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**Brother James W. Jordan**  
31st Second District Representative

My Brothers,

It is with great pleasure and honor to have served the past 21 months as your 31<sup>st</sup> Second District Representative. As I have previously stated, ***"IT HAS TRULY BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE"***. The District Council, the Chapters and the Brothers of the Second District have been extremely dedicated to the mission, objectives and programs this administration has set forth. We all should be extremely proud of our strides and achievements. With that being said, we still have more to do, we still have improvements that need to be made and higher goals and standards to achieve.

We are all aware of the massive earthquake that devastated Port-au-Prince, which is the capitol of Haiti. It has been reported that over 250,000 people are dead and another 1.4 million are living on the street. Relief efforts have begun through a host of organizations such as the American Red Cross, AM-

Charities and others. We as Omega men must do our part in supporting the relief efforts as well. As a district we have decided to partner with AM-Charities, [www.amcharities.org](http://www.amcharities.org), and Project Medishare, [www.projectmedishare.com](http://www.projectmedishare.com). A link has been established on the Second District website to facilitate the contribution opportunity. I am asking that each brother of the Second District donate at least \$10.00 and each chapter donate at least \$100.00 toward the relief efforts. The District Keeper of Record and Seal in coordination with the District Keeper of Finance will track the contributions and ultimately submit the cumulative amount to the agency. I encourage chapters to develop fund raising opportunities to help generate funding. My brothers, our efforts will go a long way to help a nation that is in true need.

As we now enter a new month of the New Year in this new decade we are going to be faced with very important decisions that will shape the future of our illustrious organization. We as Omega men have to stay focus on our founding fathers vision. Our communities need us more than ever. Our youth need to see positive role models in their communities and in our nation. We have to continue to uplift our race and to stay in the fore front of the pertinent issues. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. needs the proper leadership on all levels to ensure we move forward. This year is especially important because we are electing new leaders on the district level as well as the international level. Our leader has to be qualified and committed, passionate

and resolute, visionary and goal – oriented, articulated and intelligent, resourceful and resilient, and most important have integrity and the ability to listen not only to those who agree with everything they say or think but to those who might have a different perspective as well.

Each brother in the district has a role and a responsibility to the future of our beloved organization. We all have to be willing to put forth the effort it takes to ensure we do not just elect our new leadership we have to "select" our new leaders. We will discuss our strategies at the Winter Council Meeting as well as our 62<sup>nd</sup> District Conference.

Please come out and join this administration's final District Conference in Syracuse, NY. The team is putting together a very informative and exciting agenda for the conference and Brother Ben Jeffers, Derrick Carr and the rest of the Brothers from Chi Pi and Kappa Chapter are planning an outstanding weekend that you all will truly enjoy. So, my brothers, as we pass this way but once, lets act well our parts and hold Omega up to the world as a shining light.

Fraternally,

**James W. Jordan**

Second District Representative

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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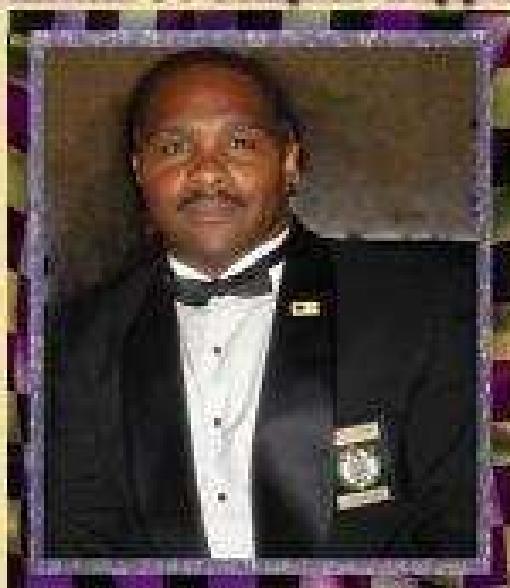
# OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

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## SECOND DISTRICT

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**Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers**  
*Candidate for District Representative*  
*"Gamma Pi Chapter Supports"*



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2008 - PRESENT

SECOND DISTRICT KRS  
2006 - 2008

OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR  
2000, 2001 & 2004

DISTRICT NAACP/UNCF CHAIRMAN  
2003 - 2006

CHAPTER BASILEUS  
2003 - 2005

CHAPTER KRS  
1999 - 2001

FAMILY MAN

HARD  
WORKER

TRUE  
OMEGA  
MAN



**VOTE to ELECT**  
**Bro. Kenny E. Rodgers**  
**District Representative**  
**April 2010**

"Friendship is Essential to the Soul"

## Brother Ronald Machen nominated for U.S. Attorney for District of Columbia



*Brother Ronald Machen*

President Obama nominated the District of Columbia's new United States Attorney, as well as U.S. Attorneys to six other districts in various parts of the nation. President Obama's nominee for the District of Columbia's U.S. Attorney is Brother Ronald C. Machen, Jr. He is a member of Theta Mu Mu Chapter, Baltimore County, MD.

A United States Attorney is the chief lawyer overseeing virtually all criminal and civil trial litigation in a federal trial court district in which the federal government is a party, as well as subsequent appeals. That is a tremendously powerful position. The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia wields particularly immense power when considering that a vast number of national security and government agency cases are handled in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, including the secret FISA court. The United

States Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia also handles the vast majority of prosecutions in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

Brother Ronald C. Machen, Jr. has the credentials and is eminently qualified to fulfill this position. He graduated from some of the most difficult schools to get admitted to: Stanford University undergraduate and from Harvard Law School. He held a coveted federal appellate clerkship. He is a partner with one of D.C.'s toughest law firms to get hired at, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, where he has worked since 2001. He is a partner in the firm's Litigation/Controversy Department, a member of the Investigations and Criminal Litigation Practice Group and a former member of the firm's Executive Committee. He joined the firm in 1993.

He is an experienced trial attorney who devoted most of his practice to the areas of complex civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense and internal corporate investigations.

From 1997 to 2001, Brother Machen served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Prior to that, Brother Machen was a law clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith of the United States Court of Appeals, for the Sixth Circuit, from 1995 to 1996. Immediately following law school, he was an associate at Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering from 1993 to 1995.

Brother Machen has extensive experience in both civil and criminal litigation. He

has represented clients in a broad array of subject areas, including telecommunications, securities, tax, consumer lending, bankruptcy, employment and health care. He has frequently conducted corporate internal investigations and counseled clients on regulatory and compliance issues and has represented public companies and corporate officers in parallel civil and criminal proceedings conducted by the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other federal and state regulators.

Prior to returning to the firm in 2001, He served as an Assistant US Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, US Department of Justice, from 1997 to 2001, where he was responsible for representing the United States in a wide range of criminal matters in both the local and federal court systems of the District of Columbia. As an Assistant US Attorney,

Brother Machen conducted grand jury investigations and prosecuted matters involving bribery, mail fraud, government contracts fraud, federal conspiracy, forgery, uttering and theft. He prosecuted more than 20 criminal jury trials in the US District Court for the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Superior Court and argued and briefed numerous appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

## Brothers Establish Omega Works NYC

Brother Mike Daniel (Zeta Psi '05) and Brother Kyle Plant (Alpha Upsilon '98) have established a Yahoo Group called Omega Works NYC. Please find the description and purpose of the Group below. Brothers who are looking for employment and business opportunities, and Brothers who are looking to fill job openings in their respective companies or businesses are invited to join this group as an additional networking tool for Brothers. To post a message or join this Group please view the information below -

Post Message: [omegaworksnyc-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:omegaworksnyc-subscribe@yahoo.com)

Subscribe: [omegaworksnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:omegaworksnyc@yahoo.com)

In these troubled economic times and in keeping with the Cardinal Principle of Uplift, this Yahoo Group was formed by Omega Men as a

networking resource tool for Brothers who are seeking employment and conversely, for Brothers who have knowledge of or are looking to fill job openings in their respective companies or businesses. Resumes and job openings may be posted in this Group!

This group was not established for the purpose of promoting parties or fraternal events! An exception may occur only for events that are directly related to employment or business related networking opportunities.

**Disclaimer: This Group is not affiliated with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. or with any specific Chapter or entity of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

## Pi Omega Chapter Hosts Annual Achievement Week and Founder's Day Observance

**Baltimore, MD. November 2009** – Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its Annual Achievement Week and Founder's Day Observance on Saturday November 14, 2009. The guest speaker was the current and 31<sup>st</sup> Second District Representative of the Fraternity Bro. James W. Jordan. Achievement Week was originally designed to promote the study of Negro life and history. The celebration is observed in November of each year and is designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and international levels who have made a noteworthy contribution towards improving the quality of life for black Americans.

This year's program returned to The Forum Caterers in Baltimore. Bro. Joseph McNeill and Bro. Roderick Richardson, Achievement Week Chairman and Co-Chairman respectfully, did an outstanding job keeping things on point for this event. Bro. Dr. Walter Amprey served as the MC for this year's observance. Bro. John Berkley, Basileus, offered welcoming remarks informing the audience about the purpose of the event, and the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (celebrating its 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary). Bro. Berkley also provided a quick snippet of the various awardees that would be presented to the audience.

Bro. Sydney Gardner presented the tribute

to the Founders. Founder Stand-ins for this year were: Bro. Allen Taylor (Bro. Edgar A. Love), Bro. Robert Hudley, III (Bro. Oscar Cooper), Bro. Jon White (Bro. Frank Coleman), and Bro. Christopher Maith (Bro. Ernest Just). Bro. Dr. Washington Green, Jr., JD provided those in attendance with the meaning of brotherhood. Bro. Green reminded the brothers that we have a precious legacy that must be protected. We should do all we can to make our Founders proud of us.

