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Message from the District Representative

Brothers of the Mighty Second District,

To God be the glory! It is with great honor and humility that I address you during this issuance of the Omegan. A lot has transpired since our 69th District Conference in Rye Brook, NY. The Second District has exceeded the standard on many levels during the summer months. We lost our 33rd Grand Basileus, Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr. and witnessed the presentation of the Omega Lifetime Achievement Award to Minister Louis Farrakhan on August 26, 2017. Our District Leadership Team continues to be difference makers and move our District and Fraternity forward.



During this period we executed an exceptional District Re-organization Meeting and Summer Workshop along with rolling out our 2nd District Strategic Plan to the membership to calibrate our azimuth for the District and the Brotherhood. Our District leadership team is preparing the 2nd District for a major leadership role as we descend upon the International Undergraduate Summit in Atlanta and the 81st Grand Conclave, in New Orleans, Louisiana. We endorsed Brother Kenneth E. Rodgers as our candidate for 1st Vice Grand Basileus during our District Conference. During the 2017 Moses C. Norman, Sr. Leadership Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, Omicron Chi Chapter received the Large Chapter of the Year Award for Achievement Week, and Psi Iota Chapter received the Social Action Small Chapter of the Year Award. Additionally, the 2nd District received the following International Scholar Awards for 2017: District Scholar of the Year: Justin Alvarez; Founder's Memorial Award: Marquise Findley-Smith; Herman Dreer Award: Tremayne McKennith; H. Carl Moultrie Legal Award: Mario Holloway; W. Montague Cobb Medical Award: Kevin Purcell. Also, our 2nd District Talent Hunt candidate participated in the International Talent Hunt demonstration.

During this period, we also executed an outstanding James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference, hosted by Theta Mu Mu Chapter, in Baltimore, Maryland. We started with a Town Hall Meeting at Coppin State University then the conference presented panels on Violence Prevention, Brother You're On My Mind/Mental Health issues, Reclamation and Chapter Officer training. Our Undergraduate Summit was also held at Towson State University by our Undergraduate Council. The Brothers from the 2nd District served as Marshals with the 3rd District during the Ministers March for Justice, in Washington, DC, on Monday, 28 August, 2017.

Our District, Corridors, and Chapters rallied to provide funding and non-perishable assistance to those communities affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Several locations were devastated by flood waters from these hurricanes including Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, St Thomas and the US Virgin Islands. The estimated damage to these communities was well over 175 billion dollars. Our energy is focused on taking care of our senior brothers, families, and communities while we continue to address the Social Injustice Issues we face.

Brothers, excellence is the standard in which we execute our business in uplifting our Communities, even in Social Media. We must be discrete in our actions and be sensitive to the fact cameras and social media surround us and we must not project Omega in a negative light to the world. I am humbled and honored to serve the 2nd District and this great organization.

Long live 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,**

First and foremost, I want to thank you, the Brothers of the Second District, for your overwhelming support at the 69th Second District Conference, allowing me to continue to serve you in this capacity. 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.



Friendship is Essential to the Soul and our Fall 2017 Edition highlights the activities of the 69th Second District Conference, held in Rye, NY. Plaudits to our District Photographer, Jamal Parker, for the outstanding photographs provided for this edition. Every event, from the Undergraduate Caucus, Ronald McNair Undergraduate Luncheon, District Representatives Reception, the Founders Banquet to the James S. Avery Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference was well chronicled. Congrats to all of our awardees and scholarship recipients.

Our new cover theme concentrates on our Friendship with our Brothers. In this edition, the Omega Man on the Move featured on the cover is Brother Demaune Millard, the Interim CEO of The Family League of Baltimore. The Family League funds over 90 community based organizations, granting \$16.9 million to fulfill its mission of uplifting the lives of children and youth in Baltimore City. Please view his story and other Omega Men on the Move on page 20.

In this installment of the Physicians Corner, Dr. Jedan Phillips focuses on Kidney Disease. The article highlights Risk Factors, Symptoms and Preventative Steps to minimize the risk of developing kidney disease. Also, please view the thoughtful and insightful essays in the Opinion Editorial Section.

Finally, as Brothers, we know who and what Omega Psi Phi Fraternity means to us, but can you give a clear definition of Omega to a member of the public at large? Let's be concise and consistent with our message, memorize and ask all Brothers commit to memory the Omega Brand Statement contained on pg. 20. Authored by Brother Vroman Wright, PhD. and vetted at the 2008 Shirtsleeve Conference, answering the question "What is Omega Psi Phi?" with the Omega Brand Statement will give a clear, concise and consistent definition of Omega for the public at large.

Keep Up the Great Works of Omega!

Fraternally,

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69th Second District Conference District Representatives Reception & Founders Banquet



Founders Banquet Awards

Rye Brook, NY. May 6, 2017. At the 69th Second District Conference Founders Banquet, held at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York on May 6, 2017, the 2nd District Conference gave the oath of Office to newly elected and appointed District Executive Officers. Founders Stand-Ins and District Awards were presented as follows:

The Founders Stand-Ins were: Representing Founder Oscar J. Cooper was Brother John Metz II – Omicron Chi, Representing Founder Frank Coleman was Brother James E. Hicks – Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, Representing Founder Edgar A. Love was Brother Ronald McCain – Kappa Omicron Chapter and Representing Founder Ernest E. Just was Brother Ronald Peoples – Phi Omega Chapter.

The 2016/2017 Essay Contest, 1st Place Winner was Xavier Norman, representing Omicron Chi Chapter. The 2nd Place Winner of \$500 was Ms. Caitland Okarafor, representing Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, and the 3rd Place Winner of \$250 was Ms. Dargenae A. Somerville, representing Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter.

Brother Larren Joseph and Brother Robert Palmer were awarded Entrepreneur of the Year for 2016/2017. Fatherhood and Mentioning for Committee Chair, Brother Donald Williams was awarded Chairman of the Year for 2016/2017.

Corridor 3 Representative, Brother Damass Stephens was awarded Representative of the Year for 2016/2017. District Basileus of the Year for 2016/2017 was awarded to Brother Leon Smith of Omicron Chi Chapter. The 2nd District Citizen of the Year was Awarded to Ms. Grace Callwood, representing Iota Nu Chapter. Brother Brigadier General Alfred Abramson, representing Iota Nu Chapter, received the 2nd District Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award. Brother Benjamin Jeffers 28th 2nd District Representative, from Chi Pi Chapter and submitted by Kappa Chapter, received the 2nd District Undergraduate Advisor Award. Brother Leonard Newman III of Iota Nu Chapter received the 2nd District Founders Lifelong Service Award. Brother John Berkley, Pi Omega Chapter, was awarded the 2nd District Eddie Taylor Superior Service Award. Cornell University's Delta Mu Chapter was awarded Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award and Omicron Iota Chapter received District Graduate Chapter of the Year Award, Small Chapter. Graduate Chapter of the Year Award, Large Chapter was awarded to Omicron Chi Chapter. Brother Roderick Marshall, Pi Chapter, Morgan State University was awarded the prestigious 2nd District Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award and Brother Robert Jamison Jr., from Mu Nu Chapter received the 2nd District Omega Man of the Year Award.



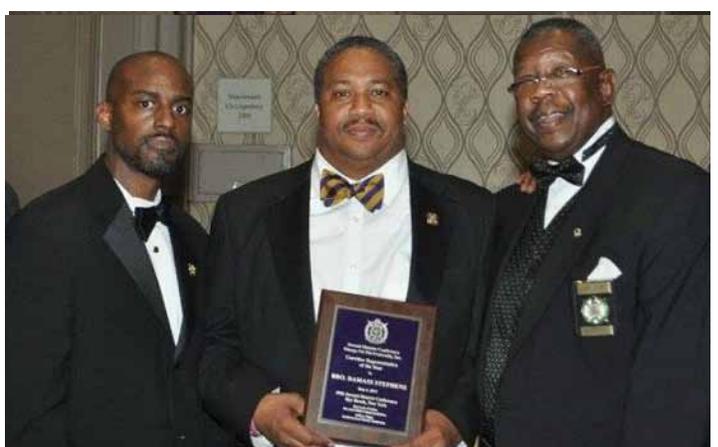












2017 Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Luncheon



2017 Second District Scholarship Awards

Rye Brook, NY. May 5, 2017. The 2017 Ronald McNair Undergraduate Banquet was held on Friday May 5, 2017. Immediate Past First District representative, Brother Michael Jefferson, Esq., was the keynote speaker. The following 2nd District scholarships were awarded at the luncheon:

Undergraduate Scholarship Grant- \$1,000 each

- Bro. Fletcher Jones Omega Delta Delta Temple University Senior Political Science 3.6 GPA
- Bro. Dominick Trautz , Beta Gamma, Cheyney University Junior Criminal Justice 3.4 GPA
- Bro. Wayne Long Iota Nu McDaniel College Senior Sociology 3.2 GPA
- Bro. Robert Raglin III , Delta Mu, Cornell University, Senior Information Science 3.4 GPA

Grad Scholarship Grant – \$1,000 each

- Bro. Joel Scott Nu Omicron The Chicago School of Psychology Grad, Industrial & Org Psychology 3.5 GPA
- Bro. William Cooper Nu Omicron, Sage Colleges Grad Education Leadership 4.0 GPA

Undergraduate Chapter Scholarship Award

- Kappa Chapter Overall 3.2 GPA

District Education Scholarship

- Bro. David Gilstrap, Kappa Syracuse University Junior Health & Physical Education 3.3 GPA
- Bro. Clyde Cole Epsilon Bank Street College Grad School District Leadership 4.0 GPA

H. Carl Moultrie Legal Student Scholar Award - \$2,500

- Bro. Marc Holloway, Epsilon Columbia University Grad JD/MBA 3.4/3.7 GPA

Bro. George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship – \$2,500

- Bro. Nakyle Bethay, Sigma Beta Beta Kean University Grad Counseling 4.0 GPA

Herman Dreer Leadership Award – \$2,500

- Bro. Tremayne McKenith Tau Mu Farleigh Dickinson U. Senior Criminal Justice 3.7 GPA

Ronald McNair Scholar – \$2,500

- Bro. Rex Willis Iota Mu Mu US Naval Academy Senior Cyber Operations 3.5 GPA

Founder’s Memorial Scholarship – \$2,500

- Bro. Marquise Findley-Smith Iota Nu McDaniel College Junior Sociology 3.7 GPA
- Bro. Amir Shareef Iota Mu Mu National Intelligence U. Grad Intelligence 3.8 GPA

Grand Basileus Award – \$3,000

- Bro. Emeka Madubuogo Tau Mu Rutgers U. Senior Political Science 3.6 GPA

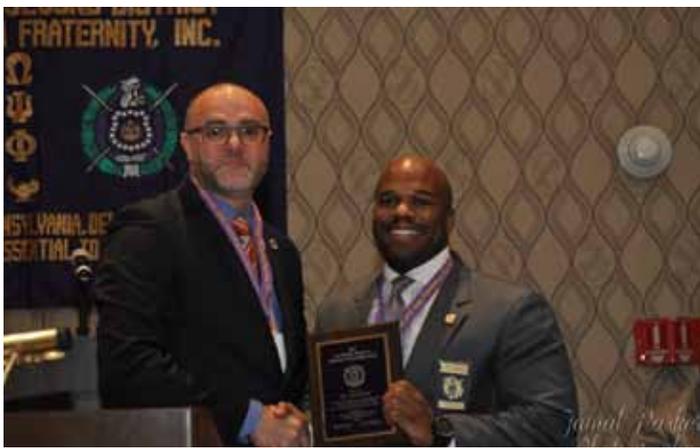
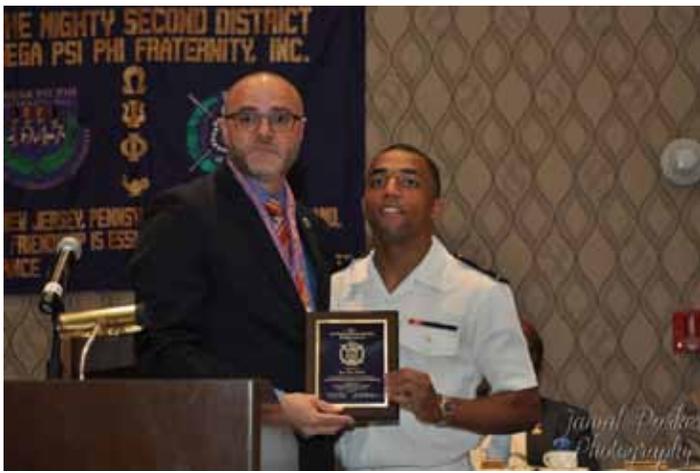
2017 2nd District Scholar – \$3,500

- Bro. Justin Alvarez Kappa Syracuse U. Senior Broadcast & Digital Journalism 3.7 GPA

W. Montague Cobb Medical Scholar

- Bro. Kevin Purcell , Zeta Psi Wright State University Grad Medicine 90.18





2017 Undergraduate Caucus



James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference Town Hall Meeting



James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference Town Hall Meeting

Employing Strategies to Uplift People of Color in Baltimore

Baltimore, MD September 2017. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Theta Mu Mu Chapter partnered with Pi Omega Chapter to host a Town Hall Meeting held at Coppin State College Science and Technology Building, discussing Employment Strategies and other issues facing the residents of Baltimore. Faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and Baltimore residents came together for a challenging conversation among stakeholders. Dr. Maya Rockey-moor Cummings from the Center for Global Policy Solutions, facilitated and led the discussion sparked by an outcry for resources to address Baltimore’s homicide rates, poverty, lack of leadership in the community, and education gaps in the black community. States Attorney Marilyn Mosby, Patrol Division Chief Brother Osborne Robinson, Brother Edward Hill, and Brother Dr. Lester Spence sat on the panel to give insight on issues and answers questions from concerned community members. Maryland’s criminal justice system has received a significant amount of attention since the unrest in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray last April. There are a reported 109,000 or more individuals under the supervision of the adult correctional system throughout Maryland, according to the most recent Bureau of Justice Statistics.



Omega Men on the Move

Brother Demaune Millard Promoted Interim CEO The Family League of Baltimore City



Baltimore, MD. June 2017. The Family League of Baltimore's mission is to serve as an architect of change in Baltimore by promoting data-driven, collaborative initiatives and aligning resources to create lasting outcomes for children, families and communities. The Family League funds over 90 community-based organizations, and utilizes data to effectively measure outcomes. In 2017, Family League granted \$16,925,000 to organizations to help fulfill its mission of creating lasting outcomes for children and youth.

Brother Demaune Millard provides direct management and oversight over our core initiatives from prenatal through the high school life course. His portfolio includes Community Schools, Early Childhood, Equity & Opportunity, External Relations and Food Access initiatives.

Demaune was the driving force in completing Family League's first city-wide Community Needs Assessment highlighting "the state of the child" in Baltimore. He also laid the groundwork for securing published media about Family League's work in the community.

As Family League embraced intentional processes to impact change in the lives of children and families, Demaune instituted the mechanism for review and analysis of public policy that affects children growing up in families that thrive. He is also the catalyst for an intentional focus on closing the achievement gap created by systemic racial disparities through establishing our Equity & Opportunity initiative.

Brother Millard joined Family League with over 15 years of experience influencing policy and operations management at the local, state and federal levels. He served as the Mayor's Office Chief of Staff, managing day-to-day operations and was centrally involved in the execution of municipal led initiatives. Demaune also served as the city's chief lobbyist and oversaw legislative operations responsible for securing critical federal and state funding.

Prior to City Hall, Demaune organized and executed advocacy strategies for the American Public Transportation Association, and at the state level he was a legislative liaison for the Maryland Department of Transportation with the Maryland General Assembly. During his time in state government, he received a promotional assignment to the Governor's Office. Demaune started his professional career in the mailroom of U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski and worked his way onto her legislative staff upon graduation from Howard University with a business degree in Finance.

As a member of Pi Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Brother Millard served as chairman of their annual scholarship Mardi Gras gala and started a male mentorship program at Matthew Henson Elementary School. He also was recognized with the National Superior Service and Citizen of the Year Awards, respectively, in addition to a 2016 Baltimore Executive Management Award from SmartCEO in recognition of his leadership and accomplishments through collaboration, and support Family League's mission.

A proud Baltimore native, Demaune and his wife Terrylynn reside in Baltimore city with their daughter Asa.

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!

Omega Men on the Move

Brother Lester Spence, PhD. Receives \$50,000 Johns Hopkins University Provost Award



Baltimore, MD. June 2017. Johns Hopkins University announced it's giving away tens of thousands of dollars in "Excellence in Diversity" prizes to faculty members. Lester Spence, a Political Science and Africana Studies Professor at Johns Hopkins, will receive a \$50,000 Provost's Prize for Faculty Excellence in

Diversity, according to a post on the university's website. "Lester Spence, a leading scholar of political science, has long taken his scholarship—so important in recognizing inequality across diverse populations—outside the walls of the university," said Christopher Celenza, John Hopkins' vice provost for faculty affairs. "He has helped open Hopkins to the city of Baltimore in a way that is admirable, serving as a challenge to all of us to do better."

Spence maintains an active Twitter presence where he comments on political and social issues, including President Donald Trump:

Four features of the "aspirational fascism" that characterizes the Trump administration...#trump teachin

1. The endless repetition of lies. Designed to give aggrieved constituencies new sources they can blame for their condition. #trump teachin
2. Shockwave politics. They rapidly propose and institute new regressive initiatives in order to shock and awe opposition. #trump teachin
3. Neofascist rhetorical strategy. Further consolidates the anger of his constituencies against perceived enemies. #trump teachin
4. The Reichstag temptation. Elites have historically used attacks (real and imagined) to push forth horrific policies. #trump teachin

Celenza also praised Tilak Ratnanather, a biomedical engineering research professor who will receive \$10,000 as a runner-up.

Spence and Ratnanather, along with ten other professors, a student group and a campus exhibit, will receive rewards at John Hopkins' Diversity Recognition Awards Ceremony, hosted by the school's Diversity Leadership Council.

Brother Dr. Chirstopher J. Richardson Named Trama Program Medical Director at Rochester General Hospital



Rochester, NY June 2017. Rochester General Hospital has earned a well-deserved reputation for providing extraordinary care for critically ill and injured individuals. With more than 125,000 patients visiting the hospital's Emergency Department in 2016, it is the twelfth busiest ED in the country. Based on its long experience, ongoing commitment to the community, and the proven high level of care it provides, the Rochester

General community is pleased to announce that Rochester General Hospital is in the process of pursuing designation as a Level III trauma center. Leading the charge toward this important designation will be Bro. Christopher J. Richardson, DO, who has been named Trauma Program Medical Director. Bro. Dr. Richardson has been a Rochester General team member since 2006. He is a board-certified General Surgeon who completed his residency in General Surgery at St. Barnabas Hospital and Regional Trauma Center in Bronx, NY, in 2004 and a fellowship in Hand Surgery at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in the Bronx in 2005. Bro. Dr. Richardson will be partnering with the President of Rochester General Hospital and the Chief of Surgical Services in pursuit of the Level III Trauma Center designation.

A 1993 initiate of Tau Iota Chapter, Hartford, CT, Bro. Dr. Richardson stated "we have already begun the process to move forward in the pursuit of Level III Trauma Center designation. We plan to apply for review by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) later this year in hopes that the hospital will be designated a Level III Trauma Center by the ACS and the state Department of Health within two years."

He went on to say, "we believe that this designation will serve to recognize current emergency department practices for dealing with critically ill and injured patients and the high level of complex care we provide every day, in all of our care settings."

This is an exciting step forward for Rochester General Hospital and Rochester Regional Health, and reaffirms its commitment to providing high-quality, accessible care for all of our patients, neighbors, and friends

Omega Men on the Move

Brother Benjamin Daise, Ph.D. Receives 2017 Distinguished Faculty Award from Hobart and William Smith College Alumni Association



Rochester, NY. June 2017. The Hobart Alumni Association and William Smith Alumnae Association honored our brother, Professor of Philosophy Benjamin Daise, with the Distinguished Faculty Awards on Friday, June 2, 2017 in the Vandervort Room in Scandling Campus Center during the colleges 2017 Reunion.

Bro. Benjamin Daise, Ph.D., a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

for 55 years, is one of the first black philosophy professors in the country. He spent nearly 40 years enriching the lives of his students through the study of existentialism and ancient philosophy, with special attention to the idea of self. He is the author of Kierkegaard's Socratic Art, a book that affirmed his role as a leading voice on Kierkegaard in the field. Trained in Danish and Greek. Bro. Daise earned his B.A. in chemistry from Morehouse College and his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin. Bro. Daise is remembered by former students as challenging their preconceived notions of who they were and what they were capable of. Robert Alan Schindler '72 reflected: "Ben Daise transmitted a rare and contagious enthusiasm for philosophy and treated students with respect, dignity and equality."

Established in 1990, the Distinguished Faculty Award recognizes the importance that graduates of the Colleges place on the contributions of outstanding faculty members of the past – for their impact as teachers, mentors, and scholars. Nominations for the award are sought by all alumni and alumnae and are professors who are retired or have moved on from Hobart and William Smith for more than five years or are deceased.

"The impact that professors have on their students can last a lifetime. They have a gift to inspire, challenge and engage with their students," says Director of Alumnae Relations Kathy Killius Regan '82, P'13. "Selected with great care and consideration, faculty members are remembered for their teaching as well as their scholarly achievements. All have left distinct marks on HWS, and their legacies still influence those who had the good fortune to study with them."

Brother Walter Rivera Confirmed Judge NY Court of Claims



Westchester, NY. June 2017. Judge Walter Rivera was nominated by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the New York State Court of Claims on June 14, 2017. He was confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 19, 2017. Previously, he was elected to a four-year term as a Town Justice at the Greenburgh Town Court, County of Westchester, State of New York, in 2011 and reelected in 2015. He served as a Town Justice from January 1, 2012 until June 19, 2017. The Greenburgh Town Court has a heavy criminal and civil docket and is one of the busiest local courts in the State of New York.

Judge Rivera is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D. 1979) and Columbia University (B.A. 1976). He began his legal career in 1979 as a Law Clerk for the New York State Court of Appeals. He then served as an Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York under former Attorney General Robert Abrams from September 1981 to January 1985. He entered private practice in January 1985 and retired from his private practice effective on June 19, 2017. Judge Rivera is AV rated, which means that he was ranked by his peers in the legal profession at the highest level of professional excellence. He has been active in the community and previously directed a Countywide program to assist law school applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds gain access to law school. He serves on the Board of Directors of the state-wide Latino Judges Association. Judge Rivera authored many decisions as a Town Judge and has been published in the New York Law Journal and several magazines. Judge Rivera is an Adjunct Professor at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and at the College of Westchester. Judge Rivera was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Omicron Chapter at Columbia University in Spring 1974.

Omega Men on the Move

Morgan State University Promotes Brother Fred T. Farrier Full-Time Head Football Coach



Baltimore, MD. Dec. 9, 2016. Morgan State University has removed the interim tag and Brother Fred T. Farrier will assume the full-time position as Morgan State's head football coach, announced Friday by Director of Athletics Edward Scott.

Farrier, a native of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, becomes the 14th head football coach in MSU history.

"In my assessment of the football program it became clear to me that Coach Farrier is committed to the values of Morgan State University and the athletics department," said Scott. Fred has shown a true commitment to the overall student-athlete experience and he provides much needed stability for our program moving forward."

"I am confident that under Coach Farrier's leadership our young men will make us all proud, in the classroom, community and on the field."

Since taking over as interim coach in February, Farrier has guided the Bears to a 3-8 overall record and a 3-5 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference mark. The Bears completed the season with four student-athletes recognized to the All-MEAC Team and 15 selected to the MEAC's All-Academic Team.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be named the permanent head football coach at Morgan State University," said Farrier. "I want to thank my family, Danita, India and Fred II for their love, support and understanding."

"I want to thank Dr. David Wilson [President], Dr. Kevin Banks [V.P. of Student Affairs] and Edward Scott for their support and trust and the opportunity to return this program to greatness. Our goal is to create men that are prepared for life and graduate with a degree from Morgan State University. Our goal is to win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title and to play in the Air Force Reserves Celebration Bowl in Atlanta. There is a lot of work to do and I am confident we can accomplish our goals."

"Morgan State football has a bright future and I am excited to be a part of it to contribute to the legacy of those that have come before me and those

that will continue to walk this beautiful campus long after my time here is completed."

Farrier originally joined the Bears in 2014 as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He oversaw the development of quarterback Moses Skillon, who was the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's No. 5 leading passer in 2015.

Under Farrier's watch, Skillon completed 50.5 percent of his passes for 1,616 yards and 7 touchdowns and rushed for 420 yards and five scores in 2015. In 2014, Skillon passed for 1,392 and 11 touchdowns and led the Bears to its first MEAC championship in 35 years and its first ever FCS playoff appearance.

Farrier, a 17-year veteran of college football coaching ranks, joined the Bears after spending a pair of seasons as the passing game coordinator at RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute). Farrier served four seasons as the head coach of Kentucky State (2005-09), where he coached the Thoroughbreds to an average of over 30 points and 375 yards per game.

Prior to that, he was the associate head coach and offensive coordinator at Shaw University in 2004, where he led the Bears to a CIAA championship and Pioneer Bowl.

Farrier also served as the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at Tennessee Tech from 2001-03. Farrier broke into coaching at Michigan State University where he served two seasons (1998-99) as a graduate assistant coach under head coach Nick Saban, now head coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Farrier was an all-conference athlete in football and basketball during his prep career at Cleveland Heights High School, and played wide receiver at the College of the Holy Cross. Farrier also played basketball for two seasons and received his bachelor's degree in economics and accounting in 1994, and earned his master's degree from Tennessee Tech in 2004.

Farrier, 44, and his wife, Danita, have a son, Fred II, and daughter, India.

Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Corner



Brother Ron Osborne-Williams, ZX's Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair and Brothers from two local Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Zeta Chi, Fort Lauderdale, and Eta Nu, Pompano Beach, Florida teamed together with Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County, Inc.

Fort Lauderdale, FL. May 17, 2017. 2nd District, Chairman visited the 7th District, Fatherhood Mentoring Program located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brother Ron Osborne-Williams, ZX's Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair and Family Therapist at Juliana Gerena Associates in Coral Springs, Florida, shared the eight-year partnership between Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County, Inc. and two local Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The two chapters Zeta Chi, Fort Lauderdale, and Eta Nu, Pompano Beach, Florida teamed together where several Omega men from both chapters are committed to conduct 12 weekly group sessions every six months in two Broward County locations: Joseph C. Carter Park in the city of Fort Lauderdale and OB Johnson Park/Hepburn Center in the city of Hallandale Beach.

This Fatherhood Session #8 focused on Safe Sleep where approximately 24 men attended to receive information from a Community presenter, Racheal Alexander. The Safe Sleep campaign started in 1994 to teach people about reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, better known as SIDS. The Chapter believed that this was an important session aimed at helping men to learn about the importance of their role as parents. The presenter shared current statistics about the high number of infant deaths in Broward County Community over a two-year period. Dads must be included in the dialogue about safe sleep because a growing number of dads are staying home to care for babies.

The men learned two critical facts about SIDS being the leading cause of death in babies one month to one year of age. However, SIDS is not the cause of every baby death there are other sleep-related infant deaths that are preventable, such as suffocation. The presentation was informative

and easy to understand and provided helpful strategies to Fathers to assist mothers with caring for small children.

Safe Sleep ABC Strategies and message:

- Always place babies to sleep on their backs, for naps and at night.
 - Use a firm sleep surface, such as a mattress in a safety-approved* crib, bassinet, or portable play yard, with NO soft or loose bedding, crib bumpers, or toys.
 - No Sleeping in bed with parents. Share a room instead of sharing a bed.
- The key message to the fathers was that "babies are safest when everyone in the household knows on how to care for them."

In addition to the Safe Sleep presentation, the fathers were provided with employment information opportunities, free baby cribs to take home, and information on LifeNet4Families to provide service to the hungry and homeless of Broward County. Dads were encouraged to bring another Father by providing an incentive gifts to increase commitment and attendance. The session concluded with announcements, prayer and chant "I Am a Championship Father."

