccable. Every task was executed with perfection. Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Brown cremated remains were transported by a caisson draped with an American Flag, pulled by six huge white horses as the procession followed behind to the final resting site. The ceremony was conducted by a platoon of soldiers

from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), members from the Army Band, seven soldiers firing three rifle volleys (21 Gun Salute) and a lone bugler playing the 24 lingering notes of TAPS.

The Military Chaplain and other distinguished military personnel conducted the military ritual. The unfolding and re-folding of the American Flag over the cremated urn was performed by 10 soldiers and done with military precision. It concluded with the Officer in Charge presenting the flag with reverence to the oldest daughter.

Tau Pi Receives Grants for Mentoring Programs



Tau Pi Basileus Marty Harlee receives grant check from Bro. Steve Grice

Columbia, MD. Tau Pi Chapter has been the fortunate recipient of grants by local companies that have assisted us in financing our student-mentoring program. Over \$10,000 has been collected and put toward the purchase of student laptops, finance student participation and competition in robotics, and assist in chess training. We anticipate our students partaking in chess competitions sometime in the future.

These facets of the mentoring program (there are others such as reading, learning about careers, educational field trips, and improving self-discipline) fall under STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math).

STEM education is very important to technology companies that are looking for good US talent. Many of the top US technology colleges and universities have less than 60% of their population consisting of US citizens. It is this desire for US talent that led to companies putting our solicitations that Tau Pi was able to respond to and subsequently acquire funding.

Bro. Steve Grice who authored the grant requests stated he was surprised and felt fortunate that the companies were willing to provide grants opportunities to programs even at the grade school level. Tau Pi continues to seek out grant opportunities to assist our mandated programs.

Tau Pi Achievement Week



Tau Pi Basileus, Marty Harlee, Tau Pi Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Henry Jenkins, Jr., and Achievement Week Chair, Rashaun Bass

Columbia, MD. November 2017. During the week of November 13 through 19, 2017 our beloved Chapter celebrated a robust of activities for Achievement Week. Our Committee Chair Bro. Rashaun Bass and Committee members Bros. Mark Sykes, Clint Harris and Milbert Brown did a yeoman job.

On Monday Nov 13th, the Brothers provided its annual Spaghetti dinner to the residents at Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center located at 6700 Freetown Road Columbia, MD. Later on that evening, the brothers traveled to newly opened Leola Dorsey Center to deliver blankets, clothes and imperishable items.

On Friday, Nov 17th, Brothers charted a van to attend our annual rededication service at Howard University. We were overwhelmed by Immediate Past Grand Basileus Bro. Andrew Ray awesome rededication ceremony. The keynote address by First Grand Basileus Bro. Dr. David Marion was one for the ages.

The annual Tau Pi Founder's Day brunch was held Saturday November 18th. Our guest speaker was Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Bro. Kenneth Rodgers. To bring exposure and enlightenment, we had around 20 of our mentees in attendance.

Our Founders stand-ins were Bro. Rashaun Bass- Honorable Bro. Dr.

Oscar J. Cooper; Bro. Eric Astrop-Honorable Bro. Dr. Ernest E. Just; Bro. Kurt Wall-Honorable Bro. Professor Frank Coleman; and Bro. Knowlton Atterbeary-Honorable Bro. Bishop Edgar A. Love.

Citizen of the Year was awarded to our McDonald owners Bro. Danny Bell and his DST wife Kathy Bell. Founders Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Bro. Michael Littlejohn. Our Superior Service award winner was Bro. Richard Rogers. This year Omega Man of the Year was Immediate Past Basileus Bro. Dr. Henry Jenkins, Jr.

Tau Pi has a tradition of the Basileus presenting awards to brothers who were beneficial to him during his administration. Bro. Nicholas Meade for his awesome work in creating the chapter web site. Bro Shawn Lamb for his outstanding work in chairing the Community Service Initiative committee. Bro. Steve Williams for selling the most tickets at all of our chapter events.

Bros. Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins for co-chairing a Mentoring Program second to none.

On Sunday November 19th, Brothers worshipped at Bro. Eric Hebron's church, West Liberty United Methodist, pastored by AKA Rev. Dr. Barbara Sands. The Brothers also made an offering of over \$1100.00



Tau Pi Achievement Week Chair, Rashaun Bass, Grand KRS, Kenneth Rodgers and Tau Pi Basileus, Marty Harlee

Tau Pi Community Service Initiative

Columbia, MD. December 2018. As part of its Community Service Initiative, Tau Pi Chapter has been conducting a Christmas Door Decorating Contest at Harmony Hall, an assisted living community, in Columbia Maryland for the past seven years. The community facility consists of over 254 units of independent and assisted living seniors.

With a goal of providing each resident with an opportunity to show and share their Christmas spirit with fellow residents, Tau Pi Chapter conducted its annual door decorating contest on December 30, 2017. The contest not only consisted of the door decorating contest, but a presentation on Kwanzaa. This year, awards were given to ten (10) contestants.

The awards consisted of a certificate of performance and a gift card from Giant Foods (local food market). The event was filled with excitement and much applause from the attendees. After the celebration, many residents stated how pleased they were with the Kwanzaa presentation and the door decorating contest and hoped Tau Pi would come back again next year.

In support of this effort, Tau Pi enlisted the support of several High School students from its Mentoring Initiative to assist in judging the doors. The Kwanzaa presentation was given by Brother Robert McGlotten of Tau Pi Chapter and his wife Ms. Carolyn McGlotten of Delta Sigma Theta.



Brother Jerry Watkins with Seniors at Harmony Hall

Tau Pi Brother and Wife Participate in Program to Better Relationships with Community and Law Enforcement



Tau Pi Brother Kurt Wall and wife, Stephanie, with other law enforcement officers with kids from Howard County, MD. schools

Columbia, MD. August 2017. Bro. Kurt Wall and his lovely Delta wife Stephanie participated in a program which Howard County Law Enforcement spends time reading with under-served children. The program was established a few years ago to foster better relationships with the Community and Law Enforcement. The Officers spend the day reading to and with the kids. The Officers also interact with the parents and field questions that they may have concerns with in how the police system function. The program is also another way to show the positive side of law en-

forcement. Many of these kids only see the Police arresting violators in their neighborhood. The parents and kids get the opportunity to see that law officers are good human beings and have their best interest at heart. The students are selected from schools across Howard County. Delta Sigma Theta Stephanie Wall is a Lieutenant with Howard County Police Department. Bro. Kurt Wall is a retired Howard County Police Sergeant and currently a Deputy with the Howard County Sheriff Office. Bro. Wall recently served as Tau Pi Chapter Keeper of Finance.

Tau Pi Take Mentees to Wizards Game

Columbia, MD. November 25, 2017. Tau Pi mentoring committee treated its mentees to a professional basketball game. The game took place at the Capital One arena located in Washington, DC. The Wizards played the Portland Trail Blazers in a 7:00 PM game.

To be eligible to attend, the mentee must have achieved a first quarter report card with grades of A, B, or C. If they received a D or E, they were not allowed to attend. In traveling to the game, we made a stop at McDonalds owned by one of our chapter brothers for a good meal and drinks.

This was our second time in taking our mentees to a Wizards game. With the volume and ticket prices, this is quite a substantial cost. During other times, we have taken them to college football and basketball games, pref-

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erably at the HBCUs schools. Other times we have taken them to minor league baseball games.

A strategy to motivate the mentees to get good grades, we purchased some lower level seats for those who made the honor roll. It is a big difference in watching the game at this level than from the nosebleed seats.

To get the best financial package, we made our arrangements through Monumental Sports and Entertainment. They were recommended to us through our Social Action Chair, Bro. Mike Currie. The marketing group gave Wizards tee shirts to our group. It was a fun and enjoyable outing. The mentees are looking forward to next year. Many have made a vow to improve their grades so they can sit in the better section.

Tau Pi Aids Leola Dorsey Community Center



Tau Pi Bros. Shawn Lamb and David Charon deliver blankets, food, water and hygiene goods to community center

Columbia, MD. October 23, 2017. Bro. David Charon and Bro. Shawn Lamb, committee members of Tau Pi Community Service Initiative program spearheaded the mission to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Leola Dorsey Community Centre, a full service facility for the homeless transitioning to a new lease on life.

The Leola Dorsey Community Centre, named after an African Female civil rights activist is a three story facility. The first floor houses the How-

ard County Grassroots program's food and clothing bank that assist approximate a 100 individuals a week. The second and third floor of this facility houses 35 residents free of charge.

The brotherhood donated over 50 blankets, 100 canned goods, 6 cases of water and 2 crates of hygiene products to the center. These substantial contributions furthermore demonstrate that the chapter is fully committed to ensuring the Leola Dorsey Community Center will fulfill its purpose

Tau Pi Christmas Party for Mentees



Tau Pi Brothers with Mentees at Christmas Party at the Green Turtle Restaurant

Columbia, MD. December 23, 2017. To ensure well rounded mentee social and tradition development, Tau Pi Mentee Initiative conducted its traditional Mentee Christmas Celebration for its mentees.

The celebration serves as an opportunity for mentees to participate in the Christmas experience of giving with fellow mentees and mentors. Each year, mentees are treated to a dinner at a local restaurant with their peers and mentors. The celebration includes a meal with desert and a Christmas gift for each mentee from Tau Pi Chapter.

To participate in the celebration, mentees must meet academic performance requirements. The purpose of this approach is to recognize mentee

good academic performance and impress upon the mentees the rewards of hard work. In addition, the celebration serves as an incentive for mentee performance throughout the year, an opportunity for the development of proper social skills in a public environment and an understanding of the concept of Christmas giving.

This year 18 of 28 mentees attended the celebration at the Greene Turtle Restaurant in Columbia Maryland, with their mentors. As usual, the mentees were very happy to receive their gifts and spend time with their peers in a giving and fun environment.

Tau Pi Take Mentees to Founders Day Brunch

Columbia, MD. November 17, 2017. As part of its mentoring program experience, mentees of Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative were invited to share in Tau Pi Chapter Founders Day Celebration Brunch in Columbia, Maryland. The purpose of the experience was to expose mentees to an environment of successful African Men.

When choosing a vocation for their lives, mentees need to see examples of men of color who had achieved success in various fields such as engineering, medicine, dentistry, accounting, business entrepreneurs, political officials and educators. The most important part of the experience was for the mentees to see the opportunities that were available to them and that these examples were Omega Men.

Based upon the concept, that men of like values who believed in service to mankind and excellence in character, were often members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Mentees were very impressed with the recognition awards given to exceptional Omega Men. The program gave them the answer to the question of what it takes to become a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and what is expected of its members.

Tau Pi's Mentoring Initiative consists of 28 mentees and 25 mentors. It has been in Partnership with Howard County Public Schools since its inception in 1994.



Tau Pi Mentees at the Founders Day Brunch

Tau Pi Mentee Inducted into National Honor Society



Bros. Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins with National Honor Society inductee Mentee Kenneth Thomas

Columbia, MD. October 26, 2017. Tau Pi Chapter mentee Kenneth Thomas was inducted into Hammond High School National Honor Society. Kenneth is in the 11th grade and has been in our mentoring program since 4th grade. He is carrying a 4.0 weighted GPA. To be eligible for NHS, you must have a 3.4 or greater GPA. This year inductee class is comprised of 99 members. It is the largest class ever. Currently, at Hammond HS, adding this class there are 167 Honor Society students. This is 13% of the entire student population.

Based on Kenneth overall academic performance, he has been selected the Student of the Month numerous times since his freshman year. He is

a member of the Spanish Club and Productivity Club. Within the community, Kenneth hones his leadership skills by tutoring elementary school students and has participated in an event to help end drug abuse by teens. Currently, he holds a job as a 3D Printing Specialist. He works alongside designers and creators, such as Adam Savage of Mythbusters. Kenneth has worked with Under Armour. In 2016, he contributed to the South-by-South Lawn event sponsored by President Barack Obama.