Bro. Michael Miller provided the Spiritual Uplift and read from Genesis 4:9 (Am I my brother's keeper?). Bro. Miller informed the brothers that yes we are each other's keeper: as men and as Fraternity brothers. We share a special bond as Omega and need to watch out for the best interest of our brothers.

Bro. James Jordan spoke on the theme of the event "Unity through Friendship, Brotherhood, and Fraternity". Bro. Jordan shared some of his background from growing up in Washington, D.C. Bro. Jordan reflected on how going to school at Lincoln University (Pa.) gave him a different perspective on life. He also spoke about how most of the friends he grew up with are no longer alive and how desensitize we have become as a people. We do not have to be products of our environment because we all have the potential to rise above our circumstances.

In addition to the awards presented by Pi Omega Chapter, each awardee received a

citation from City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and the City Council of Baltimore. Prior to the awards ceremony Bro. John Scott gave an update on the status of the scholarship recipients that Pi Omega and the Pi Omega Foundation are sponsoring at area Historical Black College and Universities. Current students are attending schools at Bethune Cookman, Delaware State, Howard, and N.C. A&T.

Achievement Award winners for 2009 were:

**Howard L. Cornish Humanitarian Award:** Nicole Brown, Adrienne Carver, James Hamlin, St. Frances Academy

**National Superior Service Award:** Bro. Aaron Von Moore

**Founder's Award:** Bro. John Berkley

**Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award:** Lt. Col. Terraine Saunders

**Outstanding Citizen of the Year:** Dr. Hollie Hood-Mincey

**Undergrad Omega Man of the Year:**

Bro. Robert Grant, Coppin St. Univ.

**Omega Man of the Year:** Bro. Malik Mosley



*Pi Omega Basileus, John Berkley (r) gives gift to Keynote Speaker, 2nd District Representative, Bro. James Jordan (l)*



*Brother Malik Mosley receives Pi Omega's 2009 Man of the Year Award*

## Pi Omega Chapter's Holiday Giving Projects

**Baltimore, MD. December 2009.** In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, with people busy shopping for Christmas gifts and putting up decorations, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter were busy as well. However, they were busy making sure that others had just as enjoyable a Christmas as they would. The chapter took on its usual projects for December but also added some new activities to help those in need.

On Wednesday December 9, 2009, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter, in conjunction with the Human Resources Department of the Motor Vehicle Administration, donated over 120 canned goods and other food items to the Maryland Food Bank. The Maryland Food Bank, an affiliate of Feeding America, was founded in 1979 to coordinate the procurement and distribution of food donations from manufacturers, retailers and government agencies to organizations providing free food to the state's hungry. While Pi Omega has made donations to the Food Bank in the past, this was the first time an effort was made to do so during the Christmas season.

On Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> Brothers of Pi Omega chapter made their annual donation to the Afro Mrs. Santa Campaign. The campaign is sponsored by the Afro-American Newspapers, one of the oldest Black owned newspapers in the country. This year the chapter donated 26 new children bicycles, 108 canned goods and made a monetary donation to the campaign. This annual donation started with brothers providing refurbished bicycles for the effort. Over time new bikes came into the picture, some donated by brothers, others through support from the Pi Omega Foundation. Pi Omega is the only fraternity in the Baltimore area to offer such support to this campaign. The bicycles and food items are given to families who write letters to the Afro Mrs. Santa Campaign during the months of November and December.

On Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> the chapter, in conjunction with the Vehicle Records Unit of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, donated shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, soap, and deodorant to the

Maryland Center for Veterans Education (MCVET). This was also a new venture for the chapter, but one that would be continued throughout the year. The donation enabled MCVET to provide toiletries to needy veterans to help them maintain their appearance.

On Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> the Brothers provided 36 baskets of food to residents in the Sandtown-Winchester Community of Baltimore. This project is the chapter's Annual Christmas Basket Food Drive which has been in place for over 20 years. Residents are chosen from the community and the Matthew Henson Elementary School, which is a partner with Pi Omega Chapter. The Pi Omega Foundation provided the funding for the food items. Brothers gathered at the Pi Omega Fraternity Center that morning to prepare the baskets and later help to distribute or deliver the baskets. This was a fitting way to end a month of giving to the residents of Baltimore



*Bro. Dwayne White (middle wearing necktie) and members of the MVA Vehicle Records Unit with toiletries donation to the MCVET*



*Bro. Michael Bell (l) and Bro. John Berkley (r) present Pi Omega's donations to Afro Mrs. Santa Diane Hocker*



*2009 Pi Omega Man of the Year Bro. Malik Mosley © poses with previous Pi Omega Man of the Year Awardees*

## Epsilon Chapter Social Action Project "Ques Helping Haiti"

**Brooklyn, NY.** On January 18, 2010, in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Epsilon Chapter, hosted a service project entitled "Ques Helping Haiti." The clothing and supplies donation drive was held in Brooklyn, NY at the Academy of Business and Community Development (ABCD), an all-boys public middle/high school, which was founded by Epsilon Chapter member, Clyde Cole II.

The relief effort, organized chiefly by Charles F. Coleman, Jr., president of Epsilon Chapter, was in keeping with one of the fraternity's Cardinal Principles: uplift. "When I first came up with the idea," Coleman said, "the concept was simple. It was never a Black Greek thing or a Que thing. It was about helping and being human because helping is a very human thing to do. With so many people in our Brooklyn communities affected by the devastation in the Caribbean, it was the least we could do in observance of this day of service to help assist in this relief effort."

ABCD was selected as a site due to its central and accessible location in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, as well as its already-existing relationship with the brothers in Epsilon Chapter. Clyde Cole II, founder and Principal of ABCD said, "My fraternity brothers work monthly here with my middle school students through our joint Mentoring Program. At an all-boys school, it's very important to expose these young men to accomplished, positive

adults in their community. So, when Charles proposed the idea for the clothing drive, it made sense to have it here, where the Ques already do so much good work."

Coleman, like many others, was grief-stricken by the catastrophic damage to Haiti's infrastructure and decided to act. "We usually do an annual Father's Day suit drive and donate clothes to organizations that will help homeless and at-risk fathers be nicely-dressed to see their children on Father's Day. That has grown to a point where we have clothes year-round. Because of the overflow, it almost seemed natural that this year we might do something different to help address an emergency need."

What began as a basic idea became a small movement. Through word of mouth, emails, phone calls, and the power of the internet, news of the event spread rapidly for an overwhelming turnout. Over 150 volunteers came to ABCD, not only to donate but also to help sort, fold, and package the clothes and supplies for shipping. Among the volunteers, other Black Greek-lettered organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. were also represented. The event helped to donate over 120 boxes of clothing and supplies to the Haiti relief effort. The goods are being donated to the Haitian consulate who has partnered with Rowland Realty in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. The Real Estate agency has formed partnerships with shipping com-

panies that have agreed to ship the packages to Haiti free of charge. Representatives from Rowland Realty will be traveling to Haiti in the coming weeks to distribute the clothes to the earthquake victims by hand.

"We were just so fortunate to have such an amazing turn out from the community," Coleman further stated. "With so many misconceptions about the Ques and Black Greeks in general, it is truly a wonderful thing when we can bring over 100 people together in the spirit of uplifting others when something so tragic happens and really see what we're about."

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded in 1911 on the campus of Howard University. It is the oldest Black Greek-lettered fraternity founded on the campus of a historically Black college or university. Epsilon Chapter, New York's oldest chapter of Omega was founded in 1919 and remains active. For more information, please visit [www.epsilonchapter.org](http://www.epsilonchapter.org).

The Academy of Business and Community Development (ABCD) is the first all-boys public school in the United States designed to serve students in grades 6 through 12. ABCD provides a unique environment where boys learn the academic, social, and leadership skills that are necessary to succeed in college, pursue professional careers, and become leaders in their communities. For more information, please visit [www.abcd612](http://www.abcd612)



*Clothing and supplies boxed by Epsilon Chapter for Haitian Relief*



*Epsilon Chapter Brothers participating in Haitian Relief Effort*

## Mu Omega Foundation “Adopts” T.M. Peirce School

**Philadelphia, PA:** The Mu Omega Foundation of Delaware Valley, Inc. – the charitable arm of the Mu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently announced its intent to “adopt” the T.M. Peirce Elementary School in North Philadelphia. The adoption program will include direct infusion of charitable funds, as well as support of various Peirce programs, including but not limited to: Mentoring & Program Participation, Financial Resources, Programmatic Support, Educational Advancement (College Day), Achievement Incentives & Educational/Social Outings, Financial Preparation Workshops, Capital Improvements.



*Members of Mu Omega Foundation pose with T. M. Peirce Principal Terrel D. Parris*

“We look forward to working with Principal Terrel D. Parris, Former Grand Keeper of Records and Seals for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for the administration, faculty, support staff and parents as we provide curriculum support, educational and social outings, capital improvements and most importantly, mentoring of the Peirce students,” said Mu Omega Foundation Vice President Jason DeMarco. “Unfortunately, violence in our schools has made headlines. But, we are encouraged to now begin this positive program with so much potential,” he added.

This is the first time that the Mu Omega Foundation of Delaware Valley has

adopted a school. The Foundation and Mu Omega Chapter have been involved in mentoring initiatives in the past and have participated in career day programs and various school assemblies. Several of the organization’s members are active in Big Brother programs. This adoption represents the first initiative of this scale and one in which all of these efforts have been coordinated into a single program.