Quote from Broward County Fatherhood Program: my father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me!

Key Message:

Chapters are highly encouraged to "partner" with their local township's established social service programs that share a common interest to help parents, especially men to "help their children grow into healthy young adults" – resulting in stronger families across the 2nd District. To learn more about Fatherhood Partnerships please do not hesitate to contact FMP Chair.

Physicians' Corner - The Quite Problem - Kidney Disease in the African American Population



Brother Dr. Jedan Phillips



African Americans have an increased risk of developing chronic kidney disease that can lead to dialysis and/ or kidney transplant. African Americans are 3 times more likely to develop kidney disease when compared to whites. African Americans make up approximately 12 % of the population in the United States but make up 30 % of persons with kidney failure. When compared to other ethnic groups, African Americans have higher rates of diabetes and hypertension, which are the 2 leading causes of kidney disease. Diabetes and hypertension account for 70% of cases of kidney failure in African Americans. Almost one in 3 African Americans have hypertension. African American men between the age of 22 - 44 are 20 times more likely to develop kidney disease due to hypertension than Caucasian males in same age group. African Americans are twice as likely to develop diabetes in comparison to our Caucasian counterparts. Overall approximately 20 million have kidney disease in the United States. The annual cost of treating kidney disease in the United States is about 20 billion dollars annually.

The kidneys are responsible for filtering toxins in the blood. It is our bodies' filtration system. Most are not aware of the kidneys unless they are not functioning properly.

Symptoms of kidney disease include:

- *Swelling around eyes / ankles
- *Lower back pain
- *Burning with urination
- *Dark colored urine
- *Frequent urination especially at night
- *High blood pressure
- *Fatigue
- *Most initially present with NO symptoms

Risk Factors for kidney disease in African Americans include:

- *Diabetes
- *Elevated blood pressure
- *Family History of kidney disease
- *Low socioeconomic status
- *Poor access to medical care

Now what can we do to improve our risks of developing kidney disease? Firstly, is to take a preventive approach with our health care. Because of the high incidence of being asymptomatic when kidney disease is first diagnosed, it is very important for us to regularly visit the doctor. This means going to the doctor for your regular physical exams and not waiting until you are feeling bad. This is also relevant to diabetes and hypertension (leading causes of kidney disease) which in many cases can present without symptoms. Approximately 45% of African American men with diagnosed kidney disease, received late referrals to see the kidney specialist (nephrology) which could be due to not going to doctor for regular visits or related to lack of access to appropriate medical care. Also it is important to be aware of your family medical history because that information can be very helpful in your medical care.

Other preventive steps that can be taken include:

- *Awareness of risk factors for hypertension and diabetes
- *Regular visits to your primary care physician
- *Low fat / low salt diet (DASH Diet)
- *body weight control
- *Regular exercise (at least 150 minutes weekly)
- *Control of diabetes and hypertension
- *Decrease smoking / smoking cessation

This again stresses the importance for us to take a preventative approach to our medical care and not take a reactionary approach. Let us all make sure we are up to date with our regularly scheduled Doctor visits.

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2nd District Names Brother Larry Pough 2nd District District Talent Hunt Chair Emeritus



*Brother Larry Pough
Second District
Talent Hunt Chairman Emeritus*

Rye, NY. May 2017 Brother Larry Pough, a member of Theta Omicron Chapter in Rochester NY was recommended for and unanimously voted to the position of 2nd District Talent Hunt Chairman Emeritus. Bro. Pough, the current International Talent Hunt Committee Chairman and president of the newly created International Talent Hunt Foundation is a 47-year Omega man.

Bro. Pough served as the chairman of Theta Omicron Chapter Talent Hunt for 5 years. During that time, he implemented the use of performance halls as a venue for his chapter’s Talent Hunt programs and the soliciting of sponsors to increase the cash awards provided to the students. Bro. Pough served as an assistant to the District Talent Hunt Chairman, Bro. Calvin Baxter.

In 1987 Bro. Pough was appointed to the position of 2nd District Talent Hunt Chairman by D.R. Richard Johnson (Omega Chapter). He served as the 2nd District Talent Hunt Chairman for 18 years under the administrations of 9 different District Representatives.

Under Bro. Pough’s leadership, the number of students participating in the 2nd District Talent Hunt program experienced a significant growth. The instrumental and vocal categories were changed to allow classical and contemporary awards in each category, the cash awards were increased in each category, the performance venue was upgraded to performance halls (performing arts schools’ auditoriums) and the guidelines were made available on the district website to allow continuity across the district. Bro. Pough also implemented the use of parental release and consent form which allowed the fraternity to video tape the district Talent Hunt performers. The forms also provided insurance information in case of a medical emergency. Several of the guidelines created in the 2nd District were utilized to help standardize the guidelines currently provided by the International Talent Hunt Committee.

Congratulations are extended to Bro. Pough. Thank you for your service to our youth, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Second District.

You’ll Never Know “When We’ll Say Our Last Goodbye”.

Philadelphia, Pa. September 2017. Six brothers, thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit, visited Brother James H. Robinson, a seasoned brother initiated in 1949 through Beta Chapter at Lincoln University. Brother Robinson had been away from the fraternity for some time and had very little contact with the brothers. The visit took place at Bro. Robinson’s home on a Sunday afternoon in the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

Previously, I received a phone call from my friend, Faith who visited Bro. Robinson. She discovered he is a member of our beloved fraternity and began to inquire about Bro. Robinson’s fraternal life’. Faith mentioned “I have a friend in New Jersey who is a fraternity brother of yours.” Faith asked Bro. Robinson if he was “still in touch with his brothers?” Brother Robinson said “no” and went on to explain that most of the brothers, like himself, “were experiencing various health issues and, unfortunately, some have passed on.” Faith then asked, “Have you seen any of your younger brothers?” Brother Robinson said “no, I haven’t seen any of my younger brothers in years.” Faith then asked, “Would you like to meet some?” Brother Robinson said, “I would be honored to meet some of my younger brothers.” Imagine that? Initiated in 1949, and says he would be honored to meet us. The honor would be truly ours.

After texting dozens of brothers, our plan was to flood Bro. Robinson’s home with purple and gold and it turned out to be a major blessing. Brother Robinson was presented with a few gifts, we sang a few Omega songs and he even played his piano. Before we left, Bro. Robinson said “I want the Ques to have my piano.” Brother Robinson’s son was taking him to Texas on Thursday to live with him. Brother James H. Robinson, 1949 Beta, entered Omega Chapter that Wednesday, the day before his son was slated to take him south, and just three days after our visit. You’ll never know “When we’ll say our last goodbye.” Rest in peace good brother.



*Brothers visit with Brother James H. Robinson,
seated at the piano*

2nd District Violence Prevention & Membership Selection Committees Co-Host Roundtable Discussion



Second District Counselor, Bro. Bertrand Harry, Esq., facilitating the Roundtable Discussion

Philadelphia, PA, August 26, 2017 – The Violence Prevention Committee (VPC), chaired by Bro. Gordon Everett (ME '75, Winston-Salem State University) partnered with the Membership Selection Committee (MSC), chaired by Bros. Robert Manning (MΩ '78, Philadelphia, PA) and Harrison Potts (ΩΔ '80, Westchester State College) to host a discussion roundtable on violence. The forum offered an opportunity for select 2nd District Brothers to engage in open and frank discussion about violence and its impact on the Fraternity. Particular emphasis was on violence associated with membership selection. Bro. Everett engaged committee members during the 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. meeting to gather input to help solidify the roundtable concept that was also jointly briefed to the Similarly, Bros. Manning and Potts engaged their committee members to gather input. Ultimately, the roundtable date was set with the support of the Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter in Philadelphia, PA, who volunteered to host the event at their fraternity house.

Bro. Everett invited both the VPC members and the MSC members to invite Brothers who had particularly strong opinions, either way, as it related to membership selection and “pledging” versus “intake”. An anonymous survey was offered ahead of the roundtable to enable Brothers to respond to questions intended to help frame the roundtable discussions that occurred. The conditions set and agreed to by all attending the roundtable included honest expressions in a judgement-free zone without fear of being ostracized or penalized for the information shared. To help offer a capable and respected guide separate from the VPC and MSC, District

Counselor Bro. Bertrand Harry (ΔΦ '92, Kansas City, KS) was invited to serve as the facilitator. Bro. Harry's role was conditioned upon him agreeing to “take his District Counselor hat off” to help encourage Brothers to speak openly and frankly.

In attendance were 30 Brothers with representation from Corridors 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The MSC chairmen and host chapter, Mu Omega, provided refreshments and food for breakfast and lunch during the roundtable where every Brother offered discussion with opinion and even some with recommendations. Bro. Everett shared his charge from the District Representative, Bro. Sherman Charles (PΘ '78, Prairie View A&M University), allowing Brothers to offer recommendations for consideration that could frame two actionable items. The two actions that resulted included: 1.) bringing back a focus on the District Undergraduate Summit to address violence prevention on campuses, and 2.) engaging more brothers in this discussion at the upcoming Shirtsleeve Conference.

The result of the initial roundtable proved to be a success in meeting the objective for attracting a variety of Brothers with a range of opinions and thoughts that were shared opening and frankly without fear of being ostracized or penalized. There was a rather conspicuous absence of Undergraduate Brothers in attendance even though invitations were extended. The Brothers in attendance determined that absence to be a key issue area that needs address for future roundtables to help ensure the most effective outcomes amongst all Brothers.

Iota Xi Honors 39th Grand Basileus Andrew A. Ray, PhD.



39th Grand Basileus Andrew A. Ray, PhD. receives Elder Honor Award from Iota Xi Chapter

New York, NY. October 2017. Iota Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, New York City, New York, had the honor, and pleasure, of presenting Dr. Andrew Ray, the 39th Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated with its Elder Honor Award.

The Award dinner, and ceremony, was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dr. Ray's home town of Rochester, New York. He was surrounded by Fraternity Brothers, family, and friends, in celebration of a life dedicated to the core principles of our beloved Fraternity.

The very special guest this year was Andrew Ray's 94 year old mother, Mrs. Ruby Mae Ray. Mrs. Ray was thrilled to see her son being recognized for his hard work, and dedication. One could see, and feel, the pride she felt for her son. Dr. Ray was awarded an engraved, custom made, desk clock. His wife, Elizabeth Ray, was gifted a handmade Hermes scarf.

Andrew Ray was born in Centreville, Mississippi. He began his education in a two room school house. He accomplished his way through a bachelor degree in Economics, three masters degrees, and a Ph.D. Dr. Ray's life-long commitment to Education moved him through over 13 colleges and universities around the United States, and the world.

His life in Omega began as the Neophyte Basileus of Beta Sigma Chapter, at Southern University. He is currently in Theta Omicron Graduate Chapter, in Rochester, New York, where he has held every elected office, including numerous committee positions. Dr. Ray has served on many Second District committees. He has served as Corridor Representative, First

Vice District Representative, and District Representative. Internationally, he served on the Supreme Council, Chaired the International Membership Committee, and the Charles Drew Scholarship Commission. Brother Ray has received more awards then can possibly be here listed. He deserves high recognition for a life well lived.

Dr. Andrew Ray truly lives by the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The Annual Elder Honor was initiated in 1993 to honor exceptional Brothers who have shown a long, and consistent, commitment to Omega. These Brothers have been unselfish, high quality, individuals who have made Omega stronger by their tireless work for our beloved Fraternity.

Past honorees of this esteemed Award include: Brothers: Grant Reynolds, Esq., 21st Grand Basileus, James Avery, 28th Grand Basileus, Dr. Edward Braynon, 30th Grand Basileus, Robert Early, Esq., Rudolph Powell, Eddie Taylor, Dr. J.B. Pinkney, Nathaniel Thomas, Dr. James Elam, Dr. Adam McKee, Dr. Lewie Roache, Jeffrey Greenup, Esq., Dr. Vernon Baker, Milton Johnson, Ronald Jones and Govan Thomas.

Iota Xi Chapter, of Metropolitan New York City, was founded in 1977. The Chapter's goals are, to create, and maintain, the kind of environment of which the Founders would be proud, to conduct Omega's business in a professional manner, while having, and showing a genuine interest in the lives of our fellow chapter Brothers, and the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.





Alpha Mu Nu & NAACP Promote Kidney Disease Awareness

Stroudsburg, PA. September 30, 2017. The Monroe County NAACP Branch and the brothers of Alpha Mu Nu chapter were in conjunction to promote kidney disease awareness with Nina Dula. She is a kidney disease facilitator president and CEO of Nunibands, Inc. This seminar purpose was to encourage everyone about the risk kidney disease and the necessary precautions. It was a success as the keynote speaker provided helpful information and with plenty of participation. The brothers and NAACP are continuing to build relationships to become a long-lasting impact in the Pocono and Lehigh Valley region of Pennsylvania.

Alpha Mu Nu Mentoring Program



Alpha Mu Nu Brothers mentoring to kids at Lincoln Elementary School

Bethlehem, PA. August 25, 2017. Brothers of Alpha Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has teamed up with the administrators and community coordinators of Lincoln elementary school in Bethlehem, PA this semester to pilot our “Each One Reach One” Mentoring Program. The sole purpose of the program is to expose willing and enthusiastic young males in need of positive attention at Lincoln Elementary to a collective group of positive black male influences. It is also to allow them to build a report and establish true friendships with strong men. The Lincoln Elementary administrators selected the young boys with the most challenging backgrounds from the entire school body. Overall, eight young gentlemen were selected based on their behavior, grades and home life. This semester the group consists of third and fourth grade boys. During the pilot, the program has included homework/study time, reading workshops, quiz bowls, active play including physical training and education, team building activities, special guest speakers, and even sessions for life lessons. Among these lessons we have shared with the boys the importance of respect for self, young ladies and others as well as the power of knowledge and understanding. With the constant dedication of time, effort, energy and enthusiasm, we at AMN believe we have and will continue to make this program an awesome catalyst for positivity and a perpetuation of true Manhood in our community and ultimately in our society.

Alpha Mu Nu Domestic Violence Awareness

Allentown, PA. December 12, 2016. Alpha Mu Nu Chapter was a proud sponsors of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley Domestic Violence Awareness. The fundraiser was coordinated by Brother Quartez and his wife Soror Veronica Moore. Turning Point is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. They provide services in Lehigh and Northampton counties and reach nearly 4,000 people a year through our programs and services. Those include: a 24-hour Helpline, Safe

House, Counseling, Support Groups, Court Advocacy, Community Outreach, Prevention Education, and Medical Advocacy. The brothers have developed a relationship with Turning Point with the following: Christmas dinner for the women and children, downtown march, and a musical performance fundraiser. We are looking to continue this partnership as Alpha Mu Nu continue to strive in the Lehigh Valley and Pocono Region.

Alpha Mu Nu Christmas Social Action

Stroudsburg, PA. December 18, 2016. Brothers of Alpha Mu Nu and Greater Shiloh North continued the spirit of giving by donating and delivering toys to the Pocono Area Transitional Housing for homeless women and children. The church’s outreach coordinator and Basileus Ceylon Fret were very pleased to have the brothers support during the Christmas season. This is a continuation with last year toy donating with Greater Shiloh Main Church in Easton, PA. Pocono Area Transitional Housing (PATH) is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable corporation founded by Church Women United, local business leaders and community members. The purpose of PATH is to organize and operate housing with related services for the care and relief of families with children in a housing crisis in Monroe County. Accommodations are available for up to thirty-five (35) persons, depending on the size of individual families. With the effort from both sides the chapter and the church will continue to be a positive effect in the upcoming years.



Alpha Mu Nu Brothers at Christmas Social Action

Chi Upsilon Youth Summer Camp



Chi Upsilon Brothers with campers at Youth Camp

Camden, New Jersey, June 21, 2017. Chi Upsilon Chapter team with a Black Owned and Operated Christian Camp for a fun-filled, week-long youth activities starting on Friday, July 21 through Sunday, July 23, 2017. The location of the Camp was Cedar Knolls, Millville, NJ. The week-long Camp at Cedar Knolls consisted of 40 youth both male and female students ages 7-17 Years. The youth camp was an experience to behold monitored and supervised by the Chi Upsilon Chapter's Brothers. It was a weekend of none stop activity from morning to night. It got off to an excellent start on Friday with a Camp Fire that night and s'mores. Highlights of the Camp included but not limited to fishing,

swimming, miniature golf, basketball and other games. We were also blessed with Brother Darryl Green (Principal Consultant of Deep Forgiveness). His testimony was on "Forgiveness" and was truly POWERFUL. The time quality spent with the young people was impactful, priceless and allowed Brothers to interact with all Campers in a positive manner. We took on every responsibility to ensure a safe and challenging weekend for our young people. The Camp ended with Sunday morning Worship Service with our Chapter Brother bring the Word of God. This was a great initiative and the best is yet to come. We look forward to the challenge. "Service over Self".



Young Boy fishing for the first time at camp



Chi Upsilon Brother teaching a kid to swim at camp

Chi Upsilon Ground Blessing



Chi Upsilon Brothers blessing the grounds where the Chi Upsilon House once stood in hope of rebuilding

Camden, NJ. July 15, 2017 Each mile is started with one step. On the 65th anniversary of the chartering of Chi Upsilon Chapter (July 15, 2017) we begin our journey with a ground blessing. Members of Chi Upsilon along with brothers from Mu Omega (Philadelphia, Pa.), Nu Epsilon (Wilmington, Del.) and the 2nd District KRS Tony Jones, gathered on the land where the Chi Upsilon Fraternity house once stood. We begin our day with the Chaplain, Brother Rev. Horace G. Worthington, III and

Brother Father James E. Wynn, Chaplain Emeritus, leading us in prayer. A beautiful site to see as we marched around the four corners of the land stopping at each corner reciting a cardinal principal and praying. The “Ground Blessing” gave witness to our goal of rebuilding a new “Chi Upsilon Fraternity Center” on that site. A building that will house community rooms, a meeting hall, offices and a library dedicated to the chapter and the history of our beloved fraternity.

Chi Upsilon Talent Show



Chi Upsilon Brothers with Talent Hunt Contestants

Camden, NJ February 25, 2017. The brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter sponsored its’ annual talent show, showcasing some of the outstanding talent in the City of Camden. This event was held on Saturday morning at Malandra Hall recreation center in the fairview section of the city. The young people participating displayed an array of talent, from “modern

dance” to “spoken word” along with some great singing. There was a nice crowd of family members cheering their favorites on, as well as great participation from the brother of the chapter. In the end and after a long deliberation, the eloquent moves of the modern dance entry won first place.

2017 Chi Upsilon Memorial Service



Chi Upsilon Brothers attending the Memorial Service with District Chaplain Dwain Harrell

Wesfield, NJ. March 19, 2017. The brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter held the annual memorial service at the Macedonia Baptist Church. We were honored to have in the mist of our service, the 2nd District Chaplain, Dwain Harrell. The chapter held the memorial service honoring our founders and departed chapter members and at the conclusion Brother

Chaplain preached the word! He began by blessing us with a song, and then came to us from the book of Samuel 16: 1&11, his text for the morning was “the changing of the guard”. The powerful sermon was recorded live and put on the Facebook page of “chiupsilonques”. After the service the brothers broke bread together at a nearby diner.

Chi Upsilon Leadership Receiving the Oath of Office



Chi Upsilon 2016-17 Officers Receiving the Oath of Office

Camden, NJ November 18, 2016. Chi Upsilon Chapter begin the November meeting with the swearing in of the new officers by Brother Jesse Butler. (L-R) Paul McNair (Review Chairman), Oscar R. Spencer (Editor to Oracle), Aaron Yelverton (Keeper of Peace), Horace G. Worthington III

(Chaplain) Charles Thomas (KRS), Ron Stephens (Vice Basileus), Jeffrey M. Spratley (Basileus) At the close of the meeting Brother Spencer was surprised and honored by the chapter with a marble plaque for eight years of service as Basileus of the chapter.

Delta Upsilon “Real Men Read” Program



Brother Ken Moore reading to one of the classes.

Trenton, NJ. May 2017. Brothers from Delta Upsilon participated in the annual Trenton School Wide “Real Men Read” program. Brother read books to the 2nd graders selected by the Wilson Elementary School principal. The students were very engaged during the reading sessions and

answered numerous questions as each book was read. All of the books focused on animals and supported the schools’ visit to the zoo earlier in the week.

Delta Upsilon Aid with DST’s EMBODI Program



Brother Stan Davis instructs neck tying to youth

Trenton, NJ. During the 2016-17 academic year, Delta Upsilon once again partnered with the Trenton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. to support their Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI) program. Over the past year Delta Upsilon members facilitated sessions with the EMBODI participants to foster and develop their personal, academic, and social growth. Among other topics, the Brothers assisted the students in exploring the African principle of Sankofa, co-facilitated a Black History Month Program, and organized a saving for the Future and Financial Literacy workshop and ‘How to Properly Tie a Necktie

Delta Upsilon Sponsor Youth to Trenton Thunder B Ball Game



Delta Upsilon take youth to Basketball Game

Trenton, NJ. The Delta Upsilon Health Initiatives and Social Action committees sponsored and chaperoned 20 youngsters and their parents/guardians from the Friendship Baptist Youth Ministry at a Trenton Thunder Baseball game. It was the first time for many of the youngsters to have attended a professional baseball game. Brother Ron “No Match” Williams (sitting in the foreground with the Omega shirt) also had the opportunity to represent DU by being one of a select number of fans to throw out a ceremonial first pitch in support of the American Cancer Society’s prostate cancer awareness night

Delta Upsilon Earl F. Phillips Legacy Breakfast



l-r Brother Scott Rice, Basileus, Brother Garry M. Keel, Co-chairperson of the Legacy Breakfast, Brother Myron Williams, Keynote speaker and Brother Charlie Williams, Vice Basileus and Co-chair

Trenton, NJ. May, 2017. Brother Myron Williams, President of Corporate Sales Strategy and Sales Operations for United Parcel Services, Inc. (UPS) was the key note speaker at Delta Upsilon’s 6th Annual Earl F. Phillips Legacy Breakfast. The Earl F. Phillips Legacy breakfast is the signature program for the chapter’s reclamation and retention commit-

tee to encourage Brothers to stay involved and/or to re-engage with the Fraternity. Brother Williams spoke to this year’s theme of “Fraternity and Family: Fulfilling a Legacy”. Brother Williams was the perfect speaker to address this theme as he is one of 7 members in his family who are frat, including his father, brothers, uncles, and cousins.

Delta Upsilon ACS Prostate Cancer Run



Participants at the ACS Prostate Cancer Run

Trenton, NJ. June 17, 2017. On Father’s Day, Delta Upsilon joined the other members of the divine nine in participating in the American Cancer Society Run for Dad to support Prostate Cancer Research and Awareness. The nine Pan-Hellenic organizations collectively raised over \$7000, the most of any group and had more than 300 total participants. As the

Pan-Hellenic organization with the most participants and raising the most money, Delta Upsilon Chapter won \$1000 to be added to the scholarship awards that the chapter awards each year to deserving high school students moving on to higher education.

Delta Upsilon Scholarship Recognition Program



l-r Sitting from left; Khaatim Muhammad-MCCC, Mark Bethea-Hamilton HS West, Desiree McRay Clark-Ewing HS, Terrance Stokes II-Ewing HS, Chase Lewis-Princeton Day School, Mekhi Harris-Trenton Central HS, Semaj Willis-Trenton Central HS, Lynelle Little-Trenton Central HS, Jonathan Konah-Trenton Central HS, and Janet Jackson-MCCC. Missing from the photo is Christopher Sumners-Hun School. Standing on the far left is Brother Jeff Sumners, Scholarship Chairman and on the far right Brother Dr. Charlie Williams, Vice Basileus

Trenton, NJ. June 2017. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity-Delta Upsilon Chapter recently presented their Annual Scholarship Recognition Program at Mercer County Community College in Trenton. Over \$10,000 was awarded to 10 students for their academic and community involvement.

Delta Upsilon Sponsor YMCA Healthy Kids Health Fair



Delta Upsilon Brothers participating at the YMCA Healthy Kids Health Fair

Trenton, NJ. April 2017. For the third straight year, Delta Upsilon Chapter was one of the principle sponsors of the annual YMCA Healthy Kids Health Fair. Taking advantage of a glorious late spring day, over 1000 children/parents/guardians/and other community members registered and attended the event. Ms. Renee Dixon, YMCA coordinator, indicated that

it was the largest crowd ever. Brothers handed out material and talked with the fair goers about exercising regularly, the negative health effects of smoking, drinking and taking illicit drugs and the importance of eating a proper and balanced diet to fight obesity. .

Delta Upsilon’s Late Honorable Brother Lawson R. McElroy Honored with Monumental Bench and Plaque at Rider University

Lawrenceville, NJ, June 6, 2017. The Late Honorable Brother Lawson R. McElroy was recognized and honored at Rider University’s Reunion on Saturday, June 10, 2017 with a formal dedication of a Cleveland flowering pear tree, in ground cemented plaque and a bench that will be permanently enshrined on the campus. This is the very first permanent marker of any kind at a NJ College/University campus to honor a member of Omega Psi Phi.

Brother McElroy, fondly known as “Mac or Lawson,” was a former Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Admissions at Rider University where he recruited, mentored, and provided aid to hundreds of Rider students, many of whom went on to become successful doctors, lawyers, corporate heads, politicians, educators, highly honored military, police administrators, and entrepreneurs throughout the country.

In recognition of Brother McElroy’s service at Rider, in 2006, a small group of alumni and friends spearheaded by Brother Kevin Derricotte, (Rider Alumni, 1979 and) began formulating a strategy to create an endowment in Brother McElroy’s name. Starting in 2007, more than 25 students have received scholarships in excess of \$30,000. The permanent endowed scholarship is now worth more than \$80,000.

The dedication and recognition program at Rider was just the next step in honoring Brother McElroy’s legacy and recognition of his work in assisting individuals in reaching their life goals. “Unconditionally, Mac gave and loved; then he gave and loved some more,” said Brother Derricotte.



“Mac was a mentor, a friend, and a brother to me and my wife Wanda” said Brother Terry Rogers, Rider Alumni, 1979. “Since meeting him at Rider over 40 years ago, Lawson was a part of every significant event in our lives, so to us, it is only fitting to honor him in this special way,” said Delta Soror Wanda Rogers, Rider Alumni, 1979.

While being a member of various organizations throughout his life, Brother McElroy was proudest of his over 50 year membership in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., being initiated in the Eta Sigma Chapter, as an undergrad at Lincoln University, Missouri, and continuing his membership in Trenton, Delta Upsilon Chapter, where he held various offices. He was principally responsible for establishing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as the first Black Greek letter organization at Rider in 1977, and he was also advisor to many other social service and other Black Greek organizations during his time at Rider.

While at Rider, Brother McElroy attended Seton Hall Law School in the evenings and received his Law Degree in 1982. His law practice, which opened shortly after, defended hundreds of clients pro-bono in all manner of legal problems. It was also the launching pad for several attorneys who later became prominent in their various specialties. He was later named a prosecuting attorney in Trenton Municipal Court and later appointed a municipal court judge, there. On the bench, Mr. McElroy had a reputation for firmness and fairness, and was respected by prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, defendants, and the police.



Plaque Honoring the Late Honorable Brother Lawson R. McElroy to be placed on campus of Rider University

Delta Upsilon Supports Trenton Youth Employment Program



Delta Upsilon Brothers presenting \$2000 check supporting Trenton, NJ Summer Youth Employment Program

Trenton, NJ. June 2017. Delta Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented a check for \$2000 to Paul E. Kuhl, Chairman of the MIDJersey Chamber Board of Directors in support of Mayor Eric E. Jackson's Summer Youth Employment Program. Several members of the Chapter attended the check presentation at the MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 15.

