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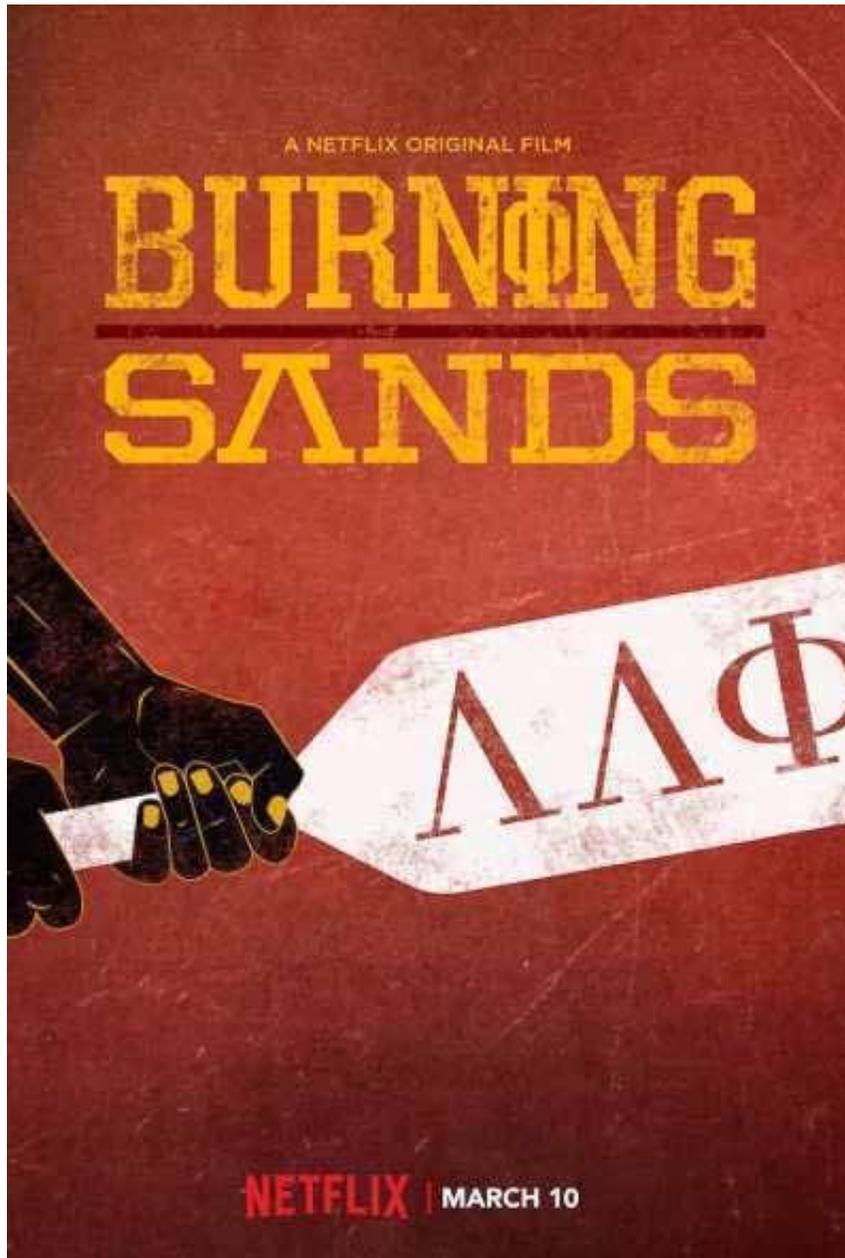
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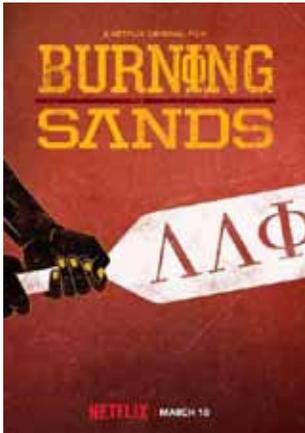


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*R. Scott “Scotty” Dingle
Brigadier General*

Message from the District Representative

**Dear Brothers, Family, Friends, and Patrons of the
Mighty Second District,**

Welcome to the 69th Second District Conference! The District Marshals have worked hard to put on an outstanding District Conference for you. It has been my sincere honor with humility to serve you and Omega as your 35th District Representative. The Second District Conference, was founded in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1947. This year, we celebrate 70 years as a District. A lot has occurred over the past 12 months and this leadership team hit the ground running to the 80th Grand Conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada and never slowed down. We have made a lot of progress and overcome a lot of obstacles. We have a lot of new Committee Chairman making significant contributions to our beloved 2nd District. Additionally, we have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the 2nd District operations and our fraternity.

This is a critical time in our Nation! Our role as Omega Men must evolve during this civil rights struggle. We must innovate solutions to address the Social Injustice Issues we face at home and abroad. It is not if, but just a matter of time and location before the next incident. In this information age of social media, we must grow our male mentoring and fatherhood programs in the vision President Obama set for us. With anticipated dwindling resources from a new administration, we must continue to lead and work with other organizations to address the needs of our community.

Excellence is the standard in which we execute Omega's business. We must excel as Ambassadors of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, as we lead in our fraternity, our Alumni Associations, and in our communities. We must continue to inform the world of the goodness we do in our communities, and tell our stories in Social Media to demonstrate our character and our cardinal principles. As Omega Psi Phi looks for leadership, let the 2nd District's light shine. Just remember, we serve an awesome God and we have the talent, knowledge and drive to move our community forward. It is all about the work of Omega and advancing our District. Black Lives Matter!

Long the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the 2nd District,

**Brother Sherman L. Charles
35th District Representative, Second District**



Message from the

Director of Public Relations

Brothers of the Second District,

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



The 2017 Conference Edition of The Omegan includes Second District Chapters' Talent Hunt Competitions, Mandated Memorial Services and various Social Action Initiatives. Accolades and approbations to Brother Dr. Jedan Phillips, as he continues enlightening us on health issues with his third Physicians' Corner article submission, "Cancer and its Impact on African American Men." Brother Quasim Rashad deserves our plaudits and encomiums for his insightful review of the controversial new movie "Burning Sands", directed and screenplay written by Brother Gerald McMurray.

Our 'Omega Men on the Move' section features great accomplishments of Second District Omega Men in their respective fields. Congratulate Brother Charles Coleman on producing and hosting his new web series 'Black Brilliance 360'. We showcase Brother Walter Gill's Autobiography "Yesterday's Tomorrow". It is a Father to Son legacy story: Father, Dr. Robert Gill, PhD, a Giant in Omega, Fraternity Historian, well-traveled, taught Tuskegee Airmen, highly accomplished educator; and Son, Dr. Walter Gill, PhD, well-traveled, accomplished author, educator and artist. It notes how Omega Men employed at Morgan State College, from the 40's to 70's, were dominant in all aspects of administration at Morgan and how Omega and Omega Men influenced Brother Gill's life.

Salutations to Brothers Terry Rodgers and Ashley Turnbull for their Opinion/Editorial articles, "A Call to Uphold Ritualistic Standards of Our Beloved Fraternity" and the necessity to chronicle chapter history in "History is a Beautiful Thing", respectively. I challenge more Brothers to respect, pen and submit your opinions on issues for inclusion in our District publication. As I view previous editions of the Oracle from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's, Brothers' Op/Ed submissions were numerous, on a high level and addressed a myriad of issues of the day. Their refined use of the written word is truly edifying and illuminating. Omega Men in FDR's Black Cabinet and the life of the Honorable Brother William Hastie are the focus of our Historical Perspective articles.

As always, the prime responsibility of this office is to assure Omegas publications to be scholarly, containing literary work intended to be insightful and thought-provoking featuring the aristocracy of Omega intellect. We will continue to "See It Through" and press on for the mark of this higher calling. Enjoy!

Fraternally,

Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, Second District
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Second District Winter Council Meeting



Second District Winter Council Meeting



Omega Faces at the Second District Winter Council Meeting



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Second District Corridor 1 Memorial Service



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Omega Men on the Move

Brother Ricky D. Smith, Sr. Executive Director and CEO of the Maryland Aviation Administration



Maryland Governor Larry Hogan appointed Brother Ricky Dorell Smith as Executive Director/CEO of the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) on July 10, 2015. Mr. Smith is responsible for the planning, operation, and management of Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall), Martin State Airport, and regional aviation activities for the State of Maryland.

Brother Smith, a 27-year transportation official, returned to Maryland after serving as the Director of the Department of Port Control for the City of Cleveland since June 2006. In that capacity, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Airport System, which includes Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport. In addition, he was responsible for overseeing the development and management of the City's lakefront properties.

Brother Smith worked to establish and execute a strategic direction for

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport that included expanding airport revenue sources, strengthening the airport's brand recognition, improving airfield safety, and enhancing the passenger experience. During Mr. Smith's leadership in Ohio, Cleveland Hopkins was recognized as the most-improved airport in North America by the international aviation industry organization, Airports Council International-North America. He led the development of a new \$2 billion master plan for the Cleveland Airport System that is developing new cargo facilities and expanded corporate hangars, improved parking facilities, a new on-airport hotel, an improved passenger terminal building, a new on-airport service station/fast food plaza, and a new state-of-the-art FAA Air Traffic Control Tower. Prior to his service in Cleveland, Brother Smith served as the Chief Operating Officer for the MAA. Brother Smith helped lead BWI Marshall Airport through a \$2 billion expansion program, increased air service throughout the world, and the creation of a new food and retail program. Prior to returning to the MAA after a two-year departure, Ricky served as the Deputy Administrator for the Maryland State Highway Administration. There, he oversaw an approximate \$1 billion annual budget and co-developed the financing strategy for the largest capital project in Maryland history – the Inter-County Connector. In addition, he served in the private sector for several years with International Business Machines, H&R Block Business Services, The May Company, and others.

Ricky holds a degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Howard University and an Executive MBA from Loyola University in Maryland. He is a graduate of a number of leadership programs, including Leadership Cleveland, the Greater Baltimore Committee, Leadership Anne Arundel, and the University of Maryland Government Executive Institute. He is active on several national and local boards and industry associations including the American Association of Airport Executives, the Airport Minority Advisory Council, the BWI Business Partnership, and the U.S. Department of Transportation National Freight Advisory Council.

Brother Ricky Smith was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Zeta Chapter in 1981 and resides in Howard County Maryland.

Brother Osborne Robinson, III Promoted Chief of Patrol Baltimore City Police Department



On July 13, 2016 Baltimore City Police Department announced the reorganization of command staff and Brother Lt. Col. Osborne Robinson III was promoted to Chief of Patrol. A United States Army Veteran with service in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brother Robinson is a highly experienced Law Enforcement Professional who has demonstrated the ability to lead diverse law and order teams to the successful completion of a variety of missions in administrative and operational capacities. Exposure to assignments within the Continental United States, as well as abroad he possesses strong technical and tactical qualifications with an impressive track record of more than 20 years of hands-on service in the field of criminal justice.

Brother Robinson is a 1992 graduate of Salisbury University in Maryland, Military Police School and possesses certificates in Organizational Leadership and Polygraph from the University of Maryland and Northeast Counterdrug Training Center, respectively. Brother Osborne Robinson III has served on the Baltimore City Police Department since 1993 and was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Pi Omega Chapter in 1999.

Omega Men on the Move

Brother Mohan Suntha, MD. President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center



In May 2016, after a nationwide search, Brother Dr. Mohan Suntha was appointed President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center which includes the Shock Trauma Center, Children’s Hospital and the Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center as well as the Midtown Campus. Prior to his appointment as President and CEO of the University of Maryland’s St. Joseph Medical Center In December, 2012, Brother Dr. Suntha held numerous administrative roles within the Medical System and School of Medicine. He served as vice chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Maryland School of Medicine and the associate director of clinical affairs at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center where he is the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Professor of Radiation Oncology. In 2009 he was appointed as the vice president for system program development for the University of Maryland Medical System.

Brother Dr. Suntha joined the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Maryland School Of Medicine as an assistant professor in 1995, after completing residency training in Radiation Oncology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Brother Dr. Suntha received his BA from Brown University in 1986, where he was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Theta Epsilon Chapter. He earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1990 and completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Pennsylvania. In May, 2009, he earned an MBA from The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Brother Mohan Suntha was initiated into Omega Psi phi Fraternity in 1986 through Gamma Chapter in Boston, MA.

Brother Ivan J. Bates, Esq. Premire Defense Attorney



of the most rewarding aspects of his career involves providing legal services to “others who didn’t really think they could have had a good lawyer,” Bates said. In some cases this has involved pro bono work, but it’s also meant providing counsel at a discounted rate to a mother working an extra shift to pay for a lawyer to represent her son, he said. “It’s the cases that no one has really heard about, the kids that I’m able to give a second chance, those are the cases I’m most proud of,” Bates said. Another career highlight has been starting his own firm, Baltimore-based Bates & Garcia PC, in 2006. “I like having my own business,” he said. “It lets you put your career in the direction you want it to go. It’s very rewarding.” He also gives back to his community and those he cares about: He created a nonprofit, the Baltimore United Foundation, to provide small donations mostly to local sports teams for new uniforms or a trip to a tournament, he said. He also makes it a point to speak and mentor to youth in the community, as he was mentored by two loving parents and a broader community that supported him. “I think being an African American, seeing how these younger kids look up to me, I’m able to sit down with them and help them understand some of the pitfalls and obstacles that are there,” he said.

Following his tour of duty, in the United States Army, 32nd Air Defense Artillery., he became an honor graduate of Howard University, School of Communications. Ivan received many prestigious awards and honors including the Lyndon Baines Johnson Internship and the General Motors Volunteer Award. He continued his education earning his Juris Doctorate at College of William and Mary, School of Law. There he was a recipient of the Public Service Fellowship, a member of the Black Law Student Association. A life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., initiated through Alpha Alpha Chapter in 1994, he is currently a member of Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore, MD.

Brother Ivan Bates, ESQ. has handled a number of high-profile cases as a criminal defense attorney. Bates currently represents Baltimore police Sgt. Alicia White, one of the highest ranking officers charged in connection with the death of Freddie Gray. He previously defended a Drug Enforcement Agency agent in the Silk Road case that ultimately led a federal judge to sentence the founder of the illegal online marketplace to life in jail.

Bates has also been on the other side of the courtroom as an assistant state’s attorney with the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office. But one

Omega Men on the Move

Brother Nick J. Mosby Selected as Member of Maryland State House of Delegates



In February 2017, Brother Nick J. Mosby started his new job as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates after he was chosen by the State Central Committee to fill a vacancy triggered by former Maryland State Legislator Catherine Pugh's election as Mayor of the City of Baltimore. Brother Mosby gave up his seat on the Baltimore City Council to

run for Mayor against Senator Pugh last year. As new representative of the Maryland State's 40th Legislative District said he wants to go after manufacturers of toxic lead paint, boost property values and school performance in West Baltimore and make all city streets safer.

During the 2015 Baltimore protests over the Freddie Gray death, Brother Mosby represented Baltimore City District 7, where the worst of the rioting happened. He was at the forefront of the activity and was seen with reporters on all national broadcasts covering the Baltimore unrest. He served his community with distinction and honor during these turbulent times. His wife, the Honorable Marilyn Mosby, Baltimore City States' Attorney, prosecuted six Baltimore City Police Officers in the Freddie Gray death.

Brother Nick J. Mosby is a proactive leader with innovative problem solving abilities with a record of achievement as a strategic partner in accomplishing objectives for corporations and communities. An inter-governmental affairs organizer experienced in developing and executing strategic plans by successfully engaging grassroots and grassstop organizations and constituencies, he has a strong background in technical engineering, sound budget and project management skills, and labor policy. Brother Mosby has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Tuskegee University and Masters of Science in Telecommunications Management from Stevens Institute of Technology. He was initiated in

Brother Carlton Saunders Recieves Black Engineer of the Year Modern Day Technology Leader Award



Brother Carlton Saunders is one of the recipients of the BEYA (Black Engineer of the Year Award) Modern Day Technology Leader. According to Career Communications Group, the originator and force behind BEYA, the award recognizes "the leaders in corporate America who are doing the things that keep our country going, shaping the future of engineering, science and technology".

Brother Carlton Saunders, one of the Booz Allen Hamilton's Army Systems Delivery Group's team members, has been nationally recognized this year for his contributions in the field of Information Technology. The fast-rising Booz Allen Hamilton Lead Engineer was one of ten company employees named a Modern Technology Leader at the Black Engineer of the Year (BEYA) Conference awards ceremony To be considered for the MDTL award, a nominee must: Have 5+ years expertise and/or academic qualification in STEM, Participate in community outreach activities, es-

pecially ones that demonstrate leadership in the STEM community or as a role model for youth, Demonstrate achievements that qualify as "pioneering" efforts as an architect of change in STEM and Have an impact on their business unit or client. The award is given out at the 31st Annual BEYA STEM Global Competitiveness conference in Washington DC. Conference was Feb 8-10 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

Brother Saunders graduated with an Economics degree from University of Maryland, and a Master's in Telecommunications Engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology. He entered the IT field fourteen years ago with Verizon and has been with Booz Allen Hamilton for the past three years.

Saunders said that Booz Allen Hamilton's approach to its employees is different from companies he was worked for in the past. "Booz Allen is so different in that it offers so many different ways to help you get oriented into the company and focused to help your customers.

"My first job was as a network engineer with Verizon, and I progressed from that into Engineering Management," he explained. After that I moved into US Army support, contracting as an Operations and Sustainment Deputy Program Manager. From that I come here to support the Software Engineering Center of the Army.

"I get a lot of satisfaction helping the Software Engineering Center fulfill its mission as the integrator and sustainer of the Army's most complex systems," Saunders added. "But there is also the people aspect, and that is the part you really get to look forward to—to positively impact the group of folks on your team. The work will always get done, but it's time that we spend working together as a team to get the work done with people that I can learn from—that is the important part."

Brother Carlton Saunders was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 2006 through Pi Omega Chapter.

Omega Men on the Move

Brother R. Scott Dingle Brigadier General



Brigadier General R. Scott Dingle is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Morgan State University. He commissioned as a Medical Service Corps Officer through the ROTC Program. Initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1984 through Pi Chapter at Morgan State University, his degrees include Master of Science in Administration Degree from Central Michigan University, Master of Military Arts and Science Degree from School of Advanced Military Studies and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College

Brigadier General Dingle's service began as an Ambulance Platoon leader and Motor Officer, 75th Forward Support Battalion, 194th Separate Armored Brigade. His next assignment was to McDonald Army Community Hospital, Fort Eustis, Virginia where he served as an Adjutant; Chief, Plans, Operations, Training, and Security. He assumed Command of the Medical Company and Medical Hold Detachment in 1991. From 1992 to 1995 he served in Germany as the Commander of Charlie Company, 3d Forward Support Battalion. After command he served as the 3rd Infantry Division Plans Officer

for the Division Medical Operations Center. In July 1995, he became an Instructor with the Army Medical Department Center and School Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. In January 1999, he returned to Germany as the 1st Armored Division's Chief, Division Medical Operations Center. He next attended Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, KS (2001-2002).

His follow on utilization assignment was to Fort Bragg as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Exercises, 44th Medical Command and 18th Abn Corps Plans officer. In December 2002, Brigadier General Dingle deployed to OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM as the Ground Combat Planner for Combined Joint Task Force -180. He next served as the Executive Officer, 261st Area Support Medical Battalion (44th MEDCOM) and later as Chief, Medical Plans and Operations, 18th Airborne Corps Surgeon's Office. In December 2004, he deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, as Chief Medical Plans and Operations Multinational Corps-Iraq Surgeon's office. In June 2006, he returned to the states and was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General as Chief, Current Operations, Special Plans Officer, and later as Healthcare Operations Executive Officer. From 2009-2010, he commanded the 261st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Brigadier General Dingle next assumed command of the U.S. Army Medical Recruiting Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky from July 2010 to July 2012. He relinquished command in July 2012, to attend the National War College. Upon completion of the National War College, he returned to the Office of the Surgeon General as the Director, Health Care Operations/G-3. He was selected for command and assumed command of the 30th Medical Brigade, Germany in May 2014. On 22 June 2015, he became the MEDCOM G-3/5/7.

Brigadier General Dingle is a graduate of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course, The Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, The School of Advanced Military Studies and the National War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (seven Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit, Recruiters Medallion, the Order of Kentucky Colonels and the Army Surgeon Generals prestigious 9A Proficiency Designator.



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Omega Men on the Move

Brother Vaughn M. Bond, Jr. promoted 1st African American Chief of Police in New Castle County, Delaware



Wilmington, DE. March 21, 2017. Bro. Vaughn M. Bond, Jr., was promoted to the rank of Colonel and was named the first African American to become the Chief of the New Castle County (DE) Division of Police. Bro. Colonel Bond has 25 years of progressive law enforcement experience, including more than 13 years of police supervisory and management roles within the Division of Police. On December 9, 1991, Colonel Bond began his law enforcement career as a police officer with the New Castle County Division of Police. During

the next 25 years, he rose through the ranks and managed the Uniform Patrol Section, the Criminal Investigative Unit and recently served as the Police Major, the Commander of the Division's Operations Branch.

He is a highly-decorated officer, receiving a Distinguished Unit Citation, several letters of commendation, 1997 Crime Stoppers Detective of the Year, 1999 runner up for the Crime Stoppers Detective of the Year and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award, just to name a few. Colonel Bond was also recognized as a YMCA Black Achiever for his accomplishments in Law Enforcement. In addition, Colonel Bond was the recipient of the 2014 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Phi Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Colonel Bond earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the Delaware State University in 1991, and it was there that Bro. Bond was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Psi Epsilon Chapter in spring 1988. He has received over 2000 hours of specialized professional training such as West Point Command and Leadership Academy and the Senior Management Institute for Police Executives.

In speaking with Chief Bond, he indicated that he was humbled to be named to the chief position and that he was grateful for those that paved the way for him to reach this milestone in his career. He is proud to hold the mantle for other minority officers. When asked about his biggest challenges, Bond cited the need for the Division of Police to develop a plan to instill trust between the communities of New Castle County (DE) and policemen. Additionally, he alluded to the fact that the division must develop and implement strategies to attract a diverse workforce.

Colonel Bond is a member of the Delaware Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive and a Board member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Bro. Colonel Bond is an active member of Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Phi Psi Fraternity located in Dover, Delaware and serves on the Usher Board at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Colonel Vaughn M. Bond Jr. has been married to his wife, Darlene for 22 years, and they have two daughters, Jasmine, a freshman at Norfolk State University and Jada, a high school sophomore.

Omega Brand Statement

25-Word (Elevator) Positioning Statement:

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

50-Word Positioning Statement:

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

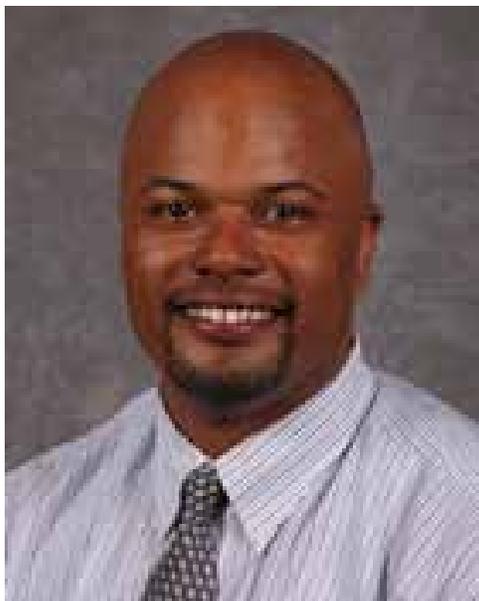
100+ Word Positioning Statement:

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

If your company is looking to move from "success" to "significance" as a corporate neighbor, let's have a conversation!

Our aim is to make you feel welcome, respected and well served!

Physicians' Corner - Cancer and Its Impact on African American Men



Brother Dr. Jedan Phillips



Brothers,

In this episode of the Omega Physician's Corner, we will be discussing cancer and its impact on African American men. The most common cancers that affect African-American men are prostate, lung, colon and rectal cancers. African-Americans have the highest cancer death rate and shortest cancer survival time of any racial or ethnic group in the United States. African-American men have the highest prostate cancer rates of any group. African-American men are twice more likely to die from prostate cancer than their white counterparts. African-Americans have the highest incidence of colorectal cancer in the United States. African-Americans also have the highest death rates amongst those impacted by colorectal cancers. African-Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with more advanced colorectal cancer. African Americans are less likely to have colonoscopy screening. Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in African-Americans. African-American men have higher rates of lung cancer than white man. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in African-Americans. There appears to be multiple contributing factors to these statistics that demonstrate the heavy burden that the African American community bears when he comes to these cancers. As I mentioned in my previous articles "Prevention is less costly to us then reaction". There is no medical issue where this is so evident other than these screenable cancers (prostate/colorectal/ lung). What can we do to put ourselves in the best situation when it comes to preventing cancer and/or identifying it early? Of course there are some basic lifestyle recommendations. These recommendations include avoidance of tobacco products and smoking. Maintaining a healthy weight through diet and exercise. Staying physically active through exercise. Consuming a healthy diet. And most importantly having your scheduled recommended screening test done. The screening test are best initiated through your primary care physician. I will provide some basic information pertaining to these cancers and their recommendations for screening. This should not be in place of you seeing your doctor and having a conversation with your doctor. Lung cancer— It is recommended to have an annual screening for lung cancer if you are an adult between the ages of 55 and 80 years old who has a 30 or greater-pack-year history of smoking or have quit smoking within the past 15 years. The recommended test is a low dose CAT scan of the chest without contrast.