Upon graduation, Kenneth is planning to pursue a degree in the field of Integrated Design in New York City.

Tau Pi Holiday with Omega



Mano Swartz Representative, HWO fur coat winner, Ms. Sedonia Williamson and Bro. Kelly Williamson

Columbia, MD. December 9, 2017. Tau Pi Chapter held its Holiday With Omega Gala at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel located in Linthicum, MD. Holiday with Omega (HWO) is Tau Pi Chapter's signature event held on the second Saturday of each December. HWO Committee Chair, Bro. Arthur C. Colbert, Jr. and the committee provided a Black Tie gala event in fine fashion as the chapter also celebrated its 42nd year of service to Columbia, Maryland and the greater Howard County community.

The proceeds from this event fund Tau Pi's chapter programming and community service initiatives, which includes mentoring of young Black Males, scholarships for high school seniors, and senior citizen support services. Over the years, the HWO event has enabled Tau Pi to award over \$265,000.00 to high school seniors on their way to college, mentor young Black Males in STEM courses and robotics, and host an annual luncheon event with senior citizens featuring good food, great live music entertainment, and both outstanding and useful prizes.

In keeping with the event's annual tradition, Mano Swartz, one of Maryland's top furriers, provided a beautiful fur jacket for the HWO Fur Raffle. The winner was Ms. Sedonia Williamson. The all-female Band Be'la Dona provided the musical entertainment, along with DJ Malik Mosley on the turntables.

Tau Pi Chapter's P.E.A.K Initiative "Puzzles Enriching Aspiring Kids"



Brother David Charon playing Santa, giving over 300 puzzles to kids

Columbia, MD. December 22, 2017. Bros. Mike Currie and David Charon from Tau Pi Chapter play Santa for the Howard County Headstart program children and provide over 300 puzzles to the children as part of the Chapter's P.E.A.K. (Puzzles Enriching Aspiring Kids) initiative.

This year was again a big success, and both the kids and staff really enjoyed the puzzles that were provided at the four Headstart locations. Several of the staff expressed that the kids have been looking forward to this

day for weeks and the excitement on their faces when they received their puzzles was priceless. But it's not just the kids and staff that look forward to this every year, Mike and David also get great joy out of delivering the puzzles each year. "I love doing this each year and seeing how happy this makes the kids", says David.

One thing is for sure, the Chapter's P.E.A.K. initiative makes Christmas that much more special for kids and adults alike!

Tau Pi Thanksgiving Social Action



Bros. Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins deliver Thanksgiving meals to Guilford Elementary School families

Columbia, MD. November 2018. The Social Action and Mentoring Committees of Tau Pi Chapter jointly collaborate to purchase and distribute turkey meal dinners to families of Guilford Elementary School in Columbia, MD.

Alternative Education Coordinator Tanya Holland works with several other social organizations and with our contribution have been able to provide more families with food. She makes the decision for the school and Tau Pi Chapter which families will receive the meals. Many of the families are the parents of our own mentees.

Bro. Frank Miles and Bro. Jerry Watkins, co-chairs of the Mentoring Committee represented the chapter and picked up the meals from the Food Bank in Columbia, MD. They transported the meals to Guilford Elementary School to be added to the other organizations contributions. Bro. Mike Currie, chair of the chapter Social Action Committee made the arrangements and funded the meals.

Each year, this has been a rewarding and inspirational endeavor to see the contented faces of these parents and kids knowing that they will be provided a good meal on this special Holiday.

Tau Pi Christmas Social Action



Tau Pi Christmas Dinner at St Johns Baptist Church

Columbia, MD. December 20, 2017. The Brothers of Tau Pi chapter in conjunction with Mu Beta Beta's Spring 2016 Line provided dinner and gifts to 20 families and 15 staff members of St John Baptist Church in Columbia, MD.

"Thank you Jesus for the men of Omega Psi Phi", is what you heard echoing through the reception hall in the church. Mu Beta Beta (4 Bridge Builders) located in Thomasville, GA and Howard County, MD Tau Pi Chapters served and presented donated gifts from recipients' wish lists. Saint John is a pinnacle church serving and developing the African American community spiritual needs for over 20 years in Howard County Maryland.

Tau Pi Chapter Committee Chair Bro. Shawn Lamb - Community Service Initiative (CSI) - felt the need to support the Howard county community

this Christmas season a little differently than in years past. This year, St. John Baptist church provided 20 underprivileged families with gifts for each family member and then served them Christmas dinner. Additionally, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. called upon Mr. Rich Gibson who is running for State's Attorney in Howard County and the Brothers to provide 20 frozen casseroles for each family to take home after the Christmas dinner.

"Thank you Jesus for the Men of Omega Psi Phi", was the theme song as the families left with gifts and casseroles. The brotherhood gave away over \$2,000.00 in gift cards and presents. Senior pastor since 1993, Reverend Dr. Robert A.F. Turner, was honored that the fraternity selected his church to sponsor such a wonderful program

Tau Lambda Lambda Achievement Week



TLL Basileus, Danny Ebb, District Representative Sherman Charles and Achievement Week Chair, Bro. Greg Carter

Waldorf, MD. November 17, 2017. The year 2017 marked the 106th Anniversary of the founding of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.. During the week of Founders Day, the men of Omega observe Achievement Week, a mandated week of events with the purpose of promoting to promote the study of African-American life and history. Inspired by fraternity member Carter G. Woodson in the 1920s, the week is used to recognize those individuals at the local and national levels who have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for African-Americans. The theme for this year's Achievement Week celebration was "When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer". In customary fashion, the men of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL), representing the tri-county area of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, answered the call.

A week of events, spearheaded by Bro. Greg Carter, TLL Achievement Week chairman, saw the Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda come together for worship, fellowship, acts of service and to celebrate the men and women who help shape the tri-county area of Southern Md.

The men of TLL kicked off the week on Sunday, November 12, 2017, by attending worship Service at the Christian Unity Baptist Church in Waldorf, MD to give thanks for another year in this great fraternity and were treated to an uplifting message titled "How well do you know God?" An opportunity to give back and love of fellowship brought the men of TLL together on Monday at the Grill 13 restaurant in Waldorf, MD for a dual purpose; to host a coat drive for youths and to watch Monday Night Football. Over 30 Brothers, along with other local NPHC's members attended and donated. 50 coats were successfully collected as we watched the Carolina Panthers square off against the Miami Dolphins. There is nothing like good fellowship while supporting a good cause. The community called and Tau Lambda Lambda answered.

The evening of Tuesday, November 14, 2017, saw the men of Tau Lambda Lambda handle the business of Omega at the General Body Meeting. At this meeting, TLL swore in the chapter executive council with Bro. Dr. Danny Ebb as Basileus, Bro. Kevin Turner as Vice Basileus, Bro. Jeff Cowins as Keeper of Records and Seal and Bro. Van Jenkins as Keeper of Finance.

On Thursday, November 16, 2017, the call was answered again, as the men of TLL visited with the men residing at the Robert J. Fuller Tradi-

tional House for Men in Waldorf, MD. The brothers of TLL collected toiletries and presented to the men present. The men were joyful and thankful for the toiletries and the fellowship.

On Friday, November 17, 2017, 106 years to the day, the brothers of TLL along with brothers from all over the world gathered at the birthplace of Omega, Howard University, to attend the annual Rededication Ceremony. This experience never gets old as we are all reminded of the ideals of the four founders, Dr. Ernest Just, Dr. Oscar Cooper, Professor Frank Coleman and Bishop Edgar Love, which led to the founding of our illustrious fraternity.

On the morning of Saturday, November 18, TLL participated in Project Give Back, a program dedicated to the donation of food and money to prepare Thanksgiving meals for families in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

Later that same morning, TLL held its first Achievement Luncheon for 110 guests. A change from the norm as the chapter has traditionally held an evening banquet. The event was held at the National Golf Club in Fort Washington, MD from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. The guest speaker for the occasion was the 2nd District Representative, Brother Sherman Charles. The Citizen of the Year award was given to three honorees from the Tri-county area for their notable achievements and service to Southern Maryland. The honorees are as follows: Calvert County, Mr. Kevin Wilkerson; Charles County, Mr. Augustus Proctor and St. Mary's County, Mr. Jeffrey Burrell. Awards were also given to Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter, in recognition of their dedication and service. The Omega Man of the Year for the chapter was Brother Quentin Lowe; Basileus Award, Brother Tommy Thomas; Colonel Charles Young Award, Brother Anthony Neal; Founder's Award, Brother Floyd Barnes and Superior Service, Brother Stephon Cunningham. The Founder's Stand-ins were Brother Bernard Jackson, Brother Michael Coley, Brother Bernard Gilliard, and Brother Charles Pugh.

"When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer", a fitting theme as now more than ever the world needs men of character to answer the call to action and the men of TLL enjoyed giving back, not only during this week, but during the entire year.

Tau Lambda Lambda Raise Funds For Cancer Research

Waldorf, MD. October 21, 2017. On the evening of Saturday, October 21, the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation in partnership with the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, INC., held its Inaugural Cancer Survivor Masquerade Ball at the Waldorf, MD Jaycees at 7:00 p.m.

Founded in 2005, the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation has worked to improve the lives of individuals and families in the Southern Maryland Region. This support is provided through education, events, cultural activities and scholarships/grants. It is the foundation's belief that education is the key to building bright futures, strong families and even stronger communities.

Guests packed the ballroom for a fun-filled night of celebration and recognition to the courageous men, women and their families who have battled cancer. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month where extra attention is directed to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, over one and a half million new cancer cases are diagnosed each year. Anyone can get cancer at any age, but the risk goes up with age. Nearly 9 out of 10 cancers are diagnosed in people ages 50 and older. Cancer can be found in people of all racial and ethnic groups, but the rate of cancer occurrence (called the incidence rate) varies from group to group.

Brother Jake Prater, event chairman, opened the program by declaring "cancer sucks" while showing off some stellar dance moves, stating that "this was a celebration of those individuals who are battling this terrible disease, and five special ladies being honored here tonight."

Basileus Daniel Ebb graciously welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked everyone assembled for "contributing to the fight because we're continuing to fight. Recent years have seen better rates of survival, but the fight isn't over."

Linda Barnes, a registered nurse from the Charles County Health Department, was on hand to answer various health questions and hand out important health-oriented material.

Throughout the evening, various door prizes were announced and a silent auction was held which featured items such as a 36 inch hand crafted Washington Nationals logo, autographed Joe Flacco game worn jersey and various other sports pictures and memorabilia.

Some background information on the honorees:

Frances Newton Washington, a native of Louisiana and self-proclaimed "military brat", is a graduate of Howard University where she received her B.A. in Sociology and her M.A. in Mental Health Counseling from the University of the District of Columbia. She also holds certifications as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor Level III, Licensed Professional Counselor and Graduate Social Worker. After having pre-cancerous cells removed that were found during a routine mammogram, she was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in 2013. Every day, Frances thanks God, family, friends and the George Washington University Hospital staff for supporting her through this journey. Their love and encouraging words continue to sustain her each and every day.

Margaret Marshall, a lifelong resident of Charles County, MD, has served the Charles County Public School System for over 25 years as a Government mediator, assistant test coordinator, social studies teacher and countywide instructional resource teacher before retiring from the Office of Curriculum and Instruction. Following retirement, she piloted the intervention and teacher mentoring program. A breast cancer survivor, Margaret is a graduate of Duquesne University, where she was inducted into Kappa Delta Epsilon Sorority for academic achievement. She is also a charter member of Alpha Sigma chapter and current member of Nu Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Irene Posey aka "Posey", considers herself a Charles County native. She grew up enjoying farm life in Port Tobacco, Maryland, where she learned the value of hard work. On any given weekend, you might find her exploring the Nanjemoy Creek with her most faithful companions, Titan, the mastiff and Diesel, the Labrador retriever. Irene's professional role is as Supervising Pupil Personnel Worker for Charles County Public

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Cancer survivors with TLL Basileus, Danny Ebb

Schools. She also has a part-time practice as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. Irene's philosophy for living was taken from Gautama Buddha, "There is no path to happiness: happiness is the path."

