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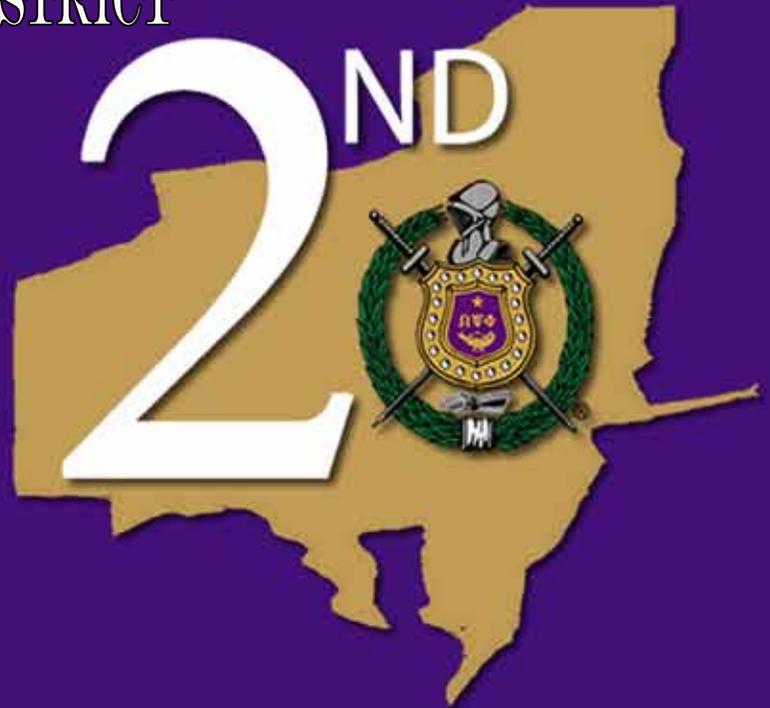
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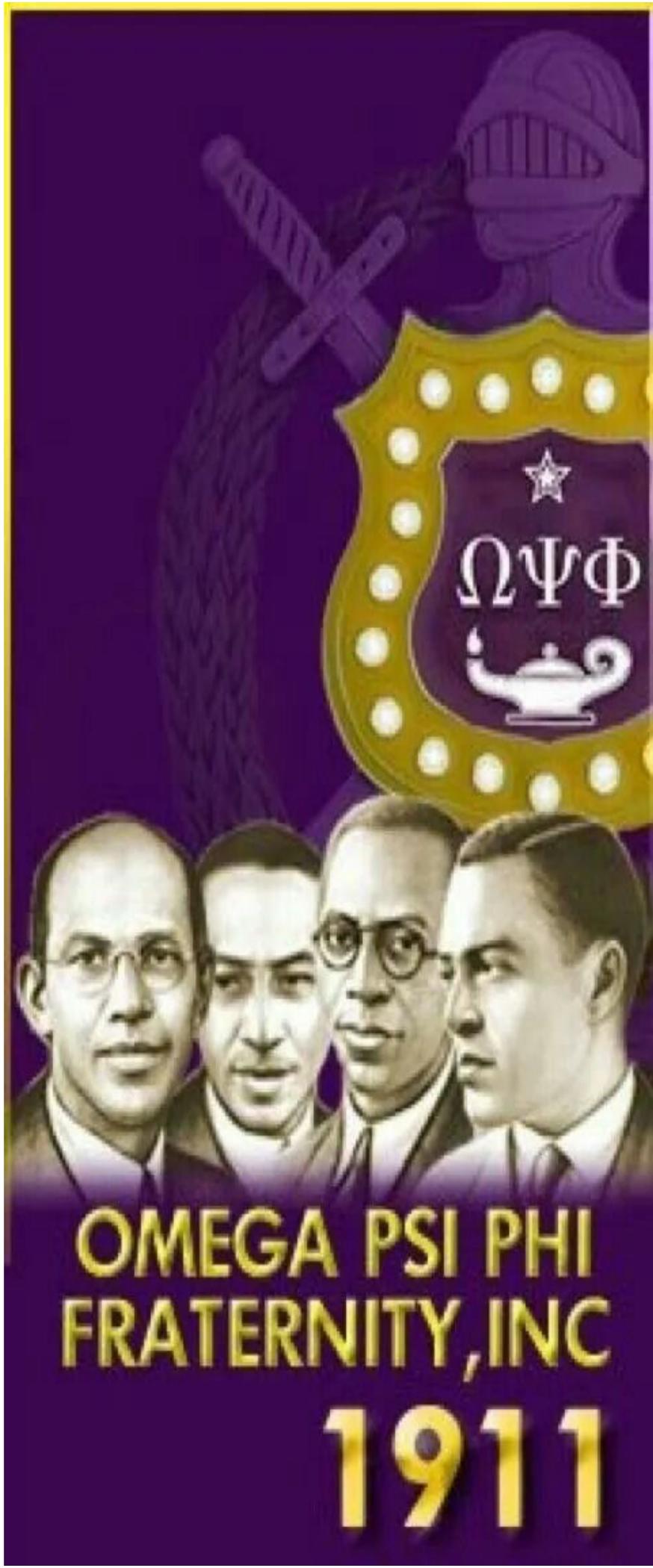
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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES MESSAGE



Brothers of the Mighty 2nd District,

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. It is indeed a privilege and honor to serve as the 37th Second District Representative and lead the great Brothers, in this great District, of the greatest Fraternity. I am humbled and do not take this lightly. Thank you for your vote of confidence, thank you for your support, and most importantly, thank you for your friendship.

This year has certainly been one that will go down in history for many reasons. We continue to experience the challenges and endure the hardships from the COVID-19 global pandemic. We will continue to follow the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), wearing face masks, ensuring social distance practices are followed and frequent washing of hands. While we continue to deal with COVID-19, we will not allow it to minimize the blatant acts of social injustice as we continue to fight for justice and condemn the killing of unarmed black people. My prayers are with the Brothers and families of those who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic as well as those who have lost loved ones to social injustice.

Despite the pandemic that has prevented us from meeting in person for the District Conference and the Grand Conclave, the Brothers of the 2nd District have still shown why we are the Mighty 2nd District. As a District, we came together and conducted a virtual 72nd District Conference. We then continued with a virtual District Re-organization meeting where the vision and goals were presented. We added new committees including Emergency Preparedness, Strategic Initiatives, and Social Justice/NAACP to specifically address the systemic racism and blatant disregard for black people. We Demand Justice, and Omega will continue to be at the forefront through the work of our committees and local chapters.

After the District Reorganization meeting, we attended the “Virtual” 81st Grand Conclave. The 2nd District was well represented and obtained multiple awards including, First Place Reclamation Award – 2nd District, Dr. Herman Dreer Leadership/Scholar Bro. Cameron Kinley, (Iota Mu Mu) Founder’s Memorial Undergraduate Scholar - Bro. Khalifa Ndir, (Beta) Second District Scholar - Bro. Justin Nunley, Jr, (Psi Epsilon), IAWC Essay Contest 3rd place winner Khalil Ward (Tau Lambda Lambda), Intl. Large Social Action Chapter of the Year – (Psi Iota), Intl. Large Graduate Chapter of the Year - Lambda Gamma Gamma.

The 2nd District is blessed to recognize 2 Brothers that celebrate 80 years of Omega Service. Bro. Gerald Greenfield -1940 Rho Psi currently active with Tau Pi Chapter and Bro. Dr. Edmund W. Gordon -1940 Alpha Chapter currently active with Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter.

The 2nd District executed the Annual James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference led by Bro. 1st Vice District Representative, Delrecole Gales. The feedback from the surveys revealed that the Brothers were well pleased with the conference and the breakout sessions. Congratulations and job well done to Bro. 1st Vice District Representative Delrecole Gales and his team.

The blueprint for virtual conferences appears to be in order as we came back the following week for the 2nd District “Virtual” Undergraduate Summit. This was a combined team effort with 2nd Vice District Representative Christopher Barton and all 3 Undergrad Reps, Magnum Phelps, Amir Archer, and Khalifa Ndir. They all presented and did a wonderful job. They even had the 2nd Vice Grand Basileus Caleb Love in attendance. I am very proud of our undergraduates and their demonstration of leadership. Congratulations and job well done to our undergraduate leadership of the 2nd District.

We must continue to do our part as Omega Men to uplift our communities. It will take the assistance and participation of all Omega Men to ensure that our actions are the sermon, as we “Live Our Creed”. I ask Brothers to continue to Stay Safe, Stay Smart, and Stay Well.

Bro. Kelvin K. Ampofo
37th Second District Representative



*Message from the***Director of Public Relations****Brothers of the Second District,**

On the cover, we congratulate our 37th District Representative, Brother Kelvin K. Ampofo, newly elected at the Virtual 72nd Second District Conference. Photo essays of the Virtual Achievement Week Awards Ceremony are contained herein. Please view the outstanding work with our youth by the Mentoring Successes of Tau Pi Chapter. Brothers Rodney Goldson, 39th Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray and Thaddeus Goodman, Sr. submitted phenomenal OP/ED articles titled “What Does A Man Do, Need for A 20/20 Focus In 2020 and Asleep at the Helm – Where Is The Leadership, respectively. I continue to be encouraged by the phenomenal social action projects archived in this issue by all chapters in the Great States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, addressing the impact on communities ravaged by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Plaudits and encomiums to Delta Upsilon and Nu Nu Chapters, celebrating 70 and 50 year anniversaries of service to their respective communities. Articles displaying the philanthropy of Chapters through scholarships, PPE donations and financial donations continue to inspire, while providing Uplift to the communities we serve. Please view the IHQ Assistant Executive Director Job Vacancy announcement on page 75 and “The Story of the Biking Bruhz” on page 20. They are a group of Omega Men who organize their health and wellness cycling activities under the theme of “Fitness with a Purpose”.

It continues to be a joy and honor to serve as your Director of Public Relations, highlighting and archiving the good works of the Chapters and Brothers of the Second District. Having been an Omega Man for over 44 years, and serving in this office, I have had the opportunity to archive many celebratory milestones and honorariums bestowed upon Chapters and Omega Men for their collective and individual outstanding contributions to the Uplift of society, as a whole, and our communities, in particular.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, this Presidential Election is the most important of our lives. The Soul of Our Country is at stake! Please Wear PPE and Stay Safe! Again, Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally,

Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.
 Director of Public Relations, Second District
 1976 Iota Epsilon
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Honoring Omega's Best at the 72nd Second District Conference Virtual Awards Ceremony

May 16, 2020. During the 72nd Second District Virtual Conference, a virtual awards ceremony was held to celebrate and honor those brothers, chapters, and citizens who have once again achieved excellence in, and beyond the realms of Omega during fiscal year 2018-19. These exceptional honorees were also subsequently featured on all the district's social media platforms as well as on the Second District website.

Brother Adam McKee, the 16th Second District Representative instituted the Founders Stand-Ins Awards to have members of the 2nd District stand in honor of our founders and recognize District members whom exemplify the qualities, character, and wisdom of our founders, Founder Oscar J. Cooper, Founder Frank Coleman, Founder Edgar A. Love, and Founder Ernest E. Just. The following brothers were selected this year to stand in for our Founders: "Founder Edgar A. Love Stand-in", Bro. Evan Murray (Theta Mu Mu Chapter); "Founder Frank Coleman Stand-In", Bro. Reginald L. Laster (Psi Iota Chapter); "Founder Oscar J. Cooper Stand-In", Bro. Terrel D. Parris (Mu Omega Chapter); and "Founder Ernest E. Just Stand-In", Bro. J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr. (Phi Nu Chapter).

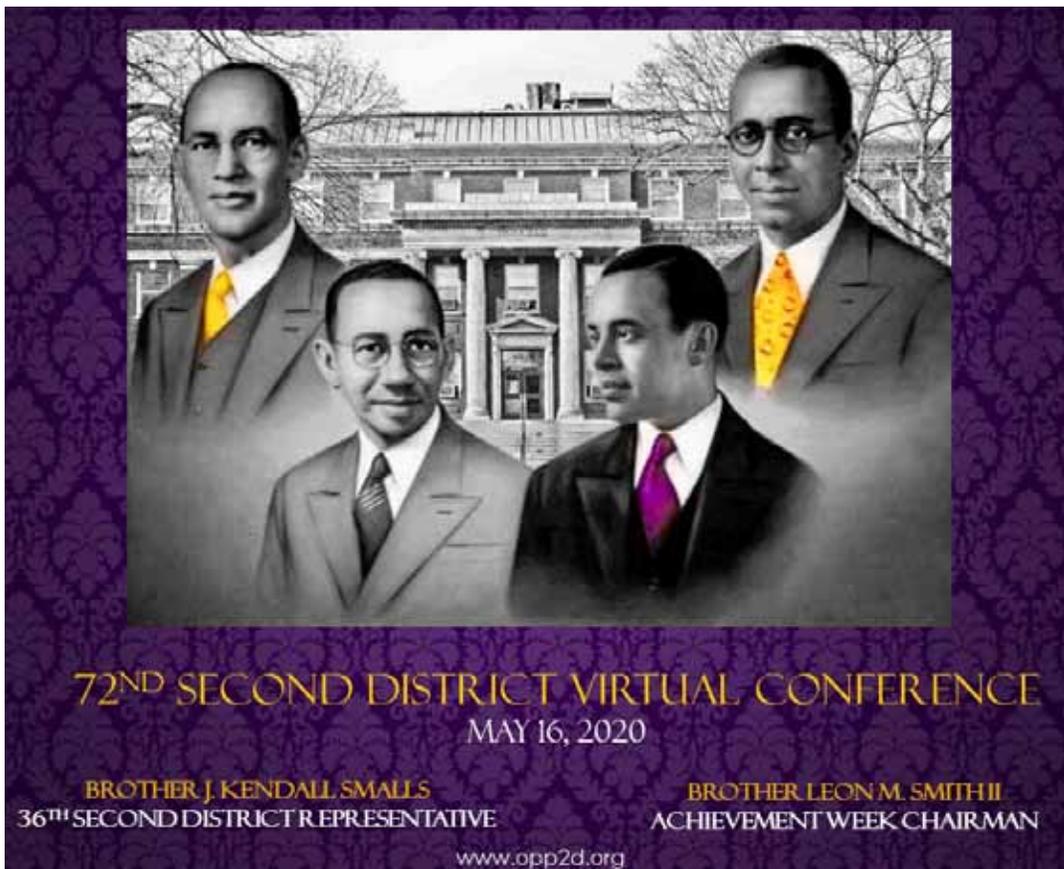
The 2019-20 High School Essay Contest, 1st Place Winner of \$1000 was Mr. Khalil Ward, representing Tau Lambda Lambda; the 2nd Place Winner of \$500 was Ms. Jenna Fisk, representing Chi Rho Chapter; and the 3rd Place Winner of \$250 was Mr. Dominic Harold, representing Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter.

The 2020 "Rudolph W. Powell Creativity Awards for Retention" were awarded to Sigma Beta Beta Chapter (Small Graduate Chapter) and Gamma Pi (Large Graduate Chapter). The "Small Reclamation Chapter of the Year" was awarded to Pi Mu Mu Chapter and Mu Omega Chapter was recognized as the "Large Reclamation Chapter of the Year."

The Achievement Week awards acknowledged during the virtual confer-

ence, were as follows: The Second District Graduate "Omega Man of the Year" was awarded to Bro. Clyde A. Cole (Epsilon Chapter) and the Undergraduate "Omega Man of the Year" was awarded to Brother Christopher A. Barton (Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter). The "Founders Lifetime Achievement Award" to Kevin J. Woodhouse (Kappa Omicron); the "Superior Service Award" recipient was Bro. Kier Pemberton (Zeta Iota Iota Chapter); the "Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award" was awarded to Bro. Chief Master Sergeant Kaleth O. Wright (Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter); District "Citizen of the Year" was awarded to Ms. Shawyn Peterson-Howard (representing Omicron Iota Chapter); and the District "Undergraduate Chapter Advisor Award" was awarded to Brother Sean O'Reilly (Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter). The "Undergraduate Chapter of the Year" Award was given to Kappa Chapter, Psi Lambda Lambda received the "Graduate Chapter of the Year" Award and the Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter, was awarded "Large Graduate Chapter of the Year".

36th District Representative, Bro. J. Kendall Smalls, gave special recognition to the following brothers and chapters: Corridor Representative of the Year, Bro. Kevin J. Woodhouse (Corridor V) ; Basileus of the Year, Bro. Dr. Reginald E. Vance of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter; three Committee Chairman of the Year Awards were awarded to District Social Action Chair Bro. Dwayne White, District Honor Guard Committee Chair Bro. Troy Manigault, and District Achievement Week Committee Chair Bro. Leon M. Smith II. Entrepreneur of the Year was awarded to Bro. Ceylon Frett and 2nd District Lifetime Achievement awards were awarded to Bro. Dr. Robert Manning and Bro. Harrison Potts. Special Activity Award recipient was awarded to Bro. Dr. Jedan P. Phillips.





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2018-19 SECOND DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AWARDS
72ND SECOND DISTRICT VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 16, 2020



BROTHER J. KENDALL SMALLS
36TH SECOND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
(2018 – 2020)

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GRADUATE
OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR

BROTHER CLYDE A. COLE
EPSILON CHAPTER



UNDERGRADUATE
OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR

BROTHER CHRISTOPHER A. BARTON
RHO LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER

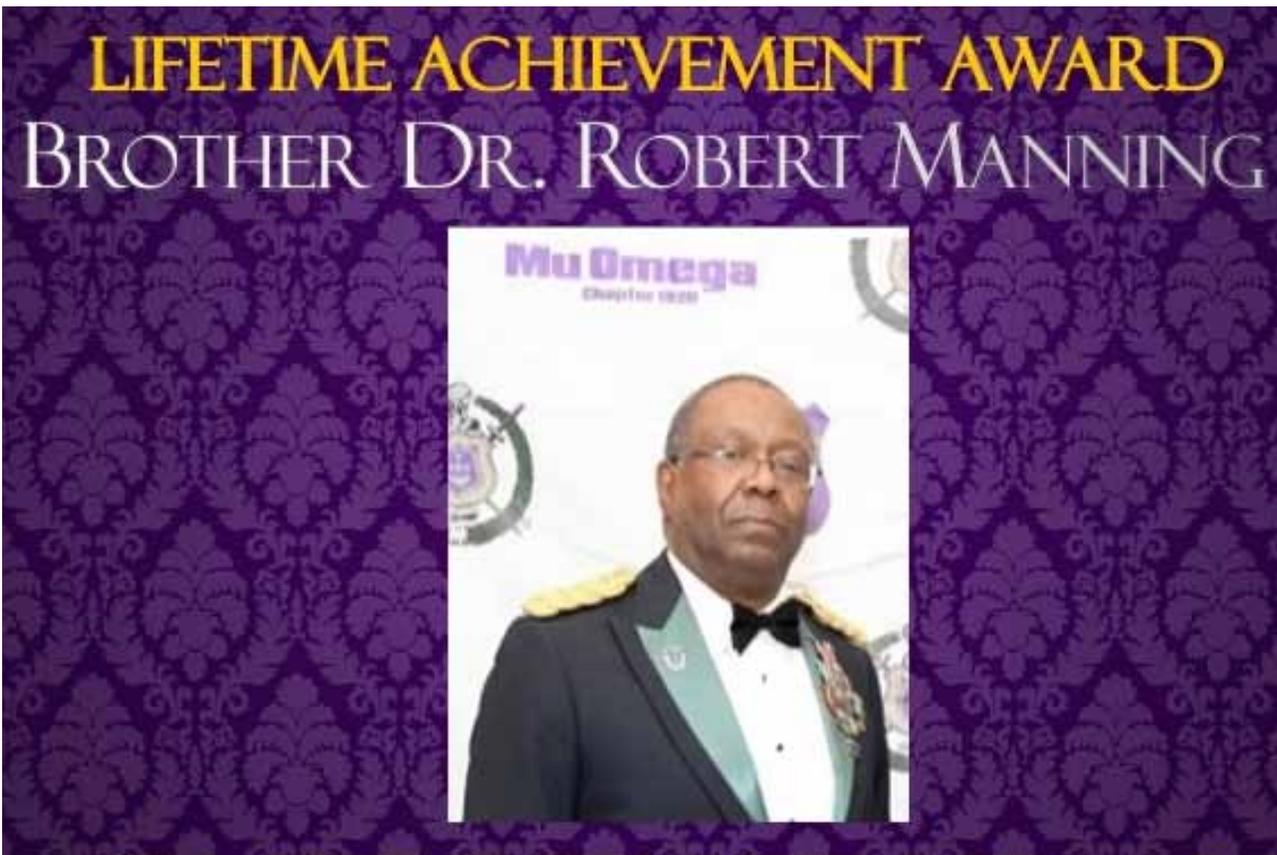
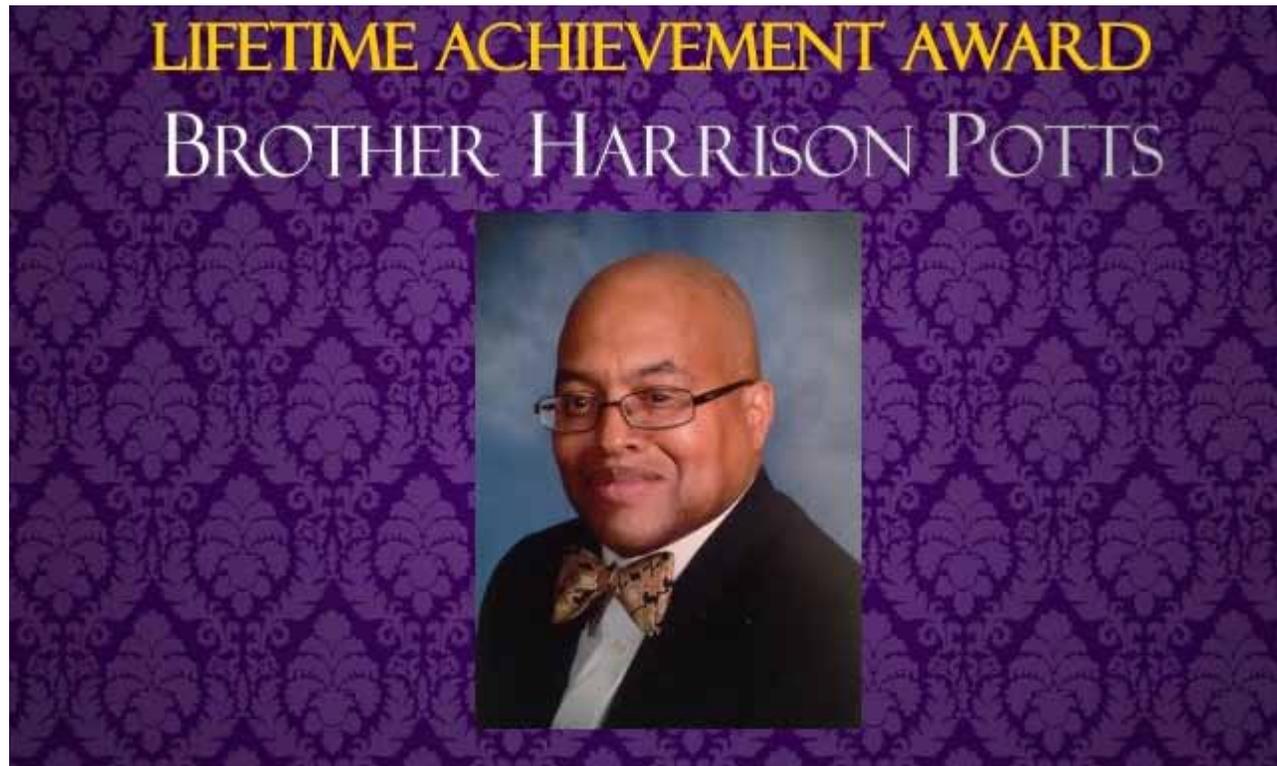


