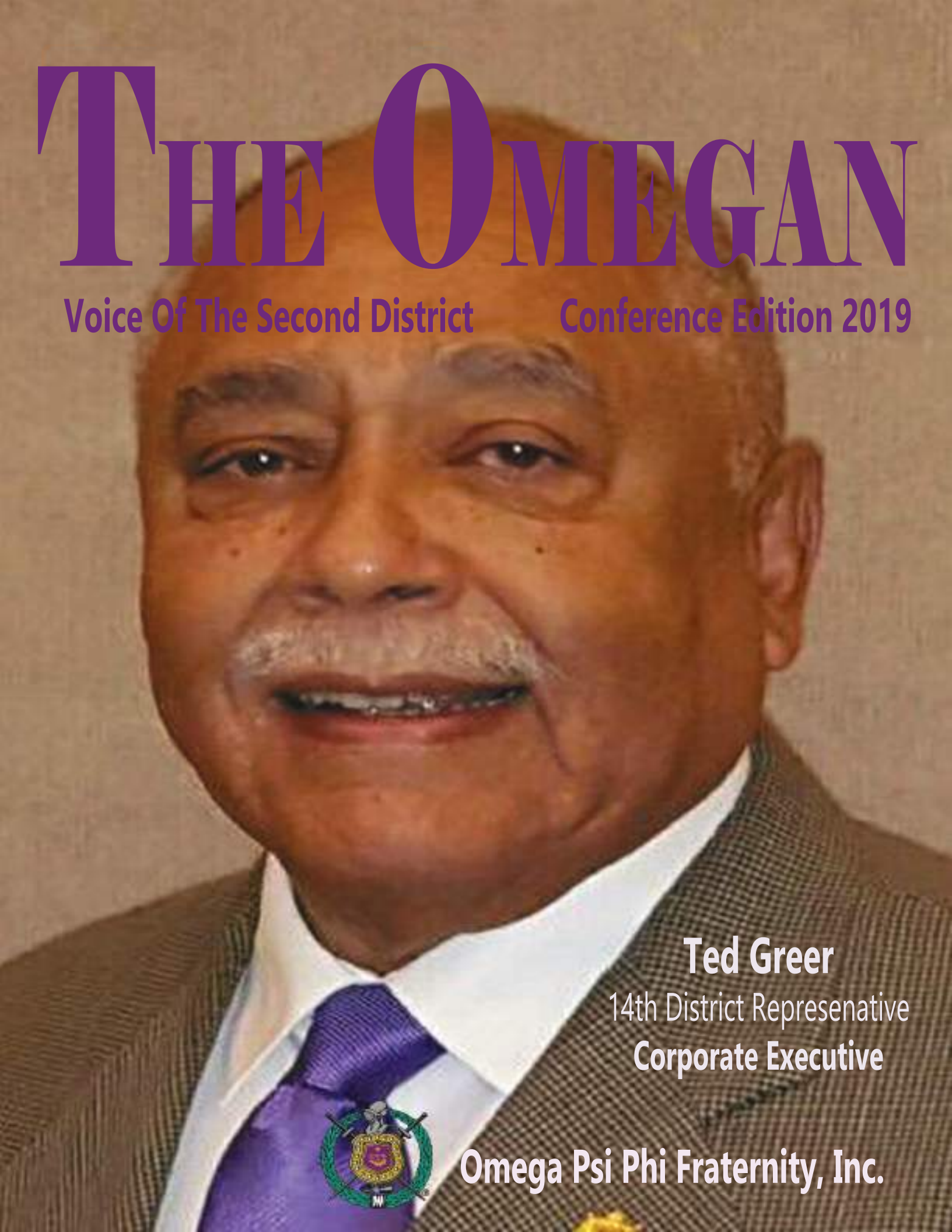


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Message from the District Representative

My Brothers,

I am proud to greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus as your 36th District Representative. It is the hope of this office that you will have a Que-tastic time at the 71st District Conference in Dover, DE.

As we prepare for the conference, I would like to share a few thoughts with you regarding the State of our Fraternity and what could happen, if we are not cautious. We could be one hazing allegation away from losing.....Everything. We must be mindful of our surroundings and be leery of those who may say they are for us, but who are ultimately against us. This is not only through outside forces, but internally as well. In my position as DR, it seems we are more at risk through of self-inflicted wounds than those which occur from outside forces, part of this could be attributed to our selection of members.

Selection is the key to maintaining our legacy. We not only have to select the best candidates for entrance into our fraternity, but we must be mindful to select leaders, in our respective chapters, who are capable to steer, grow and protect the chapter. We must select those candidates we know, or hope, will bring great ideas to Omega, as well as, those who understand the magnitude of being selected and who are HUMBLE in being selected. Selection, Selection, Selection.

We have witnessed the media onslaught with everything that is negative in Omega, but rarely anything posted is positive. Could it be that negativity sells, do we blame those on social media for posting those things that portray us in an unsavory light? Or could it be, we put ourselves in jeopardy for negative posting, when an act is committed that could be deemed inappropriate? Brothers, I implore you to limit posting on social media, no negativity. Whatever the case may be, we must change the mindset and the perception of Omega. I am confident we will not let others choose our narrative and we must continue to produce and promote the best of Omega. Therefore, I ask Undergraduate Brothers to promote, post and share not only the good works you do in your respective chapters, but push and promote the great works done in other chapters, not just parties on your Instagram account or “the Gram”, as you guys say. The “new Owt” for undergraduates is to promote and achieve high scholarly attainment, as well as having a good time fellowshiping with Brothers.

Brothers, we must realize the affects we have on the newly initiated graduate Brothers. We often reflect or talk about our journey into Omega which happened 20, 30, 40, or even 50 years ago, (Lord knows I’m guilty of this). The stories are fascinating and always bring about reflection that allows us to reminisce. What happened in the past, was the past, has past and must stay in the past! However, Brothers at times embellish stories, in an effort to fit in, attempting to impress others. We must inform the newly initiated graduate Brother, though my entry into Omega was not like yours, however we cherish and love the same Omega and no matter the process, we are equally Omega Men. Once you are an Omega Man, you are my Brother and the only job you have is to ensure Omega is here for the next man (Oh, he’s still buying the first round though, LOL).

But seriously, as your DR, it is my job to protect the District, at all cost, and no matter how gloomy things may seem, you have elected a fighter and I will fight to maintain high standards, at all times, realizing it is my job to ensure Omega is here for me to hand to the 37th 2nd District Representative. Ron Jones (E ‘66) told me of the moment he and other Brothers met our Founders. As Brothers circled around them, the Founders said “To not let the Fraternity go down on your watch”. This is my charge, I humbly ask, “Brothers take up the battle with me.”

Yours in Omega,

Brother J. Kendall “Biggy” Smalls
36th Second District Representative



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



March 24, 2019

Brothers,

I once again greet you in the matchless name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. With as much as you have entrusted me to do as your 41st Grand Basileus, I am most appreciative of the support of the Supreme Council including each of the District Representatives in carrying out the duties of Omega. Those duties include her protection at any cost.

After consulting with your Supreme Council and under the advisement of the Grand Counselor, I am announcing the following moratorium, effective immediately, on MSP and social activities with the following exceptions:

- MSP processes that are already in process or MSP applications currently in the hands of the district representatives may continue.
- Get Right Programs can continue.
- No individuals from the time period of this moratorium can apply to the Get Right Program.
- Mandated programs may be planned and held.
- Milestone chapter anniversaries may be planned and held if events are submitted and approved on SEC forms.
- Events for which an SEC has been submitted prior to this moratorium and is pending approval may be considered if all SEC requirements have been timely met and the event is subsequently approved.

No workarounds attempting to circumvent this moratorium, including, but not limited to underground processes, hosting Omega events in the names of other individuals or entities, or purchasing private insurance, will be approved or tolerated. Sanctions will be issued up to expulsion and chapter revocation.

This moratorium is indefinite. I thank you in advance for governing yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

David E. Marion, Ph.D.
Grand Basileus

Message from the

Director of Public Relations

Brothers of the Second District,

On the cover of this edition, we honor the 14th District Representative, Brother Ted Greer. At age 28, he was the youngest Second District Omega Man to hold the position. Initiated during his FY76-78 administration, I and many of undergraduate Brothers of this era, used his Executive Council, comprised of young professional black corporate executives working at Fortune 500 companies, as Omega Men we wished to emulate. I continue to value his mentorship and guidance today.



In this issue we highlight the Corridors and Chapters conducting the mandated Memorial Service, honoring our Brothers transitioned from labor to reward in Omega Chapter. Please view the good works our Chapters conduct mentoring youth. Many chapter conducted the mandated Talent Hunt Competition, the winners will compete at the 71st Second District Conference in Dover, DE.

Articles contained herein highlight Omegas recognition by state legislatures in the 5 states of the Second District. 39th Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew Ray, has penned his biography of service in Omega on pages 78-79. View the highly interesting opines in the “What’s on the Minds of Omega Men” Op/ED section on pages 82-84.

Omega is a clandestine organization; therefore we have the sole responsibility to chronicle our Chapters’ success stories and Brothers’ accomplishments. They must be recorded because you are creating history and it must be preserved for perpetuity. Each Chapter Director of Public Relations, Chapter Editor, Reporter, and Photographer are vital contributors to the Omega publications, chronicling the history of the Second District. I am honored to serve as your Director of Public Relations, it continues to be a labor of love. I am very proud of the hard work and the commitment to our mantra of always putting the communities first and leaving them better than we found them.

Fraternally,

Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, Second District
1976 Iota Epsilon
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Winter Council Meeting



Title IX Workshop at Rowan University



Brothers and guest at Title IX Workshop



36th District Representative J. Kendall Smalls address audience

Glassboro, NJ. February 2019. The Brothers of Phi Kappa Chapter hosted an excellent Title IX Workshop on the campus of Rowan University, on Sunday, February 24, 2019, with guest speaker Ms. Shanna Hines, Senior, Human Resource Specialist offering her expertise as a Title IX Administrator. The standing room only audience included our 36th 2nd District Representative, J. Kendall Smalls, 1st Vice District Representative, Bryant “Roni” Kent, District Photographer, Jamal Parker, District Violence & Prevention Chairman, Gordon Everett, Corridor IV Representative, Rico Gales accompanied by 50 additional Omega men, along with Divine Nine members, students, faculty and administrators from Rowan University.

Omega men from each state of the 2nd District were present to hear the concise presentation of Ms. Hines and the importance of Title IX and the direct effect it has on our children, our campuses and more directly within our Fraternity. Ms. Hines offered a very detailed talk on the many direct and indirect results of sexual abuse in the professional and the collegial

The audience of over 100 listened as Ms. Hines gave an accurate and detailed account of the do’s and don’ts regarding possible and actual forms of sexual misconduct, including but not limited to unwanted advances, consent, expectations, sexually explicit clothing (paraphernalia) worn by organizations, the songs and poems recited and the lasting effect of those in view.

The examples of sexual harassment presented by Ms. Hines hit home for the men of Omega, as some of the paraphernalia we wear, excerpts from our poems, lines from our songs, social media hashtags, comments and photographs were displayed and have played a direct role in what can be deemed as a Title IX infractions.

At the conclusion of this much needed workshop, Ms. Hines, our District Representative and all of those in attendance were in agreement, that we all must protect and Uplift each other when it comes to this very important topic. To find our more about Title IX, simply research the subject and share with those you care about.

Title IX Workshop at Rowan University



Corridor I Memorial Service



Corridor IV Memorial Service



East Orange, NJ. March 9, 2019. A joint Memorial Service was held with five chapters from northern New Jersey, in the Black United Fund of NJ. African American Fund of New Jersey, Inc. facility on 132 S. Harrison St in East Orange, NJ. The event, which was conceived of and orchestrated by Bro. Darren Burton, Sr. included Upsilon Phi, Omicron Chi, Eta Pi, Nu Lambda Lambda, and Rho Lambda Lambda Chapters. Brother Dashaun Calhoun, Second District Undergraduate Representative, also participated in the program. It was hosted by Eta Pi Chapter. Following

the formal Memorial Service, the deceased wives of brothers were also acknowledged and the brothers were presented with roses in recognition of them. The brothers were treated to a lively and profound discussion by Brother Reverend H. Grady James III, on Friendship. Brother James had the house rocking as he cited scripture to remind us that it is essential for the soul to have Friendship, that you have to be friendly to be a friend, that you can disagree without being disagreeable, and the need for us to tell a brother that you love them. .

Nu Nu Memorial Service



Ques In Annapolis



Corridor 1 Brothers on the State House steps in Annapolis, MD

Annapolis, MD. March 7, 2019. The 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., participated in Ques in Annapolis, MD by attending a host of planned activities throughout the day. Delegate Nick Charles, (Legislative District 25, Prince Georges County) introduction included the proud history of our beloved Fraternity, long history of community engagement and service to the Nation while we stood to the applause of the assembled Delegates. One of the main discussion centered on the subject an “individual choice or right to take his or her life in a medical emergency.” Should this choice be legislated? We heard personal accounts, compassionate and moving testimonies from Delegates on both side of the aisle. Lawmakers in a Senate committee heard testimony recently on Senate bill 311 or the “End of Life Option Act;” delegates heard testimony on its twin, House Bill 399, on Feb. 15.

The day of activities included a tour of the museum, photos with the Delegate Nick J. Mosby (Legislative District 40, Baltimore City) and Delegate Nick Charles on the spiral staircase. The highlight of the day activities was the lunch hosted by Mu Nu and Mu Rho Uplift Foundation where Omega men shared lunch with approximately 25 young males from Bluford Drew Jemison S.T.E.M. Academy from Baltimore lead by the proud

Principal Ryan Durr. Brother Principal Ryan Durr and staff selected their top honor-roll students for this exposure experience hoping to plant the seed of interest for a legislative career path.

Brother Williams, the Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman shared with the “future leaders” young males about the importance of living life with a purpose and encouraged them to pursue excellence in all areas of their lives. He challenged each Omega man to return to their community and be intentional about selecting two students to mentor throughout the year, a 2nd grade student and an eighth-grade student. Omega men can help 2nd Grader students to read with understanding and literacy application. Omega men can help 8th grade students to navigate the peer pressure and making good choices! Omega men can truly make a tremendous difference impacting the next generation of future male students.

The day ended with a scholar dinner where 4 undergraduate Brothers received \$1,000.00 scholarships. Two Brothers from Bowie State University and two from Coppin State University received awards. Bowie and Coppin State Universities are two of the four HBCU’s in the State of Maryland.

Ques In Annapolis



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- Over 40 years of service to OΨΦ
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- Delegate to 11 Grand Conclaves

EXPERIENCED

AS CFO

- Omega Life Membership Foundation, 2014 - present
- Alpha Omega Social Action & Scholarship Foundation, 6 years
- Keeper of Finance, AΩ Chapter, 3 years
- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 20 years

AS CEO, PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN

- POURS-PLL Foundation, 13 years
- 2nd District Audit Committee, 2 years
- Ways & Means Committee AΩ Chapter, 2 years
- Basileus, ΨΑΑ Chapter, 3 years
- The Henry Group, Management Consulting Professionals, 10 years

REGINALD A. HENRY

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- Controller – SPI Pharma
- Senior Accountant –FMC Biopolymers
- Cost Accountant – Government Contracts
- General Ledger Accountant – Hardwire LLC

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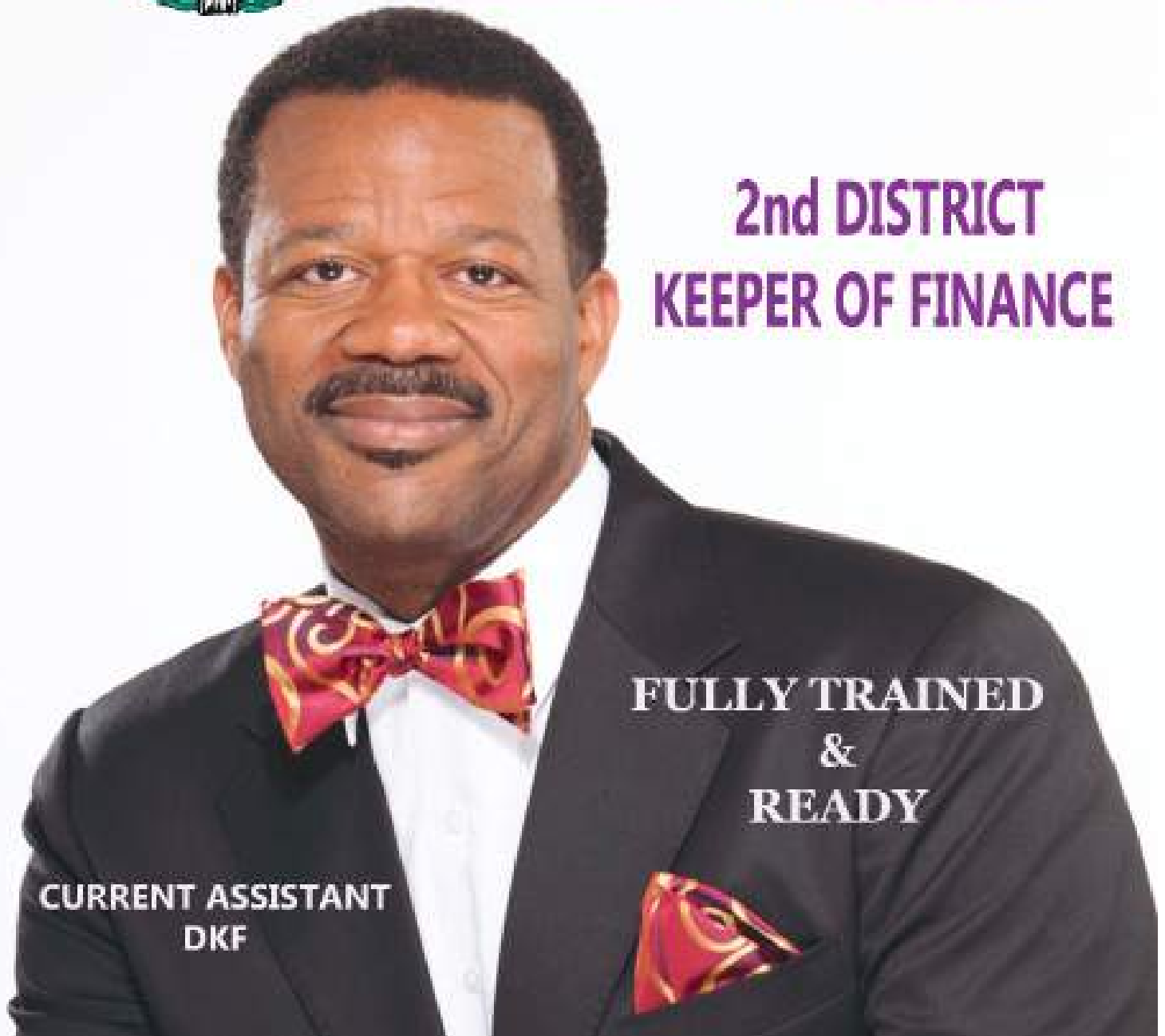
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READY**

**CURRENT ASSISTANT
DKF**

Iota Phi Carter G. Woodson Academy



Iota Phi Brother teaching students about famous African Americans at Carter G. Woodson Academy

Pittsburgh, PA. April 5, 2019. Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson is known throughout the world as the Father of African American History. In fact, he was the initiator of “Black History Week” which later changed to Black History month. He should also be noted as the sparkplug for our internationally mandated Omega Talent Hunt. An activity that Omega Men proudly use as the springboard of recognizing talented high school students.

In 2012, a few Brothers from the Iota Phi chapter in Pittsburgh decided that sections of Woodson’s teachings could be used as the perfect curriculum for Pittsburgh and area students from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. It was widely known that many students were not taught much African American History in the school systems and that whatever that was taught remained a mile wide but only a foot deep. It was believed that many subjects that should have been pertinent in current society are either not taught, ignored, incomplete or grossly inaccurate. Some local Omega Men who are also educators, thought that the possibility of going further into academic subjects such as STEM, appropriations, collective economics, and other historical events could be taught by us and for us. The Brothers of the Iota Phi chapter saw that many cultures promote the teachings of their own history and agreed that we could and should teach what we know to our children in a manner that expressed our love and care for their wellbeing.

“If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated.” Carter G. Woodson

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/carter_g_woodson_230679

Brothers Justin Laing, Bomani Howze, and Fred Brown were the incubators. They later roped in many Brothers who provided their expertise in several disciplines. Brother Brandon Jennings, widely known in the Pittsburgh area as a premiere artist, collaborated with whatever concepts that were being taught and instructed students to use artwork in the historical framework as a means for self-expression. After learning history students also participated in a mock trial session at the University of Pittsburgh facilities. After a few years of operation, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy was discontinued due to occupational and family priorities. Families

in the Pittsburgh communities were disappointed and asked the Omega Men to bring the program back to the city.

Brothers take charge.

Brothers Christopher Darby, Jack Taylor, Derric Heck, Kufere Laing and Basil Martin restored the program in 2019 and brought a new energy to a new location. The newly renovated Homewood Engagement Center is the new home of the Carter G. Woodson academy and for six weeks students met again to learn more about their history in the presence of Omega Men. This year the focus was on the Tulsa Race Riots and collective economics. Brother Kufere Laing demonstrated his pedagogy with the patience, energy, and passion towards all the students as he instructed history and literature. Brother Dr. Basil Martin and his wife provided computer literacy and other Brothers provided strong support. Students also had the opportunity to touch and hold actual African American artifacts and learned the importance of the relevancy in our collective history. Each morning the students were greeted with love and respect by area Brothers and volunteers. Soon afterwards everyone sings the negro national anthem, “Lift Ev’ry Voice” by James Weldon Johnson followed by an enthusiastic blood pumping rendition of the “Carter G. Woodson Step”. Students find this activity hilarious.

The highlight of this year was a competitive and rousing game of monopoly in which the rules were altered to inspire collective economics. Students selected teammates in accordance to their abilities in negotiating, accounting and leadership. It was interesting to see the students completely use the skills they were taught during the six weeks of the Carter G. Woodson Academy in Pittsburgh. It is expected that the Carter G. Woodson will grow and thrive during the next few years. Thanks to the hard work and perseverance of the Steel City Ques!

“When you control a man’s thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his ‘proper place’ and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary.” Carter G. Woodson, *The Mis-Education of the Negro*

Iota Phi Carter G. Woodson Academy



Psi Iota Little Known Black History Fact



Bro. Sauls displays the photo of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

Dover, DE. February 21, 2019. Brother Sauls of The Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated shared a little known Black History fact at the weekly meeting with the young men at William Henry Middle School.

Brother Sauls displayed a picture that had hung on his mother's wall for years. When he asked his mother about the picture she explained that the picture is of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was a work relief program that was formed to assist young men to find work. The work was laborious and it provided income for unskilled men during

the Great Depression. The program provided the young men with shelter, food and a monthly salary. The purpose of the CCC was to develop and maintain natural resources. The young men in this particular picture did major development in the Dover area.

Brother Sauls, displayed many pictures, one including the barracks that the young men lived in and another displayed a company of young men that included his step-father. The most interesting thing about this picture is that it displayed the only African American Corp in the CCC. The original picture is now on display at the Delaware Public Archives.

Psi Iota Brother Sauls Brings His Message of Healing the Capitol



Bro. Sauls visits Capitol Hill in Dover, DE. to bring awareness to Prostate Cancer

Dover, DE. February 26, 2019. Brother Sauls from the Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. visited Capitol Hill in Dover, Delaware to bring awareness to Prostate Cancer.