Cynthia Heath, born in Baltimore, MD, holds a B.S. in Accounting from North Carolina A&T State University and a M.S. in Management Information Systems from Bowie State University. For 26 years, she has served as a systems accounting, financial management, information systems and technology professional at the U.S. Department of Education. Heath was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer with metastasis to the liver in October 2007. Today, Heath is a 10 year colon cancer survivor and advocate who contributes her survival to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and delights in living her best life now! Cynthia is also a Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellow, certified Internal Controls Auditor and active member of Alpha Kappa alpha Sorority, Inc.

Joyce Hall Shambley is a native of Norfolk, VA and received her B.A. in Social Work from Norfolk State in 1974, and received her M.S. in Administration (Human Resources) from Central Michigan University in 1989. Joyce enlisted in the U.S. Army as a legal clerk in 1976 and retired as Lieutenant Colonel with 22 years of dedicated service on August 1, 1998. She is an 8 year triple negative breast cancer survivor, meaning that it is more likely than some other types of breast cancer to return after it's been treated, especially in the first few years after treatment. Shambley is a Golden Life Member and active member of Prince George's County alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Joyce's advice to everyone is to "praise and thank God every day, enjoy life, help others and keep smiling.

Following the beautiful ceremony, guests were encouraged to dance the night away as the DJ provided the sounds to celebrate to.

Special thanks to everyone who in some way, shape or form, supported this great event.

Proceeds will be used to support the American Cancer Society and partnering organizations.

To make tax-exempt donations to support this program through the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation, please visit www.jlwc-scharityfoundation.org

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda's health and other programs, please visit www.southernmdques.org.

Alpha Mu Nu Que Delta Ball



Alpha Mu Nu and East Pocono DST Alumni Chapter Leadership at the Que Delta Ball

Stroudsburg, PA. December 16, 2017. The Pocono Scholarship & Outreach Foundation of the Alpha Mu Nu Chapter and the East Pocono Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta co-sponsored its first formal gala entitled Pocono Delta Que Ball at Stroudsmoor Country Inn. The event was a successful weekend that included a blackout party on Friday, December 15th for guests coming in earlier. The Pocono Scholarship and Outreach Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Our purpose is to provide educational scholarships, uplifting our community through educational programs and assistance in the form of charitable donations to other community approved organizations. Guest that attended were the following: Thomas Jones, President, Monroe County NAACP, Sharone Glasco-Jones, State Convener and Tameko Patterson, President of the National Council of Negro Women. Also present were Maureen E. Madden, District 115 Member of the House to the Penn-

sylvania House of Representatives, Brother Sylvester Wilkins, former 1st District Representative, and Cleo Meriabut Jarvis, President of the African American Network in Monroe County. Exclusive members of Delta Sigma Theta in attendance included Soror Kelly Moore, Vice President of Operations at Lehigh Valley Health Network, and Soror Juanita Jenkins, Executive Director of Greek Affairs at East Stroudsburg University. All proceeds from this event will benefit the outreach foundation to support students with educational assistance living in and around the Monroe County area attending college. These scholarships are presented at our annual community leadership awards in April. East Pocono Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has awarded over a two-year period more than \$5000.00 in scholarships, and Alpha Mu Nu Chapter has contributed \$6000.00 to non-profit organizations. With the success of this event, we will continue to work together to make this event the main attraction for Lehigh Valley/Pocono Regions.



Alpha Mu Nu Patrons dining at the Que Delta Ball

Alpha Mu Nu Thanksgiving Outreach



Alpha Mu Nu Brothers assisting with Thanksgiving Outreach

Allentown, PA. November 21, 2017. Alpha Mu Nu chapter assisted with the City Limits Assembly of God Church's Thanksgiving Outreach. Every Tuesday during the week of Thanksgiving, this event consists of donating over 350 turkeys and groceries to the local community in Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton. For over 20 years, this event was a success and brothers of Alpha Mu Nu were fortunate enough to assist the church for the 1st time. The church says it is dedicated to reaching out and meeting the material and spiritual needs of the community. This was an amazing for Omega to sustain a presence as we continue to serve and give back to our community.

Alpha Mu Nu and Big Brothers Big Sisters Team Up



Alpha Mu Nu Brothers man the phones at the telethon

Stroudsburg, PA. November 5, 2017. The Brothers of Alpha Mu Nu participated in its annual telethon from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. It was televised live from the studios of East Stroudsburg University on its local channel 13. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge have been serving Monroe County since its inception in 1974. They have strived to provide high quality mentoring services to the children and families of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Brothers answer and made calls to previous donors along with other local service organizations and administrators of local school districts. This year the organization was able to raise \$30,000. Omega Psi Phi and Big Brother Big Sister has had an outstanding relationship for many years and this telethon is continuation of service and uplift in the Pocono/Lehigh Valley region.

Alpha Mu Nu Toy Drive



Brother Christopher Hunt and church representatives with toys donated for the Toy Drive

Stroudsburg, PA. December 14, 2017. The Greater Shiloh North Church & Brothers of Alpha Mu Nu continued our annual toy drive donating and delivering toys. The chapter as a whole donated over \$600 worth of toys presented by Brother Christopher Hunt and Brother Thomas Moore. These toys were then given out to the community to various outreaches

and homeless shelters on December 16th. The church was very excited to work with us and appreciate our efforts to continue to serve in the Pocono regions. Alpha Mu Nu and Greater Shiloh Church North Campus will continue to be a positive effect in the upcoming years.

Iota Nu New Initiates



l-r Iota Nu New Initiates - Kiree Moore, Eric Story, Brandon Lee, Matthew Boykin-Derrill, Kenneth Scott-Kelow, Sean Evans, Aris Mayfield

Baltimore, MD. November 9, 2017. The Iota Nu chapter initiated seven brothers into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Iota Nu was the only chapter in corridor 1 that participated in the member selection process during the fall semester. The men whom are both graduates and undergraduates have displayed the cardinal principals of manhood, scholarship perseverance and uplift and proved to be worthy brothers of our prestigious organiza-

tion.

Iota Nu is currently assisting McDaniel College establish their own charter. Iota Nu will still be the graduate chapter advisor over McDaniel College once their chapter established. We welcome our new brothers into our glorious organization.

Iota Epsilon Gives Back To The Community

Towson, MD. November 2017. The Brothers of Iota Epsilon Chapter, at Towson University, have wasted no time since their reactivation in the spring of 2017. The Brothers went to work immediately by being present at the 69th District Conference in Rye New York. After the summer break, the Brothers went back to work and participated in a major way just in time for the Holidays. The Brothers participated in the Charm City Warmth Drive, which assists families in the city of Baltimore that are in need of warm clothes.

The donations from the Brothers at Iota Epsilon was so large, the company wrote a letter to the Corridor 1 Representative, Bro Kelvin Ampofo, and the main take away from the letter was the following, "We are in total disbelief and awe of your generous donations. I cannot believe the efforts you put forth to help the less fortunate in Baltimore. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Warm Clothing donated by Iota Epsilon for Charm City Warmth Drive



Epsilon Pi Turkey Drive

Chester, PA. December 16, 2017. The Brothers of Epsilon Pi Chapter, Chester, PA., held its annual Holiday Turkey Basket Drive at Chester High School, 200 W. 9th Street, Chester, PA from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Epsilon Pi chapter has served and been a community leader in the Chester (PA) community for thirty-six years. Epsilon Pi's goal for this service project was to make the holiday season a special one for Chester families. Epsilon Pi partnered with two Chester Upland School District schools and Bethany Baptist Church to identify families in need for this holiday season. The Brothers of Epsilon Pi and other community leaders generously donated baskets and turkeys. Bethany Baptist Church and Stetser

Elementary School also conducted canned food drives to support the service project. Combined, Bethany Baptist Church and Stetser Elementary School donated over one thousand canned goods to the cause.

With these efforts, Forty-eight families were provided with turkey baskets filled with canned goods.

"We understand the importance of serving the community and providing assistance to families for the holiday season. Just knowing that we were able to bring joy in some families' lives is a success. Team work makes the dream work," said Brother Suni Blackwell, Turkey Drive Chair.

Iota Nu Christmas Adopt A Family



Iota Nu Brothers with Harford Family House directors and organizers.

Aberdeen, MD. December 1, 2017. Iota Nu Chapter transitioned from Achievement Week and Thanksgiving and immediately transitioned in the Christmas holiday. The Brothers of Iota Nu partnered with the Harford Family House to Adopt two families that otherwise would not have been able to celebrate the upcoming holiday. The families provided the Iota Nu Chapter their list and the Brothers granted these families their wishes. The Brothers also bought Christmas decorations so that the families were able to decorate their homes. Gifts included clothes, toys, and kitchen appliances.

Harford Family House is the largest provider of transitional housing for homeless families with children in Harford County. They are the only organization in Harford County capable of keeping the family together during the crisis of homelessness. It is their goal to end homelessness in Harford County, one family at a time.

Iota Nu Christmas



Brother Michael Bennett helping with home goods for displaced mother

Bel Air, MD. December 22, 2017. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was all set to enjoy the holidays with their families the Friday before Christmas. Brother Michael Bennet received a phone call from a single mother with children that recently was involved in a fire that left her homeless. Brother Bennett ensured the mother that the Brothers of Iota Nu would support her in any way that we could. Brother Bennett and representatives from WeCanCerve helped the mother get into Anna's House which is located in Harford County, Maryland.

Anna's House provides support services to woman that have experienced a variety of crises that include domestic violence, loss of employment, and recent homelessness. The representatives of Anna's House work individually with each case to address the family's challenges

Iota Nu Spreads Holiday Spirit



Brothers of Iota Nu gathered around the donated toys before donating them to Toys for Tots and the Empty Stocking Fund.

Aberdeen, MD. December 8, 2017. Iota Nu Chapter continued to spread holiday spirit by conducting their annual Bow Tie Holiday Social Toy Drive. The brothers of Iota Nu partnered with the Chesapeake Lodge #48 Masons of Harford County to gather toys for children for the upcoming holiday. The event was held at the Courtyard Marriott. Patrons and

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guests donated toys as admission to the social event. The toys that were collected will be donated to Toys for Tots and the Empty Stocking Fund organizations. Brother Melvin Adderley chaired a successful event that will ensure children have a Merry Christmas this holiday season.

Alpha Upsilon Conclude Achievement Week Worshipping at 100th Anniversary Celebration of Cornerstone Baptist Church

Brooklyn, NY. November 26, 2017. The Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter, "Brooklyn Omega" joined by Brothers from NYC Metro Omega Chapters concluded their Achievement Week celebration with worshipping together at Cornerstone Baptist Church which is led by Reverend Brother Lawrence E. Aker III as the Church celebrated their 100th anniversary of service in the County of Kings.

New York City Council Member Bro Robert E. Cornegy Jr. presented an eloquent congratulatory wish to the church along with a proclamation from the New York City Council. New York City Comptroller Scott M. Singer also provided congratulatory wishes along with a proclamation from his office. McDonalds Gospel Fest founder A. Curtis Farrow provided congratulatory wishes and praise for the dedication of Reverend

Brother Aker and his wife - First Lady Cynthia Aker. Mr. Farrow also announced that Reverend Brother Aker will be a featured speaker at the 2018 McDonalds Gospel fest. The Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter, led by Bro Basileus Steve Liverpool, stood in front of the congregation and presented a check to the Church for \$500 which will go towards the upgrade of the Church's audio visual system

The sermon was delivered by Cornerstone Pastor Emeritus (1982-2003) Reverend Dr. Harry S. Wright, Sr. who provided a reflective and insightful talk on Psalms 116: 1-12.

The Cornerstone Baptist Church has a rich and dynamic history and it was an honor and a privilege for the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter to be a part of the festivities of the day.

