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District Representatives Message

ing. With all that being said, our fraternity is as strong as its members. Each corridor, chapter and brother has to play a part in our growth and development. We all have to be willing to put forth the efforts that it takes to make a positive impact on our communities and our nation. Omega men, we need your support, we need every brother of Omega to act well there part, holding Omega up to the world as a shining light.

Omega is very close to embarking on 100 years of existence. In three (3) years, we will celebrate our centennial anniversary. We have a lot of work to do to make the next three years of Omega's existence as significant as its last 97. Over the next three years, we are going to have to adopt some of the same strategies as we have seen throughout this political campaign in order to make that existence significant. Please come out and join the Second District leadership team at our fall council meeting, November 8th in Brooklyn, New York. The team is planning to share the work that is taking place right now to move Omega forward in that significant manner.

My Brothers,

It is a pleasure and honor for me to serve as your 31st Second District Representative. It is truly a labor of love. Over the past six (6) months, I, along with your District Council, have been working diligently to develop programs, institute new and creative ideas, set measurable goals and establish positive working relationships with other districts throughout the fraternity. The response thus far has been positive and the potential of the Second District looks promis-

As I sit here, writing this letter, on the eve of this historical election in the USA. I cannot help but to reflect on the theme of "CHANGE" and all that it has meant through out this political campaign. One thing that keeps going through my mind is that an organization can, with the right strategy, maintain a positive image, mobilize the masses, inspire the uninspired, create enthusiasm, generate hope and raise an enormous revenue stream through several small donations. We are seeing record numbers of African American voters turning out to the polls, there are more youth involved, interested and actively participating in the process. It is truly a time to remember.

Brothers in closing, let us look forward to the cause of Omega and let us always remember that Friendship is Essential to the Soul!

Fraternally

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Second District Representative

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Frank "Tick" Coleman Leads Effort to Bring Football Back to Lincoln U.



Bro. Frank "Tick" Coleman

When Lincoln University thought about bringing football back after nearly 50 years, Frank "Tick" Coleman, a member of the school's class of 1935, was one of its biggest supporters. At 96, Coleman is one of Lincoln's oldest alums. He also played football for the historically black college in Lincoln University, Penn., about 50 miles outside Philadelphia. Coleman, now a well-known community leader in Philadelphia, played quarterback for the Lions from 1931 to 1935. Other notables who played football for Lincoln include Hall of Fame baseball player Monte Irvin, who played in 1939, and Robert "Whirlwind" Johnson, also known as the godfather of black tennis, who played in 1924. And although it's been 73 years since Coleman put on a uniform, he still remembers the glory days of wearing the orange and blue.

"College football brought a lot of enthusiasm to the campus," Coleman said. "The Lincoln-Howard game was a real black college football classic. Everybody looked forward to that game. It was a big rivalry. There were some great players who played during that time. We had some big crowds at the games. It's good to see all that excitement coming back."

Lincoln will revive its program after 48 years on Aug. 30 against George Mason. The Lions haven't suited up

since their 1960 matchup with Virginia Union. In 1912, Lincoln was one of the founding members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the oldest black college conference in the country. The team's all-time record is 163-166-7, according to the school. It won CIAA championships in 1918, 1919 and 1924.

"We'll be playing a Division II schedule," Coleman said. "It will take us a while to get to that level. But the potential is there. We're playing a lot of CIAA schools like Fayetteville State, Virginia State, Shaw University and others. They have a lot of graduates in the Philadelphia area.

"This is going to help increase student enrollment. It will create opportunities for our student-athletes. In addition to football, we'll have a marching band. It's just a great thing for the university as well as the alumni." Coleman grew up in blue-collar South Philadelphia in the 1920s. In middle school, he joined the Boy Scouts and gradually climbed the ladder in the scouting organization to the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the most outstanding honor in scouting. He is currently one of the oldest Eagle Scouts in the nation.

Coleman used sports, community service and education to make a better life for himself, as well as others. After graduating from Lincoln University in 1935 and receiving a master's degree from the Penn School of Social Work in 1959, Coleman spent 32 years as an educator for the School District of Philadelphia. After retiring in 1981, he participated in a number of Lincoln University functions -- such as homecoming, sports banquets, alumni weekends and graduations -- leading the singing of the school's alma mater at many of them. Coleman served as director of alumni relations at Lincoln from 1981 to 1988 and also spent 10 years as an alumni representative on Lincoln's board of trustees.

"He has been a strong representative of Lincoln University for many, many years," said Ivory Nelson, president of Lincoln University. "He's been a supporter of the university. He does everything to assist

students in coming to the university. We call him 'Mr. Lincoln.'"

Coleman is widely recognized as one of the school's most prestigious alumni.

For the past six years, the alumni have hosted the annual Dr. Frank "Tick" Coleman Awards Luncheon. The event celebrates outstanding alumni achievements and raises money for student scholarships.

"We have some great young people out here," Coleman said. "I think the kids have a lot of potential. Obviously, things are much different today than when I was coming up. But I've spent most of my life helping young people succeed. That gives me a lot of pleasure. I'm really proud of these kids who have gone to Lincoln.

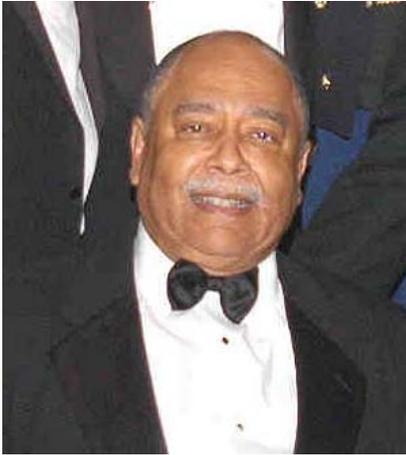
This will be a historic event. And when you talk about history, Coleman has been a real pioneer. He was the first black quarterback to play at Philadelphia's Central High School. He guided the team to two consecutive Philadelphia Public League championships (1929, '30).

Four years ago, Central High named him to the school's athletic honor roll for his achievements on the field. During the ceremony, he talked about his success at Central and about having the opportunity to play football at Lincoln. Coleman also offered words of encouragement and inspiration, and stressed the importance of going on to higher education to more than 150 students.

"He's really an amazing man," said O.J. Abanish, Lincoln's football coach. "He's very knowledgeable. He has a great memory. Dr. Coleman is a big part of the school's history. He played football here. He's given us a lot of support. He has done so much over the years."

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Ted Greer Elected Omega Life Membership Foundation Chairman



Brother Theodore N. Greer

At the last Omega Life Membership Foundation Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, Brother Ted Greer, the current Second Region Director, was elected **Chairman of the Board** of OLFM. Ted at the age of twenty three (LM242) along with his brothers the late Dr. Tee Stewart Greer Jr, William Floyd Greer and a cousin the late Crandell McLeod all became Life Members. The Second Region under his leadership continues to grow. During the leadership of the District Representative three years ago Gregg Ackles the Life Membership Meeting was expanded to the luncheon format to accommodate over 100 Brothers. Each year brothers were treated to outstanding speakers and meeting. The Second Region continues to grow with the great cooperation of the Second District Life Membership Committee which works very close with Brother Greer.