This is the second consecutive year in which Delta Upsilon Chapter has pledged support for the City-initiative. In 2016, the program was able to sustain 85 summer jobs for local youth residents and more than a dozen local organizations made financial commitments. This year, the expectation is that 100 or more young adults will be involved. This has escalated

the need for more support from corporations and charitable-giving institutions.

"Our financial contribution to the Trenton Summer Youth Program is consistent with our fraternity's commitment to contribute to our community and youth," said Delta Upsilon Basileus, Scott Rice. "We're honored to participate in the event, especially, because the program prepares and provides our youth with skills needed for today's workforce. "And, our participation is an extension of our other community partnership initiatives (i.e., Trenton soup kitchen, blood drive, health fair, cancer walk, Annual Historically Black Colleges & Universities College Fair, etc.), he added.

Eta Pi Mentoring Program



Eta Pi Mentors with Ernest Everett Just Male Mentoring Program Mentees

East Orange, New Jersey, June 17, 2017. Eta Pi Chapter established their Ernest Everett Just Male Mentoring Program twelve years ago in an effort to provide young males opportunities to engage in workshops focusing on the following areas: Leadership, character building, career exploration, life skills development, financial literacy, public speaking, conflict resolution, as well as recreational and cultural events. The program is designed to help students and parents address everyday issues, such as peer pressure and racism. It also aims to help young scholars understand the importance of attaining higher academic achievements and serving their communities.

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, Eta Pi in collaboration with the Greater Essex Community Uplift Foundation, sponsored a "Recognition Ceremony"

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for the eleven young scholars participating in the program. The mentees participated in a six months cohort in which local experts facilitated discussions on a variety of topics ranging from "Motivation and Being a Role Model", "How to Interact with Police Officers", "How to Tie a Tie" and the creation of "Vision Boards". During the ceremony students were awarded certificates for participating in the program and shared their experiences about the workshops and activities they participated in.

This cohort of mentees were 8th grade students at Sojourner Truth Middle School in East Orange, NJ. that graduated on June 16, 2017. All of the young males will be moving on to high school where they will continue to participate in the mentoring program.

Epsilon Chapter Womans History Month Program



Tamika D. Mallory, Olive Campbell Woman of the Year gives rousing speech to audience

Brooklyn, NY. March 26, 2017. Epsilon Chapter held its first Women's History Month Program in several years. This year's theme was Political and Social Activism.

The venue was the Renaissance Room at the Henry J. Carter Medical Facility, located at 1752 Park Ave (corner of E. 122nd St) in Manhattan. The program was well attended and had an audience of over 140 people. Bro. Justin Tucker was the Master of Ceremonies. Bros. Taariq Cayne (KF) and Matt Middleton (KRS) helped to open the program by sharing brief renditions of the Fraternity's history and the Chapter's history, respectively. They were followed by 4 Sorority Speakers, one from each organization, and the president of the local chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Thanks goes to Jennifer Hendrickson-Rivers of AKA, Tiease Murray of DST, Beverly Tatham of Z-Phi-B, Nicole Adams of SGRho, and Vivian Walton-Small of NPHC/DST. All of the ladies received a Certificate of Appreciation.

We had two musical performances on the organ by students in the Keys-4Success music education program; a non-profit organization founded and leads by Bro. Gavin Ndabaliye. We thank those elementary school students, Celeste and Angelina, as well as Gavin and his program. Both girls received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Our first-ever Olive Campbell Woman of the Year Award went to Tamika D. Mallory, Co-Chair of the Women's March on Washington. She gave a brief, but rousing speech to the attendees, making a call to action for all of us to do more for our communities. Ms. Mallory received a plaque.

We concluded with video clips of a conversation between Chapter Brothers and expert panelists on Rape Culture in the Black Community. We also shared what we learned and gave advice on how to continue those conversations throughout the community. Thanks goes to those who participated: Dr. Tricia Callender, Dr. Karen Abigail, Bunmi Olosunde, Quentin Walcott, Bro. Gavin Ndabaliye, and Bro. Justin Tucker. We also thank Bro. Arren Wilson for the use of his workplace's conference room for the conversation. Each of these people (except for Quentin Walcott, who was not present) received a gift bag with a commemorative engraved pen.

Bro. Steve Davis solicited the help of several volunteers who worked during the event, all young ladies, and they were recognized at the end of the program. They each received a Certificate of Appreciation. Omega Dignitaries Bro. Kevin Woodhouse, Corridor V Representative and Bro. J. Kendall Smalls, 1st Vice District Representative were in attendance. From all accounts, it was a very successful event.

Gamma Pi Health Fair

College Park, MD. July 29, 2017. When it comes to health, African Americans collectively are tragically lagging other populations. Maladies like cancer, heart disease and diabetes all show profound disparities for black Americans comparatively speaking, increasing the likelihood of premature deaths for many. Gamma Pi Chapter is doing something about it most recently through the communitywide Health Fair held this summer.

The Super Chapter, along with the Greater Praise and Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, put on the health fair at the church's worship center 815 Brightseat Road in Landover, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event was an opportunity for people in the community to get free screenings and preventive health information. The theme of the Health Fair was "Walking in Wellness With Faith." Close to 100 people came through during the daylong event, said Bro Kevin Ford, Sr., M.D., the lead organizer for the Health Fair.

"I thought for the fact that given this was the first time we held it here, the interest was phenomemal," said Bro. Dr. Ford. "People asked a lot of good questions."

Another Gamma Pi Chapter member who is also a physician, Bro. Lester Miles, M.D., gave a widely attended talk about prostate cancer which affects black men more than any other population group.

Among the other topics addressed at the Health Fair were colorectal cancer, mental health, hypertension and diabetes. The Doctors Community Hospital van was also on-site checking blood pressures and screening for diabetes and cholesterol. About 50 people took part in Zumba exercise classes conducted by Fit for Less.



Doctor's Community Hospital Van servicing Gamma Pi Health Fair

In June, Gamma Pi Chapter held the Annual Charles Drew Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross at the Lake Arbor Community Center in Mitchellville, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 24. During those hours, the Super Chapter was able to collect 29 productive units of blood for the American Red Cross from 25 registered donors, putting it right on the edge of Gamma Pi's goal to collect 30 pints. This was the first year that the blood drive was held in the Lake Arbor Community. In some years, such as this year, Gamma Pi has elected to also host a Health Fair in addition to the annual Charles Drew blood drive as part of its Social Action agenda.

Gamma Pi Project ENRICH

Bowie, MD. September 27, 2017. On this Saturday afternoon, the weather was great. Even though it was officially the second day of Fall, the temperature soared into the 80's and everyone was not yet ready to let go of summer in the DMV. Inside the South Bowie Community Center, some people worked out in the weight room and young men bounced basketballs in the gym. In an assembly room off to the side, a trio of Brothers from Gamma Pi bounced around ideas about how to select a major, how to assess which college is right for you, what courses to focus on the last two years of high school and where to look for scholarship money. Project ENRICH is back!

The program, directed by Brother Willie Hines, held an Open House on Saturday. More than 50 parents and students showed up for the event. They had questions for the upcoming academic year and were eager to get started. Many were new registrants in the 9th grade, which is where the program starts. Students are engaged from grades 9-12 to help them take the right steps to prepare for college. Students meet one Saturday a month at Bowie State University throughout the school year.

Participating along with Brother Hines at Saturday's program were Brothers Brett Blake and Lucien Cox, who all addressed the audience from a panel at the front of the room. Brother Pete Ford was manning the entrance. They along with several other chapter members run Project ENRICH like a small school. Saturday's program was more of a preliminary getting ready for the grind designed to both welcome new students, answer questions from interested students and to set the course for this year. The Opening Convocation was held later on Saturday, October 7 at 10 a.m. at Bowie State's Thurgood Marshall Library.

During Saturday's open house program, questions ranged from what the typical Project ENRICH Saturday is like to the dress code which requires the students to wear business attire to the incoming presenters to how to arrange college visits to registration. There were also queries about scholarship money, college entrance exams, AP courses, community college and opportunities provided by Historically Black Colleges and Universities at a time when those schools' relevance is being challenged. One



Students and parents at Gamma Pi Open House event

parent gave a testimonial about her daughter's growth through Project ENRICH. And as a bonus during the Open House, parents and students received a briefing from a Project ENRICH parent about the HBCU College Tour operated by her chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. As is customary with Project ENRICH, Brother Hines looks for every opportunity to get students to get used to public speaking and having ready their 30-second "elevator speech." To that end, Brother Hines had students introduce themselves and talk about their future career goals during the program.

For information about Project ENRICH, visit the program's website (www.projectenrich.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/projectenrichprogram) or follow Project ENRICH on Twitter (@projectenrich). Online registration is underway for 2017-18 on the website.

Gamma Pi Combat Domestic Violence

College Park, MD. September 27, 2017 - The Brothers of Gamma Pi don't have any trouble getting up early on a Saturday morning as long as it is for a good cause. That's why they were in the house and in force by 8:30 a.m. today to attend and exhibit at a countywide Domestic Violence conference called MoMEntum, Moving into the Millennium; Elevating the Male Perspective on Domestic Violence. As the crafty titles suggests, the conference was focused on educating men about domestic violence prevention through getting males to see the ripple effect and consequences of domestic violence.

About 25 Chapter members attended the morning workshop, led by Social Action Chairman Kevin Greenwood and the committee. Gamma Pi did not present as part of the program but it sponsored an exhibit display in the lobby along with other organizations. The chapter was able to highlight its community action program to attendees, including former Lt. Governor and current Congressman Anthony Brown and Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks who were highlighted during the event. The Super Chapter was able to take a photo with them both.

During the Saturday program, Brothers were taking notes, meeting with other participants and speakers, collecting materials and disseminating information about Gamma Pi and Friendship Charities at the chapter's information table.

This year Gamma Pi has explored new avenues to conduct social action activities throughout the community and participation in the domestic violence conference was a part of that new approach. "We're here talking to people throughout the community about how we can get involved," said Bro. Greenwood. "We have learned about a lot of opportunities."



Gamma Pi Brothers with Congressman Anthony Brown and PG. County States Attorney Angela Alsobrooks at the Domestic Violence Conference

The chapter already works with young males through its periodic visits to the Cheltenham Youth Facility in Prince George's County. It also sponsors programs in the Kentland and Seat Pleasant communities through its Que Kidz initiatives where it also has opportunities to help shape and mold the lives of young boys, including teaching them to have respect for women. Male mentoring and combating domestic violence are two major social action priorities for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Gamma Pi Senior Cookout



Gamma Pi Brothers serving seniors at the Gamma Pi Senior Cookout

Suitland, MD. July 18, 2017. The Brothers of Gamma Pi have developed a special bond with the seniors at Windsor Crossing apartments in Suitland. Quarterly, the chapter shows up to celebrate residents' birthdays with cake, ice cream and gifts. During the holidays Brothers deliver Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas gifts. And recently, the Super Chapter took it a step further with a classic, old-fashioned mid-summer cookout held for the Windsor Crossing seniors on Tuesday, July 18. Many Brothers in Gamma Pi love to brag about their grilling skills. Those with the skills put words into action at the event, bringing sizzle to the occasion with jumbo hamburger patties, hot dogs, half smokes, popular sides and salads and other vegetables. But the Brothers also brought something else to the table, as only Gamma Pi could – the Super Chapter brought along cookout-style ambience with music and games and just an all-out good time. But nothing sparked the excitement of the residents like seeing all the Brothers wearing the colors. The Royal Purple and Old Gold puts a spring in the step of the Windsor Crossing seniors!

“The purpose of the Windsor Crossing Cookout is to celebrate the residents of this community and to fellowship with them. The resi-

dents were treated to board games, music and of course....great barbeque” aid Brother Kevin Greenwood, chairman of the chapter’s Social Action committee. “This was a great experience for them and the Brothers.”

About 70 seniors attended the event. More than 20 Brothers, including Basileus Brother Tony Lee, were on-site at the event tending to the food, the seniors and the atmosphere. Others who participated were Terry Hare, Darryl Thompson, Orlando McDowell, Larry Harris, Chris Edwards, Tyrone Smith, Mabili Adinyele, Marcus Whitfield, Ken Jones, Ben Greene, David Jackson, Sheku Alieu, Andrew Clarke, Rob Waller, Ricky Manear, James Riley, Kevin Spencer and Raphael Terrell, chapter photographer. Funding for all the food and drinks for the seniors was donated by Omega Gold Development Group courtesy of its Board of Directors.

Gamma Pi Chapter traditionally sponsors a summer picnic at a local park for the seniors. But this year the decision was made to do something a little different to surprise the seniors and to add a new twist. The response was overwhelming and now Gamma Pi may have to reprise the event in the summer of 2018. That’s what happens when you do a great job!



Gamma Pi Brothers preparing meals for the seniors

Gamma Pi Christmas in April Project

Upper Marlboro, MD. April 29, 2017. Many people are unaware of the commitment Omega Psi Phi men give to their community before sunrise. The Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter in Prince George's County have been known to get up on many Saturdays while others are still "dreaming" in their sleep, to feed shelter residents, check in on the homeless, and more recently, to help make a home a better and brighter place for a local elderly homeowner through the Annual Christmas in April program.

On Saturday, April 29, Brothers converged on a local home in the Crain Highway area of Upper Marlboro to carry out a variety of "housework" chores inside and outside. We're not talking about housework like vacuuming, dusting, doing the dishes or straightening up clutter. This was heavy duty stuff -- yard work, painting, debris removal, shoveling, and hammering and nailing. There was an assortment of tools needed to do the job, including rakes, mowers, edgers, shovels, garden hoes and wheelbarrows. It's all geared towards making the elderly residents' home more livable and presentable.

As Omega men are accustomed to doing, Brothers broke down the project into teams and shifts. There were five shifts beginning with the earlybird 7 a.m. crew and ending with the 3 p.m. late-afternoon team.

"This is an annual Gamma Pi tradition that we proudly give to our constituents in the county," said Brother Kevin Greenwood, who chairs the Social Action committee. "The goal is to provide clean up services to a well-deserving family in the Prince George's County Community. This is what we do."

For several years, Brother Tony Kelly has led Gamma Pi's Christmas in April project. He has made the contacts, organized the chapter and schemed out the on-site projects and tools required. Brother Kelly has inspired the chapter to service on a project that requires much more in the way of sweat equity than many of the other Social Action projects that Gamma Pi does. On a Saturday morning when it is so easy to sleep in -- at least until 9 a.m. -- the call to "manual labor" can go unheeded. But Omega men always rise to the call of purpose and service. When Brother Kelly's emails start coming announcing Christmas in April, Brothers



Gamma Pi Brothers doing yardwork at an Upper Marlboro home

know they must set their alarm clocks for that special Saturday in April. Christmas in April is a non-denominational volunteer organization that repairs the homes of senior citizens who are either low-income and/or physically challenged. In every community, it results in a one day repair project that takes place during the last Saturday in the month. Christmas in April brings together business, corporate, government, religious and community organizations along with local volunteers like the Brothers of Gamma Pi.

The recent Christmas in April project is one of more than 10 Social Action initiatives Gamma Pi has participated in already this year. The chapter has appeared at career days, at a communitywide dialogue on domestic violence, participated in neighborhood cleanups as well as a fitness and wellness expo.

Gamma Pi Senior Banquet



Gamma Pi Brothers blessing the food at the Senior Banquet

Capitol Heights, MD. June 10, 2017. On Saturday, June 10, a squadron of Omega men from Gamma Pi Chapter converged on the Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Capitol Heights for the chapter's Annual Seniors Banquet. As in past years, the event drew a full house of seniors from the local community-- many in their 80s and older -- to an afternoon that featured a hearty hot meal, entertainment, a sermon from a Gamma Pi Brother, musical selections from the Gamma Pi Chorale and games and prizes.

Every year, seniors look forward to seeing "the Ques" show up at Gethsemane on this one Saturday in their popular Purple and Gold. In some cases, the seniors ask for the Brothers by name, remembering the good time they had the previous year. To many of these seniors, some who attend annually, "the Ques" are synonymous with these senior citizens "getting out" for a while, sometimes from a forgotten existence to enjoy a fun afternoon that combines a much-needed social outing with spiritual food. The Gamma Pi seniors banquet perks up the spirit and gets the adrenaline

flowing for local seniors who always leave the event feeling like school kids who have just completed an exciting field trip. Many of the seniors are bused in while others are driven to the event by family members and friends.

Chapter members devote a lot of time to the project every year and in keeping with past tradition, members spend most of Friday night grocery shopping and cooking the meals. Brothers also put on aprons and their best aprons and go into "waiter mode" to serve every senior at their table. The attendees do not have to lift even a finger to get food or drink. It is First Class service out on by the Brothers of Gamma Pi, who are only too proud to do it out of deep respect.

As part of its aggressive Social Action program, Gamma Pi makes an effort to reach out to local seniors throughout the year. In addition to the banquet, Gamma Pi sponsors quarterly "birthday bashes" for seniors in the Suitland area and a summer picnic/fish fry. Hats off to Bro. Shake Alieu who coordinated a successful seniors banquet.

Iota Nu Second District Conference Highlights



Brothers Emil Cromwell and Mark Thomas, Miss Grace Callwood, 2nd District Citizen of the Year, and Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox

Rye Brook, NY. May 4, 2017. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, capped off a year of service to the Fraternity and Harford County with several recognitions at the 2nd District Conference, 4-7 May, 2017 in Rye Brook, NY. The awards were presented at the Founders banquet, which was hosted by Brother Sherman Charles, 2nd District Representative and attended by Bro. Antonio F. Knox, Sr, Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The awards presented, in no particular order: COL Charles Young award for military service given to Brigadier General Alfred Abramson (87 – Nu Psi). The Founders Award given to Brother Leonard Newman (96 – Xi Pi), is given to a Brother who exhibits the four Cardinal Principles, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Brother Marquise Findley-Smith (1-16-IN) was the awardee of a

\$2500.00 scholarship, and Brother Wayne (3-16-IN) Long was awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship. The Iota Nu Chapter won 3rd Place Large Graduate Chapter Social Action for its efforts to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Harford County.

Miss Grace Callwood, Founder of the WeCancerve Movement, Inc, a non-profit which is dedicated to helping sick and homeless children was presented the 2nd District Citizen of the Year Award. In a break in tradition, the Iota Nu Citizen of the Year, Miss Grace Callwood, was permitted to speak to the Brothers at the Founders Banquet. She received not only the 2nd District Citizen of the Year Award, her organization was granted \$5000.00 by Brother Antonio F. Knox, Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi..



Bro. Kier Pemberton, Scholarship Chair, and Brother Mark Thomas congratulate Bro. Marquise Findley-Smith on receiving a \$2500.00 Scholarship with Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox

Iota Nu Bro. Jimmy Archange Rides for Wounded Warriors



Brother Jimmy Archange bike riding for Wounded Warriors

Philadelphia, PA. September 16, 2017. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. would like to spotlight Iota Nu’s Social Action Chairman Brother Jimmy Archange. While most are enjoying their weekend with friends and family, Brother Archange spent his weekend cycling from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Cape May, New Jersey in support of Team Foster’s Wounded Warrior Effort. Team Foster is non-profit organization that was formed in honor of fallen hero Captain Erick Foster. This organization raises money to aid wounded warriors with their primary mission to fund service dogs for disabled service men and women who suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). This unique cycling event ensures that all cyclists ride together following Team Foster’s motto “No Hero Left Behind.” Brother Archange is also a service member who currently lives and works in Harford County, Maryland on Aberdeen Proving Grounds. All together the cyclists rode over 100 miles in less than 7 hours for this great cause. Iota Nu is proud to have Brother Jimmy Archange as part of our chapter.

Iota Nu Partners with Greeks to Feed the Homeless



Iota Nu Brothers serving the Homeless

Edgewood, MD. September 16, 2017. 2nd District, The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined in partnership the Greek Letter Organizations of Harford County to feed the homeless at the annual “Sharing Table” located at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church. The organizations collectively cooked for and served well over 120 homeless Families and donated and clothing for those in need. This is one of several events that Iota Nu plans to conduct as part of the chapters Social Action initiatives. The purpose of this teaming event is to build stronger relationships amongst our Fraternities and Sororities in Harford County as we collectively give back and provide service to our community. In addition, the brothers interacted with the families and patrons of Harford County and they let the supporting Greek Letter Organizations along with Iota Nu know how much they appreciated the event. Job well done by the Iota Nu Chapter!

Iota Nu Donates School Supplies for Harford Family House

Aberdeen, MD. September 1, 2017. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collected and donated 40 sets of school supplies including backpacks, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, tape, glue and hand sanitizer for children with ages ranging from 5 years (Kindergarten) through 15 years (10th grade). The school supplies were donated to the children of Families that are currently living at the Harford Family House located in Aberdeen, Maryland one week prior to the start of the school year. Harford Family House is the largest provider of transitional housing for homeless families with children in Harford County. They are the only organization in Harford County capable of keeping an intact family, including a father, together during the crisis of homelessness. It is their goal to end homelessness in Harford County, one family at a time. The chapter prides itself on providing Service and assistance to Families who need help in our communities. Job well done by our Committee Chairman, Mike Bennett and the Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter



Brother Mike Bennett with Basileus Russell Reese and Vice Basileus Charles Gibson. giving school supplies to Harford House

Iota Nu Adopt A Highway Cleanup



l-r Brothers Herman Smith, Marcus James, Satchel Doyle, Charles Gordon, Charles Gibson, Anthony Dorsey, and Melvin Adderley

Aberdeen, MD. October 14, 2017. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the State Highway Administrations Adopt-A-Highway under the Maryland Department of Transportation. The Iota Nu chapter has adopted two highways in Harford County along route 40 in Aberdeen, Maryland. Together, the brothers walked up and down our adopted highways collecting litter to keep the environment clean and safe.

Keeping the roadways litter free improves the health of our environment and keeps our roads safe to drive. This is one of several events that Iota Nu plans to conduct as part of the chapters Social Action initiatives. Iota Nu participates in the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up effort on a quarterly basis as part of the State Highway Administrations requirements and this program is led by Brother Anthony Dorsey.

Kappa Chapter Does Well at 2nd District Conference



Kappa Chapters District Awardees and District Elected Officers with Scholarship Chairman, Kier Pemberton and Kappa Chapter Advisor Ben Jeffers

Rye, NY. May 2017. Brothers of Kappa Chapter ended their year in an amazing way, which was winning a plethora of awards at the 69th Second District Conference. Brothers began by winning the 2nd District Undergraduate Scholarship Chapter of the year, a newly created award for the 2nd District that has been won by Kappa chapter both years. This award was followed by Bro. David Gilstrap winning the 2nd District Education Award as well as Bro. Justin Alvarez winning the Second District Scholar

of the Year. In addition to these awards, Kappa Chapter advisor Bro. Ben Jeffers was awarded 2nd District Undergraduate Advisor of the Year. Finally, the brothers ended the weekend with Bro. David Fitzpatrick-Woodson being elected as an Undergraduate Representative and Bro. Timothy Crossin was elected as the 2nd Vice District Representative. These many accolades show that the brothers are striving to continue to make Omega better for all and are reaping the fruits of their labor.

Kappa Chapter Backpack Drive



Kappa Chapter Brothers give Van Duyn Elementary School Kids Back Packs

Syracuse, NY. September 6, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter went to Van Duyn Elementary school in Syracuse, New York to welcome the students into school for their first day. This acted as a way to show students positive images as they embark on their first day. After doing this,

the brothers gave out 150 backpacks to students who are not as fortunate. The brothers could see they were making a difference as the many children ran up to pick out the bag of their choice while smiling from ear to ear

Kappa Chapter Brothers Come Back to Syracuse University



Kappa Chapter Brothers attending the Syracuse Weekend Celebration

Syracuse, NY. September 16, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter gathered for a chapter reception to celebrate CBT (Coming Back Together) weekend. Kappa chapter brothers from Fall 1968 to Spring 2017 were in attendance for this celebration of the chapter. The event was a great fel-

lowship for all brothers in attendance and showed the strong bond brothers of Kappa chapter have from brothers on the yard currently to those who have been off of the yard for forty five years.

Kappa Chapter Aids High School Students with Applications



Kappa Chapter Brothers with students at Nottingham High School

Syracuse, NY. September 29, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter flocked down to Nottingham High School to aid seniors with their Common Applications as they concluded their Omega Week at Syracuse University. The Brothers deemed that such an event would influence students to further their education. Part of the reasoning some high school students don't go off to college is simply because they don't apply. The Brothers made it an obligation to get out into the Syracuse community to give students a resource and the support they need to jumpstart their Common Applications. The Brothers and volunteers helped students brainstorm essay ideas before heading into the computer lab to work on the essay portion of the application. The Brothers provided pizza and snacks to the students

who attended the workshop. This event also allowed brothers to shed light on a tuition free scholarship available to students graduating from a Syracuse City School District High School—"Say Yes to Education Syracuse". Most students in Syracuse are not aware of this educational opportunity. The Say Yes Program provides less privileged kids an opportunity to attend college tuition free, which would be good for students applying to Syracuse University as they would not have to worry about room and board. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter strive to have an impact on the Syracuse community that we currently occupy, hoping to see our work pay off in the years to come and more students into college programs.

Kappa Chapter Meet the Greeks



Kappa Chapter Brothers at the Meet the Greeks Event

Syracuse, NY. September 12, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter participated in Syracuse University's "Meet the Greeks". The Brothers told those in attendance about the fraternity and the service aspects and programs of the fraternity. While doing this, the Brothers were able to talk

about Kappa Chapter as well as touching on famous Omega men. The program proved to be very informative teaching those in attendance about the mandated programs and initiatives of the fraternity that they may have not known. Overall, the Brothers showcased Omega positively.

Kappa Chapter Friend or Foe Roundtable



Kappa Chapter Brothers at the Friends or Foe Event

Syracuse, NY. September 27, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter presented “Friend or Foe.” This event, spearheaded by Bro. Zaire Franklin, was a discussion with the university community on the perception of police and campus security. The main point of this forum was to break down why we as people of color are generally anti police as well as why we tend

to be uncomfortable and how some have been taught to be anti-police. The Brothers believe that they changed minds of fellow students and that despite the past we as people must understand that not all law enforcement is like those who we see too often doing negative things and hurting communities more than protecting them.

Kappa Chapter Puppies on the Quad Event



Kappa Chapter Brothers and participants at the Puppies on the Quad event.

Syracuse, NY. September 25, 2017. The Brothers of Kappa Chapter partnered with Helping Hounds, a local dog shelter and rescue center in Syracuse, New York. The brothers did this as a way to provide stress relief for students. However, this was also done to raise awareness for the work that the people at Helping Hounds do as well as raising money for them and

gaining volunteers as they begin to get more dogs. The brothers followed this up by using social media to raise money for Helping Hounds by donating a dollar for every picture posted of students at SU giving a hug to a yard brother while using the hashtag #WholesomeHugs.

Harlem Omegas host 2017 Five Borough Food Pantry Project Awards



Kappa Omicron Brothers with Award recipient at the 5 Borough Food Pantry Event.

New York, NY. July 8, 2017. Kappa Omicron Chapter held their annual 5 borough food pantry on July 8, 2017 at the chapter house, to continue a project started in 2009. Spearheaded by co-chairs Brothers Tom Wallace and Ray Haskins they have raised over \$25,000 since the program's inception. Initially the program received contributions from the chapter, but it expanded to other chapters within the corridor, and the community at large. Hunger along with homelessness are two of the biggest problems of the day. It was a mission of the program to be a blessing to this population including veterans who served our country, and sometimes now are

forgotten.

The recipient organizations received a donation of \$1000 each. They are Convent Avenue Baptist Church-Manhattan, Stapleton Union American Methodist Episcopal Church – Staten Island, Bronx Salvation Army-Bronx, Saint Albans Congressional Church- Queens, and Black Veterans for Social Justice- Brooklyn.

We have already started raising funds for next year's event. Contact Brother Tom Wallace if you would like to help.