Prostate Cancer— It is recommended that African-American man started having there screening at the age of 45 years old (It can start earlier if your medical history suggests). That screening will include prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital rectal exam. This should be done annually.

Colorectal Cancer— The latest guidelines recommend African-American men having their first colorectal screening test done at the age of 45. The goal standard is the colonoscopy. They are some alternatives that can be done if one is apprehensive about having a colonoscopy done. If these alternative tests do show a positive result then the patient must have a colonoscopy to follow-up. The results of the colonoscopy will dictate the frequency that the subsequent surveillance colonoscopy should be done. If one chooses to have the other test in place of the colonoscopy, then those tests should be done annually and as stated earlier if the result is positive then that patient should have a colonoscopy.

A significant contributor to the cancer burden stated above is our lack of having scheduled screening tests done. These tests are done to try to catch these cancers as early as possible. If a cancer is diagnosed at an early stage then the treatment is less impactful on the patient. Again my brothers all of this starts with you seeing your doctor and having these conversations about the different components that go in to you maintaining your health. So my brothers remember prevention is a lot less costly to you then reaction when he comes to your medical care especially will be talk about cancer.



National Pan-Hell Joint Statement on Hazing



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Joint Statement on Hazing in Response to the Movie Burning Sands

NPHC is comprised of local councils drawn from the ranks of 1.5 million college and professional members of the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities, namely: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., and the Council of Presidents of these member organizations who come together on issues that promote the common purposes and general good for which these organizations exist.

In 1990, the NPHC organizations issued a joint statement announcing the elimination of pledging and each has instituted within its respective organization, a revised membership development and intake process.

Each NPHC organization has instituted strong policies against hazing and has taken steps to reinforce and strengthen its stand against prohibited conduct whether it is displayed through movies, books, or any type of social media.

NPHC and its member organizations have developed and instituted policies against hazing and have taken steps to reinforce and strengthen their stand against this prohibited conduct. Equally important, NPHC and its member organizations do not condone, support, or encourage the production of movies, books, or any type of social media that promote hazing.

“Burning Sands” Movie Review



The movie “Burning Sands” directed and produced by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member Gerard McMurray (Alpha chapter 2002) is a dark drama about Black collegiate fraternity life and in particular Intake into a Black frat. It revolves around the fictitious fraternity, Lambda Lambda Phi. The movie’s backdrop is on an unnamed HBCU campus in a sleepy southern town. The film exposes much of the violence that is endemic in pledging a Black Greek lettered fraternity. It delves into the societal acceptance and dangers of pledging from multiple levels. The movie examines the “code of silence” maintained by the fraternity’s members, potential members, campus advisor, alum, students and even a faculty member. While there are some aspects that resemble Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity there is no actual connection to Omega. It could have been about any Black Greek lettered fraternity. The value in this film is the potential to create dialogue that can stimulate genuine results on how BGLOs deal with the problem of violence.

I know my views may not be popular with the membership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity but the movie was fairly accurate. I also know many from my era will agree that is not how we pledged. We spent far more time pledging than getting hazed in the 70’s & 80’s. There is no place in Omega from what I saw in “Burning Sands” but the reality is it exists. In the scene where the main character and intake member Zurich meets with the character Dean Richardson the chapter’s advisor the conversation was all too real. It was an effective example of how older fraternity members sometimes perpetuate and re-enforce the inhumanity of hazing by denying its presence.

In this film there were no secrets of Omega betrayed. No indiscretions. Nowadays “Bruhs” view anything that if caught and it gets you into trouble as indiscrete. A “GDI” could have written the screenplay. The more we pretend like the public doesn’t know who we are and what we do the more our own denial becomes our greatest potential for harm. In 1980 my line’s “last meal” of Alpo dog food was in the cafeteria during “Hell Week” for all to behold. It had been done that way probably since Hell Week came into being on our campus. Yet, that also became a part of the underground. So when pledging went underground the underground part of pledging that was always there is all that was left. And that was the “SET”.

This film creates the potential for a narrative that all members of the D9 can relate to. It is not just an Omega problem. This movie doesn’t singu-

larly indict Omega Psi Phi Fraternity but all BGLOs. And it highlights a major systemic issue that has been swept under the rug by BGLOs, colleges and universities and that is the tendency not to deal with it in a realistic manner. As far as Omega is concerned the culture of violence is likely the source and cause of a cancer in our organization. I would say it has much to do with our often times lack of discretion, occasional gross dereliction of proper care during intake, super low retention numbers, a culture that resembles gang like associations among chapters and an internal violence that has a tendency of spontaneous combustibility which are all telltale signs. It can even be concluded that the random violence we sometimes witness at informal Omega gatherings has a direct correlation to our “process”.

As Omega men we are members of the greatest Black Fraternity on the planet. We must embrace the underlying theme of “Burning Sands” as quoted by Alfre Woodard’s character in the film, which is one of Frederick Douglass’ most famous quotes: “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men”. The sort of hazing witnessed in the film Burning Sands demonstrably strips young people of their dignity and frequently places them unnecessarily in harms way. I submit to those who would say this film is not important or holds no value because we have greater issues in Omega that ignoring this film and not recognizing the golden jewel of reformation and restoration it presents is a major mistake and a failing we can ill afford.



Review by Brother Quasim Rashad
2nd District NAACP/CEF Chairman.

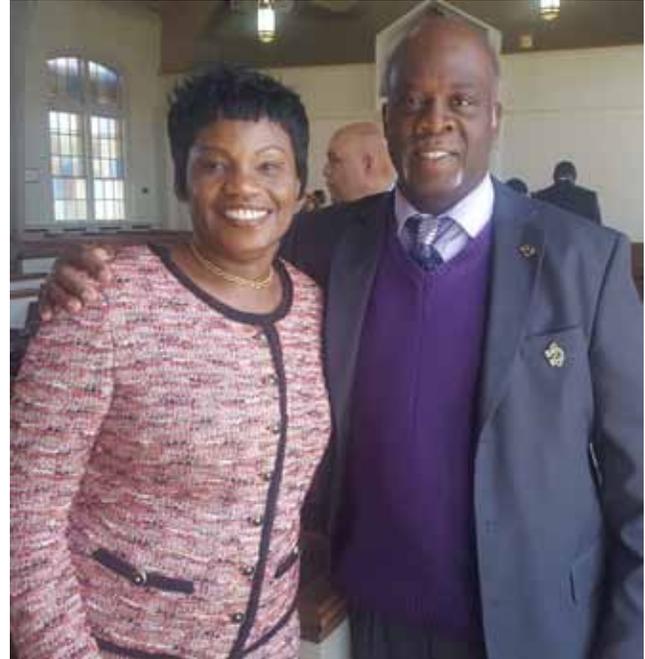
2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Provides Support For Two Legislative Bills

Annapolis, MD. February 14 and March 2, 2017. The 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., provided support to Delegate Pamela E. Queen, Legislative District 14, Montgomery County at the Economic Committee Hearing. 2nd District, Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee provided assistance to Delegate Queen's proposed legislation: 1) House Bill #459 – Higher Education - Adult Correctional Institutions – Job Training and Education Bill for establishing a training program for returning citizen; 2) House Bill #847 – Expansion of Prescription Medication for Released Inmates bill – Benefits for Individuals Who are Incarcerated or Institutionalized. Delegate Queen was appreciative for lending our voice in efforts to provide inmates with workforce training, certification and experience for “in demand” job sectors.

The 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., fully supports these proposed bills aims to provide assistance to incarcerated men and women that transition back to the community. They also allow approval for future release for certain inmates in the process of applying for Medicaid or health coverage through Maryland Healthcare Marketplace.

Brother Jeffrey Diggs, Basileus, Mu Rho Chapter, supported the Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee at the Judicial Hearing by providing testimony to the House Bill #847. Mu Rho Chapter located in Annapolis, Maryland mentors some fathers from their Adult Fathers Mentoring program who were ex-offenders. Some have successfully re-established themselves back into society. Brother Diggs shared how fraternity members work closely with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to help the fathers discover their confidence, niche in life, employment training, employment, assess individual and family needs linking men to services. The mentoring program includes an array of health and human services such as, individual and group counseling, literacy, assessment of reading levels, life skills, employment opportunities, and one-on-one tutoring and family management counseling for children, teens, adults and families.

As a result of this new Legislative Focus experience, we request volunteers to form a Legislative Sub-committee. The purpose of the sub-committee will be to track and monitor Legislative House Bills that impact Adult Fathers and Young Males. To make recommendation to Fatherhood and Mentoring Program Chairman to be vetted to District Executive Team. Please contact FMP Chairman to join this new sub-committee.



Delegate Pamela Queen and Brother Donald Williams

Let's continue to work together to change the trajectory on raising the brotherhood awareness, family engagement, involvement with children healthy development and impact across the 2nd District.

Next Step: The House Bill #459 Higher Education - Adult Correctional Institutions - Job Training and Education passed the House. This bill will now be heard by the Senate on March 22 at 1PM in the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

By Donald Williams
2nd District Fatherhood and Mentorship Chairman

Nu Nu 50/50 Raffle for Camden HBCU Fair

Willingboro NJ, February 18, 2017. The Brothers of NU NU held the drawing for the Camden Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair 50/50 raffle at the JFK Center. The sum of \$1631 was raised as profit after expenses. Half the proceeds will help defer the costs of the 2017 Camden HBCU College fair held at the BB&T Pavilion in Camden, NJ. There were 5 cash prizes given totaling \$815.; First Prize – \$366.98, D. Linder, Second Prize – \$203.88, Tracey McLaughlin, Third Prize – \$122.33, Andrea Moore, Fourth Prize - \$81.55, Ally Franklin, Fifth Prize \$40.78, Mason Granger.



Nu Nu Brothers conducting the raffle



Brother Charles F. Coleman, Jr. Co-Produces and Host Black Brilliance 360 Web Series



Brother Charles F. Coleman Jr. (center) is the host of the new web series Black Brilliance 360.

New York, NY. January 2017. Brother Charles F. Coleman, Jr. co-produces the new web series called black brilliance 360, purpose is to flip the narrative on who black men are and what they're really about. Co-produced by media veteran Tamisha H. Harris, black brilliance 360 offers a platform for black men to tell their stories of what it means to be a black man living in America. Each episode features a cross-generational group of black men from a wide range of backgrounds engaging in conversations around various topics like commitment and relationships (episode 1) and identity and manhood. It's the kind of real talk that black men have in private, safe spaces like the local barbershop. "My hope is that it will spark greater conversation through insight and understanding. It may not always be pretty, but we want it to be authentic

and honest," said Coleman, who is host of the show. Coleman says that the plan is to drop a new episode every three weeks, but in between shows, extra content like outtakes and interviews with contributors, along with Twitter chats, will keep the conversations started by the webisodes going. "I want black brilliance to become an attainable and inclusive ideal that isn't just reserved for doctors or lawyers but can be expressed by different individuals in their own way and still recognized as brilliant in its uniqueness," Coleman said. You can subscribe to the show's YouTube channel; follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Nu Nu MLK Day of Service



Burlington, NJ January 16, 2017. The Brothers of NU NU Chapter participated in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Each year NU NU supports the MLK Day of Service by serving food to the needy, organizing storage rooms, working on the grounds, and lending a hand wherever the Church Deacons need help. It was a great day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Nu Nu Brothers serving food to guest



Nu Nu Memorial Service



Nu Nu Brothers participating in the service

Burlington, NJ. March 12, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter held their Memorial Service at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The theme was “Now is the Time for Omega Men to Rise”. Reverend Bro. Henry A. Rowlette Jr. gave a poignant sermon on this year’s theme. Nu Nu served dinner to the members and guests at the end of the service.

Nu Nu Talent Hunt

Burlington, NJ. March 25, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu held their 2017 Talent Hunt Competition at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Our high school students performed vocals and dramatic interpretations. They were all very talented and their futures look very bright. Cash prizes were awarded to all the winners. The first place winner received \$500 and will represent Nu Nu at the 2nd District Talent hunt. Our second place winner received \$125.00 and third place \$75.00.

Elonzo Vereen was our first place winner, who performed a profound dramatic interpretation of his own composition. He is a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School. Elonzo’s hobbies are acting, drawing, dancing, and writing.

Jasmine Livingston was our second place winner with a vocal selection. She is a freshman at Northern Burlington High School.

Dominic Patterson was our third place winner with a vocal selection. He is a senior at Eastern Regional High school.



1st Place Elonzo Vereen performing the winning dramatic interpretation

Nu Nu Men R Cooking



Bro.ther Ed Harper making pancakes

Burlington, NJ March 25, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu chapter presented “Men R Cooking” (A Gastronomical Brunch Extravaganza), at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The brothers prepared omelets, baked chicken, fried fish, macaroni and cheese, sausage, string beans, and numerous deserts and beverages. The proceeds were to benefit our Social Action programs.

Nu Nu & Pi Kappa Kappa College Fair



Students attending at the Nu Nu & Pi Kappa Kappa sponsored Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair

Camden, New Jersey, November 15, 2016. The Brothers of Nu Nu and Pi Kappa Kappa held their Historically Black College and University College Fair at BB&T Pavilion, in partnership with Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fairs. This outstanding event brought students from all over South Jersey and provided them with an opportunity to talk to college recruiters from the leading HBCUs. This was a very successful event. 2125 students registered 1731 actually attended and 64 HBCUs partici-

pated. One example of the success of this program would be Timber Creek Regional High School. Out of the 35 students that attended, 30 were given on-site admission – 29 with acceptances and 1 with only a conditional acceptance. Of those 30 students given on-site admission, 18 of them received scholarships of different amounts, partial and full. A total of 1.5 million was given in scholarships for the entire event.

Nu Nu Thanksgiving Baskets for the Needy



Bro. Brian Young, Shawn Rupp of BJ's holding plaque, Bro. Terrance Franklin

Willingboro, NJ November 19, 2016. The Brothers of Nu Nu chapter prepared Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. The Brothers of Nu Nu provided a complete thanksgiving meal including a whole turkey to 20 needy families at JFK Center in Burlington County, NJ. Nu Nu chapter would also like to sincerely thank BJs for generously donating 20 turkeys. Bro.

Brian Young from BJs was instrumental in securing the donation. We also presented a plaque of appreciation to BJs for their continued support of our effort. Each family was delivered a basket that only required cooking and seasoning. This is an annual effort by Nu Nu to assist the less fortunate at Thanksgiving.

Tau Pi Male Mentoring Program



Tau Pi Mentoring Trip to the African American Museum of History and Culture

Columbia, MD. February 2017. Tau Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Columbia, Maryland initiated a Male Mentoring Program in 1994 at Guilford Elementary School. The goal of the program has been and continues to be the achievement of academic success, cultural enrichment, Plus promoting and elevating the self-esteem of mentees through meaningful associations with successful adult black males as role models. Mentees consist of students ranging from 3rd to 12th grades. The mentoring program is being administered with the guidance, support and oversight of Guilford Elementary School's Alternative Education Educator and School Principal.

The program comprises of several mentoring sessions, a one and half hour session each week with Elementary School mentees and a session every other Saturday, which includes middle and high school mentees, for two and three quarter hours. During the weekly sessions, mentors support the Alternative Education Educator by assisting mentees with homework, focusing on academic goals, reinforcement of academic lessons being taught



Teaching Tau Pi Mentoring Program Boys Chess

in the classroom, stressing behavioral compliance with school and social norms, and self-esteem building. During the Saturday sessions, Mentors conduct a wide range of presentations and tutoring sessions such as reinforcement of math and writing skills, proper decorum, Black History & Famous Omega Men, personal hygiene, public speaking, drug awareness, SAT/ACT preparations, college application preparation, scholarship applications and anger management. Field trips are also conducted to museums, university campuses, the White House, Nations' Capital Visitors Center and other points of interest. In addition, several Saturday sessions have been conducted with mentee parents on being an advocate for their child, identifying and applying for college scholarships and the need for good parenting skills to achieve academic success.

As a result of the mentoring program, mentees became more focused on academic success, self-esteem and behavior improved. School officials and mentee parents have been pleased with the influence of the mentoring program on their young men.

Tau Pi Mentoring Program All Star Football Classic Trip

Columbia, MD. December 10, 2017. The Annual Baltimore Touchdown Club held its Senior All-Star football classic. The 21st annual classic game was held at Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn, MD. It featured two games, the East vs. West and the North vs. South.

Daniel Darko, a senior at the SEED School in Baltimore, MD was selected as a Defensive Back for the East All-Star squad. Daniel is a Tau Pi Chapter High School mentee. He has been part of our program since 4th grade at Guilford Elementary School located in Columbia, MD.

To pay tribute and lend our support, Tau Pi Mentoring Committee took all 31 of its mentees to the game. In addition to providing transportation, we funded admission and lunch for our mentees. Co-chair Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins coordinated the event. Guilford Alternative Education Coordinator Tanya Holland along with several of our Mentors also was in attendance.

Daniel Darko has a fraternal twin, Shem who also attends the SEED school. Shem, his father and sisters were there to cheer him on. Daniel in addition to playing defensive back, returned punts and kick-offs. It was a very exciting game. However, Daniel's team lost by a touchdown.

The Mentors used the game as a learning experience for all of the mentees. We emphasized teamwork if you are going to be successful. We also illustrated that you need to balance playing sports with academic achievements. We shared that there are many academic achievers and successful business athletes in college and the National Football League.



Tau Pi Mentee Daniel Darko playing in the All Star Football Classic

Tau Pi Mid-Year Mentoring Celebration



Tau Pi Mentoring Class

Columbia, MD. March 2017. In an effort to recognize the academic success of Tau Pi Chapters' Omega Mentoring Program, a Mid-Year Mentoring Celebration was held at Guildford Elementary School in Columbia, Maryland on March 4, 2017.

The celebration was held in concert with Ms. Tanya Holland, Guildford's Educator for Education. The purpose of the celebration was to recognize mentee academic excellence for the first two quarters of the school year. Certificates of Excellence were awarded to mentees for achieving outstanding grades in Math, English, Science, Social Studies/Geography, and School Honor Role Awards.

Certificates of Excellence were also given for outstanding school Attendance and Mentoring Attendance. Brother Jerry Watkins, Mentoring Co-chairman, also gave special tokens of service appreciation to Ms. Madonna Brown-Miles of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Ms. Paula Dofat for their presentations regarding high school curriculums necessary for

college acceptance, preparation of college entrance exams and scholarship applications.

Brother Watkins also gave out special tokens of service appreciation to Brother Ronald Britt and David Charon for their presentations on opportunities in military service and college financing through the State of Maryland 529 College Savings Program.

Service Awards were also given to 5 non-fraternity mentors for their outstanding service and support of the mentoring program by Brother Frank Miles, Mentoring Co-chairman. Mentee members of the Lego Robotics team also were recognized for the participation in the First Lego League State Qualifier Competition.

The Celebration also included performances by Hammond High School drama actors and an all-girls step team. The Celebration was attended by more than 100 guests consisting of mentees, mentee parents, and mentors.

Tau Pi Lego League Robotics Team

Columbia, MD. February 2017. One of the items stressed and emphasized in the Tau Pi Omega Mentoring Program is STEM. To that end, the Tau Pi Mentoring Program has sponsored a First Lego League Robotics Team for the last several years.

Team consists of mentees between the ages of 10 to 14. This year's team competed in the Maryland First Lego League State Qualifier Competition held at Prince Georges Community College on February 4, 2017. Team was coached by Brothers Frank Miles, Steve Grice, Dijon Patterson and Mr. Vernon Curry.

Mentee Team members were Trent Willis, Jaylen Lott, Daryl Briggs and Derson Gilson of the seventh grade. The team was challenged to do research on agreed Animal Ally; develop a presentation of their findings; develop recommendations to improve animal relationships with man; and design-program a robot to accomplish designated tasks. The programming of the robot requires the use of math skills and problem solving abilities. The basic premise of the program is using team building relationships to accomplish a specific goals.



Tau Pi Lego Robotics Team

Brother David Charon Presents Bond Bill for Tau Pi Fraternity Center Project



Brother David Charon

Columbia, MD. March 2017. Bro. David Charon, Immediate Past and 21st Basileus of Tau Pi Chapter, has represented the chapter in preparing, requesting and presenting a Bond Bill proposal to financially support our Fraternity Center project. He has admirably presented the bond proposal to the County and Maryland State Boards. At the present time, we are awaiting final approval from the State Board of Estimates.

Bro. Charon was initiated into the fraternity through Tau Pi Chapter on April 11, 1987. He graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management and Accounting. He currently is the President/CEO of a State Farm Agency with over \$4 million dollars in Operating Revenue located in Glen Burnie, MD.

In addition to serving as Basileus, he was Vice Basileus and served on and chaired many of the chapter's committees. Most notable committees were Achievement Week/Founders Day; Boat Ride; Talent Hunt; Gospel

Concert; and Reclamation/Retention. For his outstanding work, he has been presented the chapter's Omega Man of the Year twice.

In addition to the aforementioned, he has found time to serve as a Board Member on Howard County African American Community Roundtable as its fundraising chair. This committee has brought a keen awareness of the disparities between other nationalities and African American students in the Howard County Public School System. A recent major issue was the high number of suspensions of African American students. Of course with loss of school days, this only exacerbated an already significant achievement gap, especially for our male students.

Bro. Charon, unlike many ex-officers has not shied away or scaled back his energy and involvement in doing the business of Omega after serving as Basileus. While serving he knew there were a myriad of things that needed to be addressed and resolved. His Omega spirit just would not let him walk away or become a pin wearer and being a Be Qwt Bruh.

Tau Pi Pre-Valentine Day "Love Concert"



Tau Pi Brothers with Wives at the "Love Concert"

Columbia, MD. February 2017. Love was in the air! On February 12, 2017, close to twenty Tau Pi Bruhs and their "sweethearts" attended the Pre-Valentine's Day "Love Concert" at the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Club. It was an evening of spectacular music and food. Since a lot of Bruhs are married to DSTs, let's say there was a lot of Coleman Love in the atmosphere. Jeff Bradshaw, the headline act, is a very talented trombone player

who has toured with the likes of the great Jill Scott and Robert Glasper. The evening began with drinks and hors d'oeuvres as brothers and their significant others had a chance to mingle and fellowship. This was a Reclamation and Retention committee event. At Tau Pi chapter, we are committed to keeping brothers engaged and creating activities and events that promotes friendship and fellowship.

International Talent Hunt Foundation, Inc.

In 2006, the International Talent Hunt Committee (ITHC) held its first retreat in Atlanta, Georgia. Meetings were held at the International Headquarters (IHQ) in the Supreme Council Conference Room, where 9 of 12 District Talent Hunt Chairmen were in attendance, along with the chairman and vice chairman of the ITHC and the Assistant Director of Operations at IHQ.

During the weekend of our retreat, there was great deal of discussion about the International Talent Hunt Guidelines and other concerns and issues, as well as ways to enhance our Talent Hunt efforts. A major point of conversation was ways to enhance funding for our International Talent Hunt Program. It was recommended that we establish a 501(c)(3) foundation focused on promoting the arts and advancing the artistic opportunities for our young people.

After a series of conference calls and written correspondences, it was decided to make a recommendation to the Grand Conclave to create a Talent Hunt non-profit organization. That recommendation was submitted for consideration on April 21, 2010. It was at the 77th Grand Conclave in Raleigh, NC that the Conclave delegation approved the establishment of a foundation to support the visual and performing arts endeavors of the ITHC, a separate body with no input into the operation of the foundation. The official name of the of the organization is the International Talent Hunt Foundation, Inc.(ITHF), which was approved by the Internal Rev-

enue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization in December 2014.

Since its establishment, the ITHF has created by-laws to govern its work, selected 10 board members with tiered terms, developed an informational/donor brochure, signed a licensing and branding agreement with OPPE, Inc., convened for its inaugural NV, and held a silent auction of some prints of famous athletes – Michael Jordan, Steve McNair, Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille O’Neal, and Charlie Ward. Plans are in the works to enhance its fundraising efforts to include an individual giving campaign. The ITHF was formed to support the International Talent Hunt Program. The hope is to eventually offer financial support to chapters for visual and performing arts programming for young people.

As a part of your charitable giving for 2017, the ITHF requests that you consider a contribution for the uplift of our gifted and artistically talented young people. Your donation will support the foundation with providing resources and opportunities for our young people who participate in the International Talent Hunt Demonstration (ITHD). The ITHD is now every year due to the efforts of the International Talent Hunt Committee that lobbied the Conclave to approve the demonstration as an annual event. Donations may be made by accessing the ITHF website at internationaltalenthuntfoundation.org and clicking on the donation tab.