Ted's major goals and focus is to improve the relationship with our International leadership and to continue to give back to Omega Psi Phi thru grants and scholarships. He also wants to continue to grow the endowment,

through increase membership and fund raising programs.

Ted is originally from Miami, Florida. He attended public schools starting at Booker T. Washington High Nursery School and finishing at Miami Central High School. In 1962 Ted was one of six students to integrate public high schools in the state of Florida. At Miami Central he was an outstanding scholar, athlete and student leader. After graduation he attended Lowell Technological Institute (now University of Massachusetts – Lowell). In 1969 he became only the second Black in the United States to receive a Degree in Plastics Engineering.

In the spring of 1967 he was initiated into Gamma Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts, ironically the same night as his best friend from Miami, John Marks, who was on the charter line at Florida State and the current mayor of Tallahassee, Florida. In his senior year Ted became the Basileus of Gamma Chapter, becoming apart of a family legacy where his brother Tee was Basileus of Psi chapter at Morehouse and his brother William Floyd was Basileus of Rho Psi Chapter at Tennessee State. Ted also served as Basileus of Nu Upsilon in Wilmington and Iota Xi in New York.

In 1975 Brother Greer became the youngest District Representative in the history of the Second District. While on the Supreme Council he proposed and engineered a program to have chapters represented at the conclave according to membership size. He also drove to have the talent Hunt to include other categories other than classical music (the second District pio-

neered this idea). As District Representative he expanded the Corridor Representatives to have Deputy Corridor Representative. During his two years as District Representative he chartered a great amount of undergraduate chapters in Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

More than twenty years ago, Brother Greer was one of twelve brothers who were charter members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Credit Union. The credit union was started with a \$5000 investment deposit by the Second District. Ted spent many years and continues to serve on the Board of the Credit Union. Ted has been Chairman of the Board and marketing chairman where he created "Loans for Life" a program where brothers could obtain their Life Memberships immediately by borrowing the fee from the Credit Union.

Ted had a very successful 32 year career with the DuPont Company working in a variety of Sales and Marketing Positions in Wilmington, Chicago, New York and Toronto. Currently he is a Sales Manager with American Income Life the world's largest provider of benefits to labor Unions, Credit Union and Association families.

Bother Greer has two daughters Dr. Florencia Greer- Polite and Dr. Christina Greer-Roberts. Florencia is an OBGyn in New York City, and Christina is a Political Science Professor at Smith College and will teach at Fordham University in 2009. He also has a two year old granddaughter Gabrielle Lynn Polite in New York.

60th Second District Conference A Mighty Success As Leadership Baton Passed On To New Team

They came from all over the five-state Mighty Second District: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and they came by every mode of transportation except boat. Some came by car, some by rail, and some even came in by bus for the always anticipated Second District Conference.

Atlantic City is known as the Las Vegas of the East – a town for high rollers looking for instant wealth at the card and craps tables. Atlantic City is the place for people who like to put it on the line and place a bet that something exciting will happen. But for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Mighty Second District, Atlantic City was nothing less than a sure bet of success for the Men of the Second District of Omega who, during May 1-4, converged on the city for the 60th Annual District Conference, affectionately labeled, "The Business of Omega ... by the sea." Upsilon Alpha chapter hosted the conference and made the Second District proud with a very organized and well-planned meeting. It was a great event.

At the end of the four-day session held at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel, Second District Representative Marvin C. Dillard pronounced the District meeting a rousing success. It was a proud time to look back at a year of great progress and an exciting time to envision the trail to the future with an aggressive new agenda for the Second District. Among the many Second District victories pointed out by Bro. DR Dillard was Mu Omega's (Philadelphia) successful hosting of the Omega Lead-

ership Conference during the summer. It was the most well-attended leadership conference to date.

The 60th Second District Conference also marked a changing of the guard for the Second District as the venerable Brother Dillard and his administration passed the baton, after two successful terms, to James "Scrappy" Jordan and a new leadership team. Even the weather was great and cooperative with the Second District Ques – every single day of the conference was sunny and warm, aiding Brothers' golf games.

From the newest-made members of the Fraternity to some of Omega's longest-serving and most distinguished members, like 28th Grand Basileus and Second District icon Brother James Avery, Sr., the 60th District Conference showed why the Mighty Second District represents the best of the Fraternity and what is so special about Omega Psi Phi.

The conference featured a robust business agenda. In addition to Omega's traditional business of committee reports, social action and election of officers, topics included economic development, economic empowerment, health and wellness, Bible study and personal development. As always, the March Down and the District talent show left conference-goers spellbound. As for Omega's business, all of the members of the Supreme Council were also in attendance, including Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee, Jr., who addressed the gathering in the earlygoing.

The District Conference also provided an opportunity for Brothers of the Second District to greet the new leadership team for the upcoming Fraternity year.

In addition to Bro. Jordan, elected as the new District Representative, other members of the new administration are: Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers, First Vice District Representative; Bro. Christopher Banks, Second Vice District Representative; Bro. Milton Harrison, District Keeper of Records & Seal; Bro. James E. Hicks, Jr., District Keep of Finance; Bro. Bertrand Harry, District Counselor; Bro. Christopher Curry, District Chaplain; Bro. Zanes E. Cypress, Jr., District Director of Public Relations; Bro. Alan Junius, Assistant District Keeper of Records & Seal; Bro. Keith Clark, Assistant District keeper of Finance; Bro. Steven Schmidt, District Marshal; Bro. Ernest Cheatham, District Keeper of Peace; and Bro. George T. Smith, Sr.; District Photographer. Some of these Brothers are holdovers from previous service.

Several awards were presented during the Founder's Banquet on Saturday, May 3. Among those honored was Gamma Pi chapter's (Prince George's County, Md.) Bro. Roland Byrd, who restarted and currently heads the chapter's very successful Project ENRICH college preparatory program. He was honored with the Second District Founder's Award. At the chapter level, Epsilon chapter of New York was named Second District Graduate Chapter of the Year.

Already, Brothers are looking ahead to next year's 61st District Conference, scheduled for May 1-3, 2009 in White Plains, New York.

District Talent Hunt Competition "By The Sea"

The 2008 Second District Conference was held May 1-4, 2008, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. As expected, the conference was exceptional and attended by more than 600 brothers of the 2nd District, as well as brothers from other districts and guests. However, the undisputable highlight of the conference was the Talent Hunt Competition held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

It was approximately 1:30 p.m., when 21 high schools students, representing 19 chapters of the 2nd District, were greeted with resounding applause as they entered the theatre-style ballroom. As with many performers, these "artists" were nervous, but once they stepped onto the stage, a metamorphosis occurred!

The opening performance was a "poppin" dance routine to the music of Omarion. Subsequently, the young performers engaged the

audience with contemporary performances on the saxophone, xylophone, and piano. Classical performances were played on the piano and violin, as well as with the human vocal instrument. Five of the young people displayed extraordinary vocal skills, singing popular tunes such as Listen and I Am Changing from the movie and Broadway versions of Dreamgirls. And, the Talent Hunt was not without "drama queens," all of whom performed with exceptional passion and riveting interpretations of dramatic monologues!