LARGE GRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
LAMBDA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER
(FORT MEADE, MD)



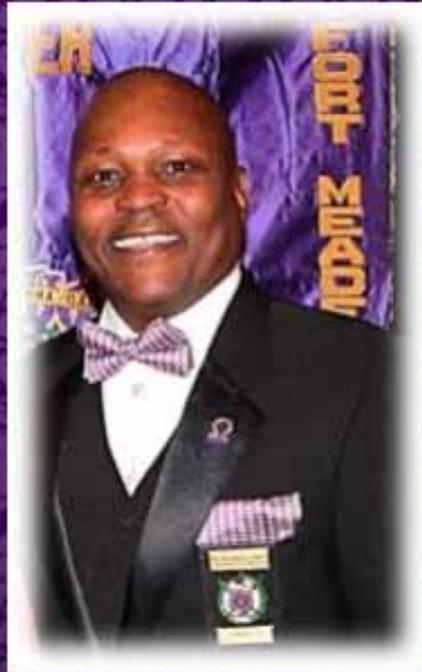
SMALL GRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
PSI LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER
(HARLEM, NY)





BASILEUS OF THE YEAR

BROTHER DR. REGINALD E. VANCE
LAMBDA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER



COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG MILITARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

BROTHER CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KALETH O. WRIGHT
TAU LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER



FOUNDERS' LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BROTHER KEVIN J. WOODHOUSE
KAPPA OMICRON CHAPTER

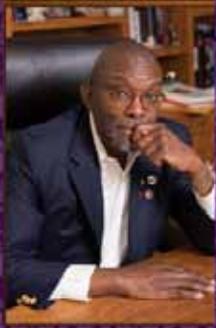


SECOND DISTRICT SPECIAL ACT AWARD

BROTHER DR. JEDAN P. PHILLIPS



2020 FOUNDER STAND-IN
FOUNDER ERNEST E. JUST



BROTHER J. T. (TED) CHILDS, JR.
PHI NU CHAPTER

2020 FOUNDER STAND-IN
FOUNDER OSCAR J. COOPER



BROTHER TERREL D. PARRIS
MU OMEGA CHAPTER

2020 FOUNDER STAND-IN
FOUNDER EDGAR A. LOVE



BROTHER EVAN MURRAY
THETA MU MU CHAPTER

2020 FOUNDER STAND-IN
FOUNDER FRANK COLEMAN



BROTHER REGINALD L. LASTER
PSI IOTA CHAPTER

CORRIDOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR
BROTHER KEVIN J. WOODHOUSE
KAPPA OMICRON CHAPTER



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR

BROTHER LEON M. SMITH II
ACHIEVEMENT WEEK COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR

BROTHER DWAYNE WHITE



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR

BROTHER TROY MANIGAULT
HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE



SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

BROTHER KIER S. PEMBERTON
ZETA IOTA IOTA CHAPTER



ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

BROTHER CEYLON FRETT



UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

BROTHER SEAN O'REILLY
RHO LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER



RUDOLPH W. POWELL CREATIVITY AWARD FOR RETENTION
(LARGE GRADUATE CHAPTER)

GAMMA PI CHAPTER



RECLAMATION CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD
(LARGE GRADUATE CHAPTER)

MU OMEGA CHAPTER



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

MS. SHAWYN PETERSON-HOWARD

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY OMICRON IOTA CHAPTER

RECLAMATION CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD
(SMALL GRADUATE CHAPTER)

PI MU MU CHAPTER



RUDOLPH W. POWELL CREATIVITY AWARD FOR RETENTION
(SMALL GRADUATE CHAPTER)

SIGMA BETA BETA CHAPTER



Historical Perspective - Verification and Speculation

When discussing Founder Ernest Everett Just, we often spew forth many “facts”. Date of birth, schools he attended, degrees obtained, and more. In this article, we offer the opportunity for verification of some of the facts we have, until now, blindly accepted. Additionally, in this article, we uncover facts that are seldom discussed, and some previously unknown. Then finally, toward the end of this article, please allow me to offer a few factually based assumptions and a little speculation. Certainly, the readers of this article are welcome to reject any unproven theories. I would lay substantial odds however, that upon reading and full evaluation, few will think that said speculation is outside the realm of possibility.

Verification:

Dartmouth is quite proud of the accomplishments of Dr. Ernest Everett Just. The northern most Ivy League institution has dedicated a significant portion of their website to articles on one of their most famous graduates. In one such posting, we are allowed a look at the report card or transcript of Founder Ernest Everett Just. From this transcript we can verify Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 10th in his graduating class, as well as his major and minor fields of study. We no longer must accept these claims on faith, we now have proof.

Assumption:

Please take note that “Greek” is listed as the 1st of two Minor fields of study for Founder Ernest Everett Just. Of which, he received his highest scores reaching “Level 8” 1, 2 out of 10 levels and, ironically failing both English and German 23. So, we can logically believe that Founder Just could understand, read, and speak Greek at an advanced level.

Speculation:

After some critical thought and careful consideration of the facts and associated assumptions, one might be drawn to propose a theory. Would it not be possible that Founder Just played a major role in the selection of the name “Omega Psi Phi?” Would it not also be possible that with significant study of the language, Founder Ernest Everett Just offered to the undergraduate founders the Greek phrase and the loose translation of “Ophelima Philia Psurkis?” We may never know all the intimate details of what factually took place in November of 1911. We may never know if deliberate planning, random occurrences, or gentle nudging by the faculty advisor precipitated the naming of our beloved Fraternity. The theory presented herein simply follows the facts and is the result of logical and deductive reasoning.

Sources:

1. Berlitz Language Proficiency - Advanced, Level 8, At the advanced level, you communicate effectively and appropriately even in demanding oral tasks and situations, like conducting a meeting. You can participate easily in social and professional conversations, and can deal comfortably with most subjects over the telephone (<http://www.berlitz.com/about/proficiency-levels>).
2. Berlitz Corporation, leadership training and language services, founded in Providence RI, in July 1878, by Maximilian Berlitz, (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlitz_Corporation).
3. Was imprisoned in a prisoner-of-war camp during the German invasion of France in 1940. (Black Apollo of Science: The Life of Ernest Everett Just by Kenneth R. Manning, Published January 3rd 1985 by Oxford University Press, USA ((first published September 29th 1983)) ISBN 0195034988 ((ISBN13: 9780195034981))). If he could have spoken better German he may have been able to talk his way out of being detained (author opinion).

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE																	
Name Just, E.E.				Course A.B.				Class 1907									
Home Address Charleston, S.C.						Parent or Guardian											
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	French 1a	80	3		French 2 a	88		3		German 1	75	3		Biology 2	96	3	
Math 1	53	4		English 2	84	0		Biology 1	76	3		History 2	90	3			
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								Degree A.B.				2nd Minor History					
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								Position in Class 10				ΦBK					



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2nd District "Feeding Across The District" Social Action



Brothers from Corridor I & II participating in the Feeding Across the District event

Baltimore, MD. August 22, 2020. Brothers from one undergraduate chapter and eight graduate chapters in the Second District of the Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. came to Pi Omega Chapter to receive food to distribute in the neighborhoods within their corridors in Maryland (MD) and Delaware (DE). The Feeding Across the Second District is a collaboration between the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Second District and the Maryland Food Bank.

The goal of the Feeding Across the Second District Project is for the Brothers to identify communities that do not have access to the food banks and have been labeled as "food deserts" to go to those communities and distribute cases of food to the local churches, pantries, kitchens, and/or individuals in need of assistance. The Maryland Food Bank provided six thousand four hundred eighty-five (6,485) pounds of food for the Brothers to distribute in the community. The scope of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Second District's food distribution in the community was as follows:

Corridor I - Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter (undergraduate) - Carroll County, MD, Iota Nu Chapter – Harford County, MD, Iota Mu Nu Chapter – Anne Arundel County, MD, Pi Omega Chapter – Baltimore City, MD, Mu Nu – Montgomery County, MD

Corridor II- Gamma Mu Nu Chapter – New Castle County, DE, Iota Alpha Alpha Chapter – Talbot County, MD, Pi Alpha Chapter – Somerset County, MD, Psi Iota Chapter – Kent County, DE

Hunger is not just about food. Hunger and poverty are inextricably linked. The Brothers in the Second District are attempting to empower people living in food deserts and poverty to have some say in their own destiny. The Corridor I and Corridor II initiative is just the beginning. The Feeding Across the Second District Project is slated for all the corridors in Pennsylvania, New, Jersey, and New York to identify locations and provide foodstuffs in their communities.



Boxes of food to be distributed to residents of Corridor I & II

Mu Nu Chapter Health and Wellness “The Story of the Biking Bruhz”



Biking Bruhz gather before the ride

Silver Springs, MD. October 18, 2020. The Biking Bruhz are a group of like-minded men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who organize their health and wellness cycling activities under the theme of “Fitness with a Purpose”. The Cycling Team is committed to making healthy choices, while uplifting the community. They have raised over \$36,000 in the last six years to fight diabetes, support children with special needs and fund other socially conscience programs.

The Biking Bruhz was created after six Brothers started complaining about their expanding waistline following the 2nd District’s Mu Nu Chapters monthly meeting in Silver Springs, MD. After some good old fashion ribbing, the Brothers came to realize they all had a fondness for cycling and committed to a short ride the following Saturday. That short ride turned into monthly group rides on the 3rd Saturday of every month (March through November) for the next six years. Today, the group consist of over 800 active cyclists around the world and in every District of our beloved Fraternity.

As their numbers increased, they began to look for more organized and socially conscience activities to support the monthly meet ups. The Biking Bruhz started participating in events to raise awareness of the impacts of diabetes in the African-American community. They helped promote fitness and bike safety through rides in cities like New York and supported kids with special needs with rides in Maryland, Virginia and Georgia. The Biking Bruhz and their signature uniforms (kits) have become a fixture at

many charity rides across the Country.

As we all struggled in 2020 with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biking Bruhz have been committed to finding safe ways to continue their health and wellness activities, while adhering to the safety guidelines laid out by local and national experts.

With safety at the forefront, they organized virtual Summer and Fall Cycling Challenges with Omega Men participating from around the world. The Brothers competed for bragging rights in several categories to include, Team and Individual Total Miles; Team and Individual Total Elevation; Team Average Elevation; Individual Longest Ride; etc.

They had 157 riders in the Summer Challenge and 214 in the Fall Challenge. The combined total mileage and elevation ridden for both Challenges was well over 50,000 miles in distance and 1.1 million feet in elevation. The brothers pushed each other, supported each other, and came together in the true spirit of Omega. Top Bragging rights in the most categories went to the 2nd District in the Summer Challenge and the 9th District in the Fall Challenge.

The capstone event for the Cycling Challenges was the Tour de Cure virtual ride. Several Brothers travelled to DC to support the Tour de Cure from as far away as Richmond, VA; Detroit, MI; and Atlanta, GA. Because of this great national support, the Biking Bruhz were the TOP fundraising team for the Tour de Cure in every category raising almost \$11,000. Fitness with a Purpose!



Biking Bruhz in competition



Biking Bruhz at the White House

Mu Nu Chapter Health and Wellness “The Story of the Biking Bruhz” (cont.)



Biking Bruhz at the Omega Monument



Biking Bruhz at the Lincoln Memorial

Mu Nu Chapter PPE Donation



Montgomery County, MD. July 10, 2020. The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. raised money and purchased \$1,584 worth of personal protective equipment (PPE) for caregivers at Adventist HealthCare for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis. The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter purchased isolation gowns and protective face shields

to help protect Adventist HealthCare frontline doctors, nurses, and staff that screen and treat patients and staff for symptoms related to COVID-19. Mu Nu Chapter was thoroughly impressed by Montgomery County’s generosity in response to our call for funds to support our efforts.

Mu Nu Chapter Variety Show Fundraiser



Montgomery County, MD. June 25, 2020. The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its first Virtual Variety Show Fundraiser event. The event was held on behalf of Shepherds Table homeless shelter for men and women located in downtown Silver Spring,

MD. The event was well attended and showcased talent in comedy, singing, spoken word, and art. The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter raised \$1,400 and used the proceeds to purchase isolation gowns, desk partitions, gloves, sanitation wipes, and masks.

Mu Rho Chapter Activities



Mu Rho Brothers with MD State Delegate Shameka Henson

Annapolis, MD. Mu Rho Chapter Mu Rho, Maryland’s Capital Ques, was chartered in Annapolis, Maryland, on March 1, 1964, as a viable, financial chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Our charter members felt that a graduate chapter in Annapolis would help Omega to continue the simulation of high ideals and afford them to occupy a progressive and constructive place in the civic life of the community. For the past 56 years, we have continued to provide outstanding leadership in the area through our mandatory programs. Some of our key events over the past few months are listed below. On 10 June 2020, members of Mu Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated participated in a peaceful protest to denounce racism and police violence in Annapolis, MD. On 22 August 2020, members of Mu Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated participated in a food drive sponsored by the Parole Community Association of Annapolis, MD. The members unloaded truckloads of food, packaged them for pick-up, and placed them in vehicle to feed more than 40 families impacted by COVID-19. The food

drive was also sponsored by Maryland State Delegate Shaneka Henson of Annapolis, MD.

Henson: <https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/06hse/html/msa18109.html>

On 26 September 2020, members of Mu Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated performed a community cleanup project through the Maryland Department of Highways. The chapter cleaned a stretch of highway in Anne Arundel County for its Adopt-A-Highway program. The chapter also executed its beautification project in Wiseman Park in Annapolis, MD.

On 10 October 2020, members of Mu Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated participated in a community cleanup project at Brewer Hill Cemetery in Annapolis, MD. The event was sponsored by Maryland State Delegate Shaneka Henson of Annapolis and was an all-day beautification project for the more than a century old African American burial ground.



Gamma Pi Educates Community On Social Action Issues Via ZOOM Technology

Prince George's County, MD. October 6, 2020. If there is one thing Gamma Pi has done well in adjusting to the new normal of COVID-19, it is using the popularity and convenience of web-based videoconferencing to inform and organize the community on social justice issues. Throughout the summer months and into the Fall, the chapter has held several public conversations as part of its new community outreach initiative under the auspices of its Legislative Committee.

Using Zoom technology, the chapter has helped the local Prince George's County community understand and respond to the impact of COVID-19, justice and policing issues affecting minority communities, and the importance of understanding their rights as it relates to voter registration and voting. Given that in-person meetings continue to be restricted in the face of rising coronavirus caseloads, online videoconferencing continues to be the best way to facilitate meetings.

On October 6, Gamma Pi's Legislative Committee sponsored a communitywide webinar to discuss "down ballot" issues that often go unnoticed, especially during a presidential election year. Given the gravity of the upcoming election, it is likely that many citizens are paying even less attention to the local and state initiatives and even offices lower on the

ballot. Through the webinar, the committee sought to better educate voters and especially call attention to matters on the ballot that impact communities of color more than the broader community. The Zoom event attracted nearly 700 viewers.

"Our event had 596 views on Facebook Live. And it has been reported that the other D-9 fraternities and sororities had similar viewership on their respective Facebook platforms. Not bad for a first event," said Bro. Jason Crump, Esq., who chairs the Legislative Committee. "I think this is just the beginning...we are on to something. The plan is to replicate forums such as these in jurisdictions with significant D-9 presence."

On July 26, the Legislative Committee in concert with Gamma Pi's Social Action Committee held a voter mobilization call jointly with the NAACP to discuss voter turnout in the county as well as ongoing law enforcement concerns in a county that is considered the wealthiest African American-majority enclave in the nation, yet one plagued with longstanding police-community tensions.

During the summer, Brothers also held several internal strategy discussions over Zoom about overarching goals in the chapter to emphasize voter empowerment and the return of Civics classes to school classrooms.

Gamma Pi Pan-Hell Coalition to Address Civic Education

Prince George's County, MD. October 10, 2020. In recent months, Gamma Pi chapter's attention has turned to civic engagement and social justice issues, given the direction of the country and the African American community during the flareup of racial tensions as part of the civil unrest that gripped the nation after the George Floyd police killing in Minneapolis in May. Over the summer, the chapter's Legislative Committee spawned a new organization to help respond locally, creating a new coalition of Divine 9 entities in Prince George's County, the chapter's home. The focus is greater civic education and involvement by African-Americans.

The newly formed D-9 Coalition for Civic Engagement is a group consisting of representatives from each African-American Greek letter organization who have come together on a united front for the purpose of educating and informing citizens on civic issues relating to land use, taxes and budget within their community. From the Coalition perspective, these three issues are fundamental to an understanding of how hot sub-topics such as economic development, police reform, and education are handled within our communities on a local and state level.

What is the D-9 Coalition, how did it start and what is its purpose? "I started the D-9 Coalition in January 2020 as a way to bring together Black Greek Letter Organizations to engage our communities in meaningful discussion so that they understand not just the importance of voting on a local and state level but to have a true understanding of what it is they are in fact voting for, why it is on the ballot - and why it affects them," said Bro. Jason Crump, Esq., who heads the Gamma Pi Legislative Committee and formed the new coalition. "I believe that if our beloved D-9 organizations act on a united front to tackle these issues rather than separately, our overall strength in numbers would have a tremendous impact on not only the communities in which we serve but collectively across the nation." Currently, the D-9 Coalition does not have a formal "structure." per se. It consists of 10 persons who are committee leaders in their own respective organizations who have joined forces to create events to realize the Coalition vision and purpose. It is the Coalition's goal to expand in each county of the state of Maryland where there is a significant Black Greek letter presence. Ultimately, the Coalition intends to replicate its vision and purpose across the nation. Although not yet envisioned, there is potential for it to become a non-profit or even a Political Action Committee (PAC) depending on its influence.



Brother Jason Crump, Esq. - Gamma Pi Legislative Committee Chair

Gamma Pi Project ENRICH



Gamma Pi Brothers Rushern Baker and James Riley, Jr. mentor to Project ENRICH youth on importance of Civics

Prince George's County, MD .October 10, 2020. Two local leaders who are members of the Fraternity led the way as Gamma Pi Chapter opened Project ENRICH for the 2020-21 academic year. Just like when the program last got together for its 2019-20 closing ceremony in June, the opening program for this school year began online via videoconferencing due to the coronavirus.

Brothers Rushern Baker III, who served as the former Prince George's County Executive and was a Democratic candidate for governor in 2018, along with State Del. Nick Charles, also of Prince Georges, set the tone for the year with informative and interesting remarks about importance of civics.

"The students out of this program have gone on to do some terrific things," said Baker, who gave the opening program keynote remarks. "We need good young people to follow in our footsteps." He challenged young people to think about public service and civic engagement with particular focus on local and state office. Bro. Baker also evoked the name of Gamma Pi Chapter's Bro. Ulysses Currie, who became the highest ranking African American legislator in Maryland as a State Senator and who entered Omega Chapter in 2019. Bro. Del. Charles told his story of how he began working in his neighborhood homeowner's association looking to make a difference and turned that into the desire to serve in an elected capacity, hoping to stir interest in the students. The theme of the opening program was civics.

In addition to hearing from Bro. Baker and Bro. Charles, Project ENRICH students heard from Gamma Pi Basileus Steven Walls, who encouraged them to remain focused on their success despite then unsettling events in

the world.

The students also received a briefing from new director Bro. James Riley, Jr. about what the program's curriculum would be for the year. The monthly focus topics for the year are: Civics (October), Critical Thinking (November), College Timelines and Planning (December), Financial Resources and Debt Planning (January), Entrepreneurship and Interviewing (February), Mental Health (March), Essay Presentation (April) and Seniors Program (May).

During the two-hour session, students were also introduced to Bro. William "Bill" Reese, who for the second year in a row will lead the Young Men's Professional Etiquette initiative called MPSU (Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift). Mrs. Kaila Randolph, a training official for the federal government, will lead the second-year Young Ladies Professional Etiquette started last year by Ms. Rita Reese. Team leads this year are Bros. Andrew Clarke and Anthony Smith (freshmen); Bros. Jason Crump and Marlin Godfrey (sophomores); Bros. James Riley and Andrew Gibson (juniors) and Bro. John Howard has the graduating seniors.

Missing through it all was Bro. Willie Hines, the longtime Project ENRICH director who turned the reins over to Bro. Riley this summer after nearly 10 years at the helm. Bro. Hines, who introduced a lot of innovations to Project ENRICH including the parents' club and the emphasis on he "30-second elevator speech" and public speaking, is taking a step back to consider some other education-associated projects for the chapter and Fraternity. Bro. Roland Byrd founded the program for Gamma Pi more than three decades ago.

Gamma Pi COVID-19 Food Drive

Prince George's County, MD. October 10, 2020 . Early in the pandemic, Gamma Pi Chapter sprang into action with an ambitious food drive program helped bring relief to many hard-hit families in Prince George's County. At the time, it looked like the public health crisis would end by early summer. Instead, the coronavirus has lingered and brought on a new wave of infections and more economic damage. As a result, the Brothers have stayed at the helm continuing to coordinate local food drives.

Through September, Gamma Pi had participated in food relief for more than 60,000 people in the area. During the summer, the chapter continued with the food drives even though it was officially vacation season for the Brothers. Twice during the summer, the Super Chapter's efforts were highlighted on local newscasts. The food drives were conducted in partnership with several area charities including the Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc.

On Saturday, June 20, the chapter joined forces with three DeMatha Catholic High basketball standouts who now play in the NBA and other volunteers to distribute 500-plus meals for a family of four. The pop-up food pantry was the eighth in a series of weekend food drives the fraternity conducted since March to provide relief to families impacted by the economic fallout from the virus.

The family foundation representing NBA brothers Jerian and Jerami

www.opp2d.org

Grant (Denver Nuggets), the Hour Generation Foundation, along with NBA All-Star Victor Oladipo's (Indiana Pacers) Limitless Foundation, Inc., funded the food purchase for this giveaway. Jerian Grant, who last played for the Orlando Magic in 2019 in the NBA and currently plays for the Capital City Go-Go of the NBA G-League, participated in the event. By the time of the event, Oladipo and Jami Grant had just returned to their teams to prepare for completion of the 2019-2020 NBA season in the "NBA bubble."

On Saturday, September 26, Brothers distributed meals to local families at the chapter's newly adopted school, the Ernest E Just Middle School, which is the only school in the U.S. named for Bro. Founder Just. The Brothers had collected book bags and other school supplies for students at the school but were told to deliver that in January when it is hoped that students will be back in the physical environment.

On October 10, the chapter gathered at Northwestern High School in Adelphi, MD, near the University of Maryland-College Park campus, to lead a food drive that also included free COVID testing.

The Brothers of the Super Chapter will not rest until they have exhausted every possible resource and ounce of energy at their disposal to take care of the in-need families and individuals in Prince George's County. The food drives will continue throughout the fall.

IMM and Naval Academy Minority Association Launch Middy Mentor Program to Address Racial Bias Naval Academy



Brothers Preston and Singleton mentor to local youth

Annapolis, MD. The need to address unconscious bias/racial and cultural consciousness in our nation’s Armed Forces and corporate America is increasing in demand and prominence. Great institutions such as the U.S. Naval Academy can be a sterling example of what right looks like and must ensure the protection and fair treatment of America’s future. Since the service academies are requiring that their students go into the world to protect their nation. This is necessary for the good of the service. Silence, in the face of bias, is never the right answer.