If you have questions please contact Director Larry C. Pough, Chairman, ITHF Board of Directors at lcough@gmail.com or at 585-507-1245.

Tau Pi Black History Month



Tau Pi Brothers Calvin Zellers, Charles Mitchell, Jr., O.D. and Allen Mines at the Black History Month Expo

Columbia, MD. February 2017. The Black History Expo Core Committee in partnership with the National Pan Hellenic Council of Howard County, the Howard County Public School System’s Office of Community Outreach and Engagement and the Howard County Branch N.A.A.C.P., sponsored the Black History Expo that took place on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Maryland.

Each of the Divine Nine fraternities and sororities as well as other community organizations participated with individual displays that depicted the Expo’s theme, “The Crisis in Black Education.” Some of this year’s program featured the elementary schools Gold Winners of their Black Unheard Perspectives Program, the Wilde Lake High School Chorus, the Decoded Praise Youth Choir from St. John Baptist Church; Reservoir High School’s African Dance Group and their Step Team; Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church’s Liturgical Dancers; vocal performance by a student from Harpers Choice Middle School and an oratorical MLK presentation by a stu-

dent from Oakland Mills High School.

Additional features this year included a panel discussion featuring Board of Education member Mavis Ellis, Helen Nix, Ed. D. and Ella Bradley from HCPSS Human Resources Office, Howard County Councilman Calvin Ball, Ed. D., and Centennial High School’s Testing Coordinator, Lisa Robinson. There were two workshop offerings and a high school Black History Jeopardy Game competition. It was a well-planned day of educational, cultural, social and vending events.

Brothers, Ramsey Alexander, Eric Astrop, Ronald Britt, Alan Mines, and Charles R. Mitchell, Jr., O.D. coordinated and staffed the Tau Pi Chapter’s exhibit. The exhibit highlighted Omega Men in Arts and Entertainment, Astronauts, Civil Rights, Education, the Military, Politics and Sports.

Special thanks are extended to Brother Charles R. Mitchell, Jr., O.D. for also coordinating and setting up our Black History display that was

Omega Men Give Powerful Testimony in Annapolis MD on Shared Parenting Bill



l-r Frank Malone, Founder/CEO of the 100 Fathers, Inc. David Smith, Co-Founder/Executive Director of the Children's Rights Fund, Author of the Bill, Senator, C. Anthony Muse, Brother Honorable Judge Arthur Burnett Sr., Ms. Shaynel Caldwell, Founder/Executive Director of Our Blended Families, Inc., Thabiti Boone, Former President Obama White House Fatherhood Champion and Representative, and Jeffery Diggs, Mu Rho Basileus

Annapolis, MD. March 9, 2017. Members of the 2nd and 3rd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., provided leadership and testimony in Annapolis, Maryland in support of a major Shared Parenting Bill. The Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee members joined forces at the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing in support of a major Shared Parenting Bill that increases Father's Parent Time and Involvement with their children, (SB0905). This extremely important bill increases Father's Parent Time and Involvement with their children. It will help change the trajectory for families and certainly aid in putting order back in place in regards to father's spending more time with their children healthy development. Brothers that provided significant testimonies were: Honorable renowned and distinguished Judge Arthur Burnett, Washington, DC 3rd District; joined by Frank Malone, Co Commissioner, Office of the Mayor, Washington, DC, Commission on Black Men & Boys; CEO of Hundred (100) Fathers, Inc., Washington, DC 3rd District; and Thabiti Boone, former President Obama White House Representative. Standing in support Brothers Jeffrey Diggs, Mu Rho Basileus and member of 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee. Also, the Right Reverend Brother Courtney Miller, 3rd District Chaplain.

Far too many Fathers are continually challenged with receiving minimal time and access to their children. One of the biggest "barriers" to father's time with their children, are laws and policies set by political officials, which are enforced and promoted by Family Courts. Shared Parenting Bill removes the systemic bias against Father's, putting into law father's right to more time with their children.

Maryland State Senator, C. Anthony Muse, sponsored of the Shared Parenting Bill received the necessary votes in favor of the Bill. Senator Muse thanked the members of the Fraternity who testified on behalf of the Bill. He expressed, the Bill was well received, due in part, to the powerful Omega Men testimony and the Fraternity working with Father's, through its Fatherhood Mentoring Initiative.

Next Step:

Shared Parenting Bill will move to the House Judiciary Committee for final hearing. Senator Muse will plan meeting with Fraternity regarding

our efforts to once again testify & extend support for the Bill. Once the Bill clears House Committee, it will then become law. Let's all continue to be reminded, Father's need support and advocacy. They want to be in the lives of their children. Fraternity working with Father's is in the best interest of the children and families that need them. Submitted By Co-authored: 2nd and 3rd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee



State House Dome, Annapolis, Maryland

Four Second District Omega Men Inducted into UMES Hall of Excellence



Brother Larry Penn



Brother Derrick Davis



Brother Robert McGlotten, Jr.



Brother Eric "Moby" Brown

Princess Anne, MD. February 17 2017. University of Maryland Eastern Shore Alumni Association held the 2017 Hall of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Awards and Recognition Ceremony and Dinner at the William P. Hytche Athletic Center on the campus of UMES in Princess Anne Maryland. Every Year the UMES Alumni Association recognizes alumni who reached the pinnacle of exemplary service and achievements. The individuals honored have made enormous contributions to UMES and their respective communities in a variety of venues. This year four of the twenty honorees were active Omega Men serving in the Second District, Larry Darnell Penn, Derrick Leon Davis, Robert McGlotten and Eric "Moby" Brown.

Brother Larry Darnell Penn received the Bachelors of Science Degree in Industrial Arts Education from UMES and a Master's Degree in Education from Bowie State University with a concentration in Administration and Supervision. He is a retired educator who held many positions in Anne Arundel County, MD. Public School System, from Teacher, Department Head, Program Coordinator, Assistant Principle to Human Resource Specialist. Brother Penn is currently the Vice Basileus of Mu Rho Chapter and the President of the Greater Annapolis Alumni Chapter of UMES.

Brother Robert McGlotten, Jr. has been a pioneer and leader in economic and community development spanning over three decades. Brother McGlotten retired from public service as Assistant Secretary at the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. Robert received a Bachelor's degree from UMES and his Master's degree from How-

ard University School of social Work and Community Planning. He has served on numerous local and state boards, both public and private and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the MEDA Foundation and the UMES National Alumni Association

Brother Eric "Moby" Brown is a Senior Project Manager for the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works (DPW) overseeing multi-million dollar contracts for the Water and Waste Division. He received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UMES and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. His leadership in community and public service is unparalleled, as State Treasurer for over a decade of the Maryland Amateur Athletic Union Association (AAU), Basketball Referee for NCAA Division 1, 2, & 3 and Maryland High School Games; Treasurer of the Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc., Senior Copy Editor of The Omegan, and Legislative Aide to the President of the City Council of Baltimore. In 2016, he was the recipient of the National Superior Service Award for the Second District.

Brother Derrick Leon Davis was elected to his first term on the Prince Georges County, MD. Council. In November 2014 after serving the remaining three years of a four year vacated term. Council Member Davis was elected to serve as Chair of the Council for the 2016 Legislative Year. He represents the 6th District of Prince Georges County which includes District Heights, Forestville, Kettering, Largo, Mitchellville, Bowie, Capitol Heights and Upper Marlboro. Brother Davis received his Bachelor's degree from UMES.



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"DEDICATION, INSPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP"
"BEYOND THE NEST"

Xi Phi's Omega Black College Tour

New York, New York . March 2017. Since its inception in 1986, the Omega Black College Tour has become arguably one of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's most successful and recognized programs. The Omega Black College Tour program identifies and prepares students of color for visitation and academic review of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, ultimately for leadership roles in our society. Partnering with tristate area high schools, community organizations, non-profit foundations and state agencies, the program introduces a multitude of students, eager to learn about higher education opportunities, to college admissions administrators from the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

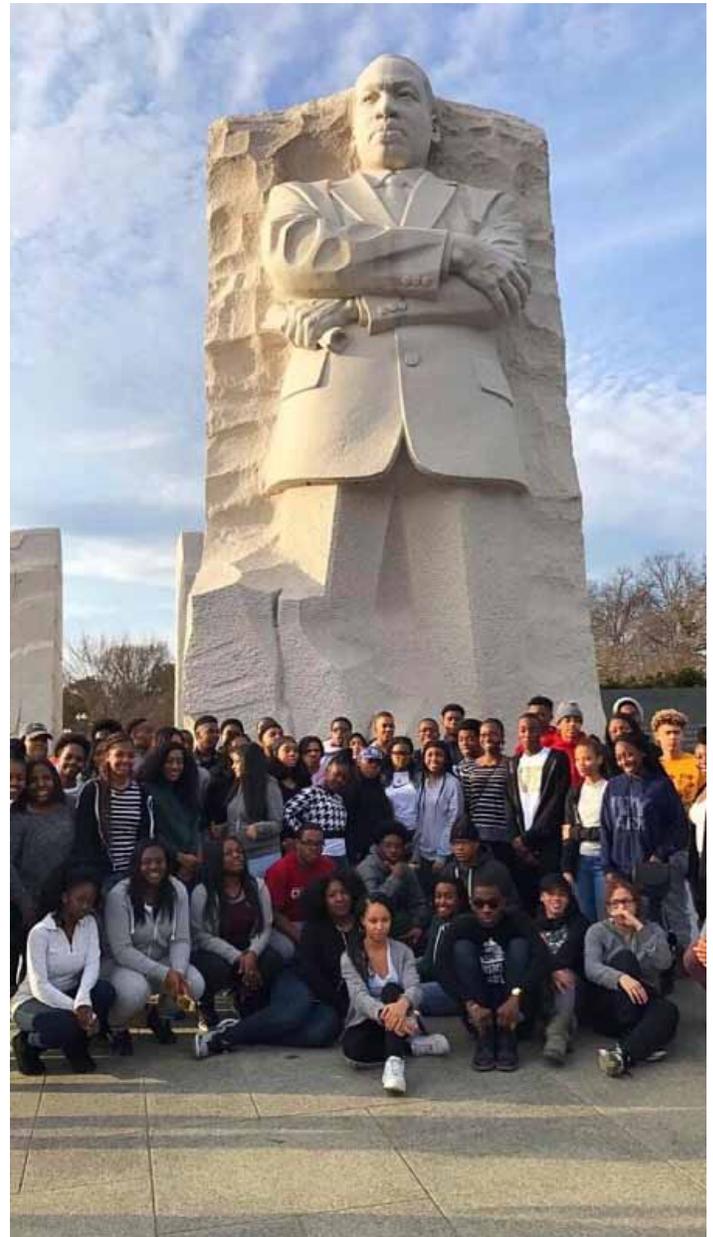
Omega Black College Tour students come from 2nd District households throughout New York City's five boroughs, New Jersey, Westchester, and Connecticut. Our comprehensive approach begins with an aggressive, citywide student talent search in which roughly between 300 to 500 nominated youngsters are selected for approximately 50 seats. The selected students complete a five-weekend workshop program which includes two parental workshop sessions. During the tour students' academic portfolios are presented to admissions administrators and students who successfully meet the college's or university's highest standards often earn on-the-spot admission offers from some of the nation's top such as Howard University, Hampton University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T University, Clark-Atlanta University, Norfolk State University, Morgan University, North Carolina Central University, Delaware State University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Many of the 2017 senior student scholars were accepted to one or more HBCU's.

Students who attended this year's college tour workshops were also able to draw inspiration from Bronx District Attorney Darcel Denise Clark, New York's first African-American female DA and a Howard University graduate. DA Clark reinforced the relationship between hard work, seeking opportunities and community support. These fundamentals align with the lifelong impact of our fraternity's Cardinal Principals. Particularly for the hard-working students who, through circumstances beyond their control, need a little extra help to reach their goals.

The program has proudly reached the stage where Omega Black College Tour alumni consistently take immediate advantage of the robust academic lessons learned during the Omega BCT workshops. 2016 Omega BCT alum Naliah Wright, a Staton Scholarship recipient and current freshman at Hampton University is a wonderful example. She writes "to those who donate, you turn dreamers into achievers, and turn hopeless thoughts to hope. I would not be at Hampton without the men of Xi Phi Chapter, the Omega Black College Tour and its supporters. I made the Dean's List this year as a freshman and plan to do even better as a sophomore – I will continue to make you proud."

"Over the years, the Omega BCT ranks have grown to include a doctor, a few lawyers, countless educators, administrators and corporate executives, and even an NFL player. The Omega Black College Tour program builds character and changes lives. I'm not only the 2016 and 2017 Omega BCT Committee Chairman but an alumnus." Bro. Michael Gilbert

To learn more about the Omega Black College Tour, to sponsor a student or make a chapter donation for 2018 Omega BCT please visit our website at www.xiphichapter.com or contact Brother. Jesse L. Askew, Communications Director at jesse_askew@hotmail.com.



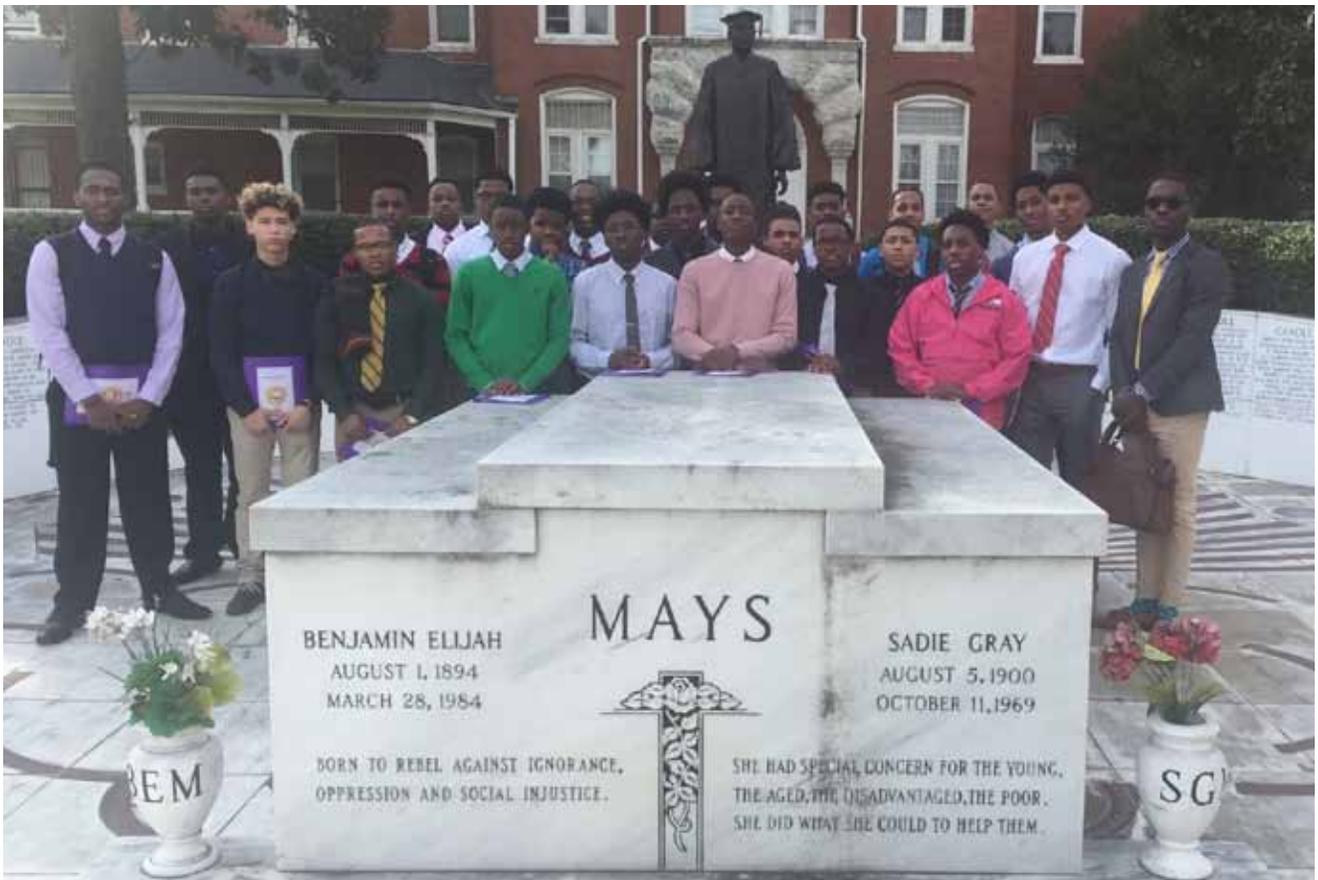
Omega Black College Tour Kids at MLK Memorial



Xi Phi's Omega Black College Tour



Omega Black College Tour Kids at Omega Psi Phi International Headquarters



Omega Black College Tour Kids at Benjamin Mays Memorial at Morehouse University

Xi Lambda Lambda Omega Man of the Year



Brother Gerald Inman

Rockland County, NY. March 2017. Bro. Gerald H. Inman, Sr. has been a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for over 40 years. He was initiated through Chi Delta chapter at the University of Maryland in 1974. Bro. Inman is a Life Member of this fraternity. Bro. Inman is a charter member of Xi Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He has been diligently serving as chairman of Xi Lambda Lambda's Rockland

Omega Academy (ROAD) and have been able to successfully take the program to a higher level. Bro. Inman is a devoted Christian, a loving husband, a great role model to his children, and a dedicated member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Gerald started his career on the Corporate Bond desk at Merrill Lynch. He developed an understanding of the needs of investors for safe and reliable investment choices and was able to select what was best for his investors based on his expertise. Gerald then decided to change careers. He became an investment advisor at Merrill Lynch where he directly serviced the clients for whom he was trading and purchasing bonds.

After spending more than 30 years at Merrill Lynch as an Investment Advisor and Gary Goldberg Financial Services as a Senior Investment Consultant, Gerald felt that it was time for him to utilize his experience to serve those in need of a second opinion on their investments.

Gerald is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in economics and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Prior to his career in financial services, he was a professional athlete, playing in the National Football League for the San Francisco 49'ers. Today he focuses his time and energy in helping investors select investment programs and solutions that are designed to help them meet their investment goals. He spends a tremendous amount of time "giving back" to his community, by serving numerous boards and participating in various community programs.

Gerald is the Chairman of the Board for the West Street Day Care Center in Spring Valley, NY; Commissioner for Human Rights of Rockland County, NY; and Chairman of the Trustee Ministry for the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Nyack, NY. He lives in Pomona, NY with his wife and has two adult children. He holds the following security licenses: FINRA Series 7, 63 & NY State Registered Series 65; NY State Life Insurance License, NY State Real Estate License.

Xi Lambda Lambda Citizen of the Year



Brother Charles Coleman

Rockland County, NY. March 2017. Epsilon Chapter's Bro. Charles F. Coleman Jr. is a seasoned civil rights attorney and legal analyst who has quickly emerged as one of the newest and strongest voices in the conversation on race, law, culture, politics, and civil rights. As a former Brooklyn,

NY prosecutor turned civil litigator. Charles has extensive experience as a trial lawyer and his courtroom acumen is matched only by his leadership abilities, which he displays through his community mobilization and civic activism efforts. Charles began his legal career as a prosecutor in the Kings County (Brooklyn, NY) District Attorney's Office. While there, he excelled quickly and was hand-picked to join the specialized Gangs Unit where he prosecuted some of the city's most dangerous and violent criminals in several high-profile cases.

Since leaving the DA's office, Charles has since transitioned to the arena of civil rights, focusing primarily on Equal Employment Opportunity law while helping to advance the conversation on race, culture as well as to promote the interests of diversity and inclusion as a bridge to greater understanding. In keeping with his focus on civil rights, Charles has also leveraged his powerful voice to speak out in addressing issues related to social justice. Because of his unique perspective as a former prosecutor, Charles is able to speak intelligently and informatively about criminal justice matters in a way that is clear and communicates concepts in a simple and straightforward fashion. His expert legal analysis and commentary mixes a straightforward style with humor and honesty while managing to explain complex topics in plain and easy to understand terms. This has earned him regular television appearances on CNN, MSNBC, ARISE News to name a few. He has also done on camera work as a legal commentator and analyst for Fox 5 News (NY), Huffington Post Live, Hot 97 FM (WQHT-NY, 97.1FM) and a host of other television, radio, and web outlets. His insights and positions on race and civil rights have been quoted on Yahoo.com, HLN, MSNBC, New York Magazine, On Being a Black Lawyer, and a host of other national and local NY-media outlets. Additionally, Charles is a frequent contributor to sites like TheRoot.com, EBONY.com, Huffington Post Black Voices, the Griot, and This Week in Blackness! (TWIB!), and the Atlanta BlackStar where his opinion pieces capture new perspectives in examining issues facing communities of color and suggest solutions that are innovative yet pragmatic while also being firmly rooted in the law.

Xi Lambda Lambda Rockland Person of the Year



Wylene Branton Wood

Rockland County, NY. March 2017. Wylene Branton Wood is a lifelong educator, who as a teacher and volunteer has involved herself in activities to promote education, social justice and equality. Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Wylene grew up in a family and a community involved in calling for justice and battling segregation. She spent her teen years in Atlanta, Georgia, and in Washington, DC.

She received her bachelor’s degree from Spelman College in Atlanta in 1971 and a graduate degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago. She began a 32 year teaching career at TV College, a part of Chicago City Colleges. Later, she taught for the Los Angeles Unified School District and then for LA Southwest College and Los Angeles Trade Technical College, where she achieved the rank of professor. Moving east, she taught at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland, and upon moving to Morris County, NJ, she taught for the Mount Olive School District, where she remained for seventeen years until her retirement from active teaching in 2004.

Her post-retirement years have been spent in Rockland County, NY, where she has continued her commitment to education by coordinating major educational and cultural events for the Rockland County community, especially for its youth. On behalf of the African American Historical Society of Rockland County, she was Co-Chair of the Amistad Visit to Haverstraw and Coordinator of the A Mighty River programming for

2009 and 2010. In 2011 she coordinated programming for IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas,” programming to celebrate and enhance the visiting exhibit from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian; in 2012 she orchestrated “Changemakers: Songs and Images of the Civil Rights Movement”; in 2013 for she interviewed key veterans of the 1960’s Civil Rights Movement and coordinated “The Vote in America: Struggle, Challenge and Change; and in 2014 she scripted and organized a program called “A Glimpse of the Harlem Renaissance.” In 2015 the program she coordinated was entitled “I, Too, Sing America: The Contributions and Challenges of African Americans in the US Military (Part I—American Revolution to World War II). This program featured interviews with noted Veterans such as General Colin Powell, Sergeant Sanders Matthews, Dr. Olivia Hooker and Dr. Roscoe Brown. (These interviews have even greater significance now as Mr. Matthews and Dr. Brown both, unfortunately, passed away in recent months.) Then, in 2016 Wylene orchestrated “The Gift of Music,” highlighting the musical contributions of Black people from classical to spirituals, from ragtime to jazz. (It was due to the interest in and curiosity about spirituals that the theme for 2017’s program was selected: “A Faithful Journey: The American Negro Spiritual,” featuring RCC Performing Arts students and alumni and Opera Noire of New York.)

Wylene’s vision created these multi-disciplinary events on behalf of the African American Historical Society of Rockland County and in partnership with Rockland Community College and the RCC Performing Arts Department and early on with The CEJES Institute and the Rockland African Diaspora Heritage Center. The programs, offered free each February, have been made possible by generous grants from community-minded entities and have been presented each year to 500 or more students from schools across Rockland County as well as to hundreds of individuals from the community-at-large.

A supporter of the Nyack and Spring Valley NAACP organizations, Wylene also serves on the Board of Directors of VCS, Inc., where she is fulfilling her third term as President. Additionally, she served as President of the Board of Trustees of the African American Historical Society of Rockland County for 10 years as well as Co-President in 2016. A poet, writer, and frequent guest speaker, Wylene has received recognition and awards from numerous organizations including being inducted into the Rockland County Civil Rights Hall of Fame. In June of this year she and her husband, Dr. Cliff L. Wood, will celebrate 30 years of marriage. They are proud of their four grown children, their in-laws and five amazing grand-children.

Que Holiday Adopt-A-Family at Gamma Mu Nu Chapter

Middletown, DE. January 5, 2017. The Gamma Mu Nu Chapter of Middletown, DE performed its annual Que Holiday Adopt-A-Family program on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016. GMN donated approximately \$1,000 dollars’ worth of gifts to four young children of this well deserving family in the community. This family had endured hardships during this past year culminating in their father being hospitalized and missing significant time from work. During this time of need, the GMN provided Uplift to this family during the holiday time. The two parents of this family were very thankful and humbled for the caring expressed by their community.