Brother Sauls had three meetings with Senator Coons, Senator Carper and Representative Rochester. The purpose of these meetings is to bring awareness to Prostate Cancer and its effects on African American Men. Bro. Sauls champions this cause because many African American men do

not have access to good medical care and if they do have access many of them cannot afford the medical bills. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss methods to bring affordable healthcare to the citizens of Dover. Many solutions were discussed, such as providing discounts for medical providers to practice in Dover, bringing in Health Care Programs that specialize in lower rates and to provide free if not discounted testing in the community.

Psi Iota Christmas Collaboration



Brother Charles Moore and Psi Iota Brothers at the Christmas Collaboration

Dover, DE. December 23, 2018. The Brothers from The Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Kingdom Empowerment, and Project Soul Food to bless some families in the local Dover area with Christmas toys and clothing.

Many of us cannot imagine not being able to provide for our families for the Holiday season but unfortunate for many families in the Dover area this is the reality. With local income, low education and the rampant drug problem that exist in the area many families are struggling to make Christmas merry. There are families that are trying to get on their

feet or you have grandparents that are raising their grandchildren on their pension, whatever the scenario is there are families that do not have the means to provide for the children during the Holiday season.

Psi Iota and their partnerships provided toys, bikes, baby dolls and clothing to well over 100 children from the local area. There were fathers that had tears in their eyes because the burden of providing toys had now been removed. The joy is to see the excitement on the faces of the children when they are told that they could take whatever they want.

Tau Pi “70” Big Ones and Counting

Columbia, MD. Bro. Carl L. Haggins achieved a milestone this year by being an Omega Man for 70 years. As with many of our senior brothers, he was unable to attend the New Orleans Conclave to receive his award. In addition to his own health issues, his lovely wife Ruth of 61 years lost her battle to cancer in August 2018.

Bro. Haggins was initiated into the Fraternity in 1948 by way of Nu Psi Chapter at Virginia State College. He was the Ace on a line of 20 Brothers. As a native of Richmond, VA, he served on the Third District Committee in 1950 for the District Conference. He has been an active and financial brother of Tau Pi Chapter since the seventies. He is also a Life Member. He served on the Howard County Pan-Hellenic Council for eight years. Bro. Haggins is extremely proud and “sometime boastful” as serving as the first Chair of Tau Pi Mentoring Program in 1994. He served as the Chairman for it first seven years. He received in 1995 and 1996, a Certificate of Appreciation from Guilford Elementary School for his exemplary service, dedication and commitment. In 1995, he received an Outstanding Volunteer Service award from the State of Maryland.

Bro. Haggins has received numerous chapter awards – Founders Stand-in; Educator of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year. His trivia question to Neos has been, “who was the last Tau Pi Brother to receive Omega Man of the Year in the 20th Century?”



Bro. Carl Haggins with 70 year Service Award Certificate

Tau Pi Black History Expo



Tau Pi Brothers with County Executive Howard County, MD., Calvin Ball at Black History Expo

Columbia, MD. February 16, 2019. The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Howard County and the Howard County Public School System sponsored it Black History Expo. The event was held at Long Reach High School located in Columbia, MD.

The theme this year was “Black Migrations and Urban Realities”. The major participants were Howard County Divine 9 and other prominent Howard County African American organizations. Each had exhibits, literature and pictorial displays at their panel station. Tau Pi efforts were led by Committee Chair Bro. Charles R. Mitchell.

This year, several High Schools and churches had Liturgical Dancers, Musical Performances and Story Telling. Tau Pi Chapter Bruhs captivated the audience with an outstanding Step Team show. Tau Pi chapter was very involved in creating social action programs which aided and uplifted the Black communities in the new urban environment. Specific examples were in the areas of health programs, economics, mentoring and political involvement.

The event drew many County politicians, corporate sponsors, and other influential County Leaders.

Tau Pi Career Day Program



Tau Pi Brothers Dr. Henry Bell, Marcus McDonald and Mentees at the Career Day event

Columbia, MD. January 26 and February 9, 2019. With a goal to improve self-confidence and self-esteem, Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative held a Careers Day Celebration for its mentees on January 26 and February 9, 2019.

The celebration consisted of career presentations by African American Men. The primary purpose of the celebration was to make mentees aware of the various career opportunities available to them other than sports.

Career presenters included Captain of the D. C. Fire Department, a Doc-

tor/pathologist, Air Force Academy Graduate Officers, a Navy jet fighter pilot and a Pharmaceutical Representative. Each presenter was tasked with presenting a description of their vocation (career), education requirement for their vocation, qualifications exams required to practice their vocation, description of their work environment, what influenced the presenter to pick his vocation, Salary range of vocation, college attended and discussion of childhood education experience. Mentees were given questions relative to the careers day presentation to respond to in writing.

Tau Pi Conducts Operation Holiday Hope



Tau Pi Spring 2018 Line

Columbia, MD. December 22, 2018. As part of its Community Service Initiative, Tau Pi Chapter has answered the call to the needs of the many as well as the needs of the few. On December 22, 2018, a local family was burned out of their home and lost everything. Tau Pi’s Spring 2018 line led the charge by acquiring approximately two-hundred dollars in

supplies and delivered them in a discretionary fashion to the family in need. The family consisted of three adults and four children of various ages and they were all in smiles as they received the much needed and unexpected uplift to bring some form of sunshine to assist in reviving the holiday spirit.

Tau Pi Chapter - Columbia, MD

Tau Pi Newseum Mentee Field Trip



Tau Pi Brothers with Mentees at the Newseum in Washington D.C.

Columbia, MD. March 2, 2019. To broaden mentee’s perspective of life and appreciate the value of today’s various news media formats, Tau Pi Mentees were treated to a field trip on March 2, 2019, to the Newseum located in Washington DC.

The mission of the Newseum is to increase one’s understanding of the importance of a free press and the First Amendment. Mentees were ex-

posed to various news stories, mostly from newspapers articles, relative to major events in history and how the core freedoms of the First Amendment – religion, speech, press, assembly, and partition apply to their lives and the lives of Americans in general. With editorial explanation of the various displays by mentors, mentees were informed of the relevancy of information presented from the African American Experience.

Tau Pi Proud Uncle Bro. Samuel L. Williams, Eta Psi '65

Columbia, MD. March 2019. Tennessee junior forward Grant Williams is now the first Volunteer to be named a First-Team All-American in over a decade.

Sporting News released three teams of All-American rosters on Monday, and Grant Williams was one of the five players named to the first-team list. He joins Duke's R.J. Barrett, Gonzaga's Rui Hachimura, Duke's Zion Williamson, and Michigan State's Cassius Winston as the first-team selections by Sporting News.

Williams is the reigning SEC Player of the Year and is the likely front-runner to repeat as the top player in the conference after this season. He finished the regular season as the top scorer in the SEC, averaging 19.3 points per game. His 19.3 points per game is currently the highest in a single season for a Volunteer since Kevin Punter averaged 22.2 points per game in the 2015-16 season, Rick Barnes' first year as UT's head coach. Not only is Williams averaging nearly 20 points a game, but he's also pulling down an average of 7.7 rebounds a game and is dishing out 3.3 assists per contest. He's shooting a career-high 56.9 percent from the field and is making a career-high 83.3 percent of his free throws. His 234 free throws attempted this season are the fourth-most in a single season in UT history, and his 195 made free throws are the second-most in a single season in school history.

Earlier this season, Williams became only the 17th player in school history to eclipse the 1,500-point mark in a career.

Williams is the first Vol since Chris Lofton back in 2008 to be named a first-team All-American by any outlet. He's only the second player to earn that distinction since Dale Ellis was named a first-team All-American in 1983. Williams is the 16th different Vol to be named a first-team All-American by at least one outlet.

Not only is Williams an All-American and potentially a two-time SEC Player of the Year winner, but he's in the running for several major awards as well.

Williams is a 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Player of the Year semifinalist, a Naismith Defensive Player of the Year Award semifinalist, a Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year finalist, and was selected for the Oscar Robertson Trophy Final Midseason Watch List and the Men's National Ballot for the John R. Wooden Award.

Article is from RockyTopInsider.com dated March 11, 2019



Bro. Sam Williams in front of Nephews poster at U of Tennessee during NCAA Mens Basketball Tourny

Tau Pi STEM Program

Columbia, MD. April 27, 2019. As a result of today's present work environment being STEM oriented, Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative has started an elementary/middle school STEM Program.

The purpose of the program is to get mentees to think of science, technology, engineering and math fields as possible vocation opportunities. The program consists of mentees being exposed to math and science concepts by completing various engineering/math projects as teams. The approach

also exposes mentees to the benefits and advantages of team work relative to the completion of projects and tasks.

The program consists of five various science projects which include exposure to endeavors which require the use of math and science concepts such as electricity, kinetic energy, and bridge building. The program started on January 26 and will be completed on April 27, 2019.



Tau Pi Brothers teaching STEM to Mentoring Program Youth

Tau Pi Ques on the Move – Podcasts



Tau Pi Bro. Steve Grice with High School Mentees Eddy Alexander and Isaiah Terry

Columbia, MD. February 2019. As part of Omega Psi Phi Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, the 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Program Committee, developed a program comprising of Podcasts on WBGR. The Podcasts focused on Chapters of the 2nd District Mentoring Young Males Programs which included LGG, Mu Nu, Tau Pi and Mu Rho.

Tau Pi Chapter's Mentoring Initiative participated in this effort by conducting four podcasts focusing on the benefits of its program from various perspectives. The participants of the Podcasts included mentors, mentees and parents of the mentees. The Podcasts included a description of the mentoring program and its offerings; perspectives of the program from the Mentor's viewpoint; a discussion of the program from the high school mentees perspectives as to how they felt about the program and its ben-

efits; a panel of mentee parents who discussed the value of the program; and a discussion by educators who were mentors as to the value of the program from an educators perspective.

In all discussions, positive comments were made as to how the program improved the academic achievement of the mentees; mentee awareness of social behavior norms; improvement of mentee self-esteem; and mentee awareness of the contribution of African American Males to the development and success of the United States of America.

The focus of Tau Pi's Mentoring Initiative is to stress the importance of education and the various opportunities available to mentees in today's social/work environment. The Podcasts were conducted from October 2018 to February 2019.

Tau Pi Talent Hunt Program



Tau Pi Brothers with Talent Hunt Winner Katelyn Powell

Columbia, MD. March 30, 2019. Tau Pi Chapter held its Annual Talent Hunt Program at Hammond High School located in Columbia, MD. on March 30, 2019. The categories for our program were Dance, Instrumental, Vocal, Speech and Visual Arts. We had some very outstanding talent which made it extremely challenging for the judges to select a winner.

Katelyn Powell was our winner. She is an 11th grader attending Suitland High School. Due to her extraordinary talent, she has been accepted into her school's Honors Chorus for five consecutive years. She is also a mem-

ber in a professional classic choir at her school. She has performed with Towson University choir and has done countless solo competitions with different schools across Maryland. As a member of Interlochen summer programs, she has had the great honor to perform at the French Embassy. With her stellar performance, she won the first prize of \$500.00. She will also receive an all-expense paid trip to the 71st Second District Conference as the Chapter representative. We wish her the best of luck at the conference and in her career.

Tau Pi We Feed Program

Columbia, MD. November 14, 2018. Over 15 Members of Tau Pi Chapter walked into Cradlerock Elementary School in Columbia MD. to celebrate the accomplishment of the “We Feed” program, one of many of Tau Pi’s Community Service (CSI) initiatives. On this day “We Feed” presented Cradlerock Elementary with a check for One Thousand Seven hundred ten dollars to eliminate the school’s lunch debt.

Cradlerock Elementary is a Title I school where over 50 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. The Title I resources do not cover lunch and field trips. When the school accumulates a deficit for student meals, other programs such as field trips are decreased.

The Brothers of Tau Pi chapter learned of this and pooled their resources to eliminate the school’s lunch debt. Now the school can focus on providing field trips, assemblies, and workshops for their students. After giving the donation to the school’s Principal the brothers went to the cafeteria to serve lunch to the fourth and fifth graders.



Tau Pi Brothers Shawn Lamb, John Brown and Basileus Marty Harlee with Cradlerock Elementary Principal Jennifer Zinn

Tau Lambda Lambda Memorial Service



District Chaplin Bro. Rev. Dwain Harrell delivering Spiritual Uplift at TLL Memorial Service

La Plata, MD. March 2, 2019. In the most somber occasion observed throughout the fraternal year, the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda held their 2019 Memorial Service at Willing Helper Hall to pay tribute to Bro. Akida Jordan. Bro. Jordan transitioned to Omega chapter on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, after a long battle with leukemia.

Bro. Jordan was initiated into the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on November 15, 2013. He served as the chair of the chapter’s Health Committee where he established the Annual Perseverance 5k run/walk, which was posthumously renamed in his honor.

Rev. Dwain E. Harrell, who currently serves as the 2nd District Chaplain for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, blessed those in attendance with soul-stirring words of encouragement and spiritual uplift.

On Sunday, March 17th, the Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda gathered once more at Suitland Memorial Cemetery to participate in the Corridor 1 Memorial Service.

Omega Psi Phi reserves March 12th of each year for Memorial Service. Chapters are to conduct an appropriate service to recall the memory of those members who have entered into Omega Chapter.

Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt Competition



TLL Talent Hunt Winner Mr Langston Hughes

Waldorf, MD. March 9, 2019. Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) eleventh annual Talent Hunt Competition was a major success and a spring board for other events in the Southern Maryland Tri-County area. The contestants showcased their talent and skills with three performing arts disciplines: vocal, instrumental, and spoken word. Compared to previous years, the Brothers of TLL did a first-rate job of identifying talented high school teens in the area for this year's competition.

TLL's Talent Hunt program was held at the Eva Turner Elementary School, home of the "Terrific Tigers", located at 1000 Bannister Center, Waldorf, MD. 20602. This year's contestants and the schools they represented were Emmanuel Barnes, Oxon Hill (Spoken Word), Tia Dailey, Thomas Stone (vocal), Nia Depeiza- Jenkins, North Point (instrumental), Najida Haskins, Westlake (spoken word), Langston Hughes, Charles H. Flowers (instrumental) and Ajaiya Thomas, North Point (vocal). All of the performers were winners by courageously demonstrating their talents in front of judges, families and friends. Our judges this year were Mr. Myles Overton, Mr. James Williams, and Ms. Ayanna Wynn. All the

judges work within their perspective fields as director of bands, musical instructor; and director of dance.

Following the completion of the competition, The John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Foundation the philanthropic arm of TLL awarded all six contestants cash awards for their participation. Mr. Langston Hughes was our first-place winner, and he received a cash prize totaling \$500.00. Mr. Hughes will represent Tau Lambda Lambda at the 71st Second District Conference in Dover, Delaware, scheduled for April 25-28 2019. He will compete against other second district winners. Our second and third place winners received \$250.00 and \$100.00, respectively.

The Southern Maryland Ques did an excellent job of recruiting talented teens to participate in this year event. We congratulate all the constants and wish Mr. Langston Hughes best wishes moving forward.

For more information on the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation or to make a tax-exempt donations, please visit www.jlwc-charityfoundation.org.

Tau Lambda Lambda Forever Free Books Battle Illiteracy



TLL Bros. Balvin Brown and Donald Barnett pose with Abeena McAllister and Fontella Moody.

Indian Head, MD. March 1, 2019. The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., entered their third year of partnering with Forever Free Books. This year, the chapter took Forever Free Books to the Indian Head Elementary School, located at 4200 Indian Head Hwy,

to the Indian Head Elementary School, located at 4200 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head, MD 20640

As Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) participated in Read Across America, Brother Donald Barnett community liaison with Forever Free Books and literacy chair for Tau Lambda Lambda, surprised the kids with free books to take home.

A special thank you to Ms. Fontella Moody manager of a local State Farm Insurance Agency. Her agency helped purchase more than 500 books for Forever Free Book donations.

Bro. Barnett's wife, Mrs. Tanya Barnett, launched Forever Free Books in 2015, after seeing a need in the community. Mrs. Barnett worked with CCPS as a long-term substitute teacher for many years and she wanted to give back to kids. The books provided to the kids were donated by Forever Free Books, a local nonprofit organization.

Brother Barnett collaborated with Ms. Sarah Fleck who is the reading resource teacher at Indian Head Elementary. Ms. Fleck helped coordinate Read Across America activities and the book donations for Indian Head students.

The donated books ranged in grade-level topics and content for students in pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. In addition to giving donated books away, the Brothers of TLL pushed carts loaded with books throughout the school, and also volunteered to read to packed classrooms filled with student's eager to hear how the story would end.

Other guest readers at Indian Head Elementary included the Board of Education Ms. Tajala Battle-Lockhart, Indian Head Mayor Brandon Paulin, Women Action Charles County President and Chair of the Charles County Central Democratic Committee Ms. Abena McAllister. We also had high school students from Henry E. Lackey High School.

Omicron Iota Brother Host Art Exhibition at The Greenburgh Public Library



Omicron Iota Basileus Darren Joseph & Bro. Tzurriel Binyamin in front of painting "Sheroes", An acrylic and ink painting on canvas of Angela Davis and Kathleen Cleaver

Westchester, NY. March 9, 2019. . Brother Tzurriel Binyamin, Fall 18, Omicron Iota, was one of four artists to host the Vice and Victory art exhibition at the historic Greenburgh Public Library in Elmsford, New York. Vice and Victory is an art exhibit which showcased the work of some hidden talents within the African-American community. Collectively, these artists tackled issues that affect not only their lives, but the lives of their people. The art in Vice and Victory comments on the pursuit of freedom and gives expression to the frustrations of inequality and the fragility of humanity. It looks at the prominent disease of sickle cell, which greatly affects African-American people and provides a window into the pain of life, while also highlighting the beauty that is within the struggle.

In regards to his artwork, Brother Binyamin says, "I sought to visually represent hot-button topics like police brutality, religion, and how we as a people spend our dollars often times with brands that don't really care about us or even want our money. I also wanted my work to have some balance to it; so I included some paintings that celebrated the many victories in our history and culture through images showing prominent members of the Black Panther Party, exclamations of self-love, and depictions of culturally influential African-Americans in sports and entertainment." Tzurriel Binyamin is currently working as a Licensed Creative Arts Therapist and Visual Artist. He continues to do shows in the New York Metro Area!

Omicron Iota Days at the Capitol



Brothers Dana Farmer, OI Basileus Darren Joseph, Michael Burke and Troy Grant pose with Assemblyman Brother J. Gary Pretlow

Albany, NY. February 2019. The Brothers of Omicron Iota Chapter embarked upon a journey which resulted in the brothers fully encompassed by the halls of power of New York State government during the New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican and Asian Legislative Caucus Weekend which took place from February 15-17, 2019 in Albany, NY. Under the leadership of Brother L. Michael Burke, Jr., Ph.D., Omicron Iota's Political Action Chair, in conjunction with Omicron Iota's Basileus, Brother Darren Joseph, brothers of Omicron Iota and Psi Lambda Lambda respectively carried out the mission to meet with our elected officials and to discuss and suggest policies that will prove beneficial to our mutual constituencies. Moreover, we wanted to explore the possibility of a synergistic relationship between our respective chapters and influential elected officials.

The Brothers spoke with several lawmakers including New York State Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes (D-Buffalo), Assem-

blywoman Rodneyse Bichotte (D-Brooklyn), Assemblywoman Diana Richardson (D-Brooklyn) & New York State Senator Jamaal Bailey (D-Bronx).

The topics discussed throughout the day included bills related to marijuana regulation, taxation and investments, Census 2020 outreach, NYC School Construction Authority to award certain contracts for goods or services to Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises without a competitive bidding process, criminal justice legislation and expanding discovery programs to specialized high schools.

Our final debriefing was with our very own Omicron Iota Brother, Assemblyman Brother J. Gary Pretlow (D-Mount Vernon). He provided not only fellowship and hospitality but legislative intelligence and sage advice as to the procedural pathways necessary in order for us to achieve our desired outcome on all conversations with had with the legislators over the weekend.

Omicron Iota Salute its Oldest Member



Omicron Iota Chapter poses with Bro. Delius Wilson holding his Omega Membership Certificate.

New Rochelle, NY. March 2019. Brother Delius Wilson one of New York’s legendary figures and active member in Omicron Iota Chapter will celebrate his 70th Anniversary in Omega and will be recognized by the Westchester Pan-Hellenic Council during May 2019. Bro. Wilson was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated on May 13, 1949, through Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University). While there, he served as Vice Basileus. After graduating from Hampton with his Bachelor of Science degree, he became a member of Sigma Omicron Chapter in Tyler, TX and served on several committees but concentrated on the wholesome development of the youth in the city by serving on the committee to coordinate the activities of Sigma Sigma Chapter, the undergrad chapter at Texas College. In 1954, he and his wife Charoletta relocated to New York City where he continued his studies and received his Master of Arts Degree and Doctor of Education degree from Teachers College. While working on his doctorate he took and passed the examinations for Chairman of Fine Arts and for Day High School Principal in New York. He served four years before he

was appointed Principal of Boys High School in Brooklyn, NY, which is now Boys & Girls High School after his administration oversaw the co-ed transformation of the new school. Bro. Wilson also joined Omicron Iota during that time and served as Editor to the Oracle, Chairman of the Election Committee, was a judge of Graphic Arts for Talent Hunt, and a member of the 1st Omicron Iota Boat-ride Committee. After retiring, Bro. Wilson served as a consultant for the Board of Examination, President of the Association of Retired Teachers of NYC, Board of Directors Treasurer for the NY Teachers Housing Corp and lastly, the Commander of the City Island Power Squadron – an organization dedicated to safe boating and community service. In 2007, Bro. Wilson donated his \$40,000 35’ Flybridge Cruiser boat to his alma mater – Hampton University – his major beneficiary. Bro. Wilson continues to be an active member of Omicron Iota Chapter and spends much of his time writing (three unpublished manuscripts) and playing duplicate bridge. Bro. Delius Wilson we SALUTE YOU!

Omicron Iota Days at the Capitol



Brothers Dana Farmer, Michael Burke, OI Basileus Darren Joseph & Troy Grant pose with NYS Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes

Omicron Mu Nu Awards Its First Walter N. Ridley Scholarship



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers with Dr. Walter N. Ridley Scholarship Awardee Justin Gibson

West Chester, PA. October 13, 2018. The Omicron Mu Nu chapter awarded its first Dr. Walter N. Ridley Memorial Scholarship to Justin Gibson. To be eligible for the \$500 scholarship students must have at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

In 1953, Walter Nathaniel Ridley, an Omega Man, upon receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Va. became the first African American to receive a doctoral degree from a traditional Southern white college or university.

During his tenure at West Chester University he worked to establish black fraternities on the campus. He played instrumental roles in both the es-

tablishments of Omega Psi Phi, and Alpha Phi Alpha at West Chester University.

In 1972 Dr. Ridley served as the Advisor to Bro's. Charles Brown, and Lamont Mathis to help establish the Omega Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi on West Chester's campus.

Brother Ridley was one of thirteen brothers initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Howard University Fall 1930.

Omicron Mu Nu is exceedingly proud and honored to offer this scholarship in his name.

Omicron Mu Nu Helps YMCA Feed The Less Fortunate



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers feed the needy at West Chester YMCA

West Chester, PA. November 16, 2018. Brothers from Omicron Mu Nu and Omega Delta partnered with the West Chester YMCA to help make sure area families in need got to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.

Omicron Mu Nu Brother Julian Griffith who also works at the West Chester YMCA helped to organize The Believe and Achieve Thanksgiving Drive in which more than fifty families were fed. The meal included roasted turkey, stuffing, fresh vegetables, mac & cheese, soft drinks, and various desserts.

