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## Brother Edward "Eddie" H. Taylor - Omega Chapter



### The Consummate Omega Man

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## District Representatives Message



Brothers,

The Second District has been very active this year, Iota Phi hosted the successful 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference in Pittsburgh, Mu Omega hosted the largest Leadership Conference ever in Philadelphia and Pi Omega hosted a great Shirtsleeve Conference in Baltimore. However, we must continue to do the *Business of Omega* to keep our District strong.

The action items from the Shirtsleeve Conference must

and will be implemented if we, Second District, are to regain our position as the leaders of our great Fraternity, be of service to the Brothers of the Second District and uplift the communities to which we are bound to serve.

The 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Council has been elected and our 2007-08 committee chairs have been appointed and stand ready to take our District to the greater heights. Unity, reclamation and retention continue to be areas in need of improvement in our great District. It starts with each of us re-dedicating ourselves to the Cardinal Principles of Omega and the ritualistic oath we swore to uphold, putting aside petty differences and politics for the greater good of Omega Dear.

Once again, one of our sturdiest of trees has gone forth to Omega Chapter, God has called our dear beloved Brother Eddie Taylor home, from labor to refreshment to reward. He has left a great legacy of service to Omega and his life has been a great example of

how to be the consummate Omega Man. He was truly the Essence of Omega.

His loss and the loss of Brothers Richard I. McKinney, Rudy Powell and other sage brothers leave us with the loss of our Bridge Builders, the loss of our history and greatness. Each of us, as Omega men, now have the charge to emulate those who have paved the way before us and become those Bridge Builders to our younger brothers in Omega if we are to continue to be the Greatest Fraternity this side of Heaven!

So, now is our time to further the history of Omega, and demonstrate our beliefs on the ideals stipulated by our Founders and the great leaders of the Second District and move forward in "*Building a Stronger Omega*"

Yours in Omega,  
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## Brother Eddie Taylor – An Omega Pearl

Brother Edward H. Taylor was duly initiated November 17, 1928 into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated through Alpha Chapter, at Howard University in Washington, DC. While a student at Howard University, Brother Taylor served as the Howard University Student Council President from 1930-1931. Brother Taylor left Howard University to return home to New York City, where he earned both a B.S. and M.S. in Education from Columbia University. In 1931, Brother Taylor aligned himself with Zeta Psi Chapter, Brooklyn, New York where he served as Basileus for two years, and Keeper of Records and Seal for four years.

In November 1949, Brother Taylor, along with other distinguished Omega Men, helped to charter Alpha Upsilon Chapter to serve as the graduate chapter in Brooklyn, New York.

Brother Taylor faithfully attended chapter meetings. Until his health began to fail, he had not missed an Alpha Upsilon chapter meeting since 1950. He served Alpha Upsilon as Basileus for two years, and the Keeper of Records and Seal for an “astounding” thirty years. Brother Taylor also served as Chaplain and was duly elected Keeper of Records and Seal Emeritus for Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

Brother Taylor served as Special Advisor to numerous Second District Representatives for over



*Brother Eddie H. Taylor*

twelve years. He served the Second District's Recommendation Committee for fifteen years, the Artifact and Memorabilia Committee for thirteen years, and served as the Project Uplift Chairman.

In 1959, Brother Taylor served as the New York City Conclave Grand Marshal. Brother Taylor served on the National Recommendation Committee, the Bishop Love Study Commission, and the Constitution Recommendation Committee for three years. Brother Taylor also served on the National Artifact Committee for three Grand Conclaves.

In addition to Brother Taylor's great contribution to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., he faithfully served as a teacher and guidance counselor for the New York City Board of Education for thirty-four years.

Brother Taylor has been honored or received the following awards and distinctions: Omega Man of the Year, Zeta Psi chapter 1967; Forty Year Award, Conclave Charlotte, NC 1968; Omega Man of the Year, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, 1970 and 1984; fifty Year Award, Conclave New Orleans, LA 1978; Sixty Year Award, Conclave Dallas, TX 1988; Founders Award – Stand in for Brother Love at the Second District Conference 1989; Seventy Year Award, Conclave New Orleans, LA 1998; Iota Xi Chapter Award 2000; Outstanding Participation Award, Zeta Theta Chapter 2001; Outstanding Service to Omega Award, Theta Omicron Chapter 2001; Undergraduate Summit – Keynote Speaker 2003; Supreme Council – Keynote Speaker 2003; Special Honoree, Alpha Upsilon Chapter 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004. Also in 2004, Alpha Upsilon Chapter established the Brother Edward H. Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award to serve as Brother Taylor's Legacy in the Chapter and the Fraternity in recognition of his many years of service and deeds to Omega.

No biography could ever adequately capture the true essence of what Brother Taylor has done for Omega throughout his seventy-eight years of loyal service to her. Brother Edward H. Taylor, the Man, the Legend, is the personification of Omega. He will be thoroughly missed. Omega Chapter – September 7, 2007.

## Gamma Pi Chapter of the Year - 3rd Consecutive Year

When members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s five-state Second District gathered in Pittsburgh for the 59th annual conference in May, a busload and several carloads of Brothers from Gamma Pi chapter in Maryland hustled up the Interstate to take part in the meeting. It turned out to be a very pleasant ride back home for the men of Gamma Pi, thanks to a surprise win as the Second District's "Graduate Chapter of the Year." It marked the third consecutive time that Gamma Pi, known as "the Super Chapter," has garnered the coveted award from the District.

The award is given to a chapter for exemplifying Omega's Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift through service to community. In its 34-year history, Gamma Pi has made service in the Prince George's community its hallmark. District Representative Marvin Dillard recognized Gamma Pi as a "standard bearer" for the District in his address to the conference.

"We are honored and humbled that our Brothers from the Second District saw fit to bestow this award upon Gamma Pi again. We never work for awards, but we always work to live up to the challenge that comes with winning such a prestigious award, and that is to reach even higher the



*Gamma Pi - The Super Chapter - pose with DR, Marvin Dillard at the Founders Banquet*

next time," said Gamma Pi Basileus Teddy Taylor. "One thing we are always working toward and that is to be true to the legacy of the Founders."

Gamma Pi also received more good news at the Second District Conference. Brother Dr. Luther Burse, a 50-year member and longtime expert in higher education, was honored with the prestigious Second District Founder's Award. He was chosen from among all Second District chapter Founder's award winners.

And, Gamma Pi's Brother Kenneth Rodgers, Immediate Past Basileus, was re-elected Second District Keeper of Records and Seal. This will be Brother Rodgers' second term holding District office.

More than two dozen Gamma Pi Brothers attended the Pittsburgh meeting, including many who traveled on the chapter's first-ever chartered coach to a District meeting. The experience proved to be so rewarding that more such road trips are planned. Truly the Super Chapter!