Before the performing aspect of the Talent Hunt came to a close, the two visual artists, both with very different styles of artistic acumen, were introduced and well-received by the audience of over 350 supporters.

At the end of the 2 ½ hour show, awards were presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. Mr. Steven Garri-

son, representing Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter in Maryland, was announced as the overall winner for his alto sax performance of the ever-popular hit, *And I Am Telling You* from Dreamgirls.

Again, our young people made us proud, and the 2nd District was excited to award more than \$5,000 in prize money!

If you missed the 2nd District Talent Hunt and would like to enjoy the wonderful experience, you may purchase a DVD for \$25 by contacting Bro. Carlton Lampkins at 302-283-0573. The DVD can be used by local chapters to promote your Talent Hunts!

Join us in Tarrytown, New York at the Westchester Marriott on Saturday, May 2, 2009, for our 61st Second District Conference Talent Hunt Competition!



2008 Second District Talent Hunt Contestants

Gamma Pi Health Fair and Blood Drive

African Americans are unfortunately found to be close to if not at the very bottom when it comes to many health indicators. From heart disease to stroke to cancer and diabetes, the statistics tell a story of tremendous disparities in health care quality and access and lower life expectancy when African American are compared to the general population. Seizing the reins in true Omega fashion, the Gamma Pi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity recently helped educate members of the Prince George's County community about the "keys to good health" during a Health Fair and Blood Drive held June 28.

The Charles R. Drew Memorial Health Fair and Blood Drive was held at the Columbia Park/Kentland Community Center in Landover. Hundreds of persons

from the local community showed up throughout the day to give blood at the on-site bloodmobile, and to take advantage of a variety of health screenings that checked for cholesterol, glucose, diabetes, stroke, vision and hypertension among other conditions. A number of people received HIV screenings. All of the conditions mentioned above impact African Americans more harshly than other populations.

"A lot of times, we take for granted that we have life. But if we keep doing what we're doing and not taking care of ourselves, it (life) can be a temporary condition," said Eddie Epps, a member of the chapter and co-chairman of the Social Action Committee which sponsored the blood drive and health fair. Chapter member Dr. Lester Miles also spearheaded the event.

A long list of community-based health advocates assisted Gamma Pi in conducting the health screenings. Those partner organizations included Landover Area Revitalization Coalition (LARC), Prince George's Health and Human Services, Bowie State University Community Outreach, Kentland Civic Association, Lions Club, Kentland Recreation Council, the Yoruba Alliance, Lifeline, Inc., the American Red Cross Blood Mobile, RTIP Foundation, Pfizer, Howard University Sickle Cell Center and Prince George's Hospice Care.

Gamma Pi was founded in Prince George's County in 1973 and was named Graduate Chapter of the Year for 2003, 2005 and 2006.

Lambda Gamma Gamma- Mentoring Adolescent Males at RICA

Cheltenham , Maryland - The brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma have proven to be very active in Prince George's county in support of the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA) of the Southern Maryland program. The RICA-Southern Maryland program is a coeducational multidisciplinary program for middle and high school adolescents with emotional problems and is one of the chapter's key social action programs. The program is family oriented and community-based. RICA focuses on the strengths and abilities of adolescents and their families serving adolescents from Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties in Maryland. Moreover, RICA helps young adults solve challenges in the home, in school and in their communities. The brothers of LGG hosts monthly sessions with the adolescent youth (young males between the ages of 12 and 17) to discuss issues such as de-

cision making, academics and scholarship, responsibility, men's health and job interview training among the many other topics designed to provide valuable information and **UPLIFT** of the young men.

The chapter's RICA committee, chaired by Bro. Antonio Ferguson recently coordinated a college campus visit to Bowie State University. Bro. Damon Wilson, assistant coach to the Bowie State Football Team, along with several players (including neophyte Bro. Joseph Embree, Epsilon Sigma 2008) coordinated the visit and discussed topics with the youth such as academic requirements, sports eligibility and campus life. The players emphasized that students must achieve a healthy balance in all aspects of college life and that maintaining academic standards in order to remain eligible to participate in athletic programs on the collegiate level is paramount. The students were given a tour of the campus and dined with the play-

ers and staff at lunch in the student cafeteria.

The chapter supported the RICA program for nearly a decade until the facility announced that it would be closing in June 2008 due to lack of funding from the state of Maryland. Bro. Ferguson states, "The program was positive in every aspect and provided a level of support that the youth in the program needed. The hosting forums and open floor discussions with the youth provided a conduit to communicate and to discover and isolate social and behavioral problems. It also provided them with hope and the opportunity to change their current behavior".

The chapter conducted its final sessions and forums in April and May discussing critical thinking and decision making. LGG is honored to have had the opportunity to give back to the community and to provide **UPLIFT** through the RICA program.



RICA students during the Bowie State University campus visit. (far left) Bro. Antonio Ferguson and Bro. Damon Wilson (far right) with RICA staff and several members of the BSU football team.

Lambda Gamma Gamma - Steps Up with Summer Youth Activities

Fort Meade, Maryland – The Capital Region Ques stepped up its youth-based activities during the summer of 2008 with several events that included a summer basketball league, the Washington Nationals and a visit to Six Flags.

In June 2008 the Bro Bleu Colquitt worked with the Prince George's County Branch of P.A.L. (Police Athletic League) to provide a safe basketball league and program for the youths and their parents to attend.

The league focuses on the community youth so as to get them involved in positive activities, assist other organizations in their programs and provide a safe haven for the participants.

In July, the "Young Entrepreneurs" were mentored in the area of entrepreneurship at the Suitland Fraternity Center. Bro Vroman Wright has taken the lead in providing numerous youth based activities in the community. Bro. Wright trained and mentored the children during the car wash, which raised over \$400.00.

On July 28th the league hosted a Youth Conference that was not only informative, but also needed to deal with some of the issues that plague our youths. 120 youths attend the event which took place at Parkdale HS in Riverdale, Md. The men of Purple and Gold are clearly making a difference in the Suitland community.

On Saturday August 2, 2008 LGG sponsored the "Kids Day at the Nationals" outing. Bro. Victor Gee lead the outing with help from over 30 brothers. Over 80 kids participated in the event. The youth activity is an attempt to expose underprivileged kids to aspects of society that they would not otherwise be exposed.

The committee created an atmosphere of fun and friendship between kids from different walks of life in the Washington metropolitan area. All 3 areas of Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter were represented, area 1 (Maryland) was represented by The Greater Mount Nebo Church, area 2 (Washington, DC) was represented by the James Creek Resident Council, Inc. housing projects which are within walking distance to the stadium, and area 3 (Northern Virginia) was represented by the Springfield Youth Club. LGG provided snacks, gold and



Bro. Victor Gee (kneeling center) and committee at "Kids Day at the Nationals" event



Bro. Reggie Woods with Kids from the "Kids Day at Six Flags" event.

royal purple bags, drinks and a souvenir T-Shirt. Seeing the fun that was had and the smiles on the faces of the kids will ensure that this will not be the last such activity with the Washington Nationals.