Brothers of Gamma Mu Nu Chapter with Gifts



Youth Mentoring at Gamma Mu Nu Chapter



Brothers of Gamma Mu Nu Chapter and Principal Clay

Middletown, DE. January 5, 2017. The Gamma Mu Nu Chapter of Middletown, DE continues its work, in the Southern New Castle County Community, supporting the youth this past summer and fall 2016. The Youth Mentoring programs have become the core Social Action activities for GMN. Some of the programs performed are described below: GMN One Day Internship – On Wednesday, August 10th, 2016 the Brothers of GMN performed a one day internship program with two high school students. The young men visited with one of the brothers at his place of employment for the day. The students experienced an average working day of an engineering firm. They got an opportunity to see what the various engineers, designers, drafters, and managers do at a full-service engineering firm. They learned about some of the many projects that were being performed at a medium size private sector company. The two high

school students were also able to interview the professionals at the engineering firm to learn why and how they got on their specific career path. Reading with the Ques at Silver Lake Elementary – On Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 the Brothers of Gamma Mu Nu Chapter read to five 2nd grade classes at Silver Lake Elementary School in Middletown, Delaware. This reading program is part of GMN’s work to support the Assault on Illiteracy Mandated Program. GMN performs the Reading with the Ques program twice a year. At the beginning of the reading program the students were given an opportunity to meet the brothers and learn about their professional occupations. During the book reading and at the conclusion, the students were given an opportunity to ask questions about the book. There were many questions from the young students. Once the question and answer session concluded, GMN donated the books to each class.

Gamma Mu Nu Chapter



Brothers of Gamma Mu Nu Chapter, Friends and Family Members after Street Cleaning

Middletown, DE. January 28th, 2017. The Gamma Mu Nu Chapter of Middletown, DE performed our quarterly Adopt-the-Highway roadway cleanup on Saturday, November 12th, 2016. GMN cleaned both sides of the Route 71 (Broad Street) between Route 301 (Summit Bridge Road) and Noxontown Road. This 2.4 mile road is a main road and heavily

utilized thoroughfare through the incorporated portion of Middletown, DE. This is street is populated with businesses, schools, government buildings, and the homes of many of the residents in Middletown. This street is highly visible and must be maintained. GMN will be cleaning the street again in March 2017.

Upsilon Alpha Honored for Community Service



Upsilon Alpha Brothers at St. James AME receiving plaque for community service

Atlantic City, NJ. March 26, 2017. Upsilon Alpha Chapter was honored by St. James AME Church at their annual Men’s Day celebration. The guest speaker for the event was Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The program titled “Christian Men Standing on the Promises of God” recognized the Brothers of Upsilon Alpha chapter for their commitment to the community and focus on our Cardinal Principles.

Upsilon Alpha Mentoring Escort Young Men to African American Museum of History and Culture



Upsilon Alpha Brothers with Kids at the National Museum

Atlantic City, NJ. February 20, 2017. The Brothers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter observed its Mentoring Initiative with a trip visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The chapter sponsored and mentored 11 young men who have never visited the Museum

before. The chapter continues to mentor these same Young men and plans on increasing the size of the group and plan more Mentoring, Trips and Cultural activities

Pi Omega Talent Hunt Competition



MC & VB Bro. Allen Taylor, Basileus Ron Williams, Talent Hunt Contestants and Talent Hunt Chairman, Bro. John Berkley

Baltimore, MD. March 5, 2017. Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its 61st Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O’Neal Talent Hunt Competition on Sunday March 5, 2017 at The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, located at 830 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD.

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 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.

Students from public and private schools in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and the surrounding area were involved in this year’s competition. The winners were as follows:

Vocal Contemporary: (1) Jasmine Oyefusi (Towson High School), (2) Trinity Kinsler (Edgewood High School), (3) Shamijah Dorsey (Western High School), Sierra Kinsler (Catonsville High School)

Instrumental Classical: (1) Myla Brown (Pikesville High School)

Dance: (1) Alexis Eley (Maryvale Preparatory School)

Ms. Jasmine Oyefusi will represent Pi Omega Chapter at the District Talent Hunt Competition to be held at the 2017 69th Second District Conference. This year the conference will be held at the Westchester Hilton Hotel in Rye Brook, NY the weekend of May 4-7, 2017.

Prior to intermission Ms. Autumn Hancock from Sudbrook Magnet School played a musical selection on the trumpet. Ms. Hancock is considered a Futures Performer since she is not old enough to formally participate in the program. Ms. Hancock did an excellent job and was invited back next year. The Talent Hunt competition was renamed in 2011 following the death of Bro. O’Neal who was the Talent Hunt Chairman for over 20 years.

Bro. John Berkley served as the chairperson for the 61st Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O’Neal Talent Hunt. Bro. Allen Taylor once again did an outstanding job as MC for this event. Special thanks were extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for providing the funding for this year’s competition.



Pi Omega Talent Hunt contestants performing

Pi Omega Chapter Annual Bicycle Donation



Bro. John Berkley, Afro Ms. Santa Diane Hocker and Basileus Ron Williams

Baltimore, MD. December 13, 2016. Since 1988, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter has contributed bicycles, can goods, and money to the Afro-American Newspaper’s Afro Mrs. Santa Campaign. The Afro Mrs. Santa Campaign provides food, clothes, toys, and funds to indigent families in the Baltimore community. On December 13, 2016 Pi Omega Chapter once again gave 30 bicycles to Afro Mrs. Santa. Under the direction of Dr. Cathy Hughes, Radio One Incorporated spon-

sors an annual toys, teddy bear, and clothing drive. The purpose of the event is to solicit gifts for indigent families in the Baltimore community. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter assisted in this effort by providing children’s toys for this most worthy cause. Basileus. Ronald Williams interviewed on State Senator Larry Young on the Senator’s radio show. Bro. Williams spoke about Pi Omega’s toy donation and other Social Action activities Pi Omega conducts in the Baltimore community.



Basileus Ron Williams interviewed by State Senator Larry Young on radio show

Pi Omega Black History Month Program at Mount Washington School

Baltimore, MD. March 3, 2017. The Brothers of Pi Omega were asked to perform a small step-show and give information on the Divine Nine, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Greek Life at colleges and universities for the students of The Mount Washington School at the school’s annual Black History Month program. The Brothers engaged with the children and had them come on the stage to interact, taught steps and marches. The school administrators thanked the Brothers for their participation in the Black History Month program and stated the students found the presentation very engaging and they talked about it well after you had left the building.



Bro. Lamonte Tyler with Mt Washinton School Kids

Mu Omega Chapter Basileus Installation Service



Mu Omega newly installed Basileus Bro. Howard James, Jr. (c) with past Mu Omega Basileus

Philadelphia, PA. October 12, 2016. Mu Omega Chapter of OPPE, Inc. installed its new Basileus, Bro. Howard M. James Jr., and Executive Cabinet for fiscal year, 2016-2017. Over one-hundred (100) brothers, families and guests attended G'town Community Presbyterian Church on Greene and Tulp. Sts., in the G'town Section of Philadelphia, to witness the Consecration and Installation Ceremony. Each newly-elected officer was called by the Ceremony's Celebrant, Bro. C. Patterson, to stand and pledge that they would serve enthusiastically in their new office. Bro. Patterson then presented Bro. James to the chapter and audience. Bro. James'

acceptance speech carefully laid out his vision for Mu Omega Chapter going forward. The speech entitled, "A Sustainable Mu Omega Chapter-Built to Last", set forth many goals and new initiatives related to increasing rapport among Brothers, using technology as a resource, streamlining various responsibilities to increase effectiveness and collaboration, to name a few. After the Benediction, the attendees were invited to attend a repast, speak with the newly installed Basileus, and further celebrate the new administration of Mu Omega Chapter.

Mu Omega MLK Day of Service



Mu Omega Brothers giving words of encouragement to Parkway Northwest High School students

Philadelphia, PA. January 2017. "Mighty" Mu Omega chapter continued its annual participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This year the men of Mu Omega chapter visited Parkway Northwest High School located in the Northwest region of Philadelphia, PA. The men of Mu Omega chapter took part in leading the program by providing inspirational and thought-provoking words to the students. Bro. Chris Thompson, Mu Omega Social Action Chair, stated "Dr. King once said that life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others"? Further, Bro. Thompson stated, "We all are responsible for our fellow

man and to those who are less fortunate than us". The men of Mu Omega Chapter along with providing students with useful maxims also assisted with the painting of classrooms and food distribution for co-volunteers. "The MLK Day of Service project is an augmentation of our community assistance", stated Mu Omega Basileus Bro. Howard James Jr. The MLK Day of Service concluded with a charge to all attendees to continue providing uplift to the community and being that beacon of light to those less fortunate, a charge that the men of Mu Omega chapter know all too well and execute with great enthusiasm.

Mu Omega Black History Month Program



Mu Omega Brothers with Black History Month participants

Philadelphia, PA. February 2017. The Men of “Mighty” Mu Omega Chapter, held a Black History Program sponsored by the chapter’s Social Action Committee at the Mu Omega Chapter Fraternity House located at 431 E. Locust Ave. in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Some of the program’s features included opening remarks provided by Mu Omega Chapter Basileus, Bro. Howard M. James Jr., who spoke concerning the importance of remembering and preserving Black History. Bro. Lawrence Smallwood (MQ ’83) lectured the audience concerning the various tribes indigenous to the continent of Africa. The lecture was very informative and offered the audience another lens in which to focus on the rich traditions among Africans, the predecessors of the American Black. Bro. Dr. Robert “Mad Dog” Manning continued the program with a game of Black History Trivia accompanied with prizes for those in the audience who answered questions correctly.

Flutist Mrs. Kimberlyn Thompson, wife of Social Action Committee chair Bro. Chris Thompson, performed a melodic acapella solo which was

very much enjoyed by everyone in attendance. The program continued, with a brief presentation on financial empowerment by Bro. Tracy Bell. Bro. Bell spoke on the necessity for all, particularly African-Americans to become more financially empowered via financial education and literacy. The Mu Omega Chapter Black History Program concluded with a presentation by Mr. Joe Ragsdale, founder of the Black Holocaust Museum located in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia. Mr. Ragsdale, displayed various artifacts from the era in which Africans were forced into slavery. Mr. Ragsdale, lectured on the importance of black pride and gave both inspirational and insightful remarks regarding the causes and effects of slavery in the past, present and going forward. Bro. Basileus Howard James remarked, “Mu Omega’s Black History Program 2017 provided yet another reason why Black History is to be celebrated, preserved and more importantly taught as it sheds light on the rich history of Africans within the African diaspora.

HOME OF THE PHILLY QUES

Mu Omega Talent Hunt Program

Philadelphia, PA. March 2017. On Saturday, March 18, 2017 the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Mu Omega Chapter, hosted the 57th Annual Ronald S. James Memorial Talent Hunt Contest at Grace Baptist Church in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, PA. The chapter’s first Talent Hunt program was held in 1960, and the committee was chaired for fifteen (15) years by the late Bro. Maceo J. Randall. The late Bro. Ronald S. James (MQ’77), was appointed as chairman in 1978 serving for 32 years, consecutively. Bro. James served as the Second (2nd) District Talent Hunt Chair from 1981-1983. Bro. Curtis P. Murray (MQ ’87) is the current Talent Hunt Committee Chairperson.

This event serves as an opportunity for Philadelphia High School students to showcase their performing arts skills in the areas of; Instrumental, Vocal, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts. The first and second place winners in each event receive cash awards. The overall winner will also receive

a complimentary set of orthodontic braces provided by Bro. Dr. Anthony L. Farrow, DMD.

Despite the challenges that the weather presented the day of the event, the youth performed with enthusiasm and showmanship in their perspective areas. This year’s overall winner was Deliyann Carrasquillo, an eleventh (11) grade student at Kensington Creative & Performing Arts High School.

Mu Omega Chapter will continue to provide the necessary platform and resources to assist in the skill development of young people. Further, by providing these students with much needed exposure, it is anticipated that they will be able to hone their talents through discipline, dedication, hard work, and the added encouragement they need to stay focused on their goals.

Brother Baraki Lee, ESQ. New Board Chair of ACCT

Congress, Completion, and Campus Safety | Managing Enrollment | Incentive Programs



Jersey City, NJ. March 2017. Brother Baraki Lee, ESQ. is the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees for The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and is highlighted on the cover of its Trustee Quarterly publication. The ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. Located in Washington, D.C., ACCT is a major voice of community college trustees to the presidential administra-

tion, U.S. Congress, the Departments of Education and Labor and more. ACCT educates community and technical college trustees through annual conferences focused on leadership development and advocacy, as well as through publications and online and face-to-face institutes and seminars. Bro. Bakari G. Lee, Esq. was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Upsilon Phi in 2000 and is active with Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter in Jersey City, NJ.

Kappa Omicron 5th Annual Rudy Powell Memorial Dinner Dance



Kappa Omicron Honorees

Long Island City, NY. February 24, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Omicron chapter held their Annual Rudy Powell Memorial Dinner Dance at the beautiful Astoria World Manor in Long Island City New York. Brother Powell was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Nu Psi chapter at Virginia State University on December 6, 1940. “Rudy” as he was affectionately known by his Brothers in Omega, was a devoted life member of the Fraternity who served faithfully and with distinction for over 66 years. He was an active with Kappa Omicron chapter in New York City for more than 30 years. Prior to that, he was an active member with Epsilon chapter in New York City and Nu Omicron Chapter in Jamaica New York. Rudy was elected at chapter Basileus of 4 different chapters: Nu Psi, Epsilon, Nu Omicron and Kappa Omicron. Brother

Powell was appointed as the 2nd District Corridor Five Representative. This was a position he held for 30 years with distinction. Kappa Omicron holds this event to honor Rudy’s memory and service. We also use it as a vehicle to raise funds for our food pantry, scholarship fund, and the Xi Phi Black College Tour. This year’s Honorees are Brothers Brian Burnett, and Alfred Smith Kappa Omicron chapter, Brother T. Ed McBride Xi Lambda Lambda chapter, Brother Kevin Woodhouse Xi Phi chapter, Dr. Maria Sindos-Parker Sigma Gamma Rho, Tiease Murray Delta Sigma Theta, Nicole Nichols Zeta Phi Beta, and Brother Robert Moore head of news for the New York Daily News. A very special recognition went to Mrs. Vivienne Smith, mother of Brother Alfred smith for as long service as a Kappa Omicron Quette.



Kappa Omicron Guest

Kappa Chapter's 95th Anniversary Celebration



Kappa Chapter Brothers with 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray (c) at the 95th Anniversary Celebration

Syracuse, NY. February 11, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter celebrated 95 Years of life on the Syracuse University campus. The Brothers held their banquet at Drumlins Country Club and were graced with 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray as the keynote speaker for the event. Dr. Ray focused his speech on remaining strong as black people and supporting each other. His address to the Syracuse community was well received by all and was truly appreciated especially due to the political climate that we currently live in.

The banquet truly acted as a way for the campus and Brothers to appreciate the longevity and the sustained excellence that Kappa chapter has provided while also acknowledging other philanthropic organizations that help build up the Syracuse community. These organizations were J.U.M.P

Nation; a mentoring organization that focuses on making in-school visits to mentor children as well as spend time with them outside of an academic setting. Renegade Magazine, the first predominantly African American campus magazine, Habitat for Humanity, as well as Gerald Brown. Ms Brown was named the Omega Citizen of the year, a Syracuse student who focuses on being an ally and political activist on campus and in her life. Brother Justin Alvarez was named the Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year and Brother Ben Jeffers was named the Graduate Omega Man of the Year.

The brothers are thankful for Dr. Ray's involvement in the celebration and look forward to continuing the work that the chapter has done for the campus

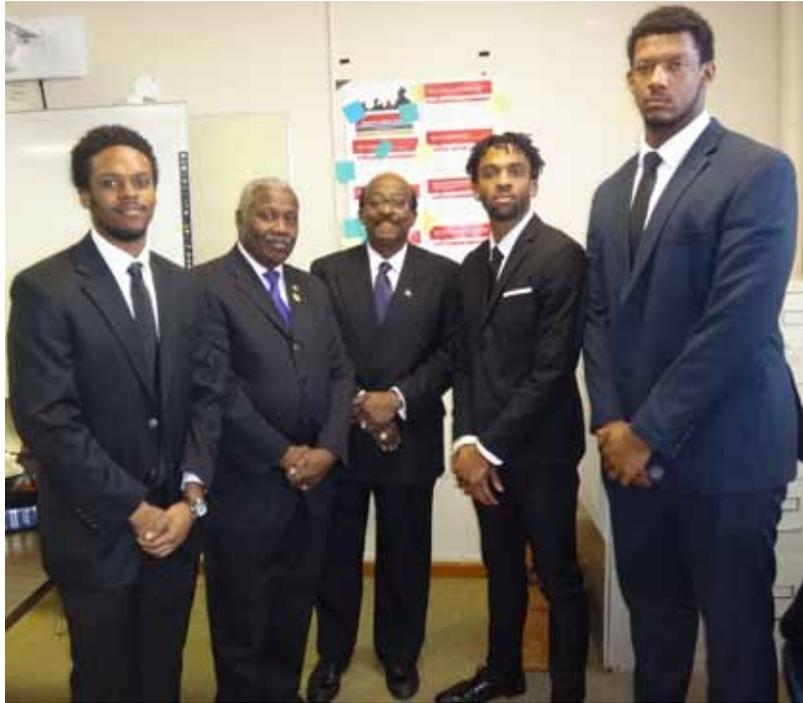
Kappa Chapter at Dedication of New NPHC Bench on Quad at Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY. November 4, 2016. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter fellowshiped on the Syracuse University Quad at the dedication of the newly finished National Pan Hellenic Council bench. This bench acts as a physical monument to show the presence of the NPHC on campus as well as the impact that the chapter has had on the university and the overall Syracuse community since 1922. Bro. Leroy Antoine 13' was in attendance for the dedication, this was his personal project during his time at Syracuse.



*Bro. Anthony Haynie III, Bro. Tim Crossin
Bro. Ben Jeffers, and Bro. Leroy Antoine*

Kappa Chapter New Initiates



Bro. James Allen, Bro. Ben Jeffers, 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray, Bro. David Gillstrap, and Bro. Jamar McGloster

Syracuse, NY. November, 2016. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter welcomed three new Brothers into the Fraternity continuing the tradition of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and uplift on the campus of Syracuse University. Kappa Chapter had the distinct honor of the Immediate

Past Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray performing the initiation ceremony. The new Brothers add to the beautiful diversity found within our fraternity being from various regions of The United States (Georgia, Delaware, and New Jersey).

Friendship is Essential to the Soul

Omicron Chi Receives Resolution from Union County Freeholders



Omicron Chi receiving resolution from Union County Freeholders

Rahway, NJ. February 27, 2017. On Monday, February 27th the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders held its annual Black History Month Celebration in collaboration with the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. During the awards program, Freeholder Linda Carter presented Omicron Chi Chapter with a resolution for its continuous and profound commitment to service and “Uplift” to the City of Plainfield

and Union County. We are truly humbled and honored to be recognized in this manner. As Basileus Leon Smith stated “As long as a child needs a mentor...as long as our most vulnerable citizens need to be fed...as long as a mother or child is victimized by domestic violence...as long as there is social injustice...The Brothers of Omicron Chi Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. stand ready to do our part to make a difference!”.

Omicron Chi Memorial Service Weekend Activities



Omicron Chi Brothers with Pastor Clinton Parker III at Calvary Baptist Church

Plainfield, NJ. March 11–12, 2017. Omicron Chi has established a new tradition of observing our mandated Memorial Service program with an entire weekend of events. The 2017 Memorial Service Weekend consisted of the following: “To Artina Initiative”, Sunday Morning Worship Service, and a formal Memorial Service Observance.

Omicron Chi’s “To Artina Initiative”

Union County, NJ. Saturday, March 11 2017. Since 2012, the Brothers of the Mighty OX have kick off our annual Memorial Service Weekend by visiting our Omicron Chi widows. We have affectionately named this unique program “To Artina Initiative”. Our goal is to let the widows know that we still love and care about them. Widows were visited by individual teams which consisted of a senior/elder Brother (Team Captain), a recently reclaimed brother, and a neophyte to best represent our beloved Fraternity and Chapter. This year’s team captains were: Bro. John Metz, Bro. James Key Jr., Bro. Horace Baldwin, Bro. Byron Ward, Bro. JohnTucker, and Bro. Mike Smith. During the visits, we presented each Quette a bouquet of flowers and greeting card (signed by Chapter Brothers) along with an a recent copy of our OX Chapter Yearbook. In return, the ladies shared wonderful stories of the past about themselves and our fallen Brothers as well as provided us an update on the latest activities of their grandchildren. Unfortunately, this year we had a number of widows

that were ill and not available for visitation. In those cases, we are in contact with their families and will plan visits in the near future. All-in-all this program is extremely fulfilling and enriching for both the widows as well as the Brothers.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Plainfield, NJ. Sunday, March 12, 2017. Omicron Chi Brothers worshipped at Calvary Baptist Church located at 324 Monroe Avenue, Plainfield, NJ (hosted by the OX’s very own Bro. Charles Booker and Bro. Steve Burris). Brothers praised God through song and scripture and were blessed a powerful, heartfelt sermon. Basileus Leon Smith II made a presentation to Pastor Clinton Parker III in the form of a \$250 donation to the Church’s Scholarship Ministry.

OX Memorial Service Observance

Westfield, NJ. Sunday, March 12, 2017. OX Chapter conducted its formal observance of Memorial Service at Fairfield Cemetery (1100 East Broad Street Westfield NJ 07090) at cemetery plot of the most Honorable Bro. James S. Avery (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s 28th Grand Basileus). Brothers gave remeberences of Bro. Maurice Anthony Ebron and Bro. Stanley Smith who entered into Omega Chapter over the past year.



Brothers spend an afternoon with Mrs. Brenda Jackson, widow of Brother Curtis Jackson



Brother Byron Ward with Mrs. Annie Mitchell, widow of Brother Felix Mitchell

Omicron Chi Hosts 1st Annual Bishop Love Prayer Breakfast



Brother Richard Anderson bringing the Word during the Prayer Breakfast

Plainfield, NJ - March 4, 2017 - In the spirit of bringing men of Omega together to praise the Lord, Omicron Chi hosted its 1st Annual Bishop Edgar Amos Love Prayer Breakfast at the St. Johns Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, NJ on Saturday morning from 8:30am to 10:15am.

The nearly 75 attendees were truly blessed by the Word as delivered through brief uplifting sermons on Omega's four cardinal principles as presented by Brothers in ministry including former Omicron Chi Basileus Rev. Morris Lucky and three Brothers currently studying at Princeton Theological Seminary -- Rev. Brenton Brock, Rev. Richard Anderson and

Rev. Dr. Marcus Tillery.

In an environment in which mass media's images of African American men can be portrayed negatively, the event was successful in creating a public forum for Brothers to uplift each other spiritually. The energy in the room was palpable, as reflected by Brother Lucky who noted, "I felt the strength of the Lord this morning!" The event Chairman Brother Jeff Olive added, "God is good and worthy to be praised for what He did this morning. He used each one of us to His glory." Attendees left the event enthusiastic about expanding the program in the future.

Omicron Chi Ques Fellowship at Big East Basketball Game

Plainfield, NJ. February 28th 2017. The "Mighty OX" Omicron Chi Chapter had a Reclamation, Retention, and Friendship event at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. The event was a Big East Men's Basketball game which featured The Seton Hall Pirates vs. The Georgetown Hoyas. Omicron Chi Chapter typically host events such as these as a way to fellowship amongst brothers and reclaim those that want to be reclaimed. Brothers from Omicron Chi and Eta Pi Chapters were among the 21 in attendance which also included family and friends. One brother that was not affiliated with either chapter took the liberty of paying his dues and became a member of Omicron Chi on the spot!!

As for the game, it was your typical Big East battle, back and forth action, mano a mano, going down to the last shot with Georgetown narrowly missing a three pointer that would have tied the game, allowing Seton Hall to hang on to a hard fought 62-59 victory!! All in all the event was a success. Brothers got a chance to see a good game, have fun and most importantly strengthen those bonds of Friendship through Fellowship.



Omicron Chi's Omega Leadership Institute Mentorship Program



Bro. Fred Harris and Bro. Terrence Onyike leading a Omega Leadership Institute Workshop

Plainfield, NJ. February 27, 2017. On Sunday March 5th, 2017 Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. launched its 5th cohort of the Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) Mentoring program. After an outstanding program cycle in the Spring of 2016, the Spring 2017 Omega Leadership Institute campaign is a breakthrough year in terms of student participation, content development and execution. Starting with six scholars in our initial pilot program in 2013, the OLI expanded its reach to support 20 intelligent and enthusiastic young men in 2017. The program continues to develop exciting, innovative, and relevant workshop content while serving as a model for youth leadership development.

In 2013, The Omicron Chi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. established The Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) to provide college bound African-American males (14-18 years old) in the Union County and Central New Jersey region with the encouragement, leadership skills, and support to make meaningful contributions to their communities. Through the intensive leadership development sessions, the OLI exposes student participants to higher education and includes motivational speakers, leadership exercises, small group sessions, interactive workshops, and access to business professionals and community leaders. The program is conducted

in the Spring of each year and consists of a 10 week life-skills curriculum developed and administered by the members of Omicron Chi Chapter and external partners.