## Gamma Pi's Achievement Week Speaker - Little Rock 9's Ernest Green

The Gamma Pi chapter of Omega Phi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s upcoming Achievement Week program will take on historical significance on Saturday, November 10 when Ernest Green, a distinguished member of the Fraternity and of the famed "Little Rock Nine" school desegregation case, will serve as the honored Guest Speaker for the chapter's 34th Annual Achievement Week program at 1 p.m. at Drew-Freeman Middle School in Suitland, Md.

Ironically, Green's appearance in Prince George's County, Maryland is well-timed with the "Little Rock Nine" observing the 50th anniversary of their groundbreaking case that changed the face of public school education in the United States. The Little Rock Nine desegregated Little Rock's Central High School under armed guard in 1957; Green was the first African American to graduate from Central High School.

"This is not just history, but it is living history, and coincidentally, this is a fantastic time to hear from Ernest Green given

the 50th Anniversary of the Little Rock Nine. We are so honored that he has accepted the invitation to be our keynote speaker for this great occasion," said Teddy Taylor, Basileus of Gamma Pi Chapter. "This is going to be a historic event for Prince George's County as well as the Fraternity. Ernest Green is a civil rights icon. He is a living legend."

Each year, the 700-plus worldwide individual chapters of Omega Psi Phi observe Achievement Week as a mandated program of the Fraternity. Originally designated to promote the study of Negro life and history, Achievement Week today has broadened to become an occasion to also seek out and recognize local and national citizens who have made noteworthy contributions toward improving the quality of life for African Americans. In that regard, Gamma Pi chapter will present several community leadership awards as well as more than \$15,000 in college scholarships to Prince George's County students as part of the November 10 program. Various

members of the chapter will also be recognized for their service to the Fraternity. Brother Green is a charter member of Sigma chapter (Michigan State University) and is one of the most distinguished and internationally acclaimed members of Omega Psi Phi.

In addition to his mention in history books, Green has received an untold number of awards for his courage, including from the President of the United States. He received the highest civilian award, Congressional Medal of Honor from President Bill Clinton, as well as the Congressional Gold Medal, the NAACP Spingarn Award, the Urban League's Frederick Douglass Freedom Medal, and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Brother Green has served as Director of the A. Philip Randolph Educational Fund and as an Assistant Secretary of Labor in the Carter Administration. In his professional life, he is the Managing Director of Public Finance for Lehman Brothers in Washington, D.C.

## 2nd District Col. Charles Young Awarded to Bro. John Milton Archield



**Pittsburg, PA** - On May 5, 2007, Lt. Colonel John Milton Archield of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter received the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Colonel Charles D. Young award the 59<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> District Conference, hosted by Iota Phi Chapter. The Colonel Charles D. Young award is bestowed to those military brothers who exhibit the qualities of professionalism and outstanding achievement. Colonel Charles D. Young was the epitome of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, the four cornerstones upon which our great fraternity was founded.

Recently retired as Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force, Bro. John Milton Archield is married to Nadene and is the father of one daughter, Segrid. John's last active duty assignment was that of the Chief of the Education and Advanced Distributed Learning Program for the ANG. John has initiated, directed and sustained numerous award winning programs throughout his illustrious 25 year military career. He brings that same quest for excellence to the programs endorsed by LGG and those mandated programs supported by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Bro. John Milton Archield was born in 1960, in Houston Texas. He graduated from Central Catholic High School with Honors in May 1978. He attended several institutes of higher learning, each shaping a portion of his life including St. Phillip's College, The Air Force Academy Preparatory School, Southwest Texas University (now Texas State University), Fisk University (BA in Psychology, Dec 1981), Tennessee State University and George Peabody College at Vanderbilt (M.Ed.

Human Development Counseling, May 1996). Bro. Archield was commissioned into the United States Air Force on May 13, 1983 at Tennessee State University. Bro. Archield was initiated at Theta Pi (Vallejo, CA) in 1986.

Bro. Archield built his career on excellence and perseverance in the fields of education, human resources and personnel management. In 1983, Bro. Archield's first duty station was Travis AFB, California. As the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Officer (DAACO), he was responsible for specialized counseling and education for K through 12 grades and adult learners.

In 1987, Bro. Archield while stationed at McConnell AFB, Kansas, he was the Chief of Social Actions Programs. He was responsible for Equal Opportunity and Treatment/Substance Abuse counseling and education programs. While at McConnell, Bro. Archield served in a number of Executive Officer positions where managed both personnel and programs where he was responsible for management and a \$22.8 million budget. Thereafter, he was deployed to Saudi Arabia where he was responsible for Morale and Welfare of all Support Group personnel.

In 1993, John returned to the states by way of Maxwell AFB, AL where as Assistant Chief Instructor, Management Headquarters ROTC, he managed personnel records. Bro. Archield was co-creator of the automated application scoring system and records management function that is still in use at the ROTC Headquarters. Bro. Archield also wrote the Air Force Regulation supplement for military staff, adding blocks on suicide prevention and DWI.

Leaving the active duty ranks in 1997, John served with the Air National Guard (ANG). Bro. Archield became the Director of Personnel for the California ANG where he taught classes for the Vincennes University Satellite Military Program and managed all personnel records for officer and enlisted personnel.

In November 1999, John returned to active duty and was assigned to the ANG Readiness Center at Andrews AFB near Washington DC. He was tasked to be the Director of a newly created Branch; the result of a merger of Professional Military Education, Civilian Education and Distance Learning Branches. Bro. Archield John was the Moderator/Director of over 120 hours of satellite broadcasted training, education, and informational updates received at 302 sites world wide. This included establishing the first-ever video conference for the personnel community within the ANG. Bro. Archield organized and managed the emergency broadcast for the personnel community after the 9/11 attacks and was a team writer for the education portion of the Department of Defense personnel tracking system known as DIMHRS. He co-authored the Department of Defense Distance Learning Implementation Plan authorized by Congress in April 2000 and the Air National Guard Distance Learning Strategic and Implementation plans.

### **Military Awards:**

The Strategic Air Command's Gen Bruce K. Holloway award for Humanitarian Service (1991)

Information Manager of the Quarter and Year (1992)

384th Wing Commander - Ten Outstanding Americans (1992)

Outstanding Personnel Officer, HQs ROTC (1995)

### **Decorations:**

Air Force Commendation Medals 1991, 1999

Air Force Meritorious Service Medals 1996, 2002, 2005, 2007

Humanitarian Service Award 1998

### **Civilian Awards:**

Quill and Scroll 1978

Selected as Omega Man of the Year 1989, 1993

Received Community Service award Montgomery AL "Success by Six"

## Nu Upsilon Scholars - The Cream of the Crop

### Nu Upsilon Chapter, June 2007.

For its 56 years of existence, the Nu Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has lived up to its commitment to Scholarship, one of its four cardinal principles. Not only has this commitment been through the quest for knowledge by its members, but by helping our young people further their education. The year 2007 is no different!