However, Perseverance is the key. Through the turned, blind eye of racism that some have faced, diversity has endured. With so many real-world examples of both conscious and unconscious racial discrimination prevalent in today’s society, where do you begin? It is much more difficult to straighten the branches of a 100-year-old tree than it is on one that recently planted. The real impact is at the grassroots level; more specifically, it begins with today’s youth.

In response, the Brothers of Iota Mu Mu, in partnership with the IMM Scholarship & Uplift Academy and Naval Academy Minority Association (NAMA), have launched the Middy Mentor Program (MMP). Established by Brother Daron Fullwood (Spring 90’ AA) and currently co-chaired by Bro. Jontavius Singleton (Spring 05 IMM) and Bro. Torri Preston (Spring 10’ IMM), MMP is an effective network of Service Academy Alumni (Omega Men), that guide and teach emerging leaders of leaders to compete in life and assist them in launching and thriving in their careers.

MMP provides Mentorship, Scholarship, and Career Support to midshipmen and local youth, grooming them to have a profound impact on their community, the Navy and Marine Corps, and society as a whole. The

program boasts a top-notch learning series designed to promote life and career success. It fosters a local support system to help midshipmen and local you adjust and thrive while at USNA and in their communities... and beyond.

MMP seeks minority midshipmen and local youth looking to network and connect in an effort to accelerate and enhance the success of their military and professional careers. Brothers of IMM and an extension of their reach-back support includes hundreds of former Navy Graduates and leaders in the Military, Industry and DoD. Mentors volunteer their time, resources and efforts to identify, recruit and retain already talented Midshipmen.

In addition, the Executive Board of MMP intends to conduct a comprehensive review of the midshipmen education to ensure leadership, training, and ethics courses contain education on the benefits of diversity for mission success and leading in a diverse environment. Furthermore, the MMP staff will personally educate, train and engage USNA leadership, staff, midshipman and affiliates on an ongoing basis with a focus on skill development, practical exercises and experiential learning geared toward scenarios that assisting officers will encounter.

Furthermore, the MMP leverages partnerships with the National Naval Officers Association, National Society of Black Engineers, Navy Football Brotherhood Association, Navy Football and Cheerleader Parents Club, and other shared interest groups (SIGs) and community organizations (such as churches and Pan-Hellenic organizations) in support of USNA’s and NNOA’s Mission to provide a premier experience for both the aspiring officers and their community networks.



Brothers of Iota Mu Mu Chapter

IMM Bro. Middleton and USNA Mates Form Link the Change Group

Annapolis, MD. Our nation found itself entrenched in two crises in just a few months—tragic events such as the George Floyd and Breonna Taylor deaths put 2020 in the history books as one of the most challenging years in our country’s history. The U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) found itself at the center of this tumult as leadership navigated the complexities of COVID-19 and the even more complex response to the public use of explicitly racist rhetoric by a USNA alumni and several midshipmen. On June 12, Vice Admiral Sean Buck, the Superintendent U.S. Naval Academy, said “we simply cannot wish away this reality of racism in our [military] ranks, and we will not be able to change it, unless we confront it head on.”

The Brothers of the Iota Mu Mu chapter whole-heartedly agree with the Superintendent’s words.

In July, Brother Wyatt Middleton (Spring 09’), along with five other 2011 U.S. Naval Academy classmates, founded a USNA Alumni group called Link in the Change. Motivated to action by the 2020 wave of protests and rallying cry that Black Lives Matter, it is not enough to say that racism will not be tolerated or that it goes against the Academy’s/Navy’s core values. We cannot stop at conversations. We need systemic change. Link in the Change has come together to take action toward making USNA a more racially equitable place, to support ongoing efforts for reform while calling for additional necessary steps. Our action steps fall under the goals to: build Brigade diversity reflective of the Fleet, establish enduring anti-

racism and bias training for USNA Faculty & Staff, and institute enduring anti-racism and bias education in Midshipman curriculum. We are currently working with USNA to establish an Endowed PhD-level Leadership & Inclusion Chair to implement necessary curriculum that prepares Midshipmen to lead as officers in a culturally diverse and historically complex Navy and Marine Corps.

Bro. Middleton launched the @BlackAtUSNA Instagram page in order to provide an anonymous space for Midshipmen and Alumni to share accounts of racism at the Naval Academy. Using lessons from conflict resolution and peace studies, Link in the Change recognizes that progress and healing cannot take place without openly acknowledging and expressing the pain and experiences that have caused deep emotional wounds. We strive to ensure Midshipmen and Alumni no longer feel isolated in their experiences and are dedicated to shining a light on institutional racism, patterns of degradation, indignity, and the sense of otherness that results from these actions.

In addition to combating racism and prejudice at the U.S Naval Academy, Bro. Middleton enthusiastically help found a new racial justice ministry at his Church, St. John Neumann (SJN), located in Reston. The Racial Justice Ministry created a series of programs to help parishioners become a positive force for ending racism in our society and our church.



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IMM Bro. Frank Lemene Takes Command of Naval Warship

Annapolis, MD. Brother Frank Lemene (Spring 05’ Iota Mu Mu) was born and raised in Belle Glade, Florida. It was in South Florida, when Brother Lemene first realized he wanted to be a Naval Officer. Bro. Lemene graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2007 with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree. Upon graduation, he reported to his first ship, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) where he served as the Assistance Damage Control Officer and supported Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2010, Bro. Lemene reported to the USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43), where he served as the Ship’s Navigator and supported Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE. Upon completion of his tour onboard USS FORT MCHENRY, he was assigned as Anti-Terrorism and Anti-Force Protection (ATFP) Officer and Assistant Operations Officer for Military Sealift Command Atlantic (MSC LANT). Despite being deployed to multiple areas of operation, Bro. Lemene never gave up on pursuing a graduate degree. Truly blazing trails and building bridges, in 2014 he earned his Master of Science in Higher Education from Kaplan University. After Bro. Lemene completed Department Head School in Newport, Rhode Island, he reported to USS OAK HILL (LSD 51) as the Operations Officer in 2016. As the Operations Officer, he completed an Arabian Gulf deployment in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and a surge deployment in support of SOUTHERN PARTNERSHIP. During this time period Bro. Lemene was named as the Atlantic Fleet Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) of the year runner-up by Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic (CNSL).

While he was serving as the Operations Officer onboard USS OAK HILL, he was selected for early command, a career milestone achievement that few in the Navy earn. Early command of a warship is an opportunity that only the finest Surface Warfare Officers are selected for, providing them with instrumental experience in leading Sailors in vital missions across the world. Bro. Lemene served as the Executive Officer aboard USS SENTRY (MCM 3) from 2018 to 2020. He took over as the Commanding Officer of the USS SENTRY on April 15, 2020. Brother Frank Lemene is the first Brother from the Iota Mu Mu Chapter (Naval Academy Ques) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated to take command of a Navy warship.



Bro. Lemene and his family onboard the USS SENTRY



Bro. Frank Lemene (left) and his Executive Officer (right) conducting mine countermeasure operations in the Arabian Gulf

IMM Brother Nate Jester Graduates Harvard Law School

Annapolis, MD. Brother Nate Jester (Spring 10' Iota Mu Mu) was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia graduating from Benjamin E. Mays High School in 2008. Brother Jester always strived for the best and was driven by his Atlanta community to succeed. Brother Jester graduated from the United States Naval Academy with honors in 2012, where he was a double major in Political Science and Economics. He was also one of the top graduates of his class. Not only did he valiantly succeed academically but he was also a three-time all-American collegiate boxer and three-time Naval Academy Brigade Boxing Champion. While Brother Jester was a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, he helped establish a tutoring business that specialized in helping High school students from the Annapolis and Bowie in science and math. Upon graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Bro. Jester was commissioned as an Officer in the Marine Corps. He served for 5 years as an infantry officer, holding leadership roles as platoon commander, company executive officer, and company commander.

In 2017 Bro. Jester was honorable discharge from the Marine Corps as a Captain. He continued to pursue his dreams and strive for higher education by attending Harvard Law School. While in law school, he was a Student Attorney with the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, defending clients against wrongful evictions and suing employers for violating wage laws. Bro. Jester also served as Vice President of the Armed Forces Association and Black Law Students Association. Bro. Jester graduated from Harvard Law School on May 28, 2020 and was honored with the Dean's Award for Community Leadership and the Pro Bono Service Award, reflecting his commitment to leading within the Harvard community and giving back to the community at-large. In the fall, Bro. Jester will join the Atlanta office of the international law firm Jones Day as an Associate. Bro. Jester's goal of serving and leading his community hasn't changed, and on top of his legal career, he plans to immediately pursue his passion of community organizing and local politics.



Brother Nate Jester

IMM Brother Phillip Jones Pursues Joint Degree from Harvard



Brother Phillip Jones

Annapolis, MD. Brother Phillip Jones (Spring 10' Iota Mu Mu) is the son of two Air Force pilots and uniquely grew up all around the world but calls home Hampton Roads, Virginia. After the horrendous attacks on September 11, 2001, Bro. Jones new he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his parents and attended the U.S. Naval Academy. Bro. Jones graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science. He graduated as one of the top midshipmen in his class and was awarded as a Burke Scholar. Upon graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Bro. Jones was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the Marine Corps and led hundreds of Marines on several deployments across the world. Returning home from his deployments, Bro. Jones witnessed a widening economic disparity between his hometown and the rest of Virginia and wanted to do something about it. He believes that the importance of local city governance cannot be understated and that critical economic issues must first be solved at the municipal level. In order to implement change, Bro. Jones decided a higher education was needed to help facilitate giving back to the local community. He is currently pursuing a joint degree between the Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School to facilitate his transition to a civilian leader with the ability to speak to private and public sector issues, as well as the marriage of the two. He remains a native son of Virginia who wants to play a part in constructing policies that will help to uplift the downtrodden.

Bro. Jones anticipates a career with elements of business and public service, including electoral leadership at the local level, and ultimately a cabinet position in D.C. "In the future," he believes, "issues will be solved by people who can speak to industry, as well as have a firm grasp on nonprofit and public sectors."

Iota Nu COVID-19 Initiative



Iota Nu Brothers giving food boxes to Sharing Table Food Bank in Edgewood, MD

Aberdeen, MD. June 2020 - August 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic has altered the daily lives of the Harford County, MD citizens, the negative impacts are experienced across social-economical lines. However, the population most heavily affected are the low-income communities.

Iota Nu Chapter in conjunction with the 2nd District Covid-19 Task Force provided crucial resources to address the increased need of food for families directly impacted by the economic effects of the pandemic. Iota Nu donated \$500.00 to the Harford Community Action Agency to support the organization's efforts to combat hunger. The Community Action Food Pantry and Food Bank is an emergency and / or supplemental food source that is available once every 30 days to eligible clients in need of nourishment.

Families will receive enough wholesome fresh/canned fruits, vegetable, meats, milk products, and/or breads and pastries for 3-4 days,

based on household size. The current income eligibility is 200% of poverty guidelines.

During the month of August, the Iota Nu Brothers participated in a project that provided uplift to the community via food donations. On Saturday, 22 August, Iota Nu partnered with the Second District, Pi Omega, Alpha Delta Gamma undergraduate chapter and the Maryland Food Bank to conduct a food drive that delivered meals to families associated with Aberdeen Middle School, located in Aberdeen, MD and to the Sharing Table Food Bank located in Edgewood, MD. Additionally, Iota Nu along with the Second and Thirteenth District collaborated with the Tau Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. founded in Monrovia, The Republic of Liberia to conduct the "Unite for COVID Relief in Ghana" project. The effort assisted in providing food donations to needy families in Ghana.

Iota Nu COVID-19 Initiative



Brothers Eric Story with members from the Hartford County Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta

Aberdeen, MD. 28 August 2019. Members of the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc., along with the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) Harford Alumni Council (HAC) participated in a back to school supply drive on August 28, 2019 to provide school supplies to the Aberdeen Middle School. The leadership team from the school was grateful for the donations and encouraged Iota Nu's continued interaction with the school throughout the year

Iota Nu Black History Month Celebration



Iota Nu Talent Hunt participants Sorority Omicron Chi Zeta Chapter

Aberdeen, MD. February 14, 2020. The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated observed Black History Month by conducting an “Omega Day in the City by the Bay” celebration in Havre de Grace, Md on Saturday, February 14, 2019. Each February during Black History Month, Iota Nu donates a selected book to the Harford County Public Library. During the morning of Omega Day in the City by the Bay, copies of this year selection “A Journey Through Berkley Maryland: A Tapestry of Black and White Lives Woven Together Over 200 Years at a Rural Crossroads” were donated at the Havre de Grace Branch. Iota Nu invited the book two authors, Constance R. Beims and Christine P. Tolbert to the presentation to discuss the book, and Christine Colbert, a seventh-generation descendant of Blacks who settled in Berkeley provided a personal retrospective of her family history and their experiences while living in the rural crossroad community.

Later in the afternoon eight students from five high schools in Harford County area competed for prizes during Iota Nu’s 12th Annual Talent Hunt competition. The event was held at the Havre de Gras Cultural Center at the Opera House. The expressive talents on display were first class. In the classical instrumental category, pianist Ms. Eliana Peyton performed “Allegro 1st Movement from Sonata B Flat” composed by Wolfgang Ama-

deus Mozart and pianist Ms. Nicole Johnson performed “Un Sospiro” a Franz Listz composition, while Ms. Tynia Scott, a violinist performed the Giuseppe Giordano composition, “Aria”. In the vocal category, Mr. Desmond McAllister performed the Beatles song “Blackbird” accompanied with his solo guitar performance. Ms. Alexis Johnson and Ms. Courtney Williams provided interpretive dance routines accompanied by Jennifer Hudson recording “I’m Changing” and Yolanda Adams recording “That Name” respectively. Mr. Ibn Sahir Abdur Rahim rounded out the competition with a presentation of his original pastel and oil painting.

Nicole Johnson, a graduating senior at C. Milton Wright High School won the competition and received the first place prize of \$400.00 and an all-expense-paid trip to compete in the Omega Psi Phi Second District Talent Hunt in Pittsburgh, PA. Eliana Peyton finished second and Alexis Johnson finished in third place and each received prizes of \$200.00 and \$100.00 respectively. Each of the other contestants were given a \$25.00 gift card for a total prize payout of \$875.00.

Iota Nu would like to thank the City of Havre de Grace, the Harford County Public Library, and the Harford County community for supporting this event and contributing to the chapter’s mission of actively engaging youths and the community to make it a better place!

Iota Nu Adopt A Highway

Aberdeen, MD. June 27, 2020 and August 1, 2020. After receiving the green light to start back performing community services due to COVID-19, the fraternity members of Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc., meet during the months of June and August to remove trash from stretches of roadsides located Aberdeen, MD. Brother Eric Story, Iota Nu’s Highway Cleanup chairperson lead the effort and organized several other Iota Nu chapter members to meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday mornings to fulfill the chapter’s “Adopt-a-Highway” commitment.

Participants split into two groups to cover both sides of the roadway picking up what others carelessly discarded or allowed to blow off vehicles. The cleanup crew removed items as small as cigarette butts to an assortment of items which could cause hazards for unsuspecting motorists.

Brother Story supplied participating members with safety vests, gloves and bags and ensured traffic control signs were in placed while cleanup was occurring along the stretches of highway. The highway cleanup up activity provides an opportunity for camaraderie for chapter members and a golden opportunity for service to the community

Iota Nu Brothers posting the signage on the highway



Iota Nu Scholarship Awards



Iota Nu's FY2020 scholarship recipients Alexis Amos, Aberdeen HS; Andrew Smith, Harford Tech HS; Hufsa Khan, Edgewood HS; Kevin Burry, Edgewood HS; Tynia Scott, Havre De Grace HS; Jenna Zavovyna, Havre De Grace HS; Terrell Lowery, Jr. Harford Tech HS; Nicole Johnson, C. Milton Wright HS; Olivia White, Edgewood HS; Njideka Onyekwere, North Harford HS

Harford County, MD. June 13, 2020. Since its inception Iota Nu has distributed over \$60K in scholarships to students residing in Harford County and surrounding areas funded through the chapter sponsored fundraisers. Due to the leadership provided by past immediate Basileus, Brother Russell Reese and current Basileus, Brother Charles Gibson, the chapter was able to present for the first time ever, ten scholarships for \$1000.00 each for a total distribution of \$10,000.00, while celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2020 Fraternal Year (FY). The following are Iota Nu's FY2020 scholarship recipients and the school each student attended; Alexis Amos, Aberdeen HS; Andrew Smith, Harford Tech HS; Hufsa Khan, Edgewood HS; Kevin Burry, Edgewood HS;

Tynia Scott, Havre De Grace HS; Jenna Zavovyna, Havre De Grace HS; Terrell Lowery, Jr. Harford Tech HS; Nicole Johnson, C. Milton Wright HS; Olivia White, Edgewood HS; Njideka Onyekwere, North Harford HS. Due to COVID-19, the chapter was unable to recognize the student for their outstanding academic and community service achievement during school sponsored events. On Saturday, June 13 twelve Iota Nu brothers met and separated in to five teams to deliver checks and certificates to the FY2020 scholarship recipients. The brother commemorated the event by wearing a 50th anniversary shirt, khaki/black pants, and dark shoes. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to include masks and gloves was required for the brother who traveled to the recipient's homes

Iota Nu's Mike Ashley Memorial Service

Aberdeen, MD. June 2020. The Brothers of Iota Nu experienced a tragedy during the month of August with the passing of Brother Michael "Five-O" Ashley. Brother Ashley was initiated in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Iota Nu Chapter at the Pi Omega Fraternity House on 21 May 2011. The Brothers of Iota Nu conducted a Memorial Service for Brother Ashley on Saturday, 15 June at the Gold Star Mother Memorial located on Aberdeen Proven Ground (APG) located in Aberdeen, MD. The service was attended by over twenty-six Brothers, including members of Iota Nu, visiting Brothers, and representatives from the Second District. Brother Ashley has been financial and active with Iota Nu since joining this great fraternity. Brother Ashley contributed Scholarship Fundraiser, Social Action program, Achievement Week, Talent Hunt, Reclamation & Retention, Memorial Service and the College Endowment Fund. Brother Ashley also participated as a member of the Iota Nu Hop Team for four years and attended the Centennial Grand Conclave in Washington DC in 2011. Brother Ashley final resting place is Arlington Cemetery.

Basileus Charles Gibson instructing the Brother ritual for "When We Wear the Gloves"



Kappa Chapter 2nd District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year



Kappa Chapter Brothers with their Advisors

Syracuse, NY. May 16, 2020. Kappa Chapter was awarded the 2nd District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year. The brothers of the Kappa Chapter have continuously thrived to attain the excellence that men of Omega are encouraged to strive for. In the past year the brothers of Kappa Chapters have designed many programs for the Syracuse University community. These programs include “Feed Your Soul” in partnership with other organizations on campus, delivering food throughout the Syracuse Community, “Soul to Soul” to encourage the nourishment of mental health,

“Know Your Rights” with civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump esq. and “Soul Skate” in which the Syracuse community were able to bond and come closer together. Along with these events The Kappa Chapter had their annual can food drive for the less fortunate during thanksgiving as well as handing out book bags and school supplies to students returning to the Van Duyn Elementary School. The brothers were also able to facilitate their first annual Christmas Toy Drive for the children of Van Dуйn Elementary School

Nu Nu Supports Black Lives Matter and Voter Registration Drive



DST Major Dr. Tiffani Worthy on the bull horn speaking of the importance of voting.

Willingboro, NJ. June 7, 2020. We marched, we chanted the words of ‘I Can’t Breathe, as we Protested in the name of Black Lives Matter on the four corners of route 130 in Willingboro, NJ. Willingboro High School students, Brothers of Omega from Nu Nu Chapter, and people from the surrounding areas came together in Solidarity to Fight for Justice. The peaceful rally brought out people from surrounding communities of all races who displayed signs of ‘No Justice, No Peace, ‘My Skin Color Is Not A Crime’, and a variety of other signs. After several hours of protesting approximately 300 people, with police escort marched over to the Willingboro Municipal

Complex. There, they were welcomed by Major Dr. Tiffani Worthy, member of Delta Sigma Theta, who spoke and shared the importance of registering to vote for the upcoming elections and allowing our voices to be heard. Young people were then allowed to express and share their feeling pertaining to the George Floyd death and their hopes for the future. A Voter’s Registration table was setup by the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter for anybody who needed to register to vote. We received several registrations from quite a few first-time voters.

Nu Nu 50th Anniversary



Nu Nu Chapter 50th Anniversary

Willingboro, NJ. August 1, 2020. On August 1, 1980, 50 years ago, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. granted the establishment of a graduate Chapter in Willingboro, New Jersey. This new Chapter would be called “Nu Nu”. With a core of seventeen Charter Members, this new Chapter was to make a positive contribution geared toward continued enhancement of the greater Willingboro community. 17 Charter Members of Nu Nu Chapter are Bro. Arthur “Art” Brown,

Bro. Donald Clark, Bro. Harry Dorsey, Bro. David Jackson, Bro. Leroy King, Bro. Charles Lee, Bro. Marion Massey, Bro. Ronald Owens, Bro. Ronald Owens, Bro. Louis Richardson, Bro. Eugene Riley, Bro. Donald Saunders, Bro. Earl Rippie, Bro. Frederick “Fred” Scott, Bro. Melvin “Mel” Thomas, Bro. Joseph “Joe” Washington and Bro. Willinel “Willie” Wright. Happy 50th Anniversary to the Boro Ques!!

Nu Nu Borehole Initiative

Willingboro, NJ August 25, 2020. As many of you are aware, there is an ongoing freshwater shortage in Ghana. In keeping with the collective charge of all Omega men to UPLIFT our people, the Grand Basileus of our illustrious fraternity, Brother Dr. David Marion has pledged that we will provide funds to create at least 24 freshwater sources (boreholes) in Ghana. The leadership of this Chapter determined that it will provide funding for one (1) borehole in support of the Grand Basileus’ initiative. Per International Headquarters, the cost per borehole is estimated at \$4,000.

An ad-hoc committee was formed to address this specific initiative. The committee was comprised of Brother Bill McLaughlin, chairman; Brother Terrance Franklin; Brother Daryl Payne; and Brother Brandon Kennedy. Following three (3) days of planning and discus-

sions, the committee decided to embark upon this journey by only soliciting brothers directly associated with Nu Nu Chapter; not to ask for a specific amount from any brother (each was charged to give what they will); and collect donations primarily through the use of a “Go Fund Me” page, so as to not increase the workload of the chapter. The committee is pleased to report the successful completion of its assigned task. Through the blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the donations of the brothers, a total amount \$5,028 was raised from 38 donations. The additional funds of \$1000 were given to the HBCU 1000 for 1000 Initiative. OMEGA’s faith, creed, and aim is to provide our service to all mankind. This committee thanks each and every one of you that helped us achieve this goal in less than ten (10) days.

Nu Nu Health Initiative Bike Ride

Lambertville, NJ. July 4, 2020. Brothers from Nu Nu and Delta Upsilon have partnered together for a annual 4th of July bike ride Health Initiative. This year however, we found ourselves riding together more often and for good causes. Since the 4th of July ride we have gotten together monthly for a leisurely 6-12-mile (or more) ride.

Since September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month, on Saturday September 19, 2020 we assembled for another joint chapter Bike ride. This time, we will be encouraging Brothers who don’t want to ride, to come out and walk for 1-2 miles in a joint healthy living activity. In addition, we asked all bike riders “and” walkers to make a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society in the name of both Chapters to support the fight against Prostate Cancer. In addition to having a great time we raised \$415 to donate for the fight against prostate cancer.