In addition to serving the meal brothers from both chapters also donated

two bags of groceries each that will be distributed to local community through the YMCA.

Omicron Mu Nu has only been present in West Chester since 2017 but is making the Omega name and brand known in the community. The response from community members, businesses, and local politicians has been tremendous.

Basileus Darius Taylor says that Thanksgiving is a great time to volunteer and reach out to help those in need our community.

Mentoring Matters Corner

Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee

MISSION: Our mission is clear, intentional, and strategic driven: to have approximately 80 active Chapters engaged their community by mentoring young males. Special emphasizes this year is to encourage Chapters to be intentional about developing programs aimed at helping men to “help their children grow into healthy young adults” – resulting in stronger families across the 2nd District.

2ND DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

1. Chapter’s ACTION: PROJECT MANHOOD

For every Chapter to Mentor young males either by “starting a mentoring program or seek a teaming partnership” with reputable like-minded organizations in your community such as the local Big Brothers-Big Sister, Social Services, and other local organizations that’s intentional about mentoring young people and Fathers.

2. TELL YOUR STORY. : Please submit articles on the incredible work you are doing in your community. We must get these stories out to the public to encourage others to set-up and mentor our young people, especially our boys! (Send Articles and JPEG Action Pictures)

3. RAISE AWARENESS by being intentional about telling the 2nd District incredible success stories on the mentoring work Chapters are doing in communities across the five states (NY, NJ, PA, DE, and MD). We must always TELL OUR STORY by submitting articles and photos for your mentoring programs monthly!

4. YOUTUBE CHANNEL ESTABLISHED - Ques On The Move Internet Podcasts

a. We are excited about the new YouTube Channel created that houses all Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring sessions.

Simply Go to: YouTube.com, in the search window (magnifying glass) type “que’s on the move”. Several choices will pop up. Once you start a video, click on the “subscribe “ button, this will help us build a network. This is the link to the 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring YouTube.com channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8NhHyTWVvywssxPgo68tphw>

b) QUES ON THE MOVE - Brothers we need 4 Chapters to team up under a teaming arrangement for the months of (April, May, June and July). Please contact me ASAP! WE need four Chapters to continue this wonderful initiative. (Under a teaming arrangement each Chapter shares the monthly cost.

Seeking two/three Chapters from New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania to participate in the monthly Internet Podcast. Approximately 400,000 listeners use internet social media outlets. Promoting positive message on the joys of Fatherhood and Mentoring!

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

a. April 27 – Youth Leadership Conference, 71st 2nd District Conference. CONGRATS BROTHER SMITH -Contact Brother Charles Moore, District Marshal.

b. March 23 – 8th Annual Game Changer Conference for Young Males a Community Collaboration Model - Co-sponsored by Mu Nu Chapter and Founder UCF Youth Organization in Rockville, Maryland. CONGRATS! (SEE Link the 2018 Game Changer - <https://youtu.be/Ib-3ZlLmKGao>)



c. February 16 – Father and Son Conference hosted by Eta Pi Chapter will provide “hands on” instruction to help increase quality time between Dads and Sons, Uncles and Nephews, Mentors and young males. (See attach FLIER) – CONGRATS! Contact Barry Devone at devobarr@gmail.com or Matt Stevens, matt.stevens1@me.com.

d. April (Spring) - HBCU College Tour Contact Brother Lawrence Williams at (443) 645-6933

5. INFRASTRUCTURE STRENGTHING Please welcome FIM Deputy Chairman – Jeff Diggs (Former 2nd District Achievement Chairman) and our new Co Chairmen for each state. First action is to identify Chapter’ Chairmen in each state that have mentoring programs. And account for Chapters that are mentoring young males and Dads.

a. DEPUTY Chair for Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring – Jeff Diggs

Brother Jeff Diggs leadership focus will center on Liaison Legislative Action for Shared Parenting, Fatherhood Bills and creating YouTube station to post Ques on the Move and other meaningful FIM messages (Working with IT Committee).

b. Five Co-Chairmen to represent their state with responding to new requirements from IHQ: Corridor Representative please identify Brothers that have a passion for working with our youth and men.

c. New Jersey, Brother Matt Stevens, Eta Pi Chapter and Ebony Davis, Lambda Uplison Chapter

d. Delaware, Brother Stephen A. Smith and Gregg Bunkley, Psi Iota Chapter

e. New York and Pennsylvania (Seeking State Co-Chairmen)

Thank you “TEAM” for all you do to make the 2nd District shine!

Faithfully Serving,

Donald Williams II

Brother Donald Williams II, 89’

Mu Nu Chapter Basileus Omega Man of the Year

Montgomery County, Maryland

2nd District, Chairman of the Year (2017)

Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Program

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Omicron Chi Omega Leadership Institute



OX Brothers with Guest speaker Ms. Dorothy Reed at OLI Mentoring Session

Somerset, NJ. March 9, 2019. Omicron Chi Ques hosted the kickoff session of the Omega Leadership Institute for the spring 2019 season. Parents, students, and coaches were enthusiastic and highly engaged about the planned scope and scale of the season. In keeping with the Fraternity’s Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, this 10-week program has maintained productive sessions with the young people highly engaged in topics rang-

ing from remaining focused on their personal values as they pursue their goals, establishing SMART objectives, and fundamentals of financial literacy. Looking forward to next week’s session. Special thanks to Ms. Dorothy Reed of Sister to Sister Network for emphasizing the importance of knowing your purpose and “finding a mission bigger than yourself.”

Omicron Chi Bishop Love Prayer Breakfast



OX Brothers serving food at the Prayer Breakfast

Plainfield, NJ. March 16, 2019. Omicron Chi Ques hosted the 3rd Annual Bishop Edgar Amos Love Prayer Breakfast. The event’s keynote speaker Brother Pastor Jason Jennings issued a Call to Action calling together men of faith from Plainfield, NJ and surrounding areas to work together to address the challenges facing young men in our area. Brother Jason Jennings gave a strong and invigorating message pertaining to one’s call: “Is it prophetic or is it political?” When David was called and consecrated to be Israel’s new king, the nation told Samuel their preference was for a political and they preferred a king that was more political than prophetic and shunned God’s selection and chose Saul instead. He left us with the question is your call prophetic or is it political? The Men’s Fellowship of Shiloh Baptist Church hosted and the men of St.

John’s Baptist Church, Fountain Baptist Church, St. Mark’s and Rebirth. We left today’s meeting with defined strategies and a revived commitment to collaborating in the development of young men in our area. Finally the event provided an opportunity to honor legendary Plainfield men of community impact in Brother Donald Van Blake (Omega Chapter) and Brother Charles Booker. We thank these men for their lifelong commitment to uplifting our people. We especially appreciate Co-Chairs Brothers Kirk Morton and Morris Lucky as well as Brother Chaplain Matthew Brookens for a great job in continuing to execute the vision of Brother Rev. Jeffrey Olive (Omega Chapter).

Omicron Chi Seasoned Brothers Brunch



OX Seasones Brothers at Brunch

Clinton, NJ. March 15, 2019. Several of Omicron Chi Chapter’s “seasoned Brothers” continued the tradition of fellowshiping monthly over brunch. Brother John Metz noted that the tradition began because enjoyed the formal meetings, but they wanted to make sure we planned more time for fellowship. In March Brothers enjoyed breakfast at the Cracker Barrel

in Clinton, NJ. In conjunction with activities like the Chapter’s Fishing Trip, NCAA Basketball Game Day, Cigar Fellowship and “Hooky Day”, the monthly “Seasoned Brother Brunch” has become a mainstay of Omicron Chi’s Reclamation and Retention efforts that have helped the Chapter’s membership more than double over the last five years.

Omicron Chi Worship with Rev. Al Sharpton



OX Brothers Worship with Rev. Al Sharpton

Elizabeth, NJ. March 10, 2019. Omicron Chi Chapter continued its longstanding tradition of worshipping together in March at a local church, as we honor Brothers who have entered Omega Chapter in the past year. This year the Chapter visited New Hope Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth, NJ where Executive Director of the National Action Network

the Rev. Al Sharpton preached in honor of Rev. Steffie Bartley’s 17th pastoral anniversary. Rev. Sharpton electrified the congregation with an inspiring message on thanking “Reverend Steffie” for his commitment to activism within the church, community and in the National Action Network organization.

Omicron Chi Joint Memorial Service



OX Brothers at the Memorial Service

Plainfield, NJ. March 9, 2019. Omicron Chi, of Plainfield, NJ participated in a Joint Chapter Memorial Service with host chapter Eta Pi of Montclair, NJ, and the other participating chapters were: Upsilon Phi of Newark, NJ, Nu Lambda Lambda of Jersey City and Rho Lambda Lambda of Orange, NJ all at the Black United Fund Building, the unofficial home of the host chapter in East Orange, NJ.

The Brothers of Omega Chapter were memorialized and Brother Grady James, III of Upsilon Phi gave an uplifting message about the heroic

friendship between David and Jonathan and how they as key figures in the Kingdom of Israel had formed a covenantal relationship based on friendship; and despite Jonathan being an heir to the crown of the kingdom as Saul’s son. Their friendship with each other was more important to each other than rather who would be king. What a powerful message that was rendered by Brother James, as he illuminated these inspiring analogies for the ~100 Brothers in attendance.

Omicron Chi Mentors Union County College Students



Bro. Byron Ward and Immediate Past Basileus Bro. Leon Smith II pose with OLI mentees and UCC’s Black Male Achievers faculty

Cranford, NJ. February 27, 2019. Omicron Chi Ques had a great time at our monthly Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) mentoring session with young men of the Black Male Achievers program at Union County College in Cranford, NJ. The day’s topic dealt with the historical significance

-cance of “Blackface” and the importance of self-identity and self-confidence. It was a very lively discussion. We are very proud of these men.

Omicron Chi Attend Big Ten Men’s Basketball Game



Mighty OX Brothers at Rutgers NCAA Men’s Basketball Game

Piscataway, NJ. February 24, 2019. Omicron Chi Chapter had a great time enjoying a college basketball game at Rutgers Athletic Center as a part of our Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative. This reclamation event drew Brothers from throughout Union County and the surrounding area,

family and friends who came out to support. In addition the Chapter Co-sponsored the event with a local non-profit organization, Men & Youth Cultivating Integrity & Restoring Community Life & Education.

Mighty OX Attend the 2019 Winter Council Meeting



Mighty OX pose at the 2019 Winter Council Meeting with District Representative J. Kendall Smalls

Cherry Hill, NJ. February 2, 2019. Brothers of The Mighty Omicron Chi Chapter “Home of the 28th Grand Basileus” had a great time doing the work of Omega and fellowship at the 2019 Second District Winter Council Meeting in Cherry Hill, NJ. Ten of the OX Brothers travelled together in a van, which made the trip more enjoyable and memorable. From the moment one walked in the door, our hosts made sure that everyone feel at home. More than 300 Omega Men attended the event, which exceeded expectations. We had ample time to warmly greet all guests. Brothers were appreciative of the Brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter for their hospitality.

In terms of business, District Council highlighted several administrative changes including a reduced number of committee and positions to reduce costs. They also noted the release of new SEC forms and administrative changes to MSP registration process to ensure DKRS, DKF and Basileus sign-off. The Fraternity has established a “Get Right” program. It was noted that insurance carriers are raising premiums for all Greek Letter organizations. The District’s Risk Management is in need of non-lawyers. IHQ is moving forward with establishing sexual harassment training procedures.

Mighty OX Celebrates the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



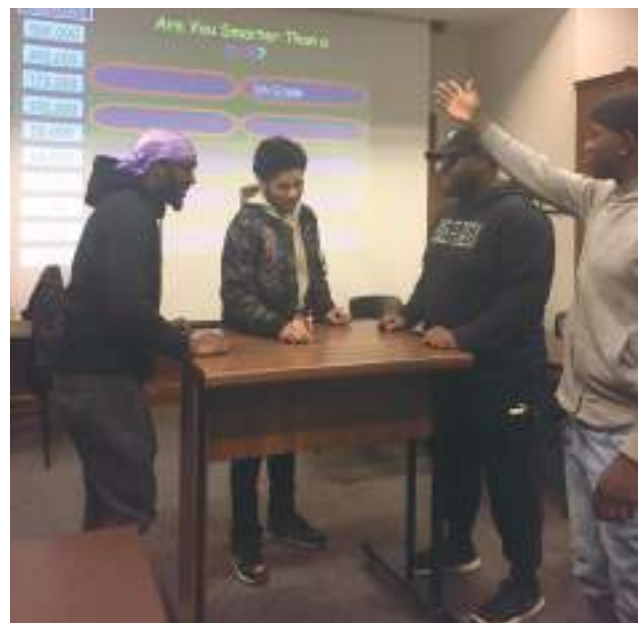
Mighty OX Brothers at the MLK Day Celebration

Plainfield, NJ. January 19, 2019. Omicron Chi Ques hosted the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at Hubbard Middle School, Plainfield, NJ. Brothers were joined by NJ Assemblywoman Linda Carter, who awarded citations to the Chapter’s Talent Hunt Visual & Performing Arts Honorees, Essay Contest Awardee, and other gifted young people. The event attracted more than 250 attendees including City Council President Joylette Mills-Ransome, Freeholder Rebecca Williams, InSpira Performing Arts, NPHC Central Jersey, Greater Union County Chapter of Jack & Jill, NJ Orators, educators including Principal Frank Asante, our judges, friends, and parents for joining us in celebrating the legacy of Dr. King and the efforts of our talented Plainfield area children.

We also thank MLK Co-Chairmen Bro. Fred Harris and Bro. Rico Gales (4th Corridor Representative) and Talent Hunt Co-Chairmen Bro. Terrence Onyuke and Bro. Lamont Harris for coordinating the execution of this effort, which distributed hundreds of books to the young attendees in accordance with our ongoing Assault on Illiteracy program while collecting non-perishable food and lightly used clothing for distribution to less fortunate local citizens. Finally, we thank Bro. IPB Leon Smith for his tireless work in elevating the vision of this program in recent years. This event was co-hosted with our partners at the Four Pillars Foundation and the Omega Leadership Institute.

Alpha Delta Gamma Are You Smarter Than A Que Event

Westminster, MD. February 28, 2019. Being able to take the stress out of learning by making it fun is a good way to bring students together. On February 28, 2019 in Westminster, Maryland, the Alpha Delta Gamma chapter at McDaniel College organized and ran the “Are You Smarter Than a Que” game night. Our goal was to bring together the students on the campus to decompress from studying for mid-terms. The event replicated the show “Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader”, hosting a variety of questions ranging from english and mathematics to geography. Although it was a competitive battle at the end of the night the Brothers of Alpha Delta Gamma chapter were victorious.



Participants at the Are You Smarter Than A Que Event

Mighty OX Hosts Annual “Kids Deserve Toys” Program



Mighty OX gather to take a picture with Santa Claus

Plainfield, NJ. December 22, 2018. The Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated hosted its annual “Kids Deserve Toys” event at Plainfield High School to support less fortunate local families. In keeping with the 107 year-old Fraternity’s principles, Omicron Chi is a group of nearly 100 men committed to serving Plainfield and the surrounding communities by focusing on aspirations like promoting health and wellness, developing next generation leaders, and strengthening the community.

According to the event chair Brother Richard Wyatt, “a delicious meal, a few new toys and a friendly environment to celebrate are blessings that so many of us take for granted during the holiday season.” The Plainfield Ques worked in concert with the Plainfield Public School District and the Salvation Army to identify families in need. The families filled out a wish list in advance that included their children’s clothing sizes, and

preferences for toys and electronics. In turn, the Brothers worked with corporate sponsors and individual donors to provide three to five name brand outfits per child, toys, books, tablets, and educational games for Plainfield-based children.

Omicron Chi secured “Four Brothers Restaurant” in Warren to cater the meal, consisting of barbecue chicken, sweet potatoes, collard greens and corn bread. The event was led by Chairman Richard Wyatt, who had envisioned and coordinated the event in which nearly 30 Brothers decorated the venue, served the meals, and played games with the families. “We must constantly strive as a community to make a positive impact on our youth,” Wyatt said, “in hopes that it will ignite a spark for them to make a positive impact on the world.” The highlight of the affair was the arrival of Santa, who listened to the requests of the children and ensured that all guests left with an abundance of gifts.

Omicron Chi Dine With Brother Rev. Jesse Jackson

Newark, NJ. February 23, 2019. Following his successful Wall Street Project conference in New York City, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson travelled to Newark, NJ for a celebratory dinner at Metropolitan Baptist Church. Hosted by Pastor Dr. and Mrs. David Jefferson Sr, their son Omicron Chi Chapter’s David Jefferson Jr (5-OX-17), guests and speakers were eager to show their appreciation for Rev. Jackson’s lifetime Civil Rights activism. In keeping with his iconic message “Keep the Faith,” Rev. Jackson spoke about his strong relationships in New Jersey and his gratefulness for those community leaders and activists who have heeded that call. Rev. Jackson graciously received the key to the City of Newark presented to him by Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka. Depicted with Rev Jackson from rear left to right are (rear) Brother Rev. David Jefferson Jr, Brother Douglas Mitchell, Brother Aaron Allen, Pastor David Jefferson Sr, (front) Brother Richard Wyatt.



Mighty OX Brothers pose with Brother Rev. Jesse Jackson

Phi Upsilon Support Fight Against Breast Cancer



Phi Upsilon Brothers at the Breast Cancer Walk

Point Pleasant, NJ. October 28, 2018. Phi Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. dedicated their time, to support the fight against Breast Cancer, in Point Pleasant, NJ. The annual Making Strides against Breast Cancer Awareness walk, brought attention to the issue of individuals suffering and battling breast cancer. Funds were raised to help with the continued efforts of breast cancer research, and trying to find a cure. The Brothers of Phi Upsilon Chapter are proud to be a part of this effort to fight against Breast Cancer, and celebrate with those who are triumphant in their battle against this deadly disease. Six Hundred and thirty dollars

were raised by Phi Upsilon, with funds coming through online donations, Phi Upsilon’s Annual Strike Owt Bowling Party, and personal donations from the Brothers in the Chapter. This event was attended by graduate members, undergraduate brothers from Monmouth University, breast cancer survivors, and friends and family supporters. Bro. Troy Butler is the current Health Initiative Chairmen for the chapter, and he led this effort to make this a successful event. The Brothers of Phi Upsilon appreciate the continue support and thank all of those who attended the walk, and made donations for Breast Cancer Research.

Jersey Shore Ques

Phi Upsilon “Young Lives Matter Down at the Jersey Shore”



Asbury Park, NJ. August 18, 2018. Phi Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the annual Asbury Park Back-to-School Block Party. The annual event aims to provide each and every young person in attendance with the opportunity to possess school bags, as well as school supplies for their school year. Phi Upsilon Chapter collaborated with other community outreach organizations, coupled with the Asbury Park Public School Board of Education officials, and gathered together for a day of fun, activities, music, and food. There was a great turnout of participants in attendance, from the surrounding communities. The Chapter filled and distributed 200 drawstring bags filled with school supplies for their upcoming school year. This event was attended by graduate members, undergraduate Brothers from Monmouth University, friends, and family. Bro. Troy Butler was the Committee Chairmen for this event, and provided great leadership with coordinating the planning and final execution. Phi Upsilon Chapter continues to strive to be a vital force in NJ, particularly in the Monmouth and Ocean Counties. We use our combined efforts to uplift the community where it is needed.

Young Girls with school supplies given at the Asbury Park Back to School Party

Phi Upsilon Brother Marcus Leslie Overcoming Personal Adversity to become An Outstanding Student



Brother Marcus Leslie on Game day

West Long Branch, NJ. February 27, 2019. The National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals (N4A) named Monmouth University’s fifth-year defensive back, Bro. Marcus Leslie as February’s Student-Athlete of the Month.

Bro. Leslie, who graduated in May of 2018 with a 3.05 grade point average, battled back from two-season ending injuries to play in 41 games for the Hawks and finished with 134 tackles. He is currently working towards

his master’s degree in criminal justice homeland security while working in the athletics department. Before even stepping foot on campus at Monmouth, the Bro. Leslie faced great personal adversity after losing his mother at the age of two. Raised by his father and extended family, Bro. Leslie used this support system and his own determination and dedication to fulfill his dream of playing college football.

He came to West Long Branch in the fall of 2014, playing in all 22 contests in his first two seasons making 15 starts. In a game against Howard in 2016, Leslie suffered a serious injury that sidelined him for the remainder of that season. His tireless work ethic had him return and once again earn a starting spot heading into his senior year. In the fourth game of the ensuing season, he repeated nearly the same injury and was sidelined for the remainder of the season. Not content with the prospect of his collegiate career coming to an end, he decided to rehab from his injury and was granted an additional year of eligibility by the NCAA. Bro. Marcus Leslie used this opportunity to continue to improve his grades and graduate with his bachelor’s degree while rehabbing from surgery. In his final season with the Hawks, Bro. Leslie played in nine games, helping lead the team to an 8-3 overall record.

He finished his athletic career with 134 total tackles, including 88 solo stops, 15 passes defended, 3.5 tackles for loss, and two interceptions. In 2017, Bro. Leslie was a part of the team that made their first NCAA FCS Playoffs appearance in program history, finishing the year 9-3 overall including a perfect 5-0 record at Kessler Stadium.

During the fall, Bro. Leslie was also nominated for the N4A Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award, which honors student-athletes who have overcome great personal, academic, and/or emotional odds to achieve academic success while participating in intercollegiate athletics.

Upon completion of his master’s degree in the Summer of 2019, Leslie will begin his career in federal law enforcement.

Bro. Marcus Leslie was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, through Phi Upsilon Chapter on April 23rd, 2016. The Brothers of Phi Upsilon Chapter are extremely proud of the type of Omega Man Bro. Leslie has become, and he continues to be a great role model for the entire student body, at Monmouth University.



Phi Upsilon Brothers Kola Adeleye, Kamau Dumas, Marcus Leslie, and Teddie Martinez Graduate with Honors from Monmouth University

Phi Nu Military Milestones

West Point, NY. The Phi Nu Chapter has achieved historic milestones over the last six months. The chapter embarked upon 25 years of undergrad intake of Cadets at the United States Military Academy, West Point. Three brothers who graduated from West Point are the first to achieve the rank of Colonel. These Brothers are Colonel Abel Young, Phi Nu 94, Colonel Landis Maddox, Phi Nu 96, and Colonel Hise Gibson, Phi Nu 97. The brothers stand on the shoulders of Colonel Charles Young, West Point Class of 1989 and second honorary graduate of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., General Roscoe Robinson, Upsilon Omega '47 and West Point Class of 1951, Lieutenant General Kip Ward, Phi Nu '79 and so many more brothers. Additionally, the following Phi Nu Brothers were selected for the highly selected War College in the last six months: LTC Byrd, Phi Nu '96, LTC Michael Jordan Phi Nu 96 and LTC Gatlin, Phi Nu 97.



Phi Nu Brother getting his Bars

Phi Nu Scholarship Milestones



West Point, NY. March 15, 2019. Brother Kenneth Brinson, Phi Nu '18 won the prestigious Knight-Hennessey Scholarship to Stanford University. One hundred students from around the world earn this scholarship that prepares students to be global leaders in a number of fields. Brother Brinson is majoring in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Pre-Med studies. He has maintained a 3.9 GPA while also being a two-sport NCAA Division I Athlete. He has earned numerous Academic Honors as a Football and Track and Field Athlete. Brother Brinson plans to serve as a doctor in the United States Army

Phi Nu Brother Kenneth Brinson



Phi Nu Annual Toy and Clothing Drive

Peekskill, NY. December 14, 2018. The Phi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. donated \$1500.00 in gifts from their annual Toy and Clothing Drive to Peekskill Presbyterian church in Peekskill NY. The late Brother Charles Bolden, Phi Nu '74, started a partnership over a decade ago with the church. Over the years, the Brothers of Phi Nu have donated thousands of dollars in winter clothing and toys. Each year the church hands out these items on Christmas day to local families in need. The support and thanks for Phi Nu's efforts is overwhelming. The community looks to the men of Omega Psi Phi for leadership and as role models that the youth can aspire to be like.