Beginning in December 2006, Nu Upsilon began its scholarship process and concluded that process in April 2007, with the selection of five outstanding high school students from New Castle County, DE as its recipients of \$6,000.00 in scholarships. A total of 20 students were considered for awards.

Our scholarship process included submission of a completed application with sup-



*Nu Upsilon Chapter Scholarship Awardees*

porting documents such as high school transcripts, an essay, and letters of reference. After scoring the applications based on completeness, community service and leadership activities, letters of reference, grade point average, and the successful completion of a personal interview, Nu Upsilon is proud to wish "CONGRATULATIONS" to

the following June 2007 High School Graduates on being the recipients of our scholarships:

Thomas Anderson – \$2,000 - Graduate of Tatnall School to attend Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland; majoring in Business Finance;

Amber Gladney - \$1,500 – Graduate of Del Castle Tech-

nical High School to attend University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware; majoring in Chemistry;

Syvonya Brown - \$1,000 – Graduate of Howard High School of Technology to attend University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware; majoring in Pre-Medicine;

Alanna Wallace - \$750 – Graduate of Charter School of Wilmington, DE to attend Howard University in Washington, D.C., majoring in Chemical Engineering; and

Brandon Francis - \$750 – Graduate of Middletown High School to attend University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware; majoring in Computer Engineering.

Our mantra to these outstanding youngsters is "Enjoy the experience and keep focused on "the prize" – your college degree!"

## Alpha Upsilon Awards Scholarship

**Brooklyn, New York-** On June 26, 2007; Alpha Upsilon chapter "Brooklyn Omega" presented an Award of Achievement and a book Scholarship of \$500.00 to the Salutatorian, Angel Torres; of the 2007 graduating class of Brooklyn Acad-

emy High School held at the New York City Technical College.

Mr. Angel Torres resides in Bushwick; Brooklyn NY. He is the only child to Ms. Torres. He is an honor roll student. Mr. Torres has been accepted to Bard College in Pough-

keepsie NY for the Fall semester of 2007. He plans to transfer to Howard University the following year.

The Award of Achievement and Scholarship was presented by Bro. Lamar Coombs (1-AU-05) and Glenn Chapman (3-AU-05).



## LGG has Bro. James Clyburn Speak to Middle Schoolers

**Hyattsville, MD.**— On February 5, 2007 Nicholas Orem Middle School (NOM) celebrated Black History Month with special guest speaker, the honorable James Clyburn (D-SC), a member of the United States House of Representatives and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Representative Clyburn was first elected to Congress in 1992 from the 6<sup>th</sup> district of South Carolina—that state's only majority Black district. As a result of overwhelming mid-term election successes in 2006, Democrats took back control of the House. Shortly thereafter, Clyburn was elected by his party to serve as the Majority Whip. As the Majority Whip, Clyburn is considered the third most powerful member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He is only the second Black to ascend to Majority Whip. In that role he assists the Speaker of the House and Majority Leader to rally support for proposed legislation.

Mr. Clyburn spoke to an auditorium filled with students, par-



ents, teachers, school board members, local and national legislators, as well as many other attendees. His message was clear “children are our future” and “don't ever give up”. Clyburn, an educator turned politician, reminded the audience, especially the students, that dreams do come true. He shared his experiences of a humble up bringing in South Carolina; how he had to overcome some of the challenges of growing up in the South; and his dedication to

education and matriculation to South Carolina State University, where he pledged the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Brother Kenny “K.C.” Calvin (pictured far left) is the principal at NOM. According to Calvin, “having a member of Congress like Brother Clyburn speak was inspirational for the students and teachers.” In two short years, Brother Calvin has reformed a once denounced Nicholas Orem Middle School into a model that other Prince Georges County

schools are trying to emulate. NOM is also the host school for the Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Assault on Illiteracy Program (AOIP), chaired by Brother Reginald E. Vance, Ph.D. (pictured third from the right).

Ms. Mary Alvarenga, the Black History Month Program Coordinator (pictured second from the left) said “This is so exciting! I think the entire program went well. It was great having the Congressman from my state and district (South Carolina, 6<sup>th</sup> District) come speak to the students. I think they really enjoyed him.” Judging by the extended rounds of applause and smiling faces, I agree the students as well as the teachers, parents and other audience members were thoroughly impressed with Brother James Clyburn, United States House of Representatives, Majority Whip.

## Alpha Upsilon Volunteers at NYC MS Walk

Sunday April 22, 2007, New York, NY – For the second year in a row, the Men of Alpha Upsilon Chapter “Brooklyn Omega” served as volunteers at the New York City Multiple Sclerosis Walk. The Chapter first took interest in this participating in this event in 2005, when it was learned that our then Social Action Committee Chairman, Brother Don M. Wade, had been diagnosed with this disease.

*The occurrence of MS in African Americans is lower than in European Americans. However, the disease course may be more severe in some African American individuals than others diagnosed with this disease.*



*Alpha Upsilon Brothers pose with junior volunteers at the MS Walk*

Under the leadership of our Basileus, Brother Kirk K. Wilkinson, the Chapter has

vowed to take an active role in assisting with the search for a cure of this chronic, devastating

and debilitating disease. In the years to come, we will serve not only as volunteers, but in a fundraising capacity as well.

This year we had a very enthusiastic team of volunteers who cheered on the walkers and distributed literature related to the search for a cure. In addition to the Brothers who volunteered to support this effort, we were joined by some very energetic junior volunteers (Brothers Plant's children and their friends). We had a wonderful time fellowshiping and volunteering at this event, and we look forward to participation in the years to come!

## Pi Omega's Bro. Bert Simmons Negro League All Star

Hubert Simmons spends a lot of time these days thinking about when he was one of the "Boys of Summer."

At 83, he reflects on his days as a pitcher for the Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro baseball leagues, which was created because the sport, like the rest of the country, was divided by race.

He remembers pitching a one-hitter against the Richmond (Va.) Giants in the early 1950s. "That was my best game," he says. "On radio! We were on radio that Sunday. Simmons played against the Baseball Hall of Fame's Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Leon Day of Baltimore. In Baltimore, the Negro league hosted two teams at different times -- the Elite Giants and the Black Sox. The Negro baseball leagues survived from 1920 to about 1960, says Ray Doswell, chief curator of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

About 4,000 African-American men played in segregated leagues until Jackie Robinson became the first black man to play major league baseball, for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, the anniversary that was celebrated around the major leagues this year. After Robinson signed with the Dodgers, lots of young African-American baseball players were recruited into the major leagues and its minor league farm clubs. But Simmons never went to the majors. He played from 1950-51 for the Elite Giants, which by that time was struggling to keep players because of the flood of black men going to the big league.