“T.M. Peirce is a wonderful school with excited students and an engaged parent

base,” said Peirce Principal Terrel D. Parris. “The participation and resources of the Mu Omega Foundation will be crucial as we continue to build a strong and supportive learning environment for our students.”

Over the next several weeks, representatives from the Mu Omega Foundation will meet with Principal Parris and his administrative team to continue identifying needs and developing plans to address them.

## Delta Upsilon’s Achievement Week and Recognition Brunch

Over 80 Brothers and guests attended Delta Upsilon’s 5th Annual Seymour Hundley, Sr. Achievement Week and Recognition Brunch. During this event, Brother Khary Nickson was honored as our 2009 Omega Man of the Year and Home Front, Inc. was recognized as our Community Organization of the Year. Ewing High School senior Marcus McEntyre was also acknowledged as Delta Upsilon’s National Achievement Week Essay Contest winner.



*Brother Julius Campbell (L), Brother Khary Nickson (C), 2009 Delta Upsilon Omega Man of the Year, and Brother Scott Rice (R), Achievement Week Chair*



*Brother Basileus Dr. Garry M. Keel, Marcus McEntyre, Achievement Week Essay Contest Winner, Brother Scott Rice, Achievement Week Chair*

## Former CNN Anchor Leon Harris Leads Gamma Pi Achievement Week 2009

**Suitland MD. November 2009.** When he took to the podium at Gamma Pi chapter's 36th Annual Gamma Pi Achievement Week program at Suitland's Drew Freeman High School on November 14, Washington, D.C. ABC 7 WJLA TV news anchor and former CNN newsman Leon Harris admitted that he only figured out what he wanted to talk about a few minutes before he walked on stage. Saying to the audience "I probably should not have told you that," he half-jokingly looked back at the chapter Brothers who were sharing the stage with him, wondering what their reaction would be. He then launched into an emotional, captivating appeal to the students in the audience to look past the naysayers ("even if they are related to you") and achieve success. "You are a miracle. Don't blow this one opportunity," said Harris.

Harris talked about how he overcame his own odds to realize success in journalism. He talked about how his own father beat his mother and how as a young boy he would "wish I had been anybody but Leon Harris."

As keynote speaker, Harris also talked about gaining a new perspective after visiting Africa. He also drew some laughs when he talked about how he attended Ohio University on a National Merit Scholarship but "perpetrated" that he was on a football scholarship because he did not want to appear "smart." That was his way of encouraging students to look at being smart as "cool."

Harris' message fit nicely with Gamma Pi using the opportunity of the Achievement Week program to recognize local winners of chapter scholarship awards as well as community leaders. Those honorees were Rev. William "Bill" Lee, Assistant Pastor of the Community of Hope AME Church in Temple Hills, as Citizen of the Year; Rev. James Jordan Jr., Pastor of Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ in Riverdale as the Religious Leader of the Year; Michelle Powell-Larkin, the recently retired principal of Rose Valley Elementary as Educator of the Year; and Sam Yirerky, a student at Parkdale High who



*Gamma Pi Basileus, Maurice Calhoun with Keynote Speaker Leon Harris*

was selected as Scholar Athlete of the Year.

The chapter provided \$1500 scholarships to eight students and follow-on scholarship support to six others in Prince George's County. Three recent graduates from the chapter's flagship Project ENRICH program were also recognized during the program.

On hand to witness the chapter's Achievement Week program were County Executive Brother Jack Johnson; Brother Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, president of Bowie State University; State Senator Ulysses

Currie and former state legislator Brother Rushern Baker, who is preparing to run to succeed Brother Johnson in the County Executive chair.

Several members of the Gamma Pi chapter were also honored during the program on Saturday. Brother Akima Rogers, Vice Basileus of the chapter, was presented with the Founder's Award. Brother Melvern McCottry, who heads the NAACP Committee effort, was given the Superior Service Award. And Brother James Alexander, Chapter Editor, received the chapter's Omega Man of the Year award for 2009.



## Gamma Pi and LGG Social Action - Holiday Gift Giving

**Suitland, MD December 2009.** These are tough times, and for many in Gamma Pi chapter's adopted community of Suitland, the holidays can be an extra rough period as funds run tight and joy is hard to come by. But enter the men of Gamma Pi and eyes light up in the community during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

While it may seem like everybody can at least afford to have a turkey on the table, that is not so, and especially this Thanksgiving. For that reason, Gamma Pi led its annual delivery of free Thanksgiving turkeys to households in the Suitland community. Suitland is in central Prince George's County.

Early on the evening of November 24, members of Gamma Pi and also of Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter, in nearby Fort Meade, Md., went door-to-door and delivered about 100 turkeys to seniors of the Windsor Crossing Apartments and to other homes in the area. According to Gamma Pi's Brother Mel White, who led the effort, there was a lot of work involved even before the turkeys could be delivered. Brothers first had to load a truck at a nearby warehouse and then unload the truck after it arrived in the Suitland community.

Three days before Christmas, most people were out making retailers happy in malls and shopping centers. But the Brothers of Gamma Pi chapter were out making children and families happy, thanks to the chapter's Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway. This year's Toy Giveaway was snowed out earlier in the week of December 21 and as a result was moved from its original site, Suitland Elementary, and was held instead on Wednesday, December 23, at the Windsor Crossing Clubhouse.

"Approximately 70 children attended the program. This number was less than expected due to the re-scheduling," said Brother Mel White, who helped coordinate the event for Gamma Pi in partnership with another nearby Omega Psi Phi chapter, Lambda Gamma Gamma. "While the clubhouse did not offer the open space and atmosphere to conduct the Christmas party in the manner and tradition the children were accustomed to, we were able to improvise and make the best use of the space. Approximately 20 brothers participated with an equal number from both chapters, Gamma Pi and Lambda Gamma Gamma."

Both Gamma Pi and Lambda Gamma Gamma purchased enough toys for more

than 90 children ranging from 3-13 years old. Many other toys were donated by individual Brothers. As always, the men of Omega Psi Phi put their heart and soul into the community. It is truly about Uplift.



*Two Children receiving gifts and dinner at the Gamma Pi & LGG Gift Giveaway and Dinner*

## Gamma Pi Chapter's Project ENRICH 2009

Several years ago, Gamma Pi chapter re-launched its longtime monthly college preparatory program called Project ENRICH to help meet mounting challenges in the county's public school system. The response has been nothing short of terrific as the chapter has seen enrollment climb and the program's academic offerings increase. The program for ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, hosted at Bowie State University, kicked off in October for the current school year and is off to a flying start.

The 2009-10 version of Project ENRICH kicked off with an Opening Convocation held in October at the Center for Learning Technology at Bowie State. In a printed open letter to participants and their families, longtime coordinator Brother Roland Byrd set the tone for the occasion: "It is never too early to think about college, about the benefits of a college education, and about ways to put college within reach academically and financially. Throughout the high school years students make decisions that affect whether they will be eligible to enter college ... Today marks the beginning. Welcome!"

About 80 Prince George's County students have signed up to participate this school year. Project ENRICH requires that students stay with the program from ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades to successfully complete it.

The program meets one Saturday a month at Bowie State. The students are required to attend sessions on such topics as time

management, career planning, study skills and the college selection and application process. Sessions are also held on Paying for College and Protecting Your Children from the Internet. Students also take a field trip to visit regional Historically Black Colleges and Universities. At the end of the four years, students receive small stipends for college and some receive scholarships. Project ENRICH is sponsored by the *Charles Drew Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

One of the most anticipated parts of the Opening Convocation each year is when Gamma Pi members line up and take to the stage to individually address the gathered students and their families with their own stories of how they achieved through education. Through sharing their individual stories about education and career, Gamma Pi chapter members motivate the students to set lofty goals and chapter members serve as role models for them in their pursuits of productive lives. This year, the students heard inspirational stories from Gamma Pi men about how they successfully pursued careers in law, medicine, education, business, government, the military, engineering and science and religion.

You can learn more about Project ENRICH – and even see and hear the program in action – on Gamma Pi chapter's new online video channel, Gamma Pi TV ([www.tinyurl.com/gammapitv](http://www.tinyurl.com/gammapitv)). Go to the channel and select two videos posted about the program, including an overview given by Brother Byrd, the director.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter's "Royal Purple and Old Gold Ball" Achievement Week Banquet

Crystal City, Virginia – Friday November 20, 2009, The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter participated in the fraternities 2009 Achievement Week. In this years celebration of Omega's Achievement Week LGG is celebrating 25 Years of Service for Omega in the Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia areas. LGG named its Achievement Week Banquet the Royal Purple and Old Gold Ball. The ball was hosted by Chair Brother J.C. Bozeman.

This was an outstanding and professional event put on by the brothers of LGG, the night consisted of a four course dinner, DJ, live band (some members of the chapter), and awards for the accomplishments and commitment of the brothers for their work for Omega throughout the calendar year. All tables were decorated with a souvenir glass candy jar stained with the Omega shield filled with purple and gold Heresy Kisses. All brothers and their guest also received a souvenir booklet outlining LGG's

accomplishments 2<sup>nd</sup> District Graduate Chapter of the Year and Social Action Chapter of Year.

The guest speaker for the banquet was Grand Counselor Brother Michael R. D. Adams with a message of, as you embark on yet another year's journeys always remember to exemplify the true Omega spirit! Brother Adams officiated over the swearing in ceremony for the installation of the new officers along with the current out going Basileus Sherman Charles. Brother Willie Williams was installed as the Basileus for the 2010 year with Brother Phillip Edmonds as the Vice-Basileus along with the other chapter office positions.