Phi Nu Brothers at the Toy and Clothing Drive

Alpha Lambda Lambda Achievement Week

Frederick, MD. November, 2018. The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter celebrated Achievement Week through a host of activities, which included highway clean up, reclamation and retention breakfast, rededication ceremony and church service.

The chapter celebrated brothers' accomplishments as well as those of members of the Frederick community through hosting its annual Achievement banquet. Mrs. Blanche Henry (wife of Brother Ronnie Henry, Mu Nu 87) was honored as the chapters' Citizen of the Year for her countless contributions to the Frederick community. Brother Tony Story (Psi Alpha Alpha 85) was recognized with the Superior Service and Basileus awards. The chapters' highest honor, Omega Man of the Year was bestowed upon Brother Thaddious Goodman (Pi Gamma 68). Two local Frederick County students were recognized for their academic excellence and community service through the Chapters' Cornelius "Corky" Turner scholarship award and one student was selected to represent the chapter at the District level in support of the International High School Essay contest.

The weeks activities culminated at Howard University where Omega Men joined in a bond of brotherhood and friendship to rededicate themselves to the Cardinal Principles we hold true.

The chapter's Achievement Week committee is led by Brother Torrance Beck (Lambda Beta Beta 08).



Bro. Tony Story presented the Basileus Award from Bro. Harry Smith, Immediate Past Basileus

Brother Claudie Shelton Recieves Commander's Award



Brother Claudie Shelton receives the Commander's Civilian Service Award

Fort Detrick, MD. June 2018. The Commander of the United States Army Medical Materiel Agency honored Brother Claudie Shelton (Xi Psi 73) with the Commanders Award for Civilian Service. This honorary award is presented by the United States Department of the Army to civilian employees for commendable service or achievement. Brother Shelton was

recognized for his commitment to excellence relative to the management of over \$40 million dollars of medical supplies supporting the Asia - Pacific Theater of Operations. Brother Shelton's dedicated service increased the organizations overall readiness posture thus reflecting great credit upon himself, the US Army Medical Materiel Agency and the US Army.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Social Action Initiatives



Bros. Torrance Beck and Levar Jordan discuss the consequences of decisions



Bro. Scott Thomas demonstrates how to tie a knot

Frederick, MD. March 2019. Over the course of 19 years, Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter has led as well as supported various social action initiatives to benefit the greater Frederick community. During this period the chapter supported mentoring programs at various middle schools, high schools as well as at the community college level coupled with supporting holidays with gifts and food. The chapter also provided support to the Ques on the Move Podcast as well as the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Male Youth Summit. The chapter's Social Action committee is led by Brother Torrance Beck (Lambda Beta Beta 08).

Omega Men Mentoring Men (QM3).

The QM3 program which has been in existence for over 19 years has been a source of encouragement, counseling, and support for many students which helped to foster their success at all academic levels. The theme of "Choices, Decisions and Consequences resonates at each level,

wherein the chapters' goal is to have the young men understand that their choices and decisions correlate directly to the outcomes or consequences received. The overall desire was to expand the students' world and enhance their opportunities for success. Currently, the chapter has partnered with the West Frederick Middle School, Ballenger Creek Middle School and the Monacacy Elementary School, relationships that are fully supported by the schools' principals as well its teachers. Sessions with the young men include proper etiquette, respect, how to tie a tie, and dress for success. The mentees were also hosted to attend basketball games at the Frederick Community College. The impact of this initiative resonates beyond the school, well into the community where the faces of the Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda are clearly recognized by the young men during their extracurricular activities. This social action initiative is led by Brother Paul Flemings (Alpha Lambda Lambda 15)

Honoring the Service of Major Bro. Torrance Beck



MAJ Torrance Beck is presented his Certificate of Retirement from COL Keith Harley

Fort Detrick, MD. August 2018. A grateful nation celebrated the service of Major Torrance Beck (Lambda Beta Beta 08) in a retirement ceremony deep in military tradition. Major Beck served this country in uniform as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the US Army for over 25 years. MAJ Beck's tours of duty included assignments in Camp Casey, Korea; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Riley, Kansas, as well as combat tours in Kirkuk, Iraq and Jalalabad, Afghanistan. MAJ Beck's awards include

the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal. The retirement ceremony was officiated by COL (Bro) Keith Harley (Nu Omega 09) and attended by a host of family, friends and fraternity brothers. MAJ Torrance Beck and COL Keith Harley were the 2014 and 2015 2nd District COL Charles Young awardees, respectively, thus reflecting a legacy of military service to this Nation.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Welcome 3 New Initiates



36th District Representative, J. Kendall Smalls with Brothers Tony Story, Claudie Shelton and Larnell Simpson welcoming 3 new Brothers

Frederick, MD. November 2, 2018. The Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter welcomed three new initiates into the sacred fold of Omega. Brother's Andrew Rollins, Brian Smith and Darryl McGuire were greeted into the Fraternity by the 36th Second District Representative, Brother

J. Kendall Smalls. The initiation ceremony was hosted by the Brothers of Kappa Omega Chapter, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The varied backgrounds, experiences, and talents of these three men will surely strengthen Omegas' bond of Brotherhood, Friendship and Service to our communities.

Chi Pi Diaper Bank Social Action



Chi Pi Brothers at the Diaper Bank event

Syracuse, NY. March 29, 2019. Chi Pi chapter volunteered at the Central New York Diaper Bank. The Central New York Diaper Bank is a nonprofit that was created to assist social service organizations in the Syracuse area distribute diapers to families in need.

The mission of the organization is to ensure all Central New York families have access to an adequate supply of diapers, and to build awareness of diaper needs in the Syracuse community. The Brothers of Chi Pi chapter assisted in breaking down, sorting and packaging the diapers.

Chi Pi Achievement Week



Chi Pi Brothers with Omega Man of the Year Bro. Herb Dunmore

Syracuse, NY. February 2, 2019. Chi Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its annual Dennis Dowdell Memorial Scholarship reception in honor of Black History Month, Thursday, Feb 2, 2019 at the Syracuse University Community Folk Art Center in Syracuse. The scholarship reception benefits deserving youth in the Syracuse area.

The Chapter presented the Organization of the Year Award to the Junior Frontiers of the Mohawk Valley the largest all volunteer civic youth organization predominantly for students of color that this is based in Central New York. The Junior Frontiers focuses on attention on academic success, professional development, civic responsibility and self-esteem through special projects, trips, speakers, events, tours etc., to expose the children to the many possibilities in their future. Co-Directors Jawwaad Rasheed, Esq and U'nice Elliot-Jefferson accepted the award.

The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Melanie Littlejohn, daughter of Omega Man Dennis Dowdell, first Director of the Urban League of Onondaga County. She carried on that legacy as Deputy Director – President & CEO of the Urban League from 1991-94. She is now the Vice President of Customer & Community Engagement for the State of New York with National Grid. She was recognized for her years of service to the Central New York community.

Special Recognition Award was presented to retired Syracuse Police Chief Frank Fowler. He served the department for 29 years, nine of those as Chief of Police.

Brother Herb Dunmore as named Chi Pi Chapter Omega Man of the year for exemplifying the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift over the past year.

Chi Rho Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

Long Island, NY February 23, 2019. The Brothers of Chi Rho chapter, with the help from the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Suffolk County Alumnae Chapter, saved lives together. This joint venture for the Annual blood drive received 48 donors and potentially saved 165 lives. After their donation, the donors were treated to an array of snacks and refreshments from The American Red Cross who was a willing partner at the event. Due to the success of the drive, The American Red Cross stated that they would be more than willing to come back and do it again as often as needed.



Chi Pi Brothers at the Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

Chi Rho Holiday Basket Giveaway



Chi Rho Brothers deliver holiday basket to needy family

Long Island, NY November 20, 2018 and December 22, 2018. The Brothers of Chi Rho chapter continued our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas basket giveaways to the community in need. Our chapter reaches out to local churches to see what families in the area are in need. The brothers deliver the baskets to the families and give uplift. These social action events for our chapter have been going on for over thirty years. We would like to thank Brothers James Wallace Jr. and Carnell Adams (Omega Chapter) for starting these social action events.

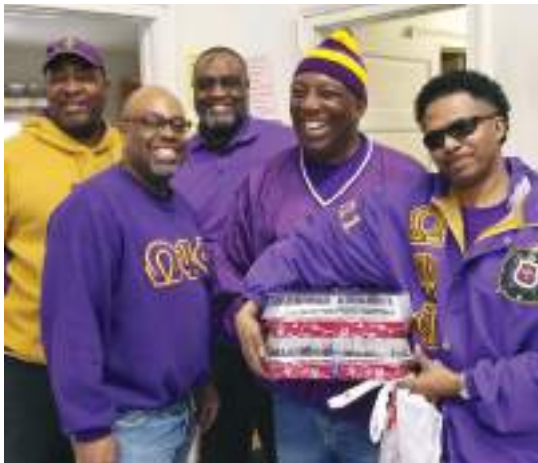
Chi Rho Create Chapter Coin



Chi Rho Vice Basileus Donald L Daal Jr. display Chapter Coins

Long Island, NY January 11, 2019. The Brothers of Chi Rho chapter introduced a new challenge coin to bring more enthusiasm to the chapter. The challenge coins were created by Vice Basileus Donald L Daal Jr. Brother Daal made the initial investment with the coins to create capital for future events, scholarships and to create a new collectible tradition amongst the brothers. Brother Daal is in the process of creating coins for numerous chapters in the Second District and for the 2020 conclave.

Chi Rho Men Who Cook



Chi Rho Brothers participate at the Men Who Cook event

Long Island NY. March 16, 2019. The Brothers of Chi Rho Chapter held its Annual Men Who Cook Fundraiser at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch NY. The Omega chefs created tastefully packed entrees. This fundraiser was started in 1990 by line Brothers William Tyson and Craig Bedford. We were able to raise over \$2,000 for college scholarships. We had an attendance of over one hundred people, including the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta respectfully. This was a huge success for our chapter

Chi Rho Feed the Needy



Chi Rho Brothers volunteer at Mercy Inn Soup kitchen

Long Island, NY. November 23, 2018. The Brothers of Chi Rho chapter partnered with the Mercy Inn, in Wyandanch, NY. The Mercy Inn operates as a single soup kitchen serving well over 25,000 people a year. The Brothers made a commitment to the Mercy Inn that we are willing to help in feeding the the needy people within the community at least once a month.

Chi Rho Talent Hunt

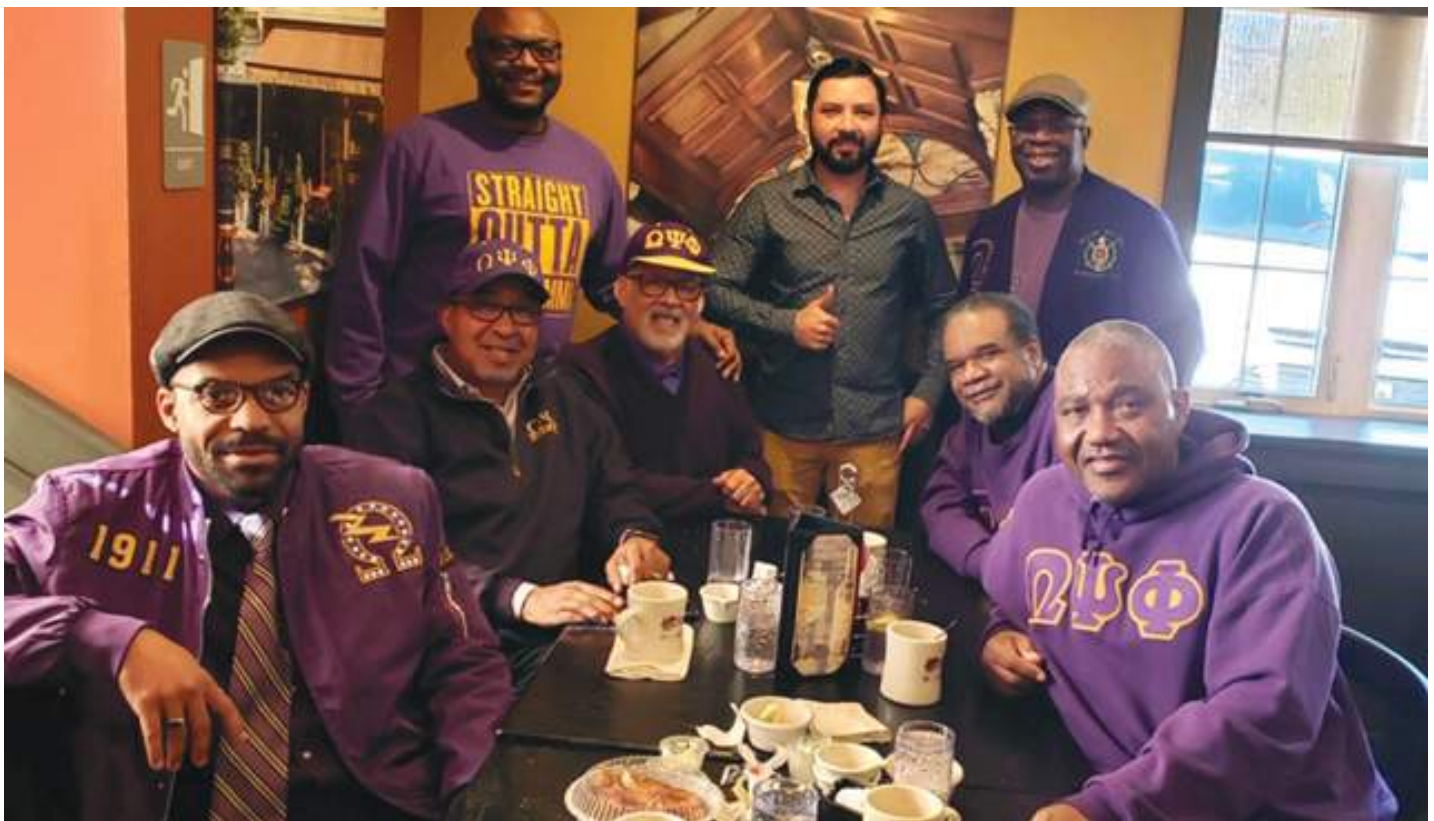


Chi Rho Brothers with Talent Hunt Winners

Long Island, NY, March 22, 2019. The Brothers of Chi Rho Chapter held its Annual Talent Hunt program at Brentwood high school to give high school students a platform to display their talents. Congratulations to

the contestants and their families. Kassidy Rieder will represent us at the district level April 27, 2019 in Dover, Delaware. This program was a huge success with many contestants participating.

Delta Upsilon Retirees Breakfast



March 26, 2010. Trenton, NJ. Delta Upsilon Chapter Brothers participating in the monthly Chapter Retirees breakfast donated a portion of the cost of their meal to the Mercer County Meals on Wheels program which provides meals to seniors in Mercer County.

Chi Upsilon Talent Show



Chi Upsilon Brother Ron Stephens speaks at the Talent Show

Camden, NJ. March 23, 2019. Brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter held their annual talent show at Malandra Hall in the City of Camden. There was singing, modern dance, musical selections, and visual arts. A large number of brothers took part along with many family and friends enjoyed

an afternoon of refreshments and entertainment. In the end, the modern dance participant garnered enough vote from a well-educated cast of judges to win enough votes to take home first place

Chi Upsilon Memorial Service



Chi Upsilon Brothers at Harleigh Cemetery Mausoleum for the Memorial Service

Camden, NJ. March 10, 2019. The chapter members came out to Harleigh Cemetery at the grave-site of our former longtime chapter member and 23rd District Representative, David B. Wharton Sr. Due to the amount of rain, the services was held inside one of the mausoleums and was con-

-ducted by our Basileus Jeffrey M. Spratley and Chaplain Horace G. Worthington III. It was a very moving service for our brother whom we lost unexpectedly last year.

Epsilon Black Business Series



Black Business Series Event in January 2019 in Brooklyn, NY



Black Business Series Event in February 2019 in Manhattan, NY

New York, NY. January 2019. Epsilon Chapter launched its Black Business Series, a monthly social gathering to promote and support Black-owned businesses throughout New York City. Based on the “cash mob” approach, Epsilon Brothers select an establishment to patronize on its least busy day and they invite their friends, family, and co-workers to join them, bringing an infusion of sales and good vibes. The Series began in Brooklyn at Kingston Public House on Saturday, January 26. The bar/lounge had just opened on December 21, so it was happy to get the advertising and the crowd. It continued in February in Manhattan at Harlem Hops, a place specializing in craft beers, local wines, and small bites. Owned by 3 HBCU alumni, Harlem Hops is the first-ever

craft beer bar in Harlem to be 100% Black-owned. In March, Epsilon took its Black Business Series to the Bronx. The Living Room II is a unique lounge with eclectic vintage furniture and a great liquor selection. The relaxed feel made it a great venue for the Ques and their guests. In April, Epsilon Chapter will be supporting two businesses at the same time! The Chapter is doing it bigger than usual to celebrate its 100th anniversary, which occurs on April 18, 2019. The Series will take place at Blew Smoke, New York’s only Black-owned cigar lounge, and Ode to Babel, a sexy neighborhood bar owned by twin sisters.

Epsilon Womens History Month Program



Woman of the Year Ola Ronke and Bro. Clyde Cole



The 4 Sorority Ambassadors

Harlem, NY. March 31, 2019. The Brothers of Epsilon Chapter held their 3rd annual Women’s History Month Program on March 31, 2019 in Harlem. The event featured four Sorority Ambassadors, each one representing a different sorority from “The Divine 9.” There was Karen St. Hilaire of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Nicole Yearwood of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Virna Springer of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Kim O’Neale of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. They each spoke on the history of their respective organizations and highlighted famous sorors in the field of civil rights and feminism, which were the themes for this year.

The 2019 Olive Campbell Woman of the Year was Ola Ronke, a Black feminist who uses art and literature as tools to promote womanhood and dismantle structures that attempt to hold women back. Ola is the founder

and director of the Free Black Women’s Library, a mobile pop-up installation that travels throughout New York City. It has over 1000 books, all written by Black women. The program also had two musical performances. The first was a pair of middle school students who are part of Keys 4 Success, a music education program founded by Bro. Gavin Ndabaliye, an Epsilon Brother. They each played 3 pieces on the piano and captivated the audience. The second was Okema T. Moore, a professional singer and actress who sang her original piece, Love Him. Okema is also a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

At the conclusion of the program, Epsilon Brothers gave each woman in attendance a flower as a small token of appreciation for their support and for all they do in our lives. As usual, the program drew over 100 attendees.

Eta Pi 2019 Father and Son Conference



Participants, guests and Eta Pi Brothers at the 2019 Father and Son Conference

East Orange, NJ. February 16, 2019. The Mighty Eta Pi Chapter hosted its first Father and Son Conference at the Sojourner Truth Middle School. The program theme - “Building Bridges, Intentional Actions, One Day at a Time” set the tone for the day as participants and guest speakers quickly bonded during the morning session. The overarching goal(s) of the conference was to 1) create a platform that would encourage families to spend quality time together 2) share relevant health and wellness information and 3) provide homeownership, mortgage options and connect participants to community resources.

This powerful program opened with an African history presentation which included the history of African civilizations, the African diaspora and its impact on the new world. Participants also learned how to trace their genealogy back to the Motherland of Africa.

Throughout the day a variety workshops were conducted which included topics such as physical fitness and nutrition, self-defense exercises, Yoga and Mindfulness and gaming and video game development to name a few.

This phenomenal program received corporate and community sponsorship from PNC Bank, UIH Family Partners and the Big Brother / Big Sister program. In addition, each agency provided a 15 minute presentation on their products, services and programs.

Guest speakers included East Orange Mayor Ted Green, Fatherhood expert Devon Bandison, Oranges & Maplewood NAACP President, Tom Puryear, Second District Health and Wellness Chairman, Bro. Tony Hayes, East Orange Public Schools Liaison, Bro. Marion Bell, Second District Mentoring Committee Member and NJ Chairman, Bro. Matthew Stevens, Program Moderator and First Vice Basileus, Bro. Barry Devone, and committee members Brothers George Williams and Ron Williams.

The Eta Pi Chapter is proud to have partnered with the City of East Orange, the East Orange Board of Education and the Greater Essex Community Uplift Foundation to provide quality programming to East Orange residents and the community at Large.



Fitness Workshop at the Father and Son Conference

8th Annual Game Changer Conference for Young Males



Game Changers Conference participants

Montgomery County, MD. March 23, 2019. Mu Nu Chapter, 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., provided leadership for the 8th Annual Game Changer Conference for Young Males. Over the last eight years, the conference has impacted more than 4,000 male students (approximately 500 per year) from Montgomery County and surrounding communities.

Mu Nu Chapter partnered with the Montgomery County Public School System, Montgomery College, the Universities at Shady Grove, and UCF Youth Development Organization to host this community mentoring conference. This year saw a sharp increase of adult men, parents, volunteers and community leaders that attended the male mentoring conference at the Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville.

The theme of the mentoring conference was “The Urgency is Now!” Donald Williams II, Basileus of Mu Nu Chapter key message to Stakeholders, was twofold: there is no better investment than our young people. Those that work directly with our youth must be “intentional” in touching the hearts and minds to save, shape and change the mental mind-map of our young males. Second, “all of us” must do better to work together to raise awareness that our young people, especially our males of color lives

count! The challenge we reinforce to young people is to be mindful of their responsibility to always pursue excellence and be extraordinary – 24/7 in all areas of your lives!

The male conference started with six life skills stations including tie tying, Gentlemen Rules for treating young girls like ladies, 30 second interview, proper handshake, and auto safety led by Omega men. The Keynote speaker was Darren Haynes, Sport Director and Anchor at WUSA, Channel 9 in Washington D.C. There were several workshops in this conference that included: STEM; bullying; student learning styles; college and career preparation; domestic violence; social media literacy; strategic thinking and planning; applying for college scholarships and other financial aid resources; and navigating the middle school and high school experience for maximum academic achievement. Parents and guardian were provided with proven strategies and practical solutions for developing the next generation of Game Changers. This event also held an essay contest “Responsibility is a Game Changer” where several students were able to receive awards for their writing skills. Mu Nu Chapter provided close to \$2,000 toward this event.



Teaching the art of tying a neck tie



Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair Donald Williams address audience

Founder Coleman’s Memorial Plaque Installed



Honor Guard Chair Troy Manigault at Founder Coleman's gravesite

Suitland, MD, November 14, 2018. The Second District Honor Guard Committee completed the installation of the memorial plaque for Founder Prof. Frank Coleman. Founder Coleman’s memorial plaque concludes the installations for the Undergraduate Founders – Dr. Oscar James Cooper (Ambler, PA, October 2017) and Bishop Edgar A. Love (Baltimore, MD, November 2017). Efforts continue to secure the necessary approvals for the installation of Founder Dr. Ernest E. Just’s memorial plaque. Each memorial plaque includes an inscription of the Fraternity’s history and a

personal quote from the respective Founder. Of note, Founder Coleman shares his burial at Lincoln Cemetery in Suitland, MD with Founder Just and Bros. Drs. Charles R. Drew and Carter G. Woodson. For information about the Founders’ gravesites, visit the Second District’s Honor Guard page – <https://www.opp2d.org/honor-guard> – Founders Gravesite. For comments or questions about the Founders Memorial Project, contact the Honor Guard Committee via honorguard@opp2d.org.