Simmons had all the pitches -- fastball, curve, change-up -- but he won many games with his knuckleball. "That was my good pitch," he says. "You threw it like this," he says, with a ball in his hand as if even now he were ready to pitch. "Not with your knuckles. Your fingertips. Depending on the wind, it moves up." Simmons was born, grew up and first played ball in Tarboro, N.C. -- a town of about 11,000 then and now, near Rocky Mount. "I was about 16," Simmons says, adding that he played for the Tarboro Tigers.

After graduating from an all-black high school in 1941, Simmons enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Depression-era program that put young men to work on rural conservation projects for a dollar a day.

He went to a camp in Raleigh, N.C., and played baseball on the corps team. A couple years later he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Simmons became a tech sergeant and a personnel sergeant major. He spent three years overseas in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He was at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and survived Nazi buzz bomb attacks. But he didn't play any baseball in the Army.

"No ball. I wanted to. I couldn't find any teams. Didn't have time," he says. "I got to Belgium, I saw guys throwing the ball around. Played softball."

He returned to the United States in December 1945, and he was discharged at Fort Bragg, N.C., the same place he had been inducted. He returned to a country that he hoped had changed. But it hadn't.

"I got on the bus and I had to sit in the back of the bus," he says, with a long, sad sigh. "Now I had been overseas three years. The war had ended and I had to sit in the back of the bus!" This was a man awarded four bronze stars, a European Theater Ribbon and even a good conduct medal. In the late '40s, he enrolled in Greensboro's North Carolina A&T College -- a black school -- on the GI Bill. While he was there, he played on the college baseball team. "We won three championships," he says. Most of the guys on the team, including him, are in the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College (N.C.A. & T.) Hall of Fame.

He graduated from college in 1950 and became a pitcher in Atlantic City, N.J. His time there was short-lived.

His coach introduced him to Lenny Pearson, the coach for the Elite Giants. "And then I came to Baltimore," Simmons says. The team played at Westport Stadium near Old Annapolis Road. He signed for \$200 a month in 1950. And that's the most he ever made in baseball. "I could pay the rent and I could eat for about two days," he says, joking. "I made out all right." He stayed in

the league for a short time before retiring. He went on to work for the **Social Security Administration** and later as a teacher in the Baltimore public school system. "I was getting old, 27," he says of his playing days, which was pretty old to start as a rookie.

Simmons still likes the game. He's a hometown fan. He watches the Orioles -- as well as the Ravens -- on television.

A couple of years ago, youngsters at Govans Elementary School wrote letters asking the Orioles to honor him by allowing him to throw out the first ball at a game. The Orioles asked him if he would do it. "I told them of course I would," he says. "If you invite the kids." That was June 20, 2004. "They escorted me to the field. Camden Yard," he says. "The kids yelling and screaming. They gave me a ball." He pitched it to the Orioles third-base coach, Tom Greenhorn, behind the plate. About 38,000 people were there, Simmons says. "That was the greatest feeling I had in baseball," he says. "When I threw that ball and saw it was going to be a strike, I felt so good. I'll never forget it."

### HUBERT V. SIMMONS

**Nickname** // Known as "Bert"

**Born** // May 19, 1924, Tarboro, N.C.

**Education** // North Carolina A&T College, Inducted into NC A&T Sports Hall of Fame.

**Family** // Married for 52 years to Audrey; has a son, granddaughter and great granddaughter

**Team** // Baltimore Elite Giants, 1950-51

**Positions** // pitcher, outfielder

**After baseball** // Worked for the Social Security Administration and later as a teacher in Baltimore public schools for 30 years. Coached baseball at the little league, high school and college levels. Retired in 1984. Owned a sports store and advertising specialty company, but sold both.

Bert Simmons is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter.

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## Young Talent Converge on Pittsburgh

The stage was set, and it was a perfect afternoon in the Cultural Center of downtown Pittsburgh, PA!

Twenty-three talented young people from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, along with 350 guests, convened at the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) for the 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference Talent Hunt on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

Of the 23 young artists, four of them were entrants in the visual arts category. Their works were displayed in the foyer of CAPA prior to the start of the vocal, instrumental, and dance performances by the remaining contestants. Two of the members of the illustrious panel of nine judges evaluated the artwork prior to the

“entertainment” portion of the Talent Hunt. Guests had the opportunity to view the variety of artistic media prior to and after the performances.

At 1:00 p.m., it was cameras, lights, sound, ACTION; the Talent Hunt began! The master of ceremony for the afternoon was Bro. Carlton Lampkins, Second District Talent Hunt Chairman. After a prayer for success and a welcome by the Basileus of the host chapter, Iota Phi, Bro. Kenneth Minefield, the competitive “heat” filled the theatre.

The nineteen performing artists took the stage, one at a time, to demonstrate their artistic prowess in the categories of classical instrumental; classical vocal; contemporary instrumental; contemporary vocal; and dance. This very talented group of youngsters performed using a variety of “instruments” – violin; alto and tenor saxophones; pi-

ano; drums; and “voice box.” One of the contestants used her body as an “instrument” to interpret music in the form of tap dance. The genres of music performed by the contestants included jazz, classical arias, hip-hop, and Broadway show tunes, and highlighted the works of such musical giants as Q-tip and Lena Horne; Herbie Hancock; Hayward and Gershwin; Beethoven, Elton John and Tim Rice, and Brahms.

The judges had the awesome task of ranking the performances by category, awesome the task was because each of the young performers has the “IT” factor!

When all was said and done, the overall winner was Brett Williams, jazz pianist, who played a phenomenal arrangement of the Herbie Hancock’s classic, Watermelon Man.

Each of the contestants received a certificate of recognition, while all of the first, second, and third place winners in each category were awarded \$400, \$300, and \$200, respectively, along with an engraved trophy. Additionally, Brett received a royal purple and gold engraved scroll plaque for being crowned the 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference Talent Hunt Champion.

The fifteen winners of the Talent Hunt represented all 7 corridors of the district, with corridor one garnering 5 of the awards!

Join us for what promises to be another spectacular competition at the 60<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference Talent Hunt on Saturday, May 3, 2008, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the birthplace of the Second District Conference.

### Scenes from the 59th Second District Conference Talent Hunt Competition



## James Jordan Gives Back, Establishes \$50,000 Endowment

James Jordan will tell you unabashedly that Lincoln University has made all the difference in his life. In return, Jordan wants to help make a difference in the lives of other university students the best way he can,

Not surprisingly, Jordan, a member of the class of 1988, has established a \$50,000 endowment to provide scholarships for deserving students. His contribution is the largest individual gift during the 2008-07 fiscal year.