Gamma Mu Nu and Psi Zeta Chapters Give Uplift with its Que Holiday Adopt A Family Program



Gamma Mu Nu and Psi Zeta Chapter Brothers with Gifts for Family

Middletown, DE. December 21, 2017. The Gamma Mu Nu Chapter performed its annual Que Holiday Adopt-A-Family program on Tuesday, December 21, 2017. This year Psi Zeta Chapter of the University of Delaware participated in this program with Gamma Mu Nu. Gamma Mu Nu and Psi Zeta chapters donated approximately \$1,500 dollars worth of gifts to eight young children from three well deserving family in the community. These family had endured hardships during this past year. The single father of one of these family had been hospitalized and missed significant time from work. This family not only received gifts for the holiday, but Bro. Stutts of paid the son's school fees of \$189, so he could attend the class trip to DC, and bring home an Ipad from school. The mother of one family was undergoing Chemotherapy during the holiday season. One

of the boys in this family has been mentored by Gamma Mu Nu. The mother of another family was simply enduring significant financial hardship. The names of these families were provided by the Appoquinimink School District social worker. Usually Gamma Mu Nu. is only able to support one family, however, this past year we were fortunate to provide gifts for three families. During their time of need, the Gamma Mu Nu. provided Uplift to these families for the holiday season in the name of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The parents and especially the children of these families were very thankful and humbled for the caring expressed by their community. The Gamma Mu Nu. Chapter gives special thanks to the Psi Zeta chapter for their support of this program.

Gamma Pi Achievement Week /Founders Day Celebration



Achievement Week Chair, Bro. Jeff Adkisson, P.G. County Exec. Bro Rushern Baker, Grand KRS Bro Kenneth Rodgers and Gamma Pi Basileus Bro. Tony Lee at the Achievement Week/Founders Day Celebration

Fort Washington, MD. November 18, 2018. Achievement Week may be an annual event for all of Omega Psi Phi, but for Gamma Pi Chapter, each year's observance has its own flavor. This year's Achievement Week and Founders' Day underscored the chapter's longstanding commitment to community service and highlighted just how much of a difference Gamma Pi makes in the local community.

Gamma Pi's growing influence and results in Uplifting Prince George's County were evident throughout the week's programs, from the Sunday, November 12 worship service to the Saturday, November 18 communitywide awards and recognition program. The underlying theme of it all centered on the importance of full participation and service to community as outlined by the Founders.

For Omega men everywhere, the call to action and to service is as strong as it has ever been. It's a time for Omega men to get inspired by other Omega men. No question that was the case for Gamma Pi this year as is the case every year.

It began with the Brothers' visit to Greater Bethesda Baptist Church pastored by Gamma Pi Chaplain Bro. Rev. Brian King, on November 12.

Next, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker reminded Gamma Pi Brothers and Fraternity guests at the November 16 Brothers Only Dinner that the vast talents and abilities of Omega men are contributing to community Uplift all over. He used the example of Omega men who have been called to serve Prince George's other than himself. Bro. Baker reminisced about his days as an Alpha Chapter Brother at Howard University "back in the day", recalling the Brothers during the dinner. Grand Keeper of Records & Seal Bro. Kenneth Rodgers also greeted the Brothers along with Gamma Pi's first Basileus and founding member Bro. Tim McIntosh. Gamma Pi's Brother Alfonzo Powell, having recently returned to the United States after a two-year stint in Sierra Leone, brought forth some inspiring words about service and commitment to community during the November 18 Community program in Fort Washington.

In speaking to community and chapter honorees, he said, "You were chosen because your body of work, that which has come to define you, has set you apart from those who have come to define themselves as simply, ordinary....The reason you have been set out above the rest is because you have demonstrated that you are driven by a sense, a use a vision ... that has proven to be greater than yourself."

Achievement Week award winners were Bro. Darryl Thompson (Omega Man of the Year), Bro. Gordon Everett (Founders' Award), Bro. Kevin Greenwood (Superior Service Award), Bro. Brian King (Religious Leader of the Year), Bro. Ikey Staton (Educator of the Year), community leader William Paige (Citizen of the Year) and John Morgan III (Student Athlete of the Year). In addition, Bro. Greenwood was also named Committee Chairman of the Year.

Delta Upsilon Recognizes Purple Heart Recipient



Brother Ben Scott

Trenton, NJ. November 2017. During Delta Upsilon's November retiree breakfast, Brother Ben Scott was recognized for being awarded the coveted Purple Heart in 1967 for injuries sustained while protecting other US Army servicemen aboard a downed US helicopter in the jungles of Vietnam. Since November is the month nationally identified as a time to celebrate our many veterans, it was only fitting to acknowledge Brother Scott for his heroism during this month's retiree breakfast. Brother Scott joined the Beta Tau Graduate Chapter in Conway South Carolina in 1974 and has been an active member of Delta Upsilon for the past several years

Gamma Pi Holiday Social Action



Patrons attending the Toy Giveaway Christmas Party at Suitland Elementary School

Suitland, MD. December 5, 2017. Brothers from The Super Chapter were quite busy bringing holiday cheer to communities in need during the recent Thanksgiving and now Christmas season. Led by the hard-charging Social Action Committee, a team of Brothers helped put the Christmas gleam in the eyes of a large group of young kids in the Suitland community by leading a Toy Giveaway Christmas Party at Suitland Elementary School on Tuesday evening, December 5. Along with Friendship Charities Foundation (FCFI) and the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, Gamma Pi Brothers and the other Omega men purchased toys for 90 boys and girls ages 3-12.

“We do this to provide toys for those children whose families may not have the means to purchase Christmas toys or may not have the flexibility to get to a store to purchase them,” said Social Action Chairman Kevin Greenwood. The Suitland Citizens Association provided food and refreshments for the event.

“This is a time of year when so many families, and especially children

are left behind and lonely when it comes to being fully able to celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays,” said Tony Lee, Basileus. “For some people, Gamma Pi is a safety net during the holidays. This is our charge as Omega men.”

Later in the month, as Christmas Day approached, the Super Chapter helped bring cheer to at-risk youth and families in need in another part of the Prince George’s County community. The Brothers joined forces to sponsor a huge Christmas Holiday party for youngsters and their family in the Columbia Park area on Saturday, December 16, at the neighborhood recreation center. Columbia Park, where the chapter is starting to work with youth as part of its Que Kidz initiative, is home to many underprivileged children. Again, the Social Action committee led the way by organizing the event. Also thanks to the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. who joined forces with The Super Chapter to make this event a success.

Gamma Pi Project ENRICH

Bowie, MD. January 12, 2018. What do you want to be when you grow up? That’s a question that every young person gets early in life. It’s a question that not everyone ever answers, but the manner in which one answers that question could go a long way towards determining success and sometimes happiness with life. That was the focus of the first Project ENRICH session of 2018 on Saturday, January 13 at Bowie State University. Careers and how to choose a solid vocation was the topic of discussion across all four classes during the session. For the students, it was a time to voice their career dreams and get realistic, constructive and instructional feedback on what path to take to achieve those dreams. The career choices were varied: an aspiring veterinarian with an interest in animal science. An aviation enthusiast desiring to become a pilot. A future mechanical engineer. An artist who envisions transferring those skills into a career in graphic arts and design. A computer whiz. A future cybersecurity expert. And a medical doctor who was able to get some authentic advice about the medical profession from a real live doctor, who was Project ENRICH’s special guest for the day.

“Life is simple. Just do what you are supposed to do,” said Kevin Ford, Sr, M.D., a member of Gamma Pi Chapter, in speaking to the students. He emphasized the importance of commitment, taking the right courses as well as time management among the most critical elements to his making it through Howard University School of Medicine and building a successful medical career. Even though he spoke about the requirements to enter the field of medicine, much of his advice applied across the spectrum of

career choices, especially STEM careers. He got the students’ undivided attention when he talked about the many years medical students invest in academic and residency requirements before they become full-fledged physicians.

To help Project ENRICH students get a better handle in their career interests and aptitude, they were each given a career survey assessment test, during which many found the results surprisingly accurate or in some cases revealing.

One activity that seemed to captivate the students and parents was an exercise where director Brother Willie Hines asked students to separate into two groups – those motivated by passion and those motivated by money. Set up like a min-debate, that triggered some interesting discussions about how to select a career that students can be passionate about but also can sustain them economically.



Gamma Pi Men's Shelter Social Action

Capitol Heights, MD. January 14, 2018. On a Sunday morning when temperatures dipped into the teens, on a holiday weekend, it was the perfect day to sleep in. The heat was “kicking”, the covers were warm and a hot cup of coffee and Danish would have been just right. But the Brothers of Gamma Pi's Social Action committee came out of their comfort zone for the good of the forgotten and overlooked men of the Prince George's County Men's Shelter in Capitol Heights.

A contingent of Brothers gathered at the shelter just after the crack of dawn to prepare. Members of the chapter brought in food and set up for what was billed as the MLK Day of Service Luncheon. But it was more than just a meal. It was an opportunity for the Brothers to socialize with the residents and encourage them in their circumstances. The fellowship seemed to catch the residents off guard. How is it that these men who don't know the residents by name can think enough of them to take time from their lives and come from miles around and spend time with them fellowshiping, on a Sunday morning, no less? It's called UPLIFT.

“This luncheon and fellowship is a genuine way to show the Citizens of the Prince George's Community that we truly care about their well-being. There is nothing more fulfilling than providing a meal for someone that is in their time need. This was a great experience for everyone involved,” said Brother Kevin Greenwood, who chairs Social Action.

The MLK Day of Service luncheon is a new project for Gamma Pi. The hope is that it will be an annual event tied to the chapter's commitment to join the local community in service projects on the King Holiday every year. “MLK Day is a day on, not a day off for Gamma Pi,” said Basileus Tony Lee.

In recent years, Gamma Pi has cleaned up local roads, worked in soup kitchens and distributed free food to needy persons on the MLK holiday as a show of respect for Dr.King's call to service and the Fraternity's call to service through UPLIFT.

Hats off to Bro. Greenwood and the nimble and dedicated Social Action team for showing what Omega is all about this Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday!



Gamma Pi Brothers preprepare food for the MLK Day of Service Luncheon



Gamma Pi Brother Dr. Kevin Ford, Sr., M.D., addresses Project ENRICH youth about a career in medicine

Iota Phi Thanksgiving Social Action



Brothers Tony Ringgold and Mac Gray with sponsors of turkeys for the Thanksgiving Giveaway

Pittsburgh, PA. November 18, 2017. Iota Phi Chapter administered its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Giveaway from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Center on Meadow St in Pittsburgh, PA. This Social Action Program further upholds the fraternity's national mandate of Achievement Week preceding Iota Phi Foundation's Awards Dinner later the same day. The Iota Phi Chapter distributed 411 turkeys and 200 gift bags filled with sides to disadvantaged families. There were 300 turkeys and 200 gift bags distributed to churches and various social service organizations whereby the Fraternity Center served as the distribution outlet for these resources. These families were identified by the church or social service agency in which they were associated. In addition, 111 families walked or drove to the Fraternity Center to participate in this initiative and take advantage of these resources.

Through the 11 member Social Action Committee's efforts, sponsors and donations exceeded expectations with 100% sponsorship such that Iota Phi did not have to spend any money. This noteworthy accomplishment is measured both in percent sponsorship and over 100 more turkeys were given than 2016.

The Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity gratefully acknowledges our sponsors: Rivers Casino, Sam's Club, Save-A-Lot, Trib Total Media, Brother Attorney Albert G. Reese Jr., Coston Criswell Funeral Homes Inc., and Iota Phi Foundation Inc.. Donations are acknowledged from some Brothers of Omega Psi Phi, U-Haul, and Argosy University Online. The Brothers of Iota Phi are greatly indebted to the Committee as chaired by Brother Tony Ringgold and his co-chair, Brother Mac Gray. Positive community feedback and appreciation are the Chapter's reward.