On Sunday August 10, 2008 LGG sponsored the Kids Day at Six Flags event. The theme for the outing was "Our Kids, Our future!" The coordinator of the activity, Bro. Reggie Woods, thanked the bros for supporting the endeavor.

The committee stepped up and fed over 150 kids in the typical LGG manner. Bro Woods gave personal thanks to Bro. Ronnie Winston, the co-chair for coordinating the timely acquisition of school supplies (book bags, notebooks, crayons, pencils, pencil boxes, erasers, loose leaf paper etc.). Bro. Stan King, the director of the Cardinal Girls Basketball Program participated with over 50 elementary and middle school aged girls. Bro Bleu Colquitt (Omega Gold Development Group) participated by sponsoring and transporting over 30 Suitland kids. Bro. Tommie Bennett coordinated the logistics for the T-

Shirts and was also a chaperon. Bro. Yahari Butler coordinated registration and served as a chaperon. Bro. Reggie Harris served as a chaperon and helped with registration. Bro. Dave Shelton, the chapter webmaster, provided the communications via website that kept the initiative moving forward. Bro. Sherman Charles, the guest speaker who provided a mandate for each brother in the chapter to participate in at least one youth based program. Bro. Robert Palmer helped with the various activities for entertaining the kids.

Bro. Woods stated that "This was the biggest turn out over the last 5 years". Basileus, Bro. Sherman Charles delivered a message to the children and parents regarding the signature community service activities sponsored by LGG and how we make a difference in our community, (i.e., \$30,000 in annual scholarships, Talent Hunt, Suitland Manor Project, Kids at Nationals and Kids Day Six Flags).

Pan Hellenic Council Greater New York Names Bro. Tom Wallace "Frater of the Year"

Sunday June 8, 2008, Brother Thomas Wallace of Kappa Omicron chapter, Harlem, N.Y. received the 2008 Frater of the year award from the Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York. This prestigious award was given to Brother Wallace because of outstanding community service, service to the Fraternity service and service to the Pan- Hellenic Council of Greater New York.

The award was presented to Brother Wallace at the Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York's Annual Founders Day and Scholarship Program at St. John's University, Marillac Auditorium. Attending the program were all the Greek letter organizations, community organizations and city government leaders. Approximately 300 guests attended the event.

The keynote speaker for the event was Second District Representative Brother James Jordan. District Representative Jordan spoke on the theme of this year's program "United in the 21st Century: Education, Health and Politics."



(l-r) Mr. Darryl Minor, Executive Board Member, Pan-Hellenic Council, Brother Thomas Wallace, Ms. Llewelyn T. Barton, Vice President, Pan-Hellenic Council.

2nd District and Mu Omega Honored by Red Cross & Sickle Cell

September 2008. In recognition of September being Sickle Cell Awareness Month, the American Red Cross, Penn-Jersey Blood Services Region is honoring Dr. Charles Drew and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, 2nd District.

Over a span of several years, all chapters of the fraternity have conducted blood drives in conjunction with the American Red Cross to honor Dr. Charles Drew's birthday.

The Penn-Jersey Region has been dedicated to increasing the blood donations in the Black community to support Sickle Cell patients' blood transfusion needs. Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that causes lung tissue and organ damage, strokes and terrible pain.

People with Sickle Cell Disease have red blood cells that are stiff and distorted in shape (like a sickle) and sometimes block small blood vessels. It is

estimated that over 70,000 Americans have the disease. Ninety percent of all Sickle Cell Disease patients in the United States occur in people of African Decent. There is no cure for Sickle Cell Disease, however we can manage the disease effectively through blood transfusions.

Since 1997, the Penn-Jersey Region has had a Sickle Cell Donor program where African American or Black blood donors are asked to designate their blood donation to patients with Sickle Cell Disease with a "Blue Tag".

Within the Penn-Jersey Mu Omega (Philadelphia, PA), Epsilon Pi (Chester, PA) and Zeta Iota Iota (Oxford, PA), has assisted the American Red Cross and Sickle Cell Anemia Association in accomplishing their mission of providing life saving blood products to patients in particular those with Sickle Cell Disease by collecting over 500 units of blood.

In honor of the chapters accomplishments, the organizations presented the 2nd District and each chapter with the inaugural American Red Cross Penn-Jersey Region Sickle Cell Program Partnership Award.

Accepting the awards were Brother James "Scrappy" Jordan, 2nd District Representative, Brothers Alan W. Junius, Basileus and Steven C. Oakman, 2nd Vice Basileus and Blood Drive Chairman, Mu Omega Chapter, Brothers Keith Beauford and Lamont Hall, Epsilon Pi Chapter and Brothers Zachary Rollins, Basileus and Masai Skief, Social Action Chairman, Zeta Iota Iota Chapter



Pi Omega Basileus gives Keynote Address at Baltimore Polytechnic Graduation

On Sunday 1 June 2008, Brother D. Danard Smith was the keynote speaker for the 2008 graduation of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. Brother Smith, the Immediate Past Basileus of Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore, Maryland, was a member of the graduating Class of 1975. Brother Smith's remarks challenged the Class of 2008 to think beyond conventional wisdom and challenge the laws of science to create a new and better world for all mankind. Over 98% of the graduating class of 278 will continue their education at some of our nation's top schools: M.I.T., Morgan State, Johns Hopkins and Morehouse to name a few. A school record of over \$21,000,000.00 in scholarships was awarded the class of 2008.

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1883 when Joshua Plaskitt petitioned the Baltimore City authori-



Bro. Danard Smith gives Keynote Address to Baltimore Polytechnic Graduates

ties to establish an engineering school. Today, Poly offers Baltimore students an excellent college preparatory program that continues to emphasize engineering, science, technology, and mathematics.



Baltimore Polytechnic Principle, Bro. Dr. Barney Wilson moderates the Graduation Ceremony

The current principal, Brother Dr. Barney J. Wilson, Class of 1976, is the fourth Poly graduate and the first African American to lead the school.

Pi Omega Community Partnership Welcomes New Coppin State U. President



Bro. Dr. Reginald S. Avery

October 12 2008, Baltimore MD. Pi Omega Chapter gave a welcome reception for Coppin State University New President Brother Dr. Reginald S. Avery at the Pi Omega Fraternity Center.

The welcome was given by Bro. Ron Thompson, President of the Pi Omega Foundation. Bro. Rev. Maceo Williams gave a resounding invocation and greetings from the Office of Baltimore Mayor Shelia Dixon was given by Bro. Demaune Millard, Mayor Dixon's Chief of Staff. The Master of Ceremonies for this event was Bro. T. Russell Hopewell, President of the Pi Omega Que Mentors.

Brother Dr. Reginald S. Avery officially assumed the presidency of 108 year old Coppin State University on January 14, 2008. Dr. Avery, who was serving as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of South Carolina Upstate becomes Coppin's fifth president.