“We as college educated professionals have to remember that as alumni we should support the growth and development of our institutions,” Jordan said.

Majority based institutions get a great deal of support from their alumni, so whenever possible, we should give back.

“The endowment I have started at Lincoln University will provide scholarships to young men and women trying to enhance their educational dreams.”

“We appreciate Mr. Jordan’s generous contribution to our university.” President Ivory V. Nelson said. “He recognizes the significance of alumni giving and the financial support needed to help students turn dreams into reality.”

A native of Washington D.C., Jordan majored in business. He is president and CEO of Omega QSE, Inc., a company he



*James W. Jordan, Class 1988*

created in 1991. Omega is a multi-faceted service and construction management corporation that employs over 275 individuals and provides services to various clients throughout the eastern seaboard.

He is also senior vice president of Jai II, Inc., a consulting firm that provides services to various businesses throughout the Northeast. In addition, he is a managing partner of the WADE Group, LLC., a real estate and development holding corporation that has hundreds of acres of land being processed or in the process of being developed for different purposes.

He serves a First Vice Second District Representative for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and an active participant in local mentor programs.

Jordan believes that Lincoln prepared him for his success directly and indirectly. “While at Lincoln, I had the opportunity to develop my social, independent, and priority skills,” Jordan said. “I had to learn and define my ability to effectively take care of business while working with people and finding the right time to study, as well as enjoy my college experience. That was the direct influence.”

Even with his busy schedule and business endeavors, he makes time to give back to his community. “I spend a lot of time with mentor programs and speaking with youth organizations,” he said.

He said that his mother is the emotional and spiritual mentor, while his father is his inspirational and business mentor.

Jordan has been honored by many organizations, including the Small Business Administration (SBA), 40 under 40, Who’s Who, and Black Enterprise. He is married to Helena and has four children: Andre, Erica, Gabrielle and James II.

*Article taken from Lincoln Lion Alumni Newsletter*

## Pi Omega Represented at the 59th Second District Conference



*l-r 2007 District Omega Man of the Year C. Donald Bowser, Jr. Pi Omega Basileus D. Danard Smith & Founders Stand –in Lester Buster*



*Pi Omega Brothers in attendance at the 59th Second District Conference Founders Banquet held in Pittsburgh, PA*

## The Capitol Region Ques Talent Hunt 2007

**Fort Meade, MD** – On Saturday, March 24, 2007, The Capitol Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter held one of its most entertaining Talent Hunt competitions. The competition, hosted by Master of Ceremonies Bro. Heath Cheek, was held at Meade Middle School in Fort Meade Maryland. The nationally mandated Talent Hunt program provides exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the Performing Arts.

LGG takes great pride in the display and celebration of some of the Capital Region's most talented high school aged students. Due to an overwhelming response to this year's competition, auditions were held two weeks before the day of the event for the sake of timeliness on the day of competition.

Twenty Four very talented contestants participated in this year's event and were judged in the categories of Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Drama, and Visual Arts. The Chairman Darryl W. Bennett (GE/80); stressed that the event should be a positive, motivating and learning experience. The contestants were encouraged to just "do their best", without undue stress, no matter how proficient or experienced they are in their respective area.

The winner in the vocalist category was Mr. Nicholas Sneed. Nicholas is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt Maryland. Nicholas gave the audience a rousing and soulful display of an original piece dedicated to his Mom. He crooned to the ladies in the audience like a seasoned professional.

Ms. Briana Williams, a student at West Lake High School in Waldorf Maryland, the winner of the dance category performed a very spirited and energetic tap dance routine to the jazz standard "I Got Rhythm". Briana's tap dance routine was full of athleticism, punctuated by a fusion of hip-hop and classical dance movements. Her sassy performance captivated the audience.

Mr. Justin White, the winner of the instrumental category showed that he is more than a pianist. Justin is truly a very talented musician. His fine rendition of Chopin's Invention Part 2 and Mozart's Prelude displayed not only his technical prowess but also his ability to milk each note, extracting all of the emotional content intended by the composer. Justin is a student at C. H. Flowers High School in Landover Maryland.

Mr. El Jay Johnson a student at Friendship Collegiate Academy in Washington DC was the winner in the drama category. El Jay's

heartfelt reading of an original poem "Assorted Seeds" was a scripture like reference to sowing seeds in fertile soil. The general theme that seeds planted in fertile soil will always allow you to overcome the hardships of life, spoke to the hearts and minds of the audience.

The Visual Arts winner, Mrs. Akua Abrah, a student at Annapolis High School, displayed that our youth see the world a little differently than their former generation. The earthy tones juxtaposed with the smooth maternal lines of Akua's "Mother and Child" painting displayed a Picasso like touch.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall winners were Briana Williams, El Jay Johnson and Nicholas Sneed respectively. Each contestant received scholarship funds in the form of savings bonds in addition to cash prizes. The contestants received over \$2,000 in scholarships (bonds) and cash prizes. Briana will move on to compete for additional prizes at the District level in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 5, 2007. The brotherhood also provided a very hearty lunch to the contestants and their families. Lambda Gamma Gamma is proud to have hosted such a forum in the display of these very talented students.

## Bro. Robert C. Smith elected 1st Vice President of National Pan-Hellenic Council



The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) during its 64th Biennial National Convention in Dearborn, MI elected Robert C. Smith – First Vice President for the 2008-2009 calendar years. Mr. Smith is a twenty-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and brings to the newly elected position a wealth

of experience in strategic planning and tactical implementation of organizational goals.

As the former NPHC Eastern Regional Director, Mr. Smith effectively implemented an enhanced communication plan, Undergraduate Academic Review, and increased social and political awareness as a collective Black Greek body. He is a member of the Association of Fraternity Advisors and was recently inducted in the Order of Omega – National Greek Honor Society. Professionally, he serves as President & CEO of Trebor Associates, Inc. – an Information Technology consulting firm based in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Smith holds a Bachelors Degree in Industrial Engineering from Morgan State University and a Masters Degree in Information & Telecommunication Systems from Johns Hopkins University. He is married

with two daughters and attends Christian Life Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. is comprised of the nine (9) traditionally Black Greek-Lettered Organizations of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity. They collectively represent 1.4 million college-trained individuals throughout the United States and abroad.

*Brother Robert C. Smith is a member of Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity located in Baltimore, MD.*

## Bro. Trenton James Jackson - Omega Chapter



**Trenton James Jackson**, affectionately known as “TJ”, was born February 28, 1942 in Coredele, GA, to James and Evelyn Jackson. “TJ” was the eldest of seven children.