Honor Guard Pin Celebrates First Anniversary

Second District, March 1, 2019. March 2019 marks the one-year anniversary since the commissioning of the Honor Guard Pin – “ΩΨΦ Honor Guard”. The Honor Guard Pin was inspired by the vision of Honor Guard Committee (HGC) member, Bro. Rev. Dana Farmer (HΩ ’93, Atlanta, GA) and was designed by HGC Chairman, Bro. Troy Manigault (MN ’94, Montgomery County, MD) in collaboration with HGC members. The Honor Guard Pin is intended for wear over the suit breast pocket for Brothers assigned to stand guard at the casket while an Omega Chapter Brother lies in state. Brothers not standing guard should wear the pin on their jacket lapel, but they may wear the pin over the breast pocket if they are members of their chapter Honor Guard Team. The Honor Guard Pin is intended for limited and reverent wear in Omega Official Attire,

as prescribed, or in business attire, where appropriate, during Memorial Services for Funerals, during the annual Memorial Service program, during the ecumenical services at District Conferences and Grand Conclaves, and during annual Founders Day rededication programs. Honor Guard Pins may be ordered (\$10/ea. plus S&H) through the Second District DKRS via electronic payment options: contact your chapter KRS. For additional information about the Honor Guard Pin, visit the Second District’s Honor Guard page – <https://www.opp2d.org/honor-guard> – Honor Guard Pin, Wear and Appearance. For comments or questions about the Honor Guard pin, contact the Honor Guard Committee via honorguard@opp2d.org.

Iota Alpha Alpha Achievement Week Luncheon



Award recipients at the IAA Achievement Week Luncheon

Easton, MD. November 17, 2018. The Brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha (IAA) chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. opened this year's Founders' Day celebration with their annual Achievement Week Luncheon. The Achievement Week Luncheon took place at Easton High School in Easton, MD. The brothers of IAA recognized and awarded some of the great leaders in the eastern shore of Maryland community. The first honoree was Ms. Charlene DeShields for Citizen of the Year. Ms. DeShields is a great leader in the Talbot County Community. She works with various community groups to help with the betterment of mankind. Ms. DeShields also is the current president of Kappa Theta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Second honoree was Ms. Sarah Lowery for Col. Charles Young Leadership Award. Ms. Lowery is a great leader in her everyday profession. She helps mold young people into great leaders via Greek Life advisement. Over the last few years she has been a great help to both the Gamma Kappa and Iota Alpha Alpha Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. Third honoree

was Ms. Renee Warfield with the Educator of the Year Award. Ms. Renee is currently the Talbot County Teacher of the Year. She is a phenomenal Spanish teacher and she believes in equal opportunity through education. Fourth honoree was Bro. Michael Coates (2-02-Psi Epsilon) for Educator of the Year. Bro. Coates is an outstanding educator and was promoted to Assistant Principal at William Wirt Middle School in Riverdale, MD. Next honoree was Bro. Terence R. Gavin Jr. (5-13-Psi Iota). Bro. Gavin was one of the brothers responsible for the reactivation of Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter. Since 2016, Bro. Gavin has been a leader and outstanding brother in moving the chapter forward. Last honoree, Bro. Roland Brown (Beta Kappa 1977) for Religious Leader of the Year. Bro. Brown moved to Easton, MD last year on faith to be the new leader at Union Baptist Church. Bro. Brown has done a great job in helping his new community and congregation move forward with Christ. The brothers of Iota Alpha Alpha chapter would like to congratulate all our honorees once again and thank everyone that supported our program.

Iota Mu Mu We Feed Our People Social Action



Washington, D.C. January 21, 2019. Brothers of Iota Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. volunteered at the Rise Demonstration Center located in Washington D.C. and participated in "We Feed Our People." "We Feed Our People" is one of the longest running community service events to celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday in Washington, D.C. "We Feed Our People" was established in 1988, making it the one

of the first programs capable of providing service to the homeless in the local area. The Brothers of Iota Mu Mu fed over 100 homeless members of the community. In addition to feeding the homeless, the brothers of Iota Mu Mu aided in preparing the facility, receiving food items, organizing clothing items, distributed blankets for those in need in the Washington D.C. community.

Iota Alpha Alpha Memorial Service



Iota Alpha Alpha Brothers at the Memorial Service

Easton MD. March 9, 2019. Twenty Brothers from four chapters, Pi Epsilon, Gamma Kappa, Pi Alpha and Iota Alpha Alpha, met to fulfill the mandated program ‘Memorial Service’ in order to commemorate Brothers who have passed within the past year.

At a location a few miles shy from the birth place of Araminta Ross, Brothers met early in the morning to begin the event. The service was spear headed by the Second District Assistant Keeper of Records and Seals, Bro. Waverly Debraux and the Second District’s Chair for Artifacts and Memorabilia, Bro. Alfonso Morrell. Bro. Morrell provided a lot of insight

on the fraternity’s rituals and history which differentiated the facts from the hear say or better yet, the Betty Crocker information. The Attendees listened attentively as Bro. Morrell uplifted us and eventually had the opportunity to ask questions at the end of his speech and presentation. The entire service which lasted for about four to five hours came to an end after Brothers had all their questions answered and exchanged pleasantries. May the souls of our brothers who have passed on to the Omega chapter find perfect peace.

Iota Alpha Alpha Black History Month



Iota Alpha Alpha Brothers with youth from Parkway Central Academy

Dover, DE. February 28, 2019. Brothers Carey and Williams of Iota Alpha Alpha chapter hosted a Black History program at Parkway Central Academy with Brother Stewart Carey of 66’ Psi Epsilon as the guest speaker. Brother Carey graduated from Delaware State University in 1969 with a Health and Physical Education degree. He was a former principal and physical education teacher in Westfield, New Jersey for over forty years. Brother Carey spoke to about fifteen of our middle school children ages twelve to fifteen. Brother Carey expressed how vital it was for our young black children to take education seriously and change our world. He also explained to them the struggles of growing up black in Charlottesville, Virginia in the fifties and sixties. Brother Carey reminded everyone that was in attendance of how the black family grew together back

in those times and the importance of ethics, character and values. Parkway Academy Central is an alternative discipline school that provides a comprehensive program of individualized educational, psychological and social services to youths who have been recommended for an alternative school placement. Our institution moves beyond the services provided by traditional schools through a collaborative approach involving the student, parents/families, school professionals, community partnerships, and outside support services. We currently service the five school districts of Kent County, Delaware. The majority of the students come from poverty and unfortunate home lives. Many do not live with their biological parents or family members and are often living in the foster care system.

Iota Mu Mu Host Black History Month Banquet at United States Naval Academy



Iota Mu Mu Brothers and former NASA Administrator, Bro. Major General Charles Bolden at the U.S. Naval Academy Black History Month Banquet.

Annapolis, MD. February 24, 2019. Brothers of Iota Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. had the opportunity to facilitate the United States Naval Academy's black history month program. Brother Troy Monroe (Iota Mu Mu '18) served as the black history month coordinator, who was solely responsible for organizing all of the events that took place at the United States Naval Academy. One of the most monumental events that took place was the black history month banquet. The black history month banquet served as the perfect venue to educate

America's future leaders on numerous aspects of African American history and culture. The star guest speaker for this year's program was Brother Major General Charles Bolden (Gamma Nu '83), a distinguished graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Brother Major General Charles Bolden speech recognized and honored the amazing contributions African Americans have made for this country

Iota Mu Mu and Tau Pi Mentoring Youth



Iota Mu Mu and Tau Pi Brothers at Youth Mentoring Session

Columbia, MD. February 8, 2019. Brothers from Iota Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collaborated and Brothers from Tau Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. mentored over a dozen young men from several middle schools in the Maryland area. The mentoring session served as the perfect opportunity to help guide and develop young men with emphasis on the importance of obtaining a college education, attending a prestigious service academy, and joining

the United States military service. This served as the first of many mentoring session and helped developed the skills needed to accomplish ones goals while overcoming challenging life obstacles. These mentoring session provide the youth with advice and encouragement, reassuring every individual that they can achieve whatever goal they put their mind too. As men of Omega, it is important that we support and educate younger members of our society to ensure we grow as a community.

Iota Nu Assists Middle School Students For Black History Month

Aberdeen, MD. February 27, 2019. Iota Nu chapter assisted Aberdeen Middle School (AMS) students prepare for their annual Black History Month Assembly. Ms. DeAnn Dykes, AMS Principal, requested support from the D9 community to offer support and suggestions to the students on their research and performances. Bro. Mark Thomas (08-IN) participated on behalf of Iota Nu. The Black History Program was performed by students in the 8th grade. Each student selected an historical figure, researched their lives and contribution, and performed a monologue highlighting the life and impact of that persons' contributions. Among the historical figures represented were Ms. Harriett Tubman, Billie Holliday with a singing of the song "Strange Fruit", and Dr. Vivien Thomas, pioneer in surgical techniques at Johns Hopkins.

The day began by greeting students as they arrived to school at 7:40 AM. Then there were three assemblies. Students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades attend the assemblies and after each the D9 members gave suggestions on how the students could improve their performance. The main point made by the D9 members were to project your voice, speak clearly at a pace that is understandable, and respect the contributions of the historical figures you represent.



Brother Mark Thomas (l) participating at Black History Month Program

Iota Nu Donates \$500 to American Diabetes Association



Brother Jimmy Archange gives donation to David McShea, ADA Executive

Baltimore, MD. January 25, 2019. Nearly 30 million Americans live with diabetes. African-American have an elevated risk for type 2 diabetes resulting from genetic traits, the prevalence of obesity, and insulin resistance. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. helped in the fight against the disease by donating 500 hundred dollars to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) to support diabetes research. Brother Jimmy Archange presented the donation to David McShea, the ADA Executive Director for the Maryland Area, at the organization's Baltimore office. The funds for the donation was raised from Iota Nu partnering with the Harford County Alumni Council, an organization that combines the Harford County Greek Organizations and the Havre de Grace Rotary Club to conduct a Health and Addiction Treatment 5K Run/Walk Marathon in Havre de Grace, MD.

Iota Nu Adopts Family for Christmas Holiday



Iota Nu Brothers deliver gifts to family at Christmas

Aberdeen, MD. December 7, 2018. Iota Nu adopted a family from the Harford House of Aberdeen during the Christmas Holidays. The family consisted of the mother, father and three children. Each family member provided a wish list of items that they would like during the holidays. Iota Nu came through with all items the family requested and more. The gifts were presented on at the Harford House on 7 December so they could be placed under the Christmas tree provided during the Christmas season.

AACUC Induct Brother Charles Alston, Sr. into Hall of Fame

Washington, D.C. March 12, 2019. The African-American Credit Union Coalition (AACUC) honored Brother Charles Alston, Sr. as a pioneer in the credit union industry by inducting him into the organization's Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was conducted during the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Government Affairs Conference (GAC) held at the Marriot Marquis' Independence Ballroom located in Washington DC. Brother Alston has been a volunteer of Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU) for over 30 years. He currently serves on its board of directors and as chairman of the credit appeals committee. During his tenure, the credit union has grown from approximately \$175 million in assets and 42,500 members in 1988 to over \$1.3 billion in assets and 130,000 members in 2019. Brother Alston contributes the credit union's success to its commitment to the "People Helping People" philosophy and its commitment to serving the community.

Brother Alston is a life member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated into the folds of Omega Feb 19, 1955 through the Mu Psi Chapter at North Carolina A&T University Greensboro, North Carolina. Brother Alston is also a charter member of the Iota Nu Chapter serving Hartford and Cecil Counties in Maryland. Brother Alston has been a leader in Iota Nu providing service to the community. He led an effort to create a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, supports the chapter effort providing scholarships to graduating High School students and providing tutoring services at local Boys and Girls Clubs.

Brother Austin retired from the Army Material System Analysis Activity (AMSAA) as a senior research analyst with the office of the Technical Director. He was instrumental in laying the foundations for a multi-agency task force to recruit minorities for careers in science and engineering. Brother Alston is an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, advisor to the Scholarship Committee, and a Sunday school teacher. Brother Alston has been married to Mildred Hayes Alston for 54 years. They are parents two children: Alicia, wife to Lt. Col (retired) Donald Harrison, and Charles N. Alston, Jr., husband of Renee Wilson Alston. Brother Alston and Mildred are the proud grandparents of Isiah Charles Austin.



Brother Charles Alston, Sr receives Hall of Fame Award

Brother Jimmy Archange Promoted US Army LT Colonel

Aberdeen, MD. March 1, 2019. The Brothers of Iota Nu congratulate Brother Jimmy Archange on his recent promotion to the rank of Lt. Col for the US Army. Brother Archange is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and has served as an officer in the United States Army in various stateside and overseas assignments for over sixteen years. Currently, Brother Archange is an Operational Research Systems Analyst (ORSA) in the Integrated Suitability and Methodology Evaluation Directorate in the Army Evaluation Center (AEC) Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Brother Archange military education includes Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery Captain's Career Course and US Army Command and General Staff College. He holds Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geography from West Point and a Master's degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University and a second Master's degree in System Engineering from Old Dominion University, Virginia.

His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC), Army Achievement Medal with two OLCs, Iraq Campaign Medal with four campaign stars, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Korean Defense Service Medal.

Brother Archange is a life member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was initiated into the Fraternity through the Psi Upsilon Chapter at Lawton, Oklahoma on November 8, 2002. He has served as Iota Nu's Social Action Chairman and Keeper of Records and Seals and participated in many Chapter and local community projects which helped to serve and uplift the community.



Brother Jimmy Archange receives his LT CCOI Bars

Iota Nu Chapter Supports 2019 Langston Hughes Youth Oratorical Contest



Langston Hughes Youth Oratorical Contest participants

Havre de Grace, MD. February 2, 2019. The Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation hosted its 2019 Langston Hughes Youth Oratorical Contest on February 2, 2019, at the Cultural Center Opera House located in Havre de Grace, MD. The Foundation holds the contest annually to honor Langston Hughes historic ties with the Havre de Grace Colored School. The contest provides Harford County students an opportunity to obtain a scholarship while demonstrating their speaking, writing and oratory skills. For the 2019 contest the students developed three to five minute speeches based on Langston Hughes poem “I continue to Dream”.

The Iota Nu Chapter continued its support for the Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation by attending the contest after the completion of its annual Harford County Library Book Donation event. Brother Emil Cromwell, a former graduate of the Havre de Grace Colored School and a Foundation board member was included in a video presented during contest recounting his experience of Brother Langston Hughes visits to the school. The winner of the Middle School category was Nii Sampson, the son of Brother John Sampson. Nii received a 500-hundred-dollar scholarship for his oration on a “Dream Deferred”.

Iota Nu Annual Mardi Gras Scholarship Gala



Iota Nu Brothers at the Mardi Gras Scholarship Gala

Middle River, MD. March 2, 2019. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their annual Mardi-Gras Scholarship Gala held on Mar 2 at Martin’s East located in Middle River, MD. The event sold over 250 tickets and the patrons were treated to a buffet dinner, an open

bar and the DJ keep the crowd dancing throughout the evening. enjoy the festivities with the brother of Iota Nu. Altogether, the Iota Nu chapter profited over eight thousand dollars to provide to scholarships to high school students between Harford and Cecil Counties in Maryland.

Iota Nu Reclamation and Retention Activities

Harford County, MD. The Iota Nu chapter hosted several events focused on reclamation and retention to allow Chapter Brother to fellowship outside of meetings and mandated programs and to provide opportunities to encourage unaffiliated Brothers to get involved in the Chapter and become financial. Retaining Brothers from the previous Omega year and reclaiming brothers in the area who are not currently affiliated with a local chapter enables Iota Nu to conduct programs in the local community and positively impact the local community.

During the Omega Year the Iota Nu Chapter has hosted a Divine Nine Happy Hour, a farewell get-together for Brother Alvin Mitchell to show appreciation for his friendship, dedication, hard work and service to Iota Nu and Harford County on his return to Germany, and regular Bruh’s luncheons to provide opportunities for fellowship to promote fraternal spirit within the Chapter.

Iota Nu Brothers fellowshiping at Divine Nine Happy Hour at TB3 restaurant in Aberdeen, MD.



Iota Nu Attends Second District Winter Council Meeting



l-r Alpha Delta Gamma Brothers Kyrie Moore and Aris Mayfield with Iota Nu Brother Jimmy Archange at the Second District Winter Council Meeting

Camden, NJ. February 2, 2019. Members of the Iota Nu Chapter traveled to Camden, NJ to participate in Second District Winter Council Meeting and to receive informational briefings from District officials outlining the District’s mission and program goals for the fraternal year

and an overview of District financial information. The recently chartered Alpha Delta Gamma (ADG) undergraduate chapter which was mentored by Iota Nu also provided representative to the Winter Council Meeting.

Kappa Mind Over Matter Part II

Syracuse, NY. February 7, 2019. Led by Brother David Gilstrap, Kappa Chapter’s Mind Over Matter Part II event centered around the important topic of mental health and how to maintain a healthy mental state while dealing with the stresses and pressures of college. During the event, everyone participated in certain mind games that made them think differently in order to solve the problem. Strategizing how to solve the problems resembled solving issues in college and how to deal with one’s own matters. After the turn out for Mind Over Matter Part 1, that was held in the fall, Brother Gilstrap felt that it had such a positive impact, that the chapter agreed that there should be a new part added for the spring semester. The event had a great turnout and garnered even more attention of students and campus, including other organizations. Through personal anecdotes and destressing tips, the event was definitely a success.



Students participating at the Minds Over Matter event

Iota Nu Host 11th Annual Talent Hunt



Iota Nu Brothers with Talent Hunt Contestants

Havre de Grace, MD. March 23, 2019. The Iota Nu Chapter held its 11th Annual Talent Hunt on 23 March 2019. Seven students from four high schools in Harford County competed for \$700.00 in prizes. The event was held at the St. James AME Church. The competition was opened with prayer by Brother Emil Cromwell (62 Pi Epsilon) followed by Brother Mark Thomas (08 Iota Nu and Event Chair) welcoming the audience and contestants, giving a brief history of the Talent Hunt, introducing the judges, and providing the rules for the event. Afterward the talent hunt started. The talent on display was first class. Two pianist, Miss Eliana Peyton and Miss Nicole Johnson performed Chopin and Ravel respectively. Next was a dramatic interpretation by Miss Yisrael Austin of her original composi-

tion, “The Change of Today”. Two vocalist, Mr. Desmond McAllister and Miss Caela Phillips performed. The competition ended with two dance performances by Mr. Daequan Mittons and Miss Courtney Williams.

The judging was performed by Miss Felicia Thomas, Mr. Jaron Darden, and Ms. Courtney Gilbert. After tally by Brother Chuck Gibson (84 Epsilon Sigma), Brother Russell Reese (10 Iota Nu and Chapter Basileus) awarded prizes.

First place winner was Nicole Johnson, second place Eliana Peyton, and third place Courtney Williams. Each of the other contestants were given a \$25.00 gift card for a total prize payout of \$800.00. The event was concluded with prayer by Brother Cromwell.

Lambda Gamma Gamma We Feed Our People



Lambda Gamma Gamma Brothers preparing meals for the We Feed Our People Event

Washington D.C. January 21, 2019. For 19 consecutive years Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter has participated in the We Feed Our People program. From its inception in 1988 the We Feed Our People program not only provides meals but clothing as well to citizens in the Washington D.C. metro area impacted by homelessness. The WFOP program began with a small group of friends who wanted to provide food to the homeless on days that most shelters did not provide meal services this included Sunday’s and holidays. With Martin Luther King Jr. Day falling on a Monday this small group of friends understood the impact that consecutive days with no meal services would have on their homeless community. What started out as providing meals to 12-15 homeless residents has now blossomed into an event that provides meals and clothing to over 400 people and has the backing of hundreds of volunteers. The men of the

Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. have been leading the WFOP call for volunteers for nearly 2 decades.

This year WFOP event took place at the RISE Demonstration Center in Southeast Washington D.C. The initiative was chaired by Bro. Tony Greene and co-chaired by Bro. Erick Tyrone. The brothers of the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter began taking clothing donations weeks prior to the event and showed up with over 500lbs of clothing donations. The Iota Mu Mu, Alpha Omega, Gamma Pi and the Kappa Psi chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. also assisted with serving over 600 meals to those in need. WFOP staff were overwhelmed with the number of volunteers this year’s event garnered. With continued support of the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter WFOP staff hope to grow the event even more in the years to come.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt



Overall Winner/Pianist Amoye Olutosin

Fort Meade, MD. March 16, 2019. Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Fort Meade, Maryland) hosted its Annual Talent Hunt event. The event was held at Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland and was themed, "...a Stage Full of Stars!" Brother Antonio Ferguson served as LGG's 2019 Talent Hunt Committee Chair and executed another stellar event. The Second District Chaplain and LGG member, Brother Dwain Harrell served as this year's MC. "This year's Talent Hunt was extremely competitive, and the contestants did a superb job in their performances!", indicated Bro. Antonio Ferguson, Talent Hunt Chairman.

This year's judges consisted of; Mr. Willie Bradley (Jazz musician), Dr. Leroy Barton, Ms. Petra Martin, Mrs. Chante (Crawford) Pittman, and Ms. Kayla Waters

The Talent Hunt showcased sixteen (26) contestants varying from grades 9th thru 12th performing in the categories of vocal, instrumental, dance, drama, and visual arts.

The results of the winners of the event were as follows:

Instrumental: 1st Place – Amoye Olutosin (Piano) - Duke Ellington

Schools of the Arts (12th Grade)

2nd Place – Christopher Brewster (Piano) – Charles H. Flowers HS (12th Grade)

3rd Place – Langston Hughes, II – (Saxophone) – Charles H. Flowers HS (12th Grade)

Vocal 1st Place – Gabriella Nguyen – Langley High School (11th Grade)

2nd Place – Kayla Adams - Duke Ellington School of the Arts (11th Grade)

3rd Place – Timothy Adams – Duke Ellington School of the Arts (11th Grade)

Drama 1st Place – Hassina Samuel – Baltimore School of the Arts (12th Grade)

Dance 1st Place – Asia Grier – Frederick Douglass High School (12th Grade)

Visual Arts 1st Place – Rabiātu Ladan - Duval High School (12th Grade)

2nd Place – Alyssa Roderick – James Hubert Blake High School (12th Grade)

3rd Place – Jonita Acquah – Duval High School (12th Grade)

Overall Winners

Amoye Olutosin (Piano Instrumental)

Rabiātu Lada (Visual Arts)

The following contestants will be representing the chapter in the 2nd District Talent Hunt which will held at the Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover, Delaware during the 71st Second District Conference Talent Hunt which will be held on Saturday April 27th, 2019. These contestants will compete with local winners in the Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware Talent Hunt contests for the chance to win \$5,000.00 and an all-expense paid trip (for the contestant and their family) to be featured on our International Talent Hunt Program Guide & media.