Nu Omicron Stands Tall During The COVID-19 Pandemic

Queens, NY. May, 2020. While many are justifiably experiencing high levels of anxiety, depression, etc., due to the on- going trauma caused by COVID-19, the Men of Nu Omicron chapter sprang into action at the onset of the pandemic and immediately began to be a positive resource for Southeast Queens, NY. The Men of Nu Omicron under the leadership of Basileus, Bro. Dr. Will Cooper, have and continue to be actively engaged, supporting stakeholders in the community in a variety of ways. Over the past two months Nu Omicron has provided lunch for local hospital staff, coordinated fresh produce and food giveaways at local churches, offered virtual mental health support, as well as implemented virtual fitness classes. During the month of May, in conjunction with former New York Knick and current Philadelphia 76'er and Queens hometown hero, Kyle O'Quinn, Nu Omicron fed well over 200 people in Hollis, Queens in addition to distributing mask, books, and census material. Community matters....and the Men of Nu Omicron chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is leading the charge here in Queens, NYC.



Nu Omicron Brothers giving fresh produce to the community

Psi Lambda Lambda COVID-19 Testing in Harlem, NY.



Psi Lambda Lambda Brother providing Census Education

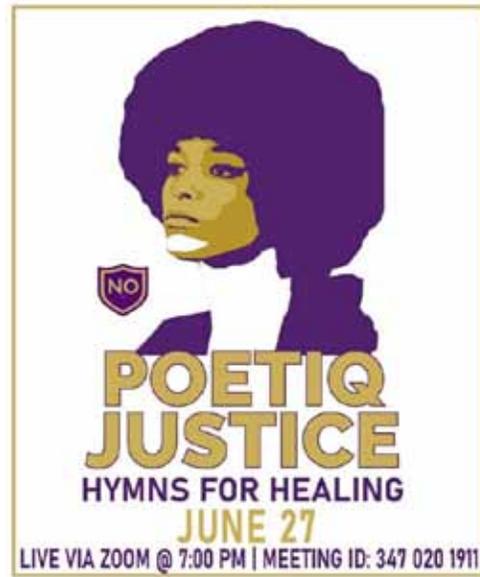
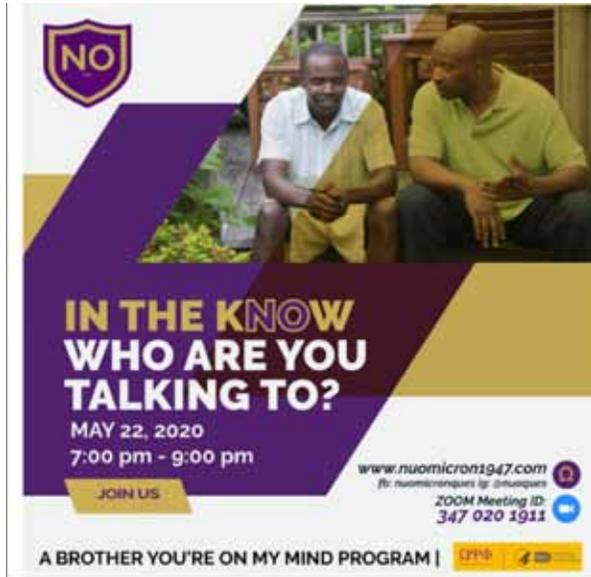
Harlem, NY. July 18, 2020. The Brothers of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter, under the leadership of chapter Basileus, Bro. Rev. Dana Farmer, co-sponsored COVID-19 testing along with FIRST AME CHURCH: BETHEL in Harlem, NYC. Bro. Dominick Boyce & Bro. Shawn Brannon were on-site to coordinate on behalf of Psi Lambda Lambda. The chapter provided 4 cases of water to FIRST AME CHURCH: BETHEL to be distributed along with 100 goodie bags to persons who were tested that



100 goodie bags provided for Covid 19 tested persons

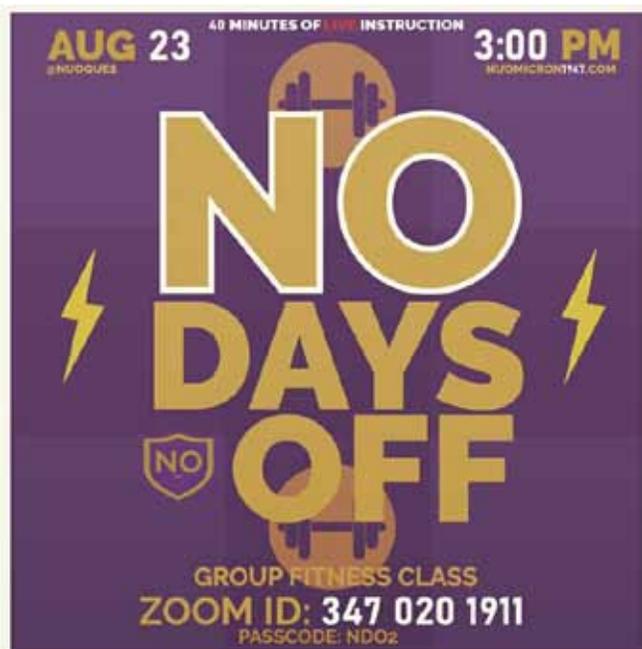
day, including Omega Men from various 2nd District Corridor 5 chapters supported the effort. The COVID-19 testing was steady throughout a beautiful summer day in Harlem, which allowed Psi Lambda Lambda & FIRST AME CHURCH: BETHEL to expand some community programming. This expanded programming included: Voter Registration, 2020 Census education, and HIV/Prep materials.

Nu Omicron Health Initiatives



Queens, NY. May-August 2020. Health Matters to the Men of Nu Omicron Chapter and the brothers have hit the ground running spear-heading several virtual mental, spiritual, emotional, and/or physical health initiatives. The “Black Men Talk” Series conceptualized by Bro. Anthony Hooks, provides viewers the unique opportunity to see, listen, and engage in dialogue with prominent Black men and women from the Queens and the greater New York City on a variety of relevant topics impacting our community. The inaugural talk entitled: “The Mis-Education of the 21st Century Voter” received rave reviews and featured New York Congressman Gregory Meeks. The “No Days Off” fitness program facilitated by Bros. Joel Scott and Adolphus Clark gives participants an outlet to exercise in the comfort of their homes, has proven to be a great success as evidenced by the many repeated requests of the chapter by various community members to conduct the program on a regular basis. The “Who Are You Talking To?” program led by Bro. Joel Scott allowed attend-

ees to hear from a Licensed Mental Health Professional who spoke on the importance of optimal mental health, particularly within the African-American community. The program is aligned with the fraternity’s Brother You’re On My Mind initiative. Some of the topics for discussion included: not being afraid to seek help, checking in in your friends and family, exercising, and healthy eating among other things. The PoetiQ Justice: Hymns for Healing event was phenomenal and soothing for the spiritual souls of the many attendees who were treated to a night of eloquently delivered spoken word. The Nu Omicron Fighting Trim project started by Bro. Ramon Daley is an extension of a prior existing Fighting Trim program, and it’s sole purpose is to foster the positive health and well-being of the brotherhood. Brothers are encouraged to exercise, eat healthy, as well as participate in various health challenges while charting and promoting their progress along the way



Scholarship - A Year-Round Activity at Omicron Chi

Plainfield, NJ. Omicron Chi Chapter (OX) is actively engaged in the Cardinal Principle of Scholarship throughout the year. Dedicated committees such as: Scholarship, Talent Hunt and The Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) each partner with The Four Pillars Foundation, and others to raise and distribute scholarship funds. Since 2007, over \$100,000 has been awarded to 130+ students. The success of OX can be traced to the variety of events and activities held, engaging outside partners, and the multiple funding options available to the public.

Omicron Chi, the home of the 28th Grand Basileus James S. Avery, was chartered in 1955. Scholarships have been awarded every year since. In 2007 the partnership with The Four Pillars Foundation was formed. This non-profit, 501 (c)3 organization provided additional leverage by affording tax deductions for charitable gifts and the further pursuit of philanthropic and corporate giving. Individual support can be provided through PayPal, Cashapp, as well as a GoFundMe account.

Public events include the Annual Scholarship Ball, renamed in honor of James S. Avery. Held in the late Spring or early Summer, this major fundraiser supports the work of the Scholarship Committee. Applicants are screened to meet specific criteria. Once college enrollment credentials are received, the awards are distributed prior to the start of Fall Semesters.

The Friendship Golf Outing & Fundraiser is sponsored by Four Pillars and is in partnership with the 1st Hopewell Baptist Church. Held annually in the month of October, this event brings together sports enthusiasts and local leaders for a worthy cause.

As part of the mandated Achievement Week Program, a Talent Hunt Contest is held each year and celebrated during the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in January. Funded by Four Pillars on behalf of OX, financial scholarships are awarded to the high school winners who compete in the competitive areas of Visual Arts, Instrumental/ Vocal Music and Dance, and an Essay Contest.

The Omega Leadership Institute (OLI) provides local high school African American males the encouragement, leadership skills and support needed to make positive choices to enrich their future as well as the community they represent. The institute uses creative drills, motivational speakers, interactive workshops and exposure to successful businesses and local leaders to engage the young men. Scholarships in the form of book awards for each student completing the program are funded through Four Pillars.

Always focused on the future, Omicron Chi is very serious about scholarship. The relentless pursuit of excellence through scholarship is a year-round, 365 day effort. For organizations looking to expand their scholarship fundraising efforts OX recommends: target multiple events, provide a variety of financial support options and align/engage strategic partners.



OX Basileus Mike Smith (2nd from right) is flanked by Plainfield Mayor Adrian Mapp (far right), City Council President Steve Hockaday (far left), along with MLK Program Chair Fred Harris.



Omicron Chi Brothers participating in the 2020 Friendship Golf Outing

Omicron Iota Donates Kindle Fire Tablets to Mt Vernon Students

Mt. Vernon, NY. May 29, 2020. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Omicron Iota Chapter, served the City of Mt. Vernon community with the delivery of 11 Kindle Fire 8 tablets to students in the Mt. Vernon school district who were deprived of their right to an education because they lacked of the proper technology to access online learning programs.

As it was pointed out in an email from someone who found out about what the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi did, “The Mt. Vernon story is not a unique one. Across the nation, minority students in lower income and impoverished areas struggle to keep pace due to living conditions and lack of resources.

The parents and students receiving the gift of Access were overjoyed with the benevolence of Omicron Iota. Special thanks to Bro. Troy Grant, Bro. Tommy Friend and Bro. Curtis Woods for stepping up to conduct the delivery. Also, Thanks to all Brothers that made an extra donation to this effort to extend our reach.



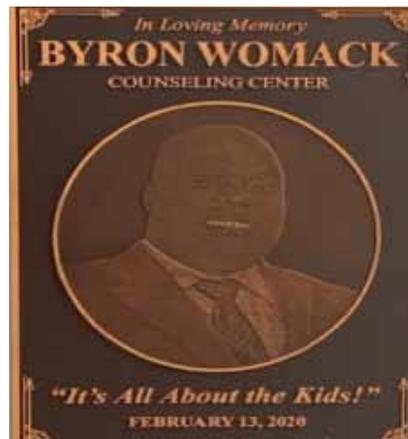
Omicron Iota Brothers giving Fire Tables to Students

Bro. Byron Womack Counseling Center Dedication

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard Omicron Iota Citizen of the Year



Mt. Vernon, NY. September 10, 2020. The Brothers of the Omicron Iota Chapter presented Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard with the 2nd District Citizen of the Year Award for 2020. Mayor Patterson-Howard (Delta Sigma Theta) was also the 2019 OI Citizen of the Year. She is the first African-American woman to be elected Mayor of the NYC suburb.



Westchester County, NY. February 13, 2020. The “Byron Womack Counseling Center” was dedicated in honor of Brother Byron Womack (OI '93). Brother Womack, who entered Omega Chapter on February 20, 2018, was an All-American football player at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. When he passed, Brother Womack, also the recipient of a Master’s Degree and numerous awards and accolades, was Assistant Principal at Port Chester Middle School. Brother Womack, who was thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit, dedicated his life to the Fraternity and to serving and counseling kids.

Omicron Iota Food Pantry

New Rochelle, NY. For the past several months, the Brothers of the Omicron Iota Chapter in Westchester County, NY have been donating their time and energy assisting the Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle, NY with their food pantry Ministry. The Brothers of OI have helped members of the church distribute food at the church, and deliver groceries to the homes of those in need on each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Omicron Iota Rally

Westchester County, NY. The Brothers of the Omicron Iota Chapter have attended rally’s, protests and meetings adding their voices and often leading the charge to demand police accountability and reform. This is a time when they, like all Brothers of Omega, recognize that now, more than ever, is the time to live our Cardinal Principals – Manhood, standing strong when faced with scorn from those who seek to keep the status quo; Scholarship, by understanding the means in which systems operate so that we may change them, for the betterment of all; Uplift, so that we may be beacons in the storm and so that we may keep each other resolute as we march to victory, and Perseverance, because though the road may be long and hard we will succeed, as we are the Masters of our fate, and the Captains of our soul.

Omicron Iota PPE Donations

Mt. Vernon, NY. During this pandemic, the Brothers of the Omicron Iota Chapter in Westchester County, have stepped forward to help small, black owned barbershops and hair salons in Mt. Vernon, NY and New Rochelle, NY by distributing to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to them so that they can re-open and serve the community safely.

Pi Omega Food Drive for Corridor 1 Chapters



Pi Omega Brothers loading food from the Maryland Food Bank to residents cars

Baltimore, MD. September 19, 2020. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter, in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, conducted its second food drive for Corridor 1 chapters on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Matthew Henson Elementary School in Baltimore, Maryland.

While waiting on the pallets of food to arrive on a cool fall morning, Brothers talked about their families, careers and a host of other topics, while some of the longer tenured Brothers shared stories about the “good old days”. Several new fraternity members took the opportunity to meet for the first time, exchange contact information, and get to know each other. Chris Collins stated, “Bonding with the Brotherhood while serving the community is a great feeling, while George Hendricks, and Chris Greene agreed that “this is truly time well spent.”

The demand for food assistance continues to rise nationwide, coupled with the corona virus that has spread all over America and the world, it is easy to lose sight of the disparities that exist in our communities and how many people struggle with hunger not only in Baltimore, but every

county and congressional district in Maryland. Studies show that without proper nutrition, children may suffer long-term effects including academic issues, behavioral problems, and poor health.

Collectively, we distributed approximately 10,000 lbs. of food between nine chapters in Corridors 1 and 2. Food items included fresh produce such as carrots, potatoes, onions, and celery. In addition, fruit, snacks, and non-perishable food items were also provided. All volunteers wore masks and followed social distancing protocols while helping those in need. As families arrived to accept their food as part of the drive-through give-away, Brothers loaded the trunks of their cars to minimize personal contact. A few Brothers walked to the homes of nearby residents for a personal food drop off. As the last few boxes were distributed, one resident commented from her porch, “I have lived in this community for over 30 years, and it is always good to see the men actively engaged and working together in peace”.

Pi Omega Resource Fair

Baltimore, MD. September 19, 2020. Pi Omega Chapter partnered with the Baltimore Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Gamma Omicron Omega Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. on September 19 to conduct a Resource Fair outside of the Nate Tatum Community Center in the North Barclay/Greenmount Ave community. The effort was a joint service project geared to register voters, encourage residents to complete the 2020 census, and distribute important health information, including prostate cancer awareness materials. The collaborative resource fair was set up with tents, tables with give-away items, take home reading material, and with music playing in the background by two DJ’s in a community block party style setting.

While most American citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to vote in federal and state elections, voter suppression is a problem in many parts of the country. Even though voter registration and participation are important civic duties to community resident Sheila Parker, she discussed her frustration with America’s history of discriminatory practices and voter suppression tactics. Nevertheless, “I’m motivated to vote in this presidential election, and will take this opportunity to register—so thank you for being here”, Ms. Parker stated.

One visitor nodded his head to the music and began to discuss how prostate cancer was prevalent in his family. Medical studies suggest African American men are up to fifty percent more likely to develop prostate can-

cer than other ethnic groups. “Continue to spread the word and encourage men to get screened, and I will do the same”, said the visitor as he walked away with several brochures.

When a neighbor stopped at one of the tents to discuss the census, one volunteer encouraged a group of onlookers to complete the census form because it helps the community receive funding for schools, hospitals, and infrastructure projects and the data is also used by developers when deciding where to build new homes or when to revitalize older neighborhoods. As the successful event ended, the volunteers continued to give away masks, buttons, and health brochures, and expressed appreciation to residents for the opportunity to fellowship with the community.



Rockland Ques Fight For Justice



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers Michael Johnson Jr. and Toney Earl protesting in Spring Valley

Spring Valley, NY. Summer 2020. Racial discrimination has been a problem in this country from its inception, but most recently the actions of Police Officers across America have brought this issue back into the forefront of the minds of Americans all over the country. We witnessed George Floyd underneath the knee of a then Minneapolis Police Officer for a devastating 8 minutes and 46 seconds. We also witnessed a sleeping Breonna Taylor be shot to death in Louisville, KY after police carelessly executed a raid on her apartment. These events, and unfortunately, countless others sparked national unrest. People took to the streets to protest and march for new legislation and justice for those victims and their families. On June 4, 2020, a Facebook post went out from William Floyd, cousin of George Floyd, that called for a peaceful protest in memory of George Floyd in Spring Valley, NY. The Rockland Ques answered the call. Brothers Darrel Kidd, Jr. (Xi Lambda Lambda; 2018), Michael Johnson, Jr. (Xi Lambda Lambda; 2018), and Anthony Burrows (Xi Lambda Lambda; 2009) joined our own County Legislator Bro. Toney Earl (Beta Alpha Alpha; 1999) on the front lines of the protest to make our voices heard. People of all colors and creeds came out in support of the Floyd family. Chants like “We Got Your Back” and “No Justice, No Peace” rang out

from the crowd as the march moved from the Spring Valley Police Station to Memorial Park where the Spring Valley NAACP held a peace program along with the candle-lit tribute to George Floyd. The fight for justice for the Rockland Ques didn’t end there. According to Li Cohen (CBS News), Since the death of George Floyd, American police killed 288 people. The Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter continued to dedicate their time and effort to fight for racial equality. On June 20, 2020, The social action group Greenburgh For Justice (Greenburgh, NY) held a Rally at the Greenburgh Town Hall where a group of peaceful protesters gathered to march to the Victory Tabernacle of Deliverance Church in White Plains. Omega Brothers joined Greenburgh For Justice Member, Bro. Darrel Kidd, Jr. and helped give Bottles of Water and refreshments to protesters. The Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter also came to support the rally by setting up a Voters Registration booth at the church. The fight for justice in this country is far from over. Names like Rayshard Brooks and David McAtee are still fresh in the minds of Black Americans all over the country. We brought our fight to the streets to protest and fight for new legislation, but the next step is letting our voices be heard at the ballot box. Vote 2020.

Xi Lambda Lambda Donation to Nyack Center

Nyack, NY. May 20, 2020. The Rockland Ques (Basileus, Bro. Antonio Desamours) through their 501c3 tax-exempt arm, the Rockland Omega Community Development Foundation, Inc. (President, Bro. Dennis McGloster) aka ROCDEF, donated a \$500 check to the Nyack Center in Nyack, New York to support their relief efforts in providing meals and groceries to the community during this pandemic. We receive funds to lend this support from a Farmer’s Insurance COVID-19 grant given through one of the chapters brothers, Bro. Alex Vivien, an agent in Hackensack, New Jersey.

l-r: Bro. Carl Jenkins, Bro. Alex Vivien, Nyack Center Executive Director, Kim Cross, Nyack Center Board Chairwoman, Dominique Bourdeau-Oscar. Kneeling l-r: Bro. Richard Clarke and Bro. Dennis McGloster



Xi Lambda Lambda Scholarships

Mt. Ivy, NY. August 16, 2020. On August 16, 2020, The Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. presented two \$750 Scholarships to two Rockland County college bound youth.

The scholarship recipients submitted the winning essays on the topic, "How will the COVID-19 Pandemic and Social Distancing Impact Your College Experience?".

Both high school honor students will attend four year colleges of their choice. The Scholarship Committee was led by Bro. Floyd Long and worked in collaboration with the Rockland Omega Development Fund (ROCDEF).

The XLL Scholarship Committee and ROCDEF thanks Verizon as the corporate sponsor

XLL Brothers give scholarship check to youths



Tau Pi Virtual Mentoring Sessions

Columbia, MD. October 10, 2020. Tau Pi Chapter initiated its virtual mentoring program with a Parent-Mentee Orientation Zoom Session. The purpose of the orientation session was to welcome back to mentoring; existing mentees, new mentees, mentee parents and mentors. The session included introduction of mentees, mentee parents, mentors, and the mentee-mentor assignments.

Also presented was the "Code of Conduct Contract" for mentees and parents. The contract not only addressed attendance and performance requirements of both mentee and parents but also a process that de-

scribed disciplinary procedures if necessary.

Tau Pi's Mentoring Program consists of 30 mentees ranging from 3rd grade to 12th grades and 16 mentors. Mentoring session consist of Thursdays for elementary mentees and every other Saturday for elementary, middle, and high school mentees.

A special tribute was given for Bro. Chester Williams, who transitioned to Omega Chapter on September 18, 2020. He was one of the pillars of Tau Pi's mentoring program serving as chess master and mentor to mentees.

Tau Pi Mentoring Success Stories

Columbia, MD. In 2015, Tau Pi chapter expanded its program from just Elementary School students to Middle and High Schools. Our purpose has been to guide, nurture and develop these young men to become college students. To date we have been extremely successful with an 100% flow thru rate.

We have had twelve young men attend college with one graduating last year from Coppin State University. Our mentoring sessions focused on college preparedness and readiness. Topics included FAFSA preparation, SAT-ACT, College applications, Essay writing and applying for on line scholarships.

Eddy Alexandre has been with our program since attending Guilford Elementary School in Columbia, MD. June 2020, he graduated from Hammond High School in Columbia, MD. The Fall of 2020, he is attending Scotland Campus Sports located in Chambersburg, PA.

James Hill has been with our program since attending Guilford Elementary School in Columbia, MD. June 2020, he graduated from the SEED school in Baltimore, MD. The Fall of 2020, he is attending HBCU, The University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Raymone Williams started mentoring when he became a student at Oakland Mills High School in Columbia, MD four years ago. He graduated June 2020, and will be attending HBCU, Bowie State University in the Fall 2020.



Tau Pi Mentee James Hill

Tau Pi Mentoring Success Stories

Columbia, MD. Daniel Darko is a product of Tau Pi Chapter Mentoring Program. He started with us at Guilford Elementary School. He continued in the program while attending the SEED School in Baltimore. In 2017, he attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia as a walk on to play football. His position was wide receiver and defensive back. Unfortunately, he did not receive very much playing time. Daniel knew in his heart that he could perform if given the opportunity. Disappointed he transferred to a JUCO in Valley Forge, PA. Determined to play Division One football, he sought out Temple University and Liberty University. Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA provided the better financial package and opportunity to play. He is now content in fulfilling his dream of playing college level football.