Upon moving to Rochester, New York, “TJ” became a permanent fixture at the Baden Street Settlement House. Trent attended Franklin High School, where on June 3, 1961, he matched the National High School Record in the 100 yard dash of 9.4 sec. set by Jesse Owens in 1933. One stopwatch timed him in 9.3 and the other two had 9.4’s.

Nicknamed the “**Franklin Flash**” he was a star on the Franklin High School 1960 Section V Class AA championship basketball team. According to Mauro Panaggio, his high school basketball coach, “he was so gifted – so fast, amazing dexterity, he was a natural.” After being taught, coached and mentored by Coach Mauro Panaggio, “TJ” pursued his dreams at the University of Illinois.

“TJ” became a Collegiate All-American, as well as Big Ten, Rose Bowl, and National Champion, lettering on the track, football, basketball, and baseball teams. By his senior year, he played quarterback and was a teammate of Dick Butkus..

In 1964, he won the Big Ten 100 yard dash in 9.5 sec, the 220 yard dash in 21.3 sec, led Illinois to the Big 10 and NCAA 4x110 yard relay championship, set the national Collegiate Record in the 100 meter dash (10.1 sec), won the AAU 100 meter championship, the U.S. Olympic Trials 100 meter dash, and was the last man to defeat “Bullet” Bob Hayes. Later on that year he represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan and became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In 1965 he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the NCAA 60 yard dash. Then he led Illinois to the 4x440 yard relay championship at the outdoor Big 10 championship. “TJ” held the 100 meter record at Illinois for 40 years.

In 1966, “TJ” was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. However, he chose to play football in the National Football League. After playing for the Washington Redskins and the Philadelphia Eagles, “TJ” returned home. There he began his passionate journey, of touching the lives of others.

Once home, “TJ” became an active member of Theta Omicron Chapter and served on several committees over the years. His favorite committee was the annual cook-out. “TJ” was known for his grilling skills and scheduling the children’s games. He also served as a member of the “Omega Select Chorus.”

“TJ” met and fell in love with lovely Pamela Kittleberger. They were united on July 10, 1971. From their union, Nicole, Yolanda, Heidi, and Trenton Jr. were conceived. “TJ” taught in the Rochester City School District for over 30 years. Winning six Section V basketball Championships in 1984, ’86, ’93, ’94, ’96 and 2000, while becoming a State Finalist in 1993 and 1996. One of Trent’s proudest accomplishments included the opportunity to coach his daughters in Track and Field, leading Nicole to three Section V titles. “TJ” received “Section V Coach of the Year” honors in 1996 and 2000, when he led his son Trent Jr. to “Section V Player of the Year” honors. Coach Trent Jackson was inducted into the Section V Track and Field, Football, and Basketball hall of Fames as a player and coach. Being the humble person he was few members of the fraternity were aware of Trent’s tremendous athletic accomplishments.

Trent was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, coach, mentor, cook, comedian, Fraternity brother and Friend. However, **Trent’s greatest accomplishment was turning his life over to Jesus Christ.**

On March 25, 2007, after touching the lives of so many, Trent entered “Omega Chapter.” He will be remembered as a role model and inspirational coach to several youth who grew up in the Rochester community. Trent often told his students “You can’t be a Good Athlete with a Dinosaur Brain” and he proved this every day of his life.

## District Representatives at the 59th Second District Conference



## Bro. Bruce Hinton - Omega Chapter

**Brother Bruce A. Hinton**, also known as “Sugar Bear” or “Teach”, the beloved son of James Hinton and the late Agnes Van Hinton was born on October 18, 1950 in Newark, New Jersey.

Reared in New Jersey, Brother Hinton was a graduate of East Orange High School, Class of 1968. He also graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC, class of 1973 where he was a pro-draft baseball candidate. Bruce was married for thirty-five years to his high school sweetheart, Regina and their union was blessed with a daughter, Monique.

Bruce was employed as a Physical Education Teacher for over thirty years teaching at VLD in East Orange, New Jersey and Weequahic and Malcolm X. Shabazz High Schools in Newark, New



Jersey. He also coached championship varsity basketball teams for East Orange High School, Kean University, AAU for Newark and AAU for East Orange. He was a mentor to many children in Newark and the Oranges.

In 1988 Bruce became a member of the Upsilon Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He has pledged on the most notable Line of Excellence. He was a member of Trinity Lodge #33, PHA and had a special love for the Masonic Order, teaching and mentoring members as they sought to become Shriners (Golconda Temple #24).

Mr. Hinton was the loving husband of Regina Hinton; devoted father of Monique Hinton Nickerson; cherished grandfather of Makiyah Janae Nickerson; beloved brother of Keith Hinton; dear son of James and the late Agnes Hinton; also survived by a son-in-law, Robert Nickerson. He will be missed.

## Scenes from the 59th Second District Conference



## Tau Lambda Lambda Juneteenth Celebration

**Waldorf, MD** – On June 16, 2007, Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter participated in the Juneteenth Celebration Parade. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is an annual holiday in Fourteenth states in the United States.

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on September

22, 1862 with an effective date of January 1, 1863. However, it had little immediate effect on most slaves' day-to-day lives, particularly in Texas. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union General and 2,000 federal troops arrived on Galveston Island to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its slaves.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement and the Brothers of TLL were present during the entire event after marching in the parade. The day was a great celebration where Men of Omega were able to reflect and rejoice. It was also a time for assessment, self-improvement and

planning as the brothers were able to establish future networks with other organizations as we continue to provide service in the community. The growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America that has been long over due and the Brothers of TLL were honored to be a part of such an event.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Awards First Scholarship

**Owings, MD** – On May 9, 2007, Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter awarded its first Scholarship recipient with a Five Hundred Dollar Savings Bond for the school year 2007 – 2008. The scholarship was presented to Mr. Chandler Curtis at the Northern High School awards program.

TLL awarded the scholarship based on the Chandler's essay on "How can we as individuals make a difference in the Lives of Black People." The essay highlighted major factors as prayer, self-confidence, cultural/historical awareness through education, and increased

participation in political elections. TLL Basileus, Brother Granville Johnson, III, Scholarship Chairman, Joseph Parran, and Scholarship Committee Member Bernard Gilliard were present during the award.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is a firm believer of

higher education, and TLL applauded the decision of the young man to continue to work toward his goal. TLL further reiterated to extra effort that will be required to assure success and expressed confidence that he would surpass all expectations.

## Tau Lambda Lambda's 2007 Family Day

**Prince Frederick, MD** – On June 22, 2007, Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter celebrated three years in with its Family Day Event. Brother Wayne Burks served as the Chairman for the Family Day event. Brother Burks and his committee members Brothers Daniel Ebb and Arthur Powell

put together a great event which allowed the families of TLL to have a great fellowship. The event was held at Cove Point Park in Calvert County.