The Spring 2017 OLI Cohort's theme is "Doing the Right Things Right" and will focus on Leadership Development skills including Decision Making, Character, Morals, and Community. The Spring 2017 Cohort includes workshops like: Personal Branding, Defining Values, Morals and Ethics, Decision Making, Teens and the Law and Ethics in Business/ The Brothers of Omicron Chi Chapter have made it an imperative to develop the next generation of African-American Male leaders for the public, private, non-profit, and entrepreneurial sectors. The Men of the "Mighty OX" support the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's national "Fatherhood Initiative" and President Barack Obama's "My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Foundation's efforts. Omicron Chi Chapter's Basileus, Brother Leon Smith II states "when scholars leave the OLI program, they are more energized to become involved in their schools and communities and are more tolerant and open-minded of those around them." OLI Scholars have shared that they have a focus on their future and a vision for transformational impact on our communities.



Beta Iota Iota Year in Review

Vineland NJ. December. 2016. Beta Iota Iota started the year off with a little sweet-heart dinner. We close out year 105 with the mandated Programs and our Sweet Heart Dinner. By practicing Psalms 133, the Omega men took their wives out for a little Valentine’s Day dinner. Led by three members who have been doing this since 1990 Brother Melvin Scott (Upslion 1949), Brother Robert Dunn (Beta Gamma 1950) and Brother Thomas Lane IV (Beta Gamma 1950). Although there are a number of members in our chapter that deserve recognition, I felt it was important to recognize these three for their 67 and 66 years of service to the Fraternity. As we move through the months, the chapter hosted Omega Relays. This is a track and field event that the Omega Men host for Middle Schools around South Jersey. This sport has provided a safe place from being in the street and or home. Track has saved so many kids in the city of Bridgeton. We offer kids, a free tee shirt, medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish, as well as a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophy for each team that takes the top 3 spots girls and boys for their school trophy case.

Our next event that we hosted was our annual Blood Drive. Every year we have a minimum of 30 people show up and donate blood. We have a goal set at 25 and with 18 active members, it’s pretty easy for each Brother to bring one person to reach our goal. Although some brothers bring more, it’s a great opportunity for all of us to see the good that we do in providing blood to help save another life.

Our third event happened towards the end of October, with our Road-Side Clean up. Brother Jonathan Girffin (FA 96 Kappa Eta), Brother Linval Lewis (FA 96 Phi Kappa) and myself Brother Curtis Custis (SP 14 Beta Iota Iota) took it upon our self to make sure this community service event was complete on a road that was adopted by Omega Psi Phi Inc.

Our Scholarship Affair event is normally held on a Saturday afternoon for four-hours around Founder’s Day. We select one male student (High School or College) from the Cumberland County Area that exemplifies our four Cardinal Principles. This year we chose a young man that goes to Temple University, Ryquell Armstead of Millville N.J. Although he was



Beta Iota Iota Roadside Cleanup Crew

Temple University, Ryquell Armstead of Millville N.J. Although he was not in attendance due to his game, his mother was in attendance to accept his award. This year the speaker mentioned a key to our society’s success. “mentoring our youth”. Mentoring give’s our youth a chance at being successful, rather than give our youth a chance at failure.” We the members of Beta Iota Iota will strive to be good Men for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. We strive on excelling and as we move to another year, we will continue to learn progress and uplift.

Beta Alpha Alpha Honors/Achievement Week Program



Beta Alpha Alpha Honorees

White Plains, NY. March 4, 2017. The Brothers of Beta Alpha Alpha chapter held their annual Honors/Achievement Week Program at the East View School in White Plains New York.

Each year the chapter recognizes the academic achievements of African American and Latino male high schoolers from all over Westchester County. This year we recognized over 200 students.

In addition, honoring our scholars, Beta Alpha Alpha held our annual Achievement Week program. Our Omega Man of the Year is Brother Samuel Washington Jr. Kappa 92. The student of the year was awarded to Mr. Evander Jackson. The chapter awarded the Business Person of

the Year to Ms. Jacole Mills proprietor of the Bakery Coley/Kakes. The Citizen of the Year was garnered by Ms. Lena Anderson President of the NAACP Greenburgh/White Plains Branch. Brother William Carter received the Grant Reynolds Lifetime Courage Award (Posthumously.)

The best was saved for last as the chapter honored Dr. Oliva Hooker with our Golden Age Award. At 102 years, old Dr. Hooker has experienced many achievements in her life. She was the first African American female admitted into the United States Coast Guard in 1945. She is a survivor of the Tulsa Race Riots (Black Wall Street) in 1921. In 1961 Dr. Hooker received her PhD from the University of Rochester.

Lambda Upsilon American Cancer Society Donation



Lambda Upsilon Brothers give check to the American Cancer Society

Paterson, NJ. December 8, 2016. The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. presented the American Cancer Society with a donation for the fight against cancer. The donation was a result of a Friendship Walk to support Cancer Survivors and Raise Awareness. The Friendship Walk was hosted in beautiful Eastside Park in Paterson N.J.

The event hosted approximately 100 walkers and 6 teams. Bro Gerald Glisson generated the idea for the walk and wanted the walk in Paterson to honor the Paterson Cancer Survivors. Lambda Upsilon is looking forward to the 2017 walk and plans on making the event bigger with the intent to raise more money for Cancer research.

Lambda Upsilon Host ACA Healthcare Enrollment Drive

Paterson, NJ. December 13, 2017. The Brothers of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families, Paterson Team H.O.P.E. and Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly recently hosted a Healthcare Enrollment Drive in Paterson. As part of its internationally mandated programs, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. coordinates activities that promote good health practices. Residents were given the opportunity to speak with Certified Application Counselors trained to help applicants review, understand and compare all options and costs. Lambda Upsilon was able to register those in need of valuable health insurance.



Lambda Upsilon Brothers at the ACA Enrollment Drive

Lambda Upsilon Talent Hunt



Lambda Upsilon Brothers with Talent Hunt Winner

Paterson, NJ. March 11, 2017. The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted the 2017 Talent Hunt Program at Rosa Parks High School. There were over 10 contestants from various schools in the contest and the contestants varied from singing, artist and acting. Ms. Genai Veal won this years contest with her dance performance. All guest enjoyed

the talent displayed by the youth of Paterson, N.J. and surrounding areas. As part of its internationally mandated programs, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosts an annual talent program to provide exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented youth. Ms. Genai Veal will have an opportunity to compete in a district program.

Lambda Upsilon Memorial Service



Lambda Upsilon Brothers participating at the Memorial Service

Paterson, NJ. March 12, 2017. TheBrothers of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted our mandated Memorial Service Program. The purpose of the Memorial Service is to recall members who have entered Omega Chapter. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has designated March 12th as the Day when each chapter recalls members

who have died in the chapter. This year’s Memorial Service was held at St Luke’s Baptist Church and the event was well received by the Pastor and the Church. Rev. Clayton facilitated the service and Lambda Upsilon Chapter enjoyed a service filled with an uplifting experience.

Mu Nu Bridge Builder Mentoring Program



Bro. Shaun Ratliff teaching life lessons through a poem

Silver Spring, MD, March 18, 2017. Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) has entered its fourth year of the Bridge Builder Mentoring Program. Mu Nu Chapter started the program in 2014 as a partnership with the Francis Scott Key Middle School (FSK) to provide mentoring to at-risk youth from the community. To Bridge Builder Mentoring Program also partnered with the George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. (“Saturday School”) to align with the Springbrook Saturday School tutorial and mentoring program. Mu Nu Chapter founded Saturday School in 1986 and Springbrook H.S. is one of 12 center locations countywide. The Bridge Builder Mentoring Program provides twice monthly mentoring to young male participants. It offers them opportunities to learn and develop their life skills and abilities to better prepare them to address the challenges they will encounter throughout life. The program sessions offer topics such as “Introduction and Behavior Matters”, “Self-Confidence:

Family origins, sports dreams & online etiquette”, “Character Counts”, “Criminal Justice System as a Career”, “Over Coming Peer Pressure “College Experience/Grooming 101/Police & Community Relationships”, and “Scholastic Achievement: Habits of successful people”. The sessions culminate in April with a Mu Nu Chapter sponsored “Game Changers Conference”. The conference positively impacts hundreds of young males from Montgomery County-area elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.

For more information about Mu Nu Chapter’s Bridge Builder Program, visit the Mu Nu Chapter website at www.munuques.org or contact Mu Nu Chapter’s Bro. Donald Williams (Beta Chi, 1989, Fayetteville, NC), Second District Fatherhood & Mentoring Committee Chairman at fatherhood@opp2d.org.

Mu Nu Chapter Celebrates MLK Day of Service



Brothers gather to prepare transition baskets for the Carroll House Men’s Shelter

Silver Spring, MD, January 16, 2017. Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) joined with the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter, for the Martin Luther King (MLK) Day of Service in recognition of the MLK Federal holiday – “A Day On, Not a Day Off”. The MLK Day of Service is a featured and favorite event for the Brothers as it marks the Chapter’s social action kick-off event each calendar year.

Mu Nu Chapter was one of several civic-minded organizations that again joined with thousands of government officials and community members in attendance for the MLK Day of Service at the Silver Spring Civic

Building in downtown Silver Spring, MD. More than two dozen Chapter Brothers rallied to support, including some attending with their QUE Kids in tow. The Chapter prepared 62 transition baskets for the Carroll House Shelter for Men in Silver Spring, Maryland. The baskets are an essential element that assists the shelter’s men during their transition into permanent housing. The transition baskets are laundry baskets containing such items as bath towels and clothes, soap and deodorant, laundry detergent and dryer sheets, paper towels, kitchen utensils and other household items.

Mu Nu HBCU College Fair



HBCU College Fair Greek Panel; Bro. Samuel Washington, Jr., 2nd from the left

Rockville, MD, February 17, 2017. Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) joined with Montgomery County-area Pan Hellenic organizations to support the annual Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) College Fair event held at Richard Montgomery High School. The Chapter engaged the estimated 1,200 HBCU Fair attendees by sharing information about scholarships, social and community events and programs, as well as to sharing personal experiences to help promote awareness and interest in HBCUs.

The Brothers set up and manned an event table that offered scholarship information about Mu Nu Chapter's own Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., which is named in honor of the Chapter's principal founding member, Bro. Rudolph W. Snowden, OMEGA Chapter (Mu Psi, 1951, North Carolina A&T University). The Snowden scholarship seeks to help increase the number of African-American male college/university students and to assist in the preservation of HBCUs by providing financial incentives for individuals to attend HBCUs. Current scholarship

grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and can be applied to tuition, fees or other expenses required by the selected HBCU. In addition to high school graduates, prior scholarship recipients who demonstrate continuing academic excellence may also apply.

In addition to Snowden scholarship information, Brothers also provided the attendees with information about Mu Nu Chapter's annual Talent Hunt Program and annual Mardi Gras fundraising dinner and dance. Mu Nu Chapter's own, Bro. Samuel Washington, Jr. (Mu Nu, 1994, Montgomery County, MD) participated on the Greek panel to share his HBCU experience as a 1989 graduate of Alcorn State University. Bro. Washington is also a 2015 inductee of the Alcorn State University Hall of Fame, and a principal founder of the D.C. Metro HBCU Alliance (www.dchbcu.org) and the 4-time director of the D.C. Metro HBCU Alliance 5K/2K.

For more information about the Snowden scholarship, and Mu Nu Chapter's annual Talent Hunt Program and annual Mardi Gras fundraising dinner and dance, visit the Mu Nu Chapter website at www.munuques.org.

Nu Upsilon Holiday Community Uplift

Wilmington, DE. December 2016. For the past 15 years, holiday community outreach has been a key aspect of the Nu Upsilon Chapter's Social Action agenda. December 2016 was no different; the Brothers of Nu Upsilon hosted its Annual Breakfast with Santa event for children on the east side of Wilmington. Approximately 70 children, ranging in age from 16 months to 15 years old, attended the event with a parent/guardian. The families were treated to a delicious breakfast that was prepared by Brother of Nu Upsilon and served by volunteers from Discover Card, the Kingswood Community Center (site of the event for 13 out of 15 years), sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and other community members. In addition to the nutritious breakfast, the participants were engaged in a variety of games, arts and crafts to include making ornaments and greeting cards, and line dancing. The Grand Finale of the event was the entrance of Santa, portrayed by Bro. Andre Thornton of Nu Upsilon. Each of the young people had the opportunity to have a picture taken with Santa and were treated to a book, a play item, and a clothing item. With gratitude, the young people and their parents/guardians expressed their appreciation by saying, Thank You, and some even made thank you cards. The Breakfast with Santa event is a signature Social Action activity for Nu Upsilon and demonstrates the chapter's commitment to providing Uplift to our community.



Kids engaged in arts and crafts at the Nu Upsilon Holiday Uplift

Brother Dr. Walter A. H. Gill Pens Autobiography “Yesterday’s Tommorrow”



Brother Dr. Walter A. H. Gill

Baltimore, MD, September 2016. Yesterday’s Tomorrow is Walter Gill’s autobiographical depiction of family’s survival in the Black Diaspora of the 1930’s to the still defacto segregation of today. It speaks of one family’s journey, using the green book, to survive the drive in the Jim Crow South, moving from town to town for a father’s employment to support his family, teaching at different HBCU’s. Fraternally, it is the Father to Son legacy story: Father, Dr. Robert Gill, a Giant in Omega, PhD, author of the History of the Fraternity, well traveled, taught Tuskegee Airmen, highly accomplished educator and Son, PhD, well traveled, accomplished author, educator and artist.

It tells how Omega Men employed at Morgan State College, in the 40’s to 70’s, were dominate in all aspects of administration on the College and how Omega and Omega men influenced and continue to be significant in Walter’s life. He chronicles his friendships with fraternity Brothers who became giants in their respective fields, such as Lonnie Liston Smith, musician, Earl Graves, publisher Black Enterprise and The Honorable George K. McKinney, the first African American to be appointed U.S. Marshal for the District of Maryland, and whose career in federal service spanned more than four decades and served President Nixon on a subpoena to turn over White House tapes relating to the Watergate scandal. It documents Walter’s family life through historical events with relative ease, while telling the effects of each life experience, making him to be one of the true great spirits of our time. It is the story of loves, loves lost and finally finding one true love. This is a great African American history lesson of a great lifewith an emphasis on education is the key to a great life. A must read. Brother Dr Walter A. H. Gill was initiated in 1957 through Pi Chapter and is currently a memembr of Pi Omega Chapter.

The Urban Professor

Walter Gill is a teacher, author, artist, actor and former university professor. Born in Greenville, Mississippi, he attended public schools in Jefferson City, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland. He was the first African American to graduate from Baltimore City College High School in 1955 and is a member of the school’s Hall of Fame. He graduated from Morgan State College (now University), and received his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University in educational communications.

For 22 years he was a university administrator or professor which included employment at Bowie State University (MD), Morgan State University (MD) and the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he was recommended for tenure. Dr. Gill has spent 26 years with children and youth as an art and social studies teacher, counselor for at-risk youth and delinquent males, director of a boys club, a year-long project for inner-city African American middle school males, and as a social worker in foster care. Seventeen years were spent with adjudicated and delinquent youth in three states.

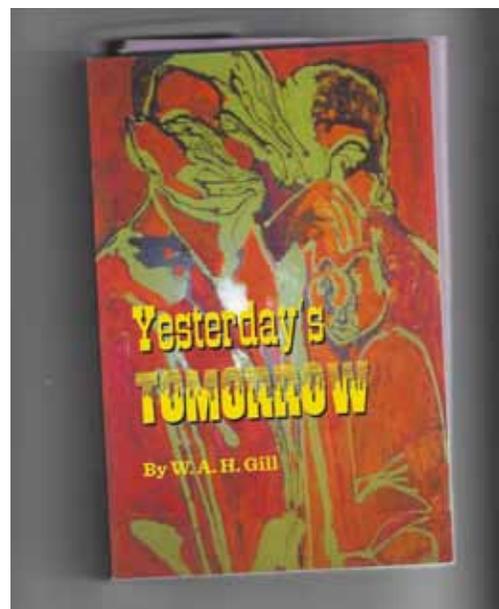
As an artist, he has engaged in painting, collages, crafts, ceramics, photography, films, clothing design, and acted in community theatre. He received a Best Supporting Actor Award from Center Stage for his portrayal of “Getlow” in Purlie; and Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy as “Lucian” in The Boys Next Door, from the Omaha (NE) Community Playhouse. He had a brief part in a Homicide: Life on the Streets episode.

Dr. Gill has authored the forementioned autobiography, Yesterday’s Tomorrow, three books on urban education: Teaching in Urban America: A Formula for Change; Issues in African American Education (1991) and A Common Sense Guide to Non-traditional Urban Education (1997); and A. Frances Nichols Gill Family Pictorial History. Gill was one of three reviewers for the Islamic publication By Dawns Early Light.

As an urban educator, Dr. Gill has excelled with hard-to-reach, challenged and delinquent males as documented on film, television and in newspapers. He is an adjunct professor at Towson University (Maryland) in the Department of Early Childhood Education and teaches two sections of “Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Society.”

Dr. Gill also advocates for children in foster care: he was appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve on the Citizens Review Board for Children for the Baltimore City, Department of Social Services; and he is President of the Governing Board of Seraaj Family Homes, Inc. headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama with six offices, and offices in Omaha, Nebraska, Washington, D.C., Riverdale and Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Gill attempts to live in the image of his father, Dr. Robert L. Gill, author of The History of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Men Who Made Its History. His mother Rubye Harris a scholar-athletic-music teacher and community activist was key to his interest in the arts. He also designed and promotes the “I Love Baltimore – The Harbor City” tee shirts.

His Islamic name is Wali Hakeen, meaning “wise friend,” a characteristic he believes all teachers should be to their students. He can be reached at urbanprofessor@aol.com.



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A Call to Uphold the Ritualistic Standards of Our Beloved Fraternity



Brother Terry Rodgers

Over the years I have witnessed a troubling degradation of the high ideals and standards of Omega Psi Phi, which I believe is the result of an ad hoc proliferation of local customs that is leading to secularization of our organization. From chapter to chapter and district to district the evidence of non-standard practices is visible in many, many areas, but nowhere is it more pronounced than in our most sacred ceremonies, which are the Initiation, the Memorial Service and the Omega Service.

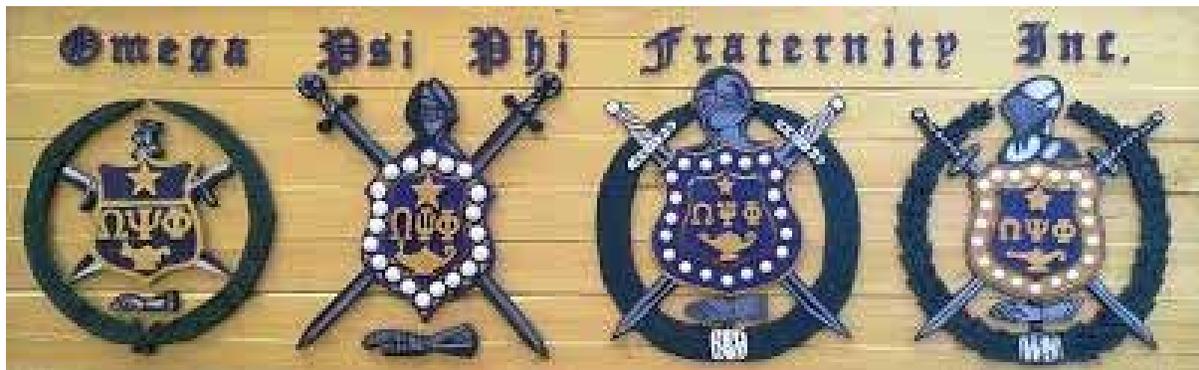
For example, in the conduct of the Omega Service, our most sacred ceremony, many chapters have taken to infusing their own "local customs" in how this Ritualistic duty is carried out. The dress code is not strictly enforced, songs other than Precious Lord are included, poems such as

"When We Wear the Gloves" and other such deviations have become routine. It is equally troubling when Brothers show up at other sacred ceremonies like our Memorial Services improperly attired and yet they are allowed to participate and are included in Official Omega photographs.

While some of these renditions are "nice touches" and pleasing to behold, especially "When We Wear The Gloves" my personal favorite, unfortunately they are not in compliance with the Ritual, the Policy and Procedures Manual, the Protocol Handbook or other sanctioned documents. With the Fraternity being some 106 years old, evolution is not only inevitable, but it is expected. Fortunately we have been given the tools, mechanisms and processes to allow for adaptation of change. Those tools include our ability to propose recommendations to our Constitution and By-Laws, and to make revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manual, through proper channels. Once those recommendations are adopted and published, we will then have a standard by which we can operate. Brothers, I feel that our Founders only required three Sacred Ritual Ceremonies which are the Initiation, an annual Memorial Service and an OMEGA Service and I would ask that we do all in our power to maintain the sanctity, tradition and standardization of these events. Let us go through the proper channels before blindly accepting derivations to the most sacred of our traditions, lest we lose the sense of importance and value of our Ritual.

Many of us cringe when we look at today's status quo behavior, tongue wagging, violence and brutality of Brother on Brother incidents, greening, hazing, "Betty Crocker" challenges, and indiscretions in public behavior. We have allowed our standards to slip in many areas; I just want us to preserve some sense of tradition in our Ritualistic mandates. It's really all that we have left, as we strive to uphold the promise that our Founders made to Dean Kelly Miller that we "would be like-minded men to them and uphold the high ideals and standards, ad-infinitum".

*Brother Terry Rodgers
Gamma Pi*



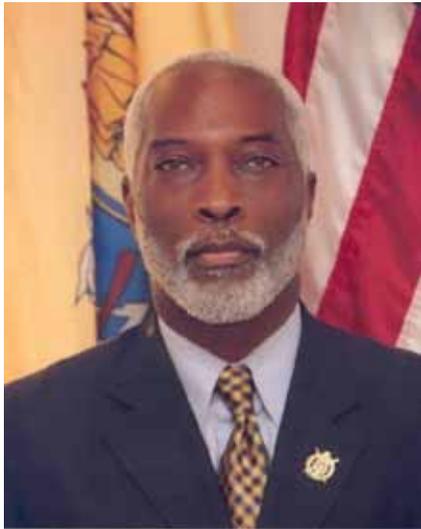


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History Is A Beautiful Thing



Brother Ashley Turnbull

A few years ago, I asked 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew Ray to sign my Omega history book. We engaged in a five minute conversation concerning the current state of Omega history. Brother Grand Dr. Ray stated "If you do not write your history, someone else will write if for you"! I never forgot those words and being a history enthusiast, it motivated me to seek additional history and knowledge.

During the past few years, I have audio- and video-recorded numerous public forums in which 28th Grand Basileus James Avery and 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray spoke to our Brotherhood. I hope to submit those recordings to our District and National offices so they can be placed in our historic archives. My Undergraduate Chapter (Kappa Eta Chapter, founded in 1975 at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey) just celebrated its 40th Anniversary. During the planning stages of our Anniversary Weekend Celebration, I volunteered to chronicle a Chapter history book. Many of the Chapter Brothers were excited and stated they would contribute in whatever ways they could. I asked Brothers to find their line pictures, flyers and any public documentation concerning the Chapter. Some Brothers scanned in pictures and emailed their information to me. I found out that many of the Brothers who pledged in the early '70's were not computer savvy; they had information which I could use, but could not get it to me via "electronic" medium. I decided to purchase a portable handheld scanner (approx. cost \$50), met my non-computer savvy brethren at various locations (their homes, restaurants or bars) and scanned in the pictures and documents they wanted to contribute to the history book. As we fellowshiped, I scanned in pictures, discussed the climate of various universities who were concerned with subjects like the Black Power moment and our Fraternity's Chapter on their campus. I also found out that some Brothers were involved in campus sit-ins and protest rallies at various locations. Some Brothers were even arrested during those activities.

Another Brother mentioned that there were many school officials (some black, some white) who did not want the Brothers to have a Chapter at Seton Hall University. Brother Joseph Rouse (Kappa Eta Chapter, '75) stated "There would be no Kappa Eta Chapter if Monsignor Thomas Fahy, Ph.D. Seton Hall University President 1970-1976 did not stand in line with our Brothers to obtain the Chapter". As I continued to receive various pictures of large afros, thick sideburns (and coke bottle-shaped sweethearts and sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority), I started to wonder where those Omega Brothers of the 70's might be. Some of them I'd have met and others have entered Omega Chapter but many others? Their whereabouts are currently "unknown". As I began to produce hard copies of the draft of the history book, I would travel to various Fraternity Chapter meetings and events and display portions of my chronicle; I would witness the excitement in the eyes of our Brothers as they saw their names in the book. As I continued to display the book, I'd recruit additional Brothers to submit information as well as corrections. I made several revisions and additions including pledge lines prior to Kappa Eta Chapter, the Omega Memorial Services, 13th, 21st, 25th, 30th and 40th Anniversary pictures and documents. I also created several two minute video presentations of which Brother Steve Barnes (Iota Eta Chapter, 1970) discussed the first undergraduate line in the state and campus, political and social issues in the early '70's. History continues to change. Technology allows us to document and update our history within an affordable budget. All anyone needs is the willingness to WORK!