Kappa Omicron Celebrate Brother William E. Mims 97th Birthday



Kappa Omicron Brothers at the Chapter Fraternity House celebrating Brother William E. Mims 97th Birthday

New York, NY. July 15, 2017. Psalm 90:10 the Bible partially says "the days of our life are three score and 10". Kappa Omicron chapter was blessed to celebrate the 97th birthday of our chapter brother, William E. Mims. Initiated into Omega through Psi chapter in 1938, he is the longest serving, financial brother in Corridor V. He may hold this distinction within the Second District.

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

Lambda Upsilon Sponsor T Ball Team



Members of Lambda Upsilon and T-Ball Team

Patterson, NJ. The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have sponsored a T-Ball Team in Paterson. Lambda Upsilon Chapter provided volunteer coaches that taught the Team basic fundamentals of batting, catching and base running. Most importantly the team was taught the value of teamwork
The T-Ball team met each Saturday in Putnam Oval and practiced for

90 minutes. The Team was supported by an enthused group of parents that actively participated in drills with kids and serving the kids food.
The Lambda Upsilon Chapter was founded and chartered in Paterson in 1951. The members of Lambda Upsilon Chapter are from Paterson and the surrounding counties. The chapter participates in community activities that provide uplift to the community.

Lambda Upsilon Free Meal for Kids and Teens Program



Brothers of Lambda Upsilon Chapter

Paterson, NJ. July 11, 2017. The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in Free Meal program for kids and teens. The Free Meal program is a partnership between Paterson Department of Recreation and the Department of Agriculture. The goal of the program is to provide Free Meals to kids and teens during the summer. The program will span the course of the summer and feed hundreds

of kids and teens. The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Lambda Upsilon Chapter value helping the community.
Lambda Upsilon goals is to uplift the less fortunate within our community and to make a long lasting, positive impact on the great city of Paterson, New Jersey.

LGG Host 21st Annual International Que Reunion

Ft. Meade, MD. July 13-16, 2017. During the summer of 1996, several Brothers who had served together overseas in Germany, Korea, Panama and other areas outside the continental United States both military and Department of Defense civilians got together in the National Capital Region for a cookout and attendance at a local chapter (Psi Alpha Alpha, Fairfax County, Va.) annual boat ride. The purpose of the gathering was to rekindle the friendship developed many years ago serving abroad with and without families.

The gathering was held again in 1997 in the NCR and was called the Theta Rho/Lambda Xi after two of the oldest military overseas chapters and where many of the brothers had served. Activities included a no-host party, cookout and attendance on the PAA Boat Ride.

In 1999, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Fort Meade, Md. under the leadership of Basileus S. Earl Wilson and Vice Basileus James Mullen formalized the gathering as the International Que Reunion and as a major chapter fundraiser in support of the chapter scholarship and community support programs.

Since 2001, the IQR has rotated between the Washington, DC metro area and Atlanta, Georgia hosted by Lambda Gamma Gamma and Phi Kappa Kappa Chapters.

This year's reunion included a meet and greet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Md.; a Linen & Lace Party (same location); the LGG annual cookout and a "School Daze themed party after the cookout.

Brothers from as far away as Barstow, Calif., White Sands Missile Range, N.M. and Honolulu, Hawaii attended the three day event along with hundreds of patrons, families and friends.

To add a new twist to the cookout, Just Friends Band under the leadership of Brother Sherman Charles, current Second District Representative, Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. and former Basileus of LGG put on a flawless performance of old and new school music to entertain the crowd. Also included in this year's event was the awarding of the chapter's \$30K high school scholarships and the announcement of the annual scholarship raffle.

"I knew that chairing this event would be a huge task and that it would take a good team of dedicated brothers to ensure the visiting brothers and patrons enjoyed themselves as they reunited with brothers and told stores of their times overseas", said Rickey Harris, IQR chairman.

"What I love about the IQR is that in two years, I get to go to Atlanta,



The LGG Mobile Feeding Team serving Brothers and Patrons

"What I love about the IQR is that in two years, I get to go to Atlanta, fellowship and partake in the activities without any worries", said Keith Copeland, assistant chairman and right-hand man. "This is a huge event to put on and we have to make sure the brothers are taken care of and want for nothing", said Aaron Combs, IQR advisor to the chairman.

Capitol Region Ques, Ft. Meade MD.

LGG Talent Hunt Competition "Superstars Shining Bright"

Springdale, MD. March 4, 2017. Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Fort Meade, Maryland) hosted its Annual Talent Hunt event. The event was held at Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland and was themed, "SuperStars Shining Bright!". Brother Antonio Ferguson served as LGG's 2017 Talent Hunt Committee Chair and executed another stellar event. The Talent Hunt event opened with a spectacular performance given by LGG's 2015 Talent Hunt 1st Place winner Mr. Malik Arnett and the MLA Mime Ministry team. The performance was a snippet of their upcoming 2017 tour - "Holy Destination". Mr. Malik Arnett and the MLK Mine Ministry also won the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 2nd District Talent Hunt in 2015. LGG 2017 Talent Hunt showcased seventeen (17) contestants varying from grades 9th thru 12th. The winners of the event were as follows:

Visual Arts: 1st Place Winner - Nicholas Huff; 2nd Place Winner - Kimeal Parham; 3rd Place Winner - Nick Johnson

Dramatic Interpretation (Drama): 1st Place - Alexis Hayes; 2nd Place - Cobe Jackson

Dance: 1st Place - Sky Cosby; 2nd Place - Jazmin Burton; 3rd Place - Alex Erhunnwunse

Vocal: 1st Place - Kmaia Mix; 2nd Place - Martin Tanter; 3rd Place - Lawrence Hembry

Instrument: 1st Place - Langston Hughes, II; 2nd Place - Immanuel Cooper; 3rd Place - Clarence Brown III

1st Place Overall Winner - Langston Hughes II; 2nd Place Overall Winner - Immanuel Cooper; 1st Place Visual Arts - Nicholas Huff

LGG's 1st Place Overall Winner Mr. Langston Hughes II provided an electrifying saxophone performance that really moved the audience. The competition was tough in every category and all the contestants competed on a very high level. It was a great event with many attendees looking forward to next year's Talent Hunt event. LGG Talent Hunt winners Langston Hughes II and Nicholas Huff were able to represent the chapter and perform at the 69th 2nd District Conference Talent Hunt event which that was held on Saturday May 6th, 2017 in Rye Brook, New York.

LGG’s 2017 Colonel Charles Young Memorial Scholarship Contest Awardees



LGG Scholarship recipients flanked left and right by Bro. Michael Coward, LGG Charter Basileus, and Bro. Lawrence Shaw, Scholarship Committee Chair.

Washington, D.C. July 2017. This year 2017, Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) awarded approximately \$30K in scholarship to deserving High School graduating seniors and returning college students. On Saturday, July 15, 2017, LGG Chapter extended congratulations to the 2017 High School and Continuing Education level scholarship awardees! Out of nearly 100 applications this year, LGG awarded approximately 31 scholarship recipients. The scholarships are awarded based on GPA, Extra Curricular Activities and a graded essay assignment. This year’s essay topic was the “Affordable Care Act” (ACA) one of President Obama’s major

legislative accomplishments aimed at making healthcare more affordable for all Americans. Applicants had to write a 1000 to 1200 word essay describing their knowledge of ACA and how it impacted access to health-care. Applicants were also asked to comment on whether or whether not going forward with the ACA should be: 1.) improved and amended, or 2) repealed and replaced. Not a single student recommended repeal and replace. However, they offered some very strong recommendations for improving the legislation.

LGG Competes in the National Capital BBQ Battle

Washington, D.C. June 24 -25, 2017. The Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter (LGG) of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Annual Giant National Capital Barbeque Battle in Washington, DC. The annual event benefits both the USO-Metro and the Capital Area Food Bank, raising over 2 million dollars for these and other notable District charities. The BBQ Battle is one of the largest and most unique BBQ and music festivals in the United States, offering a downtown DC experience with a chance to indulge in the thrills of competition barbequing. Master Grillers from around the country come to share their hickory and cherry-smoked treats to “grill seekers.” And if that is not enough, Master Grillers have a chance to win over \$40,000 in prizes. BBQ legends from TV shows compete side by side with top Grillers from around the country, seeking to win the coveted “America’s National Barbeque Champion” moniker.

Make no mistake about it... this event is the tastiest Summer festival in the country, featuring live music; powerful vocals and soulful melodies; Rock, Reggae, Jazz, and Go Go shows; unforgettable aromas; and the most recognized group of enthusiastic men wearing Old Gold and Royal Purple, serving ice-cold drinks throughout the weekend. As the aromatic scents of grilled chicken, ribs, brisket, sausages, pork and lamb chops, hot dogs, hamburgers, and sweet corm cover Pennsylvania Avenue like a cluster of large clouds, the LGG Brothers serve dutifully, laugh, fellowship, and punctuate an unforgettable weekend.

The Brothers served cold beverages to over 1,000 patrons each day. It was during these periods (while the brothers were loading coolers, restocking the inventory, and simply serving the event’s patrons) that the brothers continually heard unending “Thank You’ s,” “I cannot believe these educated men are serving their community for free,” and “This is what Omega Men do!” With these expectant, kind, and thoughtful words from the event’s attendees, the 65-man Omega crew simply did what the



LGG Brothers serving with the largest tent at the 2017 National Capital BBQ Battle

Fraternity’s watchword demands!

This Annual event is just one of the many events that LGG unselfishly and diligently performs each year in the Capital Region. The organizers will continue to ring the bell, seeking a hand from the great men of LGG, and we will continue to answer each year. If you are ever in the area during the BBQ Battle, pull up your sleeves; stop by the biggest serving tent; grab a 30-pound bag of ice, fish for a “cold one” from the bottomless cooler, meet and mingle with the thousands of attendees, and fellowship with the Brothers from LGG!

LGG Sponsors Kids Day at the Nationals Baseball Game



l-r Bro. Ronnie Winston, Bro. Cedric Guyton, Bro. Tommie Bennett with Kids at the National Game

National Harbor, MD. June 2017. The Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its Kids Day at Nationals on Saturday, June 10, 2017. In concert with the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball (MLB) team, LGG was able to chaperone kids from the inner city of Washington DC, Baltimore MD, and Clinton MD to see the Washington Nationals MLB team square off against the Texas Rangers. This is an annual mentoring event that LGG has conducted for more than ten (10) consecutive years. LGG utilizes this MLB game to provide mentoring, leadership, integrity training, career awareness, and self-esteem to youth throughout the Washington DC and Maryland metropolitan areas. Our goal is to connect with our youth and help prepare them to be positive respectable young men/women and new leaders in our communities and society. LGG steers this event to demonstrate to

our mentees that the principle of hard work will yield rewarding benefits. This MLB game allows our youth to enjoy a remarkable experience at a live MLB game, sing the unofficial anthem (Take Me Out to the Ball Game) of North American baseball with other Washington Nationals fans, as well as the opportunity to see some of their favorite MLB players in real life. Bro. Benson Macon has served as the chairman for this event for the past two (2) years and with the support of LGG Basileus Bro. Michael Coward, LGG was able to send 23 people to enjoy another Washington Nationals Major League Baseball game this year with grab bags filled with a variety of snacks and water. LGG intends to continue this partnership with the Washington Nationals MLB team and youth from our communities for many years to come.

LGG Host Kids Day at Six Flags



LGG Brothers at Kids Day at Six Flags

Upper Marlboro, MD. August 12, 2017. The Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its annual Kids Day at Six Flags America in Upper Marlboro Maryland. This event at Six Flags America brings together our local youth and adults to enjoy a fun filled day of mentorship, games, rides, meals, and academia. Bro. Cedric Guyton served as Chairman this year with close assistance from Bro. Henry Johnson, Bro. Tommie Bennett and many brothers of LGG. The event garnered 75 Washington D.C./Baltimore area youth along with 34 adults that served as chaperones for the entire day. This year's Kids Day at Six Flags America featured a DJ that provided musical entertainment

during lunch as the LGG Kids Day at Six Flags committee was able to feed over 100 kids and adults and provide over \$250.00 in prizes to kids between the ages 5-17 at the Six Flags Pavilion. Over 50 kids participated in field games, musical chairs, and hoola hoop contests. Before the day was over, a total of 90 book bags filled with school supplies were given to well deserving kids to help them start their 2017 school year ready and prepared. This event continues to be a growing success with kids and parents throughout the Washington D.C./Baltimore communities coupling fun times and excitement with scholarship.

Mu Nu 27/7 Dad Program

Montgomery County, MD. August 2017. Mu Nu Chapter Brothers held the “24/7 Dad Program” in collaboration with the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County on August 14, 2017. The purpose of the event was to provide fathers with career counseling, communication training and tools to strengthen family bonds. Twelve participants were addressed during this event by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families. The program discussed various topics on housing information, employment, child support arrangements, and other resources for fathers and clients so they can become more self-sufficient and strengthen their family foundation. Mu Nu Chapter made an impact on local fathers by helping men build self-awareness, self-caring, parenting skills, fathering skills, and relationship skills.



Mu Nu Brothers participating in the 24/7 Dad Program

Mu Nu Bridge Builder Mentoring Program



Mu Nu Bro. Omurhu Onokpise engaging mentees in thoughtful discussion

Silver Spring, MD, March 18, 2017. Mu Nu Chapter 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

Nu Tau Breast Cancer Walk

New York, NY. October 14, 2017. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Nu Tau Chapter, Albany NY participated in The 2017 Annual Make Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk created a sea of pink in Washington Park in Albany NY. Thousands of breast cancer survivors, their families, and the community came out on Sunday to make strides against breast cancer. The Brothers of Nu Tau Chapter walked with the supporters

and survivors, as well as a chance to honor those who lost their battle. The event raises money and national awareness of breast cancer research and local services for the American Cancer Society. Nu Tau Brothers came out in support of their, mother, sisters, family members and friends to prove that it’s not just a WOMEN’S PROBLEM IS A VILLAGE PROBLEM AND IT WILL TAKE A VILLAGE TO SOLVE IT.

Mu Nu Shirtsleeve Conference



Mu Nu Brothers attending the Mu Nu Shirtsleeve Conferences

Washington, D.C., September 30, 2017. Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) held its annual Shirtsleeve Conference to discuss strategic plans for the Omega Year 2017-2018 and out years. The conference was held at the Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism & Media Arts. Nearly 40 Brothers registered for the conference that included a welcome and strategic vision from Bro. Kelvin Ampofo (Omicron Epsilon, 1998, Bethune-Cookman University), Basileus, and a discussion of the history and purpose the Second District Conference presented by Bros. Adam McKee, Jr. (Theta Sigma, 1951, Dillard University), former 1st Vice Grand Basileus and 16th Second District Representative, and Milton Harrison (Nu Psi, 1975, Virginia State University), 34th Second District Representative.

The conference started with a prayer and included a catered buffet breakfast. The business started with a focus on five chapter committees – Achievement Week, Fraternal Relations, Fundraising, Social Action & Talent Hunt – that had direct impact and outreach in Montgomery County, MD. Committee chairmen presented discussions and their decisions to either accept or decline the recommendations that came from the prior year’s 2016 Shirtsleeve Conference. Brothers participated in interactive discussions with the chairmen and one another regarding the decisions. The interactions included reviews of the committees’ efforts and their successes as Brothers offered their enthusiastic support for ideas and recommendations in the Shirtsleeve Conference spirit of reviewing, revising,

and replacing, where appropriate.

The Brothers also engaged in discussions on proposed Chapter Bylaws changes, which included needed changes and recommended changes to ensure appropriate alignment with International and Second District by-laws, policies and/or procedures, as well as Mu Nu chapter changes and trends.

Brothers also shared in a catered buffet lunch and closed out the conference with a voluntary Event Participant Survey that scored an average of 4.7 on a 5.0 scale. Following the conference, the Brothers gathered for post-conference fellowship at a local pub in the Washington Navy Yard neighborhood. The conference gift for each registered Brother was an Omega power bank/portable charger.

Mu Nu Chapter held its first chapter Shirtsleeve Conference in 1974. The 2017 Shirtsleeve Conference Committee was chaired by Bro. Troy Manigault, Vice Basileus (Mu Nu, 1994) and organized with the essential support of the 2017 Shirtsleeve Conference committee – Bros. Dr. Adam McKee Jr., Preston Phillips (Pi Alpha, 1976, Salisbury State University), Clarence Thomas Jr. (Gamma Zeta, 1977, Mercer University), Robert J. Jamison Jr. (Kappa Sigma, 1978, Lane College), Kelvin Ampofo, Gabe Brown (Mu Nu, 2008) & Glenn Grayer (Mu Nu, 2015) – as well as the enthusiastic and committed Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter. Mu Nu Chapter was chartered May 23, 1970, in the City of Rockville in Montgomery County, MD.



Mu Nu Brothers in session working at the Chapter Shirtsleeve Conference

Mu Nu 2017 Game Changers Conference for Young Males



Participants at the Mu Nu Game Changers Conference

Montgomery Cty, MD. April 2017. 2nd District, Mu Nu Chapter in Montgomery County, Maryland held the 2017 Game Changer Conference for Young Males on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The conference is truly unprecedented in that it is the only “mentoring conference” of this magnitude for young males in Montgomery County, Maryland. Over the last six years, the conference has impacted more than 3,000 male students (approximately 500 per year) from Montgomery County and surrounding communities.

Mu Nu Chapter partnered with Montgomery County Public School System, Montgomery College, The Universities at Shady Grove and UCF Youth Development Organization to host the 2017 “Game Changer” Conference in the sixth year. This year saw a marked increase of adult men, parents, volunteers and community leaders that attended the male mentoring conference at the Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville.

Opening remarks were delivered by Mu Nu dynamic Basileus Kelvin Ampofo. His messages “to make it happen”, “to be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is unacceptable,” and “excuses are tools of the incompetence used to build monuments of nothingness and those who use them seldom amount to anything – Excuses!” to our elementary, middle, and high schoolers respectively spoke to challenges they face at an age appropriate level to help them be successful at all levels.

Students hearts and minds were touched by this inspiring, uplifting and life-changing experience—all while encouraging young male students to commit themselves to excellence as a person, student, and athlete in all their undertakings.

Conference Objective: To show our young males that they are valued and that we (parents and educators) do care about their success. The one-day conference is geared towards African-American and Hispanic young males: Elementary (4th & 5th), Middle and High School students in Montgomery County and the nearby communities. The aim is to raise awareness and promote student success amongst male students by providing strategies to win with academics and athletics. **Achievement and Performance Matters!**

Mentor Groups from New York, Baltimore and Western Maryland also participated in the conference. The annual conference provides young males and their mentors with a forum to discuss male-related issues, participate in educational, interactive and motivational workshops as well as learn some basic life skills (e.g., proper handshake, tie tying, 30’s second interview, auto safety).

Conference Features:

Six Life Skill Stations including Fire and Rescue Department, AAA Auto Safety Stations, and Enrichment Workshop for Male Forums included Learning Styles, Fatherhood Initiative, Crucial Conversation, STEM –

Changing the Game in the 21st Century

2017 ESSAY Writing Competition for Students: 17 students submitted essays on the Conference Theme: “RESPECT is a Game Changer: Why is this a vital ingredient to your success at home, school, and in the community?” Zaire Fulmore, Flower Valley Elementary School was the winner for the 4th and 5th Graders, Mesai Fulmore, Rose Parks Middle School won for the third consecutive year and Ronald Mattox, Richard Montgomery High School was the High School winner.

Dads, Moms and Guardians Round Table Advocacy Workshop: They were provided strategies to use to become stronger advocates for their student(s). As part of the conference mission to advance young male success (academic, career, athletic and personal), some of the community area’s best leaders, teachers, practitioners, counselors and advocates, in secondary and post-secondary education, joined approximately 50 parents and guardians.

Through highly informative and interactive presentations such as: student learning styles; college and career preparation; parent advocacy; social media literacy; strategic thinking and planning; applying for college scholarships and other financial aid resources; and navigating the middle school and high school experience for maximum academic achievement, parents and guardians were provided with proven strategies and practical solutions for developing the next generation of Game Changers. There was also a discussion on ways to “stay woke,” or to stay aware AND active, as part of the role and work of being an effective parent advocate.

The Conference also featured two special panel discussions to provide youth with strategies and pathways for success. The first panel entitled “Male Real Straight Talk” was moderated by John Haynes and included special guests Bobby Gales, WHUR Radio 96.3 Personality from the Steve Harvey Morning Show; William Tipper Thomas III, Advocate/Engineer/Survivor from a Baltimore shooting; and Albert Thompson, an expert on social media usage by youth.

The conference closed with the second panel discussion “Real Talk” with the Montgomery County Police Department Officers. Brother Officer P. J. Gregory introduced the Assistant Chief of Police Darryl Mc Swain for a length “real talk” dialog.

Officers discussed the importance of knowing who your friends are, being aware who you ride with and the potential consequences if stopped by the police with regards to criminal possession and other legal implications, and how to engage/speak with police officers to prevent escalation of events.

We are stronger when we work together to shape the next generation of young leaders. Your continued support and dedication is critical to our collective success.

Mu Nu Supports 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

Mu Nu MLK Day of Service



Mu Nu Brothers gather to prepare transition baskets fo 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 of 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 Omega Vets Celebrate Memorial Day



l-r Calvin Johnson, Nathan Thomas, Matthew Thomas, William Smith, David Benson, William Harris, Aiden Peterson (Bugler), State Representative Isabella Fitzgerald, Congressman Dwight Evans, Robert Manning, Kublai Woody, Rochelle Chavis, Lawrence Smallwood, William Tate, Gregory Whitney (Director of Washington National Crossing Cemetery)

Philadelphia, PA. May 29, 2017. The Mu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Philadelphia paid homage and respect on Memorial Day to veterans who gave their lives so that we can have rights and freedom. The chapter’s “QueVets” participated in two Memorial Services. The first service was performed in conjunction with the Disabled American Veterans at the Philadelphia National Cemetery at Haines and Limekiln Pike. The service featured speeches by several outstanding veteran leaders with Congressman Dwight Evans being the keynote speaker for the event. The QueVets participated in a wreath laying ceremony with the Disabled American Veterans. SFC Rochelle Chavis delivered a stirring message from the QueVets saying “It is the obligation of those of us who are still here to remember them and honor them for a life given in and for the service of others.” The chapter’s veteran’s committee chair David R. Benson said, “We were honored to have two World War II era brothers in

attendance: Dr. William Harris, recipient of a purple heart in combat and Nathan Thomas, member of the Tuskegee Air Man.. The QueVets then joined the Colonel Charles Young American Legion Post #682 for their Memorial Service. The service started with a short parade ending at the Post at 159 E. Sharpnack Street. Congressman Dwight Evans marched in the parade along with Post Commander Tyrone Love. The Post’s Drum and Drill Team added a beautiful touch to the parade with their music and their military precision stepping. The service honored those members who passed since last Memorial Day. Several members were also acknowledged for outstanding service during the year. The memorial service ended with the playing of Taps. QueVets William Smith and Larry Smallwood were very instrumental in making the contacts and coordinating the events.

Mu Omega Blood Drive

Philadelphia, PA. June 2017. Mu Omega chapter held the annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive at the Mu Omega Fraternity House in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. As most Brothers know, the Blood Drive is a mandated program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. facilitated by each chapter of the Fraternity. It is held annually in June in conjunction with the American Red Cross. The focus of the Blood Drive is to serve the community-at-large and honor a great Omega man; Dr. Charles R. Drew. The Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive was started in Mu Omega as a chapter event in 1998. Through the vision and efforts of Bro. Allan E. Thomas, Ph.D. with the assistance of former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Terrel D. Parris, the event was adopted by International Headquarters and became a nationally mandated program.

At this year’s Blood Drive, Mu Omega Chapter Brothers, along with their families and members of the community, came to the Mu Omega Fraternity house to donate blood. All Mu Omega donations this year were “blue tagged,” meaning that they were earmarked by the Red Cross for patients of sickle cell disease, which as most know, predominantly affects African-Americans. A number of Omega Brothers came out to support the blood drive; the turnout was so good that towards the end of the event, the Red Cross staff had to turn away several people looking to donate blood because there was a backlog of people still waiting to give. Mighty Mu Omega Chapter prides itself in not only having the vision to make the Blood Drive a mandated program of Omega Psi Phi but also in continuing to support its’ need by facilitating the event each year in the City of Philadelphia. Further, accomplishing this feat exemplifies the underlying principle known by Omega men worldwide-“living your creed”.



Mu Omega Brother giving the gift of life

Nu Nu Brother Terry Lewis Honored for Mentoring Program



Brother Terry Lewis honored by Twin Hills Principal for establishing the Twin Hills Mentoring Program

Willingboro, NJ. May 30, 2017. Brother Terry Lucas was honored by the Willingboro Education Association at its annual Pride celebration as one of the Finest Support Staff in the district. Brother Lucas was nominated by the principal of Twin Hills Elementary School. Among the reasons for

his nomination included his dedication to his work with the students and for establishing the Twin Hills Mentoring program supported by Nu Nu Chapter.

Nu Nu Hurricane Relief Effort



Omega Brothers loading truck with supplies for Hurricane Relief in Virgin Island

Burlington, NJ. September 23, 2017. Various Brothers of Eta Pi, Pi Kappa Kappa, Chi Upsilon, Beta Iota Iota, Iota Gamma, Mu Gamma Gamma, Mu Omega, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa, and Nu Nu chapters participated in a Hurricane Irma Relief drive for the US Virgin Islands and St. Thomas at the Shoprite in Burlington, NJ.

The Brothers collected nonperishable goods from donors from 9 -4. They collected such items as water, canned goods, baby supplies, toiletries, school supplies, clothes, and cash. They collected 40 boxes of nonperishable goods, 65 cases of water, and 50 bags of clothes. The items will be shipped in a container to the Virgin Islands.

Nu Nu Chapter Retreat

Willingboro, NJ. Saturday, August 20, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu chapter held our 2nd annual Chapter retreat from 9AM to 3PM. The theme was "CONTINUED ENHANCEMENT AND COMMITMENT #ARE YOU THOROUGHLY EMERSED?". The goal of the Chapter retreat is to strengthen and fortify the actions and executions of NUNU Chapter. We discussed Timeliness, Dress Code, Chapter Meeting Attendance, Commu-

nity Participation, Omega Teen Program, Brother Participation, Membership Intake, White Linen Affair, Candidates Discussion for International Office, Candidate Forum, and Brothers Open Discussion. The committee members are Vincent Pearson, Gerald Massenburg, Bill McLaughlin, and

Nu Nu Thomas H. Mayfield Scholarship Breakfast



l-r Bro. Sylvester Wilkins, Bro. Emmet Smith Jr., Ms. Nylah C. Crenshaw, Ms. Brielle A. McBride, Ms. Taylor L. Hall, past Scholarship recipients, Bro. Ron Moffitt

Cherry Hill, NJ. June 10, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu in conjunction with OCDI held their 2017 Bro. Thomas H. Mayfield Scholarship Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Omega Community Development, Inc. is a 501 c3 organization that performs community service throughout the Burlington County communities.

The scholarship breakfast is named after Bro. Thomas H. Mayfield a Tuskegee Airmen, Zeta Sigma 1947, Omega Chapter. The breakfast is to honor the Nu Nu recipients of our scholarship. This year we had 3 winners. Each year there is a rigorous application process, we choose the outstanding students with the highest grades and the best essay. These students exemplify the high levels of achievement expected to win. From 2011 – 2016, Nu Nu chapter has given \$47000 to exceptional High School

seniors and college students.

The Rev. Bro. Henry Rowlette gave a speech on “Many were called but few were chosen”. He encouraged our recipients to be strong, be careful, and they have a friend in Jesus.

The recipients are:

Ms. Nylah C. Crenshaw a graduate of Burlington Twp High School, Burlington, NJ. She is attending Drexel University in the fall.

Ms. Brielle A. McBride a graduate of Willingboro High School, Willingboro, NJ. She is attending Temple University in the fall.

Ms. Taylor L. Hall. A graduate of Paul VI High School, Haddonfield, NJ. She is attending Hood College in the fall.

