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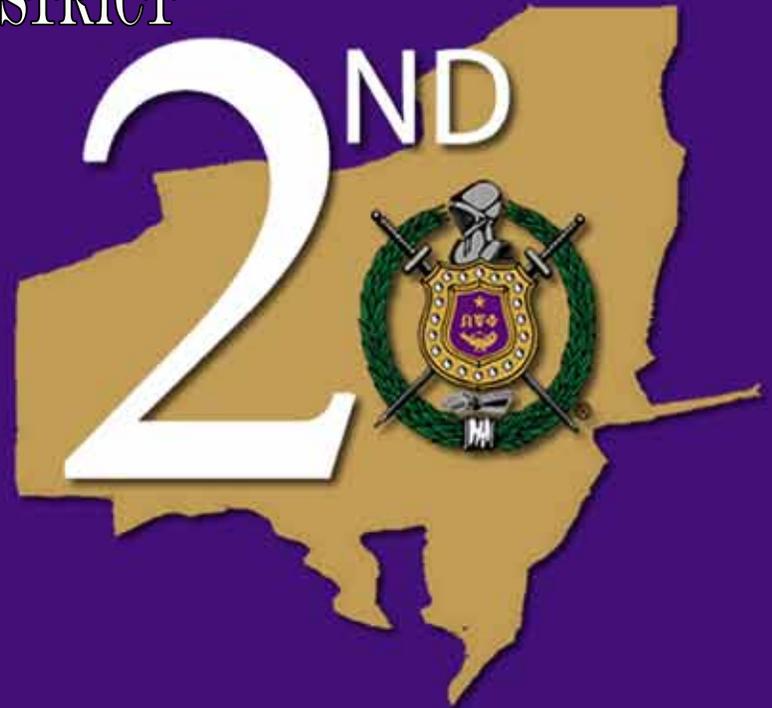
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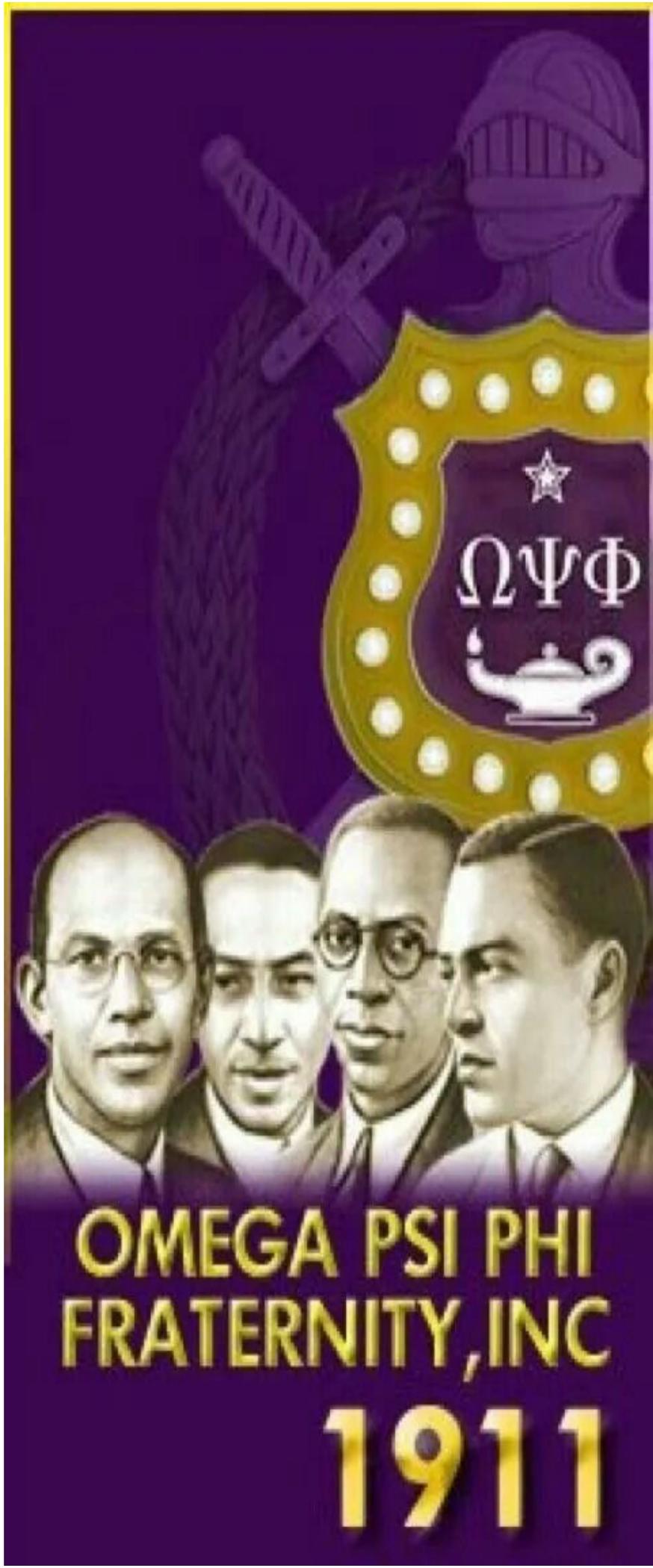
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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES MESSAGE