Established by the Fraternity in 1928 the National Achievement Week Observance seeks to honor the meritorious accomplishments of Omega men and members

of the community who have made significant contributions to our fraternity, community, and nation. LGG's recognition of awards received at the banquet is as follows: **Omega Man of the Year** - Brother Sherman Charles; **Superior Service** – Brother Victor Gee; **Colonel Charles Young Award** – Brother Garvey Wright; **Founders Award** – Aaron Combs; **Citizen of the Year** – Brother Corey Sanders.

The event was a night of eloquence and cheer as the dance floor was populated by the brothers and their guest, dancing to the sounds of the band and the tones of the DJ. The executive council and the brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter would like to thank the patrons and sponsors of its Royal Purple and Old Gold Ball 2009 Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of promoting service in the metro community.



*Brother Sherman Charles and Grand Counselor Brother Michael Adams*



*Brother Sherman Charles and Basileus Brother Willie Williams*



*Founders Stand Ins, Brothers Palmer, Debose, Griffin, Coward*

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter's Project Uplift Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach

**Suitland, Maryland** – Wednesday November 25, 2009, The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter along with brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter participated in the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets to the elderly at Suitland Manor (Omega Center). On December 21, 2009 LGG also distributed Christmas baskets to needy families throughout the Maryland, Washington DC, and Northern Virginia areas. For LGG both events were chaired by Brother Johnny Sidbury.

For Thanksgiving the brothers met at Suitland Manor under the coordination of Brother Bleu Colquitt where the baskets were put together. Each basket consisted of a full meal, a bag of potatoes, fresh vegetables, and box of stuffing, canned gravy, and a frozen turkey. The brothers stuffed the baskets and set up a pick up station in the lobby for pick up. The elderly members of the community signed up to participate in the distribution. Along with basket pick up the brothers conducted hand deliveries to the apartments of the elderly.

In the spirit of true Omega Manhood prayer was given before the distribution of food started. After the prayer the pick up began in a very festive atmosphere the brothers' fellowshiped with the patrons in the lobby sharing stories and laughs. The brother from both chapters selected a floor and presided to knock on doors and distribute the Thanksgiving baskets. Some brothers also brought along family members' children, spouses, etc., to take part in this event. Over 75 baskets were given out during this project

For Christmas LGG conducted Project Uplift with the distribution of Christmas baskets to needy families throughout the DC Metro area. Brothers submitted names of families in the communities that may be in need of uplift for the holiday season. Lead by Brother Johnny Sidbury the brothers made home deliveries in some of the less fortunate neighborhoods of the DC area. The baskets were made of the same contents as the Thanksgiving basket. The second portion of Project Uplift for Christmas was the distribution of toys for the children of Suitland Manor. Several toys were collected and presented to the kids of all ages.

These efforts from Project Uplift are focused in the metro area but a lot of concentration is on Suitland Manor where LGG participates in a monthly Senior Citizen Birthday party given for the elderly. The 2009 line from LGG has taken a full lead in assistance to the Omega Center; they have helped with the setup and continuation of computers at the center, and helped with the birthday parties by providing live entertainment, and brought in high school and elementary school choirs. The parties consist of cake and soda and at any given moment you may get a quartet, or a gospel choir.

The executive council and the members of Lambda Gamma Gamma will continue to provide uplift during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, also to remain steadfast with the commitment to Suitland Manor the Omega Center.



*Toy distribution at Suitland Manor for Christmas*



*Brothers taking a group picture for Thanksgiving*



*LGG and Gamma Pi Brother loading Baskets for Thanksgiving*

## Nu Nu Chapter Achievement Week Awards Banquet

**Willingboro, NJ. November 2009.** - The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi held its annual Achievement Week Awards Banquet at the Kove II in Edgewater Park, NJ on Saturday, 14 November 2009. Past Second District Representative Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. was the Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Carlton Rucker gave remarks for the occasion, and explained the purpose of Achievement Week. The welcome was given by Basileus Bro. David S. Linder and invocation by Chaplain Bro. Alfred D. Dennis.

After a delicious meal, the Master of Ceremonies introduced the speaker, **Bro. Larry Lewis, Jr., head of New Jersey Government Affairs for Aetna, Inc.**, who gave a very motivational speech.

The following individuals were recognized for their many contributions to the Chapter and to the community we serve:

Bro. Dennis Dones was presented with

the Colonel Charles Young Award. Bro. Eric D. Dennis was presented with the "Joseph Washington Basileus Award" and the "COL George Waters Superior Service Award" for his work with Omega Community Development, Inc., our 501c3 Organization. Bro. Irving Fryar was honored by the Chapter with the "Theodore Cannon Citizen of the Year Award" for his numerous contributions to the community at large. The Founder's Award was bestowed upon Bro's. Colonel George Waters, Michael Brown, Lybrant Wright, and John W. Piercy, III, for constantly exhibiting our Cardinal Principles of *Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift*. Bros. Kevin Waters and Vincent Brown were presented with the "Melvin Thomas Omega Man of the Year Award" for their outstanding commitment to the Omega Teen Mentoring Program. A new award, the Arthur F. Brown Leadership Award, was created in memory of our departed Brother and one of Nu Nu's Founders and awarded to his widow, Mrs. Etta P. Brown.

**Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Terrell Parris** introduced and installed the 2010 Nu Nu Chapter Officers: **Basileus - Bro. David S. Linder; Vice Basileus - Bro. Carlos J. Henriquez ; Keeper of Records and Seal - Bro. Michael Brown; Keeper of Finance - Bro. Lybrant E. Wright; Chaplain - Bro. Alfred Dennis; Director of Public Relations - Bro. John W. Piercy, III.**

After the installation ceremony, Basileus Bro. David S. Linder gave closing remarks, and the benediction was given by Chaplain Emeritus Bro. Melvin J. Wells. The evening culminated in the Brothers singing our beloved hymn, "Omega Dear." It was a wonderful event, and a good time was had by all, and it was a special time for "Brethren to dwell together in unity" by taking the time out to honor and recognize our own for contributions to our community and Chapter.



*MC Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. presents the inaugural Arthur F. Brown Leadership Award to Mrs. Etta P. Brown, widow of Bro. Arthur F. Brown*



*Installation of 2010 Nu Nu Chapter Officers*



*Bro. Larry Lewis, Jr. delivers a dynamic speech during the ceremony.*



*Brothers Emmett Smith ('69 Nu), Joseph Bailey ('63 Epsilon Epsilon), and Frederick Jackson, Sr. ('69 Phi Psi) receive their 40 year pins*

## Nu Nu Chapter Christmas Baskets 2009

.Willingboro, NJ - The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. uplifted the community during the holiday season by making Christmas baskets and collecting donations for needy families in the Burlington, Camden, and Mercer county areas. Through this annual event, food baskets and donations were made for twenty-five families, which were delivered to them on Christmas Day, so the families could have a **“Merry Christmas”**. Donations were made by individual Chapter Brothers and members of the community. The food baskets were assembled at the **Omega Community Development Inc.’s Arthur F. Brown Community Center** in Burlington, NJ, named after Nu Nu’s own Bro.

Art Brown (’55 Beta Gamma – ’09 Omega Chapter), and at the Westampton Fire Department. Additionally, all gifts were gift-wrapped, labeled and addressed to members of the identified families.

The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi is the only Fraternity or Sorority visible in the New Yorkshire Community of Burlington, NJ. Our Annual “Christmas Basket Drive and Clothing/Toy Donation” collection is an effort to give back to the community that some of our Chapter Brothers grew up in, and is also a part of our effort to make things a little better and more positive for its residents, especially the kids and their struggling families. OMEGA’s visibility is well known in the community.



*Nu Nu Chapter gave twenty-five food baskets for Christmas Day 2009*



*Twenty-five families were given clothing and toy donations by the Nu Nu Chapter for Christmas Day 2009*



*Gifts overflowed at the Arthur F. Brown Community Center that were distributed on Christmas Day 2009 to needy families.*



## Brother Joseph A. Flowers - Omega Chapter



**Brother Joseph A. Flowers**

Brother Joseph A. Flowers entered Omega Chapter on January 18, 2010. Initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1941 through Alpha Chapter, located at Howard University, Washington, D.C., Brother Flowers was a committed member of Mu Omega Chapter, and served Omega faithfully for 68 years.

Brother Flowers embodied the Fraternity's Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. The examples that he set will continue to serve as a standard by which all Omega Men should live.

Brother Flowers service to Mu Omega Chapter included his participation on several committees. His willingness to give freely of his time and talents embodied the true spirit of Omega. His service in Omega included: Assistant Dean of Pledgees, Mu Chapter, 1947-1949; Member of Formal Dance Committee, Mu Omega, 1950-1953; Member of Scholarship Committee, Mu Omega, 1953-1955 and 1986-1987; Mu Omega Representative with the Philadelphia Alumni Council of the National Pan Hellenic for 15 consecutive years from 1985-2000; Chairman of Mu Omega Social Action Committee, 1986-1989; Member of Mu Omega Social Action Committee, 1991-2000; Basileus Award Recipient, 1987; Mu

Omega's Omega Man of the Year, 1988; Life Member of the Fraternity, 1988; Mu Omega Representative with Big Brothers of Philadelphia, PA.