Bro. Dr Avery served as Exec. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor at the University of South Carolina Upstate (USC) since 2003

Previously, he was provost at Alma College in Michigan, Vice President for Aca-

demie Affairs at Kentucky State University and Founding Dean of the School of Professional Programs at Benedict College in South Carolina. He served on the faculty of the University of Tennessee and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. While holding leading post at USC Upstate, Dr. Avery Served on several boards, including the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Urban League and 100 Black Men.

Brother Dr. Avery holds a Ph.D. from the Florence Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, an M.S.W. from George Williams College at Aurora University, and a B.S. in sociology from North Carolina A & T State University.

Brother Dr. Avery has transferred his membership to Pi Omega Chapter.

Tau Pi Social Action Programs

Tau Pi Mentees Visit Reginald Lewis & Great Blacks in Wax Museums

Saturday June 7, 2008. Members of the two, Tau Pi Mentoring Programs from Guilford Elementary and Patuxent Valley Middle School along with their Mentors visited the Great Blacks in Wax and Reginald Lewis museums in Baltimore Maryland. The mentees were treated to a fun educational day which included lunch. Tau Pi Mentoring Chairman Bro. Bart Griffin stated, "Any enlightening field trip



Tau Pi Mentees visit Reginald Lewis Museum

that broadens the horizons and experiences of the children in our community are positive endeavors." Tau Pi Chapter, currently under the leadership of Basileus Sam T. Foster, III was a recent finalist for County Volunteer Organization of the Year annually awarded by the Howard County Government.

Tau Pi Sponsors First Annual Family Fun Run And Walk



Tau Pi Brothers Participate in Family Fun Run and Walk

June 2008. The Tau Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Columbia, Maryland, partnered with the Friends of Howard County Library to sponsor the First Annual Family Fun Run and Walk. The Friends of Howard County Library is a civic organization dedicated to the improvement and promotion of public libraries in the county. The Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter came out to the East Columbia Branch Library on a steamy, June Saturday morning to be the primary manpower and support of an outstanding family event to raise money for the library's Summer Reading Program. The Brothers helped in all facets of the event from serving on the

organizing committee, as road marshals, water stations attendants and the awards ceremony emcee. There were more Tau Pi Members that also participated in the Run/Walk. A team of approximately 15 Brothers insured the success of this event by devoting a full day to the effort. Friends of Howard County Library greatly appreciated the coordination and general support by the Omegas and have already asked the Brothers to return next year. The Tau Pi Chapter, currently under the leadership of Basileus Sam T. Foster, III, has been providing community service for over 33 years in the state of Maryland.

Tau Pi Awards Mentee Wii Game System through its Omega Bucks Program

June 5, 2008 Tau Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. awarded mentee Montez Case, a third grader, a Wii game system for his participation in the Omega Bucks Program. The program is a special incentive and participation portion of the Chapter's mentoring efforts that take place both in Howard County Public Elementary and Middle schools. Montez was one of nine student participants at Guilford Elementary located in Columbia, Maryland. The Omega Bucks Program was implemented to encourage the mentees the importance of exhibiting respect, academic excellence and attendance during the second half of the school year. Each mentee had the opportunity to earn 150 Omega Bucks each day. Tau Pi, currently under the leadership of Basileus Sam Foster, III, will be entering its 11th year of mentoring at Guilford, next school year. Chapter Mentor's who administering the program included Brothers Bart Griffin, Frank Miles, Charles Dutton and Larry Hay.



Brother Bart Griffin awards mentee Montez Case Sony Wii System through Omega Bucks Program

Nu Upsilon– Record High Scholarship Awarded

The Nu Upsilon Scholarship Application Process began in January 2008, under the leadership of Bro. Clarence Fleming, chairman of Scholarship Committee. After three months, 10 out of 16 applications met the requirements to be considered for \$7,500 in scholarships from Nu Upsilon, a small to medium-size chapter with an average of 66 financial members over the past six years. Despite its size, Nu Upsilon has high aspirations and took its scholarship awards to a record level!

After passing the screening, with a review of grade point averages, community service and leadership activities, letters of recommendation, essays, and the completion of personal interviews, five high school seniors emerged victorious! They are: Adrienne Sheppard (\$3000) – a freshman at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD, majoring in Business Admin. & Fashion Design; Jeremi Poindexter (\$1500) – a freshman at University of Delaware in Newark, DE, majoring in pre-medicine; Jazmin Johnson (\$1250) – a freshman at Howard University in Washington, D.C., majoring in pre-pharmacy; Ericka Laws (\$1000) – a freshman



Basileus Carlton Lampkins and Vice Basileus Gregory Scudder with Nu Upsilon 2008 Scholarship Recipients

at Howard University in Washington, D.C., majoring in Biology; and Alfred Cave (\$750) – a freshman at University of Delaware in Newark, DE, majoring in Political Science. Each of these young

people presented high quality credentials and are destined to be successful on his/her journey to complete undergraduate studies and beyond!

2008 Kappa Omega Talent Hunt Program

(Harrisburg, PA) On March 15, 2008, seven talented youth from the Harrisburg Metropolitan Area competed for this year's top honors and an opportunity to represent Kappa Omega at the 2nd District Talent Hunt Competition held in Atlantic City, NJ.

Performing artists rendered their talents under Dance, Contemporary Vocal, Classical Instrumental and Visual Arts. After careful consideration by the esteemed panel of judges, judged to represent Kappa Omega at the 2008 2nd District Talent Hunt Program was Ms. Tielah Williams. Her selection marks an unprecedented third consecutive year chosen as Kappa Omega's top finalist to compete at the 2nd District's Talent Hunt competition.

As in previous year performances, Ms. Williams choose the Classical Instrumental category, performing selections played on the Violin. Those attending this years contest were mesmerized by

the sounds created through Ms. Williams' solo playing. She clearly possesses a talent worthy of display and she will well represent Kappa Omega in Atlantic City.

Ms. William is a senior attending Harrisburg Academy High School. She is the recipient of a full four-year scholarship to Bryn Maher University planning to major in Music and Interpretive Writing.

On May 3, 2008, the hottest shows in Atlantic City were held at the luxurious Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center. There, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 2nd District Talent Hunt Program introduced talented youth from chapters throughout the district. Twenty-one (21) contestants competed in various categories with aspiration of winning their respective performance category and ultimately crowned the 2nd District's grand prizewinner. Performing with the grace and confidence

of a seasoned violinist, Tielah dazzled the audience. Her performance earned her a second place finish in her respective category. The Brothers of Kappa Omega are extremely proud and honored to have had Ms. Williams represent them and the Greater Harrisburg area over the past three years and wish her continued success as she matriculates to Bryn Maher University in the fall of 2008.

Talent Hunt Committee Chairman Brother Jimmy Webster orchestrated a successful program, worthy of recognition and praise from his fellow chapter's Omega Men. Talent Hunt Committee Members supporting this endeavor were: Brothers; Michael Miles, Dr. George Love, Sylvester "Casey" Jones, Dennis Lumpkin, Roosevelt Shepherd, William King, Curtis White and William Jefferson. Refreshments were provided by the Manna Café, which is owned and operated by Kappa Omega Chapter.