Amoye Olutosin (Piano Instrumental)

Performance: Etude No. 10, Op. 12 (Revolutionary), Frederic Chopin

Rabiātu Ladan (Visual Arts)

Runner Up: (in the event that our overall winner cannot make the performance our runner up, Ms. Gabriella Nguyen (Vocal) will be performing)

Kappa Martin Luther King Day of Service



Kappa Chapter Brother with Chi Pi Advisors at the MLK Day of Service

Syracuse, NY. January 21, 2019. Brothers of Kappa Chapter partnered with many different organizations for the annual MLK Day of Service. Brothers helped with packing clothes as well as sorting clothes that would be given out to many families throughout the Syracuse community. Brothers also packed and made lunches that would go to the homeless within the Syracuse community. The day of service acted as a quick reminder

for brothers to reflect on not only our current societal climate, but also the positive impacts that Dr. King was able accomplish throughout his life. The service done also provided brothers a chance to fellowship with members of the Syracuse community and support the message of unity that Dr. King shared

Kappa Boys & Girls Club Community Service



Kappa Chapter Brothers at the Boys and Girls Club Community Service event

Syracuse, NY. February 8, 2019. Kappa Chapter Brothers spent time with children at the Hamilton Street Boys and Girls Club in Syracuse. The entire chapter came together to play kickball with the kids and spend time with them. The children definitely enjoyed themselves and the brothers were invited by the Boys and Girls Club staff to come back again soon because of all the fun they had. Joining the Brothers were the sisters of the Kappa Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Kappa Doggie Treats Event



Kappa Chapter Brothers at the Doggie Treats event

Syracuse, NY. February 5, 2019. Brother David Gilstrap, using his patented baking skills, created baked cookies and brownies in the shape of dog treats to sell. The baked goods were sold in Schine Student Center throughout the day and all of them were sold. This is an event that has taken place in years prior and is always successful because of the time and care Brother Gilstrap takes in making the goods. "When I hear that Strap is making Doggie Treats, I know to be in Schine" a fellow Syracuse student said when asked about the event. Doggie Treats has become an event Kappa Chapter will continue due to the appreciation the student body has showed towards the baked goods. The proceeds from this fundraiser allowed the chapter to put money toward their fraternity obligations.

Kappa Achievement Week Program



Kappa Chapter Achievement Week Participants

Syracuse, NY. February 9, 2019. Brothers of Kappa Chapter held their achievement week program. This year, the program was titled Bridge Builders. During the program specific organizations and people were recognized for their excellence and accomplishments in the Syracuse Community. The Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year was Brother James Allen, the Graduate Omega Man of the Year was Brother Herb Dunmore. Omega Citizen of the Year was Mariah Bermeo. The Philanthropic Organization of the Year was Juvenile Urban Multicultural Program(J.U.M.P.).

Along with the Achievement Week Program, brothers joined the major organizations on campus with the local Syracuse community. Kappa Chapter invited local high school student to Schine Underground in the Schine Student Center to watch presentations lead by different unique organizations that they might be interested in. As our chapter has continuously worked with students in the Syracuse community for years, one thing

the brothers have observed is that many of these students are unaware of the opportunities they can pursue during high school as well as the opportunity to attend college. Rather than hosting a career fair and showing young men and women career choices pursuable after college, we wanted to show them how college students have manifested their talents and hobbies to showcase them to their greater community and how they have made a name for themselves. Ranging from student chefs to student ran magazines, these college students were able to share their story, what they did to cultivate their talents, and how they got where they are. The ultimate goal of Bridge Builders was for undergraduates to show high school students that their talents can serve a bigger purpose other than being "something cool I do once in a while". Cultivate your talents and apply yourself. It was the perfect event to cap off a productive and successful Omega week.

Kappa Living Through Faith Event



Kappa Chapter Living Through Faith Participants

Syracuse, NY. February 4, 2019. Brothers Tim Walton and Andre Santibanez created an event centered around zoning in on what faith is and why it is important to have it in our lives as well as where it comes in to play during decision making. Brother Walton and Brother Santibanez kept the audience engaged by encouraging them to share stories of when their

faith was tested, as well as sharing sentimental stories of their own. The event was personal but lighthearted at the same time. The event served its purpose with its audience leaving with a new understanding of faith and why it's important to have faith.

Mu Nu Bridge Builder Program



Mu Nu Brother teaching students at the Saturday School

Germantown, MD. December 1, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter continues "Bridge Builder" into the 2018 school year through a teaming agreement with Mu Nu's flagship "Saturday School" mentoring and tutorial program that was established in 1986 and now operates out of the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. (GBTLA). Bridge Builder offers targeted mentoring sessions for school-aged males on the first and third Saturdays of the school year. The sessions feature varying themes during the year that offer discussions and exchanges for developing awareness and skills for academic success, addressing bullying and peer pressure, acting with

respect for others, managing personal hygiene, and even such potentially lifesaving topics as how to appropriately engage with law enforcement. Bridge Builder directly supports the Fatherhood and Mentoring initiative of the Fraternity and the initiative that was featured most prominently under the Administration of President Obama. Since its launch in 2015, Bridge Builder has positively impacted several dozen students as it endeavors to continue to inspire those that will become the Men of tomorrow.

Mu Nu Supports 2nd Annual D.C. Metro HBCUAA Soirée



Mu Nu at the D.C. Metro HBCUAA Soirée

Washington, D.C. September 14, 2018. The D.C. Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance, Inc. (HBCUAA) hosted its 2nd annual “Soirée” black-tie returning to the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Mu Nu Chapter’s Bro. Samuel L. Washington, Jr., Alcorn State alum and Hall of Famer, and a D.C. Metro HBCUAA co-founder, returned as the event chairman. The Soirée fundraiser and awards ceremony kicked off with a VIP reception and a local band that featured Mu Nu Chapter’s Bros. Paul Scott and P.J. Gregory. The evening’s venue was again filled with hundreds of HBCU alumni, guests and sponsors, including Mu Nu Chapter Brothers and other Omega Men. This year’s entertainment featured old school Hip Hop by none other than the “World’s Greatest Entertainer”, Doug E. Fresh. He thrilled the crowd with such hits as “The Show,” “La-Di-Da-Di”, “Keep Rising to the Top”, “All the Way to Heaven” and “Let Me Clear My Throat”. Among the event’s honorees were U.S. Congressman John Lewis and Mu Nu Chapter’s own Bro. Dr. Leonard L. Haynes, III, who was recognized as the “Education Person of the Year”. Bro. Dr. Haynes’

accolades include time as the acting President at Grambling State University, a recipient of South Carolina State University’s “National Service Award”, and recipient of meritorious service recognitions to the United States of America from several U.S. Presidents. The event sponsors included such key partners as Xfinity, Brown-Forman Corporation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Capital Area Food Bank, Kaiser Permanente, and Wells Fargo. The D.C. Metro HBCUAA continues to advocate for HBCUs and scholarship fundraising, and also supporting and participating in programs that promote higher education, encourage healthy living, and fight hunger. To date, thanks in part to the leadership and support of several Mu Nu Chapter Brothers and still many other Omega Men from across the DC Metro area, the D.C. Metro HBCUAA events – the Soirée and 5K/2K – have raised more than \$500,000 to help underserved students attending HBCUs. Visit <http://www.dchbcu.org/> for information, videos and photos of the Soirée and other events, including the 3rd annual gala targeted for September 2019.

Mu Nu Celebrates Holiday Season of Giving

Gaithersburg, MD, November 18 & December 23, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter partnered with the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County to identify families in need of assistance during the Thanksgiving season. The Chapter provided four families with a total of \$400 in holiday gift cards to assist them with food purchases for Thanksgiving. The chapter also worked with the HOC to identify two families for Christmas sponsorship resulting in nearly \$850 of wish list items donated to the families. The families and the HOC both expressed their sincere appreciation as Mu Nu Chapter continues its decades-long relationship with the HOC and in supporting the families of Montgomery County, MD.



Mu Nu Foundation gives \$100 gift for food at holiday season

Mu Nu Supports 6th Annual 5K/2K at Howard University



Participants at the 6th Annual 5K/2K Run Walk at Howard University

Washington, D.C. June 30, 2018. The D.C. Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance, Inc. (HBCUAA) returned to the historic campus of Howard University to hold its 6th annual 5K Run/2K Walk. Mu Nu Chapter’s Bro. Samuel L. Washington, Jr., Alcorn State alum and Hall of Famer, and also a D.C. Metro HBCUAA co-founder, returned as the event director. Returning to support the event were Mu Nu Chapter’s Bro. Troy Manigault who again served as the Course Marshal along with the support such Mu Nu Brothers as James Rodgers and Noel Jamison who served as Deputy Course Marshals responsible to monitor the course for route compliance and safety. More than 1200 registrants participated this year, including a mix of runners and walkers of all ages and abilities – stroller-aged youth to seniors. The participants again took to the D.C. city streets surrounding Howard to run/walk a challenging course of turns of challenging inclines and declines that carried the runners/walkers. The D.C. Metro HBCUAA is reportedly the largest African American race in the Nation where participants and donors can represent and support their favorite HBCUs, or just come out to run/walk and fellowship . Attendees included HBCU alumni,

as well as running clubs and other organizations, including every member organization of the Divine 9. The event sponsors included such key partners as Xfinity, Brown-Forman Corporation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Capital Area Food Bank, Kaiser Permanente, and Wells Fargo. Additional sponsors included various food trucks and vendors, as well as HBCU alumni chapters, as well as organizations offering important information on health and wellness. Mu Nu Chapter continues to support the D.C. Metro HBCUAA’s focus on sustaining our HBCUs and its efforts to promote higher education, encourage healthy living, and to fight hunger. To date, thanks in part to the leadership and support of Mu Nu Chapter Brothers and still many other Omega Men from across the DC Metro area, the D.C. Metro HBCUAA events – the Soirée and 5K/2K – have raised more than \$500,000 to help underserved students attending HBCUs. Visit <http://www.dchbcu.org/> for information, videos and photos of the 5K/2K and other events, including the 7th annual 5K/2K in June 2019. Register to participate or just to donate to support your favorite HBCUs!!

Mu Nu Holds Successful Sock Drive

Rockville, MD. December 9, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter donated 74 pairs of socks to the Coalition for the Homeless to help prepare residents for the winter weather. The Coalition for the Homeless offers a residence and outreach program that provides shelter and social services to the homeless community in Montgomery County. The effort was considered a huge success as it sets a considerable mark to beat for the next effort.



Mu Nu Brother delivers socks Coalition for the Homeless

Mu Nu Supports HBCU College Fair

Rockville, MD. February 22, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter participated in the 11th Annual Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) College Fair held at the Universities at Shady Grove. The chapter joined with others from the Divine 9 community of Montgomery County and more than 60 HBCUs that were present to discuss their admissions, financial aid, testing, majors, as well as offer on-site college interviews and more. The college fair hosted more than 1,000 students and Mu Nu Brothers, including several HBCU alums, participated in such event activities as the Greek-life panel, as well as manning a booth to share information about the chapter’s signature scholarship program – the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. The Snowden scholarship fund was established in 1978 to help increase the number of African-American male college/university students and to assist in the preservation of HBCUs. Mu Nu Chapter remains committed to Omega’s assault on illiteracy and also in supporting our HBCUs.



Mu Nu Brother at the College fair

Mu Nu MLK Day of Service

Silver Spring, MD. January 21, 2019. The Brothers of Mu Nu prepared, gathered and donated 50 transitional baskets comprised of more than 750 items made up of toiletries and cleaning supplies valued in excess of \$1,300. The baskets were collected during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event held at the Silver Springs Civic Center.

The baskets were donated to the Interfaith Works Homeless Shelter of Montgomery County, which provides transitional housing, vocational programs and a range of life skill services for people in the process of securing permanent housing.

Mu Nu Scholarship Fund Celebrates 41 Years

Rockville, MD. March 2019. The Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. marked 41 years in March 2019 since its incorporation in the State of Maryland in March 1978. The Snowden Scholarship, as it is often referred, was formed by Mu Nu Chapter, which itself was chartered in the City of Rockville, Montgomery County, MD in May 1970. The Snowden Scholarship is named in honor of Bro. Rudolph W. Snowden (OMEGA Chapter) who was the principal founder and a charter member of Mu Nu Chapter, as well as a prominent educator and administrator during his time in Montgomery County. The Snowden Scholarship was established as an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) organization with a corporate membership comprised of Chapter Brothers and a Board of Directors comprised of Brothers that include elected officers in the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who lead the larger Board of Directors and provide annual reporting to the corporate membership. The Board of Directors and corporate membership help advance and promote the Snowden Scholarship through their presence and participation at such recurring events and programs as the Mu Nu Chapter’s Achievement Week Observance Program awards dinner, the Talent Hunt Program, and the Mardi Gras Fundraiser (Gala), as well as at area HBCU College Fairs. The primary purposes of the Snowden Scholarship include helping to increase the number of African-American male college/university students, and assisting in the preservation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by providing financial incentives to qualifying and deserving Montgomery County (Maryland) African-American male graduating high school seniors enrolling/enrolled at HBCUs. Over the four-plus decades, the Snowden Scholarship has awarded several dozen financial awards to qualified and deserving African-American male graduating seniors from the county who benefited from the tens of thousands of dollars that were key to furthering their educational pursuits at such HBCUs as Hampton, Howard, Morehouse, Prairie View A&M and Tuskegee. The Board of Directors and Mu Nu Chapter Brothers remain steadfast in their commitment to the Cardinal Principle of Scholarship and also to assaulting illiteracy with enthusiasm and focus as the Snowden Scholarship presses forward to its next annual milestone. For additional information about the Snowden Scholarship, visit the R.W. Snowden Scholarship webpage link on <http://www.munuques.org/>.



Xi Phi Black College Tour

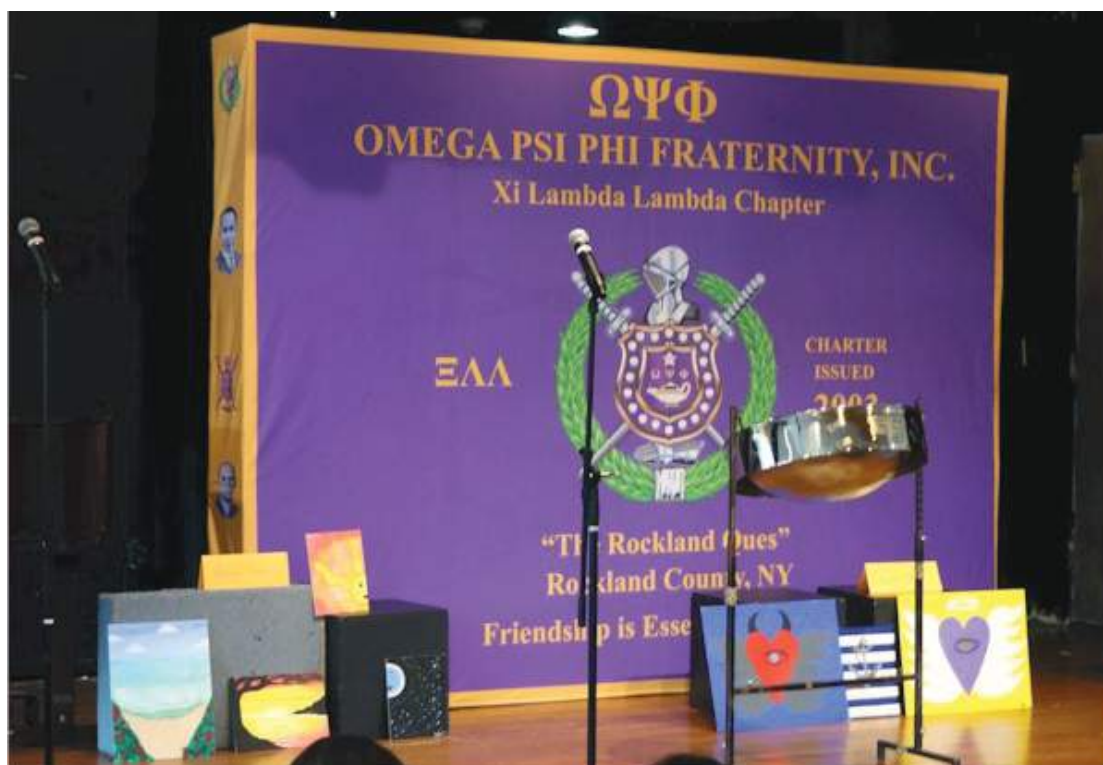
Harlem, NY. February 10, 2019. It's by design that the Omega Black College Tour happens during Black History Month, founded in 1986 by the professional men of Xi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Harlem Ques). For over twenty-five years, the Omega Black College Tour has successfully helped students visit, explore and get accepted into HBCUs throughout the East Coast and South. The Omega Black College Tour enjoys an 87% college acceptance rate and 78% graduation rate, which is 16% higher than the national average. Omega Black College Tour alumni have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, corporate executives, academic professionals, professional athletes and leaders in their communities.

The Omega Black College Tour is an innovative series of weekend workshops and a week-long tour of colleges designed to promote HBCU enrollment, helping NYC, NJ, CT, and Westchester area high school students through the college selection process. To date, OBCT has helped over 1700 students visit campuses, review college curriculums, explore financial aid and matriculate into historically Black colleges and universities.

The 2019 Omega Black College Tour dates are from February 16, 2019, through February 22, 2019, visiting Coppin State University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, Saint Augustine's University, Winston-Salem State University, Claflin University, South Carolina State University, Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T University, North Carolina Central University, and Howard University.

The Omega Black College Tour is sponsored by Xi Phi Chapter's 501 c3 non-profit Community Uplift Through Persistence, Inc (CUP). The OBCT goal is simple, to provide high-quality college experiences for students of color so they can realize the long-lasting value of an HBCU education. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our Divine Nine sisters and brothers help make OBCT possible. Bruhs show your support, purchase a limited-edition QUES-NBD t-shirt <https://shop.spreadshirt.com/nbdhbcu> 100% of the proceeds provide scholarships for students.

Xi Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt



Xi Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt Stage

Sparkill, NY. February 23, 2019. The Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter (Rockland Ques) held its annual Talent Hunt Competition on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Sullivan Theater on the campus of St. Thomas Aquinas College (STAC). As always, the talent was very good and very competitive. There

were a variety of performers this year from drummers to classical pianists, dancers and vocalists.

Our 1st place winner was Mr. Craig Murray (Horace Mann HS) for his classical piano playing of Chopin. In addition to winning a beautiful engraved trophy he will receive a check in the amount of \$500 and will represent Xi Lambda Lambda chapter at the Second District Conference Talent Hunt Competition on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Delaware Hotel and Casino in Dover, Delaware. Second place went to Ms. Pauline Regalado (Ramapo HS) for dance (and Regalado was our winner last year) and Ms. Kimberly Martinez (Ramapo HS) was our 3rd Place winner

for her classical tune on the flute.

We would also like to thank our judges; Ms. Danelle Greene (Orangetown Schools Music teacher) Ms. Margaret Allen (owner and teacher at Allen Music School) and, Bro. Richard Clarke (formerly a jazz pianist who attended the famed Music & Art High School in NYC).

Appreciation goes out to Mr. Huling and Dr. Kirk Manning of St. Thomas Aquinas College for offering the usage of school performing arts theatre (Sullivan Theatre); and our perennial competition pianist, Ms. Kimberly Dunkin and our audio technician, Ms. Devin Holt, a graduate student at St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Special thanks go out to our sponsors who subsidized the majority of our Talent Hunt costs.

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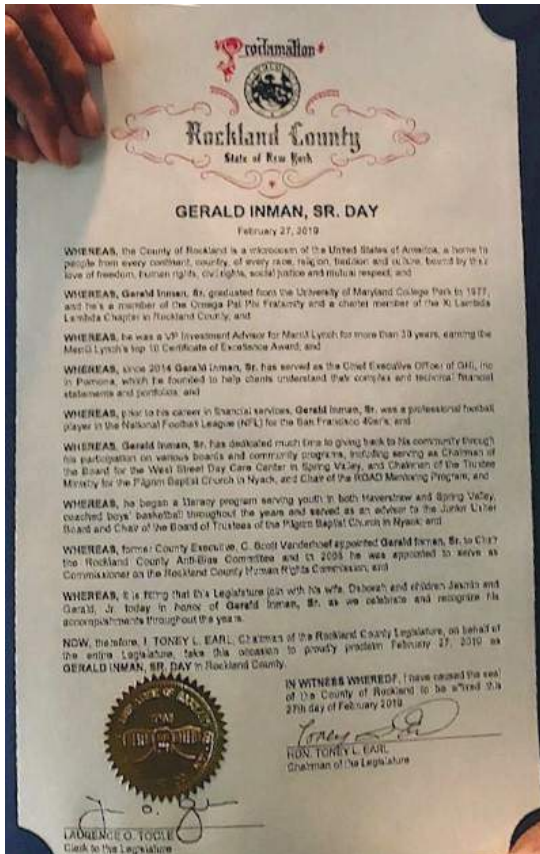
Xi Lambda Lambda Brother Gerald Inman Proclamation



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers presenting proclamation to Bro. Gerald Inman

Pomona, NY. February 27, 2019. Bro. Gerald H. Inman, Sr. was presented with a proclamation from the chairman of the Rockland County legislature, Bro. Toney Earl, and Ms. Constance Frasier, Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission, for the work he had done in the Rockland County community. Bro. Inman has served as Commissioner of the Rockland County Human Rights Commission, chairman of the Rockland County Anti-Bias Committee, chairman of the board of the West Street Daycare Center in Spring Valley, NY, chairman of the trustee board at

the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Nyack, NY, and chairman of the Rockland Omega Academy (ROAD) program of Xi Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Many brothers of Xi Lambda Lambda (Rockland Ques) were present to bear witness that February 27, 2019 was proclaimed as Gerald H. Inman, Sr. Day.



Bro. Gerald Inman with Proclamation

Nu Nu Brother's Son Accepts Football Scholarship



Justin Johnson and Brother Luther Johnson on Signing Day

Burlington Twp, NJ. March 2019. Congratulations to Justin Johnson, Son of Nu Nu Brother Luther and Tammy Johnson on being awarded a football scholarship to New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico. New Mexico Highlands is part of the Division II, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference of the Division II level of the NCAA. Justin played for head coach Tom Maderia of Burlington Twp High School, Burlington, NJ. Justin finished a decorated career at Burlington Township that included a 25-7 record at the varsity level with more than 2,000 all-purpose yards – including more than 1,500 receiving yards and 21

career touchdowns. He was named first-team all-conference as a junior and second-team all-conference as a senior. He helped Burlington Township make a state championship appearance as a senior. Johnson's father, Luther (Marty), was a long-time high school coach in New Jersey and is currently a trustee of the Phil Simms North/South New Jersey All-Star Game. Marty said about Justin's signing "it is only a 6 hour trip from New Jersey, God is Good." Congratulations Justin! We look forward to your continued success both on and off the field of play.

Nu Nu Blood Drive

Willingboro, NJ. March 24, 2019. Nu Nu Chapter partnered with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc's Rancocas Valley Chapter in support of the Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood drive held at First Baptist Church, Willingboro, NJ.



Brother giving the gift of life at the Blood Drive

Pi Omega Day of Service

Baltimore, MD. February 14, 2019. On Monday January 21, 2019, the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) had their Day of Service at Matthew A. Henson Elementary School (MHES). The brothers of Pi Omega partnered with UMMC to help make this event a success by assisting with painting. The time allotted for this event was from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. MHES was the recipients of a new coat of paint in the cafeteria and the main office along with the reorganization of our library books and several closets throughout the building. Matthew A. Henson Elementary School is a public school located in Baltimore, MD. It has 389 students in grades PK, K-5 with a student-teacher ratio of 19 to 1. The cost to the chapter was zero.

A Parent's Review: My child has attended this school for 2 years. She has excelled in reading, being moved to a higher class to continue to challenge her. Also, she has improved in math and anytime there was an issue with my child I was notified by the principal. The school is always open if I need to visit to check on my child and the staff all seem competent and polite. So far, I am satisfied with the performance of this school. They do have a PTA who along with the principal is always willing to help the families of students in any way they can. They also offer assistance with getting your child to and from school if you are too sick to take them yourself! They offer awards, certificates, and other incentives to encourage the students to work hard.