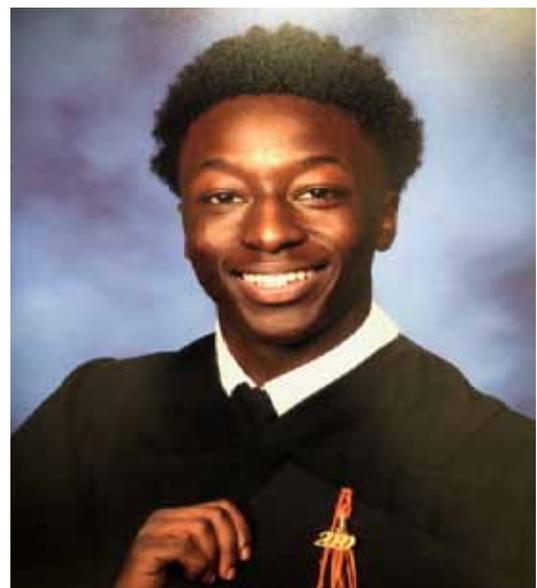
Last year, he came to one of Tau Pi mentoring celebration. He shared with the mentees his desire and perseverance to play football. He shared with them that failure was not an option. If you believe in yourself, continue your pursuit of your dream. The young mentees were quite impressed with the discussion. Mentor Bro. Jerry Watkins shared with the group how important it is stay focus and put in the necessary work. No one is going to give you anything for nothing. Even in sports, you need to set goals, perform research, execute time management and strive for excellence.



Tau Pi Mentee Daniel Darko



Tau Pi Mentee Eddy Alexandre



Tau Pi Mentee Raymone Williams

Tau Pi Mentoring Success Story

Columbia, MD. Dae'trell Gordon is a product of Tau Pi Chapter Mentoring Program. He started with us at Guilford Elementary School. He continued in the program through middle and High Schools. As with many of our young men, he was raised in a single parent home by his mother.

Dae'trell was considered to be an average student. He especially had challenges with math. He was a very social able person and mixed well with his classmates and teachers. As a young man, he was gifted with size, agility and speed. Hence, it allowed him to play sports.

He attended High School at Atholton in Columbia, MD. He participated on the football and track teams. On the football team, he was a two-way player. He exceled in both positions of offensive center and defensive nose tackle. In track and field, he was an all Howard County shot putter. In 2017 after his graduation, he received a scholarship to Cowley County Community College on a track scholarship. The school is located in Arkansas City, Kansas, which is nearby to Wichita City, He did very well during the track season.

In 2019 based on his performance at Cowley County Community College, he was awarded a full scholarship to participate on Wichita State track and field team. The mentors of Tau Pi chapter are extremely proud of how this young man has developed and matured as a young man.

Last year, he joined us on a field trip to the African American Museum in Washington, DC. During the trip he shared his journey to college and participation on the track team. This was very beneficial to our current High School mentees to hear his story first hand as opposed to hearing the same message from adults

Tau Pi Mentee Dae'trell Gordon



Tau Pi Assist St. Paul Baptist Church Food Pantry



Tau Pi Brothers participating at the food distribution event



Tau Pi Brothers assisting with food distribution

Columbia, MD, July 18 2020. In an effort to continue to provide for those in our community in need during this Covid 19 pandemic, Tau Pi Chapter Social Action committee members Brothers, Milbert Brown Jr., Richard Rogers, Henry Bell, Larry Johnson, Shawn Lamb, Eric Asthrop Jr, Earl Jefferson III, Joe Brown, Nicholas Meade, Vernon Curry, Bakari Khalid, Reginald Riddick and visiting Brother Cameron Ward, Mu Psi

2013, aided and assisted with the off-loading, organizing and distribution of food for St. John's Baptist Church Food Pantry. Tau Pi Chapter Brothers assisted during the month of July working in conjunction with the Men's Ministry of St. John's church to accomplish the task of distribution and preparation. The Chapter was able to serve 200+ families at Harper House located at 5495 Cedar Lane Columbia, MD 21044.

Tau Pi Bro. Gerald Quinton Greenfield 80 Years of Service



Tau Pi Basileus Milton Darby, and District Representative Kelvin Ampofo give Brother Gerald Greenfield 80 years Service Awards

Columbia, MD. Saturday September 19, 2020 was a day of jubilation for Tau Pi Chapter located in Columbia, MD. At 2PM we held a Zoom celebration to honor Bro. Gerald Greenfield for achieving 80 years of financial membership in our beloved Fraternity.

Bro. Greenfield was initiated December 6, 1940 at Rho Psi Chapter located at Tennessee State. Although he has not officially and chronically achieved 80 years, the Fraternity Service Award program recognizes all Eligible Brothers initiated during the calendar year.

Tau Pi Chapter birth a committee, My Brothers' Keeper, five years ago chaired by Bro Jerry Watkins. Its primary purpose is to keep engaged our Sage Brothers who are 80 years old and older. Many due to physical limitations can no longer attend chapter meetings or events. We ensure that they receive all communications. We personally assist them in paying dues and any other necessary administrative function; i.e. Service Awards.

After the Virtual Conclave in July, Bro. Watkins contacted Basileus Milton Darby and District Representative Kelvin Ampofo expressing his desire to have a significant celebration for Bro. Greenfield. Eighty years in the Fraternity is no small feat. I recommended that we get the Grand

Basileus to participate. Since, we are in a Zoom environment, all Grand Officers participated and provided congratulatory remarks from their resident in MS, CA, GA and VA. The Zoom celebration was hosted in Bro. Greenfield resident where his family could witness this auspicious occasion. We were also blessed to have remarks by Bro. Dr. Trevor V. Hodge, 13th District Representative. Bro. Greenfield served 30 years in the military from 1943 to 1973. For his first 20 years, he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. After discrimination policies and practices were eliminated in 1948, he became a commissioned officer and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

This was the second awesome commemoration of this year for Bro. Greenfield. On April 25, he celebrated his 100th birthday. His family had plans on having a sizable formal gala. In March, the pandemic brought a halt to just about every social activity. However, Bro. Jerry Watkins and Bro. Charles Mitchell decided that the chapter should have a drive-by procession passing by his residence. After consulting the family, the event mushroomed to participation by his Church, other Divine 9 organizations, military personnel and American Legions. Over three hundred vehicles serenaded the event.

Tau Lambda Lambda Coronavirus Social Action



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers with donation of PPE to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in St. Mary's County, MD.

Southern MD. As the Coronavirus continues to wreak havoc across the country, the work done by the Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda continues to be a bright spot in the lives of those living in the Tri-county area of the Southern, MD communities we serve. With the effects of unemployment, compounded by the continued social distancing policies, limited options for the purchase of food and need for personal protective equipment and other necessities, the need for help becomes more apparent. For the second time this year, the Brothers of TLL met at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in St. Mary's County on September 10th to provide PPE

to the individuals who take care of this vulnerable population. Over 200 fluid proof gowns and 1000 surgical masks were donated during this visit. On October 3rd and 10th, TLL teamed up with the staff of Our Place in Waldorf, MD, 2020 to feed the men, women and children of Charles County in need of a hot meal. Our Place Waldorf's mission is to provide Charles County, Maryland residents in need with a nutritious meal in a welcoming, open and friendly environment. For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda's social action and health programs and activities, please visit www.southernmdques.org

TLL Provides Assistance To The Homeless In St. Mary's County

Lexington Park, MD. June 6, 2020. The Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. assisted the Three Oaks Center in St. Mary's County, with their local homeless tent city. The brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda helped with checking temperatures, serving breakfast and passing out lunches on May 31 and June 6, 2020. Incorporated as a nonprofit in 1992, the Three Oaks Center offers pro-

grams that provide the homeless in St. Mary's County with housing, stabilization, assessment, and referral to appropriate resources so that they may return to living productive, self-sufficient lives as members of the community. To learn more about Three Oaks Center and how to support, please visit threeoakscenter.org.

TLL Hosts 3rd Annual Akida H. Jordan 5K/10K/20K Event

Waldorf, MD. September 2020. The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter recently hosted their 3rd Annual Akida H. Jordan Perseverance race. This year, due to the changes brought on by the COVID pandemic, the event, which support cancer awareness, was held virtually over a three-day period covering September 18th, 19th, and 20th. Deviating from the normal, in-person 5k run/race, the virtual race offered additional options for its participants. Besides the 5K walk/run element, there was a 10K option as well as a 20K cycle event. The event drew over 120 par-

ticipants including international patronage from as far away as London, England. All registrants received an event T-shirt, a race medal and a personalized race bib. The proceeds from this event will be donated to agencies in the Tri-county MD areas of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's devoted to assisting individuals bravely fighting cancer. For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda's social action and health programs and activities, please visit www.southernmdques.org.

Tau Lambda Lambda Donates Funds To MedStar St. Mary's Hospital



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers with check donation to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

St. Mary's County, MD. July 1, 2020. The Covid-19 Pandemic has dampened many efforts of organizations that attempt to provide service to their communities. However, the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda have been busy working within the restrictions of the CDC to make sure that their charitable efforts continue. Several members of the TLL participated in presenting the Cancer Care Infusion Services (CCIS) of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital with a \$1,000 donation to sponsor their client's triage room. CCIS has a client population of over 6,000 that utilize that area

on an annual basis. This donation will go towards making the patient and family waiting area brighter, comfortable and more welcoming to a patient's recovery, as well as the families waiting for their loved ones, providing additional comfort to those who are already in a valiant fight. "One of our goals at Tau Lambda Lambda has always been to provide local opportunities and resources to those who help diagnose and treat people with cancer. All of our money stays local. That's been our mission since the chapter was established." said Kevin Turner, Chapter President

TLL Donates PPE To Those In Need In The Tri-County Area

Southern, MD. May 26, 2020. Southern, MD. Over Memorial Day weekend, the Brothers of the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provided much needed PPE equipment to the communities in the tri-county area of Southern, MD which include Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's.

Recognizing the need for additional equipment, 600 kn95 masks, 500 surgical masks and 1000 pairs of surgical gloves were donated to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in St. Mary's County, which unfortunately, is the largest source of cases in the county. 100 kn95 masks, 100 surgical masks 200 pairs of surgical gloves went to the NP Family Practice, LLC. in St. Mary's County. One of the providers, Nurse Practitioner Temeria Wilcox routinely goes out in the community for home visits to those that are homebound and can not get to the clinic as well as to several assisted living facilities, all of which require the use of PPE. NP Family Practice thanked the Brothers of TLL for "making sure NP Wilcox was covered and practicing safely". 100 kn95 masks, 100 surgical masks and 200 pairs of surgical gloves went to the Calvert County Sheriff's Department. 100 kn95 masks, 100 surgical masks, and 200 pairs of surgical gloves went to Charles County first responders.

Second District Representative Kelvin Ampofo stated "The Brothers of the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are to be commended for providing more than 500 each of KN95 masks, surgical masks and gloves to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for its staff and first responders. This outreach to the citizens/communities of Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties is a prime exemplar of what our fraternity means by uplift to others. As the Second District Representative, which encompass the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, I am extremely proud of the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter and its commitment to the community.

The brothers of the Second District and I extend our deepest gratitude for your untiring efforts to be a shining light on behalf of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc."

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern MD area, along with the rest of the world, has seen the virus take a huge toll on its communities. The tri-county area of Southern MD has had over 1,700 positive cases of COVID-19 resulting in the deaths over 100 people. The shortage of appropriate PPE has added to already difficult conditions in which health care workers and first responders are able to handle and treat patients affected with this deadly virus. These public servants, who put their lives and their families lives at risk each time they come in contact with an infected individual, are further put in peril when faced with a shortage of the materials necessary to protect themselves.

Bro. Amir Shareef, Second District Keeper of Records and Seal had this to say "The contribution to the Tri-County area made by the men of Tau Lambda Lambda are noteworthy. They continue to show tremendous resolve and dedication to the community, always ensuring they make an impact and leaving things better than which they found them. This distinguished demographic of men can not be understated. As the state representative for MD of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Chief Administrative Officer across the five states that comprise the Second District, I am honored, humbled and privileged to serve alongside men of such esteem. The entire state of MD is undoubtedly enhanced based on the leadership of the men of TLL. They identified a shortage of PPE throughout the community, took action and addressed it. I can't thank the Brothers of TLL enough for their service to the community writ-large and a special thanks to the President of TLL, Bro. Kevin Turner for continuing to always think of innovative ways to uplift the down-trodden."

TLL Awards Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors



Tau Lambda Lambda Scholarship Recipients

Southern, Md. June 1, 2020. The Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in partnership with the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short (JL&WCS) Charity Foundation, Inc. awarded 12, \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors attending college in the fall of 2020. The scholarships are deposited in the student account at the college they have chosen.

These two organizations, who serve the Southern Maryland Counties of, Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles County, take pride in rewarding scholastic achievement by providing this service through a joint scholarship committee. The scholarship committee made up of nine highly educated members are responsible for reviewing applications and awarding scholarship in three counties while promoting the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. National Essay Contest.

Working with The Business Education Community Alliance (BECA) of St. Mary's County, The Concerned Black Women (CBW) of Calvert County and the Board of Education of Charles County during the 2020 scholarship year, members of the committee reviewed 34 scholarship applications from BECA, 57 applications from CBW and six applications from BOE in Charles County. In past years, members of the committee would attend the schools award events and present the scholarship to the

students, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year a visit to all schools were not possible.

Brother Wilson Ennis, the Chairman of the joint committee said, "It is a pleasure and one of the loves of my life to assist young people beginning those first steps of independence."

The Charles County awardees were Olivea Vailas, Isaiah Jones, Kyle Carter and Mekayle Powell. Awardees from St. Mary's County were Joshua Wright, Nazir Terrell, Nathan Williams and Blaine Greene. Awardees representing Calvert County were Doriren Coats, Justin Evans, Bryre Howard and Dorian Tonic.

This year, a student by the name of Kahlil Ward from Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, MD won first place at both the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. National Essay Contest, the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. which is comprised Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York level and placed third at the international level, earning Mr. Ward a total of \$3,250.00.

To make tax-exempt donations to support the scholarship program through the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation, please visit www.jlwescharityfoundation.org.

TLL Participates in the Adopt-A-Road Cleanup



Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers at the Adopt A Road event

Waldorf, MD. July 18, 2020. The Brothers from the Tau Lambda Lambda, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., gathered to support the Charles County Adopt-A-Road program. The chapter has been a participant in the program since 2007.

The Adopt-A-Road Program, helps to keep Charles County cleaner, saves taxpayer dollars, and promotes local community involvement and civic responsibility. TLL's participation in this program helps reduce trash and litter along county roads to maintain a clean and attractive environment.

The fraternity services a 1.5 mile stretch of road that begins at the intersection of Smallwood Drive and Middletown Road in Waldorf, MD. During this clean up, TLL collected over a half-dozen, 30-pound garbage bags

Residents and students are invited to participate and acquire mandated volunteer hours with TLL members while serving their community. For more information on Adopt-A-Road programs, go to www.charlescountymd.gov/pw/environmental/adopt-road-program.

Tau Lambda Lambda's Book Donations Fill Void

Waldorf, MD. May 5, 2020. The Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. and John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Foundation together donated over 10,000 new children books to the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in support of the Assault on Illiteracy Program. The Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, which covers the states of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, faces a major need for children books in light of the COVID-19 crisis, which forced school and local public libraries to close. As a result, many children in low-income communities that rely on this service do not have access to children books. To fill this void, the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter believe that by creating regular and fun reading experiences for kids, you can effectively engage them at an early age and help shape their development for the future.

Over the last six years, the brothers of TLL and the JLWCS Foundation have partnered to donate more than 20,000 books all over the United States and the world due to donations from the TLL Chapter and Forever Free Books, a literacy nonprofit dedicated to delivering free books and story time to low-income children in their communities.

The Assault on Illiteracy Program is a Second District of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. initiative and had its conceptual roots established in January of 1980. A group of publishers associated with Black Media, Inc. (BMI) were made aware that approximately 44% of African Americans could neither read nor comprehend beyond the 4th grade. The Brothers of TLL's support of the Second District initiative and numerous other national organizations joined together to attack, ultimately reduce and eradicate il-

literacy among African Americans through reading tutorial programs and other efforts. Driven by this purpose, the consensus of the Brothers of TLL is that improving childhood literacy is an integral part of the organization's goal.

One of the most important factors affecting literacy is early access to books. According to recent research, children who are read to regularly by the age of two display greater language comprehension, larger vocabularies and higher cognitive skills than their peers. As they get older, reading is the very skill kids need most to succeed in school. Yet, the reality is that for families struggling to make ends meet in these difficult economic times, books and reading may be their last priority. Explaining his passion for reading, the Basileus of Tau Lambda Lambda Kevin Turner stated that "I cannot imagine how my life would be if I did not know how to read. My mom was a school teacher and read to me every night as a kid, and I loved it. If there are at least 32 million people in America today who struggle to read, there must be millions more across the world. Being illiterate as a child also limits a person's future, especially when finding a job."

Our current community involvement includes, providing funding to various community outreach programs we participate in, such as, but not limited to, youth mentoring program, graduating high-school senior scholarships, book awards, blood drives, feeding the hungry and assault on illiteracy.

Tau Lambda Lambda takes great pleasure assisting others and making a difference in the communities we serve.

Theta Omicron Amazon Backpack Giveaway



Brother Rodney Sharp giving away backpacks



Brother Woody Brand giving away backpacks

Rochester, NY. August 2, 2020. The brothers of Theta Omicron (ΘΟ) chapter alongside the city of Rochester’s Community Wealth Building, Amazon DROC1 team, Rochester City School District (RCSD), and the Rochester alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated volunteered to provide school supplies and backpacks to students of the Metro Rochester community.

This event took place at the George Mather Forbes School #4, located in the Southwest area of Rochester. The purpose of the giveaway was to support students and parents who are facing trying times during the pandemic while preparing for school. Local news and media outlets were present to cover the event. The event began at 11am and lasted until 2pm promoting a positive impact on the community while exemplifying a unified initiative of volunteer during this nationwide pandemic.

The Brothers of Theta Omicron were supported in this collaborative effort by our Corridor VI chapters: Phi Omega (Φ Ω) of Buffalo, NY and Chi Pi (Χ Π) of Syracuse, NY. We would like to acknowledge the fol-

lowing Brothers who participated:

Bro. Benjamin Jeffers, 28th Second District Representative of Chi Pi, Bro. Anthony Cherebin, Basileus of Chi Pi along with his son and photographer Miles Cherebin, Bro. David White, Basileus of Phi Omega, Bro. Woody Brandy, Foundation President of Phi Omega, Bro. Demond Meeks, 137th Assemblyman elect of Theta Omicron, Bro. Antoine McDonald, Social Action chairman of Theta Omicron, Bro. Randy Crudup Co-chairman of Reclamation, Bro. Jermell Barnes of Theta Omicron Bro. Joel Cummings of Theta Omicron, Bro. Dr. Christopher Richardson, KRS of Theta Omicron, Bro. Anthony Cowart, Voter Registration Chairman of Theta Omicron, and Bro. Xavier A. Holiday, Basileus of Theta Omicron.

Together, Brothers assisted with the initial set-up and handing out over 1,000 backpacks filled with various school supplies while encouraging community members to register and vote.

Theta Omicron PPE Distribution to Congregation



Theta Omicron Brothers give PPE to Aeon Missionary Baptist Church

Rochester NY. June 13, 2020. The Brothers of Theta Omicron received P.P.E.’s from the Second Districts COVID -19 Initiative to promote safety and responsibility to our Corridor VI community via Rochester New York.

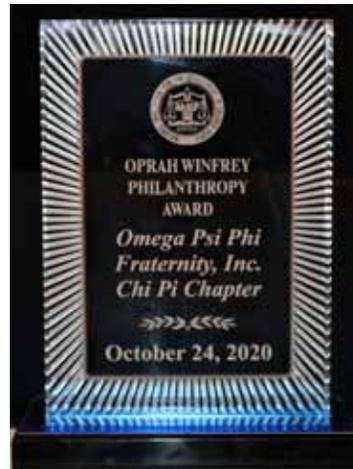
As a result, the chapter decided to disperse the P.P.E.’s to the following Brothers of pastoral leadership: Bishop Dr. Bro. Jonathan McReynolds of Aeon Missionary Baptist Church of Rochester. Dr. Bro. Julius Clay of New Bethel C.M.E. Church of Rochester. Bishop Dr. Bro. James Ev-

ans & Deacon Emeritus Bro. Joseph Bivins III. Of St. Luke Tabernacle of Rochester. Deacon Bro. Peter James of Christian Friendship Baptist Church of Rochester; the pastor of the church is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Brother Dr. John Walker.

Pictured are two of the four pastoral leaders receiving P.P.E.’s from Bro. Rev. Chaplain Herman Alston Jr. and Basileus Xavier A. Holiday of Theta Omicron Chapter.

Chi Pi Chapter Honored by the NAACP

Syracuse, NY. October 24, 2020. The Brothers of Chi Pi chapter of Syracuse, New York, received the Oprah Winfrey Philanthropy award from the Syracuse Onondaga County Chapter of the NAACP during annual Freedom Fund dinner. The award is given annually to an individual, couple, or organization whose philanthropic deeds or contributions have made an impact in the greater community with a desire to improve the material, social, and spiritual welfare of humanity, especially through charitable activities. Among the chapter's efforts includes the Dennis Dowdell Scholarship fund awarded annually to deserving students, and the recent buy black restaurant initiative to support local businesses during COVID; and the annual toy drive for Syracuse elementary school students. In humbly accepting the award Chi Chapter Basileus Anthony Cherebin remarked "We do what we do because there is a need, and we are trying to pay forward the blessings we have received as a brotherhood, and uplift the Syracuse and Central New York Community.



Alpha Lambda Lambda COVID 19 Social Action

Frederick, MD. May 1, 2020. The world as we knew it changed as the Coronavirus took its toll on countless human lives. The impact of this devastation was even more significant upon those communities that were struggling prior to the onslaught of this pandemic. The Lincoln housing community within the city of Frederick, Maryland is comprised of senior citizens, single parents, and some low wage earners; therefore the effects of unemployment, social distancing, and limited options for the purchase of food and other necessities was even more apparent. As this community was home for some, it was also home for the brothers of the Alpha Lambda Lambda (ALL) chapter. For over 19 years the Lincoln community has been the focus of many of the chapters' social action activities, therefore shelter in place orders coupled with a toppling economy was a call for the chapter to go into action. The brotherhood in collaboration with the Frederick Housing Authority provided fresh food, toiletries and other comfort items to over 80 of the community's residents. Taking into account all guidelines, policies and procedures relative to the pandemic, the brothers donned face masks, gloves and enacted social distancing measures to sort and pack the items which were then delivered to the front doors of each resident. Though faces could not be recognized, the royal purple and old gold was a clear indication to the residents that even in this troubled time, the men of Omega had not forgotten them. We are ALL in this together.



ALL Brothers delivering food to residents doorsteps

Epsilon Food Pantry

Brooklyn, NY. Since the pandemic began the Holy Innocents Food Pantry in East Flatbush, Brooklyn has fed more than 34,000 people, but the coronavirus posed unexpected challenges for its volunteers, like a shortage of PPE. "One place actually told me you're not an essential service so we can't give it to you," said Joseph Grannum, the Executive Director of the pantry. Joseph said that before the pandemic most of his volunteers were over 65. When he couldn't get his hands on masks for them, he was forced to make a heartbreaking call: he shut down the pantry for the month of April. "It did pain me, but I always believe God has a plan for everything," he explained. Little did he know, God did have a plan that would change the pantry's entire operation, it started with a call from Clyde Cole. "When it comes to the fraternity and how we do things, service is a very important part of that," said Cole, who serves as the Social Action Chairman for the Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Clyde said the need was eye-opening. Though new COVID-19 cases and deaths are going down, many who were left unem-

ployed by the virus may never return to work. "People are in a position where they have to think about where their next meal is coming from because of joblessness," he added. The fraternity brothers volunteer at the pantry twice a week. They help sanitize, unload deliveries, pack bags and sort through food. They said as outrage over George Floyd's death is expressed across the country, for them, this is their protest. "Getting yourself out of your bed every morning to make sure these people have food to eat, and they see a smiling face and someone that resembles them doing work in their community is really how we protest and show our community we care," said Omega Psi Phi brother Deion Hicks. The brothers say they won't let their frustration over Floyd's death distract from their work in the community. "We have elected to respond to this issue, our entire, our fraternal lives as well by doing service," said Clyde. Through helping their neighbors, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi believe their calls for justice will always be heard.