Brother Frederick Nims - Omega Chapter



Brother Frederick Nims

The rock-solid chain of Omega Psi Phi brotherhood that is emblematic in Gamma Pi chapter lost a link in its armor recently when Brother Frederick Nims, Jr., a distinguished “50-year Brother,” was called home to Omega chapter. Brother Nims died peacefully on August 12 at a local hospice where he was taken at the tail end of a tough battle with cancer.

Brother Nims transitioned to Omega chapter a little more than a day after a large contingent of Brothers from Gamma Pi visited with him at the hospice. More than 30 Brothers strong showed up at the Capital Hospice in Arlington to pay their respects to Brother Nims and his family on Sunday, August 10. During a visit of about one hour, Brothers gathered at his bedside and quietly fellowship with family and with each other. The highlight of the visit was a subdued version of “Omega Dear,” sang by the Brothers while encircling Brother Nims’ hospital bed, hoping

to “rally” him from his condition, but also being prepared in case that was to be the last visit with him “on this side,” as it unfortunately turned out to be. Gamma Pi Brothers will remember Brother Nims as a man for all seasons that deftly crossed generational lines and displayed true Omega spirit by embracing the story and personality of every Brother he came in contact with. He turned no one away and treated all Brothers with respect. He was the epitome of dignity and grace.

In his late 70s in terms of earthly years, Brother Nims was young in “Omega Years” and young at heart. The question was never whether Brother Nims could keep up with younger Brothers, but whether they could keep up with him. In true Omega fashion befitting a “Que’s Que,” he easily and thoroughly shared his wisdom, enthusiasm and vast knowledge with Brothers who spanned every generation along the spectrum of age and every level along the spectrum of Omega membership, from neophytes to other very senior Brothers like himself. He cared deeply about the Fraternity and the Four Cardinal Principles and was an exemplary, active and fully engaged member up until his death.

“Never again will we, the Brothers who were in the circle, be able to sing “...And when we say our last goodbye, we will love Omega Psi Phi” without thinking of this shining example of Brotherhood,” recalled Brother Thaddeus Turner, who was very close to Brother Nims and worked with wife Linda and other members of the Nims

family to organize the hospice visit.

Brothers were informed during the visit with Brother Nims that he was able to hear them, but was unable to respond because of the medication he was under. So, while he appeared physically to be “out of it,” he was actually taking in Brothers’ encouraging whispers in his ear, the squeezing of his hands, rubbing of his shoulders and the melodic strains of “Omega Dear.”

For the Brothers who visited with Brother Nims, it was a touching scene that underscores the true depth of Brotherhood that describes Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. It is, Brothers were reminded during these moments, much more than people see or can even fathom looking at the Fraternity from the outside.

Brother Nims was sent home to the Supreme Basileus with a beautiful Omega Service attended by more than 80 Brothers as well as a fitting funeral tribute led by his private family and his church family on Saturday, August 16, at the Fort Foote Baptist Church in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Ironically, that date happened to be his 77th birthday. He will forever be missed and remembered as a man who truly lived and imparted the Four Cardinal Principles. Every Omega man who ever came in contact with him is a better man for having known him.



Bro. Johnie E. Harris - Omega Chapter



Brother Johnie E. Harris

Bro. Johnie E. Harris (Delta Omega, 1960) crossed into Omega Chapter on June 19, 2008. He was born July 26, 1932 to Ernest C. and Ruth T. Harris in South Mills, N.C. where he attended the New McBride African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. In addition to his early foundation in faith and fellowship with the church, he also began to develop his leadership when he became the Sunday School superintendent.

Bro. Harris was a lifelong product of the North Carolina school system, where he matriculated to Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in Elizabeth City, N.C. before his college years were interrupted during the Korean War. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and served honorably for 3 years, after which he returned to ECSU where he met and married the love of his life, Miss Mattie Taylor, in

1957. Brother Harris went on to receive his Bachelors of Science from ECSU in 1958, and his life with Ms. Mattie was later blessed with a son, Darin, in 1965. Bro. Harris' love of scholarship continued through the years as he went on to receive a Masters of Science from Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA and a Doctorate of Education from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1973.

He began his professional education career as a teacher and then principal at West Petersburg Elementary School in the Virginia Public School System before moving to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area to continue his career in the Montgomery County Public Schools where he served as an Assistant Principal, Principal, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, and as Coordinator of Reading. His career spanned 27 years in Montgomery County before he retired only to find himself once again serving the interests of scholarship as he returned as a principal in Alexandria, VA where he served 6 years before retiring the second time. And even then, Bro. Harris' lifelong commitment to scholarship found him advancing the cause of uplift when he stepped in as the Executive Director and later as the Specials Assistant for the *George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.* (GBTLA), and also served as a member of the GBTLA Board of Directors.

Bro. Harris was a charter member of Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, MD, which he helped found in 1970. During his 48 years of dedicated serve to Omega Psi Phi, he served as the Mu Nu Chapter Vice Basileus (1971-73) and Basileus (1973-**), as the Second District Scholarship Chairman ((1975-90) and District Marshall (1989), and as Omega's National Scholarship Committee Chairman (1988-94) and National History Committee Chairman (1994-98 & 2002-06). During his years of service, Bro. Harris was honored with such esteemed recognition as the Mu Nu Chapter and Second District Omega Man-of-the-Year awards, the Chapter and District Superior Service Awards, and the Chapter and District Founders Awards.

Bro. Harris' leaves to celebrate his life, his loving wife of 50 years, Mattie; a devoted son, Darin and daughter-in-law, Sonya; three grandchildren, Courtney, Kendel and Kaci; two aunts, Lizzie Mae (Sal) Jackson and Alvera Thompson; a sister-in-law, Constance Harris; a brother-in-law, William J. Taylor Jr.; a Goddaughter, Denise Mitchell; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends and family, among them, the Brothers of his beloved Mu Nu Chapter. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Linwood Harris and sister, Brenda Creecy.



Mu Nu – The Perfect Storm - Three Make it to Omegaland

Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, Maryland initiated three new Brothers on July 3rd. Bro. Eddie High (Tau Psi, 1973, North Carolina Central University), Corridor 1 Representative, presided over a well-organized and enthusiastic ceremony. Bros. Bobby Jewett (Nu Beta, 1980, Marshall University), Basileus – Mu Nu and Troy Manigault (Mu Nu, 1994), Membership Selection Chairman, and the Brothers of Mu Nu joined with visiting Brothers from Gamma Pi and Pi Omega to initiate the new members at the Ross Boddy Community Center (RBCC) in Olney, Maryland. Mu Nu's "Perfect Storm" comprises Kelly Blackmon, Gabriel T. Brown and Samir O. Cummings.