This history project has enriched my life in more ways that I can express. I am leaving my Chapter, my Corridor, my District and my Fraternity with an historic documentation of 40 Years of history! What will be YOUR legacy? My Omega Brothers, I am asking you to write/document your Chapter's history. Leave a legacy for others to follow and continue. Feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your Chapter.

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To view a online version of the history book at
<http://turn-info.com/kh/index.html>

Brother Ashley A. Turnbull, 2-KH-1980 Life Member 3263, has proudly served as Corridor IV Representative, District Conference Marshal and Life Membership Chairperson.

Psi Iota Takes a Stand Against Domestic Violence



Psi Iota Brothers with Jack A. Markell, Governor of Delaware at the proclamation signing

Dover, DE. October 11, 2016. The Brothers of Psi Iota took part in the proclamation signing by the Governor of Delaware, Jack A. Markell, in conjunction with the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The DVCC tracks domestic violence-related deaths that occur throughout the State of Delaware. These domestic violence-related deaths include victims, perpetrators, or by-standers if the death was a result of domestic violence, either intimate partner violence or between family members.

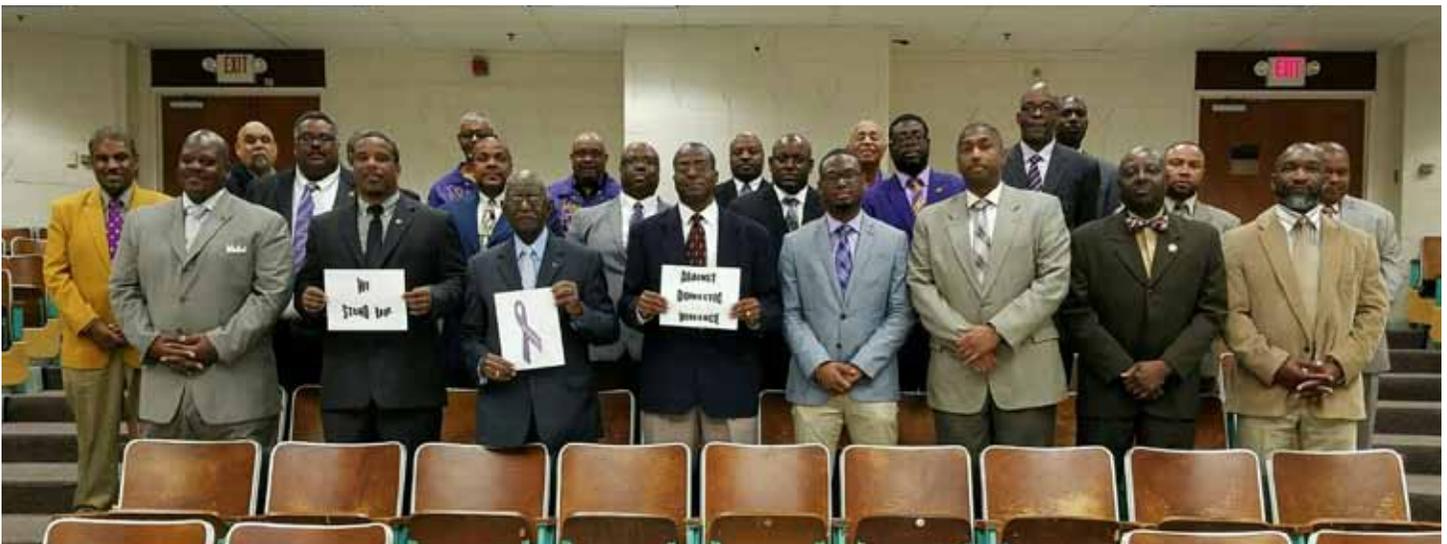
Between 1996 and 2015 in the state of Delaware, there were a total of 112 domestic violence-related homicide victims. The leading cause of the homicide was via a stabbing of the girlfriend or wife of the offender. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, female intimate partners are more likely to be murdered with a firearm than all other means combined. However, in Delaware during 2015, there was one homicide victim

killed by gunshot which is unusual when compared to previous years. A more alarming fact is that domestic violence affects our children as well. Statistics shows that 122 children lost a parent to domestic violence homicide and two children were impacted by near death of a parent.

Following the proclamation signing, The Brothers of Psi Iota took it one step further and went to social media to show how important it is to bring awareness to stop domestic violence. The Brothers took to social media posting pictures with the caption, "I am an Omega and I stand up and speak out against domestic violence."

For those who have been victimized we want you to know that you have a voice.

"The enemy doesn't stand a chance when the victim decides to survive."
– Rae Smith



Psi Iota Brothers taking an oath against Domestic Violence.

Psi Iota Flint Clean Water Crisis Project



Brother Gavin with the students of Wesley University

Dover, Delaware. February 23, 2016. The Brothers of Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Wesley College, 50k Souls and Pastor Carlos Cannon to provide water to those that are in the heart of the water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

Many of us cannot imagine turning on a water faucet but not having clean, drinkable water. However, this is the reality for the residents in Flint. Flint is located 70 miles north of Detroit, where close to half of its residents live below the poverty line. The Flint water crisis began in 2014 when the Flint River became the primary source for water. The issue is that this water supply has historically been tainted and was never cleaned prior to becoming the main water source.

A cry for help came from our brothers and sisters in Flint. They were warned that the water contained byproducts of disinfectants that may

cause health issues. The residents of Flint needed our help and Psi Iota answered the call.

A GoFundMe account was set up by Psi Iota Chapter to help raise money for the people of Flint, Michigan. The goal was to take the money raised and buy two pallets of water to be transported to Flint, Michigan. With the assistance from Wesley College, 50k Souls and Pastor Carlos Cannon, the water was purchased and put on a tractor trailer to be transported. In total, 147 cases of water were purchased, packaged and sent to the citizens of Flint.

The Brothers of Psi Iota were well pleased to do their part in assisting those who are in crisis. “The Greatest Good Is What We Do For One Another” – Mother Teresa

Psi Iota Talent Hunt

Dover, DE. March 18, 2017. The Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated held its annual Talent Hunt and chose to do something entirely different in addition to the regular performances. This year it was decided to highlight an art exhibit within the contest.

The students of William Henry Middle School (WHMS) exhibited their art works at Dover High School during the Annual Talent Hunt Program. Thirty one works of art of 5th and 6th graders were exhibited and judged by the participants of the event.

Three groups of art works were presented. Studies of Values (black and white) were done by pencil on paper depicting three shaded apples. Realistic Studies of Complimentary Colors (yellow-purple, red-green, blue-orange) were done by color pencils on paper depicting two-object Still Life (i.e. yellow lemon and purple grapes, red candle and green apple, blue bottle and orange). Complimentary Colors and Patterns were studied in two other projects: Warm Hands and Color Design. One Landscape showed use of various lines (thin/thick, curvy/straight).

The audience there to see the Talent Hunt contestants actively participated in the choosing of the winners. Votes were submitted for favorite pieces of art work. Ten winners were chosen and various gifts were awarded to the top three pieces of art work.

This event was a success because of WHMS Art teacher, Dr. Marina Borovok, and WHMS teacher, Brother Jamel Trott. Both teachers were so very proud of their talented students.



Brother Armor and Dr. Borovok in front of the art work

Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers present Anthony Williams Talent Hunt Award

LaPlata, MD. March 4, 2017. As the lights dimmed and everyone turned their attention to the stage, the Tau Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. kicked off its 9th Annual Talent Hunt competition. The event was held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the College of Southern Md in LaPlata, Md.

A nationally mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Talent Hunt competition is a yearly event hosted by Tau Lambda Lambda and is open to high school students from the DMV area. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three competitors, with the first place winner advancing to the regional competition.

When speaking about the Talent Hunt, Chairman Quentin Lowe had this to say "Because the arts program has had a drastic reduction in the roles of schools, I love that TLL provides a platform for young people to display their various talents".

Seven students displayed their various talents in three categories that included: vocal, dance, instrumental and dramatic interpretation.

Anthony Richardson, a talented composer and acoustic guitar player, placed first in the competition. Richardson, received a \$500 cash award. Anthony will represent Tau Lambda Lambda at the 69th Second District Conference in Rye Brook, NY.

First and second runners-up were Braelyn Thayer and Hayley Stewart, respectively.

While delivering his remarks, Daniel Ebb, Basileus of Tau Lambda Lambda, stated that "the Talent Hunt has a special meaning to me because I've played an instrument since the fifth grade and have played trumpet professionally for the Redskins for the past 11 years. So performing is in my soul!"

Tau Lambda Lambda CIAA Raffle

Waldorf, MD February 3, 2017. The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda chapter (TLL) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) raffle at Grille 13 located at 173 St Patricks Drive in Waldorf, MD 20603.

In preparation for the raffle drawing, the Brothers sold over 300 tickets to families and friends in the Southern Maryland community. After pounding the pavement and shaking the trees, we had three winners. First place: Ms. Ruth Wilson, second place: Mr. Anthony Stewart, and third place Ms. Lula Parran. The grand prize winner received two round trip plane tickets and a three nights stay at the Hilton Garden Inn during the 2017 CIAA Basketball Tournament held at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina, February 20-26, 2017.

The CIAA raffle is one of TLL's biggest funder-raiser events for our Scholarship program and we have awarded more than \$70,000 in scholar-

ships to worthy high school students in the tri-county area of Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert County. The scholarships help students and their families offset college expenses.

When asked about the importance of the CIAA raffle, Chairman Stephon Cunningham had this to say, "It brings my heart joy to see people donate to a worthy cause by helping young people achieve their dream of going to college and furthering their education".

In addition to raising much-needed funds for aspiring high school seniors, the raffle also brings awareness to historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), to which many students in Southern Maryland have yet to be exposed. Please note, HBCU's offer students, regardless of their race, an opportunity to develop their skills and talents to serve domestically and internationally as professionals, and entrepreneurs.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Quarterly Church Service



LGG Brothers present Rev. Dr. William M. Campbell, Jr. \$1000 donation for their Boys Mentoring Program

Brandywine, Maryland, March 12, 2017. Once every quarter, the Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma will assemble and partake in our Mandated Program by attending a Sunday Church Service in the District of Columbia/Maryland/Northern Virginia region. On Sunday, March 12, 2017, the Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma convened at Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, 6810 Floral Park Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613 for our Quarterly Church Service. The Sermon for the service was titled: "A Trip to Paradise" coming from Biblical Text: Luke 23: 39 – 43. It was with great pleasure that the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter was able to provide a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. William M. Campbell, Jr., for their Boys Mentoring Program. The Union Bethel A.M.E. Church Boys Mentoring Program

focuses primarily on educating and empowering young men while promoting holistic growth and leadership. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter prides itself on exercising the Fraternity's Implied Motto by mentoring young black men and steering them to excel in the areas of academics, social interaction, civics, and leadership. As the scripture reads; Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6. The Lambda Gamma Gamma Brothers in attendance for the Quarterly Church Service were 2nd District Chaplain- Wain Harrell, Lambda Gamma Gamma Basileus-Michael Coward, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chaplain – Brother Moses Whitehurst Jr., Brother Wonzie Gardner, Brother James Whitehead, Brother Tommie Bennett, Brother Pierce and Brother Byron Ross and Brother Lester Whitfield.

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Lambda Gamma Gamma "We Feed Our People" Program

Anacostia, SE Washington, D.C. January 16, 2017. It was the year 1999 when Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. anxiously seized the opportunity to partner with "We Feed Our People" program in Washington, D.C. to assist with providing hot food, warm clothes, and a form of Uplift to homeless and less fortunate citizens in the Washington D.C. area. It has been 17 consecutive years that Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has graciously been a vital organization involved in this program and it is Lambda Gamma Gamma's intent to remain an integral participant in future years to come. This year 2017, the "We Feed Our People" took post at The Big Chair, in Anacostia, Southeast Washington D.C. - Once considered the world's largest chair. When "We Feed Our People" first commenced in 1988, the program that provided food for the homeless and less fortunate did not provide meals on Sundays nor Federal holidays. Unfortunately, as a result, this caused Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s. Federal holiday to become damaging to many citizens that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated years of his life attempting to help. On Monday, January 16, 2017, 25 Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter came

out to the Big Chair location and extended their services from 8:00am to 4:00pm distributing warm clothes and hot meals to over 1,000 citizens of the Anacostia, Washington D.C. area. In the days leading up to the frigid cold, Monday, January 16, 2017, the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, We Feed Our People Committee Chairman, Bro. Erick Tyrone hosted two clothing drives that reaped over 600 lbs of warm garments that were donated to citizens at We Feed Our People in Anacostia, SE Washington, D.C. It was very rewarding to see smiles generate on the many faces of individuals and families that received nice warm garments. Homeless veterans found it very rewarding to be reassured that they have not been forgotten but yet appreciated for their years of military service. To receive a warm home cooked meal, speak with recently retired veterans of Lambda Gamma Gamma, share stories of places they have toured, and world events that they have experienced/survived, brought hope and encouragement to many that attended the We Feed Our People in Anacostia, SE Washington, D.C. Lambda Gamma Gamma plans to continue to actively support the "We Feed Our People" in Washington, D.C.

Tau Lambda Lambda Adopt A Road



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers Adopt a Road Program in Charles County, MD.

Charles County, MD. March 25, 2017. Thirty Brothers from the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., gathered to support the Charles County Adopt-a-Road program. The chapter has been a participant in the program since 2007.

The Adopt-A-Road Program, helps to keep Charles County cleaner, saves taxpayer dollars, and promotes local community involvement and civic responsibility. TLL's participation in this program helps reduce trash and litter along County roads to maintain a clean and attractive environment. We service a 1.5 mile stretch which begins at the intersection of

Smallwood Drive and Middletown Road. TLL collected over a dozen (30 pound) garbage bags during this clean up.

Charles County encourages residents/businesses to help combat the ever-increasing problem of littering by "adopting" a County road. Volunteers receive sign recognition for cleaning their road three (3) times in a calendar year.

Residents and middle/high school students are invited to participate (to acquire mandated community service volunteer hours) and fellowship with members of TLL while serving their community.

Zeta Iota Iota MLK Day of Service



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers with Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross (center in white shirt)

Philadelphia, PA. January 2017. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter participated in the annual Philadelphia MLK Day of Service at Girard College on Monday January 16, 2017. Our service project focused on men's business clothing and apparel in partnership with Men's Warehouse, who

donated 1,000 suits. 2017 marked the 5th year Zeta Iota Iota has participated with MLK365 Global Citizen. For more information on Zeta Iota Iota Chapter programs please visit www.ziiques.com.

Zeta Iota Iota Blanket Drive



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers gather to distribute blankets and toiletry items.

Philadelphia, PA. November 2016. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter held its annual Blanket Drive on November 14, 2016. The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter delivered much needed blankets and toiletry items to homeless

men and women of Center City, Philadelphia. Items included blankets, towels, face cloths, and hygiene products. For more information on Zeta Iota Iota Chapter programs please visit www.ziiques.com

Zeta Iota Iota Clothing Drive



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers pose with Mr. Bob Emberger Director of the Whosever Gospel Mission.

Philadelphia, PA. November 2016. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter held its annual Clothing Drive on November 12, 2017 at the Whosever Gospel Mission Thrift Shop located in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. The Mission is a Christian nonprofit organization whose purpose is to pro-

vide shelter, food, clothing, education, counseling, and rehabilitation to homeless and/or needy men, women, and children. The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter have supported the mission each year during Achievement Week.

Zeta Iota Iota Memorial Service



Zeta Iota Iota and Epsilon Pi Brothers attending the Memorial Service

Philadelphia, PA. March 2017. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter hosted their annual Memorial Service in partnership with Epsilon Pi Chapter of Chester, PA. The service was held at The Great Commission Church 2043 Eastburn Ave., Philadelphia, PA. 19138. The church pastor is Bro. Lawrence Anderson, Jr of Alpha Mu Nu Chapter and we were provided with an inspiring sermon. The program was led by each chapter’s respective neo-

-phyte chaplains - Bro. Dwight Bazemore, Zeta Iota Iota Chapter and Bro. Christopher Williams, Epsilon Pi Chapter. Zeta Iota Iota and Epsilon Pi Chapters alternate hosting their annual Memorial Service programs between Philadelphia and Chester, PA proving that Omega chapters can work together. Remember the saying – a family that prays together stays together!

Zeta Iota Iota “Brunch with the Bruhz” Reclamation & Retention



Zeta Iota Iota Brothers at 48th Street Grille

Philadelphia, PA. February 2017. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter hosted their monthly “Brunch with the Bruhz” Reclamation and Retention Program on Saturday February 18, 2017 at the 48th Street Grille. Basileus Kenon Jenkins devised the monthly program to foster fellowship and ideas

to both retain current members and reclaim non-financial members in the Philadelphia area. The brunch meeting will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 48th Street Grille 310 S. 48th St. Philadelphia, PA 19143 to support a neighborhood black owned business.

Zeta Iota Iota Talent Hunt Competition



Bro. Hasaan Newberry, Past Talent Hunt Chair, giving final instructions to Micah Graves prior to his performance.

Philadelphia, PA. March 2017. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter hosted their 6th annual Talent Hunt contest on March 24, 2017 at the Universal Audenreid Charter High School. The event was hosted by Bro. Dwight Bazemore, Talent Hunt Chair, and featured student performances from several Philadelphia area high schools. Talent Hunt winners were awarded cash prizes of \$200 and \$100 for first and second place in each category. Additionally, the overall winner received \$5,000 in dental care provided by Bro. Anthony Farrow, DMD, MS. The 2017 winner is pianist/keyboardist Micah Graves who attends Calvary Christian Academy and studies music at The Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts. Micah will attend the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, this summer. In addition to the talented student contestants, the audience was entertained by Bro. Bazemore's

solo vocal performances accompanied by the house band featuring Bro. Brad Briscoe on the drums. The Talent Hunt production was managed by Brothers K. Walter Wilkie, Jerome Smith, and Christopher Thompson. Funding for the program was provided by charitable donations and the Talent Hunt Souvenir Ad Journal, led by Bro. Noah Cherry. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter has now partnered with Universal Audenreid Charter School for three years and appreciates their support. The South Philadelphia school is managed by the Universal Companies whose founder is Mr. Kenny Gamble of The Sound of Philadelphia fame. Mr. Gamble was the 79th Grand Conclave Honorary Talent Hunt Chair. The Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter look forward to Micah Graves sharing his talents at the 69th District Conference Talent Hunt.

Zeta Iota Iota Thanksgiving Turkey Drive



Philadelphia, PA. November 2016. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter conducted its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive on November 22, 2016. Turkey and trimmings were directly provided to families in the City of Philadelphia and Delaware County. Food items were donated through our annual Achievement Week Canned Food Drive and charitable donations from chapter members. Brothers were dispatched to deliver food to provide a personal touch and let families know that Omega is here for our communities. For more information on Zeta Iota Iota Chapter programs please visit www.ziiques.com.

Zeta Iota Iota Brothers gather to box and distribute Thanksgiving food items

Zeta Iota Iota Achievement Week



Basileus Kennon Jenkins, 2nd DR Sherman Charles, Bro. Mike Gaillard 35 Year Service Award, Bro. Kevin Johnson Citizen of the Year, Bros. Larry Bell and Zach Rollins Basileus Awards and Bro. Keir Pemberton 2016 Omega Man of the Year.

Philadelphia, PA. November 2016. Zeta Iota Iota Chapter held its annual Achievement Week Program on Saturday November 19, 2016 at the University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall, Hall of Flags in Philadelphia, PA. The program featured keynote address by the 2016 Citizen of the Year award recipient Bro. Rev. Dr. Kevin Johnson. Bro. Johnson is the President and CEO of Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Philadelphia, Pastor of Dare to Imagine Church, and Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University. Chapter awardees: Bro. Keir Pemberton, 2nd District Scholarship Chair and Immediate Past Basileus, 2016 Omega Man of the Year recipient; 2016 Founders' Award recipient was Bro. Anjuan Collins, 2nd District

Undergraduate Chapter Advisor Chair; Basileus Awards: Bro. Larry Bell and Zach Rollins; and Service Awards: Bro. VanBuren Brown-40 Years, Bro. Mike Gaillard-35 Years, Bro. Clyde Sherman-35 Years, and Bro. Bradley Mitchell-35 Years.

35th Second District Representative Bro. Sherman Charles gave remarks and installed the 2016-2017 Chapter Officers highlighted by Basileus Kennon Jenkins, 1VB Jerome Smith, 2VB LeJean Thompson, KRS Larry Bell, KF Adrian Knight, and Chaplain Dwight Bazemore. This marked the first time in Zeta Iota Iota Chapter history that a majority of elected positions were held by ZII initiates. Good Luck!

Gamma Pi Project ENRICH

Bowie, MD. January 21, 2016. When it comes to working with young people, the Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter enjoy sharing their knowledge and connecting young students with mentors and others who can help them chart a course to success. That philosophy is most evident in Gamma Pi's Project ENRICH program that meets monthly at Bowie State University and was on display Saturday, January 21, during a careers presentation.

In a different twist this year, Project ENRICH director Bro. Willie Hines arranged for students to hear from just two presenters for Career Day. The focus this year was on entrepreneurship. In featuring just two professionals, Project ENRICH was able to turn the spotlight on business ownership rather than type of occupation.

Brother Anthony Stewart connected quickly and directly with students when he "got real" and told them that his success today was a direct contrast to his rural farm upbringing on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He talked openly about his status as the lowest-performing child academically among nine siblings in the household. "Everybody in my family has a graduate degree and they all graduated Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude and I graduated, 'Thank you Lawdy.' I barely got out of here" (Bowie State, 1985), he said to laughs from the full auditorium.

Brother Stewart, owner of Stewart Financial Services, Inc., shared his story about how he ambled around early in the years immediately after college not knowing what he really wanted to do with his life. A Business

major, he initially was consumed with becoming a Xerox salesman. He pursued that dream as long as he could – coming "close, but no cigar." He recalled how with a pregnant wife and living in a small condo, he struck out on his own knowing very little about how money works or the financial services industry, but with a strong curiosity and a willingness to learn. He found himself very interested in the topic and it led him to his own financial services business part-time initially and then full-time. To the Project ENRICH students, Brother Stewart's story was an example of a creative way to put your college education to work even if your GPA is not very high. Brother Stewart's main message: "Don't ever chase money; chase your dreams,"

Another presenter, Andrew Clark, from the local area, talked about how he built a successful three-location physical therapy business by stepping away from what seemed like a secure job to take a risk. The stability and solid state of the physical therapy profession was a good building block for him to develop a business.

His overriding message to the youth was to choose a field where demand is high.

Clark, owner of Sports Pro Physical Therapy and Aquatic Center, spent several minutes explaining the academic requirements to become a fully certified physical therapist. He also provided statistics on the demographic makeup of the industry emphasizing that only about 4% of physical therapy professionals are African Americans.

Gamma Pi Achievement Week Activities



*Gamma Pi's Omega Man of the Year
Brother William Smith*



*Grand Basileus Brother Antonio Knox is interviewed for
Gamma Pi's "Community UPLIFT" TV show*

National Harbor, MD. November 19, 2016. For Gamma Pi Chapter, Achievement Week 2016 was a full and successful week of activities that underscored the chapter's reputation as The Super Chapter. More than 100 Brothers participated in Achievement Week programs that started Sunday, November 13 and ended with a community awards event honoring local grassroots leaders and chapter members for a year of accomplishment.

Chapter Brothers honored this year were William Smith, Omega Man of the Year; Lucian Cox, Superior Service Award; Lawrence Dukes, Founder's Award; and Brig. Gen. R. Scott "Scottie" Dingle received the Col. Charles Young Award. Bro. Dingle also served as a keynote speaker for Achievement Week. Also, Willie Hines, Jr., whose dad Willie Hines Sr., runs Gamma Pi's Project ENRICH initiative, was named Student-Athlete of the Year.

This year, the presence of Omega Psi Phi Grand Basileus Bro. Antonio Knox energized Brothers throughout Achievement Week as he gave a powerful, spirited and uplifting talk to chapter members and Omega guests for the Annual Brothers Only dinner on Friday, November 17, at Joint Base Andrews. More than 100 Omega men gathered for the private dinner and Bro. Knox was a timely speaker for the occasion as he put into perspective the recently-completed U.S. election results, reminding Brothers just weeks after the election that these are time that Omega men are best prepared to lead in tough times.

"If you go back and look at the history books; and you don't have to go back to the history books of the Fraternity, but the history books of this United States, you'll see that since Omega has been founded, we have been involved in trying to make a difference in our community."

Immediately after the dinner, Brother Grand Knox recorded a short segment for Gamma Pi's local TV show, "Community UPLIFT," which airs via local cable systems FiOS and Comcast.

The Fraternity's Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Gamma Pi's own Bro. Kenneth Rodgers also attended the Brothers Only dinner and brought greetings, along with newly installed Second District Representative Bro. Sherman Charles.

Bro. Brig. Gen. Dingle, a member of the chapter, was the keynote speaker at the communitywide Achievement Week program held Saturday, November 19 at the Washington National Harbor. His message dovetailed nicely with the Grand Basileus' message the night before as he talked about "not losing your bearings" as Gamma Pi goes about doing the work of Omega. "Although we are on the course of living our Founders' vision, yet there is still some work that needs to be done."