Pittsburgh, PA. Ques

Iota Phi Golf Fundraiser

Pittsburgh, PA. May 17, 2017. The Iota Phi Foundation hosted the 22nd Annual Ron Foster Memorial Golf Tournament at Meadowink Golf Course in Murrysville PA with 100 registered golfers attending. Each local fraternity and sorority was represented along with many of the best golfers in the area.

The golf tournament is named in tribute to Brother Ron Foster in the spirit of giving back to the community. Money raised during the tournament helps enable the Foundation to contribute towards: scholarships for graduating local high school students; funding for the Carter G. Woodson Academy after school program for young black males; sponsoring the Sylvester Pace Historical Black College Tour; and other charitable activities. Over \$12,000 was raised.

A dinner reception buffet was provided by the Meadowink Golf Course

for all golfers. Prizes and trophies were awarded for specialty golf contests and the top 3 winning foursomes.

Corporate and Community sponsors included Highmark, the Heinz Endowment, the Rivers Casino along with many smaller companies, and Brothers of the Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

The Foundation is greatly appreciative of support from these sponsors and registered golfers. However, it is especially indebted to the work of Brother Ernie Groover, Committee chairman along with the assistance from Iota Phi Foundation members. As the Foundation moves forward towards a successful tournament Saturday May 26, 2018, it will continue to uphold the Omega principle of Uplift by giving back to the community as Brother Ron Foster envisioned.

Iota Phi Achievement Week /Founders Day Awards Dinner



l-r Bro Kenneth Minefield (seated) with Iota Phi Scholarship recipients - Kenyon Harper, Jr, Adia Boyd, Ezekiel Roberts, Lauren Williams, Marcus A. Mitchell

Pittsburgh, PA. November 18, 2017. The Iota Phi Foundation and the Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc held its annual Achievement Awards Dinner at the Rivers Casino Banquet Facility. It furthers the national mandate with the primary purpose of recognizing academic achievement and local individuals whose contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of others. There were 217 persons in attendance.

The Foundation presented 15 awards recognizing Pittsburgh area leaders in the areas of business, education, medicine, and community advocacy; Citizen of the Year; Sylvester Pace Humanitarian Award; Lifetime Achievement Award; Emerging Leader Award; both Omega Man and Undergraduate Man of the Year that most demonstrated the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift; and five 2017 Iota Phi Foundation Scholars from area high schools.

A video presentation described each awardee's profile, contributions, and achievements. Brother Rodney B. Jones, Chairman of the Foundation, hosted the program and Brother Kenneth L. Minefield presented the scholarship awards.

Recipients of Exemplary Service Awards were: Business - Brother Albert G. Reese Jr, lawyer for the Albert G. Reese Jr. law firm; Education - Dr. Andre Samuel, Duquesne Univ. biological and life science researcher; Medicine - Dr. MaCalus V. Hogan, Univ. of Pittsburgh's Vice Chair of Education and Residency Program Director; Community Advocacy - Dr. Kathi R. Elliott, Executive Director at Gwen's Girls; Citizen of the Year - Janis Burley Wilson, President/CEO of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture; Sylvester Pace Humanitarian Award - Dr. Walter Smith, Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services Clinical Director and Deputy Director of Children, Youth and Families; Lifetime Achievement Award - Brother John Holloway, retired administrator at Verizon Communications, Iota Phi Foundation treasurer, and Chairman of Rankin Christian Center; Emerging Leader Award - Devon Madden, a Restorative Justice Practitioner in the Pittsburgh Public Schools; the Omega Man and Undergraduate Man of the Year respectively were Brothers Michael Harrell and Thomas Young Jr.

The five 2017 Iota Phi Foundation Scholars were: Adia Boyd - senior at Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts H.S.; Kenyon Harper Jr. - senior at North Allegheny H.S.; Marcus a Mitchell - senior at Taylor Allderdice H.S.; Ezekyel Roberts - senior at Shady Side Academy; and Lauren Williams - senior at Plum H.S.. Each student received a \$2,000 scholarship. The Foundation thanks the Committee's hard work and perseverance under leadership of its Co-chairs, Brothers Frederick Crawford and Ronald Lawrence with support from Brother Rahmon Hart, past Basileus. Through their efforts at the same rates, performance increased over 2016 by 25% in print ads and 52% in net profit (over \$4,100 or 90% when accounts receivables are considered). The Iota Phi Foundation is indebted to all sponsors, patrons, participants, and attendees for making this a successful event.



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Iota Phi 2017 HBCU Tour



Iota Phi HBCU Tour Students at Norfolk State University

Pittsburgh, PA. April 8 – 15, 2017. Iota Phi took 64 students to 14 HBCU colleges/universities on its 20th consecutive Historical Black College Tour April 8 – 15, 2017. During the tour, students also visit historical sites and museums. This is one of the longest consecutive HBCU tours in the country.

Brother Michael Harrell organized preparations, selection, supervision, and the tour. Each tour takes a year to plan. Over the years, it is estimated that approximately 70% of the juniors participating in our tour attend college and 44% attend an HBCU.

Preparations in addition to transportation, accommodations, and itinerary include working with students, their parent(s) or guardian, and schools. Selection includes a face-face interview, minimum GPA required of 2.5, a

300 word essay on student's aspirations after high school, and a letter of reference from a community leader, teacher, or counselor. They are also required to attend three mandatory meetings.

Brother Harrell conducted an ambitious fund-raising effort which resulted in \$3,000 over the previous year.

Two female students were admitted to an HBCU the same day as their visit. Both had all

necessary admission papers ready upon arrival. One was immediately admitted to Norfolk State

University and the other was immediately admitted to Claflin University. Chaperones were led by Brothers Michael Harrell and Ronald Coursey,

Iota Phi Toy Giveaway

Pittsburgh, PA December 16, 2017. The Iota Phi Chapter held its annual Toy Giveaway at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Center on Meadow Street. Brother Carlton Heywood informed KDKA TV News that he initially started this activity in 1993 because there were no African American Santas for our children to take pictures with and elaborating that "everybody would come and take a picture of Santa Claus and then it just grew where brothers pitched in their own money". Brother Arthur Butler (Omega Chapter) served as Santa until his passing. Books, snacks, hams, toys, hot chocolate, and 4 bicycles are now given away.

Children ages 0 – 11 had to be accompanied by an adult. Their excitement and memories began at the doorstep. Joyous sounds of a band playing festive Christmas music met them upon entrance. The accompanying adult(s) provided each child's age at the entrance table. Their first stop was at the Book Counter where each child received a book or books of choice. This helped fulfill an Iota Phi intent to promote literacy among African American children. They could then enter Brother Ron Currie's Train Village and watch model trains pass through a town. From there, they went through the kitchen and received a bag of snacks where a ham was given to one adult in their group. Each child then received his or her toy(s) and took a picture upon a visit with Santa. Finally upon leaving, each child was given a cup of hot chocolate.

The children's interest in books and diversity among attendants was rewarding and inspiring. One exclaimed "Oh look mom, books!!!" - they selected five; another would rather browse through them than go see the trains.

This Social Action embraced Manhood, Scholarship, and Uplift needed in the community as well as the true spirit of the Season. The event was



Black Santa, The Late Bro. Arthur Butler with the kids

led by Committee Chair Brother Hassan Sharif. We especially thank his effort, our sponsors, and the many who offered assistance. Sponsors included: Frank Walker Law, Delta Sigma Theta, and Iota Phi Foundation (toys); Rivers Casino (hams); Brother Elmer Haymon (juice); and Brothers Robert Edison, Monte Stephens, Ronald Lawrence, and Richard Dickson (bicycles). Some special assistance provided acknowledges: Brother Ron Currie (model train display), recently inducted Sons of War including Brother Jack Taylor as Santa, Brother Rahmon Hart (Rivers Casino contribution), some brothers' offspring, and the Delta's Elves (girls under 12). The children are empowered with an encouragement to learn and foster goodwill. It was a warm event.

Nu Nu Christmas Toy Drive

December 22, 2017, Burlington, NJ. In honor of Brother Edwin Maurice “Gold Boot” DeVaughn, Nu Nu Chapter held its Annual Gold Boot Gift Christmas Toy Drive on December 22, 2017, Burlington, NJ. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter keep his spirit alive by “giving back” to those less fortunate. Brother DeVaughn always had a spirit of giving and making sure no child would ever go without, especially at Christmas time. In keeping with his spirit of generosity, the Brothers of Nu Nu partnered with Burlington City Middle School for their annual Gold Boot Christmas Toy Drive. The Brothers of Nu Nu had given both monetary and unwrapped gifts to insure that every child at the school would have something special under their tree. Many tears were shed from the administrators of the school at the love that was spread by the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter. There’s no greater joy than the smile on a child’s face. A man’s work is done from sun to sun, but Omega’s work is never done.

Nu Nu Brother gives gifts to a needy family



Nu Nu Omega Night of Worship



Nu Nu Brothers with Tabernacle Baptist Church Pastor Cory Jones and Bro. Pastor Irving Fryar at Omega Night of Worship



Henry Hall performs with Dimensions at Omega Night of Worship

Burlington, NJ. November 16, 2017. As part of our celebration of Achievement week, the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter held their Second Annual Omega Night of Worship and Song at Tabernacle Baptist Church. We had a stirring sermon on “God’s not finished with you yet” from Pastor Cory Jones, of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Burlington, NJ. We heard very moving spiritual songs from Sister Elaine Mayfield, Henry

Hall w/Dimensions and soul stirring selections from the Delaware State University Mass Choir which included a riveting acapella selection. Pastor Jones reminded those in attendance, that no matter what affiliation, denomination or creed, that God is not finished with you yet, as work still needs to be done. The Spirit was truly present in the place. A blessed and fulfilling night was had by all.

Nu Nu Houston Hurricane Relief Project

Burlington, NJ. October, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter provided hurricane relief support, for children of Houston, TX. They collected \$435.00. The Brothers provided school uniforms (girls/boys), shirts, and ties (young men). The items were shipped to Houston, TX. Bro. Sylvester Wilkins coordinated the effort.

Bro. Sylvester Wilkins project coordinator with school uniforms and clothes



Nu Nu Thanksgiving Social Action



Nu Nu Brothers partner with BJ's and deliver Thanksgiving meals to needy families

Burlington, NJ. November 21, 2017. As Part of the Omega Psi Phi Community Outreach Initiative, Nu Nu Chapter held its Thanksgiving Basket delivery on November 21, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter, in partnership with BJ's Wholesale of Burlington, NJ delivered some holiday cheer to needy families of Burlington, NJ. The Brothers of Nu Nu had given generously to provide a complete thanksgiving meal including

a whole turkey to 18 needy families in Burlington County. There were jumps for joys, praises to God and several tears of joy shed by more than a few of the Black, Caucasian and Latino recipients on our list. Each family was delivered a basket that only required cooking and seasoning. This is an annual effort by Nu Nu to assist the less fortunate at Thanksgiving as no family should go without some holiday cheer

Omicron Mu Nu Scholarships to Young Men And Women in Charge



Omicron Mu Nu Basileus, Darius Taylor, with essay winner Rya Jones.

West Chester, PA. December 6, 2017. On Wednesday, December 6th the Brothers of Omicron Mu Nu, known as 'The West Chester Ques', presented two students from the Chester County Chapter of The Young Men and Women In Charge each with a \$250 scholarship.

The scholarship winners, Jeremy Bady and Rya Jones, participated in an essay competition established by Omicron Mu Nu to reward students who seek to increase their knowledge and understanding of how community service is a powerful tool in promoting community pride, social justice, and achievement and college and workforce readiness in an ever-changing society.

To be eligible to win the scholarships, students were asked to participate in an essay contest held in November during National Achievement Week. Participants were asked to submit essays describing a community service activity they had participated in at school, church or service group, and to explain their commitment to pursuing an education at a two-year or four-year college or university. Essays were required to be 500 to 1,000 words.