Bro. Kelly Blackmon is a 1997 graduate of Norfolk State University with a bachelors in Finance and Marketing. He served 3 years in the U.S. Army from 1986 to 1989 and received an honorable discharge. Bro. Blackmon is a member of the Masonic Lodge Pythagoras #9 where he is the junior master of ceremonies, and provides community involvement and support as a youth coach. He is also a mentor to youth in his hometown and in his neighborhood as well. He is an Information Technology Operations Manager with responsibility for the day-to-day activities of a technology department. And still, Bro. Blackmon finds time as a devoted husband and father of four.

Bro. Gabriel T. Brown is a 1996 graduate of Columbia College in Missouri with a bachelors in Business Administration, and a 1998 and 2004 graduate of Central Michigan University and George Washington University, respectively, with masters in Health Administration and Information Systems, respectively. He is a career U.S. Medical Service Corps officer with prior enlisted service who now holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He has distin-



(-r) Mu Nu Basileus - Bobby Jewett, Corridor 1 Rep. - Eddie High, DKRS - Milton Harrison
Bottom row - Kelly Blackmon, Gabriel Brown, Samir Cummings

guished himself as an information management/information technology (IM/IT) professional in the U.S. Navy where he develops policy and operating procedures for a newly established Joint Medical Task Force with education and training in engineering, cryptologic studies and IM/IT architecture and planning. Bro. Brown has contributed time and effort to uplifting military family members and fellow service members through religious teachings, volunteer coaching, health fund drives and health awareness teachings, as well as through his professional development support. Bro. Brown is the proud father of two children.

Bro. Samir Cummings is a 2000 graduate of Hampton University with a bachelors in Business Management, and a 2003 graduate of the Catholic University Columbus School of Law with a juris doctorate. Following his graduation from law school, he partnered with four Hampton friends to found a mentoring organization called "Lifting as We Climb," which now serves upwards of 300

boys and young men, ages 12 to 18, in Detroit, Michigan and Washington, D.C. Following completion of his juris doctorate, he completed an internship with the law firm of Lipshultz and Hone in Silver Spring, Maryland, and is now employed with Quadrant, Inc. as an account manager. He is the son of Bro. Robert J. Cummings (Upsilon Psi, 1962, Florida A&M University) and the brother of Samori O. Cummings (Tau Upsilon, 1999, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale). Bro. Cummings is the proud father of a daughter.

Thanks go out to Bros. High and Milton Harrison (Nu Psi, 1975, Virginia State University), DKRS – 2nd District, for their leadership and participation at the ceremony. Additionally, special thanks go out to Bro. Wilbert Givens (Kappa Psi, 1981, Washington, D.C.), RBCC Director, for coordinating the access to RBCC for the occasion.

Alpha Upsilon Awards First Edward H. Taylor Scholarship

Brooklyn, New York- On June 13, 2008; Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was in attendance at the Awards Ceremony Dinner for *Brooklyn Academy High School* held at the Marriott Hotel in Brooklyn. An alternative high school; it was a special night for the young

graduates whom received awards of their recognition in their academic areas. This was also a very special night for Alpha Upsilon chapter and a young man who is the 2008 Valedictorian. The Brothers of Alpha Upsilon Chapter awarded the first *Edward H. Taylor Scholarship Award* and a check for

five hundred dollars to *Travis Johnson*. Travis Johnson will be attending Utica College in the fall. The award was presented by Alpha Upsilon Chapter Basileus Kirk Wilkinson (NT'92) and Scholarship Committee Chairman Lamar Coombs (AU'05).

Bro. Jesse R. Reason Takes Helm of Mu Omega Chapter

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., "Mighty" Mu Omega Chapter in Philadelphia recently installed their new officers for the 2009 fiscal year. Leading the chapter as Basileus is Brother Jesse R. Reason, succeeding Brother Alan W. Junius who now welcomes the title of "Immediate Past Basileus." The installation ceremony took place on Thursday evening, October 9, 2008 at the Germantown Community Presbyterian Church located at Green and Tulpehocken Streets in Philadelphia. With family and friends in attendance, the chapter's new administration was charged with advancing the varied activities that make the chapter so unique. Aiding Brother Reason in his first term will be Brother Steven C. Oakman, First Vice Basileus, Brother Curtis P. Murray, Second Vice Basileus, Brother Jason DeMarco, Keeper of Records and Seal, and Brother Ashley A. Hines, Keeper of Finance. In addition, the chapter's committee chairs were acknowledged during the ceremony as an integral part of initiating many of the programs that will be under Brother Reason's oversight.

Leading the largest chapter in the Second District will naturally be a challenge, but with the impressive track record possessed by Brother Reason, many are convinced that the chapter is in capable hands. All who know Jesse can attest to his dedication and work ethic when it comes to stepping up when needed. With over fifteen years of experience in Omega, Brother Reason stays humble and recognizes the times when seasoned brothers gave a word of wisdom during his formative years in the Fraternity. "Brothers like the late Hannibal Nichols and Earl Morgan helped shape my resolve in not being concerned with what others thought of me, but to always do what's best for the Fraternity," says Reason. You would never guess that this night was a major milestone



Mu Omega Basileus Emeritus, Alan W. Junius passes leadership to New Mu Omega Basileus Jesse R. Reason

for the new Basileus, because Jesse unselfishly thanked a great many brothers for their unwavering support throughout his journey in Omega.

Since being initiated into the Fraternity through Mu Omega Chapter in the fall of 1992, Brother Reason has served the brotherhood in numerous ways. Whether serving as Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal, First Vice Basileus, or that of Housing Chairman, Jesse has always felt a need to make a difference. It is through this service that gives Jesse a keen perspective on what needs to happen for the chapter to grow even more. Under the new administration, Brother Reason and his executive committee will be focused on four key areas that will propel the chapter forward. These four focal points are, 1.) Brotherhood & Friendship, 2.) Chance, 3.) Commitment, and 4.) Change.

Jesse believes that there is a need for brothers to respect one another in an attempt to yield a stronger fraternal bond. To reinforce this need, he asks the brothers in

attendance to remember the oath we all took when coming into the Fraternity. Secondly, Jesse is asking the brotherhood to "give us (*the new administration*) a chance to bring this chapter closer together." Thirdly, the newly installed Basileus encouraged the brothers assembled to renew their commitment to the chapter. This new commitment will be essential to the success of all future projects undertaken by chapter leadership. Lastly, Jesse assured the brothers that changes will be considered to produce positive results. Brother Reason ended with the following, "Brothers we must all do our parts to make a better Mu Omega Chapter. But beyond that focus, as Omega Men, I believe that we have a responsibility to leave our chapter and our community better because of our presence." For more information on Mu Omega Chapter activities, visit the chapter website at www.muomegaques.com

Alpha Upsilon Presents Two Scholarship Awards

Brooklyn, New York- On May 10, 2008; Alpha Upsilon chapter "Brooklyn Omega" presented two Scholarship Awards at their 6th Annual Theater Party Scholarship Fundraiser.