Nu Nu “Nite of White” Affair



Party Goers dancing at the Nu Nu Nite of White Affair

Cherry Hill, NJ. Saturday June 10, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu held their 12th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser the “Nite of White Affair” at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

This elegant dinner dance is our major fundraiser in support of our schol-

arship recipients. Our guests enjoyed a scintillating evening of good food, dancing, and music provided by a lively DJ. All proceeds will be used for our 2018 scholarship recipients

Nu Nu Team Curry at the ACS Relay for Life



Nu Nu Team Curry at the ACS Relay for Life

Burlington County, NJ. June 3, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter participated in Relay for Life of River Towns the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society in Burlington County NJ and collected over \$700.00 for the event. The chapter adopted the name TEAM CURRY in

honor of Brother James “Pete” Curry who lost his struggle with cancer and has participated in the event for the past sixteen years. Shown above from, left to right, are Brothers Kelvin D. Hayes, Kevin Waters, Michael Brown, David S. Linder, and Basileus Edward J. Tyson, Sr.

Nu Nu Quettes Enjoy an Evening of Fellowship



Nu Nu Quettes enjoy an Evening of Fellowship and Fun

Willingboro, NJ. June 3, 2017. The Ladies of Nu Nu Chapter enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship at the home of JoAnn M. Tyson, first lady of the chapter. In a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere the ladies

joyed several grilled treats prepared by brothers Michael Brown, David Linder and Ed Tyson.

Omicron Chi Scholarship Recipients



Mighty OX Basileus Brother Leon Smith, II with Omicron Chi Scholarship Recipients

Plainfield, NJ. The OX chapter scholarship committee met on numerous occasions to review the many scholarship applications that were mailed to the chapter. Over 50 applications were received from 22 high schools in the area. After reviewing all of the applications, five young men were selected as winners of scholarships from Omicron Chi chapter. The James S Avery scholar was Mr. Hunter Marshall. The other four remaining scholars were McCarley Thompson, Andrew Smith, Isiah Tigggett, and

Kevin Carolina. This was a first for the Omicron Chi chapter. All five of the scholarship applicants were African American men. Members of the committee were Bro. Chris Dickerson, Bro. Fred Harris, Bro. Dr. Brian Jackson, Bro. John Metz (chairman), Bro. Fred Mitchell, and Bro. Chris Smith. Additionally, the Go Fund Me project, headed by Bro. Chris Smith was able to raise in excess of \$9,000 towards scholarships. This was truly an outstanding year for the committee!

Omicron Chi National Summer Reading Day

Plainfield, NJ. July 15, 2017. Up to two months of reading skills can be lost over the summer, however, studies show that reading four to five books over the summer has a positive impact comparable to summer school enrollment. On July 15, 2017 the brothers of Omicron Chi Chapter continued the initiative that assaults this particular focus of illiteracy by reading with more than 50 children from the community.

Studies show that as early as grade one, Summer Learning loss can be recognized in children and that the equivalent of one month of overall learning is lost after summer vacation. In light of this evidence, it is no wonder that many of the children in our communities are falling behind and/or having trouble keeping up with their curriculum. Any many cases, teachers are having to spend the first couple of months of the school year in review of the previous year’s material rather than moving on to next level subject matter.

Now that we’ve identified the problem, what is the solution you might ask? Oxford Learning recommends only 2-3 hours per week during summer vacation to prevent any learning loss. Ms. Janelle D. Williams, Principal of Arbor Intermediate School in Piscataway, NJ suggested the following:

“During the summer, parents should allow their child to read for enjoyment, at a level designated by their teacher or by having their child pick “just right” books to read. When selecting the “just right” book, a child can choose a text which they find interesting and begin reading the first few pages. If a child is able to read the book without stumbling often over words or phrases and is able to answer questions about the book, it is most often a good choice to read. In addition, parents should find out the basic academic needs or prerequisites for their child’s next grade. For example 4th and 5th grade students should have a strong grasp on multiplication facts in order to more easily solve increasingly complex problems and concepts that will be introduced in the next grade.”

With all of this great research and experience in mind, Omicron Chi chapter decided to designate 3 hours during one day in the middle of Summer 2017 to read to and read with the children of the Plainfield, NJ community. A total of 20 men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and 51 children

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Omega Mom reading to her Kids at the event

along with their parent(s)/guardian(s) were in attendance. Omicron Chi Chapter also partnered with the Plainfield NJ Public Library, DJ Black, G.M.C., and the Plainfield Fire Department, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. “This program was absolutely amazing. I know so many parents who pay hundreds of dollars to provide summer reading experiences for their child, and you men are offering it for free!” said Nikelle King, Participating Mom

Our vision for this ongoing effort is to not only make a difference in the local community but lead the way for others to implement the same program in their own communities regardless of fraternal affiliations. Omicron Chi Chapter plans to launch a major campaign to see National Summer Reading Day a federally recognized holiday through petition within the next few months. If your chapter, or, other organization(s) would like to participate in the 2018 National Summer Reading Day, please visit www.nationalsummerreadingday.com for more details.

Omicron Chi Organizes Take Back the Night Rally



Omicron Chi Brothers at their "Take Back the Night Rally"

Plainfield, NJ. April 20, 2017. On a balmy spring evening, hundreds of residents from the Central New Jersey area came to Plainfield's City Hall to address sexual violence during sexual assault awareness month. The event, organized by the Omicron Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, took place on the steps of Plainfield's City Hall, and featured powerful guest speakers, including sexual assault advocates, community leaders, law enforcement officers, and sexual assault survivors. A 16 year-old spoken word artist ended the evening by delivering a powerful poem about sexual assault.

The event sought to illuminate the high level of sexual assault in Central New Jersey and around the country, and to inspire the crowd to take action. According to takebackthenight.org, one in three women worldwide experience some form of sexual violence or intimate partner violence. One in six men experience sexual violence. Less than 50% of victims report these crimes.

"We as men of Omega feel that it is important that we support all victims of violence, but particularly during the month of April we feel that it is important to celebrate the lives and courage of those who have suffered sexual assault," said Omicron Chi Basileus Leon Smith. "We also felt the need to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves to let victims know that they are loved and supported."

The Take Back the Night rally was the first of its kind organized by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Co-sponsors of the event, Delta Sigma Theta, Central NJ Alumni Chapter; the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Safe + Sound Somerset, and the Union County Rape Crisis Center all joined the men of the Omicron Chi Chapter in the ongoing effort to end sexual violence in Central New Jersey, the city of Plainfield, and beyond.

"We felt it was very important to engage the men of our chapter and to encourage them to be present and show up for the girls and women – and also boys and men in our community – who have been negatively affected by sexual assault or rape," said Byron Hurt, the event's chairperson. We also thought it important for the community to see us, as men, speaking out on these issues. We felt it would send a very powerful message to the community in which we serve."

Take Back the Night is a national organization designed to create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness events and initiatives. The organization seeks to end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence. Take Back the Night rallies first emerged in the U.S. in the early 1970's as a way for women to protest rape and all forms of sexual violence.

Omicron Chi at the Shirtsleeve Conference

Towson, MD. September 7-9, 2017. The Second District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated held its annual James S. Avery Shirtsleeves Conference at the Marriott Hotel in Towson, Maryland. The Shirtsleeves Conference was created by Omicron Chi's own James S. Avery, Sr., the 28th Grand Basileus, as a forum through which the Brothers of Omega's Second District could "roll up their sleeves and provide solutions to issues that are plaguing our society."

The 2017 Shirtsleeves Conference theme, "Replenish and Reinforce Our Commitment to Omega", permeated the conference's programming. The 3-days of session's facilitated dialogue and generated solutions to issues facing young men in our communities including poverty, unemployment, addiction, mental illness, education, and anti-violence.

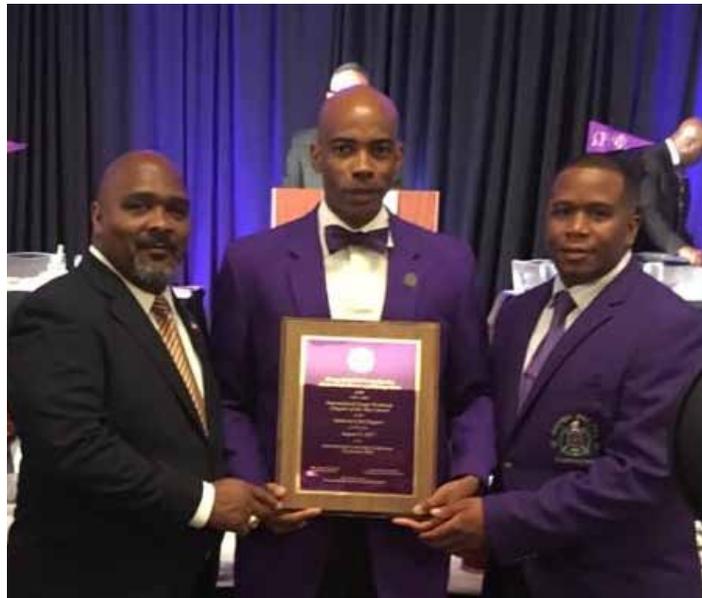
Hosted by Theta Mu Mu Chapter, this year's conference was attended by approximately 210 Brothers. Omicron Chi was well represented by 12 chapter brothers including District Retention and Reclamation Chair Brother Jeff Blanchard, who led an inspiring session that included strategies to increase the ranks of volunteers to execute the organization's community service agenda.



Omicron Chi's Bro. Jeff Blanchard, 2nd District Reclamation Committee Chair, leading a session at the Shirtsleeves Conference.

Omicron Chi Receives International Large Chapter of the Year Award at the Leadership Conference

Cincinnati, OH. August 2017. The Omicron Chi Chapter has once again been recognized for its continued excellence in providing community service in the City of Plainfield, Union County, and greater Central New Jersey area. On August 2 – 6th, 2017, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 2017 International Leadership Conference in Cincinnati, OH. During its Scholarship & Achievement Awards Luncheon (August 5th), the Omicron Chi Chapter received the fraternity’s highest and most prestigious honor of being named the 2016 International Large Graduate Chapter of the Year. Large Chapters are those with greater than 50 members. This year’s honors marks the second year in a row that Omicron Chi has received major International recognition. Last year, they were honored as the 2015 International Small Graduate Chapter of the Year. Omicron Chi Basileus Leon Smith states “to be recognized on an International level by such an esteemed and distinguished organization in consecutive years is unprecedented. We are truly honored and humbled to be acknowledged for the work that we do in our community”.



Omicron Chi Basileus, Leon Smith receives International Large Chapter of the Year at the Leadership Conference from Grand KRS, Kenneth Rodgers and 2nd Vice Grand Basileus, Cody Charles

Omicron Chi “Takes A Stand” Against Domestic Violence



Omicron Chi Brothers John Metz and Byron Ward with Safe + Sound Director of Development, Veronica Finley during the Safe + Sound Somerset’s Annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Visual.

Plainfield, NJ. October 2017. The Men of Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined millions of Americans across the U.S. in honoring National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence shares that “every 9 seconds in the United States, a woman is assaulted or beaten, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. That equates to 10 million people abused annually”. With a focus on exemplifying our Cardinal Principle of “Manhood”, the members of Omicron Chi Chapter brought needed exposure and awareness to the impact of senseless domestic violence against women, men, and children.

The Omicron Chi chapter “Take a Stand” initiative encompassed participation in Domestic Violence Awareness events throughout Union County and Central New Jersey including the Safe + Sound Somerset annual candlelight vigil. Held on October 5th, 2017, the event was attended by over 100 supporters. The emotional vigil focused on remembrance of survivors and victims of domestic violence in Central New Jersey. Omicron Chi members stood side by side with families of victims and provided needed emotional support.

On Saturday October 14th, 2017, members of Omicron Chi chapter participated at the City of Plainfield’s 7th Annual Historic Queen City Walk for Life and shared literature and facts regarding Domestic Violence. Chapter Brothers took pictures and “selfies” with run/walk participants and supporters with the “Take A Stand” against Domestic Violence banner. The pictures were later uploaded to social media outlets including the National Domestic Violence Centers webpage.

Additionally, Omicron Chi supported the Lillian and Lillian Foundation’s Annual fundraiser with the purchase of tickets and a journal advertisement. Located in Union, New Jersey, Lillian and Lillian Foundations’ mission is to “teach character education which invariably improves our society and particularly how Bullying, Teen Dating and Violence, and Domestic Violence hurts and kills”.

Throughout the month October, the Men of Omicron Chi chapter wore the symbolic DVAM purple ribbons and passed out over 200 of the ribbons to area residents and chapter backers advocating support of victims and survivors of domestic violence. It is our goal to continue providing support to initiatives and demonstrated advocacy for victims of domestic violence.

Omicron Chi Expand Omega Leadership Institute to Union County College



Brother Leon Smith, Basileus Omicron Chi Chapter and Brother Ali Salaam deliver workshop to Black Male Achiever's Group at Union County College

Cranford, NJ. September 27, 2017. Omicron Chi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Union County College (UCC) have established a mentoring partnership to further enhance the lives of the participants of UCC's Black Male Achievers Program. Utilizing the framework of Omicron Chi Chapter's Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) the partnership with Union County College will focus on driving successful academic outcomes for the participants through self-improvement, personal development, and leadership skills. The program partnership was officially launched on September 27th, 2017 with 21 young men.

The 2017-18 Omega Leadership Institute program theme entitled "Defying Perception" will place a high emphasis on defining individual purpose and personal values. The keen focus on personal self-development is intended to equip the young men with the ability to overcome stereotypes of African American Males while creating the perceptions and personal brands that will define their careers and lives. The overall goal for the young men is to set both short-term and long term goals that will improve academic success at Union County College and beyond.

Brother Leon Smith, Omicron Chi Basileus states "The Men of the "Might OX" are huge advocates of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's "National Fatherhood Initiative". Through this new mentoring endeavor, it is our

collective goal as a chapter to improve the matriculation, retention, and graduation rate of underrepresented college student's particularly young men of color."

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.

Omicron Chi Chapter Social Action Chairmen, Brother Byron Ward, states that "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. By expanding the OLI program to the Community College community, the Men of Omicron Chi chapter seek to build a new model and template for mentoring young college men of color that can be replicated throughout chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. across the United States."

Omicron Chi National Online Learning Day

Plainfield, NJ. September 15, 2017. The Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recognized the importance of the intellect in all matters pertaining to the advancement of humankind. As such, they made Scholarship the foremost of the Fraternity's four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Every member, Chapter, and District of the Fraternity is dedicated to Scholarship.

It is with this spirit of education and learning in mind that Omicron Chi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was again a sponsor of National Online Learning Day (NOLD). On September 15th, 2017, National Online Learning Day recognized the advantages and vast potential of online learning and the accomplishments of those students everywhere. Omicron Chi chapter is honored to support this important endeavor and the represent Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as the first of any global Fraternity/Sorority organization to do so as well.

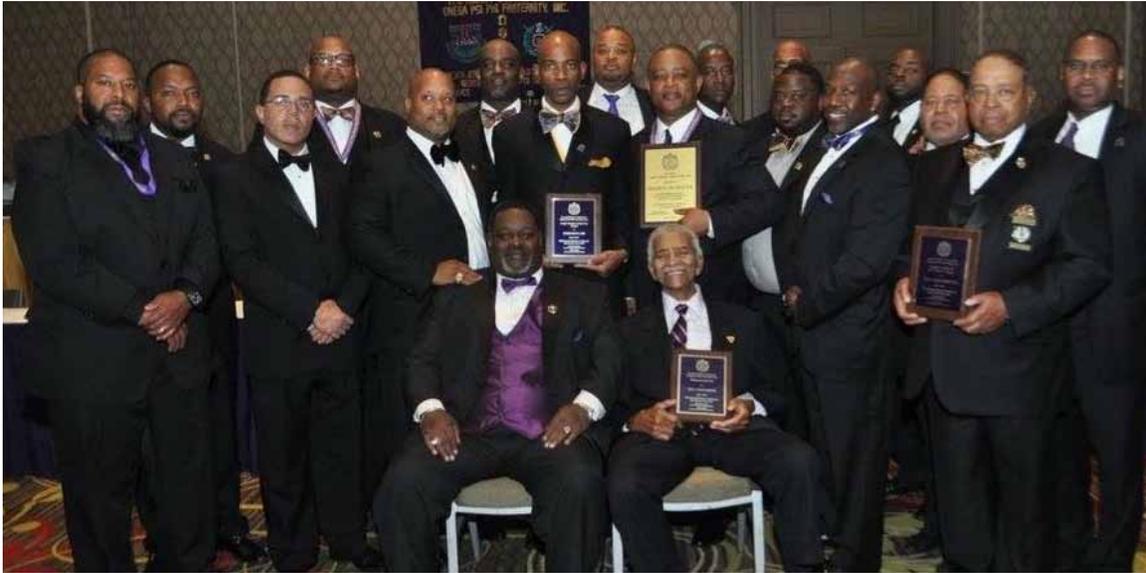
Brother Byron Ward, Social Action Chair of Omicron Chi chapter states "Whether you've ever taken an online course, attended an online school, used online educational resources at a traditional brick-and-mortar

school, taught an online class, or have a child or friend who's an online student, this day is for you! It's a day to showcase how online learning has helped people accomplish their goals and dreams and check things off their bucket list!"

Online learning plays a significant role in a lifelong education. In fact, a recent report by the U.S. Department of Education found that "classes with online learning (whether taught completely online or blended) on average produce stronger student learning outcomes than do classes with solely face-to-face instruction." Every day, students are earning high school diplomas, certificates, college degrees, and credits online. National Online Learning Day brings nationwide recognition to these students.

Brother Leon Smith, Basileus of Omicron Chi chapter stated "The Men of Omicron Chi Chapter believe that Omega Men should be advocates of life-long learning opportunities to increase our personal knowledge and wisdom. National Online Learning Day will continue to provide us with an avenue to showcase the intellect of Omega Men across the world while improving the communities in which we live and support."

Omicron Chi Honored at the 69th Second District Conference



Omicron Chi Brothers with Grand Basileus Tony Knox at the 69th Second District Conference

Rye Brook, NY. May 4-7, 2017. Kappa Omicron & Omicron Iota hosted the 69th Second District Conference. This year Omicron Chi Chapter receive top District-level awards for its hard work and service in the Central New Jersey community. Those awards include 1st Place Graduate Large Chapter of the Year and 2nd Place in the Graduate Large Social Action Chapter of the Year. These accomplishments represent back to back years of receiving highest honors in the District. Last year, the chapter won 1st Place Graduate Small Chapter of the Year and 1st Place in the Graduate Small Social Action Chapter of the Year in which they went onto become the 2015 International Small Graduate Chapter of the Year. This achievement represents the first time in memory that a chapter received top honors as “Small Chapter” one year and “Large Chapter” in the subsequent following year. The highlight of the weekend was to have OX’s lone remaining Chapter Founder Brother Donald Van Blake present and able to receive the awards during the Founders Banquet.

Other chapter award received during the conference included: The Mighty

OX’s High School Essay contestant, Xavier Norman, won 1st Place in the 2nd District High School Essay contest. At the Talent Hunt, OX contestant Clarence Brown, III, won 2nd Place in the Vocal – Contemporary Classic category while Gabriel Benequez received 3rd place in visual arts. Brothers participation in the 2nd District Conference also included: Brother John Metz participated as a Founder Stand-in (Founder Oscar J. Cooper) during the District Founders Banquet and Basileus Bro. Leon Smith II and 2nd District Reclamation Chairman Bro. Jeff Blanchard participated as panelists in the Business & Economic Forum. Bro. Leon M. Smith II, Basileus of Mighty OX, stated that he is “The Brothers of The Mighty OX are beyond honored and proud to be acknowledged for the work we do in lives of the people of Plainfield and Central New Jersey. However, it’s not about trophies and awards (while they have their place) it’s about making an impact!”. Omicron Chi Chapter humbly thank the Brothers of the Second District for their well wishes.

Omicron Chi Register Voters at Independence Day Parade

Plainfield, NJ. July 2017. The Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated registered citizens to vote as part of The Plainfield Independence Day Parade activities for 2017.

This effort was intended to create awareness about voter registration opportunities and to reach voters who wouldn’t register otherwise.

Chapter President, Leon Smith, said, “Every day is a good day to get registered to vote. We say your vote is your voice and if you don’t speak up by casting your vote, you are letting others speak for you.”

The registration event took place out front of the Plainfield YWCA, in the center of the city on Front Street close to the parade route grandstand and registered 23 “new” voters.

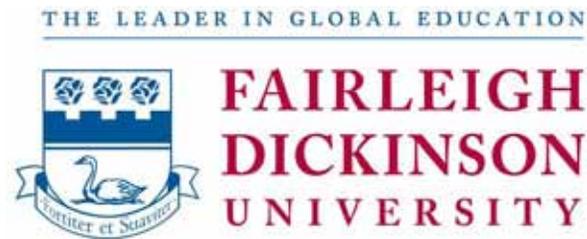
James Edmonds, Political Action Chair said, “Voter registration is one of our mandated programs. It is a critical piece in taking ownership of our towns, cities and lives. Our goal is to continue to collaborate with other community based organizations to get this done.”

The Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi will be hosting another voter registration event on October 14, 2017 during The Plainfield “Queen City 5K Walk/Run.



Omicron Chi Brothers registering voters at the Plainfield Independence Day Parade

Tau Mu Awarded Chapter of the Year at Fairleigh Dickinson University Metropolitan Campus



April 17, 2017

Dear Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated:

Congratulations, it has come to my attention that the Tau Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Incorporated has been awarded the chapter of the year on the Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.

As the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to win this award, it is noteworthy of the work that has been done by the members on campus. For your reference, this award is based off of quantitative metrics that measure a chapters' scholastic achievements, programs, campus involvement, recruitment, and operational infrastructure.

It is also of note that, Basileus, Tremayne McKenith received President of the Year. This award is given based off the votes of his Greek contemporaries on campus.

As a leader of Greek Life, I would like to thank Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, for their contributions on and off campus.

You are encouraged to share this information with the members of your organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Fann".

Timothy J. Fann
Life Member #6986
Assistant Director of Student Life
Fairleigh Dickinson University – Metropolitan Campus

Tau Pi Talent Hunt



Tau Pi Talent Hunt Contestants with Immediate Past Basileus Dr. Henry Jenkins, Talent Hunt Chair Bro. Kelly Williamson and Talent Hunt Emcee Bro. David Charon

Columbia, MD. March 25, 2017. Chairman Bro. Kelly Williamson welcomed guests who convened at Hammond High School located in Columbia, MD. The event consisted of 17 contestants. The performing categories were instrumental, vocal and dance. We also had a Future Performer and Feature Act. Bro. David Charon was our emcee. Instrumental Performers – Jordan Simmons, Baltimore School of the Arts; Alexander Cooper, DeMatha Catholic HS; Trenton Parker, DeMatha HS; and Kayla Brooks, Annapolis Area Christian School. Vocal Performers – Kyra Britt, Howard HS; Allison Alston, Reservoir HS; Arielle Dickerson, New Town HS; Destiny Dukes, Dundalk HS; Judah Lyles, Carver Centers for the Arts & Technology; Kianna Melvin, Atholton HS; Audrey Mullins, Marriotts Ridge HS; Katelyn Powell, Suit-

land HS; Christopher Stewart, High Point HS; and Kiarra Brooks, Annapolis Area Christian School. Dance Performer – Jeffrey Cottman, Century HS; and Chris Miller, Hammond HS. Future Performer – Kendall Willis, Sudbrook Middle Magnet. Feature Act – Hillary Thompson. Winners – 1st Place – Jeffrey Kiarra Brooks; 2nd Place – Christopher Miller; 3rd Place – Jeffrey Cottman. We were honored to have as our judges Mrs. Patrice Williamson, Ms. Gina Rose, Mrs. Anyana Martin and Bro Mike Tucker. Committee Members were Bro. Richard Flanagan, Bro. Corey Powell, Bro. Eric Astrop, and Bro. Phil Anderson.

Tau Pi Turkey Hill Dairy Trip



Tau Pi Mentees at Turkey Hill Ice Cream Dairy

Columbia, MD. June 10, 2017. Tau Pi Chapter Mentoring Initiative treated its mentees to a traditional end of the year trip on June 10, 2017. The purpose of the field trip was to serve as a reward incentive for mentees to achieve academic success. The mentees were treated to a field trip to Turkey Hill Experience located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Experience featured interactive exhibits which allowed mentees to learn about dairy culture, the story of Turkey Hill Dairy, and how the company's (Turkey Hill) ice cream and iced tea flavors are selected and

created. Mentee were given the opportunity to create their own virtual flavors, star in their own individual Turkey Hill Commercial and enjoy free samples of iced tea and ice cream. Information relative to homogenization and pasteurization was also presented. The field trip was enjoyed by all ended with plenty of iced tea and ice cream for all. Lunch was provided at a local Lancaster restaurant.

Tau Pi Chapter Adopts All Efficiency Apartments at the Newly Constructed Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center



Tau Pi Brothers with representative from Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center

Jessup, MD. August 12, 2017. Tau Pi Chapter agreed to adopt rooms with assistance from Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Howard Housing and Grassroots. On August 12, 2017, Brothers were on hand to celebrate the grand opening of the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center. This was the first facility of its kind in Howard County that contains 35 efficiency apartments, food, clothing, resource rooms for employment searches, and additional services. Spearheading this effort was our Community Service Initiative (CSI) Committee.

Initially, the Committee had worked to establish relationships with the county and sought to have a clothing drive for the underprivileged. However, after reaching out to Volunteers of America Chesapeake, the committee became acquainted with opportunities through Howard County Housing. According to committee chair Bro. Shawn Lamb, Howard County Housing liked the committee’s enthusiasm, and as a result How-

ard County Housing extended the opportunity to the chapter to adopt all 35 efficiency apartments for chronically homeless and disabled individuals.

The committee sensed a great opportunity to serve the community. Chapter representatives met with representatives from Howard County Housing; Cynthia Lynch and Tiffany Smith; and Grassroots Ayesha Holmes to receive clarity on the meaning of adopting a room in the facility.

Bro. Shawn Lamb, former Basilei Eric Clark and David Charon, learned that adopting a room at the new facility included providing necessary essentials to furnish rooms in order to prepare them for the arrival of new tenants.

Current Basileus Martinez Harlee stated “We are truly delighted that our beloved organization could play a major role in this project and we will continue to support this project ongoing.”

Tau Pi “My Brother’s Keeper” Program



Tau Pi Basileus Marty Harlee presents \$1000 check to Ms. Saundra Brown-Taylor

Columbia, MD. July 29, 2017. Basileus Bro. Marty Harlee and Bro. Jerry Watkins, Chairman of My Brothers’ Keeper Committee presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Omega Chapter Bro. Chuck Brown’s daughter, Saundra Brown-Taylor. The check and a letter from the Basileus will be mailed to Season’s Hospice Foundation located in Chicago, IL.

At the request of the family, the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter voluntary contributed the funds. The family was very appreciated of the care given to their father at Mount Sinai Hospice in Baltimore, MD. In lieu of cards and flowers, they requested a financial contribution be made to the Foundation.

Tau Pi African American Community Roundtable



Tau Pi Brothers with Howard County Executive Allan Kitterman at the Roundtable event

Columbia, MD. September 25, 2017. The Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter participated in a Fall Education Forum sponsored by the Howard County African American Community Roundtable. The keynote speaker was Interim Superintendent Dr. Michael J. Martirano. Howard County Executive Allan Kitterman was also in attendance. The event was well supported by community dignitaries, parents, citizens, and other interested parties whose purpose is to advance education within the community. The event was a collaborative program sponsored by the Howard County Public School System, and the African American Community Roundtable where a panel discussed issues related to the program’s theme of Educat-

ing Every Student Through the Lens of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter not only were active attendees, but also provided manpower to ensure the success of several work stations for the program. This effort is part of Tau Pi Chapter’s Community Service Initiative (CSI), chaired by Bro. Shaun Lamb, and promotes Social Action and opportunities to participate in strategic partnership with others in the Howard County community. Most of the Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities in conjunction with other African American organizations participated in performing the necessary tasks to make this a successful event.