Knowing that America's knowledge capital (the young men and women who discover new technologies, and start science based businesses) is at tremendous risk, and that a decline in education in America's elementary and middle schools are leaving fewer students ready for college, Omicron Mu Nu wanted to do something to help. Believing that even small gifts and encouragement can go a long way, the chapter reached out to the foundation's local representative.

The Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation Inc.'s mission is to empower and prepare inner city young men & women to excel in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. YMWIC Foundation Inc. students come from Chester County, Montgomery County, West Chester, Coatesville, Phoenixville, Norristown, and Philadelphia County. Going forward Omicron Mu Nu is looking forward to holding the essay contest with the Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation annually during Achievement Week. Opportunities also exist to work with the foundation to establish a mentoring program.

Omicron Mu Nu Provides School Supplies and Christmas Gifts to Community in Need



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers giving school back packs to kids

West Chester, PA December 17, 2018. The Brothers of Omicron Mu Nu donated Christmas gifts to several families in need in the Coatesville, PA area. The chapter partnered with Lifeline Community Church to provide the gifts. Lifeline Community Church is led by Pastor Gary Lewis and serves the Coatesville, PA community.

This was the second time in 2017 that the chapter partnered with Lifeline Baptist to serve this community. Earlier in the year the chapter provided more than 100 book bags filled with school supplies. Coatesville is a city

in Chester County Pennsylvania with approximately 5,000 households, and 3,000 families. According to 2010 census data 50% of the households and families are African American. With 18% of families, and 22% of Coatesville population living below the poverty line The Brothers of Omicron Mu Nu recognize Coatesville as fertile ground for service to offer hope, demonstrate the love of God, and an opportunity to shine the light of Omega.



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers giving Christmas gifts to kids in the community

Kappa Omicron Celebrates Brother Williams Mims 97th Birthday



Brother Williams Mims at his 97 th Birthday party

New York, NY. July 15, 2018. In Psalm 90:10 the Bible partially says “the days of our life are three score and 10”. Kappa Omicron chapter was blessed to celebrate the 97th birthday of our chapter brother William E. Mims. Initiated into Omega through Psi chapter in 1938, he is the longest serving, financial brother in Corridor V. He may hold this distinction within the Second District.

Roughly 40 brothers from New York and New Jersey contributed to the celebration. Brother Mims was very moved by the outpouring of love, and reverence by those in attendance. First time in his life he had a birthday celebration like this in his life. The chapter’s gift to Brother Mims will be to pay his dues going forward and to make a donation in his name to Morehouse College.



Brothers gather at the Kappa Omicron Chapter Fraternity House in New York, for the Williams Mims Birthday Partry

Sigma Beta Beta Achievement Week Awards Program

Uniondale, NY. November 19, 2017. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter hosted a Rededication Ceremony for the Chapters of Corridor V in the Second District. The ceremony was facilitated by the 39th and Immediate Past Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray and was a reaffirmation of our charge as Men of Omega. At 3:00 PM, The Brothers of Sigma Beta Beta held its annual Achievement Week Awards Program where Dr. Ray was Keynote Speaker and gave a moving and impassioned plea to the men of Omega to answer the World's call and join in the fight for equality and basic decency in today's climate of exclusion. These two events, held at the Van Ness Fire Station Conference Center in Uniondale, New York was a fitting ending to a very successful week of Corporate Worship, Social Action and celebration and reflections on Founders Day. During the Achievement Week Program awards were given to: Ms. Asia Jackson (Citizen of the Year); Brother Dewitt Davis, Jr. Superior Service); Brother Bradley R. Taylor, Sr. (Omega Man of the Year); and Brother Edward H. O'Neil, Jr. (Founder's Award). Also, special recognition was given to Brother Dr. Robert Hylton and Brother Dr. William Smith who celebrated 65 and 70 years as Omega men respectively during 2017.



39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew A. Ray and SBB Bro. Bernard Eyssalenne with 70-year Omega Man Bro. Dr. William Smith

Sigma Beta Beta Breast Cancer Walk

Jones Beach, NY. October 15, 2017. The Brothers of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter participated in the annual Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach, Long Island, NY. This annual walk held during October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, one of the largest fund-raising events of its type in the New York Metro area raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research and was participated by over 65,000 people representing individuals and organizations from all over the New York Metropolitan area



Sigma Beta Beta Red Kettle Project

Garden City, New York. November 24, 2017. As has been an annual Sigma Beta Beta Chapter tradition during the Holiday Season, the Men of SBB volunteer to ring bells at Red Kettle stands outside of select retail establishments such as Sears and Lord & Taylor department stores in Garden City, Long Island to raise funds for the needy.

While this annual project is a major fund-raising event for the Salvation Army, its financial need this past season has been more crucial than ever because of "donor fatigue" felt by the gift-giving public that many Charities have experienced due to the severe hurricanes and natural disasters impacting the Nation this past year and outpouring of public support to assist those impacted by those natural disasters.

As always, the Men of SBB rose to the challenge by manning Red Kettle stands every Saturday from Black Friday, Nov. 24th, to Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, 2017 to raise needed funds to help the needy and homeless in our local community.



Sigma Beta Beta Bros. Dewitt Davis, Edward O'Neil and Mike Martin man Salvation Army Red Kettle at Sears Dept. Store, Garden City, NY.

Upsilon Phi 90th Anniversary Celebration



Upsilon Phi Brothers at the 90th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Newark, NJ. October 28, 2017. Upsilon Phi Chapter, the Mother Pearl of New Jersey, celebrated its 90th anniversary on October 28, 2017. The Chapter was chartered on October 22, 1927 in Newark, New Jersey and has provided invaluable leadership and service to the greater Newark community and Essex County in New Jersey. Upsilon Phi was the first chapter in New Jersey.

A dinner dance was attended by approximately 300 brothers, wives, friends, and various dignitaries from the surrounding communities. Prominent amongst those present were two Brothers who were initiated in the 1940s: Harry Bright 1949 and Joe Regan 1941. There were a number of 50 year brothers in attendance including the Immediate Past Basileus of Upsilon Phi, J. Garfield Jackson. The 9th District Representative and Upsilon Phi initiate, Brother Kenneth Terrell, PhD joined past 2nd District Representatives Lee Bernard 27th (Upsilon Phi), Greg Ackles 29th, and 35th and current DR Sherman Charles at the event.

The primary purpose of the event was the celebration of the 90th anni-

versary and the secondary purpose was to raise funds for the chapter's scholarship program. The 1996 Upsilon Phi line, "Saints Notorious Nine" donated \$1,000 to the chapter scholarship fund. Jonathon Moore, one of five Omega brothers in the Moore family, has been mentoring a young man from elementary school into college. The young man was in financial straits and the chapter with individual contributions from brothers Adrian Desroe and Michael Johnson, donated over \$1,000 to the young man to assist him in being able to continue his education.

Upsilon Phi was also the recipient of several proclamations from several local and state politicians including Assemblywomen Blonnie Watson, Brother Assemblymen Benjie Wimberly, the Governor Elect of New Jersey and the current Governor.

The event was followed up the next morning by an Omega Men's Day at the First Bethel Baptist Church in Irvington, NJ, where Brothers H. Grady James and Ron Tufts are the Ministers and the District Chaplain, Brother Dwain Harrell presided.



Upsilon Phi Brothers at Omega Men's Day at First Bethel Baptist Church in Irvington, NJ



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



“A Baltimore Redevelopment Journey”

The journey faced by our community since our arrival on the shores of Jamestown, Virginia in the mid- 1600's has been a story of great complexity. One end of the story is dominated by this country's constant mission to deny the humanity of the Africans who became Americans in order to do her bidding to build a new reality on this portion of the North American Continent, while the other end is heavily weighted by the rich stories of resistance to America's mission of dehumanization.

In the 1800's, great African American men and women devised strategies of resistance for our community. WEB Dubois was one who proposed many pathways. A familiar approach attributed to him is embodied in the notion of “The Talented Tenth”. This 20th century idea encouraged the notion that 10% of our community must dedicate themselves to leading our community in the struggle for our humanity in this country. This 10 percent, to whom much was given, including a college education had the mantle of great expectation

In 1911, our four founders made their ideological contribution to the resistance story. They set forth a group of principles which would guide college educated men in the ways of “lifting while they climbed”. They advocated that four guiding values, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, if followed by men of like attainment would provide an effective resistance strategy also.

In 2017 there is another chapter being written to the resistance story. This contribution is being written by the leaders in a West Baltimore community that once was a glorious example of how Blacks could rise to pursue the American dream of thriving middle class communities but most recently associated with decades of underinvestment and the resulting Freddie Gray Uprising. The Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation works in this community and is currently headed up by its Executive Director, Brother Dr. Gary Rodwell of the Pi Omega Chapter (7/76/A). The Community Development Corporation he is leading is undertaking over 40 million dollars' worth of development initiatives in the underserved Coppin Heights neighborhood which surrounds the Chapter's fraternity center and is in the footprint of the HBCU Coppin State University. The CDC is composed of 30 churches and neighborhood organizations in the community. Dr. Rodwell works to redevelop this community on their behalf. They recently purchased two buildings in the neighborhood. The first is a 30,000 square foot former hospital known as the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. This building has sat vacant and abandoned in the community for the last 30 years. Of this development Rodwell states, “Our goal was to acquire and redevelop the Hebrew Orphan Asylum building into a facility for the delivery of healthcare and community services. The site is located in a Health Enterprise Zone that has some of the highest rates of poverty and health disparities in the State of Maryland. The 19th century building is the oldest standing Jewish Orphanage building in the country and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of our work, this building that was once a part of the city's Lutheran Hospital Complex will be repurposed into a 15 million dollar, community owned, health care asset.”

The second building recently purchased by the CDC in the neighborhood is a former hard ware store and lumberyard. Many in Baltimore remember when it was a thriving business, frequented by many in the city long before there was a Home Depot or Lowes.

According to Rodwell “The Walbrook Lumber Mill project is a

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Brother Dr. Gary Rodwell

multi-phase development project that will serve as the catalyst to revitalize the West North Avenue Corridor, one of the major corridors in the Greater Coppin Heights Rosemont neighborhood.” Rodwell goes on to detail the project phases, “The first phase involves the restoration of the former lumber yard's large industrial lot and 5 row houses. This first new construction effort is designed to restore blight into productive use by building on the strength of existing neighborhood anchors, such as Coppin State University, and over \$150 million of recent and proposed streetscape investments in the area.” “The redevelopment of the Walbrook Mill site will begin with the construction of a new 65 unit, mixed-income apartment building,” Rodwell continues. “This mixed use building will also offer approximately 9,000 square feet of commercial space along North Avenue. Because the site is approximately 5 acres and this initial phase will only program one third of the area, there will be opportunity for additional development.” Demolition has begun and the completion date of this phase is 1st quarter of 2019. Rodwell discusses how he is looking forward to additional phases of development of the project. “While the CDC and the community are excited about the development taking place on the former Walbrook Lumber Yard site, the CHCDC is also excited about the work on the next phase of its urban revitalization effort. The next phase will be the renovation and new construction of residential row houses in the 2600, 2700 and 2800 blocks of West North Avenue. These blighted and now vacant buildings were once the homes of vibrant and healthy middle-class families who lived and thrived along the corridor. Our vision is to put these 64 units back in to service as rental and homeownership opportunities.” Property acquisition has begun. If 2017 is to mark the beginning of a true urban revitalization on West North Avenue and in the Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont neighborhood in Baltimore, it will only be successful due to the continued dedication and commitment of people who are actively resisting the denial of their humanity. Like the resistance strategies which have come before and those that are underway in similar urban communities across America it will be but one example in a legacy of struggle.

The Struggle Continues.