Chi Delta Activities



Chi Delta Brothers volunteer at Paint Branch Elementary School for Read Across America

College Park, MD. On March 3, 1973, the Chi Delta Chapter was chartered as an undergraduate chapter at the University of Maryland College Park. On January 16, 2020, under the authority of the Supreme Council and the guidance of 2nd District Representative J. Kendall Smalls, the Chi Delta Chapter was re-chartered as a graduate chapter serving the greater College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland area.

To celebrate the chapter's 47th Anniversary, the Brothers of Chi Delta held an OMEGA WEEK of service, reclamation, dedication and remembrance.

On Monday March 2, 2020, the chapter's Social Action Committee hosted an Assault on Illiteracy Program by volunteering with "Read Across America" at Paint Branch Chinese Immersion Elementary School in College Park, Maryland. Read Across America is a learning initiative created by the National Education Association that began in 1997 to help students develop greater comprehension and communications skills. Volunteering Brothers spent time with approximately fifty 4th, 5th and 6th graders in a class room setting, reading materials and addressing a variety of issues with the students present. Bro. Gerald Collins (3XD93) and his students discussed the Martin Luther King, Jr. speech "What's Your Life's Blueprint" – which emphasizes a message of self-worth. "Programs like this are of vital importance to our community. They not only educate our youth in the moment, but also serve to inspire their future success," said Collins.

While visiting with the elementary schoolers was a way to give back to the community, this took on a uniquely, special meaning for at least one Brother. Bro. Chidozie Onyima (3XD12), a student currently pursuing his Doctorate at Howard University's Pharmacy School, attended Paint Branch in his formative years. Returning to the school for the first time in over a decade Bro. Onyima remarked, "This is why the fraternity is so great... Omega has allowed me to give back to the very communities and elementary school that I grew up in..." During the program, he talked to current students about the foundation he gained at Paint Branch, as well as provided them with a real-life model for future success. "Being able to teach the youth one on one is something that can leave a lasting impact on their social development for years to come, and for that I am proud to be part of such an experience..." he stated.

On Saturday March 7, 2020, the Reclamation and Retention Committee hosted a chapter reunion. In keeping with PSALM 133, several Brothers from five different decades, returned to the greater College Park area to dwell together in unity. Those in attendance reminisced over the past, while enjoying great food, drinks and company. The festivities began with a few words from Bro. Peter Higginbotham (8XD75) – who recounted some of the chapter's formative years at the University

of Maryland College Park. "Chi Delta started out with humble beginnings... a dream pursued by eight men at a predominately white university... during a time when there were not many of us..." he told those in attendance. "But eight was all the chapter needed... and we spent the rest of the 70's running the yard!" Following that, Brothers from each decade joined in, sharing their own stories of fraternity and friendship – bragging over whose generation was the best. "It is great to hear about the step show championships, campus awards and other accomplishments from the older brothers, but nothing beats the International Undergraduate Chapter of the Year award we won under my tenure..." remarked Bro. Victor Etongwe (2XD10). Though remembering the history that brought everyone together, Brothers were also inspired about the present and the future that is yet to come. "Oh how good and pleasant it is for Chi D to dwell together in unity! I always appreciate the inter-generational fellowship of the chapter and look forward to next year..." stated Bro. Anthony Johnson (3XD09).

On Sunday March 8, 2020, Chi Delta Brothers hosted a chapter brunch followed by the installation of its newest executive officers. The installation ceremony, held in Greenbelt, Maryland, was presided over by 2nd District Keeper of Records and Seal Bro. Kelvin Ampofo. The new officers included Bro. Maurice Garland (6XD87), Basileus; Bro. Luther M. Clark (2XD77), Vice Basileus; Bro. Kalen Parrott (1XD12), Keeper of Records and Seal; and Bro. Kevin Chambers (4XD08), Keeper of Finance. After the new officer installation, Chi Delta Brothers joined other local area chapters for the Annual 2nd District Corridor 1 Memorial Service. Held at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland, this program was hosted by Gamma Pi Chapter (Prince George's County) and presided over by Corridor 1 Representative Bro. Amir Shareef.

While at that location, Brothers visited the gravesites of Honorable Founders Dr. Ernest E. Just and Professor Frank Coleman to honor the memories of other recently departed brothers. "The Omega Memorial Service was well executed by our Corridor 1 Representative and the brothers of Gamma Pi. This time of reflection on the great lives of those in the Omega chapter reinforces our duty to lead, aspire to excellence and have the pearls of Omega guide us as we continue to embody and act on our cardinal principles" remarked Bro. Joseph Drayton (2XD91) said of the occasion, During 2019, Chi Delta Brothers Gerald H. Inman (11XD74) and Stan Jackson (1XD78) transitioned to OMEGA Chapter. In discussing their transition, Bro. Garland stated, "This has been a hard year for us as a chapter and a fraternity. We have lost a lot of good friends and brothers. While we remember those who have died, today it is really our duty to venerate the lives they lived! Hold them up high and let their light shine as true examples of what OMEGA stands for."

Delta Upsilon Raises over \$2500 for Prostate Cancer



Delta Upsilon Brothers participating in the 5K Walk Run for Dad

Trenton, NJ. On Father’s Day June 21, Delta Upsilon Chapter participated in the annual Run for Dad Prostate Cancer 2 mile walk and 5 mile run event. Because of Covid 19 and the need to social distance, teams and individuals participated in various locations around the county. Although the event was spread out around the county, Delta Upsilon once again had over 30 participants and was again recognized as the team

with the most participants while also capturing 3rd place in overall team fund raising having raised \$2560. This was the 8th year in which Delta Upsilon has participated in the annual Run for Dad sponsored by the American Cancer Society to bring awareness to this deadly disease that effects African American men more than any other group.

Delta Upsilon 70th Anniversary Gala



Delta Upsilon Brothers in attendance at the 70th Anniversary Gala

Trenton, NJ. January 2020. The Brothers of the Dynamic Delta Upsilon Chapter celebrated the Chapter’s Platinum (70 Years) Anniversary on Saturday, February 1, 2020. This gala affair was held at the Buck County Sheraton Hotel with a platinum and royal purple décor. Sons of Delta Upsilon, from all over the country, converged to celebrate the chapter’s legacy and commemorate its founder, charter members, past and present stalwart Brothers. Brothers from nearby chapters and members of the Divine 9 joined in the celebration.

Our keynote speaker Harold B. Vereen; a 50-year Brother (Epsilon Epsilon March 1970, Benedict College) gave a historical perspective of the Chapter and shared stories about our Founder; Brother Dr. J Minor Sullivan, III and other early members of the Chapter who were instrumental in his arriving to NJ from South Carolina. Brother Vereen shared the chapter’s legacy of genuine friendship, deference to our Cardinal Principles and community service from the “old days” through and including the present times.

Delta Upsilon Donates 11 Chrome Books to Trenton Area Schools

Trenton, NJ. April 2020. Through the leadership of Neophyte Brother Lawrence Graves, Brothers of Delta Upsilon donated eleven chrome books to Trenton area elementary, middle, and high school students. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic students were required to learn from home for the remainder of the academic year. Many students in the Trenton service area were without computers to complete home study. Additionally, we learned that when computers were issued by the school, only one would be issued per household. Money from individual Brothers as well as Chapter Education Committee funds were collected to purchase chrome books for needy families. Although the bulk of the chrome books were earmarked for high schoolers, chromes were delivered to elementary and middle school children.

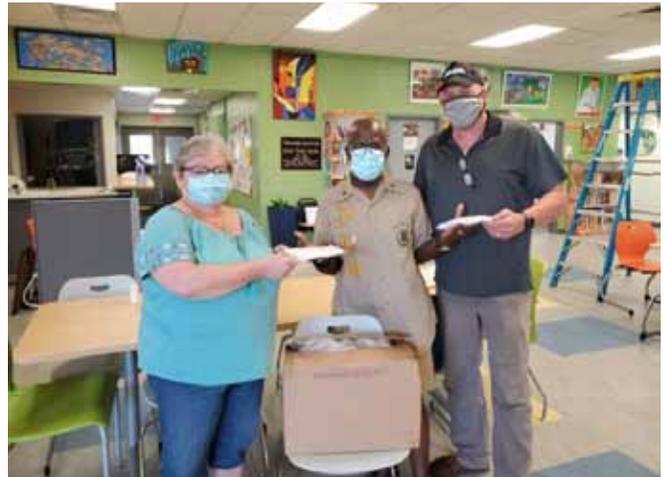


Brother Nall delivers the Chrome Books to schools

Delta Upsilon Donates Mask to Community Organizations



Ted Millard, Exec. Dir. of Good Friends, receives 500 mask from Delat Upsilon Brother Aaron Rice



Brother James Allen presents 500 mask to Mercer Street Friends

Trenton, NJ. July 2020. Eleven Community Organizations from the Greater Mercer County, NJ and Bucks County, PA were recipients of over 5,000 protective facial coverings. The washable face coverings were donated and presented to the various organizations by members of the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation and members of the Delta Upsilon Chapter’s Social, Amenities, and Executive committees. The list of organizations receiving the coverings are as follows: Coalition to Shelter & Support the Homeless (Bucks County), A Woman’s Place (Bucks County), Valley Youth House (Bucks County), Bucks County Housing Group (Bucks County), Good Friends Halfway House (Bucks County),

Destined for a Dream (Bucks County) Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (Bucks County), Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (Mercer County), Mercer Street Friends (Mercer County), UIH Fatherhood Organization (Mercer County), Children’s Home Society (Mercer County). The Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation is the Chapter’s 501C arm with its purpose to provide a positive impact to the greater Mercer County, NJ and Bucks County, PA area through the development of partnerships that support scholarships and other educational initiatives, community awareness, economic empowerment and healthy living.

Delta Upsilon and Nu Nu Healthy Living Bike Ride

Lambertville, NJ. On the Fourth of July, 2020, Brothers from both Delta Upsilon Chapter (Greater Trenton) and NU Nu Chapter (Willingboro) teamed up for a healthy living bike ride and fellowship activity. Brothers from both chapters rode their bicycles over a 10 mile path along the Delaware Raritan Canal towpath. This was an opportunity to fellowship amidst Covid 19 social distance restrictions and encouraged Brothers to participate in outdoor activities to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Delta Upsilon Food Distribution and Blood Drive



Delta Upsilon Brothers distributing food to Trenton Life Community Church

Trenton, NJ. May 8, 2020. Delta Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity participated in a full day of community service on Friday May 8. Chapter members gathered in the parking lot of the Triumphant Life Community Church in Trenton to provide person power and financial support to the Church and the Mercer Street Friend Food Bank during its weekly food giveaway program. Over 200 food baskets were distributed to those in the community who are struggling with personal food insecurities.

Later the same day, members of the Chapter donated 9 pints of blood during the American Red Cross's Blood Drive at the Masonic Temple in Trenton. The Chapter had been looking for a way to assist during this pandemic and since, one of the most prominent members of the Omega

Psi Phi Fraternity was Dr. Charles Drew, recognized as the Founder of Blood Plasma, it was only natural for our Chapter to honor Dr. Drew's work while assisting in addressing the current blood shortage facing our community during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Ms. Carol Field, Account Executive for the American Red Cross Penn-Jersey Blood Services Region thanked the chapter for its efforts; "We greatly appreciate the Delta Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's willingness to come forward to give blood and support our effort to address the need for blood during these difficult times. The coronavirus pandemic has caused many uncertainties in our world, but patients and the Red Cross are thankful that they can count on Delta Upsilon Chapter to answer the call to help".



Delta Upsilon Brothers donating blood at American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Masonic Temple in Trenton.

Delta Upsilon Rider University Women’s Basketball Game



Pictured with Brothers and family are Mr. Don Harnum - Rider Athletic Director (5th from the left), Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel, Rider Alumni (next to Mr. Harnum), and Rider President Dr. Gregory G. Dell’Omo (c)

Lawrenceville, NJ. February 29, 2020. Brothers from Delta Upsilon along with family members, local high school students, and community members attended a Rider Women’s Basketball game sponsored by the chapter to bring awareness to the Rider University campus. The Rider

Alumni Association donated the tickets to the game played on Saturday February 29, 2020. Rider won the game and was led by consensus All American and national scoring leader Stella Johnson who had a triple double.

Iota Mu Mu Feeding the District



Brothers of Iota Mu Mu helping pick up food for those in need

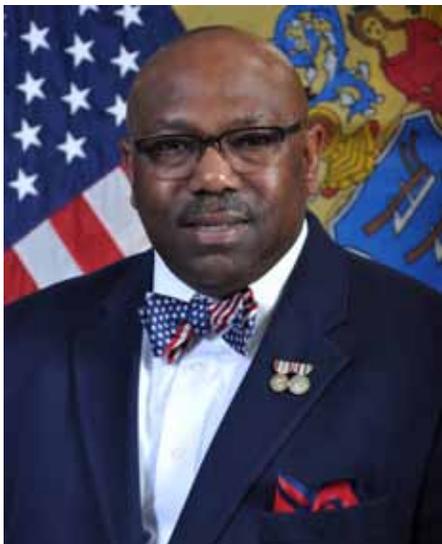


Boxes of food to be distributed to residents of Corridor I & II

Baltimore, MD. August 22, 2020. Brothers of Iota Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. volunteered to participate in “Feeding Across the District” with chapters from Corridor I and Corridor II. “Feeding Across the District” is a collaboration community outreach effort from the Maryland Food Bank and the multiple Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. to deliver food to African-American families in need of support.

The Brothers of Iota Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. picked up food from Matthew Henson Elementary School located in Baltimore, MD and disseminated it throughout the corridor. Bro. Devon Doss (20’ IMM), JaClay Gilbert (20’ IMM), Ricky Bryant (19’ IMM), and DeWitt Doss (14’ IMM) helped distribute 6,845 pounds of food, hoping to help address the radical rising food insecurity caused by the pandemic.

Delta Upsilon’s Omega Men On The Move



Brother COL Walter R. Nall



Brother James ‘Butler’ Allen



Brother Dr. Darwin Hayes, DDS

Brother Col. Walter R. Nall has been appointed as the acting Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Brig. Gen. Jemal J. Beale, The Adjutant General and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs announce Nall’s appointment to oversee two divisions: Veterans Health Care and Veterans Services. He has spent more than two decades with the department in increasing positions of importance.

Nall holds a Bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Troy State University and a Masters’ of Science degree in management from Liberty University. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer’s Basic and Advance Courses, Quartermaster Officer’s Advance Course, Combined Arms Staff Service School, the Theater Sustainment Course, and the Command and General Staff College. His military awards include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, several Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Brother James ‘Butter’ Allen appointed Director of the Mercer Street Food Bank. Previously he had held a position on the Board of Directors of the organization. The Mercer Street Food Bank has the responsibility and duty of serving about 60 to 75 various type Pantries assisting us with the distribution of about 2.9 million pounds of food in the Mercer County area. Brother Allen is also charged with overseeing the Send Hunger Packing program which services various public school systems

which sends a shelf stable pack of food home with the student to assist with the “Food Insecurity” facing so many of our students in our large urban school districts. The monthly number of bags ranges from 1,800 - 2,220 monthly!

During the past six (6) weeks, with the Covid-19 Pandemic we have developed an emergency food bag that consist again with shelf stable meals that will feed a family of four (4) over the weekend. On a weekly bases we prepare from 1,100 to 2,200 bags that are distributed at various sites within the Mercer County area.

Brother DR. Darwin Hayes, DDS has been appointed by NJ Governor Phil to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Dr. Hayes will serve in this capacity as the Department of Health Commissioner’s designee and is responsible for protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents, regulating the practice of dentistry, and ensuring that dentistry is performed in compliance to state law. Brother Dr. Hayes currently serves as the State Dental Director at the Department of Health, a position he has held since July 2019. As the first Dental Director in the state in nearly 30 years, Brother Hayes is responsible for oral health programming related to preventive dentistry, dental education and oral hygiene for all state residents, including the most vulnerable populations, and developing the the state’s first ever comprehensive oral health plan. Prior to his appointments in State service, Brother Hayes was the lead program director for general practice dental residency in the Bronx, NY where he managed a \$3.5M federal grant in postdoctoral education and training.

Nu Lambda Lambda Backpack Giveaway

Jersey City, NJ. August 30, 2020. The Brothers of the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. teamed up with the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. (National Sorority of Black Educators) for a community and civic action event for Jersey City residents. The event consisted of Voter Registration, 2020 Census Registration, and a backpack and school supply giveaway. Both organizations collected backpacks and school supplies for the event. The combined effort resulted in over 130 backpacks full of school supplies being distributed. Additionally, we registered 20 Jersey City residents for the upcoming election. We would like to take our Social Action Committee members Bro. Andre Johnson & Bro. Kenneth McKindra for their consistent hard work and dedication in the Jersey City Community.

NLL Brother with backpacks to giveaway



Lambda Upsilon Give Back to First Responders



Basileus and Saddle Brook Police Detective, Bro. Robert Littlejohn Jr., Vice Basileus, Bro. Edmond Looney III, Keeper of Peace, Bro. Edward Hamilton, and Bro. Justin Wimberly. drop off lunches to a multitude of police departments, fire departments, doctors' offices, hospitals, and Departments of Public Work.

Paterson, NJ. May 21, 2020. The Brothers of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Fast Break Café of Paterson to feed First Responders throughout Passaic and Bergen County. Lambda Upsilon is actively fundraising and utilizing donations to purchase food for the local communities. The money raised is used to drop

off lunches to a multitude of police departments, fire departments, doctors' offices, hospitals, and Departments of Public Work, to express their sincere appreciation.

This is part of Lambda Upsilon's weekly initiative to give back to first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Lambda Upsilon Leads Memorial Day Cookout



Bro. Benjie Wimberly, Bro. Justin Wimberly, Bro. Javon Morgan, Bro. Michael Smith, Bro. Jerome Morgan, and other masked brothers.

Paterson, NJ. May 25, 2020. The Brothers of Lambda Upsilon chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with local leadership and other community organizations to provide free meals to the Paterson community. Brothers spearheaded the outreach by cooking food, providing sup-

plies, and greeting visitors. Social distancing, mask wearing, and continual cleaning were practiced by brothers and other participants throughout the service.

Lambda Upsilon Taco Tuesdays



Lambda Upsilon Brothers at Taco Tuesdays

Paterson, NJ. May & June, 2020. From Tuesday, May 12, 2020, Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., launched its Taco Tuesday Initiative; giving out hundreds of free meals weekly to local families. In cooperation with Paterson Public Schools, Paterson Community Police, and a multitude of other community partners, Lambda Upsilon led this weekly initiative to combat food shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Omega Men provided food items, coordinated

outreach to spread awareness of the food distribution, served food, and provided words of encouragement to the community. In accordance with CDC guidelines for COVID-19, mandatory mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing were enforced. Lambda Upsilon will continue this initiative throughout the summer as families recover from the economic fallout of COVID-19.

Lambda Upsilon Rallies for Police Reform, Inclusion, and Justice

Northern New Jersey, June 2020, Throughout June, members of Lambda Upsilon joined thousands across America to bring awareness to the plethora of deaths and injuries to black and brown unarmed civilians at the hands of law enforcement or disturbed vigilantes. Brothers of Lambda Upsilon were galvanized in response to the untimely deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, and sought to join a positive uplift-based initiative instead of feeding misdirected animosity and anger. The Brothers of Lambda Upsilon encourage all Omega Men to join in building a country where young black men and women are given a chance to live to their fullest potential and have access to the American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Members of Lambda Upsilon seek to honor the many black lives lost by listing their names: Eric Garner, John Crawford II, Michael Brown, Ezell Ford, Ezell Ford, Dante Parker, Michelle Cusseaux, Junior Propser, Lamontez Jones, Paterson Brown, Laquan McDonald, George Mann, Tanisha Anderson, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Romain Brisbon, Jerame Reid, Matthew Ajibede, Frank Smart, Natasha McKenna, Tony Robinson, Anthony Hill, Mya Hall, Phillip White, Eric Harris, Walter Scott, William Chapman II, Alexia Christian, Brendon Glenn, Victor Manuel LaRosa, Jonathan Sanders, Freddie Blue, Joseph Mann, Salvado Ellswood, Sandra Bland, Albert Joseph Davis, Freddie Gray, Darius Stewart, Billy Ray Davis, Samuel Dubose, Asshams Pharoah Manley, Felix Kumi, Keith Harrison McLeod, Dominic Hutchinson, Anthony Ashford, Alonzo Smith, Tyree Crawford, India Kager, La’Vante Biggs, Michael Lee Marshal, Jamar Clark, Richard Perkins, Nathaniel Harris Pickett, Benni Lee Tignor, Miguel Espinal, Michael Noel, Kevin Matthews, Bettie Jones, Quintonio Legrie, Keith Childress Jr, Janet Wilson, Randy Nelson, Antronie Scott, Wendell Celestine Jordan Edwards, David Joseph, Calin Roquemore, Dyzhawn Perkins, Christopher Davis, Marco Loud, Peter Gaines, Torrey Robinson, Darius Robinson, Terrill Thomas, Sylville Smith, Kevin

Hicks, Mary Truxillo, Demarcus Semer, Willie Tillman, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Terence Crutcher, Paul O’Neal, Alteria Woods, Aaron Bailey, Ronell Foster, Stephon Clark, Antwon Rose II, Christopher McCorvey, Eric Reason, Michael Lorenzo Dean, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, David McAtee, Rayshard Brooks. Black Lives Matter



Brother Benji Wimberly and Basileus Robert Littlejohn at the Rally

Kappa Omicron Food Program Donations

New York, NY. June 26, 2020. The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated donated \$5,000 to five community food pantries, all found within the boroughs of New York City. This is the chapter’s 11th Annual Food Drive.

Kappa Omicron is committed to serving the needs in our communities. During these tough times, our chapter recognizes that many of our neighbors need assistance and extra help. We stand committed to assist by providing resources to the community we call home. We work in conjunction with several community-based organizations within the five boroughs of New York City. These organizations include the Black Veterans for Social Justice, the Salvation Army, the St Albans Congregational Church, Convent Avenue Baptist Church and Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.

To date Kappa Omicron has donated \$42,000 dollars since its inception in 2009. Co-chairs Bro. Thomas Wallace and Bro. Ray Haskins founded the Five Borough Pantry Food Drive. This year \$25,000 dollars was donated

to the food drive program.

The urgency of adequate food supplies continues to rise throughout the nation. Recently, the Federal government cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Nearly 1.2 million New Yorkers are struggling to put food on their table. The Correlation For The Homeless, a community-based organization, reported over 63,000 people living in New York City are in shelters. Many are afflicted by unemployment, mental illness, homelessness, and post-traumatic stress disorders.

Seniors and fixed income families live in poverty due to unfortunate economic circumstances. Veterans suffer both visible and invisible wounds of war, making them a vulnerable population when it comes to maintaining stabilized housing. Food assistance can make a difference in the lives of our fellow citizens and their ability to “get-by” given the current climate of the country and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chapter brothers, families and friends donated to the food drive.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Ronald McDonald House Donation



l-r Chloe Ring RMHC, Volunteer Coordinator for Ronald McDonald House Charities-Baltimore alongside Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter Spring 2020, Bro. Brandyn Laurence Hardnett, Bro. Rodney Paige, and Bro. Bashon Mann, present a donation on behalf of LGG

Fort Meade, MD. The Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated continues to answer the call for service.