Brother Flowers appreciated his relationships with the Founders of our Great Fraternity such as having Founder Dr. Frank Coleman as his Physics teacher and Chairman of the Physics Department at his high school in 1940 and 1941. Founder Dr. Oscar J. Cooper was his mother's physician and he would drive her to his office routinely. Dr. Cooper was Bro. Flower's incentive to attend Howard University. In his freshman year at Howard, Bro. Flowers received a work scholarship and was assigned to assist Founder Dr. Ernest E. Just in his laboratory. Bro. Flowers worked closely with Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love during the United Methodist Regional Conferences, held in Philadelphia between 1950 and 1960.

His enthusiasm, wise counsel and Fraternal support will be deeply missed.

## Brother Hardy Williams - Omega Chapter



**Brother Hardy Williams**

Hardy Williams served the people of Pennsylvania for over 30 years as an elected official.

A graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where he pledged Nu Chapter in 1951, and University of Pennsylvania Law School, Williams started his career practicing as an attorney. He was elected to the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1968,

serving until 1982, when he ran successfully as an independent Democrat for state senator.

In 1971, Williams was the first African-American candidate for mayor in Philadelphia to garner widespread public support. His efforts led to the election of other independent Democrats throughout the city, from committee people to the mayors office. W. Wilson Goode, the first African-American mayor of Philadelphia, acquired his initial political experience serving as co-campaign manager for Williams 1971 campaign.

In 1994, Williams became executive director of Black Family Services after having served on its board for many years. Earlier that year, the states legislative body passed cuts in welfare spending that threatened those at the lean end of the economic scale. Williams was not in favor of the cuts and felt that, although he had not been able to prevent the legislation in Harrisburg, he could contribute through taking on this additional role.

He retired from the Pennsylvania Senate in 1998, replaced by his son Anthony Hardy Williams.

Aside from his legislative service, Williams worked with many community organizations. Williams founded the Organized Anti-Crime Community Network (OACCN) and played an instrumental role in the establishment of the youth violence intervention program Crisis Intervention Network.

Last year, the Renaissance Advantage Charter School (RACS), which opened in 1989, was rededicated as the Hardy Williams Academy Charter School. The RACS leadership chose to rename the K-8 school, located in Southwest Philadelphia, after Williams to recognize the local leader and help inspire students about their own potential to succeed.

Bro. Williams is survived by two sons, Anthony Jr. and Clifford, two daughters Lisa Smith and Lanna Watkins-Minor and four grandchildren.

## Brother Arthur F. Brown - Omega Chapter



*Brother Arthur F. Brown*

**Willingboro, NJ** - The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi had a homegoing service for their departed Brother, Arthur Frank Brown, Beta Gamma '55 and one of the

Founders of the Nu Nu Chapter. Bro. Brown entered Omega Chapter on 7 October 2009.

His Omega Service was held on Tuesday, 13 October 2009 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 150 East Second Street, Burlington, NJ 08016. He was born in Denora, Pa., the son of the late Chester and Clara (Wilson) Brown. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Cheyney State Teachers College in 1958. While there, he was initiated into the Beta Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Arthur was an educator for more than 45 years, working in the Philadelphia, Willingboro and Pemberton, N.J. school systems. He retired from the Pemberton School District. He served as an assistant Willingboro High School football and track coach and head track coach at Pemberton Township. He influenced the lives of many young men through his coaching and mentoring. His lifelong desire to help all young people was demonstrated through his teaching, loving compassion, and strong positive personal-

ity that encouraged them to make goals and follow their dreams.

He was a founding member of the Nu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of Willingboro, NJ. The Omega Community Development Center, located at 525 York Street in Burlington City, NJ was changed on 21 January 2007 to the Arthur Frank Brown Community Center, honoring his commitment to building better choices for young people.

Art was an entrepreneur and the owner of Frat House Graphics, located in Edgewater Park, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Etta (Patience); sons Craig (Renay) and Wray (Erica); grandchildren Arthur, Di-Andre' and Hailey; and nephews Glen Mull and Arthur Wray Mull.

The voice of Nu Nu's beloved Art Brown has been silenced, but his spirit shall live on in the hearts and minds of the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who were blessed with his presence in and influence on their lives. Rest in Peace, Brother Brown, for when we say our last goodbye, you walk on streets of Pearls!

## Brother Herbert Cornish, Jr. - Omega Chapter



*Brother Herbert Cornish, Jr.*

**Baltimore, MD.-** Brother Herbert Cornish was a member of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for more than 40 years having been initiated into the organization through Pi Epsilon Chapter, University of Maryland Eastern

Shore (UMES, formally Maryland State College) in the spring of 1967. He obtained a Bachelors of Science Degree in Industrial Arts from University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 1970 and a Masters Degree in Special Education in 1975 from Coppin State University.

Brother Cornish began his teaching career at the North Dorchester County High School in Dorchester County, MD, moved to Baltimore in 1972, and taught in the Baltimore City Public School System. Brother Cornish retired on June 30, 2009 with over 37 years of teaching service.. An outstanding educator, he held memberships in local, state and national teacher's associations.

Brother Cornish was a great conversationalist regarding various issues. He had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed music (classical, jazz and rhythm and blues), dining out, going to shows and taking short trips. Herbert also enjoyed going to native American events and he was a lifetime member of the Baltimore American Indian Center .

He was a Proud member of our great Fraternity. Brother Cornish served in various capacities including KRS, the Keeper of Records and Seal during his years in college. His Brothers recall his quite, reserve, and dependable ways, earning him once the nickname of "Cool Pop". The many expressions of condolences bear the consistency of his legacy of friendship and respect towards those who have walked with him through his life's journey, whether in recent times, or college life in the turbulent years of the 60's and even back to the beloved high school days of his youth...all echo the resounding accord of our Fraternity's motto - "FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL".

On January 9, 2010 Bro. Herbert Cornish was called into Omega Chapter to serve among those chosen by the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. We now bid farewell to our Brother Herbert Cornish, Jr., who now serves in Omega Chapter, of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. May you rest in peace!

## Suspension List

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

**IF YOU ARE SUSPENDED, YOU ARE THE REASON!**



**Christopher Banks**  
4055080  
Omega Delta Delta



**Rashad Cook**  
4054795  
Omicron Delta Delta



**Alexander Zander**  
4055082  
Omega Delta Delta



**Lascelles A Chambers**  
4055081  
Omega Delta Delta



**David Mumford**  
4038742  
Kappa Omicron



**Lawrence McKenzie**  
4054172  
Kappa Omicron



**Edward Hamilton**  
4047631  
Lambda Upsilon



**Michael Daniels II**  
4054170  
Zeta Psi



**Jeffery Coles**  
4049081  
Kappa Omicron



**Shondel Boyd**  
4053097  
Omega Delta Delta

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**Floyd Wright**  
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**Pi Omega**

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**Marlo Brown, Sr.**  
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**Pi Omega**

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**Nigel Rawlins**  
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**Zeta Psi**



**Aaron Dock**  
**9005406**  
**Pi Omega**

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**Joe Conyer**  
**Theta Mu Mu**

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**Donnie Sauls**  
**4040950**  
**Kappa Omicron**



**Brian Henderson**  
**4053158**  
**Pi Omega**

# Expulsion List

The following men have been **EXPELLED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and no longer have any rights or privileges afforded to the "Men Of Omega".

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**Charles Jackson**  
**4045158**  
**Iota Epsilon**

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**Allron Monsanto**  
**Psi Iota**

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**Robert Patterson**  
**4050108**  
**Mu Omega**

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## Iota Nu's Founder's Day Celebration

**Aberdeen, MD – November 13, 2009** Vitali's Restaurant in Edgewood, MD was the setting for the Founders Day Dinner and Celebration sponsored by Iota Nu Chapter. "The Time for CHANGE is now" was the theme of the event attended by Brothers, their families, and members of the community. The event celebrated the founding of Omega Psi Phi with song, speeches, and good fellowship.

The evening began with a welcome by Bro. Al Abramson, followed by Invocation by Bro. Lewis Smith, chapter Chaplain, and Opening remarks by Bro. Walter Wyatt, Basileus. Chapter reflections were given by Bro. Martin Rose, CPT USA, who commented on the global fraternal reach of Omega. After Dinner, a violin solo was rendered by Bro. Mark Thomas.

The keynote speaker for the event was the Honorable George McKinney, Past District Representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District and current Inspector General, Omega Psi Phi



*Omega Psi Phi Inspector General, the Honorable George K. McKinney accepts plaque from Iota Nu Basileus Walter Wyatt*

Fraternity, Inc. In keeping with the theme of the night, Bro. McKinney gave a speech which reflected on the past, commented on the present, and gave instructions for the future.

The event ended with presentations, and installation of the 2009-2011 chapter officers. After comments for the good of the order, the benediction was given by the new chaplain, Bro. Donald Jones. A warm singing of Omega Dear ended the evening.



## Iota Nu Sponsors Holiday Jazz Show For Toys-For-Tots

**Aberdeen, MD. Tuesday, December 22, 2009** The scene was the Holiday Jazz Brunch to assist the USMC Toys-For-Tots program. Featuring the sounds of the Beyond Blue Band, the event was a night filled with Jazz, fellowship, and holiday cheer.

The event began with greetings from Bro. Dwayne Adams, Social Action Chairman, and Bro. Derrick Brockman, Basileus. The Beyond Blue Band then took over and played a wide variety of songs from Frankie Beverly and Maze to Parliament-



*The Beyond Blue Band performing at the Jazz Brunch*

Funkadelic.

A gift donation box was set-up for patrons to drop their donations, and the box was delivered to the USMC by the Brothers.

Patrons were served Hors-de-Oeuvres, and the Brothers and patrons enjoyed good fellowship. This was the second Holiday Jazz event, and the Brothers are committed to bringing quality social events to the community.