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Omega Men on the Move

Brother Bart Bailey 2017 Kutztown University's Frederick Douglass Institute Scholars in Residence



Kutztown, PA. December 8, 2017. Brother Bart Bailey, Tau Mu Spring 90, received the 2017 Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) Scholars in Residence. FDI is a collaborative effort of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to develop multiculturalism. The Institute derives its name from the example and legacy of Frederick Douglass. Its mission is to encourage the development of equality and diversity among faculty, staff and students through scholarships, research, forums, exhibits, conferences and visiting scholars. Kutztown University promotes learning and facilitates the exchange of ideas around issues through discussions, panels, lectures, fellowship programs and presentations to increase awareness of multicultural issues and promote racial harmony. Brother Bart's contribution demonstrates a record of leadership, social involvement, and commitment to diversity in education. This achievement allowed him to teach classes, do collaborative scholarship and service during his time at Kutztown University. Brother Bart shared the wealth of his knowledge and learned about the field of higher education during his one-week residency as the 2017 FDI Scholar In Residence at Kutztown University. He taught history, psychology and university studies classes, gave keynote addresses, collaborated with colleagues about the relationship between scholarship and practice, and worked with individual students. He is currently a Senior Consultant at Cook Ross, Inc. and a board member of the African American Business Leader's Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

"The Omega Type . . ."

By CHARLES E. KING

The use of the expression "the Omega type" is widely known wherever Omega is known. A prospective "lamp" is either referred to as being the Omega type or not the Omega type. There is great probability that the expression of "the Omega type" is often used without very much meaning. It is most important that "type" be given consideration for it is the "type" that makes Omega Omega, but we should be clear in our minds about what the type should manifest.

The "type" should exhibit the qualities of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. In exhibiting manhood he should be a gentleman, but none-the-less a man. He should be reliable, self-confident, able to have convictions of his own, fair in his dealings with others, have respect for authority, but not the type to cringe before or court favor with authority. In exhibiting scholarship grades alone cannot be used as the criterion of measurement. The type should exhibit this quality further by showing the ability to master facts and interpret them into application for practical situations. Perseverance should be exhibited by the tendency of plugging ahead in face of obstacles. The tendency to keep pushing forward despite difficulties until the aims have been accomplished. The type should show the quality of

uplift by having interest in any activity that tends to make for the improvement of the well being of individuals and society.

The fraternity does not make men. Men make Omega. Therefore it is imperative that careful observation be undertaken before a prospect be taken "across the burning sands to the mystic shrine of Omega". The fraternity can never be better than its constituents. If the fraternity is to promote manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, the type of men taken into it must possess these qualities and it is up to the Omega men to see to it that these men are the possessors of these qualities before they are made into the fraternity for once he is made there is no "turning out."

If brotherhood is to be made realistic in the realm of Omega it must recruit men who have the trait of open-fair-mindedness and a desire and appreciation of fellowship.

The Omega type is not something to be loosely considered, but rather something that must gain our most serious attention. We must keep the standards of Omega high; we must keep Omega meaning something. Therefore it is essential that we determine if the prospect is the type that will build Omega to be what we want it to be.

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Manhood.....laid low



Brother Leslie Wyche - Omega Chapter “The Mayor of Harlem”



Brother Leslie Wyche

Brother Leslie Wyche entered Omega Chapter on Friday, January 19, 2018, at 73 years old. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Chi Chapter in 1966 at Edward Waters College but, his home was Xi Phi Chapter in Harlem, New York. A life-long resident of Harlem, Brother Wyche in part is the reason why the chapter's known as the Harlem Ques. Known by all including community leaders, business owners, celebrities and residents as The Mayor of Harlem. It was his presence among the city's political elite that Brother Wyche leveraged to almost single-handedly elevate Xi Phi Chapter's profile throughout New York City in the 80's.

For years he served as Chapter Editor but, it was his impact as Xi Phi's Pan Hellenic Representative that benefited the brotherhood most.

"Brother Wyche, whose résumé also included stints as district manager for Community Board 9 and 11, actually won a 2003 race for the position in an "election" sponsored by The Amsterdam News.

Though the title of Harlem's mayor was largely ceremonial, Brother Wyche saw the job as an opportunity for neighborhood advocacy. He enjoyed the social aspects of serving as "mayor."

"I'm the kind of guy who likes to be among the people," Brother Wyche told The New York Times in a 2003 story about the mayoral gig.

"I think I have the right flamboyance for the job. You know, when you enter a room and people say, 'Oh, the mayor is here!'"

He was also one of the founding members of the One Hundred Black Men Harlem Chapter -- his neighborhood advocacy was endless.

Brother Wyche worked in the office of current state Assemblywoman Inez Dickens during her time on the City Council, "He really, really enjoyed people," Dickens said.

"Practically everybody knew him, and they knew they could go up to him with a problem and he would take it to the right agency to get at the root of the issue. "If you ever saw Leslie, he had crowds of people coming up to see him."

Always dapper, Brother Wyche also appeared in several scenes as an extra in the movie "American Gangster," where Denzel Washington played Harlem-based druglord Frank Lucas, said his friend Michael Garner, president of One Hundred Black Men.

"He was very socially conscious," recalled Garner. "He gave back to the community. He was involved in politics." "He was at every party, every reception," recalled Garner. "If Brother Leslie Wyche wasn't there, the social setting was not complete.

Brother Wyche was a constant presence on the Harlem social scene, showing up in photos from across the years with former city schools Chancellor Joel Klein, politician Bill Thompson and City Councilman John Liu.

But he considered himself a political independent whose main interest was getting what's best for his beloved Harlem. "



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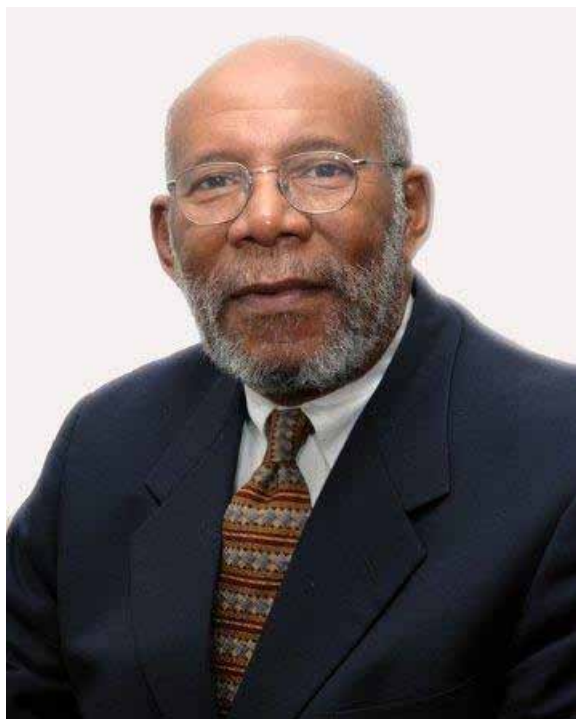
Brother Dr. Daniel Carter Jr. - Omega Chapter



Brother Dr. Daniel Carter, Jr

Brother Dr. Daniel Carter, Jr. was born March 17, 1937 in Orange, NJ to Althea and Daniel Carter, Sr. He was the stepson of Reginald DuValier. Daniel graduated from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, VA. While at St. Paul's College, he lettered in football and basketball. He went on to earn Master's degrees from King College and Columbia University, and a doctorate from Rutgers University. Dan began his career in the Newark School District, working his way through the ranks from teacher to Learning Disabilities Consultant, principal and Director of Special Services. He worked as an administrator of the day school for the Child and Adolescent Unit, Department Of Psychiatry, University of Medicine and Dentistry New Jersey and also as a school psychologist in the Montclair School District. After retiring from the Montclair School District, he worked for the AtlantiCare Health System as a counselor and as Director of The Teen Center at Atlantic City High School. He also did consulting work as school psychologist for the Atlantic City and Pleasantville School Districts. Dan was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for 51 years. He held offices in the Newark and Atlantic City chapters. He had a lifelong passion for sports and could be heard on any given game day giving advice and commentary for his teams, the Giants, Knicks and Mets. Dan was never one to be in the limelight and always worked hard behind the scenes doing whatever he could to help others. Above all, Dan was a person who put everyone else first and looked out for the wellbeing of others.

Brother James Moore - Omega Chapter



Brother James Moore

Brother James Moore, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on Wednesday January 3, 2018. He was initiated as a member of Upsilon Phi Chapter — the “Mother Pearl of New Jersey” — in 1966 and became a pillar of the chapter for 51 years. His love, dedication, and friendship for Omega were felt by every brother who crossed his path. A big brother among brothers, Jim's advice was always measured, thoughtful and most often taken heed. Serving as the KRS for many years, Brother Moore was a willing member of any committee and quite selflessly provided many of the resources that would facilitate chapter initiatives. Omega fellowship was the cornerstone and a top priority of Brother Moore's membership. He took great pleasure in filling up his already busy schedule by hosting chapter meetings, traveling to district meetings and attending conclaves. A graduate of Kean University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Supervision and Administration, Jim had a distinguished career with the Newark School District that spanned over 40 years as a teacher, principal, and ultimately as an assistant superintendent in charge of all the secondary schools in the city. A master educator, he inspired students and those he supervised to maximize their potential. Brother Moore is survived by his beloved wife Joyce P. Moore, devoted children Lisa Moore, Jocelyn Ball, Brother Jeffrey Moore (Theta Phi “08”) and Jada N. Roman; loving grandchildren, Jason, Jihan, Justin, Jillian, Christian, Jared, and great-grandchildren Jayden, Jayla, Jordyn, Jagger, and Jaxon; brothers Donald Moore and Jerry Moore (Upsilon Phi “71”); nephew Jonathan Moore (Psi “09”); and cousin Leonard Moore (Upsilon Phi “66”). Jim was a true Omega man who coveted his beloved family, friends and the principles of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. — Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift — to his very last breath.

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Brother Floyd Lee Barnes - Omega Chapter



Brother Floyd Lee Barnes

Bro. Floyd Lee Barnes was born on March 1, 1951 in Northhampton County, Murfreesboro, North Carolina and entered Omega Chapter on Thursday, December 14, 2017 in Washington, DC.

At an early age, he loved learning, studying and exploring the world of Biology. He attended and matriculated from Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts.

Floyd believed in the value of public service and civic responsibility. When he relocated to Capital Heights, MD after graduation, he was employed by Prince George's County Public Schools as an Industrial Arts teacher for 40 years. To that end, he was also an active member of several organizations; Maryland State Educators Association, The Prince George's Educators Association and the Maryland Technology Education Association. He was also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, where he was initiated into the Lambda Gamma Chapter in the Fall of 1970 and the Tau Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter of Southern Maryland, where he was an active member at the time of his death.

Floyd accepted his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Nebo Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, North Carolina and was a dedicated parishioner of Mt. Ennon Baptist Church since 1997. He also served as a faithful, committed member of the Mt. Ennon Scholarship Committee for many years.

Floyd was no doubt the life of any group or activity he was involved in. He leaves behind to cherish his memories his lovely wife, Blondell McKnight Barnes; son Erik Floyd Barnes; two brothers: James and William Barnes; one sister, Lula Mulney; one brother-in-law, John Nichols and a whole host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.



Brother Hugh Prince - Omega Chapter



Brother Hugh Prince

Brother Hugh Prince, born February 13, 1992 in Jamaica, transitioned to Omega Chapter in November 2017. Affectionately known as, "Brother Prince", he was initiated on November 17, 2011, into the Delta Beta Undergraduate Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Coppin State University-Baltimore MD. Brother Prince was a family man and devoted brother.

Educated in the Philadelphia School System, upon High School graduation, he received a full Scholarship to Coppin State University. He was a Scholar Athlete, voted Captain of the Track Team and now holds three records at the University for 100 meter, 200 meter and 400-meter relay team. He also held honors from the Cross Country Team. Brother Prince held the Offices of KRS, Keeper of Finance, and Basileus (president) of Delta Beta Chapter. Elected Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year in 2014, he graduated in 2016 from Coppin State University with a degree in Business Management.