Tau Pi “All White Affair”



Tau Pi Brothers with AKA’s at the All White Affair

Columbia, MD. July 1, 2017. Tau Pi Chapter, home of the Central MD Ques, partnered with Iota Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha to host an All White Affair. The event was held at Ranzual Bar and Bistro in Maple Lawn, MD. It was the first such event Tau Pi has participated with a Sorority in its 42 years of existence. Bro. LeRay Tate and Bro. Eric Astrop Jr. in conjunction with Soros Andrea Moore-Evans and Dominique Suber were chairs and co-chairs for each organization, respectively.

The purpose of the event was raise funds for the AKAs’ Pearl Foundation, a nonprofit entity which sponsors various projects for Iota Lambda Omega. For Tau Pi, it was an additional fundraiser to financially support our various programs, such as, Mentoring and Scholarship plus other fixed operating expenses. Significantly, friendship and business relationships were established between the two organizations. Brothers and Sisters came from all over the DMV area to fellowship with Tau Pi Bruhs and the Lovely Ladies of AKA.

Tau Pi “Christmas in July”



Tau Pi Brothers with Director Linda Jackson Ethridge and Nutrition Specialist Fatina Galloway at the Florence Bain Center

Columbia, MD. July 11, 2017. Tau Pi Chapter held its Christmas in July event at the Florence Bain Center in Columbia, MD. The committee chair Bro. Jim Dixon, Sr. has been involved with this senior citizen activity for the last 28 years. It is one of the longest running social action programs of the chapter.

The chapter has worked diligently with Howard County Government Department of Community Resources and Services to present this event for senior citizens living in Assisted Living Centers throughout the County. The event has always been scheduled around lunch time. Director Linda Jackson Ethridge and Nutrition Specialist Fatina Galloway were very instrumental in working with Tau Pi Bruhs to put on this outstanding pro-

-gram.

The Brothers served meals to the seniors and gave away door prizes. The senior citizens greatly appreciated the hospitality provided by the chapter. The Bruhs were constantly moving around the hall engaging in conversations with the seniors. Not only did we serve them a delicious meal, we also cleaned the tables and area after they completed their meals.

We provided a Live Band for them to listen and dance if they felt like they were in the mood. Of course, at their age they really enjoyed doing the Electric Slide.

At the conclusion of the event, the Brothers escorted any senior to their bus if needed.

Tau Pi Celebrate Harriet Tubman HS Converted to Cultural and Education Center



Tau Pi Bros. Brent Coleman, Kurt Wall, County Executive Allan Kittleman and Bro. Charles Mitchell.

Columbia, MD. September 16, 2017. There was a ribbon cutting to officially celebrate turning the school, which has been used as a maintenance facility for the school system, to a county cultural and educational center. Present and providing remarks were County Executive Allan Kittleman and District 13 state Del. Tau Pi Chapter Bro. Frank Turner. The school was opened in 1949 as the only county high school for Black students. It was closed in 1965 after Howard County schools were desegregated. County Executive Kittleman has been a strong proponent of turning the school into a cultural and education center. He stated that he understands the importance of the school’s legacy and that its history needs to be told and not forgotten in Howard County. Since being elected in 2014, Kittle-

-man has had a passion for the project. As a non-African American, his father Robert served as the president of the local NAACP chapter and as a State Senator.

Tau Pi Chapter Bro. State Del. Frank Turner has been a longtime advocate of the transformation for more than two decades. He has been working very closely with the Harriet Tubman Foundation to accomplish this legislation. However, he is still pushing for more money in the annual budget and an acceleration of the time line to complete total renovations.

County Executive Kittleman stated that when the center is completed, he wants schools to use it as a field trip to teach our students about the county history in the Civil Rights Movement.

Tau Pi End of the Year Mentoring Celebration



Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative Participant at the End of Year Celebration

Columbia, MD. June 10, 2017. Tau Pi Mentoring Initiative, in conjunction with Guilford Elementary School’s Alternative Education Educator, held its Annual Omega Mentoring End of the Year Celebration at Guilford Elementary School. The mentoring program consisted of 30 mentees ranging from 3rd grade to 12th grade. The purpose of the celebration was to recognize mentees academic success for the 2016-2017 school year. The celebration commenced with an opening prayer followed by a singing of the “Negro National Anthem” by our 2017 Neos. Celebration festivities included a special recognition of mentors who recently became Omega Men; presentation of gifts of appreciation to non-fraternity program supporters; guest motivational speakers; performances by the Kangaroo Kids Jump Rope Group; and the Mount Hebron Step Team. Mentees awards of excellence were given for school attendance; Omega Atten-

-dance; Math; Science; Social Studies; Honor Roll and Chess. Awards were also given to the highest Omega Buck Winners and Runner ups (mentees who’s performance excelled in mentoring activities), and mentees who demonstrated the Omega Cardinal Principals. The highlight of the celebration was the Tau Pi Scholarship Awards given to the three graduating seniors who were accepted into college. Each mentee received a \$2,000 scholarship. Two of the high schools graduating mentees have been in the mentoring program since the fourth grade. They received an additional \$3,500 scholarship each from special donations by individual Tau Pi Brothers. The celebration was attended by more than 100 guests consisting of mentees, family members, and mentors. Food and drinks were provided for all.

Tau Pi Howard County Book Bag Giveaway



Tau Pi Brothers at the Book Bag Giveaway

Columbia, MD. August 17, 2017. This summer, Tau Pi Chapter was asked by Howell Funeral Home to partner in a book bag giveaway program. On August 17, 2017, Bro. Steve William coordinated the effort by purchasing 20 book bags and transporting them to Howell Funeral Home located in Jessup, MD. Basileus Marty Harley, Bro. Sam Williams, Bro. Jerry Watkins, and Neo Bro. Courtney Whitehead participated in the project.

As an African American, Funeral Director Willie Howell has always wanted to do a community project with Tau Pi Chapter. He has become friends with many of the chapter brothers through local church services and funeral arrangements. He has supported the chapter by placing ads in our Holiday with Omega Souvenir Journal over the years. The book bags will be presented to deserving youths at a school in Laurel, MD. It is our intent to expand this program in future years.

Tau Pi Platinum Sponsor of Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, Inc.



Scholarship recipient Nicholas Cloud with Tau Pi Bro. Jerry Watkins

Columbia, MD. May 21, 2017. Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, Inc. (HCFBECA, Inc.) held its 37th Annual Scholarship Awards Program on May 21, 2017 in Ellicott City, MD. Bro. Ramsey Alexander, a founder and charter member of Howard County Tau Pi Chapter is a distinguished member. Tau Pi Chapter is also classified as a Platinum Contributor for its giving of \$1,000 or more.

This year, Tau Pi Chapter made a \$1,500 contribution and HCFBECA added \$500.00 to make it a full scholarship of \$2,000. Of the 23 eligible recipients, our scholarship designation is to an African American male. Tau Pi Chapter Bro. Jerry Watkins was the chapter scholarship committee representative who pulled the numbered ping pong ball from the Urn. The winner was Nicholas A. Claud, a 3.7 GPA graduate of Howard High School. He will be attending Howard University in the Fall of 2017 majoring in accounting. Nicholas is a member of the National Honor Society

and a member of the school program, "Future Business Leaders of America". He is the trumpet section leader of the School Concert Band. He also has time to play on the school baseball team.

Nicholas has indicated that he always wanted to excel in Academics. His course workload included Advanced Placement (AP): Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, English Literature, Statistics ; Gifted and Talented (GT): Pre-calculus, Common Core Algebra 2, Common Core Geometry, Earth and Space Science; and Honors: Principles of Accounting and Finance, Advanced Accounting, English, Spanish, US History, American Government, Modern World History, Biology.

Tau Pi Mentoring Committee recognized him at our End of the Year celebration. His messages to the Elementary, Middle and High School mentees was study hard and maintain your focus which will bring you academic success.

Tau Pi Howard County School System Partner



Tau Pi Bro. Frank Miles with Howard county school system partner representatives

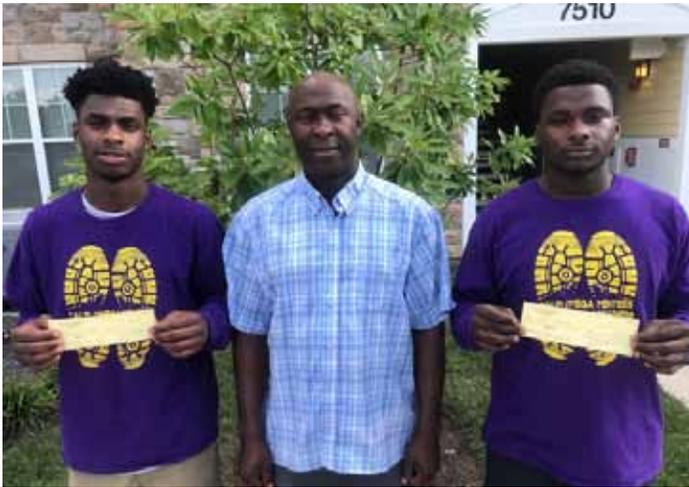
Columbia, MD. September 26, 2017. Interim Superintendent Michael J. Martirano; members of the Board of Education; system leadership; and school system staff joined approximately 250 community partners for the annual Howard County Public School System Educational Partnerships Celebration at the Sheraton Columbia.

The event celebrated the contributions of more than 1,000 businesses, non-profits, government agencies, civic clubs, colleges and universities, faith-based groups, military commands, trade associations, and professional organizations who commit human, financial and other resources to the school system each year in a united commitment to enhance the

educational experience for Howard County students. Partnerships benefit schools, businesses and the entire community by leveraging the resources of all participants.

Bro. Frank L. Miles (picture), the administrative co-chair for Tau Pi mentoring committee has attended and represented our chapter over the years. One of his primary missions has been to work the room to see if he can find an organization that will support our mentoring program. Pictured with Bro. Miles are representatives from the Columbia Association of Arts. They are interested in expanding their role with underprivileged youths in the arts.

Tau Pi 2017 Scholarships



Tau Pi Scholarship recipients Daniel, and Shem Darko with Dad, Robert Darko



Tau Pi Scholarship recipients Malachi and Christian Dofat with Mom, Paula Dofat

Columbia, MD. June 2017. Each year Tau Pi has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors in the Howard County Public School System. This year we had three of our Mentees graduate and will be attending college in the Fall of 2017. Two of the three, who are fraternal twins, have been with our mentoring program since they were in 4th grade. This year we were able to grant each \$2,000.

Christian Dofat graduated from Altholton High School in Columbia, MD. He will attend LIU in Brooklyn, NY. Shem Darko graduated from the SEED School in Baltimore, MD and will attend Salisbury, MD University. His brother Daniel also graduated from the SEED School and will attend Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Tau Pi Chapter is extremely proud of the academic achievement of these young men. We sponsored them on a HBCU Tour; instructed them and their parents in the completion of the FAFSA application; and worked with them in completing and submitting scholarship applications from organizations listed from web sites.

Christian's brother, Malachi was one of our mentees several years ago. He has returned to some of our Saturday mentoring sessions during his college breaks to share his college experience with our present High School mentees. His mother Paula works as a counselor in the Baltimore City Public School ChSystem and has been a tremendous asset in providing guidance, instructions and directions to these students and their parents.

Howard County, MD. Ques

Tau Pi's "The UnbreaQueable Eight"

Columbia, MD. April 29, 2017. At 1:45 PM on April 29, 2017, eight men totally immersed in the Spirit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. via Tau Pi Chapter crossed those "Burning Sands".

These eight Brothers have been a welcomed addition to the chapter. As the clique states, "They have hit the ground running". Basileus Marty Harlee has appointed three of them to Officer's positions. They are Bro. Vernon Curry as Assistant KRS; Bro. Richard McClendon as Assistant KF; and Bro. Nicholas Meade as the Assistant Chaplain.

Tau Pi Chapter has approximately 34 Standing, Ad Hoc, and various committees. The 2017 Neos are serving on over 40% of them. We give a special Que Shout Out to Bro. Nicholas Meade. He has stepped up as the Chapter webmaster. He has developed our web site (taupiques.org) and orchestrates our video presentations during chapter meetings. One of Basileus Marty Harlee's goals this year was to develop a working web site to centrally house all of the chapter's history, minutes, directory, and committee reports. With today's technology, we can also capture events, videos and pictures.

Since their acceptance into the fold, the UnbreaQUEable 8 has conducted many of their own social action programs. Of noteworthy was the recent partnership with Howard County Homewood Center. It is a local Alternative School designed for students experiencing difficulty in functioning in a traditional classroom setting.

Tau Pi Chapter is blessed and proud to have 97 year old Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield who has been a Que since 1940. He has been financial for all 77 years. The charge to these NEOs is the same. They have been advised that nationally only 20% of Intakes remain financial after their three year prepaid dues expire. What will be their CHOICE???

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l-r Bro. Mark Sykes, Bro. Nicholas Meade, Bro. Vernon Curry, Bro. Alonzo Muir, Bro. Richard McClendon, Bro. Joe Brown, Bro. Courtney Whitehead, and Bro. Clinton Harris



Tau Pi vs. Pi Omega Inaugural Softball Classic



Tau Pi and Pi Omega Brothers display great sportsmanship after the softball game

Columbia, MD. June 3, 2017. Batter Up! Nothing exemplifies fellowship more than a good fraternal game of softball among Neighboring Chapters of Mighty Ques. Tau Pi Reclamation and Retention Committee Chairman Bro. Richard Rogers reached out to Pi Omega Chapter to organize the event.

On Saturday, June 3, 2017, Pi Omega Chapter of Baltimore, MD traveled to Howard County for an exciting game at Guilford Park in Jessup, MD. The weather was perfect and the field was freshly manicured. Both teams came prepared for a competitive game of softball plus talk some Big Smack.

Pi Omega jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, but Tau Pi rallied to tie the

score at the end of the first inning. Both teams substituted Bruhs in and out of the game. Tau Pi used multiple pitchers and Pi Omega platooned multiple heavy hitters. In the end, Pi Omega came out victorious, but the best part of the day was yet to come.

Following the game, Bruhs and family took a short walk to the park pavilion where the "SET OWT" commenced. Bruhs and their families enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and other snacks. Music blared, Bruhs "hopped", and children took full advantage of the park's playground.

Tau Pi and Pi Omega chapters have committed to making this an annual event. There was some talk of possibly opening it up to other chapters in Corridor One.

Pi Omega 2017 Salvation Army Food Drive



Pi Omega Brother Hank McKinney assisting with the Salvation Army Food Drive

Baltimore, MD. September 5, 2017. On Thursday, August 31, 2017, the Brothers of Pi omega had the opportunity to participate in a food drive by volunteering their services with the Salvation Army located in the 1600 block of W Baltimore Street. The Salvation Army is an international movement. It is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of

God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. We provided services by putting together bags with fruits, vegetables, and other essential body needs, soap, shampoo's, tooth paste, and light bulbs. The event began at 8:00 am and commenced at 12:00 noon.

The Southern Maryland Ques JW & WCS Foundation Golf Classic



Foursome at the TLL Golf Classic

Clinton, MD. May 20, 2017. Birdies, Bogeys, and Mulligans...Hooks Slices and Fades, the Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) invited family and friends to our annual John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation Golf Tournament. This year, the tournament was held at Joint Base Andrews, in Clinton MD, on May 20th 2017. The golf event had over 40 golfers who participated and a host of donators who supported our event.

In addition to rain-free weather in late spring, all the golfers began their round with one thought in mind – Have Fun. By the end of the rounds, it was apparent the JW&WCS Foundation Golf Tournament was a four star event. Winners included first, second, and third place golfers as well as closest to the pin for male and female and longest drive competitions. To say the least, the Brothers rolled out the purple and gold carpet for our guest.

The staff of Joint Base Andrews catered to the TLL Brothers and our guest. They helped organize the foursomes, and captured scores with accuracy and humor. More importantly, the food following the golf rounds was exceptional. Brothers enjoyed Pot Roast, hamburgers, and array of healthy sides that would make any mother proud. Once the again, the Southern Maryland Ques hosted another event that left participates anxiously awaiting for next year.

Thanks to generous donations, from great individuals and business alike. We would also like to thank our sponsors: Winston Lewis, Fall 1976 Beta Eta Chapter, The Spring 1983 line of Epsilon Chapter, Danny Ebb, 2000 Gamma Pi Chapter, Revelation 8 of TLL Chapter, 8 Raptured Souls of Omega of Omega of TLL Chapter and Taylor Gas Co.

The John Lancaster and W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation, whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens in the Southern Maryland Region through education and cultural activities, is a 501©(3) whose goal is to generate and distribute financial resources to assist the youth from the Tri-County area.

For more information about the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation or to make a tax-exempt donation to support the our scholarship programs, please visit www.jlwcscharityfoundation.org.

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda’s scholarship and other social action programs, please visit www.southernmdques.org.

TLL Holds its 3rd Annual Perseverance 5k Race



Participants at the Perseverance 5K Prostate Cancer Run

White Plains, MD. September 16, 2017. The Men of the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, held its 3rd annual Perseverance 5K, in support of Prostate Cancer Research, which took place on a scenic, curvy course along the Indian Head Rail Trail in White Plains, MD, just as summer comes to an end. The TLL Perseverance 5K is one of the most popular races as the fall running season gets underway.

52 participants, which included men, women, and children came out to support as well as to spread the word about prostate cancer awareness. Each September, the eyes of the nation turn to focus on prostate cancer during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

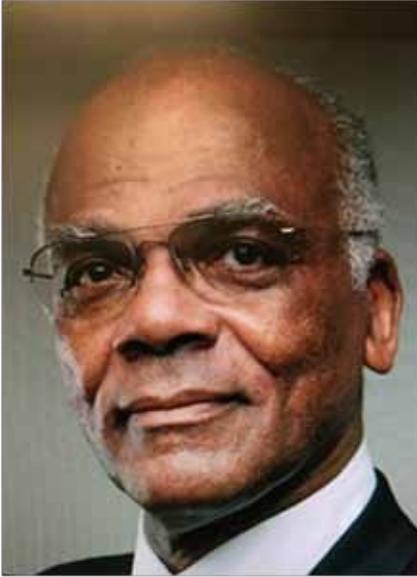
Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer) and has affected over 2 million men in the US. Prostate cancer mainly affects men over the age of 50 and the risk for development increases

with age. The average age for men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer is between 70 and 74 years. If you are under 50, then your risk of getting prostate cancer is very low. Younger men can be affected, but this is rare. With proper diagnoses, it can often be treated successfully.

The race was held under the umbrella of one of the Fraternity’s mandated programs, the Health Initiative, by which chapters facilitate, participate and coordinate activities that promote good health practices.

Health committee chairman Akida Jordan stated “Supporting such a worthy cause is essential. This race help keep the focus on a disease that many of us, as men, have experienced. We as an organization are trying to do our part to support and increase awareness through our annual race in the tri-county area.”

Theta Omicron and the Rochester Medical Academy



Bro. Dr. Lemuel A. Rodgers

Rochester, NY. May 16, 2017. The Rochester Medical Academy held its 117th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Brothers from Theta Omicron led by Bro. Dr. Christopher J. Richardson were in attendance to witness the awarding of the 2nd Annual Dr. Lemuel A. Rogers Memorial Scholarship. In 2016, the late, Bro. Dr. Lemuel A. Rogers became the first African American Physician to be enshrined on the esteemed Wall of Honor at the headquarters of the Rochester Academy of Medicine. We were honored to have members of Bro. Dr. Rogers family members in attendance.

Bro. Dr. Rogers was initiated in Beta Chapter at Lincoln University. He received his medical degree from Howard University in 1963. His journey in medicine carried him to the National Institute of Health, Philadelphia General Hospital, the Temple University Health Sciences Center and finally, the establishing of an OB/GYN practice in partnership with the late James O. Robinson, MD, that lasted for over 13 years. Doctors Rogers and Robinson were the first African American doctors to own a medical building and launch a joint practice.

Over the course of 30 plus years, Bro. Dr. Rogers delivered over 5,000 babies and a set of Quadruplets. He developed strong medical and community ties with area hospitals and service based organizations. He volunteered his time and resources to assist young medical students and the persons receiving care. His extensive outreach to youth, underserved citizens, health research and service organizations, established him as a community treasure and a strong, faithful, contributing member of Theta Omicron Chapter.

It is for these contributions and more, that the Medical Academy with the strong advocacy of Brothers Dr. Christopher Richardson, Larry Pough and 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray, moved to engage the chapter, in establishing The Dr. Lemuel A. Rogers Memorial Scholarship. Theta Omicron Scholarship Foundation donated the seed money to establish the scholarship. The brothers of Theta Omicron are tirelessly working to establish an endowment to ensure this "Omega Legacy Lives On" in the Rochester community.

The 2017 recipient of the Dr. Lemuel A. Rogers Memorial Scholarship is Miss Amanda Onalaja, a second-year medical student at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. The scholarship was presented by Dr. Margie Shaw, Chairperson for the Academy of Medicine Board of Directors and Bro. Dr. Christopher Richardson.



*Bro. Dr. Christopher Richardson, Dr. Margie Shaw
and Miss Amanda Onalaja*

Friendship is Essential to the Soul

Zeta Iota Iota Juneteenth Parade

Philadelphia, PA. June 17, 2017. Zeta Iota Iota, Mu Omega and Mu chapters coordinated by Qasim Rashad, Second District NAACP/CEF Chair combined to represent Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc in Philadelphia's second Annual Juneteenth Parade sponsored by PCOL (Philadelphia Community of Leaders).

This growing event starts at Washington Square Park 7th and Locust Streets in Center City which is formerly referred to as "Congo Square". It is so named because it is an original African Slave auction site. The parade marched passed Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed and stopped for ceremonial tributes where the Liberty Bell rests.

This sacred ground also houses a monument to the enslaved Africans of President George Washington. The former slaves once lived in that same location in the Presidential mansion while Philadelphia served as the nation's first capitol. There was a ceremonial lying of a wreath to pay respects to those enslaved African ancestors. The irony of the place known, as "The Cradle of Liberty" was not lost as Attorney Michael Cord

of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated and Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenny gave a public address on the importance of Juneteenth and the significance of the location.

The procession of Omegas with boisterous chants and song was preceded by the young brothers of Mu Chapter (UPenn, Villanova and Drexel Universities). The young brothers performing an Omega step show for the some seven thousand spectators along the parade route was an impressive sight to behold for everyone.

The parade ended in front of the African American History Museum at 7th and Arch Streets where Mu Chapter performed again in front of the dignitary bandstand of the PCOL and elected officials. As each group approached they saluted the bandstand with their own traditions.

There was representation from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, The National F.O.I. champion drill team from New York, NY, the Local Shriners and Masons and a host of proud Black organizations.

Two Theta Omicron Chapter Brothers Honored as “Dreamers That Make Dreams Come True”



Bro. James Norman

Rochester, NY. March 4, 2017. Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church proudly presented its 6th Annual Black Heritage Dinner. This year they honored two influential “Dreamers That Make Dreams Come True” by helping to unlock the potential in young people and enabling them to imagine their future, make plans and dream big.

The 2017 honorees are Bro. James H. Norman, President and CEO of Action for A Better Community, Inc., and Bro. Hezekiah Simmons, CFO & Vice President at Monroe Community College. Bro. Norman has been an Omega man for 31 years while Bro. Simmons has been a member for 54 years.

Bro. James Norman has been President and CEO of Action for a Better Community (ABC) since 1992. For the five years immediately preceding his relocation to Rochester, he served as the Michigan Department of Labor’s Deputy Director for Administration. Prior to that role, he directed the Labor Department’s Bureau of Community Services, which provided funding to, and oversight of Michigan’s statewide network of community action (i.e., anti-poverty) agencies. Under Bro. Norman’s leadership, ABC has expanded services and developed new initiatives to address the needs of low-income individuals and families in Monroe and Ontario Counties. Services include Head Start, outpatient substance counseling, AIDS/HIV outreach and education, workforce development, community development, youth violence prevention, youth and adult mentoring, and home weatherization. (ABC employs over 375 staff and has an annual budget of \$25 million).

Over the years, Bro. Norman has been a consultant, speaker or workshop panelist at national and state conferences on topics such as Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA), advocacy, structural inequality, poverty trends, community action history, economic security, and not-for-profit governance. In 2013, he authored a chapter on “Structural Inequality “for the book, *The State of Black Rochester 2013: Education + Equity = Employment*, published by the Rochester Community Area Foundation.

Bro. Norman received his Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Mercer University (Macon, Georgia.), and his Master’s in Social Work from Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, Michigan), where he also completed extensive post-graduate coursework in Public Administration. In 2009, he earned a certificate in Leadership/Executive Coaching. He and Lois Williams-Norman have four adult sons.

Current affiliations include: ABC Foundation Board, Lifetime Health Care Companies Boards, Excellus BC/BS Regional Advisory Board, Lifetime Care Board, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency Board, Gateways Music Festival Board, Rochester-Monroe Workforce Development Board, Co-Chair, Facing Race, Embracing Equity Initiative, Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative, Strong Museum (Honorary Trustee), Mercer University, College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board, Distinguished RIT Minett Professor Emeritus, MCC Adjunct Associate Professor, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boulé).

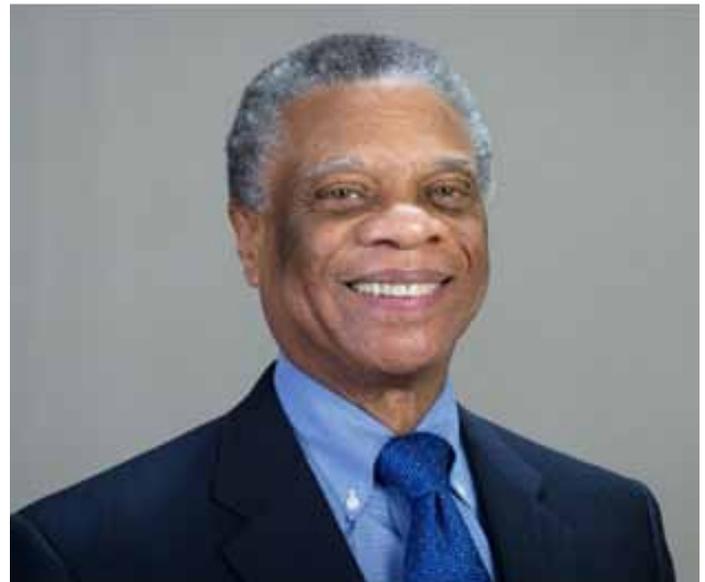
Bro. Hezekiah ‘Heze’ Simmons is Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Vice President Administrative Services at Monroe Community College. He has been employed at MCC for the past 14 years following his early retirement from Xerox where he served many years as VP of Finance and Administration. Joining MCC enabled Bro. Simmons to bring together his passion and avocation for education.

He has long been a supporter of education, serving 14 years on the Board of Directors of the Harley School, Rochester, and 12 years on the Board of Trustees of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC, where he received his BS in Chemistry. He is also an MBA graduate from the Harvard Business School. Additionally, Bro. Simmons has served on the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Avenue Childhood Development Center since 1995 – an agency near and dear to his heart.

He currently is an active member of the local chapter of the Financial Executive International (FEI). This organization elected Heze as the 2011 Financial Executive of the Year for large organizations. Bro. Simmons serves on the Board of Directors for East House and the Advisory Board for Biodrill Technical Solutions, Rochester, NY

On the State level, Bro. Simmons’ service to higher education was expanded as he led the NY Community Colleges Business Officers Association (CCBOA) and rose through the ranks from secretary to vice president to president within four (4) years. CCBOA includes member representatives from all 30 NY community colleges as well as representatives from the SUNY administration.