Omega men have been leaders in the areas of science, technology, medicine, innovation, and academia. Our

rich heritage and legacy has been witnessed by citizen all around the world. The men of Southern Maryland saw a need to organize and perform service in an unrepresented area. TLL Basileus, Brother Granville Johnson, III has always emphasized the importance of family as we set

forth and uplift humanity in our local area. In order for TLL to flourish in the local community, Brother Granville knew we would need to have family support. The Family Day event was one way of fellowshiping with the brothers and their family as we also celebrate our third birthday.



*Tau Lambda Lambda Family Day 2007*



*Chandler Curtis receives TLL Scholarship Award*

## Nu Nu Chapter & Omega Community Development, Inc. Sponsor Health Fair

### Willingboro, NJ. July 2007

The mission of Nu Nu Chapter and Omega Community Development, Inc. (OCDI), located at 525 York Street in Burlington, NJ, is to provide for the betterment of the Burlington City community through our commitment to address emerging or worsening community concerns and problems.

It is our goal to offer needed services and mentoring on behalf of troubled, minority, low income, and otherwise at-risk youth. We strive to meet this goal by providing a positive influence for these youth and heightening their awareness of constructive lifestyles and economic and educational opportunities. One of the programs supported by OCDI and the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter is the Annual Health



Fair.

For the 2007 Health Fair, OCDI sponsored a Health Pavilion as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Family Heritage Festival, which was held on Saturday July 21, 2007 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM on the Burlington City Riverfront Promenade in Burlington City, New Jersey. The Black Family Heritage is a day filled with music, lots of activities for children, food, vendors and spe-

cial presentations. This year's festival attracted approximately 11,000 people.

Medical and Dental Professionals affiliated with the Chapter volunteered their time and energy to support this worthwhile cause. Dental screenings were provided by Bro. Dr. Al Dennis. The South Jersey Black Nurses Association provided health education and outreach ser-

vices for health issues that are of particular concern to the African-American community. AmeriChoice of New Jersey HMO provided Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar screenings, provided all materials needed for the Dental Screenings, and dispensed health education literature, water bottles, coloring books, refreshments and other free gifts to the adults and children in attendance.

Many thanks to Bro. Al Dennis, the South Jersey Black Nurses Association, and AmeriChoice of New Jersey for making this event a huge success!

The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter of the Mighty Second District. Forever striving to UPLIFT the community which we serve.

## Nu Nu's Capt. Sean Hoggs Named Outstanding Young American by Jaycees



**Tulsa, OK**—The United States Junior Chamber (Jaycees) is pleased to announce that Sean Hoggs has been named as one of the 2007 Ten Outstanding Young Americans. The presentation of the 69<sup>th</sup> annual black-tie awards ceremony will be held September 22, 2007, in the Omaha, Nebraska Hilton Hotel.

Thirty-nine-year-old Captain Sean Hoggs, currently the Commander of the 816<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Flight at McGuire Air

Force Base, Has served with unmatched leadership throughout his military career, resulting in major mission success for the Air Force's Special Operations Command, Special Operations Command—Pacific, Air Mobility Command, and Global War on Terror.

Supporting the Global War on Terror (GWOT), Captain Hoggs regularly deploys worldwide as a member of a contingency response group to provide rapidly deployable air expeditionary teams to support Air Mobility Command's (AMC) global concept of operations. He has directly supervised and ensured the preparation, inspection, and operation of material handling equipment for AMC's strategic and theater requirements. As a key member of the 621<sup>st</sup> Contingency Response Wing and AMC, Captain Hoggs provided combat-ready command and

control aerial port leadership in direct support of national military strategy to project, enable, and sustain combat forces worldwide to meet GWOT threats head on.

Despite meeting constant mission objectives, Captain Hoggs has found time to give back to those in need. As a mentor, he has spent countless hours tutoring fellow airmen and civilians. An international ambassador and humanitarian in uniform, he has collected donations for the less fortunate throughout the world. He has regularly taking part in feeding the homeless, has helped in collecting book bags for the needy in the inner city where low-income families were not able to afford them, has led public school outings for elementary students abroad and at home, and speaks regularly to disadvantaged minor-

ity inner city youth and shares his life story to inspire others to strive and achieve through positive life decisions. A former troubled youth himself and empathetic to the situation of gang membership, Hoggs regularly shares his philosophy on channeling negative energy into positive momentum.

Captain Hoggs, his wife Tonya, and their children Tyneshia, Seantia, Tizana, and Sean II reside in Columbus, New Jersey.

The Ten Outstanding Young Americans program (TOYA) is one of the oldest and most prestigious recognition programs in America. Annually since 1938, The United States Jaycees has sought out the ten young men and women who best exemplify the finest attributes of America's youthful achievers.

## Chi Upsilon's Jamal Dickerson Receives \$25,000 Milken Educators Award

Even though James Gleason is the only administrator in a school of 300 students, he can often be seen walking the halls talking to them and eating lunch alongside them. Jamal Dickerson is a product of Camden, and he spends every day teaching children that they, too, have a chance to succeed. The two men, true leaders in their school communities, were honored by the Milken Family Foundation on Thursday with National Educator Awards. They each received \$25,000 checks and will join the Milken Family Foundation as exemplary educators and school leaders. "Each year, we identify some of the top educators in the state and honor them with National Educator Awards," said Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "James Gleason and Jamal Dickerson continue this tradition. Both are outstanding leaders in their school communities, and both come to school every day with one goal in mind: how can I make a student's life better?" Called the "Oscars of Teaching" by Teacher Magazine, the Milken National Educator Awards were created by Milken Family Foundation Chairman and Co-Founder Lowell Milken to celebrate and elevate the highest caliber of profession-

als in the nation's schools. "My own teachers prepared me well to take advantage of life's opportunities," said Lowell Milken, chairman and CEO of the foundation. "Ask any successful person and they'll tell you that they had outstanding teachers who helped them succeed. That's why we honor them with National Educator Awards each year, nationwide. We need to celebrate the good works of our best teachers." This is the sixth year that New Jersey has taken part in the awards program. Gleason, who was recognized this morning, has been the only principal in Communication High School's seven-year existence. A state Teacher of the Year in 1993, Gleason is credited with setting the tone, both in curriculum and school atmosphere, that kept the school up and running through its early years as part of the Monmouth County Vocational School District. "Jim serves as an instructional leader, disciplinarian, head teacher, parent liaison and in myriad other duties," said Assistant Superintendent Timothy McCokel.