## Chi Upsilon & Pi Kappa Kappa Chapters Sponsor the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair

Camden, NJ – On November 20, 2009, close to 2000 students jam-packed the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, NJ for the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Fair. The Malcolm Bernard Fair has been touring with HBCU recruiters through New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey since 1999 and it added Camden as a stop in 2007. All three years the fair has been hosted in South Jersey, it has been sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Chi Upsilon Chapter of Camden, NJ and Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Sicklerville, NJ.

As soon as the doors opened at 9:00 AM, throngs of students accompanied by parents and guidance counselors were greeted by the 28 recruiters from various HBCU's representing schools as far south as Texas. "This is a great fair" said Joshua McCracken of Oakwood University, "the quality of student we are able to recruit at this fair continues to make this worth it for my college." Oakwood University, a small Seventh-day Adventist

school in Huntsville, AL awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships at the fair.

The Malcolm Bernard HBCU Fair was started by Malcolm Bernard in 1999 as a way to introduce New Jersey students to HBCU's. With recruiting materials he collected from various colleges and local alumni, the first fair was held at Franklin High School in New Jersey. "My husband and I got the idea after we attended a similar fair at the Circle City Classic in Indianapolis," said Barbara Bernard, widow of the fair's namesake. From its humble beginnings in 1999, the fair has expanded to accommodate close to 50 HBCU's, 8,000 students and seven sites across New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

"Over the years, the fair has been very successful," said Jonathan Muse, one of the event organizers, "The Malcolm Bernard College Fair not only gives students a chance to talk to college recruiters, it provides the colleges a chance to attract top students in the region." The Camden fair, which attracted over 400 more students than the 2008 fair, was the last stop of the college tour for 2009.

Of the 28 colleges in attendance, 15 offered students admission on-site. In total, close to \$600,000 in scholarships, fee waivers and other financial assistance was offered at the fair. Additionally, every student that attended the fair was given a study pack which included school supplies and a desk lamp.

This annual event has consistently proved to be a successful staple for both chapters' community service initiatives. More importantly, the fair upholds two of Omega Psi Phi's Cardinal Principles, Scholarship and Uplift. In addition to the fair hosted by Chi Upsilon and Pi Kappa Kappa, Delta Upsilon of Trenton, NJ hosts the Central New Jersey HBCU fair.

For more information about attending or registering for the 2010 Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair, feel free to visit the fair website, [www.hbcu-cfnj.com](http://www.hbcu-cfnj.com), Chi Upsilon Chapter's website [www.opchiupsilon.org](http://www.opchiupsilon.org) or Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter's site, [www.pikappakappaques.org](http://www.pikappakappaques.org).



*Student and Parent talk to a HBCU Recruiter*



*Students sign up for visits to HBCU Schools*



## Tau Pi Chapter's Achievement Week - Founders' Day

**Howard County, MD. November 2009.** The Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter in Columbia, Maryland, embarked upon a challenging schedule of activities in honor of the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In keeping with this year's theme of "Unity through Friendship, Fraternity and Brotherhood", the men of Tau Pi hosted a week long calendar of events to "Uplift" the community, reclaim brothers and draw the brotherhood closer together as a community of men.

The Achievement Week committee kicked off the week on Sunday, November 15, 2009 with a motivational speech at LifeChange AME Church from Brother Thabiti Boone, of New York. Brother Boone spoke to the Brothers, guest and gathering of young men from the Tau Pi Mentoring program on his life in college athletics, being a young father to his daughter and being drafted in the NBA. He delivered a powerful message of responsibility, accountability and commitment for all to aspire to. The next day the Achievement Week

committee followed up with a glorious November weather day at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Corridor 1 Golf Fellowship at Fairway Hills Golf Course in Columbia, Maryland. On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> approximately 20 chapter brothers joined several hundreds of more brothers from the surrounding area at "Mother Pearl", Alpha Chapter on the campus of Howard University for a moving Rededication ceremony, which also featured Bro. Boone for the keynote address. On Wednesday, while the brothers assembled for their monthly chapter meeting, the Social Action committee requested and collected over 400 lbs of canned goods for the Howard County Food Pantry.

Later that week the brothers gathered socially to blow off some steam and enjoy friends and family at their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bowling night where approximately 40 people participated from brothers, wives, children and guest. This frenetic schedule of events all led up to Tau Pi's Achievement Week Founders Day Committee's signature Brunch at the Historic Savage Mill Manor. Approximately 100

Brothers and guest, including the young men of Tau Pi's mentoring program, were treated to a rousing keynote speech from Brother James E. Hicks, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> District Keeper of Finance on Brotherhood and Friendship. At this event Brother Bart Griffin was named Tau Pi Chapter's 2009 Omega Man of the Year and Brother Richie Layne was named Tau Pi's 2009 Superior Service Award winner. Other awardees included Bro. Jonathan Studdard, Businessman of the Year; Bro. Jerry Watkins, Educator of the Year; and Rev. Melanie Gamble, LifeChange AME Church, Columbia, MD, Citizen of the Year.

Tau Pi Chapter currently under the leadership of Brother Chester Williams and the Achievement Week Chairman Brother David Charon, were extremely pleased with the support the brothers and community in general gave to all the activities. Bro. Charon intends to improve on this year's event and his vision is to expand Tau Pi's effort by reaching out to other chapters within the Corridor to provide even greater impact in the areas of Social Action, Fraternity and Chapter interaction.



*Brother Bart Griffin accepts Tau Pi Omega Man of the Year Award*



*Achievement Week Chairman Bro. David Charon, Bro. Richard Layne, Superior Service Award, Tau Pi Basileus Chester Williams*



*Brother Thabiti Boone with Tau Pi Mentoring Program Students*



*Bro. David Charon gives Rev. Melanie Gamble Tau Pi Citizen of the Year award with Tau Pi Basileus, Bro. Chester Williams*

### Tau Pi Community Service Initiative - Christmas Eve Gift Delivery

Howard County, MD. December 24, 2009. Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter in Columbia, Maryland in partnership with the St. Johns Baptist Church, also of Columbia, came out on Christmas Eve to spread a little holiday spirit.

On what has become an annual event for the chapter, Tau Pi Brothers ventured out for the "Community Service Initiative" (C.S.I.) and enjoyed fellowship with members of St. Johns Baptist Church, while remembering the reason for the season and giving back to the community. On this occasion Tau Pi supported the St. Johns Baptist Church annual holiday gift baskets program for less fortunate families of the Howard County. The brothers served as drivers and ambassadors of goodwill while delivering the baskets to the family's homes and sharing a word of prayer with each family.

C.S.I. creator Brother Shawn Lamb and several Tau Pi Brothers continue to find a multitude of ways for the Fraternity to benefit the community. Tau Pi Basileus Chester Williams said he is very proud of CSI because it is an effort established by some of the younger members of the chapter and they have really pushed the program to success. CSI both sponsors events and supports events



Tau Pi Brothers ready to deliver gifts on Christmas Eve

initiated by other community organizations. Whether it's to chaperone a school dance or delivering Christmas presents during the holidays, the brothers of Tau Pi are available to help however possible. Congratulations to the Brothers of Tau Pi on an impressive show of support to the community.

### Tau Pi/ Chi Delta Chapters man We Feed Our People Social Action Project

Washington, D.C. January 18, 2010. Members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Tau Pi Chapter (Columbia, MD; Graduate) and Chi Delta Chapter (University of Maryland College Park; Undergraduate) participated in the annual We Feed Our People program in Washington, DC. This year's effort fed almost 200 homeless citizens in the Washington Metro-

politan area. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has provided the primary volunteer support for this program every Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day since 1988 near the King Library. The Fraternity members set up, prepare, serve food and beverages, and clean up along with providing that human touch of friendship for all that are serviced by this event. In addition to Tau

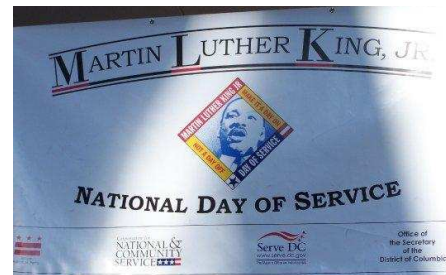
Pi and Chi Delta, Fraternity members from several DC area chapters were active participants. Tau Pi Chapter Basileus Chester Williams and Chi Delta Chapter Basileus Evan Smith both agreed that the members of their respective chapters look forward to helping the less fortunate in the community and remind everyone that 'Uplift' is one of the four cardinal principles that Omega was founded upon.



Brothers distribute clothing at WFOP



Brothers distributor food at WFOP



## TLL's Fifth Achievement Week Celebration

**Waldorf, MD. November 2009.** Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently celebrated their Fifth Annual Achievement Week Celebration commencing with their annual Founders' Banquet on November 14, 2009.

Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc with the purpose of promoting the study of African American life and history. Inspired by fraternity member, Brother Carter G. Woodson in the 1920s, today, 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.

There were three distinguished honorees from the tri-county area who received the coveted 'Citizen of the Year' awards for their outstanding achievement and service to the community.

Kimberly Mackall, an ordained minister, received the award for Calvert County. She is a charter member and past president of The Concerned Black Women of Calvert County. Mackall plans to run for elected office next year and will be the first African American woman candidate for County Commissioner in Calvert County.

Charles County's award recipient was Swynice Hawkins. She is the current president of the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee and past president of the Charles County Branch of the NAACP. In 2009, she was inducted into the Maryland NAACP Hall of Fame for her exceptional achievements.