Earlier in the week, Brothers attended a church service hosted by the Brother Rev. Brian King, Gamma Pi chaplain, completed a series of community service projects and attended the Re-dedication ceremony at Howard University on November.

Gamma Pi Mardi Gras

National Harbor, MD. March 25, 2017. Last year, Gamma Pi broke a 20-plus year tradition and moved its annual Mardi Gras Extravaganza to the Washington National Harbor, the hottest new entertainment district on the East Coast. It saw the largest attendance ever for Mardi Gras and brought a fresh new vibe to the chapter's signature social event.

The return to National Harbor for this year's Mardi Gras, held on Saturday, March 25, proved last year was no fluke as more than 1,000 people packed the Gaylord National Hotel and Conference Center on the National Harbor, for an exciting night of entertainment.

Mardi Gras is often billed as a "party with a purpose." Each year, the event is held to raise funds for social action programs in conjunction with the Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc. Gamma Pi and Friendship Charities took the opportunity at this year's Mardi Gras to award retiring Bowie State University president Bro. Dr. Mickey Burnim with a proclamation honoring his outstanding service to Bowie State University, the Prince George's County community and higher education. Bro. Dr. Burnim is retiring at the end of the academic year. Several other dignitaries – including Fraternity officers and elected leaders -- were also in attendance.

Leading the entertainment for the evening was the hot all-Omega musical

aggregation, Just's Friends, led by none other than Bro. District Representative Sherman "Shorty" Charles. For the third year in a row, Just's Friends moved and grooved and kept the night going full blast. The crowd was also treated to an elegant late evening breakfast.

Another entertainment highlight for the evening was the costume parade that takes place during the "halftime" break of the event. Partygoers representing various competitive categories strutted around the venue to Louisiana Zydeco music sporting colorful umbrellas reminiscent of New Orleans-style Mardi Gras. Cash prizes were awarded.

Also during the event, patrons were able to watch a "silent video" of Gamma Pi's and Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc.'s community work over the past year, scrolling by on two large video screens. From children and youth to families and seniors, the people being served in the scenes reflected the deep and abiding commitment to community causes that both Gamma Pi Chapter and the Friendship organization possess.

It was another exciting Mardi Gras night in a string of many for Gamma Pi Chapter. Congratulations to Brother Ronald Swann, Chairman, and Co-Chair Brother Rodney Beverly, for another outstanding job for Year Two at National Harbor. Portions of the event were broadcast live on Twitter.

Gamma Pi Talent Hunt Competiton



Gamma Pi Talent Hunt Overall Winner MaKenzie Sherman celebrates her victory

Springdale, MD. March 11, 2017. People who have attended Gamma Pi Chapter’s Annual Talent Hunt over the years know while sitting in the audience they are fortunate to be watching some of tomorrow’s stars today –for free. That’s why the event is so popular. This year’s talent Hunt was no exception. A nearly full house turned out at the Charles H. Flowers High School for an entertaining Saturday afternoon program.

After weeks of tryouts and then rehearsals under the direction of Bro. Dr. Leroy Barton, Jr., a music professor, it was down to 19 performers and 6 artists vying for the overall winner’s title and for placing in the individual categories. This year’s performers covered a wide range of talents: dancers, dramatists, instrumentalists, pianists, vocalists and even artists who paint and draw. Throughout the program, an active and engaged audience let the judges know who they favored as the competition unfolded.

MaKenzie Sherman, a senior at Largo High School, was judged the Overall Winner of Gamma Pi’s 2017 Talent Hunt. She won the competition with a dazzling classical piano performance of Moonlight Sonata Opus No. 27 by Beethoven. Young Ms. Sherman will represent Gamma Pi Chapter at the 69th Second District Conference in Rye, N.Y. in May. Other winners were Taysia Phelps (Vocal Contemporary), who performed, “All I Could Do Was Cry” by Beyonce; Gabriel Corporal (Dance), who danced to “I Have Nothing” by Whitney Houston; Langston Hughes II (Instrumen-

tal Contemporary), who played a saxophone solo, Grover Washington, Jr.’s “Winelight”; Tyrice Faison (Instrumental Classical), who performed “Cello Suite No. 1 Minet I/II by J.S. Bach; Nicholas Huff (Visual Art/ Drawing and Painting); and Cortez McKay (Visual Arts Photography).

As always, Gamma Pi fielded an All-Star lineup of professional judges led by Eric Summers, Director of the popular Washington Redskins Band. Other judges were comprised of a local college and high school music and fine arts educators.

“Our community is so full of talent and promise – it’s really encouraging,” said Bro. Dr. Barton. “Every year we look forward to showcasing this talent to the community, and the community thanks us by coming out in large numbers and getting into the show. This is what the Annual Talent Hunt is all about. All the news about our young people is not bad or depressing.”

When it was all over, the hyped up crowd was still primed for more as the energy level rose again with the suspense over the announcement of the winners. Congratulations to Bro. Dr. Barton (chair) and Bro. William Lloyd, co-chair, and their committee for producing another outstanding Talent Hunt program. Brother Richard W. Allison II served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Gamma Pi Basileus Bro. Tony Lee gave the official welcome. Can’t you hear the musicians tuning up for next year?



Young Ballerina performs at Talent Hunt



Young pianist delivering classical performance at the Talent Hunt

Gamma Pi Brother Makes House Calls with “Vet on Wheels”



Bro. Dr. Foy and daughter, Dr. Mari-Ashli Foy, prepare to perform a procedure

Anne Arundel County, MD. March 24, 2017. One thing that signifies Gamma Pi Chapter is its professional diversity. We have men from every walk of life populating The Super Chapter -- doctors, lawyers, business leaders, teachers, preachers, military leaders and government executives, as well as computer scientists and members serving on all levels of law enforcement. When it comes to medicine, one member of Gamma Pi is a noted expert in providing medical treatment to animals. as a Veterinarian. That person is none other than Bro. Dr. Harrison Foy, DVM (Rho Psi '67), who was featured recently in The Capital Gazette news paper in Anne Arundel County.

Bro. Dr. Foy was touted in the article for his innovative “Vet on Wheels” mobile unit that allows him to provide “house call-style” medical care to pets around the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore metro area. The story was published in a prominent place in the newspaper with a photo of Bro. Dr. Foy holding a kitten “patient” along with an associate in tow. His medical practice is appropriately called NMotion Home Veterinary Care

(www.nmotionhomeveterinarycare.net). The rolling pet medical facility is a 26-foot step van that can handle a wide variety of medical procedures for sick and injured pets.

Bro. Dr. Foy has paved the way for many other young African Americans, including his own daughter, to enter the veterinary medical field. His wife, an Yvette, is also a veterinarian. Bro. Dr. Foy is also responsible for four young women whose fathers are members of Gamma Pi Chapter being able to currently study under full-ride scholarships at Tennessee State University, his alma mater. His contributions in the area of education symbolize the commitment to Scholarship that The Founders challenged all Omega men to embrace. Bro. Dr. Foy truly is a keeper of the Four Cardinal Principles.

You can read The Capital Gazette article about Bro. Dr. Foy as well as the articles about his educational contributions to Gamma Pi offspring, at The Super Chapter’s blog, Gamma Pi LIVE: www.gammapiblog.blogspot.com



Bro. Dr. Foy’s “NMotion Home Veterinary Care Van”

Gamma Pi Escorts Que Kidz Program to African American Museum of History and Culture



Gamma Pi Brothers escort Que Kidz at National Museum

Washington, D.C. January 28, 2017. The long-awaited National Museum of African American History and Culture has been so popular that people are still waiting for weeks just to get a shot at the free tickets required to get in. But some lucky youth from the underserved Kentland Community in Prince George’s County got to experience the museum early this year, thanks to Gamma Pi Chapter.

The Gamma Pi Que Kidz program escorted a group of kids from Kentland to the African American Museum on Saturday, January 28. For these youths, the trip was an introduction to a very special cultural and social opportunity they otherwise would not get, which is what Que Kidz is all about.

.It was a great outing! There was so much to see and experience that the group could not cover it all in one day, but they got most of it in, enough to make a memorable impression on them. There was no exhibit that could not excite them. On this Saturday, based on the buzz generated before,

during and after the trip, the kids felt like they struck gold! As these kids grow up, they will always remember it was “The Ques” who took them on their first visit to the African American museum.

The museum brought African American history to life in a way that no history lesson in school could for the youth. This trip helped the youth identify with something much larger than themselves that they are also part of as a generational link.

“One of the things we stress in Que Kidz is that these young people have fun while learning,” said Bro. Kevin Greenwood. “This was certainly the case on this trip. We will never forget seeing their reactions to being at this very special place in our nation’s history.”

The trip was also memorable in another way. A “tweet” that the chapter sent out highlighting the trip –which included a photo of the kids inside -- was “liked” by the Museum and posted on its own official Twitter page. The Gamma Pi museum trip tweet was viewed more than 9,100 times.

Iota Nu Voter Registration Drives in Harford and Carroll County



Aldre Gaines registers to vote with Bro. Wayne Long and Annaya Andrews

Carroll County, MD. September 27, 2016. Iota Nu Brothers Marquies Findley-Smith (1-16-IN), Wayne Long (3-16-IN), and Michael Wright (6-16-IN) participated in a voters registration drive on the campus of McDaniel College. The event brought together students from four student organizations to help students register and receive absentee ballots.

Aberdeen, MD. September 22, 2016. Iota Nu partnered with the Harford

Harford County Chapter of the NAACP to register voters for the upcoming election. Iota Nu was responsible for a two-hour block to register voters, answer questions, and assist with set-up and tear-down of the exhibit. Chapter Basileus, Mark Thomas (1-08-IN) was responsible for coordinating with the NAACP and manning the booth with Ms. Zilpha Smith, President of the Harford Chapter of the NAACP.

Delta Upsilon Achievement Week Activities



Delta Upsilon participates at the HBCU College Fair

Trenton, NJ. November 2017. The Brothers of Delta Upsilon Chapter began their Achievement Week celebration by first joining the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter at their 1st Annual “Omega Night of Worship and Song” held November 10, 2016 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington New Jersey. On Sunday, November 13, 2016, Delta Upsilon Chapter in collaboration with the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation, the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fairs of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Department of Education, hosted their annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor New Jersey. The HBCU College Fair was free and open to the public and approximately 750 parents and students (high school juniors and seniors) were in at-

tendance. Over 45 plus colleges and universities were on display. As in past years, several HBCU’s in attendance waived the application fee for students applying on-site and awarded scholarship dollars exceeding \$1,000,000.00. Students and parents also had an opportunity to attend workshops on Educational Goals for Life, Financial Aid 101, Exploring HBCU Opportunities after Community College and Making College Decisions / Why Choose an HBCU. The event was a tremendous success! Finally, Delta Upsilon held its annual Achievement Week Dinner. Honored at the event where the “Omega Man of the Year”, Bro. Rayford Johnson, “Community Leader of the Year”, Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson, and “Community Organization of the Year”, the National Junior Tennis and Learning of Trenton.



Iota Nu 9th Annual Talent Hunt Competition



Brother Emil Cromwell (62-PE) and Iota Nu Basileus Mark Thomas congratulate Miss Victoria Stanley.

Havre de Grace, MD. March 18, 2017. The Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter held its 9th Annual Talent Hunt Competition at the Saint James AME Church in Havre de Grace, MD. The Talent Hunt Competition is an Omega Psi Phi mandated program and is open to high school performers in instrumental, vocal, and dramatic arts. Judging the contest was Miss Felicia Thomas, Miss Dana McCants, and Mrs. Courtney White Gilbert. The event opened with a welcome and prayer by Mark Thomas (08-IN),

Basileus of Iota Nu. Brother Emil Cromwell (62-PE) gave a brief history of the Talent Hunt to the audience. Miss. Victoria Stanley, a senior at Havre de Grace High School was chosen the winner of the 2017 Iota Nu Talent Hunt Competition. She won for her instrumental performance playing Siciliana and GiGi by Handel on Flute. She received a prize of \$400 towards her aspiration to pursue music at Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

Iota Nu Toys for Tots



Iota Nu Brothers Newman and Thomas with toys to be donated to kids at Christmas

Aberdeen, MD. December 16, 2016. Donning festive bow ties, the Men of the Iota Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collected toys, games and bikes for the local Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots. 2016 marks the 69th year of the toy drive. The Harford County Omega Men have generously joined the Marine Corps' efforts for the past eight years by hosting this annual Toy Drive and Bow Tie Social. The December 16, 2016 event was part of the organization's community service and outreach program. It was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Aberdeen, MD where more than 40 members of the Fraternity and their guests, and

friends gathered. The toy drive ended on December 17, 2016. While the Marine Corps reported 2016 as a down year for Toys for Tots, the Iota Nu Chapter exceeded its toy campaign goal. Iota Nu Chapter was able to provide more than 400 gifts for children who might not have otherwise had toys for the holiday season. Toys for Tots is just one of many charities supported by the Iota Nu Chapter, a graduate affiliate of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Iota Nu Mardi Gras



Brother Mark Thomas congratulates the fur raffle winner with Mano Swartz representative Mr. Harry Evans

Middle River, MD. February 18, 2017. Martins East was the site of the Mardi Gras sponsored by the Iota Nu Chapter and the 501c3 organization Uplift Foundation, Inc. Brother Mike Bennett (16-IN) was chairman of the event. The evening of elegance started with hors d'oeuvres and Jazz. After a dinner of traditional New Orleans cuisine of seafood jambalaya and traditional American food fare, the welcome was given by Brother Mark Thomas (08-IN), Basileus. The Brothers from the 2016 line gave a step show to great applause. The evening fun continued with dancing from music provided by Ole School Productions. In addition to the Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter, notable community leaders

in attendance included MG Bruce Crawford, Commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, his wife Mrs. Dianne Crawford, Mrs. Zilpha Smith, president of the Harford County Chapter of the NAACP, as well as fellow Greeks and community patrons. Additional funds were raised through the souvenir journal with over 40 ads from local businesses and Brothers of the chapter. Door prizes were provided by Hilton Garden Inn, Mano Swartz Fur, and JF&K Financial Services. Proceeds of the event will be distributed to High School students in the Harford and Cecil County areas.

Bro. Wayne Long Elected NPHC President at McDaniel College



Brother Wayne Long

Westminster, MD. February 14, 2017. Brother Wayne Long (16-IN) was elected the first elected National Pan-Hellenic Counsel President of McDaniel College. As NPHC President, Brother Long is responsible for being the chief executive officer of the council, presiding over all meetings of the Council and the Executive Board, ensuring that meetings are conducted with decorum and discipline, enforcing the laws and by-laws of the constitution. As the first NPHC President, Brother Long has plans on leaving a legacy, which his peers may build upon. With a desire to create positive change at McDaniel, Brother Long strives to make the African-American Greek Fraternities and Sororities the premiere organizations on the campus of McDaniel College.

Iota Nu Manhood Forum at McDaniel College

Westminster, MD. November 16, 2016. Iota Nu Brothers on the campus of McDaniel College hosted a forum on Manhood. The event was specifically catered to young African American males, who were instructed to dress in business attire for the event. The aim of the program was to discuss the challenges facing young black men in society, but more specifically, at those attending a predominantly white institution. Brother Michael Wright (6-16-IN) led the discussion. It was established that although the odds may be stacked against black males at a predominantly white institution, it is important that we focus on excelling academically and becoming well-rounded students, so that it is harder to be placed into a box or be subject to a negative label.

Iota Nu Human Trafficking Forum at McDaniel College

Westminster, MD. March 29, 2017. In response to the recent outbreak of human trafficking incidents throughout the state and especially Washington, D.C., the Brothers of Iota Nu held a forum on human trafficking on the campus of McDaniel College. Brother Marquise Findley-Smith (16-IN) led the discussion of the epidemic by first showing a video that illustrated the ways in which women can be abducted, that do not fit the mold of the typical "white van" abductions. Stories of survivors of human trafficking were shared, as well as statistics for human trafficking in Maryland. Several strategies for prevention and reduction in the future were discussed, the most prominent of which included spreading awareness to younger crowds.

Historical Perspective

Omega Men in FDR's Black Cabinet



Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Black Cabinet

Born of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal", the unofficial Black Cabinet was a group of African-American men who worked within the New Deal and had access to the Oval Office. First known as the Federal Council of Negro Affairs, they were an informal group of African-American public policy advisors to President Roosevelt.

Initially, after his election, President Roosevelt, paid little attention to racial issues, focusing instead on the nation's economic crisis. But to enact his relief and recovery programs, Roosevelt needed the backing of Southern members of Congress. Neither he nor his political operatives at first grasped the growing importance of black voters in Northern cities. And although the Roosevelt administration claimed to adhere to non-discriminatory policies, many New Deal programs openly discriminated against blacks.

When he came into office in 1933, the country was just about closed down. There was the feeling that the government had to do something to restore confidence. Roosevelt tried everything he could to get the nation out of the Depression.

Out of this period of massive homelessness came relief from Washington in the form of the "New Deal," a series of economic policies introduced by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after the Great Depression left the U.S. economy in a dismal state. The programs were implemented to provide relief to millions of Americans that were stuck in a state of poverty as a result of the Great Depression. The various programs were rolled out over five years (1933-1938) and covered a range of items including labor, bank, and relief reforms. The New Deal had many opponents, some of whom felt the programs built up the power held by the government and promoted capitalism. And besides, although the Roosevelt administration claimed to adhere to non-discriminatory policies, many New Deal programs openly discriminated against blacks.

Still, as early as the congressional election of 1934, African-American voters were deserting Abraham Lincoln's Republican Party and voting Democratic. Continued migration northward and a sharp reduction in the illiteracy rate among blacks, attributed in part to the New Deal programs, expanded the black electorate which in many cities was reaching critical numbers.

By mid-1935, forty-five African-Americans had positions in cabinet offices and New Deal agencies.

In 1936, this group began calling itself the Federal Council on Negro Affairs. Although these leaders were not officially cabinet members, their role in advising the President on black employment, education, and civil rights issues led the press to refer to them as FDR's "Black Cabinet" or the "Black Brain Trust."

This informal group of African-American public policy advisors was to help the country emerge from the depression. Omega men Robert C. Weaver, Lawrence Oxley, Roscoe Brown, Frank Horne, William Hastie, J. Arthur Weiseger, Ted Poston, Campbell C. Johnson and William Trent were among those who served on the cabinet.

Bro. Lawrence Oxley was appointed to the US Department of Labor. In addition to working on programs in their respective areas in executive agencies, the appointees served as unofficial advisers to the president on New Deal programs, and their impact on African-American communities during the Great Depression cannot be overstated. Oxley worked on programs to improve employment opportunities for African Americans. In 1937, he published "Government Employment and Negro Youth", an article encouraging use of the U.S. Employment Services opportunities. By publishing in a widely read journal, Oxley used an existing network to distribute information about government programs.

Bro. Robert Clifton Weaver in 1933, Weaver was appointed as an aide to United States Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. Coming with a reputation for knowledge about housing issues, Bro. Weaver was invited to join President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Black Cabinet in 1934.

Bro. Weaver had expressed his concerns about African American housing issues in his 1930 article, "Negroes Need Housing," published by the NAACP magazine *The Crisis* after the Stock Market Crash. He noted there was a great difference between the income of most African Americans and the cost of living; African Americans did not have enough housing supply because of many social factors, including the long economic decline of rural areas in the South. He suggested a government housing program to enable African Americans the chance to buy or rent housing. Bro. Weaver drafted the U.S Housing Program under Roosevelt, which was established in 1937. The program was intended to provide financial support to local housing departments, as a subsidy toward lowering the

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rent paid by poor African American families. The program decreased the average rent from \$19.47 per month to \$16.80 per month. Weaver claimed the scope of this program was insufficient, as there were still many African Americans who made less than the average income. They could not afford to pay for both food and housing. In addition, generally restricted to segregated housing, African Americans could not necessarily take advantage of other subsidized housing.

Bro. William J Trent Jr. held Government posts in Washington from 1938 to 1944, during the Administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first as an official of the Department of the Interior with the title of Adviser on Negro Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, and then as race relations officer in the Federal Works Agency.

Bro. Ted Poston, as head of the Negro News desk in the Office of War Information, Poston provided vital information to black newspapers across the nation in the campaign to integrate the defense industry workforce. His efforts were partly responsible for Executive Order 8802 in June 1941, which banned racial discrimination in companies with government contracts. After World War II, Poston wrote serialized short stories for various newspapers. Most of these stories addressed issues of social justice and racial discrimination. He wrote a series, “Horror in the Sunny South,” about the 1949 rape trial of a group of young black men in Florida. The series received the George Polk Award for national reporting in 1949.

Bro. Colonel Campbell C. Johnson served as an advisor on race issues in the Select Service system. In 1940 he was as an assistant to the Director of Select Services. He was Director of the Racial Relations section of the Select Services, and an assistant to the Director. The Marine Corps first opened themselves to Black volunteers in 1942. To the dismay of the Marines, only 63 African Americans joined. Lieutenant Colonel Campbell C. Johnson decided that he would actively recruit Black Marines. Due to his efforts African Americans began joining the Marine Corps in droves, at a rate of more than 1,000 a month in 1943.

Bro. Dr. Frank S. Horne accepted a call from Mary McLeod Bethune, in 1936, to work in Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s “Black Cabinet” as Assistant Director of the Division of Negro Affairs’ National Youth Administration in Washington D.C. In 1938, he joined Robert C. Weaver as Assistant Director for the United States Housing Authority, later named the Federal Public Housing Administration (FHA). In addition, he was involved with the National Housing Agency and Office of Housing Expeditor. In 1949, he was designated a member of the Civil Service Committee of Expert Examiners for the Housing and Home Finance Agency (HHFA). In May of 1950, he conducted HHFA research into the economic situation of Negro war workers. Horne was noted as being one of the founders of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing (NCDH). In October of 1953, Horne was reassigned as “Assistant to the Administrator” of the HHFA after the Eisenhower administration made a concentrated effort to dismiss him.

Bro. Dr. Roscoe Brown was a pioneer in the field of Public Health, particularly as it pertained to African-Americans. Dr. Brown, a successful Dentist, gave up his practice to serve in the U.S. Public Health Service. Bro. J. Arthur Weiseger was an advisor to the Department of Labor. Overall FDR’s administration tripled the number of African Americans working for the federal government, including thousands of black engineers, architects, lawyers, librarians, office managers, and other professionals. Under President Roosevelt’s leadership, and with the strong support of his wife Eleanor Roosevelt, the Democrats included the first specific African American plank in the party platform at their 1936 convention.

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Bro. William J. Trent, Jr.



Bro. Dr. Frank S. Horne



Bro. Lawrence Oxley



Bro. Ted Poston



Bro. Dr. Roscoe Brown

Historical Perspective from Dec. '49 Oracle

IS HASTIE HEADED FOR SUPREME COURT BENCH?

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WILLIAM HENRY Hastie might very well be the first American of African descent to achieve a seat on the bench of the United States Supreme Court.

He has just been appointed by President Harry S. Truman to the highest judicial post ever filled by a Negro, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Only court higher is the Supreme Court.

Exclusion of traditional presidential appointments of Negroes to the District of Columbia Municipal Court. JUDGE-DESIGNATE HASTIE was the first of his race to preside in a federal court.

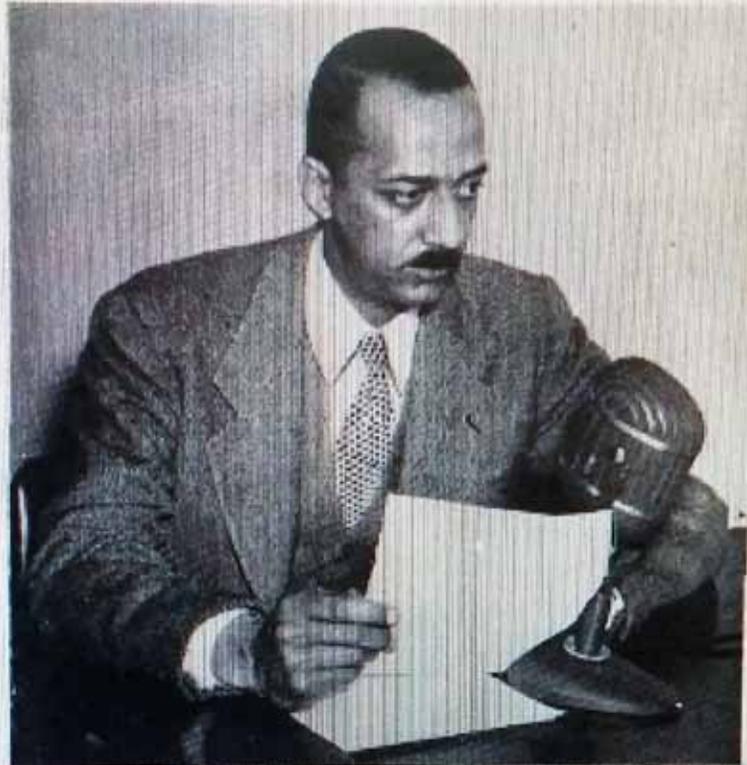
On Feb. 5, 1945, President Roosevelt nominated him as judge of the U. S. District Court for the Virgin Islands. He has been governor of the islands since May, 1946, also by Rooseveltian appointment. All governors of the Virgin Islands before him had been white.