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Pi Omega Achievement Week Activities



Pi Omega Brothers in attendance at the Achievement Week program at Coppin State University

Baltimore, MD. November 2017. As we embarked on the most important week of the fraternity, Pi Omega Chapter, 'The Pearl of the Second District', participated in weeklong activities, as part of the mandated Achievement Week. The Brotherhood kicked off activities on Sunday, November 12, by fellowshipping at Open Bible Gospel Church, pastored by Pi Omega Basileus, Rev. Dr. Ron Williams. They then had an Old School / New School Social event at their Fraternity Center during the week, whereby brothers exchanged paraphernalia and shared "Old School vs New School"

stories. On Founder's Day, Friday evening, November 17, 2018, Pi Omega Brothers traveled to Howard University to participate in the Annual Rededication Ceremony. To close out activities, Pi Omega hosted its annual Brother Walter G. Amprey Memorial Achievement Week & Founder's Day Observance Banquet at Coppin State University, Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox, Sr. was the keynote speaker. In all, it was a very successful, activity-filled week for the Brothers of Pi Omega, The Charm City Ques..



Pi Omega Brothers worship during Achievement Week at Open Bible Church, where Basileus Rev. Dr. Bro. Ron Williams is Pastor

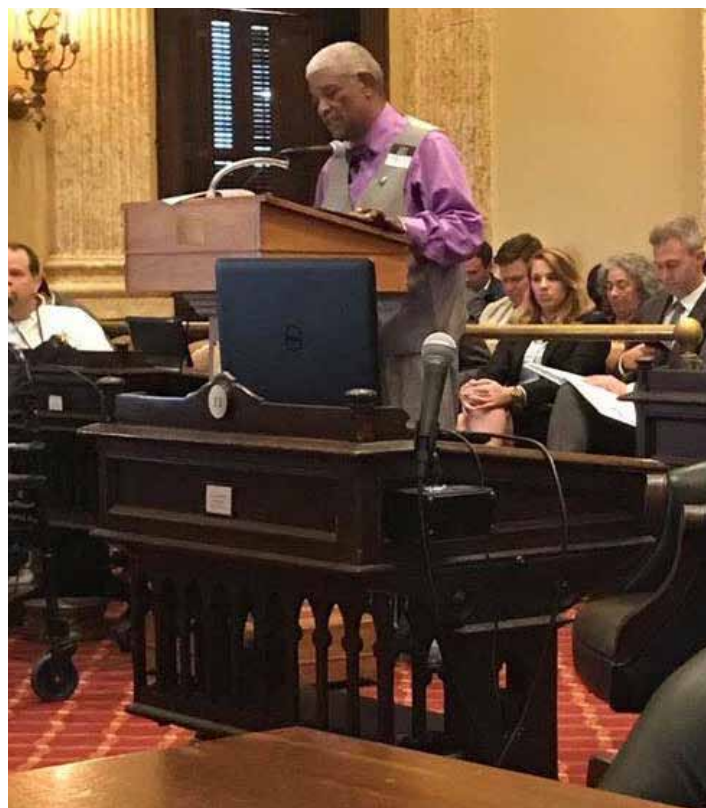
Pi Omega's Ron Miles Efforts to Preserve an Historic Landmark



Brother Ron Miles stands in front of Chick Webb Recreation Center with blow horn expressing the need to preserve the center

Baltimore, MD. November 17, 2017. The Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center located in East Baltimore was designated as a historic landmark by the Baltimore City government. The center named as a memorial to William “Chick” Webb, a renowned jazz drummer, was built through the tireless efforts of the African American community. Joe Louis, world boxing champion, the Baltimore Elite Giants (Negro Baseball League), Ella Fitzgerald (Jazz Singer) and along with several local Baltimore African American benevolent organizations contributed to the fund raising to develop the center. In 1938, Doctor Ralph Jonathan Young, appealed to the City of Baltimore to provide a recreation center for the Black youth of east Baltimore in the area segregated for the Black community. The City of Baltimore and the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) declined the request. This subsequently lead to Dr. Young’s quest to fulfill Chick Webb’s desire for recreation to deter undesirable activities of youth. As World War II, 1942 was declared, fund raising for the center was suspended. Dr. Young and his Recreation Committee deposited the raised funds in War Bonds. After the war, Dr. Young’s pursuit continued. The Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center was built and was turned over to the City of Baltimore for operations in November, 1947. In October, 2016, Brother Ronald Miles of the Pi Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity learned of a proposed demolition of the Chick Webb center. The demolition was to advance the redevelopment of the former Somerset Homes (public housing built for Blacks in 1942) and the former Old Town Mall, a former business and commercial area. A group, the Dunbar Coalition, was formed to oppose the demolition. Brother Miles was named to lead the Historic Committee. Through his research of the history of the construction of the recreation center, outreach to the community and his leadership of the Dunbar Coalition, Brother Miles proceeded to address, the Developers and requested the sponsorship of a City Council Bill to preserve the Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center as a historic landmark. The City of Baltimore rescinded the Developers request for demolition. After hearings and testimonies before the City’s Planning Department, Commission on Historic and Architectural Preservation and Baltimore City Council, the Mayor and City Council approved City Council Bill #17-0026 on Friday, November 17, 2017.

The Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center is the only known recreation center built by the Black community in the United States. The Commission of Historic and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) noted the uniqueness of the historical nature of the center for recreation rather than a church or school built by the Black community.



Brother Ron Miles address Baltimore City Council for preservation of Chick Webb Recreation Center

Pi Omega Feeds Homeless in Washinton D.C. on Christmas Eve



Brother Lamonte Tyler preparing meals for homeless on Christmas Eve in Washington D. C.

Baltimore, MD. December 26, 2017. On December 24, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega in conjunction with Capital MMA & Elite Fitness – Team Takoma participated in the Christmas Eve Homeless Feeding DC, 2017. The brothers provided soup, snacks, water, fruit drinks, chicken, blankets, jackets, and pastries for 100 individuals. The brothers provided blankets, tennis shoes, four 42 gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes, blankets, jackets, and a box full of toiletries. This event took on the corner of 2nd and D Street Northwest, Washington, DC. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Capital MMA & Elite Fitness has been a formative force in the martial arts and fitness communities of Northern Virginia, Washington, DC, and Maryland. Founded in 2001 as an affiliate club of the Royce Gracie Jiu Jitsu Network, the organization was first known as Capital Jiu Jitsu, catering to a small but devoted group of enthusiasts. The earliest days would be unrecognizable to most of today's members – nightly training on fold-out mats in school art rooms, cafeterias, or wrestling rooms. In only two years, however, Capital's reputation and ranks had grown to such an extent that its own location was imperative. Founder Jeremy Lafreniere put his career as an elementary school teacher on pause and moved the club to the second floor of an Alexandria, VA health club. Capital lets you work toward your fitness and fighting goals at every level! Their training facilities are about proven programming, getting in shape and staying safe, all while fostering a truly supportive community. Learn from expert coaches at the most prestigious MMA and Fitness fa-

cilities in the DC Metropolitan area. This diverse yet dynamic mixture of trainers and talent means Capital MMA & Elite Fitness offers something for everyone, regardless of fitness, competitive, or self-defense goals. The successful momentum increased, and in 2008 Capital opened its first advanced training academy in Loudoun County, VA. A similar facility would open just two years later in Alexandria, featuring expansive mats, a full boxing ring, and fully outfitted CrossFit box. Halfway through this decade, Capital has added three additional locations in Takoma Park, Maryland, Fairfax, Virginia, and Lorton Station, Virginia. Regardless of address, each Capital school prides itself on offering standout training in the world's most effective martial arts, and certified, accessible instruction in elite fitness programs. Today, Capital MMA & Elite Fitness boasts the only Royce Gracie black belt instructors in Virginia, DC, and Maryland. While all instructors embrace the self-defense priorities established by Helio Gracie himself, Capital is also home to highly successful competitors, including pro and amateur MMA, Muay Thai, and boxing fighters. This diverse yet dynamic mixture of trainers and talent means Capital MMA & Elite Fitness offers something for anyone, regardless of fitness, competitive, or self-defense goals. Whether it's the undisputed fighting effectiveness of Gracie Jiu-Jitsu, the intensity of Muay Thai boxing, or the exceptional sport performance development delivered by CrossFit and kettlebells, Capital makes it accessible to all ages and levels of athleticism.

Pi Omega Keeps the Homeless Warm with Clothing Giveaway

Baltimore, MD. December 11, 2017. On November 26, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Keep the Homeless Warm. The brothers collected and donated hats, coats, gloves, blankets, coats, and shoes. The brothers also provided bottle water, chicken, and chips. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero. Saint Vincent de Paul Parish is administrated by the Congregation of the Mission – Western Province, also known as the Vincentian priests and brothers. The Vincentians were founded by Saint Vincent de Paul in 1625 and have served in the Lincoln Park neighborhood since 1875. The Phoenix Shot Tower, also known as the Old Baltimore Shot Tower, located near the downtown, Jonestown, and Little Italy communities of East Baltimore, in Maryland. When it was completed in 1828 it was the tallest structure in the United States. The tower was originally known as the "Phoenix Shot Tower", then the "Merchants' Shot Tower", and now is also sometimes called the "Old Baltimore Shot Tower". It was designated a National Historic Landmark on November 11, 1971.



Brother Lamonte Tyler giving blankets to homeless

Pi Omega Feeds and Clothes Baltimore's Homeless on Holidays



Brothers working tirelessly to feed and cloth the Homeless on every holiday

Baltimore, MD. November 12, 2017. On November 11, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Veteran's Day Feeding. The brothers prepared scrambled eggs and turkey sausage to feed over 100 people in the homeless community. The Brothers also received croissants, fresh fruit and 100 pieces of fried chicken from other organizations to go along with the meal. The Brothers provided bottle water, chips, 50 toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Baltimore, MD. November 24, 2017. On November 23, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Thanksgiving Feeding. The brothers prepared a 22 pound fried turkey and beans. They also provided four cans of cranberry sauce. The brothers received fresh rolls, 200 pieces of fried chicken, pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, and baked turkey from other organizations to go along with the meal. The Brothers provided bottle and chips. In support of this effort, the Brother of Pi Omega received assistance from someone that they sponsored months prior that is no longer homeless.

Baltimore, MD. December 26, 2017. On December 25, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Christmas Feeding and Clothing Giveaway. The brothers provided soup, snacks, water, fruit drinks, chicken and pastries for 100 individuals. The brothers provided blankets, tennis shoes, four 42 gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes, blankets, jackets, and a box full of toiletries.

Baltimore, MD. January 1, 2018. On January 1, 2018, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the New Years with the Homeless 2018. The Brothers fed 50 people in the homeless community pizza, chips, cookies, and provided bottle water.

All four events took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202



Brothers and volunteers feeding the Homeless

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The True Gentleman

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

John Walter Wayland

Suspension List

The Brothers listed below are currently **SUSPENDED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation.

2	10	Kappa	Cash	Byran
2	10	Kappa	Jackson	David L.
2	12	Kappa	Bethea	Canaan
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	208	Tau Zeta	Barksdale	Kalib
2	208	Tau Zeta	Houston	Tyreek
2	208	Tau Zeta	Judson	Tyrell
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	697	Mu Rho	Williams	Oscar
2	707	Chi Rho	Brown	Bilal
2	707	Chi Rho	Wright	Leonard W. III
2	707	Chi Rho	Obijuru	Charles
2	707	Chi Rho	Cox	Marques
2	707	Chi Rho	Joyner	Dallas T.
2	707	Chi Rho	Irving	Julian
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Turner	Roosevelt
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Daniels	Jamar
2	843	Mu Gamma Gamma	Jacobs	Davon
2	843	Mu Gamma Gamma	Lewis	Derick
2	843	Mu Gamma Gamma	Simmons	Charles
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Mayo	Claude
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.

Expulsion List

These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. Failure to adhere to these directives of the District Representative will result in the **SUSPENSION** of the Brother or Chapter who is in violation of the same.

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2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	187	Chi Delta	Smith	Andre L.
2	187	Chi Delta	Thompson	Kenneth E.
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Dobson	Alfred
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Howard	Lance

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