The two recipients who won Alpha Upsilon Chapter 2007-2008 Essay Scholarship awards were Rashad R. Moore; a graduating senior from Brooklyn High School of the Arts whom will be attending Morehouse College in the fall, won *The Francis "Lefty"*

Taylor Mentor Scholarship totaling \$1000; and Liam La Guerre, a graduating senior from Boys and Girls High School whom will be attending St. John's University (Queens) in the fall, won *The George K. Lynch Memorial Scholarship* totaling \$2000. The Essay Scholarship Awards were presented by Alpha Upsilon's Basileus Bro. Kirk Wilkinson (1-NT-92), Bro. Kyle Plant (2-AU-98) and Bro. Lamar Coombs (1-AU-05).



Iota Lambda Lambda Volunteers to help Salvation Army Event



Bro. Dr. Andrew Jackson with Salvation Army Representative at Back to School event

Iota Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter #912 were some of the many volunteers setting up tents and helping out with the Salvation Army Annual Back to School Back Pack and FREE school supplies given away Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 5pm. Many local community volunteers were on hand including Carlton Heywood, Second District Corridor VII Representative for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who traveled all the way from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to help out Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. volunteers in support of fraternity members and Cap-

tain Pat and Chuck at the Salvation Army.

> Dr. Andrew Jackson, Sr., Maurice McMorris, Edward Thompson, and other local and visiting brothers and community members were in support of this Annual Back to School Salvation Army Celebration supported by the brothers last year under Past Second District VII Corridor Representative, Dr. Earnest Blackshear, now working for the Federal Government VA Hospital as a Psychologist in Tuskegee, Alabama

Nu Upsilon Bro. Robert Adams Named Father of the Year

It has been 24 years since Bro. Robert Adams, Jr. (step master) and the members of the Virginia State University Nu Psi Step Team won the Grand Conclave Step Competition in Louisville, Kentucky in 1984, and they repeated that feat in 1986 at the Grand Conclave Diamond Jubilee in Washington, D. C.

As a 1986 graduate of Virginia State University, Bro. Adams (initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Spring 1984) continues to be a champion, as he was awarded the honor of Father of the Year 2008 at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Wilmington, DE on Sunday, June 15, 2008, at the church's Annual Outdoor Community Service.

Bro Adams has been an active member and leader at Bethel for many years. He has served as a trustee, and he currently serves as the president of the Men of Bethel / Sons of Allen group, which provides programming for all activities related to the men of the church in-



Nu Upsilon Brothers congratulate Bro. Adams (front center) on being named Father of the Year.

cluding Men's Day, Ladies Appreciation Day, Bible Study.

In spite of his involvement at church and the demands placed upon him as an institutional sales manager for Abbott Laboratories, Bro. Adams makes significant contributions to the work of the Nu Upsilon Chapter of Wilmington, DE, where he served as its Basileus from 2002-2004 and was

named its Omega Man of the Year for 2002-2003.

Bro. Adams, affectionately known as "Chill Wop," exemplifies the "true Omega spirit" and is to be congratulated on being the recipient of this distinguished award!



Nu Upsilon - Collaboration Through Social Actions



Brothers of Nu Upsilon and the Sorors of DST serve as facilitators for Junior Achievement's Finance Park Program

Wilmington, DE. May 2008 Under the leadership of Bro. Ronald Cephas, Social Actions Chairman, Nu Upsilon has conducted more than 10 Social Actions projects throughout the 2007 – 2008 fraternal year. Our “uplift” to the community continues to flourish and to be a priority as we expose Omega to the broader community. Two of these projects are new and have focused on two of our deserving constituents – our senior citizens and our teens.

On May 17, 2008, brothers of Nu Upsilon joined forces with members of the Wilmington (DE) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST) to serve as facilitators for Junior Achievement's Finance Park Program (JAFPP).

Any teen who was being employed by the City of Wilmington's (DE) Summer Employment Youth Program was required to attend one of eight sessions, three hours each, of JAFPP, to learn about budgeting and finance. The teens were divided into groups of 5 – 7, and each student was given a scenario that included a specified salary, expenses that had to be paid (i.e., car note and insurance; mortgage/rent; food; clothing; en-

tertainment; gasoline; utilities; child care; etc.), and a family structure (i.e., single, with or without children; married, with or without children).

Additionally, randomly selected teens were provided with unforeseen occurrences or extra salaries through employer bonuses or part-time employment, child support, or alimony. It was the responsibilities of the brothers of Nu Upsilon and the sorors of DST to provide guidance to the young people about how to stay within their budgets based on their total household income and situations.

This activity was a “reality check” for most of the teenagers, as many of them realized the responsibilities that come along with being a responsible adult. A couple of the young ladies and gentlemen made comments like, “I need to get rid of her,” meaning his wife and “I won't have any money to go to the movies if I pay all of these bills!”

When all was said and done, the brothers of Nu Upsilon and the sorors of DST thoroughly enjoyed the experience and opportunity, and commented that this would be a good activity for

many adults!

The second collaborative effort in which the brothers of Nu Upsilon participated and coordinated was a Luncheon for Senior Citizens and Adults with Disabilities who reside in the Terry Apartments of Wilmington, DE.

In conjunction with the Black Butterflies, a sisterhood organization of Wilmington, DE and Philadelphia, PA, Nu Upsilon made and served 45 seniors and adults with disabilities a spaghetti and lasagna lunch, with garden salad, cool drinks, and a variety of desserts on September 13, 2008.

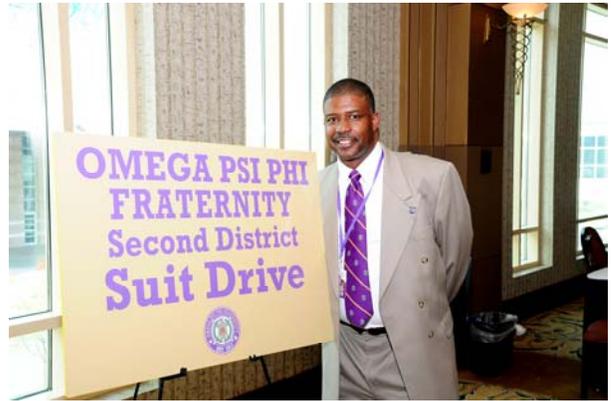
After a hearty lunch with “seconds” for some, the seniors and adults enthusiastically engaged in 10 rounds of BINGO! Each of the winners received a \$10 gift card to a local grocery or retail store.

Again, the brothers of Nu Upsilon and the Black Butterflies had a rewarding venture and received sincere thanks from the residents and staff of the Terry Apartments.

Scenes from the 60th Second District Conference



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

Allron Monsanto, Psi Iota Charles Jackson, Iota Epsilon

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

Larry Cowan
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 Jeffery Coles - Kappa Omicron
 Samuel Korpoi,- Psi Epsilon

Travis Mayfield, Psi Epsilon
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 Lawrence McKenzie - Kappa Omicron
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 Edward Murray, Nu Nu
 Ezra Naughton, Rho Lambda Lambda
 Alexander Zander - Omega Delta Delta

Kelvin Robinson, Chi Delta
 Nigel Rawlins - Kappa Omicron
 Donnie D. Sauls - Kappa Omicron
 Andre Smith, Chi Delta
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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. **THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!!!**

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