"He is an outstanding role model for students, staff and parents and he has played a central role in developing this high performing school." "I can say without hesitation that Jim Gleason is tireless in his dedication to the success of his staff, students, and school," said Maryanne

Rodriguez, a Communications High School teacher. Gleason has a bachelor's degree from the former Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) in technology education and a master's degree in educational administration from Kean College. He began teaching in 1990. Dickerson is well-known in the Camden community. A music teacher at Creative Arts High School, he holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Morgan State University. He is heavily involved in the Unity Community Center, a group founded by his father that opens up children to the worlds of karate, dance and music. "Students perform on a higher level because of how he motivates them to see the future in a different light," said Dr. Davida Coe-Brockington, the school principal. "Mr. Dickerson could go anywhere in the world, but he has decided to dedicate his life to teaching and inspiring his students. He truly is someone who is giving back to his community." "Many of his students want to walk in his shoes – or get a pair just like them," said parent Anthony Benson Sr. "I say to my children, 'Success is a journey, not a destination.' 'Mr. D' exemplifies this in every aspect of his life. If my son did not

want to grow up like me and wanted to be anything like Mr. D, then I have accomplished something." Since 1987, more than \$58 million has been awarded to more than 2,300 educators. Since 2002, 16 New Jersey educators have been honored to the tune of \$400,000. Candidates for the Milken Educator Awards are selected on the basis of the following criteria:

Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school;

Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession;

Strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and

Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.

For more information about the Milken Educator Awards please contact the Milken Family Foundation at (310) 570-4775 or visit [www.mff.org](http://www.mff.org). For additional information about today's awards, please contact Jon Zlock of the Department of Education's Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126.



## RESOLUTION FOR Brother Maxwell Roach, Jazz Innovator and Educator



*For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works,  
as God did from his. Hebrews 4:10 (KJV)*

**Whereas**, Almighty God, the Supreme Basileus of the Universe has called Brother Maxwell Roach from a time temporal to life eternal;

**And whereas**, Brother Roach was initiated into the Grand Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in December of 1995 at the International Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia;

**And whereas**, many considered Brother Roach to be a founding architect of bebop or modern jazz who rewrote the and redefined drumming by stretching barriers of improvised music by incorporating menagerie of artistic styles and traditions.

**And whereas**, Brother Roach proudly and profoundly upheld the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. Through his incredible musical talents, Brother Roach provided an indelible and lasting gift to humanity. In the early 1960s, with the assistance of his wife vocalist Abbey Lincoln, Brother Roach was among the first to use jazz to address racial and political issues, with works such as “We-Insist! Freedom Now Suite.” In 1972, Brother Roach became one of the first jazz artists to teach full time at the collegiate level when he was hired as a professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. In 1988, he became the first jazz musician to receive a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship or so-called genius grant. He composed music for stage plays, the Alvin Ailey Dance Ensemble and even collaborated with hip-hop artists.

**Be it therefore resolved** that on behalf of the 38th Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee Jr., the Supreme Council and the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, we hereby commend the soul of our deceased Brother, Maxwell Roach, to Almighty God for eternal keeping and we will pray for the safekeeping and comfort of his bereaved family.

**Submitted this the 24th day of August, 2007**

***Brother Warren G. Lee Jr., 38th Grand Basileus***

***Brother (Reverend) Farrell Duncombe, Grand Chaplain***

***Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated***



**Brothers:**

A few months ago we, as an international organization, fully embarked on an important, high-profile fundraising and awareness campaign for the American Cancer Society (ACS). Omega Psi Phi's partnership with the ACS and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) will raise needed money for Coaches vs. Cancer and will increase awareness about the importance of early detection.

Since we began, we have heard from many of you and it is clear that you are engaged in this opportunity and enthusiastically making this endeavor your own. We also know that as summer is now behind us, numerous chapters are coming together again for regular meetings. If this is the first time you're hearing of our concerted effort, know that it's not too late, that we need you - all of you - and that there is time for you to both make a difference and help us reach our goal.

Omega men succeed in meeting stated goals. That's what we'll do here. We not only have the manpower, we have a unified brotherhood that can do anything we set our hearts and minds to.

What's our goal? It's to raise \$1 million. How? We are asking each of our members to simply sign up and sell six t-shirts. That's it. That's all it takes. If each member buys one t-shirt for himself and sells five more then we have reached our goal. Let's keep our focus where it belongs, not on the details of the shirts themselves (like t-shirt sizes; we will, of course, make sure you get what you need) but on what the t-shirts we sell can do - they can help lead to cures for prostate cancer, colon cancer, breast cancer, and cervical cancer.

If each Omega man sells six t-shirts (\$20 each) then he will raise \$120. If your chapter has 50 members that's \$6,000; 100 members = \$12,000; 200 members = \$24,000. You can see the power of our numbers adds up quickly. For more information and to download your t-shirt order forms, visit <http://www.omegapsiphifraternity.org/coachescancer.asp>.

What really inspires me about our goal, what moves me to do my part, what stirs my soul into action is that we will be able to direct 60 percent of all the money we raise to cancer research at historically black colleges. We will make a difference where it matters most . in our own homes and in our own communities.

A significant resource for us, and I am proud to say a partner of ours in this effort, is Scott Sloyer of Foundations Resource Group. Scott is behind the scenes filling your t-shirt orders and assisting with all aspects of this campaign. Because of the importance of this campaign, we have worked with Scott to extend the campaign deadline from October 1 to October 31. With six weeks to go in this crusade, our goal is within reach. This is attainable. The time is now.

Cancer impacts so many lives and many, many Omega men know all too well about this deadly disease. This effort is as much about the people as it is the money. It's personal. How have you been affected? Will you share your story? Please tell us how cancer has touched you, send an e-mail to [scott-sloyer@foundationsresourcegroup.com](mailto:scott-sloyer@foundationsresourcegroup.com).

It's for you and for these stories you share with us that we are taking on this project.

Bro. Warren G. Lee, Jr.  
38th Grand Basileus



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Allron Monsanto, Psi Iota

The Brothers listed below are currently **SUSPENDED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation.  
*(If you're suspended, you're the reason!!!)*

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Kelvin Robinson, Chi Delta  
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## 60th Annual Second District Conference

May 1-4, 2008

Atlantic City, NJ

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



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February 1, 2008

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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host its 60<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey from May 1-4, 2008 at the Sheraton Convention Center in Atlantic City. Omega Psi Phi's Second District comprises of five (5) states: Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania with a combined membership of over 4,000 uplifting and influential men. Nationally, we boast a membership of over 500,000 members who are active in the political, business, and sports arenas. Members include Philanthropist Bill Cosby, Publisher of Black Enterprise Earl Graves, Scientist Charles R. Drew, World Champion/Businessman Michael Jordan, and countless others who make positive impacts locally, regionally, and nationally. We invite your organization or business to advertise with us in our conference publication as a way of broadening your exposure to our field of membership and those we influence.

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