Fresh off the sands of Spring 2020, the newly initiated “Magnificent Seven” of LGG have strived to embrace this standing legacy of our beloved Fraternity and incorporate this into their way of business. In search of a service project, LGG Spr 2020 chose to partner with the Ronald McDonald House of Baltimore to sponsor a family under their “Adopt-A-Night Program.” The Ronald McDonald House gives 365 days of caring for 55 families every night and over 1,000 each year. This equates to providing 20,075 nights of comfort each year for families suffering through pedi-

atric medical crisis. During these difficult times, families have a respite from the hospital environment.

By generating a donation campaign via the chapter, LGG was able to secure \$600 for the Ronald McDonald House of Baltimore, ensuring a family sponsorship for one month and other families to secure several weeks of relief from an overnight hospital stay. With the success of this project, the LGG Spr 2020 line looks to establish a long-term commitment with the Ronald McDonald House of Baltimore to ensure future families who need support will have the ability to count on such organizations as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated to be there when needed.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Stems Tide of Domestic Violence



LGG Brother Bruce Foggie gives "Build A Room" donation to Sarah's House representative

In light of the increased reports of Domestic Violence, exacerbated by the economic disparity in our community, LGG is increasing its effort to support those impacted most during, and beyond this pandemic. Realizing there has been an increase in domestic violence cases during the pandemic, the chapter has stepped up its efforts with Sarah's House, a women's shelter organization we have partnered with over the past three years. LGG's Area 1 Coordinator, Bro. Walter Foggie, in collaboration with Brothers Bruce Patterson and Jamal Ali, reached out to the organization to determine the best way to provide support. Given the pandemic has significantly limited direct volunteer outreach, the organization said they are accepting in-kind donations, specifically toward their "Build a Room" project.

As their shelter buildings are undergoing substantial renovations, through the context of trauma-informed care, the rooms are being repainted with softer, therapeutic colors along with new flooring and lighting. In response to this "trauma-informed care strategy," on Monday, August 10, 2020, the chapter donated a complete "Build a Room" package. The chapter's strategy is to sustain this support on a "quarterly basis," therefore a motion will be presented to the chapter to establish a "Line item" in next year's budget for this much needed effort. The "Build a Room" package consists of: Twin-sized comforter set, twin-sized linens set, Pillow, Towel and washcloth, Artificial table plant, Inspirational book/poem.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Ronald McDonald House Donation



LGG Basileus Bro. Reggie Vance and Vice-Basileus Bro. Timothy Worley stand in front of the Ronald McDonald House with donation check

Omega Delta Alumni Helps CYWA Distribute Food To Families



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers Volunteer at the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA)

Coatesville, PA April 29, 2020. Members from Omega Delta Alumni Association volunteered their time at the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) during the Covid-19 pandemic. The members assisted the dedicated staff sort, pack and distribute boxes of food to families in need at the CYWA food cupboard program. CYWA offers a temporary shelter for homeless women and children, but also make special accommodations for homeless men raising their chil-

dren as well as intact families. CYWA also provides safe, clean and affordable housing to low-income individuals and families; with the low rent program creating greater independence. Additionally, CYWA offers weekly individual therapy, as well as coed groups, women's groups, men's groups and specialized groups. The food cupboard program distributes food to local families 2-3 times per week.

Omicron Mu Nu Supports Beta Gamma Foundation

Philadelphia, PA. July 18, 2020. Brothers from Omicron Mu Nu together with many other Omega men, as well as Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha turned out to support Beta Gamma's Inaugural Col. Charles Young Community Bike Ride. It was a great day of fellowship and fun. Brothers were able to connect, and get a little exercise in all while maintaining social distance. Riders

met in front of the Philadelphia Art Museum and rode the length of Martin Luther King Blvd. Basileus Darius Taylor encourages Omicron Mu Nu members to support other chapter activities whenever possible as it lends to making the Omega name and brand known in the community at large.

Pi Kappa Kappa Adopt A Highway

Winslow Township, NJ. June 6, 2020. Brothers from the Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted a highway clean up on Church Road in Sicklerville, New Jersey. The Brothers of the Chapter have been seeking ways to remain active during these uncertain and dangerous times. Utilizing the most recent guidelines provided by the CDC, the Brothers decided on performing a community clean up to both maintain the profile of Omega as well as contribute to more positive environmental impacts.

The weather was especially kind as the Brothers broke into two teams and walked the two mile stretch of road in Winslow Township. While using the time to fellowship, the Brothers also spoke with the high school kids that accompanied them on the project. Amongst the topics of conversation was the pursuit of acceptance into the National Honor Society and the importance of Scholarship. While collecting trash along the route, several of the residents came outside to wave at the Brothers and thank them for their service. One resident even remarked that he admired the Brothers commitment to the area as he could count on the Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter to return every year. Approximately ten bags of trash were collected, and the road looked cleaner than it had for some time.



Makayla Lumpkin and Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers at the Adopt A Highway event

Pi Kappa Kappa Food Drive

Winslow Township, NJ. July 30, 2020. Brothers from the Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in a Food Drive at the Winslow Center in Sicklerville, New Jersey. The event was organized by the Winslow Township Department of health. During these trying and dangerous times, many of our fellow citizens have been struggling to survive. The Brothers of the Chapter arrived at the event and encouraged participants to persevere during this pandemic. Utilizing the most recent guidelines provided by the CDC, the Brothers adhered to social distancing and maintained their masks throughout the event.

Many Brothers participated in the project. There were a number of various tasks for the event and the Brothers were happy to lend a hand. Assistance was provided in the distribution of food. Drivers would pull up and the Brothers would place the pre-packaged box of food into the cars. Brothers also helped guide traffic through the lot to ensure safety. In addition to food distribution, the Chapter also provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to participants. The Brothers handed out literature that focused on Health and Wellness as well. This was a time to truly UPLIFT those in our community.

While handing out materials, the Brothers also engaged by advocating for the use of masks and the safety they provide our collective society.



PKK Basileus Bro. Harold Hill providing PPE to participants

Pi Kappa Kappa Voter Registration Drive



PKK Brothers Jamie Williams, Harold Hill and Bro. Jerome Jackson at the Voter Registration Drive

Glassboro, NJ. August 15, 2020. Brothers from the Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Melanin Market Place at Owens Field in Glassboro, New Jersey. The event was organized by Black on Black Excellence Expo. While many companies have been profiting off the money generated by the Black community, it has become of critical importance where we send our dollars. It has become of critical importance that we support businesses that our found by our brothers and sisters. These businesses are specifically marketed for us and our needs. The Brothers of the Chapter arrived at the event and encouraged participants to vote during the most important election in

the history of this country. Utilizing the most recent guidelines provided by the CDC, the Brothers adhered to social distancing, maintained their masks, and sanitized materials throughout the event.

There were over one hundred vendors at the event. The Brothers were on hand to fellowship with the community. A few voters were registered at the event. With the people that were already registered, the Brothers secured vows that they would vote in the upcoming election. The Brothers also patronized some of the vendors in an effort to continue UPLIFTing our community

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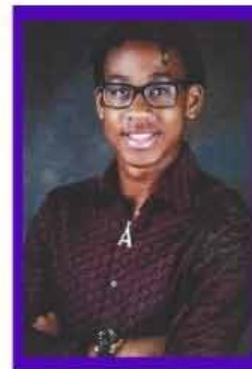
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Phi Omega Scholarship Recipients

Buffalo, NY. June 22, 2020. The Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation, Inc. in conjunction Phi Omega graduate chapter is honored to announce the winners of our 2020 scholarship program in the name of the late Ronald Peoples.

Ronald Peoples was a profound advocate of higher education. He tirelessly worked to ensure young people attended college by providing scholarships throughout his 66 years of service in Omega. Brother Peoples served in the United States Navy for two years and was honorably discharged. He matriculated at St. Cloud State College in Minnesota where he received his Bachelors of Science Degree in elementary and special education. Bro. Peoples further earned a Master of Arts Degree in special education and completed a certificate of advanced study in educational administration and supervision at SUNY Buffalo State College. He taught in the Buffalo Public School (BPS) system for 34 years, holding multiple positions as an elementary school teacher, special education teacher, supervisor of elementary education and director of adult basic education. Following retirement from BPS, Bro. Peoples worked part-time as the director and court liaison for the Community Action Organization's Second Chance Program. He was instrumental in the lives of many youth and community members. A grand total of \$6,500 was awarded to the following deserving recipients:

Andrew M. Amos (\$ 1,000.00)

Andrew is a graduate of Cleveland Hill High School. He was a member of the varsity swim and track teams. Andrew also participated in the school's band and musical performances. He received academic achievement scholarships from Daeman College and Canisius College. Andrew intends to pursue a career in finance. He is scheduled to attend Canisius College.

Rahim Dunston (\$ 1,000.00)

Rahim is a graduate of the Buffalo Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts. He was the recipient of honor and merit roll awards. Rahim served as the concert master in the senior orchestra as well as the student faculty quartet. He has participated in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) and in the Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) and is a member of the All County Senior Orchestra. Rahim also was a member of the Larry Salter Soul Orchestra and have performed at the Black Achievers Gala, Mayor Byron Brown's Inauguration and Senior Community events. He was also a member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Players as the only African American in the violin string section. Rahim was the recipient of NAACP Youth Award, Urban League Outstanding Youth Award, and August Wilson Award as well as earned his 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He intends to heal people through music and theatre. Rahim is scheduled to matriculate at the University at Buffalo.

Adrian E. Elliston (\$ 1,000.00)

Adrian is a graduate of Clarence High School. He played the Trombone and was a member of the Chorus. He was also a member of football, basketball and track teams. Adrian served as a swim instructor at the Northtown Summer Youth Program, mentored youth football players in the Clarence School District and was an active member of his church's youth group. Adrian intends to pursue a career as a detective/forensic specialist. He attends Zion Dominion Global Ministries under the stewardship of Bishop Roderick L. Hennings, Senior Pastor. Adrian is scheduled to attend SUNY Buffalo State College with a major in Criminal Justice/Forensic Science.

Cameron McWilson (\$ 1,000.00)

Cameron is a graduate of Niagara Falls High Schools. He served as the Bible Club Pray Leader, Junior League soccer coach and volunteered to sing to the elderly in nursing homes. Cameron received high honors in accounting and music. He has studied Mandarin for two years. Cameron intends to become an entrepreneur specifically owning a foreign interpreter business. He is a recipient of an educational grant from Niagara University due to his outstanding scholarship. Cameron attends Zion Dominion Global Ministries under the stewardship of Bishop Roderick L. Hennings, Senior Pastor. He is scheduled to matriculate at Niagara University.

Christopher C. Price (\$ 1000.00)

Christopher is a graduate of Hutchinson Central Technical High School. He was a member of school band where he played the saxophone and clarinet. Christopher was an active member of UB's upward bound program and received honor and merit awards throughout high school. He is the recipient of SUNY College at Fredonia Scholar Award. Christopher intends to pursue a career in music and photography. He is a member at St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of Michael Chapman, Senior Pastor. Christopher is scheduled to attend SUNY College at Fredonia.

David K. Daniels (\$ 500.00)

David is a graduate of Tapestry Charter High School. He was a member of the varsity track and field team. David was an honor student throughout college. He intends to become an architect. He is scheduled to attend Canisius College.

Mason Finch (\$ 500.00)

Mason is a graduate of Canisius High School. He was an active member of the Buffalo Prep Program. Mason received awards for good attendance and most improved student. He intends to become a gaming engineer with the long-term goal of owning a gaming company. He is scheduled to matriculate at SUNY Niagara County Community College.

Jahmal B. David-Lewis (\$ 500.00)

Jahmal is a graduate of McKinley High School. He was captain of the varsity basketball team and co-captain of the varsity football team. Jahmal was an active member of the Omega Mentoring Program where he served as sergeant at arms. He received a P-Tech College Scholarship and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incentive Award. Jahmal intends to study Building Trades-Building Construction. He is a member at True Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Darius G. Pridgen, Senior Pastor. Jahmal is scheduled to attend SUNY Alfred State College.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients.



Phi Omega COVID-19 Outreach



Phi Omega Brothers providing outreach to the community

Buffalo, NY. July 12, 2020. On Sunday, July 12, 2020, Brothers of Phi Omega provided mask and gloves distribution at the Johnnie B. Wiley Center. Voter and census registration forms were also provided. This is part of Phi Omega continued commitment to service in Western New York.

Lackawanna, NY. August 1, 2020. On Saturday, August 1, 2020, Brothers of Phi Omega provided free mask and gloves distribution at the Willie Cotton Center at 52 Gates Avenue in Lackawanna, New York in conjunction with Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Program and Councilman John Ingram. Voter and census registration forms and over 900 boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables were also distributed. This is part of Phi Omega continued commitment to service in Western New York.

Phi Omega Father’s Day Fishing



Phi Omega Brothers sons with today’s catch

Buffalo, NY. July 5, 2020. On Sunday, July 5, 2020, Brothers of Phi Omega chartered two boats from the Dunkirk Harbor, as part of their Father’s Day celebration, to enjoy Walleye fishing. The event was designed to create and provide fishing opportunities for urban youth, ages 12-16. The goals of the event were to provide a meaningful and enjoyable fish-

-ing opportunity to local youth, promote fishing as an alternative leisure activity, offer education elements such as angler ethics, fish identification, and water safety to local youth, and develop skills that provide a lifelong hobby. Due to COVID-19, Brothers enjoyed the fishing expedition with their sons

Phi Omega Voter Registration Drive



Phi Omega Brothers at the Voter Registration Drive

Buffalo, NY. September 9, 2020. On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, Brother Cedric Holloway (Phi Omega '99) and Brothers Chijioke Okoro (Beta '86) participated in a voter registration drive at Medaille College from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Over 80 students attended the event and 50

students were registered to vote. Medaille College is a small private liberal arts institution with an enrollment of 1,402 undergraduate and 1,000 graduates from Western New York and Southern Ontario.

Phi Omega Food Giveaway



Phi Omega Brothers giving away food

Buffalo, NY. September 12, 2020. On Saturday, September 12, 2020, Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter in conjunction with Rehoboth House of Prayer provided a pop up food giveaway at the intersections on Genesee

and Jefferson Avenues on the East Side of Buffalo. Over 2,000 free boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables were distributed to community members. This is part of Phi Omega continued community initiative.

2nd District Donation of Mask to Harlem Hospital



PLL Bro. Dominic Boyce presents PPE donation to Nursing Director, Sharon Kennedy, RN, and Director of Child Life, Ivana Man.



PPE presentation to Dr. John Clark, Obstetrician & Vice Chair of Medical Board and Dr. Victoria Amankwa of OB/GYN service.

Harlem, NY. May 22, 2020. Bro. Dominick Boyce, Deputy Corridor Five Representative, presented a donation of 400 N95 Masks to the staff of Harlem Hospital Center on behalf of the Second District of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc and its COVID-19 Task Force led by Bro. Dr. Reginald Vance. Historically, Harlem Hospital was founded in 1887 and was the public hospital that saved Dr. Martin Luther King’s life in 1958 after he was stabbed in the heart by a deranged woman at Blumstein’s Department

store in 125th Street. Harlem is a 270-bed acute care facility and Level 1 Trauma Center with a full spectrum of specialty services. The hospital was especially hard hit by the COVID-19 outbreak in New York City. At the peak of the outbreak, 95% of its patient population was COVID positive. Through the efforts of the Fraternity the hospital was able to restock their supply of masks to provide to the clinicians delivering patient care in the emergency department, OB/GYN, medicine and critical care units.

Phi Omega Supports Corridor 6 Backpack Giveaway



Phi Omega Brothers at the Backpack giveaway

Rochester, NY. August 2, 2020. On Sunday, August 2, 2020, Brother W. Charles Brandy (Phi Epsilon '92) and Brother David White (Beta Upsilon '90) participated in the Amazon Cares Back to School Backpack Giveaway at the George Mather Forbes School (#4) located at 198 Dr. Samuel McCree Way in Rochester, New York in support of Theta Omicron and Corridor 6. Over 1,000 backpacks with school supplies and voter registration were provided. Brothers from Chi Pi, Phi Omega and Theta Omicron were in attendance.

Phi Omega COVID-19 Outreach



Phi Omega Brothers providing outreach to the community

Buffalo, NY. June 20, 2019. On Saturday, June 20, 2020, two mask and gloves distributions were held in conjunction with local Juecenth observance. The first distribution was held at Buffalo Juecenth headquarter at 1517 Genesee Street Buffalo, NY. The second distribution was held downtown Buffalo within the African American Historical Corridor (Broadway and Michigan Avenues). Brothers also provided voter and census registration forms. Community members were extremely appreciative of free PPE materials.



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



What Does A Man Do?

It's our first cardinal, and in a speech to the fraternity Brother Love said is the most essential as we look for prospects in Omega. So I'd like to talk just a little about manhood.

"To us Manhood means character; one who dares to do all that doth become a man, and who does more is none." – Bro. Edgar A. Love

It's that word 'Do' that I want to focus on.

Below is a January 2017 article that originally appeared on my blog at www.rodneycastle.com

What does a man do? It's a question that neither men, nor women can provide a solid answer too. It is a question worthy of the deepest of our reflections.

In fact it was the question posed by Gustavo (Gus) Fring to Walter White in the award winning series Breaking Bad.

Here's how it went...

Gustavo: What does a man do Walter? A man provides for his family.

Walter: Silence

Gustavo: And a man, a man provides. And he does it even when he's not appreciated, or respected, or even loved. He simply bears up and he does it. Because he's a man!

What deep question. What a deep answer.

But as deep as it sounds, 'what does a man do?' is not the best question to ask. And "he provides" is at best only a partial answer. As evidenced

by the fact the both Gus and Walter were murdering drug dealers because they believed they were being men. The better question to ask is 'what is a man?'. A man is called to be a King, Warrior, Mentor, and Friend. When a male thoroughly understands what he is, then what he does more readily falls into place. It's difficult to get to the ideals of real manhood focusing solely on changing mere behavior. Getting males to become men requires a paradigm shift in whom, or what they believe they are.

When you come to grips with whom you are ask yourself...

What does a king do? He provides as a Servant-King.

What does a warrior do? He protects as a Tender Warrior.

What does a mentor do? He teaches as a Wise Mentor.

What does a friend do? He is a Faithful Friend.

Now as Gustavo said, "Get to work!" ...on being a man.

Something to make you go...hmm! Have you ever wondered why men are always seeking connection? It's because God said it's not good for man to be alone (Gen 2:18)...so we know that men both need to be, and are in need of true friends.

The Hebrew word for Adam and "man" are the same. Want to understand God's perspective on manhood, do a study on the forerunner of all men... Adam

Bro. Rodney Goldston

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"The Omega Type . . . "

By CHARLES E. KING

The use of the expression "the Omega type" is widely known wherever Omega is known. A prospective "lamp" is either referred to as being the Omega type or not the Omega type. There is great probability that the expression of "the Omega type" is often used without very much meaning. It is most important that "type" be given consideration for it is the "type" that makes Omega Omega, but we should be clear in our minds about what the type should manifest.

The "type" should exhibit the qualities of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. In exhibiting manhood he should be a gentleman, but none-the-less a man. He should be reliable, self-confident, able to have convictions of his own, fair in his dealings with others, have respect for authority, but not the type to cringe before or court favor with authority. In exhibiting scholarship grades alone cannot be used as the criterion of measurement. The type should exhibit this quality further by showing the ability to master facts and interpret them into application for practical situations. Perseverance should be exhibited by the tendency of plugging ahead in face of obstacles. The tendency to keep pushing forward despite difficulties until the aims have been accomplished. The type should show the quality of

uplift by having interest in any activity that tends to make for the improvement of the well being of individuals and society.

The fraternity does not make men. Men make Omega. Therefore it is imperative that careful observation be undertaken before a prospect be taken "across the burning sands to the mystic shrine of Omega". The fraternity can never be better than its constituents. If the fraternity is to promote manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, the type of men taken into it must possess these qualities and it is up to the Omega men to see to it that these men are the possessors of these qualities before they are made into the fraternity for once he is made there is no "turning out."

If brotherhood is to be made realistic in the realm of Omega it must recruit men who have the trait of open-fair-mindedness and a desire and appreciation of fellowship.

The Omega type is not something to be loosely considered, but rather something that must gain our most serious attention. We must keep the standards of Omega high; we must keep Omega meaning something. Therefore it is essential that we determine if the prospect is the type that will build Omega to be what we want it to be.



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



The Need for a 20/20 Focus in 20/20

In the realm of Optometrics, having clarity of vision at 20 feet is one standard. I urge Omega Men to maintain a focus, on the Twenty Pearls that adorn the badge that we so proudly wear. They convey standards which were embedded in the hearts and minds of our Esteemed Founders, when they delivered Omega to the world. Omega Men must also maintain a 20/20 focus on our Oath. When one promises both God and man, a commitment for his life's journey; it follows that a man's word is his bond. A man must live his creed. Our Founders identified the necessary tenets, to govern the walk and talk of Omega Men, in the communities where they live and work. Moratoriums, suspensions, elevated insurance premiums, costly legal entanglements and other negative impacts on Omega's image, speaks loudly to the urgent need for an enhanced focus in this 20/20 year

and beyond. My Brothers, our Esteemed Founders made us their beneficiaries on the deed to the house that is Omega. We must be certain the house, that is Omega, will be kept, to pass on to future generations. It will serve as a shelter, from the multiple seasons that Omega Men will experience. **In summation, it will be our responsibility to make the Omega House, a home for present and future generations.**

Bro. Dr. Andrew A. Ray
39th Grand Basileus



Asleep at the Helm - Where is the Leadership?

Democracy is the greatest form of government in the world, but is also messy, complicated, and difficult and we are at a defining moment and critical flash point in our democracy. As we face the dual threat of the Coronavirus pandemic and continued systemic institutional racism, it seems that the leader of the free world is asleep at the helm and out of touch with the reality of social injustice. From my perspective, nothing positive has come out of the White House to assure the American people in general, and African Americans specifically, that we will be in a better place in the not-to-distant future. Instead, all I see is venom dripping from his lips and threats to use the US Military to quell the first amendment rights of Americans to protest unnecessary brutality and continual inequality. Although the President of the United States is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, he lacks the legal, and in this case moral, authority to use the military in any manner that he pleases. Mid-day on June 1st, 2020, he announced plans from the Rose Garden to use the US Active Duty military personnel to stop the riots across the nation that were sparked by pent up anger resulting from the police and vigilante killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Michael Gardner, Travon Martin and countless other black people. Trump cited the Insurrection Act of 1807 as the vehicle to execute this vile threat. He overreached his authority by using smoke, rubber bullets and flash bangs fired by federal police and others to push peaceful protestors back from the White House, so that he could have

a photo op in front of St. John's Church. Even though he has been rebuked strongly by former Secretary of Defense, retired General James Mathis, and a host of former Flag Officers, including General John Kelly, his own former White House Chief of Staff and other military officers, soldiers and civilians, it is not enough. WE MUST VOTE IN NOVEMBER AND REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE. As a retired Colonel of the United States Army, it gives me great pause to even think that we would use our soldiers to retard the rights of the very citizenry that we are sworn to protect. On the other hand, however, it is heartening to see a coalition of Americans across all races, ethnics groups, and generations use their right to protest in-mass despite these threats. This administration needs to understand that dog whistles, fear tactics and tyranny are unacceptable. Psalm 27:3 states that 'though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.' As citizens, we cannot afford to be afraid to speak out at this time, and I cannot remain silent during these times because silence becomes cowardice and connotes complicity when this occasion demands speaking out.