Pi Omega Bros. Dr. Lamonte Tyler aand Nii Sowah painting at Matthew A. Henson Elementary School

Pi Omega Receives Governor's Award



Pi Omega Bro. John Berkley, MD. Lt Gov. Boyd Rutherford and Basileus Allen Taylor with awards

Annapolis, MD. February 14, 2019. Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford joined the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism in hosting the Second Annual Black History Month Community Leaders Awards. The annual awards ceremony, established in celebration of Black History Month, recognizes Maryland-based African American-founded organizations that provide exceptional volunteer service to improve Maryland communities. Ten organizations received the honor during a ceremony at the Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis, Maryland's official museum of African American history, heritage, and culture.

"Our award recipients here today represent the dedication of our African American communities to serving others and leaving a better world for future generations," said Lt. Governor Rutherford. "From mentoring boys and girls and providing opportunities for them to thrive, to skills training

and workforce development for low-income or formerly incarcerated men and women, you are doing the work we must do to ensure our futures." Selection for the Black History Month Community Leaders Awards was based on nominations received that described the highest degree of volunteer commitment and service including work that makes a transformative impact in the community.

Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was recognized at the statewide level for hosting several programs to serve those in need including a male mentoring program, Thanksgiving meals for homeless individuals, bicycle donations for kids, volunteering at various organizations and events throughout the state, and more. Pi Omega has been recognized at their district and international levels for their involvement in the community, the state and internationally.

Pi Omega Memorial Service

Baltimore, MD. March 17, 2019. Pi Omega Chapter held its Annual Memorial Service on Sunday March 17, 2019 at the Heritage United Christ of Christ where Bro. Rev. Julius Jefferson is the Pastor. The church service was spiritually uplifting with music by the Joyous Noises Choir.

Heritage is celebrating Women's History Month. As a prelude to his message he opined that men wrote the Bible because of their position in society, and there is inclusion of men and women in the Bible. But, he continued, women have stood with God since the founding of the church and could have been writers of the Bible as well.

Bro. Jefferson's message was based on Job 1:8, where God allowed the Devil to tempt Job. The Devil wanted to see if Job would remain faithful to God while he was going through trials and tribulations. Job never turned his back on God and continued to look for favor from God. Job's character was fulfilled by his faith in God.

Bro. Jefferson said this display of faith showed that Job was "An Upright Man", which was the theme of the message. According to Bro. Jefferson, an upright man is endowed with spiritual characteristics that flow into the spiritual community he serves. Those spiritual characteristics of an upright man are:

He is a Godly man where God is first in his life. By putting God first, he is seeking the kingdom of God, knowing that all other good will follow.

He is a patient man. The Book of Job is a book of patience while suffering. The book teaches about humility as you go through trials.

He is a praying man. An upright man stays on his knees in prayer to get through the storms of life. Prayer helps him to understand the negatives in his life.

He obeys the word of God. He is a doer of the word, not just a listener. He examines himself and fixes his blemishes, so he can be more like Jesus.

After the services Bro. Allen Taylor, Basileus, led the formal Memorial Service. Bro. Michael Breeden gave a heartfelt explanation on what this day means to the fraternity and to him personally. Bro. Damien Sharp, KRS, read the names of 10 brothers who entered Omega Chapter during the past year. Bro. Aaron Von Moore, Chaplain, did an excellent job on his portion of the program.

During the church service, Bro. Taylor addressed the congregation and extended thanks to Bro. Jefferson for allowing the chapter to celebrate the Memorial Service at the church. The chapter presented a token of appreciation to the church and offered its prayers for the continuance of their ministry. After the Memorial Service the brothers and their families enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by members of the church.

Brothers memorialized today were: Roosevelt L. Hobbs, Billy Davis, Mickey Giles, Richard Buster, Isaac W. A. Wilson, Jr., Haywood Stephney, George T. Bess, Judson Wood, Reginald W. Lawrence, Ackneil Muldrow, James Thornton, James S. Hammond, Lenwood Ivey, Howard Flourney, and Roy Hilton



Pi Omega Brothers at the Memorial Service

Pi Omega's 63rd Annual Talent Hunt



Pi Omega Basileus Allen Taylor, Talent Hunt Award Winners, Bros. Chas. Summers and John Berkley

Baltimore, MD. March 3, 2019. On March 3, 2019 Baltimore, MD had a snow event. Brothers, contestants, family and friends braved the weather as Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its 63rd Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O'Neal Talent Hunt Competition at the Pi Omega Fraternity Center.

The Talent Hunt demonstration was created in 1945 out of the Fraternity's Sixth District (North Carolina and South Carolina), and is one of the international projects of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega has participated in this activity for over 60 years, and many of our talented high school youths have benefited from this project through all-expenses paid trips, U.S. Savings Bonds, trophies, certificates, print and televised media exposure.

The weather kept all but two contestants from participating in this year's competition. The brothers did not want the students to miss out on performing at the District Talent Hunt, so the show went on. Everyone in attendance was treated to two classical pieces played magnificently on the clarinet and trumpet. Since only one student could advance the results were as follows:

Instrumental Classical: (1) Myla Brown (Pikesville High School), (2) Terrence Whitaker, Jr. (Patterson High School)

Ms. Brown played the trumpet and performed "Sarabande et finale", by Raymond Gallois Montbrum. Mr. Whitaker, on the clarinet, played "El Condor Pasa" by Daniel Alomia Robles. Ms. Brown will represent Pi Omega Chapter at the Second District Talent Hunt Competition to be held at the 2019 71st Second District Conference in Dover, Delaware.

Mr. David Lindberg, a former contestant of the Pi Omega Talent Hunt and a former District Talent Hunt winner, provided some entertainment on the saxophone while the audience waited for the decision from the judges. Mr. Lindberg is a graduate of Florida A&M University and is a music teacher in Baltimore County, in addition to leading his own quartet.

The Pi Omega Talent Hunt competition was renamed in 2011 following the death of Bro. O'Neal who was the Talent Hunt Chairman for over 20 years. The Pi Omega Foundation was the main sponsor for this year's program.

Bro. John Berkley served as the chairperson for the 63rd Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O'Neal Talent Hunt. Bro. Allen Taylor, Basileus, and Bro. Charles Summer, President, Pi Omega Foundation, were on hand to give greetings to all in attendance. Special thanks were extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for providing the funding for this year's competition.

Pi Omega Donate Laptop Computers to Elementary School



Baltimore, MD. January 22, 2019. The Brothers of Pi Omega donated laptops to Matthew A. Henson Elementary school. Vice Principal Kedra Jacox-Paige (Alpha Kappa Alpha Soror) accepted the laptops from Bro. Charles Summers (Pi Omega Foundation President) and Bro. Jon White (Pi Omega Foundation Vice President). Matthew A. Henson and Pi Omega continue to enjoy a partnership that has spanned several years.

Bro. John White and Bro. Chas. Summers give laptops to Vice Principal Kedra Jacox-Paige

Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week/Founders Day Observance



Brothers with Pi Omega Man of the Year Ryan Robinson

Baltimore, MD. November 17, 2018. Pi Omega Chapter, celebrating 97 years of service to the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan Area, held its Annual Walter G. Amprey Memorial Achievement Week/Founders Day Observance at Coppin State University Talon Center on Saturday, November 17, 2019, at noon. Pi Omega Chapter renamed its Achievement Week/Founders Day Observance and Omega Man of the Year Award in honor the lives of its distinguished deceased members, Brothers Walter G. Amprey and George K. McKinney, respectively.

The Invocation for the event was given by Pi Omega Chaplain, Aaron Von Moore. Pi Omega Basileus, Allen Taylor welcomed guest and introduced Brother Michael Freeman as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Joseph McNeill presented a Tribute to Our Founders, the Founders Stand-Ins were Brothers Jon White, Kenneth Henry, Clifton Sherrod and Ryan Robinson. Second District Director of Public Relations, Zanes Cypress, Jr. provided a rendering on the Meaning of Brotherhood and Brother Rev. Dr. Ron Williams administered Spiritual Uplift for the event. Reflections on the impact of Pi Omega’s honored brothers, Walter G. Amprey and George K. McKinney, on Pi Omega Chapter, in particular and Omega, as a whole, was given by Brothers T. Russell Hopewell and Lester Buster, respectively. Keynote speaker, Former Grand Keeper of Record and Seal, Kenneth Rodgers delivered a phenomenal speech highlighting the theme

of the event, “Omega Men: Effecting Positive Change in Communities Worldwide”.

Pi Omega’s 2019 Scholarship recipient was Michael Jackson, Jr., who will attend Morgan State University in Fall 2019. Dine’ Davis, attending George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology, was the National Essay Contest winner. Recipients of the Howard Lee Cornish Award were Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training, Inc. (MCVET), V-LINC, Dwayna Jerimiah Davis, and Ms. Stephanie Hamilton. Brother Albert P. Wylie was the recipient of the National Superior Service Award and Brother Dwayne White received the Founders Lifetime Achievement Award. The Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award recipient was Brother Oluseyi “Seyi” Adenegan, Delta Beta Chapter, Coppin State University and Brother Ryan Robinson received Pi Omega’s most prestigious award, the George K. McKinney Omega Man of the Year Award.

An Omega Toast recitation, led by Second District Corridor 1 Representative, Eric “Moby” Brown and Acknowledgements from Second District Representative, J. Kendall Smalls, culminated the event. Closing Remarks and Benediction were given by the Pi Omega Basileus and Chaplain, respectively.

Pi Omega Baltimore Rescue Mission Social Action



Baltimore, MD. March 3, 2019. On Sunday, March 3, 2019, The Brother of Pi Omega donated enough pizza, water, and chips to feed 40 homeless individuals to The Baltimore Rescue Mission. The Baltimore Rescue Mission has been reaching out to the poor of Baltimore since 1956. They are a Christian, non-profit, non-denominational Gospel ministry. The Baltimore Rescue Mission is located 4 N Central Ave, Baltimore, Maryland. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Bro. Kenneth Henry and Bro. Dr. Lamonte Tyler and Bro. Fernandez Carr with food for the Rescue Mission

Pi Omega Take Youth to MD. General Assembly in Annapolis



Pi Omega Mentors, Matthew A. Henson 4th Graders with MD. Delegates. Bro. Nick Mosby and Bro. Nick Charles

Annapolis, MD. January 22nd 2019. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter escorted Matthew A. Henson Elementary school 4th graders down to the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis Maryland. Matthew A. Henson Principal Travis Gregory along with staff and parents were also there to ensure a fulfilling trip for these very smart and inquisitive children.

Upon arrival, the students were split into two groups. One group toured the House Chamber and the other group toured the Senate. Tour guides explained how Congress worked and provided history lessons to the students. 40th District House Delegate Bro. Nick Mosby (Pi Omega) came down to speak to the children after the tours were done. He made quite an impression on the 4th graders, who had plenty of ideas and questions.

Bro. Dr. Lamonte Tyler Receives Unsung Hero Award



Bro. Dr. Lamonte Tyler with Unsung Hero Award

Linthicum Heights, MD. April 1, 2019. On March 31, 2019, the ladies of Tau Eta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. presented Brother Dr. Lamonte Bryant Tyler with The Unsung Hero Award. The Unsung Hero Award shows honor to those individuals who have made an impact in their community through service, advocacy, education, and quality of life. This honor bestowed value on characteristics that are often undervalued in society. The recipient of the award is identified for making a significant contribution also bringing joy to the community at large. The award recipients exhibit leadership and are viewed as a positive role model.

Pi Omega Alaska Book Donation



Bro. Dr. Lamonte Tyler donating books to Title Wave Books in Alaska

Baltimore, MD. February 22, 2019. On Friday, February 22, 2019, the brothers of Pi Omega collected and donated 50 used children book to Title Wave Books located in the heart of Spenard at 1360 West Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska between REI and The Alaska Club. Title Wave Books is the largest bookstore in Alaska, and one of the biggest used bookstores in the country. They feature nearly a half-million used and bargain books in their 25,000-square-foot retail store, plus thousands of DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks and vinyl LPs. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Their vast selection changes hourly as they actively buy and trade for top-quality inventory to give their customers great deals on the very best selection offered anywhere!

Title Wave Books has a fabulous selection of top-quality used books in nearly every subject category.

Omega Baltimore Awarded BCYFund Grant



Chess Program Youth with instructor Bro. Sid Gardner

Baltimore, MD. September, 2019. Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (Omega Baltimore), a 501c3 non-profit, has a public private partnership with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks to manage and operate the Easterwood Recreation Center. Since Omega Baltimore reopened Easterwood Recreation Center in November 2012, free hot meals and computer access has been provided to neighborhood youth after school daily. The after school meals program is sponsored by the Family League of Baltimore City through the at-risk after school snack and supper program. The organization relies on grants, donations and rentals for funding its operations and programming.

The Baltimore Children’s Youth Fund (BCYF) is a \$12 million annual set aside from property tax revenue to specifically aid Baltimore’s youth. FY18-19 is the inaugural year of BCYF funding and Omega Baltimore is 1 of 84 organization to receive funding. In September 2018, Omega Bal-

timore was awarded a \$284,000 grant from BCYF to provide funding to manage and operate the Easterwood Recreation Center and expand Out of School Time (OST) programming for area youth in Sports, S.T.E.M., Computer and Chess.

Omega Baltimore has 56 youth grades K-5 enrolled in its S.T.E.M. and Chess Program during the FY18-19 school year. Omega Baltimore’s S.T.E.M. Program, administered by Brother Edward Flowers (2000’ OAA), focuses on Drones and Robotics. The Chess Program is administered by the Robert Katende Initiative SOM Chess Academy, whose operator and chess instructor is Brother Sidney Gardner (1974’ Pi). Through our funding, Omega Baltimore has employed Morgan State University engineering students and para-professional educators from Matthew A. Henson Elementary School to help teach the curriculum. Brother Zanes Cypress (1976’ IE’) is President and CEO of Omega Baltimore.



STEM Program Youth creating items with 3D pens



STEM Program Youth with operating propellered mobile he created

Omega Baltimore NMAAHC Trip



Omega Baltimore Group in front of NMAAHC

Baltimore, MD. March 23, 2019. Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (Omega Baltimore) organized and sponsored a free trip for students and parents of their Out of School Time (OST) After School Program, Pi Omega Chapter Mentoring Program and Easterwood Recreation Center youth to the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). Parents were encouraged to accompany their children to create a family enrichment experience by viewing exhibitions conceived to help transform their understanding of African American history and culture and to help adapt to and participate in changing definitions of American citizenship, liberty and equality, through an African American lens.

Two 55 passenger motor coach buses were commissioned by Omega Baltimore to transport patrons to and from Washington D.C. The patrons were families and youth primarily from Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, who would normally not see the monuments and museums of our nation's capital. Matthew A. Henson Elementary School Principal, G. Travis Miller and his family, who had never visited the museum, accompanied the group on this trip. Omega Baltimore was able to fund the free trip through its funding from the Baltimore Children's Youth Fund (BCYF).



National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC)

39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray Biography

Andrew A. Ray was born in Centreville, Mississippi, to parents Perry and Ruby Ray. His early years were spent with grandparents Leona and Albert Crockett, while his parents relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana in search of better work opportunities.

Andrew's early education was in the Mount Zion Baptist Church School in Centreville. The extreme segregation in the south forced blacks to create other avenues for educating their children. The Mount Zion Church School consisted of two rooms i.e. elementary in one room and secondary in the other. After a few years at the church school, Andrew's parents sent for him and his sister to join them in New Orleans.

Enrolling in the segregated school system in New Orleans, Andrew continued to flourish in the face of significant challenges. His parents enrolled him in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Boy Scout Troop 152. Andrew advanced in scouting from Cub to Life Scout, to Jr. Assistant Scout Master. Along his scouting journey he accumulated numerous Merit Badges and status in the coveted Order of the Arrow. He met extreme disappointment in being told that black scouts would not be permitted to advance to Eagle Scout.

The significant under funding of the black schools in the city, was counterbalanced by the outstanding work of the black educators, who refused to allow under funding, to nullify student achievement. Andrew excelled at the elementary and secondary levels. He won several academic competitions in city and statewide venues. He graduated in the top 20 students in a class of 395.

Upon graduation, Andrew enrolled at Southern University where he received a very positive image of Omega during the Homecoming Activities in his freshman year. While walking across campus, he encountered a very festive group of men adorned in purple and gold. The ladies were dressed in red and white. Andrew recognized two of the men as his secondary coach and teacher. He approached his former educators and inquired as to why they were on the campus and what was going on. His former educators explained that they were members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and immediately suggested that he consider joining the brotherhood. Reflecting on the educators' positive presence in his educational journey, Andrew joined the next Lamp Club and was eventually initiated into the Beta Sigma Chapter of Omega at Southern University. Andrew had the unique privilege of being elected the Neophyte Basileus of Beta Sigma. During his term as Basileus, the Chapter Membership grew by fifty brothers. Beta Sigma became Chapter of the Year and achieved top academic status.

Beta Sigma Chapter became a major factor in the Civil Rights Movement. Chapter members were elected to the Student Government and other influential positions on the campus. From the latter positions, Omega Men achieved historic status in the protests for equity in resources for Southern in relationship to LSU and other white colleges and universities. That struggle continues to the present.

One incident that brought national media attention was the campus shut-down via student protest after several students died in route to the hospital due to the train refusing to clear the two entrances to the campus. He and others demanded that an overpass be built over the tracks to prevent future blockages of the entrances. When a state official responded "tell those niggers, we aren't building no damn bridge over the tracks", the students shut down the campus. We were soon joined by the staff and Stokely Carmichael.

With the intense media coverage and the Omega suggestion that all students at Southern should all apply to attend LSU, since Southern is being treated so unfairly. Student leaders soon received another message from the state official-"tell them niggers they will get the damn bridge." The over pass stands in the present!

While at Southern, Andrew was one of fifty students, nationwide, who earned selection as a Foreign Affairs Scholar in the US Department of State in Washington, DC. This opportunity afforded him the close interactions with POTUS, Secretary of State, Cabinet Members, Ambassadors, Congressional Members and other high officials and agencies of

the US Government.

Upon graduating from Southern with a degree in Economics, he was selected as one of the one hundred graduates nationwide to receive an appointment as a US Presidential Fellow assigned to the US Congress. While there, Andrew interacted with the Appropriations Committee. The latter served him well, upon his later selection as the 39th Grand Basileus of Omega. He gained operational skills that positively impacted the financial and international functions of Omega.

In addition, to fulfilling the particulars of his Presidential appointment, Andrew enrolled in graduate studies that led to three Masters Degrees and a PhD. In addition, he studied at 13 colleges and universities including the University of Ghana in West Africa. Along his graduate and professional journey he received over three dozen awards and honors; including the Dr. Martin Luther King Award, New York State Senate Proclamation for Exceptional Community Service, Metropolitan Women's Network Award, Dr. Charles Drew Fellow, John W. Thompson Masonic Community Leadership Award, In Roads Business Development Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Humanitarian Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Twenty Pearls Foundation Everyday Hero Award, Educator of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Freedom Foundation Fellow, Omega Man of the Year (Chapter and District), Frank Coleman Founders Award, The Iota XI Elder Honor Award and the Omega Bridge Builder Award.

Andrew's service to Omega grew geometrically, in concert with his service to his community. Over four, decades he worked in the administrations of Dr. Moses C. Norman, Dr. C. Tyrone Gilmore and Dr. Dorsey C. Miller. Serving as a member and/or the Chair of the International Membership, Personnel, Scholarship, Undergraduate and Awards Committees and Secretary to the Dr. Charles Drew Commission. Within the Second District, Andrew served on a number of committees and he advanced to the positions of First Vice District Representative and District Representative at the 75th Anniversary of Omega in Washington, DC.

The twenty five years leading up to the Centennial Anniversary of Omega; Andrew immersed himself in the support of Omega programs. His dedication is demonstrated through his mentoring via Project Aspiration, producing over 30 young men eventually becoming Omegas. His tutelage in the realm of the

National Essay Contest resulted in a National winner and two runners up. Andrew's community and educational participation led to his local chapter, Theta Omicron, being selected as the First Devine 9 Organization, to be honored by the City School District of Rochester, as A Friend of Education Awardee. He was very instrumental in increasing student participation in Omega's academic and Talent Hunt programs.

The several years prior to the 2010 Grand Conclave, Andrew and the Omega Brotherhood were witnesses to a growing toxicity between several Grand Officers and Brothers, who questioned the operational functions within Omega. The toxic environment boiled over into open email confrontations that became of major concern to the Brotherhood and friends of Omega. Andrew determined that the growing confrontation was becoming an ever present danger to the wellbeing of the Fraternity and decided to put forth a proffer, aimed at resolving the underlining items fueling the confrontation.

Andrew, who at the time held no office or other position in Omega, contacted the then Grand Basileus and stated, "Brother Grand, this confrontation is not good for you or this Brotherhood. Let me help you." He then reached out to the Brothers who had the pertinent issues fueling the



39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray Biography

confrontation. After a brief period of collective dialogue, both sides accepted the proffer and the confrontation was arbitrated. When asked, how the issues were resolved; Andrew responded, "A Friend can do for us...." In the 2008-2009 Fraternal year, a group of past Grand Officers requested the then Grand Basileus to appoint a committee to develop a plan for Omega's Centennial Celebration. Three committee chairs were appointed and removed, within an eight month period without cause. Finally, Past Grand Dorsey C. Miller assumed leadership of the Centennial effort and proved to be exceedingly successful in moving the process forward. Andrew became very flustered upon hearing the sitting Grand Basileus inform the committee members that "If the committee goes to DC to prepare for the Centennial, all participants must pay their own expenses; because there is no money in the Fraternity." Upon recovering from that shocking statement; the

committee members paid their own expenses and commenced the year-long challenging work, that resulted in an outstanding Centennial Celebration for over 25,000 participants throughout the DC area.

The upcoming 2010 Grand Conclave in Raleigh, North Carolina would feature an election for the leadership team, that would guide the Brotherhood into its second century. Andrew was deep into reflective moments of his journey in Omega. In particular, his conversations with Founders Cooper and Love, Grand Basileus Avery's reveal of serious matters involving the then Keeper of Finance at the Denver Conclave, and his bold decision to run for Grand Basileus from the Conclave floor, after hearing the reading of PM&M Audit Firm's dolorous report. The Firm concluded that, "The way Omega has been keeping books, is foreign to all known means of accounting!"

When H. Carl Moultrie, Chair of the election process inquired as to why Andrew had approached the mic; Andrew responded "Brother Chair, after hearing the Audit Report, I have determined that this Fraternity needs leadership. Therefore, I nominate myself for Grand Basileus." Andrew got a second and a total of three votes in the election!

The Grand stating that there was no money in the Fraternity in 2009, as we were one year out from Omega's 100th Celebration, was unbelievable. Andrew thought that such a pronouncement was as dolorous as the financial picture at the Denver Conclave. It was at that moment that Andrew decided again, "that Omega needed leadership" and entered the field of five candidates for Grand Basileus.

In the entire history of Omega, there had never been five candidates for Grand Basileus. Andrew surmised that the Brotherhood saw a pressing need for a change in what had been a lock step "whose next road to leadership," with a once in a lifetime event for the Brotherhood approaching. Andrew entered with focused platform to restore Omega's financial position and its image as the Founders had prescribed.