St. Mary's County's award winner was Mary Washington. She received the honor of being appointed to the Maryland Association Board of Education's Board of Directors in 2000 and served six years on the Legislative Committee. One of her most notable career achievements is being the first African American woman in St. Mary's county to win elective office in a general election.

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter's highest award, the Omega Man of the Year, was given to Brother Winston Lewis, who has been a member of the fraternity since 1976. Lewis has helped to charter and been a member of chapters across the world and has served in many executive officer capacities during his rich history in the fraternity. He joined the TLL Chapter in 2006 and currently serves as the Keeper of Finance and also on various other chapter committees.

Proceeds from this year's Founders' Banquet will be used to benefit high-school seniors in the tri-county area as they begin their college careers.



*TLL Basileus Brother Luther Clark presents Omega Man of the Year Award to Brother Winston Lewis*

## Tau Lambda Lambda Donates to Robert Fuller House

**WALDORF, MD. November 2009.** "This is excellent," said Brother Antonio Hill with a smile as he breaded pieces of fish before placing them near the deep fryer. "As a police officer, we serve the community by enforcing the law a lot, so it's good to give back when I'm not in uniform." Hill is a police detective in Prince Georges County and a member of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., located in the tri-county area of Southern Maryland. TLL Chapter provides service to the community in various ways and visited the Robert J. Fuller Transitional House in Waldorf on November 21<sup>st</sup> to donate nonperishable foods and also provide a fish fry dinner. This marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion that TLL Chapter has donated goods to the Fuller House and cooked for its residents.

Bishop Paul Wells has been the Director of the Fuller House since its inception in January 2006, and the homes' purpose is to reach and minister to men whom are facing challenges in life such being homeless and having mental issues. Many of the residents have been incarcerated and are re-establishing their foundation in the community.

James Sewell has been a resident of Fuller House for about 3 years and was looking forward to the fish fry of the day.

"I like fish a lot," he said nodding. "I go to New Beginnings Church here in Waldorf and we take fishing trips all the time."

Sewell said he is grateful that the Fuller House has helped him get a job in landscaping and he enjoys the responsibility of his daily chores.

Nathaniel Hall of Lexington Park recently joined TLL Chapter at the beginning of November. "Any of us could easily be in these situations," he said of his reasons for helping. Hall participated by collecting donations of food and money from different areas in the community, as well as by donating his time.

TLL Chapter and the Fuller House look forward to partnering again in the near future and invite the community to participate with donations of time, food and resources in order to help make the event as successful as possible

## Theta Omicron Mentoring Program Project STRIDE

**Rochester, NY. December 2009.** The Brothers of Theta Omicron Chapter kicked-off a twenty year partnership celebration with Rochester City School #4. In 1989 a partnership was formed between the Chapter and the School with the purpose of exposing the African-American male students to men who have "done better". School #4 is situated in an underprivileged neighborhood that too often reinforces behaviors that are not conducive to a productive lifestyle.

Over the years the program, Project S.T.R.I.D.E. (Supervising, Training, Relating - Ideas, Developing, Excellence), has evolved to a more comprehensive programmatic agenda. Initially, brothers visited the school twice per month to assist by offering tutoring support and sharing success stories. In today's environment, Theta Omicron supports back to school readiness

by providing items that promote learning and personal hygiene.

Chapter members meet every other Saturday during the school year to augment the classroom experience with extra curricula activities. Activities include teaching the Microsoft tools (word, excel and Power-Point) in a way that uses a life experience so that these fourth through sixth graders can more readily relate. Life skills, such as anger management and conflict resolution, are deployed to teach the students how to navigate through life.

S.T.R.I.D.E. Director, Brother Joel Cummings and Social Action Chair, LaKeith Hughes combined resources to extend the boundaries of Theta Omicron's outreach to families of the students and to the community at large. In response to input from school administrators, Brother Hughes

coordinated a Domestic Violence Workshop to educate families on the causes and effects of domestic violence. The workshop included a group discussion lead by a professional from the Center for Battered Women and Children and a self-defense workshop led by Brother, Shian- Randy Crudup.

Over this twenty year partnership, Theta Omicron Chapter has been recognized by the Board of Education as "Friends of Education" and "Partners in Education" awards! Recently, when a minor shot an on-duty police officer the media did a "what if" interview and news story asking the question ... what if this offender had been influenced by the Men of Omega Psi Phi? Would he have made a better choice? Theta Omicron has a positive and influential presence in the Rochester Community.



*STRIDE Director, Brother Joel Cummings ® and other Theta Omicron Brothers present back to school readiness supplies*



*Tau Lambda Lambda's New Initiates "The Six Solid Souls"*

## Tau Lambda Lambda New Initiates "The Six Solid Souls"

**Waldorf, MD. November 7, 2009.** Six men were initiated, into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, by way of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter, the Southern Maryland Ques. The men, Jamon Wiggs, Tramayne Jenkins, Nathaniel Hall, Quentin Lowe, Vaughn Evans, and Oscar Feaster are affectionately named, the Six Solid Souls. The name symbolizes the unyielding determination and perseverance, shown by these men not only to become Men of Omega, but also to become better leaders in and improve the lives of citizens, in the community.

They are prominent members, of the tri-county community of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's County and represent a wide

variety of professions, including law enforcement, architecture, and the United States military, among others. They have vowed to use their skills, resources, and influence to serve the community and uplift the lives of its residents.

These men exemplify the four cardinal principles of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. They have dedicated many hours to many projects that have directly and positively affected the community, the least of which have been and continue to being mentors to youth, canned food and blood drives, adopt-a-road initiatives, and involvement with Christmas in April.

Tramayne Jenkins, a newly initiated member stated. "One of my reasons for wanting to join the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is because of the commitment to the community that the men of Omega have shown throughout my lifetime. I was attracted to that strength of purpose."

The Six Solid Souls' were the third group of men initiated into Omega Psi Phi through TLL Chapter, since the chapter's founding, in 2004. The first two groups, three men each, were initiated in April and December of 2008 and are known as Genesis and Genesis II.

## Omicron Iota Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away

Mount Vernon, N.Y.- On November 24, 2009 the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Omicron Iota Chapter, commenced their annual Thanksgiving Give-Away program at Grimes Elementary School in Mount Vernon , N.Y. Approximately 17 Turkey were added to the baskets that the student collected to hand out to the families of the school community. The families that received the Turkeys were extremely grateful and happy to have be chosen to be a recipient of the Turkey give-away. After the families in Mount Vernon were serviced, off the

brothers went to New Rochelle, N.Y. to share 23 more Turkey's with families located at Horton avenue, Winthrop avenue and Main street. In total 40 families were feed by the chapter this year. The recipients were selected by school personnel. A special and heartfelt thank you to those brothers who came out and participated in the drive this year, namely: Bro. Peter Wynn, Bro. Byron Womack, Bro. Ed Kittrell (not pictured), Bro. Robert Harris (not pictured), Bro. Kenneth Walker, Bro. Darryl Lockhart, Bro. Yuhanna Edwards and Bro. Matthew Marrow.



*Bro. P. Wynn, Bro. K. Walker, Bro. B. Womack, Ms. F. Lightys (principal), Bro. Y. Edwards and Bro. D. Lockhart with Thanks giving Baskets Giveaways*



*L to R: Bro. Y. Edwards, Bro. D. Lockhart, Bro. P. Wynn with family receiving Thanksgiving Basket*

## Omega Men Take Command of NJ National Guard Units

Teaneck, NJ. December 5, 2009, Brother (LTC) Michael A. McLean (Left) assumed command of the 250<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion in Teaneck, New Jersey. Brother McLean was initiated into our beloved Fraternity (1980) while attending Seton Hall University, Kappa Eta Chapter, in South Orange, New Jersey. He graduated from Seton Hall in 1983 with a degree in Psychology.

On November 15, 2009, Brother (LTC) Walter R. Nall (Right) assumed command of the 119<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Brother Nall was initiated into our beloved Fraternity (1983) while attending Troy State University, Iota Omega Chapter, in Tuskegee, Alabama. He graduated Troy State University in 1986 with a degree in Criminal Justice and received his Masters' of Science in Management from Liberty University in 2009. Brother Nall is a Life Member and active with the Delta Upsilon Chapter in Trenton, New Jersey.

Brother McLean and Brother Nall share many commonalities both in the military and in their personnel lives. Brother McLean is a Desert Storm Veteran and Brother Nall is an Iraqi Freedom Veteran. Both are Logistics Officers (Transportation and Quarter Master), 32<sup>nd</sup>

Degree Masons and were classmates in the Army Command and General Staff College.

Currently, 30% of the Battalions in the New Jersey National Guard are commanded by minority officers. Coinciden-

tally, two of the minority officers leading Battalions are Omega Men. Brother McLean and Brother Nall are not only making significant strides as leaders within the New Jersey National Guard, they are also making a difference in their communities.



*Brother LTC Michael A. McLean and Brother LTC. Walter R. Nall assume Command of 250th Support Battalion & 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, in Teaneck & Cherry Hill, NJ, respectively*



## Xi Lambda Lambda 2009 Achievement Week

### Rockland County, NY. November 2009.

The Brothers of the Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (The Rockland Ques) held their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Achievement Week program on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The program was held at the Louis Kurtz Civic Center in Spring Valley, New York. The program was a huge success for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row and had some special moments during the day. During the past two years we have partnered with the CEJES Institute, a local academic and cultural enrichment organization to present the standard Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Achievement awards (Omega Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year) and three (3) additional ones: The Rockland Person of the Year, CEJES/Xi Lambda Lambda Education Award, and the Edmund Gordon Community Uplift Recognition Award. This year's program also saw the chapter recognize its first National Essay Contest Winner, Cornell University-bound Audrey Morris of Ramapo High School.