Bro. Simmons and his wife, Ann Marie, have been married for 49 years and reside in Pittsford, NY. They are the proud parents of two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Bro. Simmons is a member and former Clerk of Session for the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford and is the Moderator-Elect for the Genesee Valley



Bro. Hezekiah Simmons

Theta Omicron Talent Hunt Competition



Theta Omicron Talent Hunt Committee and Contestants

Rochester, NY. March 19, 2017. Theta Omicron Chapter’s “First Talent Hunt Program” was organized and chaired by Bro. Edward Taylor. For over 50 years, his Inspiration and Courage has helped this chapter to continue our tradition of showcasing Talent on the Local, District, and International Levels.

This current year without exception, Theta Omicron Chapter hosted its 56th Annual Talent Hunt Program on March 19, 2017 at East High in Rochester, N.Y. The program’s success would not be possible without hard work from the chapter committee, under the leadership of Bro. Lavonne Richards, Sr. Bro. Richards credit the success of Theta Omicron’s Talent Hunt Program to the chapter’s brotherhood and their sponsor Mr.

Louis Bunno owner of several McDonald restaurants in the Rochester area.

The program, consisted of several talented students who endured several months of auditions. The final selection yield twenty participants in the categories of Classical Instrumental, Classical Vocal, Semi Classical Instrumental, Semi Classical Vocal, Dramatic Interpretation, Dance and Visual Art. This years’ overall winner, Adrianna Lester is a Senior at the School of the Arts. Adrianna took 1st place in the Semi Classical category singing a song made famous by Nina Simone, entitled “I Put a Spell on You.” She will be representing Theta Omicron at the Second District Conference in Rye, NY.

Theta Omicron Memorial Service

Rochester, NY. March 12, 2017. Theta Omicron Chapter held its Annual Memorial Service. The ceremony was conducted as part of the morning service hosted by Christian Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Henrietta, NY. Vice Basileus, Bro. Howard Griffin and KRS, Bro. Xavier Holiday led the brothers in the ceremony. The brothers of Theta Omicron chapter continued their tradition of honoring the wives of our deceased chapter brothers by inviting them to attend the Memorial Service, with the brothers.

Bro. Deacon Peter James of the host church related that the visit of the brothers had been highly anticipated by his fellow church members. They and the pastor especially looked forward to the participation of the Omega Select Chorus under the direction of Ms Gloria Brooks. This group of brothers in the chapter, renowned in the Rochester, NY area for their singing talent, had been asked to provide the music for the entire church service. Brothers Errol Hunt and James Norman led the chorus’ three choral selections and the chorus also led the offertory and invitational hymns during the service. The chapter expressed its appreciation to the host church and asked God’s blessings on them and on our beloved Fraternity. Bro. Luvert Walker presented the host church a collective contribution from the chapter. He also recognized the wives and widows during his presentation.

Following the Memorial Service members of the fraternity were joined by the widows and wives for a wonderful brunch at Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. During the brunch, the 39th Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew



Omega Select Chorus and Directress Gloria Brooks

Ray. During the brunch, the 39th Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew Ray; International Talent Hunt Chairman, Bro. Larry Pough; Chaplain, Bro. Dr. Clinton Strickland and Bro. Luvert Walker, organizer of the Memorial Service events offered words of encouragements and uplift to the widows.

Grand Basileus Ray also made a presentation to Bro. Luvert Walker in recognition of his untiring efforts to ensure the widows are not forgotten.

Upsilon Alpha Activities



Upsilon Alpha Brothers receiving plaque from St. James AME Church

Atlantic City, NJ. February, 2017. The Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered as a graduate Chapter in Atlantic City, NJ, in 1939. Members of Upsilon Alpha chapter are represented in the fields of medicine, law, architecture, law enforcement, religion, education and more. The members continue a legacy of brotherhood and service.

On Friday, February 10 The Graduate Brothers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter teamed up with the undergraduate brothers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter produce the Annual Talent Hunt for the Greater Atlantic City Area at the Richard Stockton University. Five Performing Artist and Eight Visual Artist competed in the annual event including last years Districts winner in the category of Dance Jasmine Clark. Ms. Clark was the winner again of the performing Artist. Unfortunately Jasmine will be unable to attend the District completion this year because prior dancing commitments. Helen Hernandez-Jesus a returning second place winner from our local competition last year won the Visual Artist category and will represent the Chapters at the District competition this year.

On Monday, February 20 the brothers 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 man 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

On Sunday, March 26, Upsilon Alpha 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.

Final Upsilon Alpha Chapter Last surviving Charter member Walter I. Johnson, II - 101, passed peacefully on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. He was born in Atlantic City, NJ. He was a product of the Atlantic City school system, graduating with honors in 1933 from Atlantic City High School. Burial and Fraternal Rites were given at 11:30AM, Saturday, March 11, 2017, in Atlantic City Cemetery.



Upsilon Alpha Brothers chaperone Kids to African American Museum of History and Culture

Levitt Foundation Donates \$3,000 to Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc. (CUP) in collaboration with Xi Phi Chapter to Support 2018 Omega Black College Tour



Harlem Student who benefit from the Levitt Foundation donation to the Omega Black College Tour

Harlem, New York. May 2017. The Levitt Foundation on Monday, May 22, 2017, donated to Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc., (CUP) \$3000.00 for the Omega Black College Tour Program. Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc., works in collaboration with Xi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. For more than two decades, the driving force of the Omega BCT has remained the same for the Xi Phi Chapter brotherhood, raise money each year to help students of color not just attend college, but succeed, graduate and become leaders in their communities. The 78% graduation rate of Omega BCT student scholars is 17 points higher than the national average for all student at four-year colleges.

The Levitt Foundation, a member of the Philanthropic Group is proud to support this important program,” said Blondel Pinnock, SVP, Chief Lending Officer at Carver Federal Savings Bank and Advisor, The Philanthropic Group. “Being able to help students who have worked hard to get to college, and who might not be able to realize their vision due to financial difficulties, it’s an honor to help make a difference in the lives of these students, and in the lives of their families and our communities.” Since Omega BCT’s 1986 inception, over 1600 students of color have vis-



-ited 25 different Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) around the country. We look forward to donations from the brotherhood throughout the 2nd District to further the development of empowering programming, propelling CUP, Inc. and Xi Phi Chapter to further ensure more students of color are exposed to historically Black college educational opportunities – Omega Men Make a Difference!

Read Omega BCT Report: <https://issuu.com/sherronp/docs/omegafinal4> About Xi Phi Chapter

To learn more about Xi Phi Chapter and its diverse activities please visit our website at www.xiphichapter.org or contact Brother Jesse L. Askew, Communications Director at jesse_askew@hotmail.com. Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on November 11, 1926, and was the first graduate chapter chartered in New York City. Since its inception, members have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people in the Harlem community. Our heritage of notable Xi Phi Chapter brothers includes Langston Hughes, Roy Wilkins, William James “Count” Basie, Edward Lewis and Judge Dennis Edwards. We are Xi Phi, the Harlem Ques.



Xi Phi Chapter Welcomes Six New Members to the Brotherhood



2nd District DR Sherman Charles with XI Phi Spring 2017 Line

Harlem, New York. April 2017. On April 15, 2017, at 6:20PM the 2nd District Representative, Brother Sherman L. Charles welcomed six new members of Xi Phi Chapter into the brotherhood. In attendance was 5th Corridor Representative, Brother Kevin Woodhouse, Xi Phi Chapter Basileus, Carl Bell and Xi Phi Chapter Vice-Basileus, Brother Darryl Tyree and more than 55 Brothers were there to witness the induction ceremony.

Xi Phi Chapters Spring 2017 Brothers include:

Reverend/Doctor Stephan Pogue is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry from Alliance Theological Seminary, Masters of Divinity and B.S. Bible & Pastoral Ministries from Nyack College. He currently serves as Pastor of the largest A.M.E. Zion Church – Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church in Mount Vernon, New York.

Louis Ryan Schaffer graduated with a J.D. from Howard Law School, B.A., Public Policy and B.A., African-American Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He currently serves as legal and business affairs counsel for the full-service entertainment companies of Roc Nation and Roc Nation Sports.

Deairo Demond Richardson is a graduate of John Jay College with a B.A., Criminal Justice and is currently working towards his Masters in Public Administration. He also served honorably in the United States Coast Guard, where he received the Coast Guard “E” Ribbon W/1 Goal Star;

Service Ribbon; Coast Guard Special Ops Service Ribbon and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Trevor Davon Gubern is a graduate of Monroe College with a B.S., Accounting. He’s currently Payroll Coordinator at Media Services and plays semi-professional football for the New York Bandits. Trevor also serves as a youth football coach for the Bronx Wolfpack.

Shaun Edward Jones is a graduate of North Carolina A&T University with a B.S., Business Management. A two-sport athlete at NC A&T, he played seven years in the arena football league (AFL) for the Kentucky Horseman. He currently works as a Senior Diabetes Sales executive at Eli Lilly.

Obumneme Uchenna Obukwelu is a graduate of Harvard University with an A.B., Sociology. A starting defensive tackle for the Harvard Crimson where they won three Ivy League championships and in his senior season was named 1st Team All-Ivy. With a cumulative 3.2 GPA, Obumneme is the African-American player from Harvard to be named to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society. He currently works in the Global Banking and Markets division at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Xi Phi Chapter’s 2017 MSP Process was thoroughly engaging, supervised and successfully executed by MSP Chair, Brother Harry M. Watson II (Mu Epsilon 00) and MSP Co-Chair, Brother Jesse L. Askew (Xi Phi 85).

Xi Phi Chapter Supports “Find Our Girls Rally”

Harlem, New York. March 2017. Brother Ed Murray of Xi Phi Chapter participated on the Black Lives Matter of Greater NYC | Find Our Girls March on Sunday, April 9, 2017. The march called for fraternities, sororities, faith based organizations and activists across NYC to march in solidarity to raise awareness for the 64,000 missing Black women and girls.

“The women from our communities will not be forgotten. Xi Phi will always use its influence to be a voice for the voiceless. One missing woman or child from our community is one too many.” Brother Ed Murray.

Missing Black women and girls have been significantly under-represented in recent mainstream media. Black women and girls represent a disproportionate percentage of the number of missing people; representing over 35% of missing persons cases.

An alarming 501 cases of missing children has been reported in the nation’s capital with the majority of the missing being Black and Latino. The Harlem community and Black Lives Matter of Greater New York demand a thorough investigation of the reported cases and nothing less than what our counterparts receive.



Bro. Ed Murray with Deltas at the Find Our Girls Rally

Xi Phi Basileus Carl Bell Honored During 2nd District Conference

Harlem, NY. May 2017. Recognized and honored the among First Responders ceremony during the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 2nd District Conference in Rye Brook, New York. Brother Carl Bell has a background of stellar service in law enforcement. Before launching BBG Consulting, a corporate investment and risk management firm, Brother Bell served as Police Commissioner for the City of Mount Vernon, New York. As commissioner, he was responsible for the safety and security of over 70,000 residents including public and private property.

“Law enforcement and community service go together; it requires commitment, dedication and true friendship” Brother Carl Bell

Having spent twenty-one years as a Drug Enforcement Administration agent and Staff Coordinator in the Office of Financial Operations. Brother Bell provided senior level guidance and coordination in the implementation of specialized money laundering for the domestic field divisions. He also represented DEA’s interests with federal, state, local and international counterparts, as well as the financial services industries regarding money laundering and financial investigations.

Once given an assignment that one would think is a plum job in the sunny Caribbean, turned out to be one of the most incredibly difficult and mentally taxing of his career. Brother Bell took on the role of Assistant Attaché within the Bridgetown Barbados Country office. He was responsible for developing narcotic enforcement strategies for the island nations of Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenada, St. Lucia, Antigua, and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, coordinating with the Commissioners in each nation to devise targeted strategies to combat narcotics trafficking.



Xi Phi Basileus Carl Bell and wife, Mrs. Margo Bell

With the Xi Phi Chapter brothers and his wife Margo Bell, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., all present for the award ceremony. Brother Bell was noticeably filled with pride and all smiles while being recognized by the brotherhood for his career accomplishments.

Nu Omicron Participate in Breast Cancer Walk



Nu Omicron Brothers at the 5K Breast Cancer Walk

Queens, NY. October 15, 2017. Nu Omicron celebrated its 70th Chapter Anniversary. To honor this significant milestone, the men of Nu Omicron brothers led by Bro. Roje Thomas, participated in the Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The 5K walk was held at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, in Corona, Queens. Brothers formed a small team

small team and collected close to \$1000 in donations toward the research, treatment, and prevention of Breast cancer. As Nu Omicron chapter enters her 70th year, brothers will continue to uphold our watchword continue to be a shining jewel in the Queens community.

Nu Omicron Domestic Violence Awareness Event



Nu Omicron Brothers at the Domestic Violence event

Queens, NY. October 19, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Omicron chapter in conjunction with the New York City Mayor’s office, partnered to address a critical issue in our society in Domestic Violence. The title of the evening’s event was “It’s Not Just Physical” and presented in honor of domestic violence awareness month. The event was held in the heart

of Southeast Jamaica Queens with nearly 100 participants in attendance. An all women panel and moderator lead the conversation throughout the evening. Councilman I. Daneek Miller was in the building and thanked the Brothers of Nu Omicron for their exemplary service to the community.

Nu Omicron Presents: SOLITARY QUEFINEMENT

Queens, NY. April 24, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated hosted an event entitled: “Solitary Quefinement!” Lorenzo Steele’s exhibition gave an insight to college students on what life in solitary confinement was like. The prison photography exhibits displayed an unimaginable lifestyle which prison-

ers endured. The day event concluded with a presentation delivered by Lorenzo Steele highlighting the problems within the prison system and discussing topics of change within our justice system eliminating solitary confinement

Nu Omicron Sponsors Book Bag Giveaway



Nu Omicron Brothers at the Book Bag Giveaway

Queens, NY. September 11, 2017. The Brothers of Nu Omicron chapter hosted a book bag giveaway at the Nu Omicron Early Childhood Education Center. Brothers were able to accommodate over 40 students and their parents and making sure that they had school supplies for the upcoming

school year. The men of Nu Omicron also took the time to provide a continental breakfast for the teachers of the early childhood education center as it is our belief that it’s our educators who can mold our youth you to be leaders of tomorrow.

Pi Omega Participates at the ZERO Prostate Cancer Walk



Pi Omega Brothers participating in the 2017 Zero Prostate Cancer Walk

Towson, MD. September, 2017. Pi Omega Chapter annually conducts a Health and Wellness Festival and one of its primary sponsors is Chesapeake Urology, who conduct free prostate cancer screenings to neighborhood men. As a result of this relationship and in an effort to raise funds to continue free prostate cancer testing, and education for men and families about prostate cancer, each year Pi Omega Chapter participates at the ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk. On September 24, 2017 at Johnny Unitas Stadium at Towson University, Pi Omega Brothers participated in the 2017 ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk. The 2017 ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk - Baltimore featured a 10K

run, 5K run/walk, 1 mile walk, Kids' Superhero Dash for Dad, organized Zumba workout, a virtual Snooze for Dudes program and a family-friendly post-race celebration. Participants received tech shirts, free food, and the opportunity to connect with others who are impacted by prostate cancer. ZERO partners with Chesapeake Urology Associates to end prostate cancer. The funds raised from ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk - Baltimore are invested around the country to provide research for new treatments. Locally, over the past ten years, over \$3,500,000, has been raised for prostate cancer research, education, free screenings for early detection, and advocacy.

Pi Epsilon Give Scholarship to Deceased Brothers Niece



Pi Epsilon Brothers awarding scholarship check to Chandrea Purnell

Baltimore, MD. August 16, 2017. The Brothers of Pi Epsilon Chapter presented Chandrea Purnell with a \$500 book scholarship on August 26, 2017 during their 70th Anniversary cookout, held at Leakin Park Pavilion in Baltimore, MD. Chandrea, the niece of the late Levin "Hank" Purnell, is the first recipient of the Levin "Hank" Purnell Scholarship and will attend Bowie State University in the Fall of 2017.

On July 8, 2017 the Brothers of Pi Epsilon Chapter hosted the 1st Annual Levin "Hank" Purnell Scholarship Crab Feast Fundraiser held at the Richard Hazel Youth Center, in Salisbury, MD., Levin's hometown. The Brothers of Pi Epsilon, will continue to host the annual crab feast in Levin's

hometown to continue and grow the scholarship. The late Levin (Hank) Alexander Purnell, was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Pi Epsilon Chapter in Fall 1996, while attending University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. Hank graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy, Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Salisbury State University and Master's Degree in Physical Science from University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. "Hank" worked for Verizon, for 19 years and transitioned to Omega Chapter on March 27, 2017, at the age of 46.

Pi Omega Recognized at 69th Second District Conference



Pi Omega Brothers with Grand Basileus Antonio Knox at the Founders Banquet

Rye Brook, NY. May 6, 2017. At the 69th Second District Conference, held at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York from May 4-7, 2017, Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, received a chapter award and several members received individual recognitions.

For the fourth consecutive year, Pi Omega Chapter was recognized as the Second District's Social Action Chapter of the Year (Large Chapter, 50+ Members), for 2015-2016. The Social Action Chapter of the Year is presented to the chapter that best implements the Fraternity's mandated programs and provides significant community based programs to the local area and beyond.

John C. Berkley received the Second District Superior Service Award. The Superior Service Award is given to a Brother who has demonstrated

outstanding contributions and sustained concern for the activities of his Chapter, his District and to the Fraternity. Mr. Berkley was also reappointed as the Chairman of the District Assault on Illiteracy Committee.

Other re-appointments included:

Zanes E. Cypress, Jr. as the Second District Director of Public Relations, Eric M. Brown as Deputy Corridor I Representative, Dwayne E. White as the Chairman of the District Social Action Committee

The Second District Talent Hunt Competition was conducted at the George Washington Elementary / Middle School in White Plains, NY. Jasmine Oyefusi, a sophomore from Towson High School, represented Pi Omega in the Vocal Contemporary Category in the Competition. Ms. Oyefusi sang "Almost Home" from the Broadway musical "The Wiz".

Pi Omega Basileus Installed As Pastor of Open Bible Gospel Church



Pi Omega Basileus Dr. Ron Williams at his Pastoral Installation Ceremony

Baltimore, MD. October 1, 2017. Brother Ron Williams, Basileus of Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was installed as the second pastor of Open Bible Gospel Church in Baltimore, Maryland on October 1, 2017. Brother Williams has been in the preaching ministry for almost 20yrs and has been the Basileus of Pi Omega since June 2016. Brother Williams serves in ministry and our fraternity with passion to uplift others. In his new ministry assignment, he hit the ground running by adopting

an elementary school and providing a back to school give away. In a true Omega way, the giveaway provided 92 kids with backpacks and supplies and provided the staff of the school with supplies that otherwise would be lacking. Brother Williams uses his role in ministry to aid his leadership within fraternity. His experiences in the fraternity have enriched him as he continues his journeys through his ministry.

Pi Omega Asian Pacific Heritage Month Judo Demonstration



Brother Lamonte Tyler give Judo interaction with Kids

Washington, D.C. May 26, 2017. On May 26, 2017, the brothers of Pi Omega were asked to perform a Judo demonstration for Marie Reed Dual Language Elementary School for their Asian/Pacific Heritage Month presentation. Marie Reed Dual Language Elementary School, located 4400 Iowa Ave NW Washington, DC is a diverse, multi-lingual learning community dedicated to nurturing the whole child to develop the values, character, and knowledge to become global citizens. Their focus is on social and emotional growth in addition to academic excellence so that their students have the ability to thrive in any environment. They are dedicated to making learning fun and engaging through the use of movement, art, and music.

Judo meaning “gentle way” was created as a physical, mental and moral pedagogy in Japan, in 1882, by Jigoro Kano. It is generally categorized as a modern martial art which later evolved into a combat and Olympic sport. Its most prominent feature is its competitive element, where the

objective is to either throw or takedown an opponent to the ground, immobilize or otherwise subdue an opponent with a pin, or force an opponent to submit with a joint lock or a choke. Strikes and thrusts by hands and feet as well as weapons defenses are a part of judo, but only in pre-arranged forms and are not allowed in judo competition or free practice. May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Pi Omega Disabled Veterans Judo and Self-Defense Clinic



Brother Lamonte Tyler gives Disabled Veterans Seld Defense Clinic

Takoma Park, MD. July 3, 2017. On Sunday, June 25, 2017, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter hosted and participated in an 8 hour USA Judo sponsored event. The event began at 9:00 and ended at 5:00 and the location was 6836 New Hampshire Ave, Takoma Park, MD. The event was to

bring together disabled veterans and teach them Judo and self-defense. Two Judo Olympians were also brought in to provide insight on techniques taught

Pi Omega Assist Hampton University New Student Cookout 2017



Parents, students and Alumni at the New Student Cookout

Hampton, VA. August 6, 2016. The Brothers from Pi Omega assisted the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. of Baltimore City with the 2017 Summer Annual Cookout to welcome new students of Hampton University. These students are from the city of Baltimore, enjoyed a summer day with alumni, and were able to learn from first hand experienced what their new “Home by the Sea” adventures awaited them before they departed away for the Fall Semester of 2017. Parents were able to forge relationships amongst the local alumni members and have discovered the

upcoming bus trip that will return students to Baltimore City during the Thanksgiving Break in 2017.

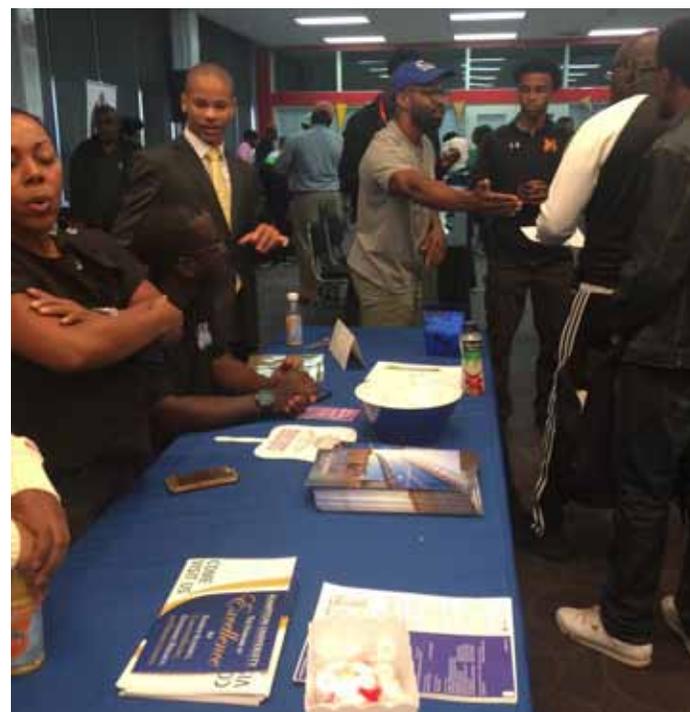
Hampton University (also HU, or Home by the Sea) is a private historically black university located in Hampton, Virginia, United States. It was founded in 1868 by black and white leaders of the American Missionary Association after the American Civil War to provide education to freedmen. In 1878, it established a program for teaching Native Americans, which lasted until 1923.

Pi Omega HBCU College Fair at Baltimore City Community College



Charm City Pirates at the HBCU College fair

Baltimore, MD. September 30, 2017. The Brothers of Pi Omega coordinated college applications, scholarship, and frequently asked questionnaires. They also participated with Rho Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in a free merchandise give away. Brother Ramon Neal of Pi Omega chapter has served on Hampton University’s Baltimore Alumni Chapter for two years and was selected in 2016 as the Parliamentarian. There were over 100 high school seniors from Baltimore City in attendance. High School Students were encouraged to apply to



Hampton University and take advantage of application fee waivers. Additionally, parents contacts were taken down, and they will be informed of the outcome during the annual spring Hampton University’s High School Day. Brothers and the alumni network fundraised to secure one charter bus to take 40-60 high school aged students from Baltimore city to tour Hampton University (Hampton, Virginia). This event took place at Baltimore City Community College, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215.

Pi Omega Cares for the Homeless



After Party Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. May 23, 2017. On May 20, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in The After Party Feeding. The brothers provided fruit, bread, pasta, chicken and water to 200 individuals. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish is administrated by the Congregation of the Mission – Western Province, also known as the Vincentian priests and brothers. The Vincentians were founded by Saint Vincent de Paul in 1625 and have served in the Lincoln Park neighborhood since 1875.

No One Goes Hungry Pot Luck

Baltimore, MD. May 23, 2017. On May 21, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the No One Goes Hungry Pot Luck. The brothers provided t-shirts, fried chicken, salad, and water to 200 individuals. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower.

Homeless Health Fair

Baltimore, MD. October 9, 2017. On October 6, 2017, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) nursing students conducted over 50 free health screenings and the brothers of Pi Omega assisted by feeding over 100 people in the homeless community. The brothers provided 4 cases of water and two 42 gallon bags of clothes and one 42 gallon bag of shoes. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower

Memorial Day Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. May 29, 2017. On Monday, May 30, 2017, the brothers of Pi Omega participated in the Memorial Day homeless feeding and clothing giveaway. The brothers provided 10 whole pizzas, bags of chip, crackers, and 2 cases of water were given away. A 42 gallon bag of clothing pertaining women, men, and children clothing was donated. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower.

Memorial Day has become the traditional kick-off of summer but the holiday has a much more significant purpose. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the military.

The purpose of Memorial Day is sometimes confused with Veterans Day. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Day is commemorated on November 11th of every year and honors all those who have served in the U.S. military during times of war and peace. Armed Forces Day, which falls on May 20 each year, recognizes those who are currently serving in the military.

Memorial Day traces its roots to the tradition of Decoration Day, a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

Fish Fry for the Homeless

Baltimore, MD. May 10, 2017. On May 8, 2017, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter participated in Fish Fry for the Homeless. Hip Hop Chicken, a local restaurant in Baltimore, Maryland donated 30 pieces of fried fish and the brothers decided that by donating the fish, several from the homeless community could be properly fed. This event took place around 8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower.

Pi Omega Cares for the Homeless



Pi Omega Brothers Feeding and Clothing the Homeless

Fourth of July Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. July 9, 2017. On Tuesday, July 4, 2017, the brothers of Pi Omega participated in the fourth annual 4th of July homeless feeding and clothing giveaway. The brothers provided 20 whole pizzas. Bags of chip, crackers, and 3 cases of water were given away. There were 200 assorted pieces of chicken and 3 42-gallon bags of clothing pertaining women, men, and children clothing donated. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot

Hygiene Packs for the Homeless

Baltimore, MD. September 25, 2017. On September 24, 2017, the brothers of Pi Omega partnered with Sunday Dinner, prepared and donated hygiene packs, water, and bagged lunches to the homeless. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero. Sunday Dinner is a Nonprofit Organization. They provide good Sunday meals for the homeless and needy. They give food for the soul and spirit to help them persevere in the most challenging of times.

Homeless Clothing Donation

Baltimore, MD. July 9, 2017. On Tuesday, July 4, 2017, the brothers of Pi Omega participated in the fourth annual 4th of July homeless feeding and clothing giveaway. The brothers provided 20 whole pizzas. Bags of chip, crackers, and 3 cases of water were given away. There were 200 assorted pieces of chicken and 3 42-gallon bags of clothing pertaining women, men, and children clothing donated. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot www.opp2d.org

Labor Day Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. September 5, 2017. On September 4, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the 4th Annual Labor Day Feeding and Clothing Giveaway. The brothers provided chicken, fish, corn, 2 cases of water, chips, blankets, and two 42 gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower

Pre Labor Day Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. August 28, 2017. On August 27, 2017, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Pre-Labor Day Feeding and Clothing Giveaway. The brothers bought provided 10 whole pizzas, 2 cases of water, drinks, chips, blankets, tennis shoes, two 42 gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes, and items for babies. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower.

Sponsor Someone Homeless

Baltimore, MD. October 16, 2017. On October 15, 2017, the Brothers of Pi Omega sponsor one homeless individual. First, the brothers talked to the individual to learn his story. After finding out his story, the brothers discovered that the individual has a current Class A CDL license. They took the individual to two stores to purchase underclothes, socks, pants, shoes, belt, towel, washcloth, and personal hygiene items. The brothers took the homeless individual to a local gym so that he may get a shower and then took him to someone's home and cut his hair. They also took him told him out to eat at a local restaurant. The brothers finished the eight-hour outing by taking the homeless individual to a high school alumnus function.