The opening session of the 2010 Grand Conclave was astounding to the Brotherhood. The outgoing Grand Basileus refused to give a report to the Grand

Conclave. This unprecedented action by the Grand Basileus, was seen as an affront to the Conclave Delegates. When candidates were granted time to address the delegates and the District Caucuses, Andrew stated that, "if elected to lead the Fraternity, there will never be a time in which; I would disrespect the Brotherhood by refusing to present, The State of the Fraternity to the Brotherhood. Andrew won the election by plus 300 votes! Upon winning the 2010 election, Andrew's call was to Past Grand Basileus James Avery, who had encouraged him to become a candidate. Grand Avery had been very ill and expressed his hope that he would live to see Omega return to capable hands. When Andrew shared the news of his win; Grand Avery strongly stated, "Tell the Brothers that I am all right now. Omega is in good hands." He transitioned into Omega Chapter a short time later.

Andrew immediately began addressing the many issues that had been negatively impacting the growth of Omega. They included consultants costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, low morale among employed staff, lack of an employed Executive Director for five years, no employed

Financial Manager for a year, low finances and credit rating, building maintenance items, multiple loans to entities, resulting in significant numbers in default, multiple legal matters requiring immediate resources and attention, an immediate need for updating and preserving records, repairing relations with the hospitality industry, the university communities and more.

Andrew dismissed five consultants, saving \$30,000 a month; engaged HR professionals to review personnel items and conduct the process that resulted in the hiring of an Executive Director. He hired a Financial Manager and quickly completed accounts payable and receivables. He moved for the sale of an entity that resulted in Omega being released from guarantor status and the repayment of multiple loans to the Fraternity. The negotiation of a MOU to upgrade working spaces for Omega staff was crucial in addressing working conditions. An IT professional was engaged to evaluate the present status of Omega's platforms and suggest recommendations for upgrades. The aforementioned actions contributed to a two million dollar improvement in Omega's financial position within the first two years of Andrew's administration.

Completing items from the 2010 Conclave, a successful Centennial Celebration in 2011, a second Grand Conclave in 2012, a Leadership Conference in 2013 and another Grand Conclave in 2014 comprised as formidable a challenge as Omega leadership had ever faced. Meeting the significant challenges energized the team to look to the future while addressing the present conditions. Out of the later vision came two monumental successes, the establishing of Omega Endowments at ten HBCU(s) and Omega becoming the first Devine 9 to achieve Founding Donor status for the African American Smithsonian Museum at one million dollars.

In responding to those who questioned the cost of the Smithsonian engagement and the Omega Endowments; Andrew explained that the endowments would give meaning and image to our Cardinal Principle of Scholarship. The engagement with the Smithsonian would give true meaning to the often expressed belief that "Omega is a world class organization; it then follows that Omega should be on the world stage. The Smithsonian gives entry to the world stage."

There were other notable achievements during the 2010-2014 administration. With the invaluable assistance of Brothers James Elam and National Parks Director Stanton; the Colonel Charles Young Home and the home of Dr. Carter G. Woodson were brought into the United States National Parks Service. The partnership between the Fraternity and the Life Membership Foundation delivered significant financial support in bringing the projects to fruition.

In a capitalistic society, having financial resources or access to them is critical. Andrew's team will forever be proud of improving the Fraternity's financial position by six million dollars during the four year span. He was also reflective, in realizing that there was still much to do in Omega's second century. In making the latter point, he often used the relay race as a metaphor to facilitate understanding. He regularly shared that "life is a relay race. If when the baton comes to you and the team is behind; your job is to run your leg of the race to the very best of your ability. This may include, making up the stagger and hopefully giving the team a lead. Thus, when it is your time to hand off, you will have given the team a chance to win. Importantly, you don't want to miss the hand off, for if you do, not only do you lose; the whole team loses."

Dr. Andrew A. Ray, 39th Grand Basileus, confidently stated at the 2014 Grand Conclave "My team moved Omega forward in multiple areas. As we hand off to the next administration; Omega is in a much better place. I know that our Founders are pleased. God Bless this Brotherhood.



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The Ques are in the House, Are you going to do a step show?



Brother Ashley Turnbull

It's June 2018 and I'm attending a Parking and Transportation Conference in Orlando, Florida. I am speaking with a beautiful Black Woman concerning her company's products and what benefits they could provide for my organization. You SHOULD know that I indeed had ulterior motives while listening to her sales pitch. From my left, I hear someone shout "The Ques are in the House; are you going to do a step show?" When I turn, I am shocked to see a 6'6", 230 lb. well-built White guy. Obviously, I did not expect to hear THOSE words coming from him and I began to wonder how he knew that I was a Que. Then I remembered; I had a Black Negro League Baseball T-shirt on where the bottom half of my "hit" could be seen. I looked at his name tag and it said "Tom". "Tom" was a sales representative for the same company that the beautiful Black Sister was representing. I looked at Tom and said "Tom, you are interrupting me as I listen to the sales presentation from this beautiful lady." Tom said "I apologize, but I saw your brand." It was here that I quickly

acknowledged that the "ulterior motives" dream I was having were permanently dashed. I asked Tom which school he attended; knowing fully that his response would be lost to memory because his mere presence had destroyed my plans for his Female colleague. He named some non-descript school, to which I reluctantly asked "Where is that school located"? He said "South Carolina". Needless to say, I was neither familiar with nor interested in the school at this particular moment. It was here that Tom mentioned that "My brother is a Kappa". I responded "Really"? Tom replied "I know what you are thinking"! (Yes; I WAS thinking that Tom's a White boy and most likely his brother's a White boy and HE'S a Kappa; interesting). I responded, "No, Thomas; you do NOT know what I am thinking" and smiled, knowing FULL well that Tom knew EXACTLY what I was thinking. Tom went on to explain that He knew about Omega Psi Phi BEFORE his younger brother had pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. When I asked him whether there an Omega Psi Phi Chapter at his school or nearby, he said "No". Curious, I asked him how he'd come to know about the Ques. I was now puzzled while I conversed with Tom. He THEN stated that the majority of his high school football coaches were members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. I now understood and exclaimed "Wow". Again Tom asked me "Are going to do a step-show?" I replied "Tom, I am 56 years old. I will save my strength for other activities, you know what I mean"? As I smiled. Tom replied "Yes, like the presentation I unfortunately interrupted". He smiled as we both shared a good laugh. We spoke for approximately ten more minutes about life, career and family. Afterward, we shook hands and wished each other the very best. I'd like to give a huge shout to the Omega Men and Brothers who were Tom's football coaches; they instilled in the Tom the ability to have real conversations about people and break racial and stereotypical barriers. Great job my Brothers; wherever you are!!!

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The Public Health Seminar and Caucasian Security Guard

I am attempting to park my car in the parking lot next to the Paterson Board of Health building as I am there to volunteer a couple hours' time for the Mental and Home Safety Health Fair. A security guard (an elderly White Man) approaches and stops me, saying "Only staff can park here; you have to go to the "other" lot". I explained to him "I was asked to park here as I am here to volunteer assistance for a couple hours. I just came from the area that you're asking me to go to". He notices my hat (with the "Omega Psi Phi" Greek letters on it) and THEN says "O.K.; I was in a Fraternity "back in day" in College, so you can park (as he points to some open spaces in the parking area) over there". He also noted that "My Boss

I is in the next row car of parked cars" and that "He MIGHT ask me where my parking sticker is". I encouraged him "Not to worry; I promise that I'll not get his Boss involved as you are now my Fraternity Brother from another Fraternity".....

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My District Conference Parking Validation Expenses Experience

While attempting to validate my parking lot expense and secure a free space at the 2018 District Conference Meeting in downtown Baltimore, a young Black Woman takes my ticket and asks "What is going here"? When I respond "What do you mean?", she replies "All these Black Men down here"! She then smiled when I asked her "if she was loving all of the eye candy". I explained to her that we are the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to which she smiled again. She THEN asked, "Fraternity, like those guys in the movie "Burning Sands"?" I said "Similar, but most of us have graduated from College and have families now" and I smiled. She said " Can I ask you a question", to which I responded "Not a problem". She then asked "Is it true what they are talking about and showing in the "Burning Sands" movie"? Now I said to myself, "How do I go about answering THAT question"? I quickly decided to tell her the truth. I responded "I cannot speak for the experiences of the people who wrote the movie. Have there been recorded instances of hazing by individuals "going against the rules"? Yes; there have been". I also went on to explain that "these kinds of movies have to be taken with a grain of salt as in many of them, "poetic license" is justified to make the movie a bit more "interesting" to the viewer. Could SOME of the instances have been "true"? Quite possibly; however, exaggerations exist and please understand that OUR Fraternity does NOT condone the demeaning or demoralizing of anyone interested in being a member of our organization". I DID go on to explain that what bothered me most was that there were no highlighting of mandatory library hours each night nor display of candidate social action project participation during the candidates' initiation process. Did I ALWAYS agree with some things that happened during MY personal quest to join the organization? No; however, THIS is why we are here at this Conference: to make positive changes within our Fraternity and our communities. She replied that "From watching the movie, I would not want my Son or family to go through what I saw; I don't think that it's worth

it". Afterward, we conversed more about certain scenes from the movie, but my concluding statement asked her whether she "could go anywhere and see over 700 Black Men in suits, taking care of business, who have attended College; approximately 97% whom are College graduates? Some of these men I only see once a year, we talk about family and our dreams and sometimes we find out who has passed on. "Would you not want you your Son to be a part of that"? She smiled and responded "Yes". I then asked her to validate my parking for free and responded "No"!, with a smile. Conversation #3 The Public Health Seminar and The Caucasian Security Guard

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Neighborhoods and Community-Policing Need Consensus Healing



Community-policing aims to intervene and prevent problems while at the same time building collaborative partnerships between law enforcement and other stakeholders. The stakeholders are schools, businesses, social service agencies and neighborhood associations. Furthermore, the aim of community-policing for the neighborhood is to enforce with the neighbors and not just on the neighbors.

The consensus has four approaches to healing between neighborhoods and policing. First, community-policing should adopt policies that support neighborhood engagement for safer communities. The neighborhood engagement and policing would have the understanding to resolve matters with least harmful actions. Instead of arresting for minor violations, community-policing would issue warnings, citations or even recommend

diversion programs.

The second approach to healing between neighborhoods and policing is respecting a culture of dignity. When neighborhoods support community-policing that adopts a culture of protection, both the neighbors and the police benefit from the dignity of public safety. Specifically, offensive language exchange between neighbors and police ignites miscommunication and perpetuates disrespect. The healing occurs when the importance of language used is adopted in the training of community-policing and then evaluated with neighborhood engagement.

Third, community-policing means working with the neighborhood to mutually identify problems and coordinate how to implement meaningful solutions. The healing is manifested when the neighborhood and policing together plan regular town-hall meetings where community associations can have an open forum to participate with the police to have an influence on programs, procedures and policies. In addition, community-policing

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could engage with youth and neighborhood associations in volunteer training with law enforcement, citizen academies, ride-alongs, and problem-solving teams. The establishment of organized citizen-neighborhood advisory committees to support efforts in developing crime prevention is a worthy effort to solutions.

Fourth, community-policing and neighborhoods should prioritize how to collaboratively address the immediate needs of youth who are at most risk for crime and violence. The priority should also include efforts to eliminate aggressive law enforcement that stigmatizes youth and marginalizes their interests for attending school. The healing occurs when neighborhood associations and law enforcement work with schools to encourage alternatives to student suspensions and expulsions. Alternatives to suspensions and expulsions are family interventions, counseling, restorative justice or diversion programs. Moreover, both entities would help students develop different behavior skills and develop anti-violent strategies to prevent conflict while refocusing on learning in the school. In addition, community policing should be at the forefront of programs

and procedures to reintegrate youth back into their neighborhoods as productive participants. Community-policing and neighborhood associations should enter into a memorandum of agreement whereby School Resource Officers have the primary role instead of police involvement of student discipline.

In conclusion, a prescription for healing is a consensus between neighborhoods and community-policing. Community-policing cannot protect or know solutions in the absence of the hope from the people of the neighborhood. When both entities commit to engaging neighborhoods for safer communities, respecting a culture of dignity, identifying problems and solutions, and collectively mitigating crime exposure for youth neighborhoods, communities and residences are better for all.

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Are Bruhs who are not financial any less a friend?



This question has often been put forward in several of the many Omega groups on social media. I don't think the question is problematic but it does expose a house divided. I think if we are trying to determine who is more authentic or who has greater claim to the fraternity then we narrow the scope of our life long debate of financial versus not financial. We all joined a fraternity, which requires a life

long pledge of perpetual financial support. Some took it literal and some figuratively. There were those who didn't keep up with the rigor of being financial but later in life came back and others did not. The debate centers on where one falls within the spectrum of the two groups. Thus, what has emerged from Omega are two houses. Both sides have equivocated that if you are not on their side then you don't understand their ardent positions. So no matter what side you may fall you may be on the wrong side of Omega depending on who you talk to. Nonetheless, the predominant view is to be an Omega man it requires dedication to the economic health and wellbeing of the organization through a consistent financial status. After all no institution can survive without long-term financial sustainability. However, in fulfilling the creed of "Friendship Is Essential To The Soul" the members have done so with passionate love from both sides. The duality over time has increasingly diverged down separate paths. This divergence has resulted in a fissure and a level of hostility that resembles a Cain-Able relationship. The Founders never set out for this sort of union. In part the problem grew from the emerging cultural phenomena of Black

consciousness of the 60's to present day. With an increasing distrust of big government there naturally arose a sense of distrust for the growing governmental structure of the modern Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

For those members who were taught the micro view of autonomous and independent chapters when a chapter is sanctioned it only comes from the parent organization. That gave rise to the optic of a corporate dictatorship motivated by greed in the form of taxation without representation; Smaller chapters and islands of non-participatory members saw it as an agenda of big government exploiting little people. These fissures and substandard strategic planning over years gave rise to an anti-Omega narrative within the ranks and contributed to now what appears to be a very pronounced divided house. One house with its own nomenclature e.g. "Da Owt Bruhz" vs "Da Cat Bruhz", "Wrecking" and "The Green" has become a language unique to Omega often in disdain of the other group. And alternately an opposing meritocracy of financially elected members with no room for real growth, sustainability or co-existence. This house of "Financial Brothers" is regarded as the Black bourgeoisie of Omega. They sit upon the throne of Omega. This house measures membership first on dues and is perceived by the other house to be looking down on "Da Bruhz". There is a small element of hypocrisy because many who are Life Time members no longer participate financially or tangibly in the local affairs of a chapter's. Many are Internationally financial yet just as un-financial and uncommitted in behavior.

These two warring factions go at it in perpetuity. Today's division is often exposed by the spectacle that is social media. "The Good Brothers"

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versus “Da Owt Bruhz”. Each with their own claim to 8 versus 80. Yet neither with a claim to a real solution. We won’t make another fifty years if we cannot resurrect the purity of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and return to what our Founders envisioned. The blueprint of educated Black men of like attainment coming together on the forged synergy of “Friendship” to save our race is a never ending imperative that cannot be achieved if the division is allowed to persist.

New members are constantly fought over between the two with “Da Bruhz” seemingly having greater influence. To be frank the financial brothers side of the house does not have mass appeal. This is due in part to its perceived expensive and perpetual financial membership requirements, being sticklers for what some deem antiquated rules, inflexible and sometimes outdated policies and procedures and finally what seems to be a never ending list of reasons for fees, fees and more fees. Ironically, being not financial has become a badge of honor for some. Being financial beyond one’s initial dues can be a purple letter shame. Even if a young man had high aspirations of Omegadom as a new initiate they are almost instantly scuttled. Once in the fold and introduced to the civil war that rages within Omega that high spirit is slain. We lose more members to this cult of internal incineration than we keep. New initiates simply don’t have the resilience to combat the onslaught of negative politics and become disillusioned within a very short time.

When some members vent about the relief of being non-financial they often site the Fraternity’s confirmed as well as unfounded allegations of abuse of power, corruption and malfeasance. I often respond we must continue to push forward to a new and real Omega that reflects the origi-

nal mission. Revolution doesn’t always require succession. Legally you cannot take Omega away from recognized constitutional body. So the fight is for revolution through participation. Our future leadership has to be of such bold caliber, status and competence that they are above reproach. No organization can survive if it is not financially solvent with sustainability goals. With two groups competing for ownership it is as if an unannounced war has been raging in Omega far too long. Those who are shaping Omega for the next millennium must come to the understanding they can only do so by reclaiming the original ideals while reclaiming those lost souls who feel marginalized. We all came in with the true Omega spirit! How can we not get eighty thousand immersed members? It’s possible. If leadership doesn’t conform then vote them out. If we have not learned anything from going from the last presidential administration to the current one is that apathy and complaints are the tools of those who employ excuses. The day belongs to those who seize the opportunity. And from the looks of things the Ivory tower has become the twin towers with both factions occupying each equally. We must come to understand that strength resides in one tower with unity and mutual cooperation and respect for all.

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XLL Brother Dennis McGloster Receives Community Service Award

Spring Valley, NY. Feb 26, 2019. Brother Dennis V. McGloster, a charter member of Xi Lambda Lambda chapter, was recognized and presented with the Dr. Edmund W. Gordon and Dr. Susan G. Gordon Community Service Award. The event took place at the Spring Valley High School African American History Month Celebration Program. This award is sponsored by the CEJES Institute and is presented to both a student and an adult for the contributions that they made to the Rockland County community.

Bro. McGloster is one of those brothers that works hard for Omega and equally hard for his community - he is well deserving of this award. Congratulations Brother McGloster! Omega continues to lead the charge.



Bro. Dennis and Sandy McGloster

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Brother Akida Hodari Jordan - Omega Chapter



Brother Akida Hodari Jordan

Bro. Akida Hodari Jordan entered Omega Chapter on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. A Philadelphia, PA. native and die hard Eagles fan, he attended Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. where he received Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management. Bro. Jordan worked as the Health and Wellness manager for the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA). He was initiated into Omega through the Tau Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter in Southern Md on November 15, 2013. He served as the chair of the Health Committee and was a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Bro. Jordan established the chapter's Perseverance 5K walk/run, which will continue in his honor. He was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Community Church in Temple Hills, MD.

Being preceded in death by his father John F. Jordan, Bro. Jordan leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Nicole Greene Jordan, daughters Kiya Jordan, Alexis Jordan and her sister Chanelle Tabron. His mother, Alpha Jordan; brother Kevin McClain of Salisbury, NC; sister Natalie (Dennis) Rivers of Salisbury, NC and a host of friends and family.

Brother Nathan L. Ramsey - Omega Chapter



Brother Nathan Lee Ramsey

Brother Nathan Lee Ramsey, Zeta Epsilon, 1961, Indiana University, crossed into Omega Chapter on March 8, 2019. Bro. Ramsey, also known as "Nate" to family and friends, was born July 12, 1941 in Neptune Township, NJ. He was the sixth child born to Henry and Nancy Ramsey, and he attended school in Asbury Park and Neptune, NJ during his early years. He went on to attend Neptune High School (NHS) where he excelled in football, and thereby earned a football scholarship to Indiana University (IU) in Bloomington, IN where he also excelled on the gridiron. While attending IU, Bro. Ramsey was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Zeta Epsilon Chapter in 1961. He played 11 seasons in the NFL after being drafted in 1963 by the Philadelphia Eagles where he played defensive back for ten seasons, and then one season with the New Orleans Saints. He met and married Denise Fontaine during his time in Philadelphia with the Eagles and the two shared the blessing of one daughter, Angela. Bro. Ramsey was known to relish his time with his family and friends, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a friendly and joyful person, and also a loving father to Angela and a devoted grandfather to his granddaughter, Kayla. His life and memory are cherished by his daughter, granddaughter, and his countless friends and family, including among them his many NFL brethren, and the Brothers of Zeta Epsilon Chapter and the many members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Brother John Smith Omega Chapter

Brother John Smith was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., through the Zeta Phi Graduate Chapter, in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 21, 1980.

Upon his arrival to the Columbia Maryland area, Brother Smith affiliated with Tau Pi Chapter. Brother Smith in his early years loved the kinship; and he lived Our Cardinal Principles – Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

He and his wife Barbara often sponsored Quette meetings in which wives and Sweethearts discussed ideas and events which would support the Men of Tau Pi Chapter. Later Brother Smith was involved in various levels of chapter hospitality.

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Brother Dr. Willie L. Partee - Omega Chapter



Brother Dr. Willie L. Partee

Brother Dr. Willie L. Partee entered Omega Chapter on Saturday, December 15, 2018. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Chi Ro Graduate Chapter in Long Island, New York on March, 23, 1979. Bro. Partee was born September 17, 1930 in Senatobia, Mississippi. He grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida and attended Boarding School at Snow Hill Academy.

At the age of 17, he relocated to New York to live with his Aunt. He was later drafted in the Army and served two years in the Korean Conflict. During his tour, he served as a Military Police and stationed in Germany. Educationally, he received his B.S degree in Education from City College of New York. He later received his Master's Degree from the University of Connecticut and Ph.D. from the City University New York Graduate Center.

His profession included being a teacher and eventually a Principal in Long Island, NY and Upper Marlboro, MD. He was selected as a member of Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society; National Honor Society in Tech Education; and a Life Member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Brother Partee had a passion for flying and obtained his pilot license. He was a member of the Black Pilot Association of Long Island, New York. He was also an avid camper. He pioneered the first All Black camping club, "See America Camping Club".

His true passion was golf. He served as an instructor for many years with the First Tee International Youth Development Organization at the Fairway Hills Golf Course in Columbia, MD.

Upon relocating to Columbia, MD, he became a member of Tau Pi Chapter in 1989 and served on the following committees - Mardi Gras Fund Raising Ball; member of the Holiday with Omega Gala; and the chapter's Retiree Brunch.

Brother Isaac Willie Anthony Wilson - Omega Chapter



Brother Isaac Willie Anthony Wilson

Brother Isaac Willie Antony Wilson, Jr. born January 17, 1950 transitioned to Omega Chapter on February 6, 2019. Brother Wilson, affectionately known as Sinbad or Porky, was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Baltimore City College in 1968. He matriculated to Morgan State College earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree in 1973, concentrating in Geography and a Masters of Arts degree in Urban Planning and Policy Analysis, in 1982. He also earned continuing education courses at Johns Hopkins University. During his time at Morgan, Brother Wilson pledged and was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on April 22, 1971, as part of the Line "Terror Ridden 21".

Professionally, Brother Tony Wilson was employed for over 30 years with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Howard County, Maryland Municipal Government for Planning and Zoning. Upon retirement, he started and operated a lawn care operation.

Fraternally, he was proud that he laid the foundation for two of his biological brothers, Prince Wilson (Pi '74) and Warren Wilson (Pi '86), to pledge Omega Psi Phi at the Pi Chapter, the chapter where he was initiated. The Wilson Brothers are only three biological brothers to ever accomplish this feat at Pi Chapter.

When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls

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2	12	Mu	Bethea	Canaan
2	16	Pi	Egiefameh	Andrew
2	51	Epsilon Sigma	Williams	Anthony
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	543	Upsilon Phi	Ray III	James
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Hammick	Selvin
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Liverpool	Steve
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Frank	Keston
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Capps	Kwesi
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Johnson	Hakeem
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	707	Chi Rho	Brown	Bilal
2	707	Chi Rho	Obijuru	Charles
2	707	Chi Rho	Cox	Marques
2	707	Chi Rho	Joyner	Dallas T.
2	707	Chi Rho	Irving	Julian
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Mayo	Claude
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl
2	954	Gamma Mu Nu	McLeish	Joseph
2	958	Eta Mu Nu	Norman	John H. III

Expulsion List

These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings.

2	16	Pi	Taylor	Timothy
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	187	Chi Delta	Smith	Andre L.
2	187	Chi Delta	Thompson	Kenneth E.
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.

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