The Citizen of the Year was Brother Frank Williams, Director of the White Plains Youth Bureau in White Plains, New York. Brother Williams is a member of the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter in White Plains, and is a former Basileus of the chapter.

The Omega Man of the Year was awarded to Brother Ken Wilder. Bro Wilder was chosen the Xi Lambda Lambda Omega Man of the Year because of he developed the program structure of our mentoring program, the Rockland Omega Academy (ROAD). Brother Wilder has been a force in the Rockland and Bronx County communities for years. A leader in the field of Labor Relations, he has been an educator at both Harvard and Columbia University and a leader within the New York State Democratic Party. Brother Wilder also has four (4) natural brothers who are members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

As our Rockland Person of the Year, we chose Ms. Alicia M. Crowe, Esq. Ms. Crowe, in addition to being a noted attorney, is an author, entrepreneur and motivational speaker. Ms. Crowe, whose late father was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is the author of the highly acclaimed book *Real Dads Stand Up: What Every Single Father Should Know about Child Support Rights and Custody*. She is a graduate of Howard University Law School. She has been featured in a wealth of magazines, including *Ebony* to *Sister to Sister* amongst many.

The Edmund Gordon Community Uplift Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Clement Osei, M.D. Dr. Osei is a member

of the Rockland County Board of Health and Chief of the Critical Care Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, New York.

The CEJES/Xi Lambda Lambda Education Award was presented to Stephen White, Chairperson, Education Stakeholders Committee and Campaign Manager for 2009 Stakeholder Candidates for East Ramapo School Board.

A Scroll of Honor was given to the following leaders of the NAACP in Rockland County for their persevering work towards improving life for minorities in the local area and to honor the outstanding work of the NAACP for 100 years. The three (3) individuals are: Wilbur Aldridge (Hudson Valley Director); Frances Pratt (President, Nyack Branch); and Willie Trotman (President, Spring Valley Branch).

The Keynote Speaker was Brother Rev. Christopher T. Curry, 2nd District Chaplain and Pastor of Ezion Fair Baptist Church in Wilmington, Delaware. The Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Dennis McGloster. Artistic Presentations were given by Members of the Youth Choir at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Nyack, New York, Ashley Pennington (Spring Valley High School), Nicole Sylvester (Paramus Catholic High School) and Daliah Palmer (Rockland Community College).

## Zeta Psi 85th Anniversary Winter Formal

**New York, NY. December 2009.** Zeta Psi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., honored Bro. Felton "Buddy" Johnson, president of Education Access, Inc.; Bro. Marlo Young, partner of the law firm Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP; and Jocelynn Rainey, human resources director for J. A.V. Food Corporation and wife of Bro. Perry C. Rainey at the chapter's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Winter Formal held at the Columbia University Faculty House. The elegant affair featured a cocktail hour, formal dinner, live band and DJ. Proceeds from this event help to fund the chapter's annual *Zeta Psi Scholarship Award* for high school students as well as their *Black Male Health Awareness Program*.

Zeta Psi Chapter was established on December 24, 1924 in Brooklyn, NY. After eight and a half decades of service in

the New York City area, Zeta Psi Chapter remains a force in the African-American community. In addition to their successful scholarship and health awareness programs, the chapter sponsors the highly popular *Omega After Dark Mixer Series* designed to bring together NYC area urban professionals for networking and intellectual conversation. Included in the series is the chapter's annual White Party in Sag Harbor, NY. Zeta Psi Chapter is the first Black Greek letter organization to host an annual event in the Hamptons.

In the true spirit of Zeta Psi Chapter, known for both working hard and playing hard, chairman of the event, Bro. Brian K. Monroe set the tone for the evening at the dais when he told the guests, "Don't let the tuxedos fool you. We're going to party tonight." And party they did. Congratulations Zeta Psi Chapter on 85 years of excellence.

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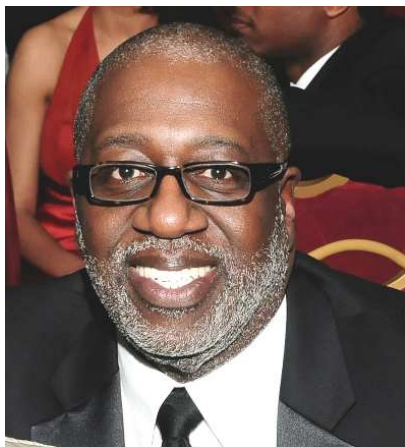
**Scenes from Zeta Psi's 85th Anniversary Winter Formal**



**Scenes from Epsilon Chapter's Que's Helping Haiti**



## Spotlight on Bro. Carlton Lampkins, Ed.D.



*Brother Carlton Lampkins, Ed. D.*

A proud native of Washington, D. C., Bro. Carlton Lampkins was born on October 29, 1954. He is the second of three children born to Ms. Loretha F. Young, also a native Washingtonian.

After completing his secondary education at the Eastern High School in Washington, D.C., Bro. Lampkins went on to pursue postsecondary education. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Secondary Education at Daemen College, Amherst, New York; Master of Arts degree in Administration and Supervision at The University of the District of Columbia; and Doctor of Education degree in Educational Administration from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. He has also studied at Harvard University in Bos-

ton, Massachusetts and at Oxford University in London, England.

For the past 29 years, Carlton has thoroughly enjoyed a stellar career in education. During those years he has taught middle and high school mathematics and science, and has been a high school assistant principal, a middle school principal, and a high school principal. He even taught at the Carol Morgan School in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and after one year was awarded the 1985 Excellence in Education Award (i.e., comparable to Teacher of the Year Award). For the last 8 years he has served in the Colonial School District (New Castle, Delaware) as the Director of School Leadership, Director of Academics; and currently as the Assistant Superintendent. Through all the years, Carlton has maintained the mantra – “It’s about the children!” Thus, he continues to be successful, as he has not lost sight of the reasons schools exist!

Carlton was exposed to Omega through family friends and always had a desire to become a member of our great organization. His love for learning and keen understanding of our second cardinal principle, Scholarship, caused him to focus on pursuing his educational goals as a priority. However, in 2000 he came to Delaware for a career opportunity and met several “bruhs” on the Nu Upsilon (Wilmington, DE) Boat Ride. It was at the 2002 Nu Upsilon Boat Ride that he inquired about the opportunity to become an Omega Man. The rest is history, as he crossed the burn-

ing sands on Sunday, November 23, 2003, at the age of 49. This experience that is among the top five highlights of his life.

From the day he became a “Que,” Bro. Lampkins has assumed a variety of leadership roles in the Nu Upsilon Chapter – assistant to the Vice Basileus; Vice Basileus; and currently, Basileus. Additionally, he has served as the chairman of the chapter’s Scholarship and Talent Hunt Committees, and as a member of the Achievement Week, Sweetheart Ball, Social Actions, Boat Ride, and Theme Parties Committees. In November 2005, the brothers of the Nu Upsilon Chapter bestowed upon him the Omega Man of the Year Award for his relentless efforts, leadership, and hard work.

It was in 2005 that Bro. Lampkins was asked to become the 2nd District Talent Hunt Chairman. After three years, the 2nd District Talent Hunt Competition has become one of the highlights of the 2nd District Conference; brothers of the Second District actually look forward to the competition!!

As Bro. Lampkins continues his work in Omega, he hopes to acquire sponsorships, grants, donors, etc. to support the Second District Talent Hunt Competition, as well as to continue serving our great fraternity wherever his skills and expertise can contribute to our continual success.

## Scenes from Epsilon Chapter’s Que’s Helping Haiti



Scenes from Pi Omega's Achievement Week - Founders Day



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## OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY AND NAACP MEMBERSHIP

Every District and Chapter of the Fraternity is required to maintain a Life Membership At Large in the NAACP. In the event that a Chapter or District is NOT a Life Member of the NAACP, it must maintain a yearly membership to be "in good standing" with the Fraternity. Furthermore, all members of the Fraternity are strongly encouraged to become individual members of the NAACP.

The International Headquarters (IHQ) is committed to maintaining timely and accurate records related to individual Chapters' and Districts' adherence to the Fraternity's partnership with the NAACP. IHQ is, therefore, requesting that Chapters and Districts forward a copy of their Life Membership Certificate, other proof of Life Membership, or proof of Regular Annual Membership to IHQ to be attached to their respective records by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year as appropriate.

NAACP memberships may be purchased online at [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org). Membership applications may be pulled from the web site or obtained from a local NAACP Branch. Checks should be made payable to: NAACP. Take completed application and payment to your local NAACP Unit or mail to: NAACP Membership Department, 4805 Mount Hope Drive, Baltimore MD 21215. For more information call the NAACP toll free at 866.636.2227. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave required a one-time NAACP Life Membership of \$750.00. This is the "Silver Life" level. The "Silver Life" membership may be paid in full or in annual installments of \$75.00 or more. The Regular Adult Annual Membership is \$30.00, which includes a one-year subscription to the CRISIS magazine.

Each District Representative is to ensure that mandated programs, such as Life Membership in the NAACP, are complied with by Chapters and the results reported quarterly to

the First Vice Grand Basileus. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Brother Mel McCottry, Chair, NAACP/CEF Committee, Second District, at 301.352.6828 or email at [naacp\\_uncf@gammapi.org](mailto:naacp_uncf@gammapi.org)

### Sources/references:

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