Pi Omega/Omega Baltimore Partner to Host Easterwood Free One Day Football Camp



Kids running drills at the Easterwood Free One Day Football Camp

Baltimore, MD. July 16, 2017. The Joel Gamble Foundation and the Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. held its 2nd Annual Easterwood Free One Day Summer Football Camp for beginner and advanced athletes. The event was held at Easterwood Recreation Center in the Troy Bailey Easterwood Park, on July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Easterwood Recreation Center is managed and operated by the Omega Baltimore Foundation. The camp offered athletic training, football drills, free giveaways including Under Armour Cleats, Under Armour Gloves, Apple iWatch, GShock Watch, Footballs, Autographed mini Helmets from NFL Players such as Deandre Hopkins, Jeremy Hill, Brandin Cooks, Dorial Green-Beckham, Water Bottles from Modell's, Body Armor Sports Drinks, and Guest Appearances by several NFL and College Players. Pi Omega Brothers gave the campers and their parents a cookout after camp activities.

The camp was intended for athletes ages 8 to 16 and served as a tool for young athletes who aspire collegiate football. Campers were separated

into groups based on age and ability. Groups focused on skill development, intensity, enthusiasm, leadership and teamwork. The Easterwood One Day Football Camp is geared toward developing the total player both on and off the playing field. "When I think about being successful in football and in life, I think I have been blessed enough to have a few great characteristics such as work ethic and hunger. Growing up in Baltimore City, as a kid, we didn't have many celebrities or athletes we looked up to coming into the city to speak with us," said Joel Gamble. "This is why I want to focus on bringing successful athletes back into the city where it is needed for our youth to hear that they can become successful and be something special."

While at camp athletes learned to pay attention to detail, work hard and achieve and surpass goals. Easterwood One Day Free Football Camp not only gives athletes the best tools to be a better football player but athletes are also given the tools to be a better person.



Pi Omega Brothers serving kids and parents food at the Cookout after the Easterwood Free One Day Football Camp

Omega Baltimore Host Summer Camp for Kids





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Baltimore, MD. July 2017. The Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. held its Annual Easterwood Free Summer Camp for at Easterwood Recreation Center in the Troy Bailey Easterwood Park, from June to July 2017. Easterwood Recreation Center is managed and operated by the Omega Baltimore Foundation. The camp offered a variety of educational and recreational day camp for boys and girls ages 4 through 13. Led by energetic and enthusiastic staff who love working with kids, campers formed friendships and discovered the joy of learning new skills in a safe, supportive environment. Easterwood Recreation Center employed 10 community kids this sum-

mer through Baltimore Youthworks. Easterwood has been a Youthworks worksite for the past 4 years. Youthworks is Baltimore City's summer jobs program, which places young people ages 14-21 in six-week summer work experiences throughout Baltimore. Some work experience is devoted to career development and financial literacy activities. We employ community youth with their first real jobs. Omega Baltimore humbly thanks R. E. Harrington Plumbing, Inc., who sponsored the Free Summer Camp with a \$5,000 donation and True Deliverance Ministries for providing sponsorship and instruction.

Corridor IV Brothers Donate 3,000 Toothbrushes to Puerto Rico



*Corridor IV Brothers delivered 3,000 toothbrushes to be sent to Puerto Rico
Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown, 3rd from left*



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



Members Versus Men Revisited



Brother Qasim Rashad, 2nd District NAACP/CEF Chair

Brothers lets reread and recommit to what Bro. Walter Mazyck wrote in the Oracle in 1925 in its entirety. We should take the spirit of what he was driving to heart. Even then the challenges of men taking their oath to Omega seriously was a foreseeable issue. No one is saying our brothers who pledged as we all have are not brothers.

But brother Mazyck addressed members in real brotherhood. Not bucket list members who only show love and support one dimensionally. It's more to Omega than being a "good bruh". It's a commitment to all four cardinal principles, which include uplifting our fellow man and community. If we only see you at the "setowt" that's cool. But "friendship" as our motto is something you must demonstrate prior to pledging. Because we accept friends for who they are and at the level they participate. But

we accept friends for who they are and at the level they participate. But a good brother is not always a good member. And that is the essence of what Bro. Mazyck was driving. "If any chapter has reached the maximum in numbers for efficient work and brotherly cooperation..." Then stop making members.

Brothers lets stop conflating what is a good "member". It's comprehensive participation from the barbeque grill to the block captain meeting. Exhibiting Manhood, Scholarship Perseverance, and Uplift in your family, your houses of worship and your communities. Not who's Cat versus who's Owt". Don't for a second think because you demonstrate a character trait we refer to as "owt" while you have no good work or pay no dues you're better than other Omegas. Would you go to work and say, "I'm going do the accounting but not record it?" Or tell your wife, "I'll mow the lawn but not take out the trash?" You can't be half an employee or half a husband then claim you're complete.

And what does your boss or wife do when they've had enough? You can't pledge hard then not do work and claim you're a whole brother. Just like you can't pursue your wife or the job you always wanted and then kick back once you got them.

We need to stop this, "I pledged right and I don't owe the frat anything but I am entitled to all the privileges and benefits there in" mindset.

Where on Earth do they do this? Omega is not a country club. But if it were you'd have annual dues and responsibilities as a part of membership! If you haven't paid your dues or volunteered your service you ain't a good member of this Fraternity. That doesn't make you a terrible brother if you still exemplify the cards. That just means you're a good Bruh and maybe a good friend. But a good member you are not because a good member is all encompassing. And that not only includes your character but your dues and service. So please stop meshing "good brother" with good "member". There are many who are both and many who are one or the other and as we know many more who don't measure up to either. #8>80 Long live the legacy of Bro. Walter Mazyck!

*Brother Qasim Rashad
2nd District NAACP/CEF Chair*





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Love is Stronger Than Hate



Brother Rev. Terris King, Sr.

Marriages are supposedly made in heaven. Our partnership was something only God could have brought together: an African-American Baptist Pastor from the Liberty Grace Church in Baltimore's Ashburton neighborhood, and a White Orthodox Jewish Rabbi from Pikesville in Baltimore County, but together we are one as God's children and advocates.

When we met, we saw each other spiritually and knew we could help each other grow as faith leaders and as human beings. Since our first meeting a year ago, we have addressed each other's congregations, and we are working together as one to help heal, empower and sensitize our communities to our common interest and values. Most recently, we have shared our pain and agony over the shameless loss of Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, Va., which was heightened by the remarks of our country's president.

In the aftermath of Charlottesville, Jewish citizens and African Americans once again are facing the common bond of bigotry. The timing could not be better to build a stronger bridge between the leaders, congregations and communities of our two groups.

We must unite our voices to proclaim that love is stronger than hate and use this moment as an opportunity to come together. Intolerance to racism and bigotry should be a common tenet for any religious community. Baltimore is our city regardless of which side of Northern Parkway you live on while traveling on Park Heights. The differences between Randallstown and Pikesville should not stop us from focusing on common goals.

The relationship between us may serve as a model for what the city and nation desperately need collaboration and hope.

It has been said that one is either part of the solution or part of the problem. Sadly, tragically, we have learned from Charlottesville that our president is part of the problem. It is the responsibility of all of us to be part of the solution. We applaud our governor and mayor for having the courage to be part of the solution in removing the symbols of oppression that divide us. Now it's up to the rest of us.

The two of us have learned from each other how much we share in common, most especially the moral clarity expressed by the prophet Micah: "Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?"

Brother Rev. Terris King, Sr. and Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg

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Member of Pi Omega Chapter, Initiated 1980 Iota Epsilon*

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Dean of the Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School in Pikesville, MD*





What's On the Minds of Omega Men Opinion/Editorial Section



Four Quadrants of Omega Participation



Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel

For all Omega men, the number four has special meaning. Four Founders, Four Cardinal Principles, Four knocks on the door, five times Four pearls, Four Candles, etc. The chart below further symbolizes the significance of the number Four. The Four quadrants of Omega Participation is an easy to use chart that identifies what I think are the four different ways in which Brothers are engaged with the Fraternity. Brothers are not necessarily permanently relegated to any particular quadrant; but rather a Brother can and often does move between particular quadrants as their life evolves and matures. Not only does the chart provide an individual Brother with some honest introspection, it can also assist the Chapter's Reclamation and Retention committees to implement specific programs and strategies to assist Brothers in each respective quadrant to stay engaged and/or to become re-engaged with Omega.

*Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel, Former Basileus
Delta Upsilon Chapter*

FA (Financial and Active)

A Brother in this quadrant is someone who is thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit. He attends meetings, sits on and chairs committees, pays yearly dues, participates in most of the chapter events/activities. He is typically engaged and sees his participation in Omega to be both an opportunity to serve others and also embraces the true value of having a true Friend.

FI (Financial and Inactive)

A Brother in this quadrant stays in the background, wishing to do little work for the Fraternity but will buy a ticket and regularly attends/shows up at Fraternity sponsored events and meetings. He is easily recognizable at Fraternity events but rarely offers any support or assistance to see that the event/program is a success.

NA (Non-Financial and Active)

A Brother in this quadrant is typically someone who works for and is involved in Fraternity activities but because of personal financial limitations is unable to pay dues or attend paid events. This Brother can be counted on to provide sweat equity to ensure that the Fraternity program/event is successful. This Brother rarely holds any official leadership position within the chapter but may be sought out for advice and support.

NI (Non-financial and Inactive)

This Brother no longer sees the Fraternity as an integral and/or relevant part of their life. He could care less as to what is happening with the Fraternity. He rarely, if ever lets anyone know that he is a member of the Fraternity nor does he show up at Fraternity events. His only interaction with the Fraternity is on the occasion when he may find himself in the company of other Brothers in a public place.

When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



Brother Garth D. Partee - Omega Chapter



Brother Garth D. Partee

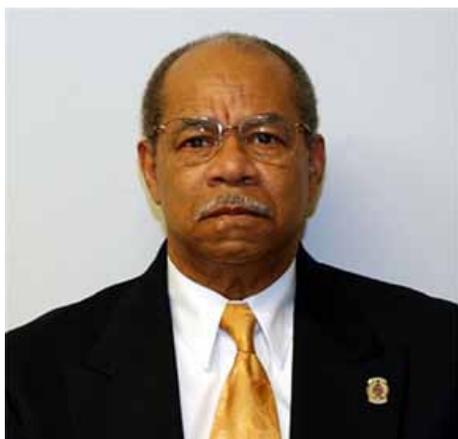
Queens, NY. Brother Garth Darryl Partee passed away suddenly on Monday, July 24, 2017, in Bartonville, PA. He was born November 29, 1954, in East Meadow, New York to Ella Harold Partee and Willie Leroy Partee. Garth attended Hempstead High School and then studied at Central State University in 1976. He was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1979 with Nu Omicron Chapter in Queens, New York. After relocating to Pennsylvania in 2004, he became a member with the Omega Xi chapter and served as the Keeper of Finance. In 2013, he became 1 of 12 charter members of the Alpha Mu Nu chapter where he served as chairman of the Pocono Scholarship and Outreach Foundation for four years. During his time as chairman, he spearheaded a golf fundraiser for the Jason L. Simpson Scholarship Fund. In 2014, Brother Garth aided as a mentor for the Membership Selection Program, and received the Alpha Mu Nu appreciation award for his outstanding service in 2016. Most recently, Brother Garth assisted on the executive committee as the Keeper of Peace, and his final role was the Editor to the Oracle.



Brother Garth D. Partee

Brother LeRoi M. Banks Omega Chapter

Princeton, NJ. Bro. LeRoi Mitchell Banks, age 87, transitioned to Omega Chapter on May 12, 2017. He was born in Bordentown, NJ and was a resident of the community for 80 years. He attended McFarlane High School, Bordentown, NJ and Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ. LeRoi was employed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Purchasing, and was the Owner and Broker of Roi Realty. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Delta Upsilon Chapter on August 5, 1961 and served the chapter for over 50 years



Brother Alwin W. Collins

Brother Alwin W. Collins Omega Chapter

Japan. He was initiated into our beloved Fraternity on June 17, 1971 via Nu Omega Graduate Chapter in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1968, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Eastern Michigan University. He worked at the Veteran Administration Hospital and Food & Drug Administration in Detroit, MI. In 1976, he was transferred to FDA in Rockville, MD where he retired in 1999.

Upon moving to Columbia, Maryland, he became an active member of the Tau Pi Graduate Chapter. He served as a board member on the Tau Pi Foundation; Chairman of the Mentoring Committee; and Chairman of the Christmas in July program held at the Florence Bain Senior Center for Howard County senior residents. He also served on the Gospel Concert committee.

Bro. Collins was a man of God serving as an Usher and Deacon at the First Baptist of Guilford in Columbia, MD.

Bro. Collins is survived by his wife Marie, son Omega Brother Alaric, and Bryan. He also leaves to cherish a host of grandchildren, in-laws and friends.

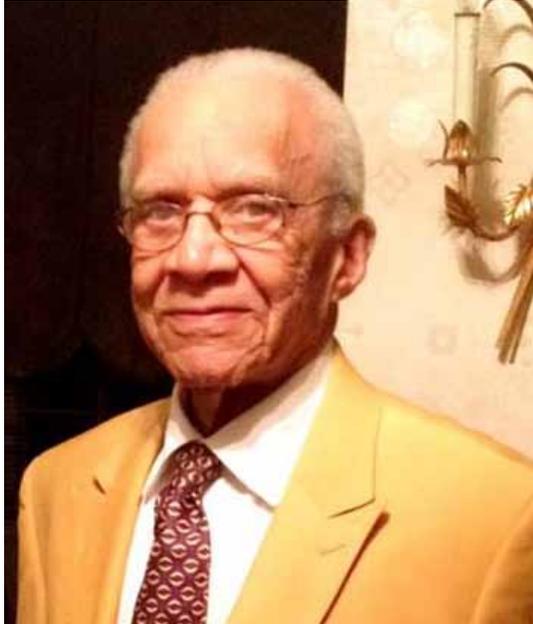
Columbia, MD. Brother Alwin W. Collins transitioned to Omega Chapter on July 2, 2017. He was born February 2, 1937 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. After graduating from Ypsilanti Public School System, he enlisted in the Air Force and served four years as a base police officer in Oklahoma and

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Brother Clarence Arthur Eubanks - Omega Chapter



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Montgomery County, MD. Bro. Clarence Arthur Eubanks, known to his family and friends as “C. Arthur,” entered OMEGA Chapter on Friday, February 17, 2017. He was committed to service and community uplift in many ways, including having volunteered countless hours of planning and execution for Omega and Mu Nu Chapter.

Bro. Eubanks was initiated through Mu Psi Chapter (North Carolina A&T University) in May 1949. His Omega Life was marked by a long history of leadership and service that included such outstanding accomplishments and contributions through Mu Nu Chapter as having been elected as the Chapter Reporter and then the Basileus from 1990 to 1992. He also served as chairman for several years for such key chapter committees as Talent Hunt, Political Action, and Social Action. He also served as the Second District Assault on Illiteracy Chairman in 1987. He was recognized as a 3-time Mu Nu Chapter Omega Man of the Year for 1983, 1988 and 1989, as a 3-time Superior Service Awardee for 1990, 1991 and 1996, and also as a Founders Awardee in 1995.

One of Bro. Eubank’s most significant accomplishments and contributions to Omega and Mu Nu Chapter was his role as a founding member of Mu Nu Chapter’s signature program, the “Saturday School” tutoring and mentoring program, which was formed in 1986. With the support of Bro. Eubanks, the Saturday School has had sustained success in the county for more than 30 years and grew to be known as the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. (GBTLA) – named for its principal founder and close friend of C. Arthur’s – as Saturday School regularly serves more than 2,500 students county-wide at 12 centers. Bro. Eubanks founded the Mu Nu Chapter annual golf tournament in 1988, which has since grown to become the signature fundraising event for GBTLA.

Bro. Eubanks received his Omega 40-year Service Pin at the 66th Grand Conclave in 1990. He also received a community leadership award in 2000 from the Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for having blazed new trails in education; the Bernie Scholarship Awards Program Community Service Award in 2009 for his contributions as a dedicated education volunteer; and, a certificate of acknowledgement in 2010 for 24 years of service as the Vice President and Program Assistant to GBTLA.

Brother Dr. Robert G. Canada- Omega Chapter



Brother Dr. Robert G. Canada

Columbia, MD. Brother Robert G. Canada transitioned to Omega Chapter on June 18, 2017. He was born July 19, 1949 in East Lansing, Michigan. In 1972, Bro. Canada received a B.S. in Physical Science from Michigan State University. In 1976, he received a Master’s Degree in Biophysics and in 1979 his Doctorate.

While at Michigan State, in the Fall of 1968 he was initiated into Sigma Chapter.

Bro. Canada worked as a staff fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. In 1984, he joined the faculty of Howard University, College of Medicine. Later he was promoted to full professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. During his 33 years at Howard, he literally lived in the laboratory researching ways to eradicate cancer. He published numerous peer reviewed research articles.

Bro. Canada leaves behind to cherish his memories, his loving wife Mabel, three sons plus a host of grandchildren, in-laws, family members, and colleagues.

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Brother Thomas Jesse Brown- Omega Chapter



Brother Thomas Jesse Brown

Educated in the Caroline County, Maryland Public school System, he graduated Valedictorian in June 1951 from Lockerman High School. He received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Morgan State College, now University; Masters of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Masters of Science Degree in Educational Administration, both from Morgan. Initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., while at Morgan, through Pi Chapter in 1952, upon graduation Brother Brown became a member of Pi Omega Chapter, in Baltimore; serving on numerous committees, including the Que Mentors and he volunteered mentoring youth with the Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. at Easterwood Recreation Center.

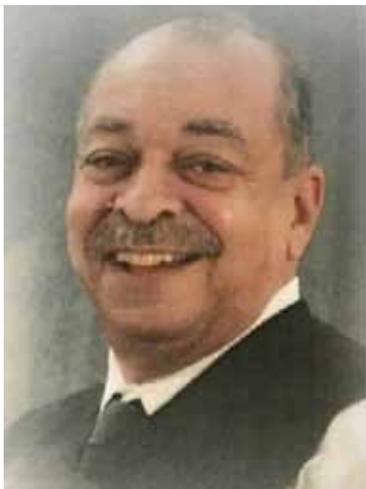
An author who enjoyed writing, Brother Brown authored the following books: *Toward a Rebirth of Common Sense in Education* 1996; *Lessons Learned from the Gullah experience* 1998; *Parenting Behaviors that Promote School Success* 1998, *Providing the Home Court Advantage in the Classroom-A Resource for Teachers* 1998; *Ten Commandment for Success in Teaching* 1998; and *Teaching the Poor and Children of Color* 1999. He has edited many books, two best sellers include: *Roland Hayes; The Legacy of an American Tenor* (2015 best seller) and *I Never Walked Alone: The Autobiography of an Masters of Science Degree in Educational Administration American Singer* (2003) best seller).

As a favorite pastime, Brother Brown enjoyed traveling to six continents. In Asia, he visited Bangkok, Hong Kong, Mainland China and Singapore; in North America, Bahamas, Canada, all the states including Alaska and Hawaii, in South America, Brazil South Pacific and Tahiti; in Europe, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Lichtenstein, Spain, and St. Petersburg; in Australia, the Mainland and New Zealand. He felt Antarctica was too cold.

Cherishing his memories are his wife, of 56 years, Mrs. Joyce Brooks Brown; daughter, Glynis Brown; son, Brother Daryl Brooks and a host of family and friends

Baltimore, MD. Brother Thomas Jesse Brown, born June 3, 1933 transitioned to Omega Chapter on April 7, 2017. Brother Brown was the consummate professional educator, author and world traveler. A United States Army Veteran, professionally, he served the Baltimore City Public School System as a Teacher and Vice Principle; and Howard County Public School System as a Middle School Principle. Credited for establishing a Mentoring Program for disadvantaged boys; Brother Brown was and Educational Consultant for the Little Red Schoolhouse and Charter Schools in Washington, DC; Dover, DE; and Philadelphia, PA.

Brother Frederick C. Jackson - Omega Chapter



Brother Frederick C. Jackson

Willingboro, NJ. Brother Frederick Chatman Jackson Sr. entered Omega chapter on Thursday July 20, 2017. He was initiated into Omega through Phi Psi chapter in 1969, while attending Langston College (i.e. now University). He graduated from Langston College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical education.

Bro. Jackson worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 30 years, at the Cornwall Heights Juvenile Center as counselor, retiring as a Training Supervisor. After retirement he worked part-time for the Burlington County Institute of Technology.

Bro. Jackson a Christian has been a member of Christ the King church in Willingboro, NJ since 1977. He also has been an active member of Nu Nu chapter in Willingboro, NJ for many years.

Bro. Jackson leaves to cherish is memories his wife, Judy, sons Rodney Jackson, Frederick Jackson Jr.; daughters Jada Jackson , Jenee Murry; grandchildren Rodney F., Rodney M., Rodre, Ronisha, Ryan, David, Jackson, Jaden, Jeremiah, Judiana, and Raylyn; his sister Rochelle Queenye James, and a host of relatives and friends.

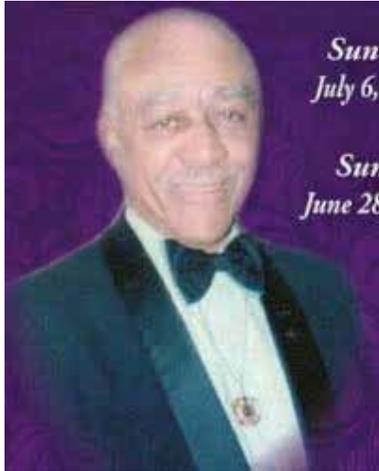
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Brother Prince Albert Erwin - Omega Chapter



Brother Prince Albert Erwin, Jr.

Philadelphia, PA. Bro. Prince Albert Erwin Jr. was born July 6, 1921 and entered Omega Chapter on Wednesday June 28, 2017. Bro. Erwin was initiated in November 1940 at Johnson C. Smith University (Rho Chapter) and is Life Member #55. There, he earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Social Studies. Upon graduation, Bro. Erwin entered government service as a clerk at the War Department in Washington, D.C. He furthered his career by working as a private investigator in New York City while auditioning for jazz bands as a singer. Bro. Erwin moved back to his native Gastonia, NC where he worked as a DJ at radio station WLTC being one of the first African-American DJ's south of Washington, D.C. After some time, Bro. Erwin settled in Philadelphia, PA and joined the local graduate chapter, Mu Omega. He served as Basileus of Mu Omega chapter from 1968-1969 and was active on numerous committees. During his tenure, he brought the "big bands" of that day to play the Mu Omega Mardi Gras, both Duke Ellington and Lloyd Price, respectively. A true Omega icon that walked and talked with the Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. the Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter will forever miss their "Prince".



Brother Stanley Davis- Omega Chapter



Brother Stanley Davis

Trenton, NJ. Bro. Stanley "Stan" Davis was called to his heavenly home on April 19, 2017. He was a loving husband, devoted father and cherished son. Born in Cleveland, MS, on Sept. 18, 1954, Brother Davis spent his later childhood in Bayonne and Jersey City, NJ. Stan was the oldest of 11

children born to the late Dorothy Thomas. Stan graduated from Snyder High School, Jersey City, where he was a talented baseball player, which earned him an athletic scholarship to Tri-State University in Angola, IN. He later transferred to and graduated from Glassboro State College, now known as Rowan University where he was initiated into the sacred fold of Omega at the Tau Beta Chapter in 1975. Stan began his professional career at the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton. He was also employed by The Trenton Times and the Educational Testing Service (ETS) before joining the Johnson and Johnson Family of Companies. He worked for the following divisions: Personal Products, IOLAB Site Microsurgical, Baby Products, Janssen and Ortho McNeil. He ascended to the position of human resource director before his retirement in 2009. He founded Pro Consulting Group, a consulting firm specializing in solutions that provide companies a competitive advantage, optimizing human capital in the workplace. Stan joined Delta Upsilon Chapter in the early 80s and was most recently the chairperson of the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation and its Golf Committee Chairperson. Through his work both inside and outside of the chapter, hundreds of high school students received scholarships to further their educational pursuits. Brother Davis is survived by his college sweetheart and wife Zeldia Flood (AKA) of 36 years and two children Kyle Jarell (Omega Psi Phi) and Lauren Nicole.

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Brother John Thurman Campbell - Omega Chapter



Brother John Thurman Campbell

Trenton, NJ. Brother John Thurman Campbell entered Omega Chapter at home surrounded by family in March 2017. Born in Norlina, NC, John was educated in the Warren County public school system. John was an active member of the Delta Upsilon Chapter, Trenton, NJ. He moved to Trenton at 16 years old and completed the remainder of his formal education in the Trenton public school system. John served active duty in the United States Armed Forces (Army) from 1965 to 1967 and was honor-

ably discharged from the Army Reserve in 1971. He received an associate in applied science from Mercer County Community College in 1974 and then an associate in funeral science from American Academy McAllister Institute in New York, NY, in 1976. John continued his education at Kean College of New Jersey (now Kean University) in Union, NJ, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance in 1976. John's interest in funeral service blossomed during his teenage years while hanging around and undertaking odd jobs in a Norlina funeral home. In 1976, he became a licensed funeral director in the State of New Jersey (Pennsylvania in 1991). He was a driven entrepreneur and worked tirelessly to serve his local community. John, with the loyal help of his wife, pursued his ultimate dream by opening the doors of Campbell Funeral Chapel on May 23, 1982. It brought him pure joy to serve as a funeral director for nearly 35 years to so many remarkable families. John was a longtime member of Friendship Baptist Church in Trenton, NJ. He was also a member of the following organizations: National Funeral Directors Association; New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association; Garden State Funeral Directors Association; American Legion Mitchell A. Davis Post No. 182; Pride of Trenton No. 1118; and King David Lodge No. 15 F.&A.M.-P.H.A. John proudly served on the Mercer County Community College Advisory Board for Funeral Service. He leaves to cherish fond memories, his loving and devoted wife of 45 years, Elouise (Dee) Finch-Campbell; mother, Leola Campbell of Norlina, NC; daughters, Candance Campbell of Pine Hill, NJ; Sheree Campbell of Trenton, NJ, and Priscilla (Vernon) Brim of Burlington, NJ; and sons, Donnie (Joanne) Jones of Newark, NJ; Dennis Campbell of Reading, PA; and Bobbie (Shelly) Jones of Trenton, NJ.

Brother Gary Dean Grey - Omega Chapter



Brother Gary Dean Grey

Hamilton Township, NJ. Bro. Gary Dean Gray Sr. entered Omega Chapter on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, surrounded by his family. Born in Trenton, NJ, Gary was a lifelong resident of Hamilton Township, NJ. He was a graduate of Hamilton High West, Delaware State University and Rider University. Gary was an educator for 34 years in the Hamilton Township School System. Bro. Gray was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Delaware State University through the Psi Epsilon Chapter in 1965 and after returning to Trenton, served the Delta Upsilon Chapter in a number of capacities including the KRS, Earl F. Phillips Legacy Breakfast Chairperson, and an active participant on the Reclamation and Retention committee. Bro. Gray was a Trustee at the First Baptist Church of Pennington, founding member of the Excellence Through Education (ETE) organization, and a board member of the J.O. Wilson Neighborhood Center. Additionally, Gary was a member of various educational and professional organizations. Gary was predeceased by his mother, Cleora Burrell, his father, Ernest "Ducky" Byard, his adopted parents, Norfleet and Adeline Gray and sister, Shelia Vaughn. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, June, his son, Gary "Dean" Gray Jr. and wife, Erica, and his daughter, Heather Gray-Stout and husband, Attuti; grandchildren, Nadia and Naomi Gray and Layla, Grayson and Sydney.

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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	Bethea	Canaan
2	16	Pi	Egiefameh	Andrew
2	16	Pi	Jones	Brandon
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	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	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Mayo	Claude
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl

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



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