Thaddious L. Goodman Sr.
Colonel US Army Retired
Pi Gamma 1968

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Brother Robert McGlotten - Omega Chapter



Brother Robert McGlotten

Columbia, MD. Bro. Robert MGlotten entered Omega Chapter on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 in Poinciana, FL. He was initiated into the Fraternity in 1975 through Kappa Psi in Washington, DC. Bro. McGlotten was born January 18, 1952 in Salisbury, MD.

Educationally, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Subsequently, he earned a Master of Science in Social Work and Community Planning.

Professionally, Bro. McGlotten worked as an Economic Development Official in Maryland State Government in Arundel and Montgomery Counties.

Bro. McGlotten was a financial member of Alpha Omega, Mu Rho and Tau Pi Chapters. He served as a Basileus of Mu Rho Chapter. He was extremely astute in his knowledge of Robert’s Rule of Orders which enabled him to execute extremely proficiently Parliamentary Procedures during chapter meetings. Bro. McGlotten and his lovely Delta wife Carolyn worked with the Tau Pi Mentoring Committee each December to present a Kwanzaa program for Senior Citizens at Harmony Hall located in Columbia, MD.

Bro. McGlotten is survived by his wife Carolyn McGlotten and sister Cathy McGlotten. They have four children – Robert III, Rashad, Raven and Robyn. Due to covid-19, an Omega Service and family services will be held at a later date.

Brother Chester K. Williams - Omega Chapter



Brother Chester K. Williams

in Hagerstown Dormitory. In 1975, Brother Chester, decided to follow the trail blazed by his sibling, Brother Curtis Williams, 10 Pi 1973, Pi Chapter at Morgan State University, by pledging the Chi Delta Chapter to enter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. After successfully completing his pledge period, Bro. Williams was initiated with his line brothers as a member of “8 the Hard Way” on 04/19/1975. Williams served in the positions of Vice Basileus, Basileus and chaired several committees for Chi Delta along with being a delegate at district and national meetings. Upon graduation, Williams became employed as a Scientist and Laboratory Director with the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD., performing clinical and biological testing. Chester remained with N.I.H. throughout his career up until his untimely passing. Recently, he had submitted his paperwork to retire at the end of December 2020.

Bro. Williams was a lifelong worker for Omega. As a graduate, he was a member of Mu Nu Chapter in Montgomery County and Tau Pi Chapter in Prince George’s County, MD. With Tau Pi, he served in the positions of Keeper of Records and Seal, Vice Basileus, and Basileus. He also served as either chairman or committee member of numerous committees. Affectionately known as “Midnight Cowboy”, he was selected as one of Tau Pi’s brothers to achieve the annual award of “Omega Man of the Year”, Omega’s top honor, as well as several other awards for his outstanding service. He currently was serving as one of the lead mentors within Tau Pi’s Second District award winning Mentoring Program and on the steering committee for Tau Pi’s Scholarship Fund. While keeping Tau Pi as his primary chapter, Chester recently selected Chi Delta as his secondary chapter with their newly formed status as a graduate chapter in the fraternity.

Silver Spring, MD. Brother Chester K. Williams transitioned to Omega Chapter on September 118, 2020. Born in Dawn, VA, he attended the University of Maryland, College Park, earning a B.S. Degree in Biology. During his tenure at UM, Chester served as a Resident Assistant

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Brother Randolph “Randy” Thompson - Omega Chapter



Brother Randolph “Randy” Thompson

Baltimore, MD. Brother Randolph “Randy” Thompson transitioned to Omega Chapter on August 7, 2020. Life member #1528, he was initiated at Morgan State College, Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated in December 1951.

Educated in Baltimore public schools, Brother Thompson graduated from Dunbar High School and earned a Bachelor’s degree from Morgan State College (now University) with honors in 1955. He was also inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society in 1952.

Brother Randy C. Thompson served in the United States Army from 1955-1957 earning the rank of Lieutenant. He also served with the 11th Airborne Division in Germany. Following his service Bro Thompson matriculated to receive a Master’s degree at Western Michigan University in 1969, and a Master’s degree from American University in 1970.

Professionally, Brother Thompson worked as a dedicated Educator in Baltimore City. Beginning as a teacher at Lemmel Jr. High School, then 10 years teacher at Edmondson High School, next he worked as a school Counselor at Edmonson High and Mergenthaler Voc-Tech High School. He was promoted to the Dept Head of the Guidance department at Mervo High School. He completed his professional work as the Assistant Principal at Dunbar High School from 1978 to 1992. Almost 35 years of service to our youth and the education community in directing and supporting the lives of our children.

Fraternally, he held the following positions with our fraternity, Chapter Member at Large, Chapter Social Action Chairman, Achievement Week Committee Chair, and Chapter Talent Hunt Chairman, and served the five state District Social Action Chairman. He was a life member of the Morgan State Alumni Association. Even so, Bro. Thompson still had time to teach church school for 14 years at Epworth United Methodist Chapel, served on the board for the Liberty Road Development Corporation, a board member of Essex Community College Nuclear Medicine program. He set up a scholarship fund for teenage mothers at Dunbar High in memory of his mother Ms. Magaline Thompson, and worked with the Dunbar High School Alumni Association’s Foster Grandparent program.

Brother John Clark - Omega Chapter



Brother John Clark

Columbia MD. Brother John London Clark, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on Friday, April 3, 2020. He was born on October 21, 1942 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was the son of the late John London Clark, Sr. and Myrtle (Nicholson) Clark and was raised in Washington D.C. He was an alumnus of Archbishop Carroll High School (1960), St. Bonaventure University (B.A. – 1964), Howard University School of Social Work (MSW – 1967), and the University of Maryland School of Law (J.D. – 1981).

John is survived by his wife of 54 years, Gail (Pollard) Clark, his daughter, Elizabeth Clark Adams, his grandson Ethan Timothy Adams, one brother, Steven T. Clark and a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Clark was a member of Tau Pi Chapter, Columbia Maryland where he was initiated March 1985 as a member of the Incredible 13 Line of Men.

God Bless Brother John London Clark, Jr., and the Friendships he inspired over the years.

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Brother Walter T. Williams, III - Omega Chapter



Brother Walter T. Williams, III

Cornelius, NC. Brother Walter T. Williams entered Omega Chapter on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at his home in Cornelius, North Carolina. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Pi Epsilon Chapter at University of Maryland, Eastern Shore on December 11, 1965. Bro. Williams was born October 20, 1944 in Montgomery County, MD. Educationally, he attended Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring, MD and graduated in 1962. After graduation, he matriculated at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. He graduated with a degree in Physical Education and Kinesiology in 1966. Upon graduation from UMES, Walter was hired as a full-time teacher by the Montgomery County Public School system. He taught there for 37 years and retired in 2003. Tau Pi Chapter in Columbia, MD was chartered in April 1975. Bro. Williams was a Founder and Charter Member. In 2008, he relocated to Cornelius, North Carolina. He became a member of Pi Phi Chapter. Throughout his life, Bro. Williams sung on Church choirs. He joined the Charlotte, North Carolina Omega Ensemble. Bro. Walter Turner Williams, III is survived by his wife of 32 years, LaVonne Bermdine Williams. He leaves to cherish two daughters, three sisters, one brother and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and friends.

Brother LTC Earl H. Saunders - Omega Chapter



Brother LTC Earl H. Saunders

Columbia, MD. Brother Earl H. Saunders entered Omega Chapter on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. He was initiated into the Fraternity in 1954 through Eta Gamma Chapter at Central State University. Saunders was born July 18, 1935 in Bridgeport, CT. Bro. Saunders in 1957 received his Bachelor of Science degree from Central State University in Wilberforce, OH. He earned a Master of Arts degree in 1974 from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Prior to obtaining his Master Degree, Bro Saunders served 20 years in the Military. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordinance Corps in 1957 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1977. He had active overseas duty assignments in Korea, Germany, Thailand and Vietnam. Bro. Saunders, upon retirement in the military found his passion in Howard County Community Services. He was involved in the Chamber of Commerce; Small Business committee; Economic Development Advisory committee; Rotary Club; and a myriad of others. Tau Pi Chapter was chartered in 1975. Bro. Saunders eventually became a financial member later in the decade. During Achievement Week in 1979 and 1982, he received the chapter's Business Man of the Year Award. From 1982 to 1984, He served as the chapter's 5th Vice Basileus. Bro. Saunders is survived by his former wife Carrie M. Saunders, daughter Sabrina F. Saunders-Hodge. He also leaves to cherish a host of nephews, nieces, grandchildren, godchildren, military colleagues, former co-workers and countless friends.

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Brother John Moses Robinson - Omega Chapter

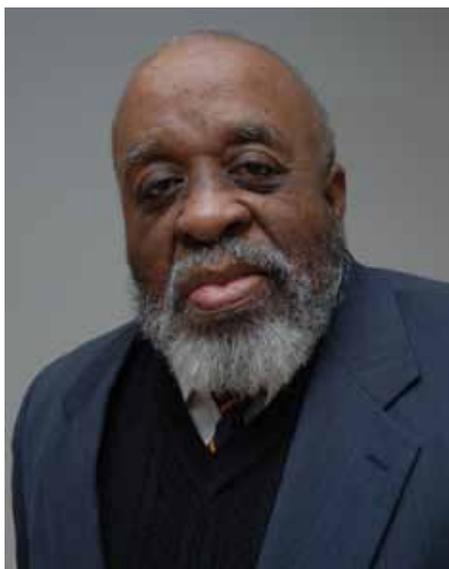


Brother John Moses Robinson

Easton, PA. Brother John Moses Robinson, Spr 69, Chi Chapter, Lifetime Member #129, entered Omega Chapter on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Born on May 22, 1945, in Montgomery, GA., Brother Robinson spent his early years living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Easton, PA, where he graduated from Easton Area High School. He later continued his education at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida. Initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Chi Chapter in the Spring of 1969, he proudly served the fraternity for 51 years with various chapters in Washington, D.C., Kappa Omega Chapter in Harrisburg, PA, Omega Xi and Alpha Mu Nu chapter in the Lehigh Valley and the Pocono region of Pennsylvania. Brother Robinson was a highly skilled entrepreneur and businessman. He founded Black Diamond Enterprises, Ltd., a stainless steel manufacturing company, in 1976 in Washington, D.C. Through the years, he successfully spearheaded significant projects, both nationally and locally. His final project, The Mills at Easton, exemplifies his commitment to the community in his beloved Easton. Brother Robinson moved to the South Side of Easton, PA. His involvement with organizations includes The Northampton County Prison Board, Easton Branch NAACP, Women’s League of Voters, and AARP. He leaves behind his four children, cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.



Brother Ennis D. Winston - Omega Chapter



Brother Ennis D. Winston

Jersey City, NJ. Brother Ennis D. Winston entered Omega Chapter in April 2020. Brother Winston earned his bachelor’s degree from Lincoln University. He spent his career as a dedicated social worker. Brother Winston was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1957 through Beta Chapter and was an active member of Upsilon Phi Chapter. Even though his mobility was limited due to health reasons, Brother Winston was a regular at chapter meetings and was a mentor to the entire chapter. He also assisted in Chartering Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter in Jersey City, NJ.

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Brother Mark W. Boston - Omega Chapter



Brother Mark W. Boston

Columbia, MD. Brother Mark W. Boston entered Omega Chapter on Thursday, April 2, 2020. He was initiated into the Fraternity on April 3, 1988 through Zeta Chapter at Virginia Union University. Bro. Boston was born January 1, 1966 in Baltimore, MD. He was educated in the Baltimore County Public School System.

Professionally, he was employed with Catholic Charities as a Certified Medical Technician in Timonium, MD and subsequently as a Behavioral Instructor with the ARC of Baltimore.

Due to his upbringing in inner city sports, Bro. Boston became a coach in the James Mosher Little League baseball. He also coached youth football for the Reisterstown Mustangs.

Brother Boston leaves to cherish his memories are his son, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, grand and great grand nieces and nephews. He had a host of godchildren, great grand god children and friends.



Brother Lt. COL. Charles Waylon Wiggins - Omega Chapter



Brother Lt. COL Charles Waylon Wiggins

White Plains, NY. Brother Lt. Col. (Ret.) Charles Waylon Wiggins Jr. entered Omega Chapter on July 11, 2020. Born November 8, 1932 in White Plains, NY, He was a graduate of Morgan State University and the U. S. Army Medical Services Corps Schools, specializing in operating and administering hospitals all over the world. Charles was a Lt. Colonel and a Vietnam veteran. He was a brother of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for over 65 years having been initiated through Pi Chapter in 1955 at Morgan State. While at Morgan, Brother Wiggins completed the Reserved Officers Training Course (ROTC) and then graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences. Brother Wiggins, an intelligent, gentle and kind person, is survived by his wife of 55 years E. Barbara Wiggins (herself a Lt. Colonel (Ret.)). Brother Wiggins and his wife served in numerous posts throughout Europe and the United States. Brother Wiggins was an active and dedicated member of Omicron Iota chapter and will be truly missed.

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Second District Graduates (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

FALL 2019

Bro. Adekunle Adefemi, Beta Chapter, Lincoln University, B.A. Mass Communication
 Bro. Brandon Gray, Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.S. Political Science
 Bro. Bakare O'Neil, Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.S. Physics Engineering
 Bro. Jordan Bushrod, Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.S. Sport Management
 Bro. Jason Waring, Omega Delta Chapter, West Chester University, B.A. Business Administration

SPRING 2020

Bro. Kevon Baxter, Beta Chapter, Lincoln University, B.S. Health Science
 Bro. Joshua Roberson, Beta Chapter, Lincoln University, B.S. Computer Science
 Bro. Umar Saaba, Beta Chapter, Lincoln University, B.S. Civil Engineering

Bro. Jason Nunley Jr., Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.A. Accounting
 Bro. Mike Waters, Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.A. Mass Communication
 Bro. Darius Jackson, Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.A. Business Management
 Bro. Usman Tijani, Psi Epsilon Chapter, Delaware State University, B.A. Marketing

Bro. Rodney Dawson, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Bowie State University, B.S. Criminal Justice
 Bro. James Jones II., Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Bowie State University, B.S. Psychology
 Bro. Nehemiah Holiday, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Bowie State University, B.A. Communications
 Bro. Nebiy Esayas, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Bowie State University, B.A. Communications

Bro. Yaw Aidoo, Psi Zeta Chapter, University of Delaware, B.S. Exercise Science
 Bro. Myron Stovell, Psi Zeta Chapter, University of Delaware, B.A. Food and Agriculture Business

Bro. Matt McFarland, Gamma Kappa, Salisbury University, B.S. Exercise Science
 Bro. Cerf Amouzou, Gamma Kappa, Salisbury University,

Bro. Richard Bryant Jr., Iota Mu Mu Chapter, U.S. Naval Academy, B.S. Astrophysics
 Bro. Troy Monroe Jr., Iota Mu Mu Chapter, U.S. Naval Academy, B.S. Operations Research
 Bro. Michael Smith, Jr., Iota Mu Mu Chapter, U.S. Naval Academy, B.S. Political Science
 Bro. Devon Doss, Iota Mu Mu Chapter, U.S. Naval Academy, B.A. Quantitative Economics
 Bro. Allen Gilbert, Iota Mu Mu Chapter, U.S. Naval Academy, B.A. History

Bro. Jordan Jackson-White, Omega Delta Chapter, West Chester University, B.A. Business Marketing
 Bro. Travis Robinson, Omega Delta Chapter, West Chester University, B.A. Marketing
 Bro. Leon Little, Omega Delta Chapter, West Chester University, B.A. Finance

Bro. Luis Garcia, Pi Epsilon Chapter, University of MD-Eastern Shore, B.A. Business Administration

Bro. Shawn Fenner, Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, Stevenson University, B.A. Business Administration
 Bro. Nah'Shon Godfrey, Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, McDaniel College, B.A. Communications
 Bro. Joshua Ofori, Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, Stevenson University, B.A. Criminal Justice
 Bro. Aris Mayfield, Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, McDaniel College, B.S. Kinesiology
 Bro. Kiree Moore, Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, McDaniel College, B.A. Business Administration
 Bro. Chikwado Nsoedo, Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, Stevenson University, B.A. Business Administration

Bro. Joshua McGrigg, Mu Chapter, Villanova University, B.A. Liberal Arts
 Bro. Henry Williams, Mu Chapter, Drexel University, B.S. Mathematics
 Bro. Terrell Vassel, Mu Chapter, Austin Peay State University, B.A. Finance

Bro. Brandon Batts, Phi Upsilon Chapter, Monmouth University, B.S. Health Studies
 Bro. Banir Worthy, Phi Upsilon Chapter, Monmouth University, B.A. Business Communications
 Bro. Wisdom Donkor, Jr, Phi Upsilon Chapter, Monmouth University, B.S. Health Studies

Bro. Courtney Lashley, Tau Mu Chapter, Fairleigh Dickinson University, B.A. Finance

Bro. Jonathan Bradshaw, Alpha Delta Phi Chapter, Montclair State University, B.S. Exercise Science
 Bro. Chianti Welch, Alpha Delta Phi Chapter, Montclair State University, B.A. Child Advocacy
 Bro. Dayvid Field, Alpha Delta Phi Chapter, Montclair State University, B.A. Business Administration

Bro. Kelvin Alexander, Delta Beta Chapter, Coppin State University, B.A. Accounting
 Bro. Justin Turner, Delta Beta Chapter, Coppin State University, B.S. Political Science

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. JOB VACANCY



Job Title: Assistant Executive Director

Department: International Headquarters, Atlanta, GA

Annual Salary Range: \$85,000 - \$95,000 (Starting salary will depend upon qualifications and experience)

Reports To: Executive Director

Interested individuals should forward their resumes electronically to hr@oppf.org. Interested individuals should include in their cover letter:

1. Why they are interested in the Assistant Executive Director Position, and
2. How they have demonstrated the required competencies of the position in the past.
3. In your signature block, please indicate your name, current fraternity chapter of affiliation, and your control #.

ALL resumes must be received by midnight on November 11, 2020.

Summary

Under the direction of the Executive Director, responsible for the management of member services; general office functions, and the execution of all Human Resources and Safety programs and processes of the International Headquarters (IHQ) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in accordance with constitutional directives, administrative and operational requirements. Work effectively with the Executive Director and other officers and appointees on all matters as requested.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Manage the administrative processes and transactional interface of the Fraternity through the functions assigned to staff located at the International Headquarters (IHQ).
2. Provide supervision to select staff of the IHQ operation. Manage the staff selection process regarding all open positions within his/her areas of responsibility.
3. Manage the Human Resources programs and processes of direct staff employees. Ensure the resolution of issues of conflict that develop between employees within the departments assigned to this position.
4. Ensure the career development of direct staff by establishing position objectives; conducting regular performance reviews and providing feedback and action plans for improvement.

5. Handle inquiries from the Fraternity membership that are above the authority and scope of the membership staff.
6. Overseeing the office manager and ensuring office operations and procedures are properly supervised, assigned and monitored
7. Monitor the productivity output of the membership departmental staff in accordance with established performance goals and standards.
8. Overseeing the procurement, display, and preservation of the Omega history and articulate and provide supervision to the Omega Curator.
9. Manage customer service request via the help desk customer support portal.
10. Manage and lead all aspects of the mail operations and functions.
11. Maintain office functionality by overseeing receptionist staff, ordering supplies, monitoring clerical functions, and overseeing projects.
12. Manage Vendor Process (applications, files, maintaining vendor statuses, manage vendor participation for fraternity events, etc.)
13. Work in concert with and under the direction of the Executive Director to ensure efficient follow-through of the Grand Council directives.
14. Manage assigned budgets. Maintain and provide, as requested, financial reports of departmental expenditures.
15. Manage the financial actions of the Fraternity. The duties include tracking cash flow and financial planning as well as analyzing the company's financial strengths and weaknesses and proposing corrective actions.
16. Perform other related duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Supervisory Responsibilities

Supervises the Finance Director, Membership Director, Office Manager, Project Coordinator, and Omega Curator. Carry out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies, practices and applicable laws. Responsibilities include selection and training employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; performance management; and employee relations within his/her areas of responsibilities.

Competencies

To perform the job successfully, an individual should demonstrate the following competencies:

- Customer Service - Manages difficult or emotional customer situations; Responds promptly to customer needs; Responds to requests for service and assistance; Meets commitments.
- Interpersonal Skills - Focuses on solving conflict, not blaming; Maintains confidentiality.
- Oral Communication - Responds well to questions; Demonstrates group presentation skills; Actively participates in meetings.
- Written Communication - Writes clearly and informatively; Presents numerical data effectively; Able to read and interpret written information.
- Teamwork - Balances team and individual responsibilities; Exhibits objectivity and openness to others' views; Gives and welcomes constructive feedback; Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives.
- Change Management - Communicates changes effectively; Builds commitment and overcomes resistance.
- Leadership - Inspires and motivates others to perform well; Accepts feedback from others.
- Managing People - Takes responsibility for subordinates' activities; Makes self available to staff; Provides regular & constructive performance feedback; Develops subordinates' skills and encourages growth; Improves processes, products and services.
- Quality Management - Looks for ways to improve and promote quality.
- Business Acumen - Understands business processes and implications of decisions.
- Cost Consciousness - Works within approved budget.
- Organizational Support - Follows policies and procedures; Completes administrative tasks correctly and on time; supports organization's goals and values.
- Professionalism - Approaches others in a tactful manner; Works well under pressure; Treats others with respect and consideration regardless of their status or position; Accepts responsibility for own actions; Follows through on commitments.
- Safety and Security - Observes safety and security procedures; Reports and addresses potentially unsafe conditions.
- Dependability - Follows instructions, responds to direction by the Executive Director.
- Results-Oriented - Must be able to set, execute, and achieve the goals and objectives of the fraternity. Capable of delivering results in a demanding environment with limited resources (financial, human, and technological).

- Computer Skills - Must have competent PC skills and knowledgeable of business software (e.g. - Microsoft Office suite).

Qualifications

Require a bachelor's degree with at least 4 years of experience in the field of administrative management. Candidate must be familiar with a variety of the business concepts, practices, and procedures. Demonstrated customer, people management, financial & budgetary skills, relies on experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. A wide degree of creativity is expected. Quality and change management experience is desirable. Candidate must be a member in good standing with the Fraternity.

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Suspension List

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

2	12	Mu	Bethea	Canaan
2	16	Pi	Egiefameh	Andrew
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	543	Upsilon Phi	Ray III	James
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Longdon	Ashur
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Frank	Keston
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Lee	Thomas
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
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.

2	16	Pi	Taylor	Timothy
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Hammick	Selvin
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Liverpool	Steve
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Capps	Kwesi
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Johnson	Hakeem

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2020 VIRTUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

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This year Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will celebrate 109 years of enthusiastic service. On November 17, 2020 at 19:11pm ET, we will pay homage to our Founders, our Fraternity, and our Friendship. We invite you to join us for this auspicious occasion.

The Founders' Day celebration will be conducted virtually and aired live on the official Omega Psi Phi YouTube Channel *@officialomegapsiphi* for all to participate. During this program, you can enjoy messages directly from our founders! You will also hear from our senior brothers, the International Headquarters, and our leadership. You will have an opportunity to learn about the essence of friendship and how Omega men can usher in social change.

You don't want to miss this. The Founders' Day celebration team has worked tirelessly to produce an extraordinary project that takes a glimpse into the past on our journey to the future. We know you are going to enjoy!

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
19:11 PM ET

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