Judge Hastie has indeed had a remarkable career. As President Truman said at St. Thomas Island during his February, 1948, Caribbean tour, while an Interior Department solicitor, he drafted the law, later passed by Congress, under which the islands are administered; he then interpreted the law as district federal judge; and finally administered the islands as governor.

Following a brilliant college career at Amherst and Harvard, Judge Hastie has served notably as a government attorney, a judge, a governor, a law professor and dean of law at Howard University, and as the first civilian aide to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

He resigned from the latter post in protest against Army Air Forces racial policies. The dignity and compelling logic of his resignation focused attention on the problem and paved the way for the progressive developments which have come in the Air Force and the Navy particularly.

Oddly enough, although his criticisms on military policy were sharp criticism of conditions instituted by Mr. Roosevelt, but not up to them



JUDGE WILLIAM H. HASTIE

materially improved by him. JUDGE HASTIE has not suffered the penalties often borne by men whose action resemble.

Not the least of his accomplishments was his handling of numerous legal suits testing civil rights, voting denials, and educational inequalities. Some years ago he was awarded the Spingarn Medal, and eminently merited it.

An intellectual who can also match the best in the rough-and-tumble of politics, Judge Hastie's entire career strengthens the conviction that he will prove to be a widely respected and influential member of the federal appellate bench. He will bring honor to an honored profession.

In the next ten or dozen years—Judge Hastie is now only 45—there will be a Supreme Court vacancy for which he should have proved himself wholly qualified.

The President then in office—and the Senate—will have an historic opportunity to prove that ability need not be forfeited by race and that America is, in fact, the land of opportunity—and democracy.

We shall see . . .

BOSTON CHAPTER

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chapters, with a week end of business and social activity. A "Meet your Date" cocktail party, the Omega dance, entertainment by the "Questers" for visiting wives and sweethearts of Omega, a basketball game between the "Q's" and the Alphas; these were but a few of the activities.

With approximately 75 per cent of its district membership financial, according to Brother Tucker, district representative, Boston chapters feel confident of their business abilities.

THE ORACLE

Historical Perspective from March '49 Oracle



CAROLINA'S LIBERAL GOVERNOR SCOTT WELCOMES GOVERNOR HASTIE

"We are happy to welcome you, Governor," says Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina, to Governor William H. Hastie, of the Virgin Islands, as the latter filled a speaking engagement in Rocky Mount, February 8. This marked the first time that a Southern governor has personally welcomed Governor Hastie to a Southern state. Later that evening Brother Hastie was entertained at a smoker by Omega brothers of that area. (Photo—courtesy Journal and Guide).

Governor, City Officials Join in Welcome to Hastie

By A. A. MORISEY

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—The conviction that the day is approaching when the South will be the center of liberalism in America was expressed here by Governor William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands.

Governor Hastie, who was introduced by Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina, spoke in the Booker T. Washington High School Auditorium before a capacity crowd of 2,500 from Eastern North Carolina.

The chief executive of the Virgin Islands pointed to the election of Governor Scott, who had just intro-

duced him, and the great victory of President Truman at the polls last November as proof that, despite loud blasts from Dixiecrats, the forces of liberalism are on the march in Dixie.

The present era, he declared, is an opportunity for plain people, black and white to make the South a great sector of liberal thought. Among the causes for this conviction he cited the breakdown of the barriers against voting and the demise of the "white primary." Soon millions of Negroes joining with whites in the South will use their votes for the good of all the plain people of the region, he concluded.

In introducing Governor Hastie, Governor Scott broke so-called "Southern precedents." It is recalled that Governor J. Strom Thurmond of the neighbor state of South Carolina last year withdrew an invitation sent to Hastie "by mistake". Governor Scott has already been termed one of the great liberals of the day. Since his inauguration in January, he has assured his constituents that Negroes will have a fairer participation in the affairs of North Carolina.

Governor Hastie's appearance was under sponsorship of the Rocky Mt. Civic Forum, of which Brother A. H. "Tuffy" Bryant is President. On arrival at the airport, he was greeted by Mayor J. R. Bennett and City Manager Roy Williamson.

After his formal address, Brother Hastie was guest of honor at a smoker in the home of Brother Stokes, sponsored by Alpha Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Tau Pi Brother Oliver S. Jackson Inducted Into Morgan State U. ROTC Bear Battalion Hall of Fame



Bro. CPT (R) Oliver S. Jackson accepts MSU Bear Battalion Hall of Fame Award from Bro. LTC (R) Samuel Chisolm, Jr.

Hunt Valley, MD. April 1, 2017. The Morgan State Bear Battalion ROTC Program held its 2017 Military Ball at Hunt Valley Inn Baltimore Wyndham Grand in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Brother Captain Retired Oliver S. Jackson, an alumnus of the MSU Bear Battalion, was inducted into the Bear Battalion Hall of Fame at the Military Ball. The purpose of the Military Ball is to honor outstanding cadets, honor distinguished MSU Bear Battalion alumni and train cadets to organize, and manage and conduct a Formal Military Ball.

Outstanding Omega legacy 2017 Commissioned Cadets honored were Pi Chapter's Brother CDT CAP Michael Adams, son of Brother Dwayne Adams and CDT CAP Lakia Brown, daughter of Brother Eric "Moby" Brown. Other Omega Bear Battalion Alumni in attendance were Brothers LTC (RET) Michael Bell, LTC (RET) Samuel Chisolm, Jr., William Reeves, Lieutenant General (RET) Retired William "Kip" Ward, and Brigadier General R. Scott "Scotty" Dingle. The Keynote Speaker for the

Military Ball was Lieutenant General Gwen Bingham.

The Bear Battalion was established at Morgan State College in 1948 by the college president, Dr. Martin Jenkins and was initially affiliated with the Infantry Branch. The program was one of eight original historically black college and university (HBCU) ROTC programs established after the historic integration of the United States Army by President Truman that same year. Until 1972, the first two years of ROTC were mandatory for all male students and after that period, participation became voluntary. During the 1972- 1973 school year, the Army authorized the participation of women in Army ROTC and selected Morgan's program as one the first to integrate women into their ROTC Battalions. The most recent General Officer for the Bear Battalion was Brother BG R. Scott Dingle in 2015. A total of 16 General Officers have been produced by Morgan and Coppin State in the Active, Reserve and National Guard; twelve (12) General Officers being graduates of the Bear Battalion ROTC program.



Brothers Zanes Cypress, Jr., William Reeves, LTC (R) Michael Bell, Brig Gen. R. Scott Dingle, CPT(R) Oliver Jackson, Lt Gen. (R) William "Kip" Ward, LTC (R) Samuel Chisolm, Jr., CAD CAP Michael Adams, Eric "Moby" Brown

Nu Omicron Volunteer at the NYC Half Marathon



New York, NY. March 19, 2017. The Men of Nu Omicron Chapter volunteered at the 2017 United Airlines NYC Half Marathon and partnered with a running organization to ensure a completely stocked fluid station at the 11-mile mark for the 20,000 participants. Brothers distributed Gatorade and water as the runners ran past with only 2.1 miles to the finish. These runners embarked on a 13.1-mile journey through New York City, presenting a full display of their endurance and strength. The appreciation from the runners was felt as they grabbed their cups and breathlessly said “thank you” to the brothers. Brothers from Phi Epsilon, Nu Tau and Zeta Psi assisted Nu Omicron chapter in this effort

Nu Omicron Brothers and Volunteers at the NYC Marathon

Nu Omicron Participate in Women’s History Luncheon

Queens, NY. March 4, 2017. In honor of Women’s History Month, members of Nu Omicron Chapter participated in the 4th Annual Women’s History Luncheon sponsored by Councilman Donovan Richards of the 31st District of New York. The theme of this year’s luncheon was And Still We Rise: Upholding Women’s Rights. Several women with distinction were honored at the event and the keynote speaker was New York City’s First Lady, Chirlane McCray. Many organizations gathered to volunteer their services with the Men of Nu Omicron at the forefront serving food as well as escorting guest to their seats. It was a great opportunity for the chapter to support the local women heroes in our community who do great work that go unrecognized all too often.



Nu Omicron Brothers Volunteer at Women’s History Luncheon

Nu Omicron Clothing Drive



Queens, NY. February 25, 2017. The Men of Nu Omicron Chapter partnered with Councilman I. Daneek Miller of the 27th District of New York to sponsor a clothing drive at Maranatha Baptist Church, to support needy families in Southeast Queens. Men’s, women’s, and children’s clothes, were collected throughout the day and stored at the local church pantries to be disseminated to the community. The event was overwhelming success as donations continued to come after the end of the event. Several volunteers from other organization joined the Men of Nu Omicron to help sort and distribute the clothes.

Nu Omicron Brothers at the Clothing Drive

Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Competition



Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Contestants

Wilmington, DE. April 1, 2017. It was April Fool’s Day, and the weather was cloudy, but inside the theatre of the William Penn High School, New Castle, DE, the stage was bright, and the talent was no “joke”! The Nu Upsilon Chapter, in collaboration with Nu Friendship Outreach, Inc., presented its Annual Talent Hunt Competition 2017: “Arts for the World IX”! The high school contestants, each with his/her unique gifts, demonstrated the poise and confidence indicative of mature, seasoned artists. The displays of talent included dramatic interpretation, dance, and vocal music, both classical and gospel. This was the first time in more than 10 years that more than one vocalist sang a gospel selection. The dance competitors performed creative, contemporary dance movements which

left the audience gasping for breath due to the intensity and emotions displayed in the movements. The dramatic artists executed riveting monologue and poetic enactments. In the final analysis the highly experienced adjudication panel, with more than 100 years in the arts, selected Kaylynn Pride as the winner. Kaylynn engaged the audience in a phenomenal display of flips, twists and turns, and emotion, as she interpreted the musical selection, Bottom of the River by Delta Rae. The second and third place winners provided presentations that rival the best in the arts. Needless to say, our young people are truly gifted in the arts, and their performances did not disappoint us!



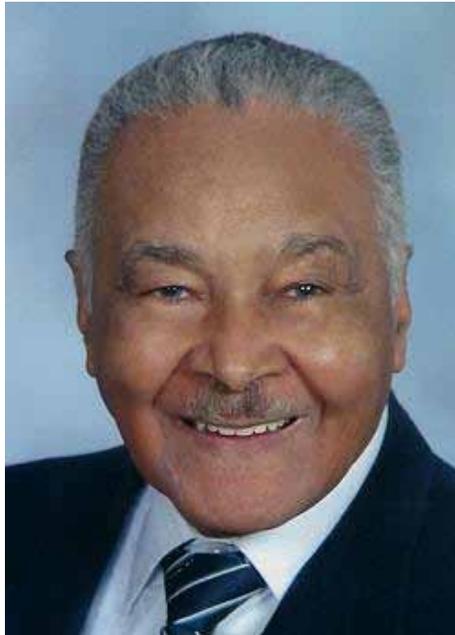
Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Winner Kaylynn Price (2nd from left)

When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



Brother Walter Irvin Johnson, II - Omega Chapter



Brother Walter I. Johnson, II

Brother Walter Irvin Johnson II, of Teaneck, NJ, born September 14th, 1915 transitioned to Omega Chapter on February 28th, 2017 at the home of his son, he was 101 years old. Brother Johnson was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for 81 years, initiated into Beta Chapter at Lincoln University in 1936. He served Beta Chapter as Vice Basileus and Basileus (1937-1939). Upon graduating, he became one of the founders of the Upsilon Alpha chapter in Atlantic City, NJ. serving as Keeper of Records and Seal until leaving for Howard. He was the last surviving founder of Upsilon Alpha Chapter. Joining Nu Beta Beta Chapter in Teaneck, NJ, he served as Historian and various committees over the years, receiving awards from both graduate chapters. Educated in Atlantic City Public Schools, graduating with honors in 1933 from Atlantic City High School, he attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in psy-

chology and a minor in English. Matriculating at Howard University in Washington, D.C., he earned his Master of Science degree in 1941. Subsequent advanced studies in Psychology were completed at Manhattan's New School of Social Research and at New York University. Professionally, he held positions as Professor of Psychology in Barber-Scotia College in North Carolina and Professor of Psychology and Philosophy at West Virginia State College. In 1946, however, Walter began his first stint at what would be his most satisfying employment at the Wiltwyck School for boys near Hyde Park, N.Y. He served there for eight years as senior counselor, leaving for two years to assume a position as assistant and then Director of Boys at Manhattan's Fifth Avenue Children's Center, a temporary placement center for New York's dependent and neglected children. He returned to Wiltwyck as its Resident Director in 1954, a position he held until 1959. Wiltwyck was an interracial psychiatric treatment center for 100 emotionally disturbed New York City boys between the ages of eight and 12, and was one of only seven such centers located throughout the country.

Wiltwyck's proximity to Hyde Park, the home of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor, made it a prime object of attention for many influential people. Mrs. Roosevelt was a trustee and a most active supporter of Wiltwyck, and would visit the school almost weekly when not abroad. Other important visitors during Walter's term as director included Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Josh White and Harry Belafonte. Mrs. Roosevelt often invited Walter and the Wiltwyck youngsters to her estate at Hyde Park for visits during the summer as well as during the Christmas holidays.

Two young residents at that time would go on to become famous in their own right. Floyd Paterson would become the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion and Claude Brown would eventually author the acclaimed novel, "Manchild in the Promised Land." In his written autobiography, Floyd credits Walter Johnson as the person who first put boxing gloves on his hands in an attempt to get him interested in some form of gym activity. In 1961, the family moved to Teaneck and Walter accepted a position of Manhattan Assistant Administrator of New York's Youth Services Agency after holding directorships of Brooklyn's Friendly House and Manhattan's Joan of Arc Center. He continued to hold several administrative positions in the Youth Division under Mayors Lindsay, Beame and Koch before retiring from city service in 1985.

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



When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



Brother Bobby Lee Scales - Omega Chapter



Brother Bobby Lee Scales

Bro. Bobby Lee Scales transitioned to Omega Chapter on Thursday, February 9, 2017. He was born on October 17, 1943 in Stevenson, West Virginia. He grew up in Beckley, WV where he received his Elementary through High School education.

He attended West Virginia State and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1966. While at West Virginia State, he was initiated into Theta Psi Chapter on December 9, 1961.

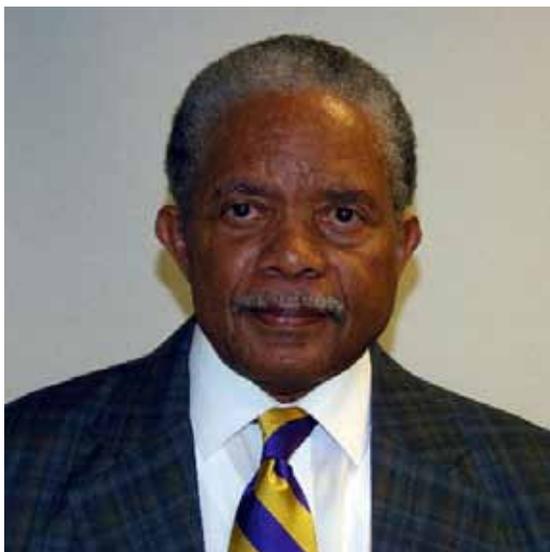
He served in the United States National Guard and was married to his college sweetheart Sylvia Ann Harris for 46 years.

Working for IBM for 25 years, his career brought him to Columbia, MD. In 1975, he was a Founder/Charter member of Tau Pi Chapter and was the chapter first Keeper of Finance. Upon retiring, he relocated to Houston, TX and was employed by GB Tech, Inc. for 14 years.

Bro. Scales is survived by his wife Sylvia; daughter Julie Mathews; grandson, Jaden Mathews; Sisters Phyllis Royster and Shirley Epps (Joseph); Brother John Scales (Juliette); and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Brother Charles Brown - Omega Chapter



Brother Charles Brown

Brother Charles Brown born on May 7, 1932 in Daytona Beach, FL entered into Omega Chapter on Sunday, January 22, 2017. His family eventually relocated to Harlem, NY and later to West Palm Beach, FL. He was initiated in Upsilon Psi Chapter at Florida A&M on November 1, 1951 during his sophomore year. While at FAMU, he enrolled in Army ROTC and graduated in 1954 as a Second Lieutenant. He served for twenty years as an Air Defense Missile Officer. In 1974, he retired from the military as a Lieutenant Colonel. He received the Bronze Star twice.

Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge, Bro. Brown continued his education and graduated with a Master Degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan. Bro. Charles Brown was a Life Member and received his 65 year Service Award at the 80th Conclave in Las Vegas, NV. Prior to relocating to Columbia, MD he served as the Keeper of Finance for the Sigma Rho chapter in Ann Arbor, MI. In 1975, he became one of the Founders/Chartered Members of Tau Pi Chapter. He earned the chapter's Omega Man of the Year and Business Man of the Year awards.

Bro. Charles L. Brown leaves to cherish his memory, his three children. They are daughters Caryn Brown Becker of Stone Mountain, GA and Sandra Brown Taylor of Columbia, MD and son Garret C. Brown of Jessup, MD. He also leaves two son-in laws, a daughter-in-law, grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends.

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Brother John Henry Nash, Sr. - Omega Chapter



Brother John Nash, Sr.

Brother John Henry Nash, Sr., a retired educator and legendary Frederick Douglass High School football and basketball coach, who was a father figure to many young men in West Baltimore for more than 30 years, was born July 11, 1934 and transitioned to Omega Chapter on February 27, 2017, after a long illness.

Brother Nash spent over 40 years in education and coaching. He was the Baltimore Sun Paper's All-Metro Basketball Coach of the Year in 1994. His teams won a Maryland State Athletic Association basketball title and a regional basketball title. He was known as a good, dedicated coach and

and educator who cared deeply about his players. Brother John Nash grew up in East Baltimore and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1952. He spent 31 years as a coach and teacher at Douglass, the last 15 years as the school's athletic director before retiring in 1995. Douglass High School named the Gymnasium in his honor.

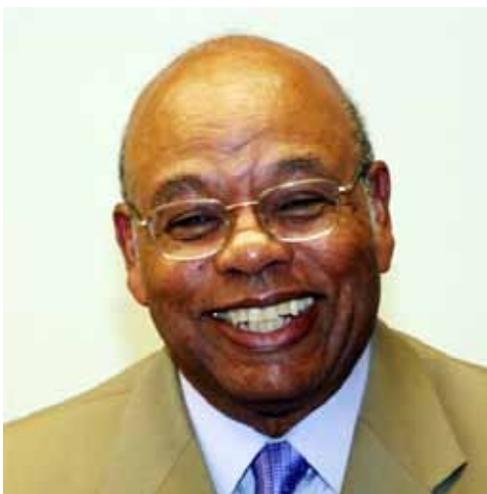
He served as Past President of the of the Baltimore Public School Coaches Association; Vice President of State District IX, Maryland Secondary School Athletic Association and also volunteered at the Department of Social Services as a Child Advocate on the Foster Care Review Board, a gubernatorial appointment.

An outstanding high school, college and military athlete, Brother Nash was on the Virginia State College 1952 CIAA Championship Football Team and was a All CIAA 1st Team 1954, 1955 All American End; 1955 CIAA Long Jump Champion; 4 year member of Virginia State Track Team and 2 year member of the Virginia State Basketball Team. He was inducted into Virginia State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

A life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., he received his 60 year service award in 2013. Initiated into Omega Psi Phi in 1952, he pledged on the Fall Line of Nu Psi Chapter at Virginia State College. Upon his return to Baltimore, he became active in Pi Omega Chapter and served as Treasurer of the Que Mentors Committee, Keeper of Property and served on the Reclamation and Membership Intake committees. He was also a Co-Founder of the Poets Athletic Association in Baltimore.

Brother John Nash was an active member of Union Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD., since 1962 and was an ordained Deacon, Vice President of the Usher Board, Head Start Board Member, Chair of the Men's League and was honored as Man of the Year in 2001 and Deacon of the Year in 2003. In 2013, Union Baptist Church honored him with John Nash Day at the church. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 59 years Doris Nash, daughter-Brigitte Hodges, son-Brother John Nash Jr., eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Brother Alonzo Edward Franklin, PhD. - Omega Chapter



Brother Alonzo Franklun, PhD

Brother Alonzo Edward Franklin, Sr., initiated into our beloved Fraternity on April 14, 1962 through Kappa Psi Graduate Chapter in Washington D.C., was born May 7, 1935 and entered Omega Chapter on February 13, 2017. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University; a Master of Public Administration from Northeastern University; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from LaSalle University.

An active member in Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore, MD., Brother Franklin transferred to Tau Pi Chapter and became very active serving on the Scholarship Committee; representative to Pan-Hellenic Council; a Mentor; co-chair for Founders Day; Social Action Committee and he truly loved serving as the Chair of the Benevolence Committee. Brother Franklin was recognized and received awards as a Founder Stand-In for the Honorable Bro. Edgar Amos Love in 1995; Scroll of Honor also in 1995; and Educator of the Year in 2000.

During the Vietnam War, he served as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserves. His career varied as a college professor and administrator; a Federal Manager; and Social Worker.

He is survived by his wife Rose of more than 50 years. Out of this union are a son, Alonzo Edward, Jr. and a daughter Karen. He leaves to mourn three grandsons – Tres, Myles and David.

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Brother Derek Lynn Price - Omega Chapter



Brother Derek Price

Brother Derek Lynn Price was born in Buffalo, NY on January 10, 1956 and transitioned to Omega Chapter on December 27, 2016. Graduating from Lafayette High School in Buffalo, he attended Canisius College later transferring to the University of Cincinnati, where he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in History.

A proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, he was married to Wray Holder of Cincinnati, Ohio. From this union daughter Cierra was born. He loved being Cierra's dad and they were inseparable. Brother Price laughter, kindness, strong intelligence, wit, and suave dress style will be sorely missed.



Brother Kimberle D. Holsey - Omega Chapter



Brother Kimberle Holsey

Brother Kimberle D. Holsey born June 26, 1956 transitioned to Omega Chapter on Thursday February 16, 2017. He graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. Bro. Holsey continued his education by receiving his Master's Degree in Social Work from Widener University in Chester, PA. Bro. Holsey served in the capacity of Social Service Program Analyst and Social Work Supervisor for the Department of Human Services in the City of Philadelphia for many years. He was also a member of the National Association of Black Social Workers. Bro. Holsey was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Mu Omega Chapter on June 13, 1983. His line is affectionately known as the "Bayata 10". Many of his line brothers attended his funeral services and from the observed emotion, they were deeply saddened by his loss. Bro. Holsey leaves to celebrate his life: his sister; Nannette, brother; Vincent, and other family members. There are a host of co-workers who will also cherish his memory. Mu Omega Chapter, who Bro. Holsey loved and supported with tireless love and devotion, will also miss "a great bruh."

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Brother Ronnie Hugh McKay - Omega Chapter



Brother Ronnie McKay

Brother Ronnie Hugh McKay was born April 7, 1956 transitioned to Omega Chapter on March 20, 2017. Professionally, Brother McKay worked for B & O Railroad as a conductor, brakeman and engineer for 9 years before working for the State of Maryland for 27 years, where he received many certifications, such as Certified Criminal Justice Professional and Certified Associate Counselor 3 (CAD_AD) Board of Professional Counselors and Therapist- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Level IV, in addition to being an Investigator for Child and Protective Services.

He received his education at Baltimore City College High School and continued his education at Morgan State University, where he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. through Pi Chapter in 1977. Brother McKay completed a Masters of Human Services Degree at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

A devoted christian and family man, Brother McKay loved fishing, singing and Greek stepping. Brother McKay was a member of New Second Missionary Baptist Church where he faithfully served as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader, and member of the MSB Ensemble. He also was a Prince Hall Mason and member of Prince Hall Corinthian Lodge #62.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years, Michelle McKay, two sons, Ronnie Jr. and Dominique; one daughter Danielle; two granddaughters and a host of family and friends.



Brother Abraham Kenneth Mitchell - Omega Chapter



Brother Abraham Mitchell

Brother Abraham Kenneth Mitchell was born on October 3, 1965 in Walterboro, S.C. and entered Omega Chapter on Friday, March 11, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Kenneth accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. Throughout his young life he was active in the church and the lessons he learned sustained him throughout his adult life. He had a thirst for knowledge and joined the U.S. Navy in pursuit of accomplishing his goal of obtaining a college education. Kenneth's Navy career spanned over 20 years where he held the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Kenneth believed in the value of public service and civic responsibility. To that end, he was an active member of several organizations to include Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, where he was initiated into the Omricon Nu Chapter on July 12, 1997 and the Tau Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter of Southern Maryland, where he was a member at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Prince Hall Masons.

Kenneth was a spirited man who lived a wonderful life. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, a devoted wife, Leslie; a loving daughter, Leah; a dear son, Brandon Jenkins and a host of family and friends.

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

John Walter Wayland

Suspension List

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

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

Expulsion List

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

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



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