Brothers of the Mighty 2nd District,

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe. It was this time last year we gathered for the first virtual Second District Conference and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are here again virtually for the 73rd Second District Conference.

I hope this conference edition of the Omegan finds you and your families well, as we continue to deal with the unfortunate and unnecessary acts of systemic racism, the killings of unarmed black people, and the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been over 3.1 million deaths across the world with over 573 thousand deaths in the United States from COVID-19. We have lost many brothers and family members due to this virus and I want you to know that you and your families, remain in my thoughts and prayers.

We continue to celebrate the historic inauguration of the first African American female Vice President, Kamala Harris and the Omega Man who led the efforts to get President Biden and Vice President Harris elected. We are well pleased with our fraternity brother, Congressman Jim Clyburn, who led the charge for the Biden/Harris campaign. Thank you, Bro. Clyburn for all that you did and continue to do.

Since this time last year, the brothers of the Second District have done an amazing job to ensure we do our part to uplift our communities. These times have allowed brothers the opportunity to truly be creative and take ingenuity to a whole new meaning. I am so proud of the brothers of the 2nd District for leading by example. The Grand Basileus has asked us to go to the next level with the Fraternity and we can only do that by going to the next level in the District.

The Second District has provided, a total of 8 boreholes for the “Water is Life” initiative in Ghana as of May 1, 2021. The brothers have mentored our youth virtually through various programs including a Game Changers weekend conference and multiple programs hosted by the Brothers of Eta Pi Chapter. The Brothers have even taken time for themselves and their significant others by spending Valentine’s Day on a Paint and Sip virtual program that was out of this world. As a District, we have seen an increase in participation as we are able to reach more Brothers in this virtual environment and more are able to participate that are not able to travel. The brothers have worked tirelessly to ensure meals were provided to those in need and brothers have gotten reclaimed and are back to working for Omega. With the approval of the Supreme Council, we no longer have any chapters on the revoked list, we have changed a chapter designation from undergraduate to graduate (Eta Kappa) and have chartered a new undergraduate chapter at Bloomfield College as well as 3 new graduate chapters. The areas include Lincoln, PA, Frostburg, MD, and Sparta, NJ.

While we have been doing the work of Omega at our Chapter, Corridor, and District levels, we are reminded of the obstacles, challenges, and hardships that black people continue to face. The names are too many to call, the videos are too graphic to watch, and the tears are too many to wipe. The time is overdue for us to respond and address these issues of the blatant disregard for people of color. I appreciate the marches, and I do not mind the peaceful protests. I do believe the time is now for ACTION. We need to see “good” put into action. How many more black people need to die? Enough was enough after the first, yet we still are seeing people, our black brothers and sisters being murdered right before our eyes. Something needs to be done and I believe working as a unit, we must labor together continuously until victory is won.

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 that all Brothers continue to Stay Safe, Stay Smart, and Stay Well.

Kelvin K. Ampofo

Bro. Kelvin K. Ampofo
37th Second District Representative



EDITORS MESSAGE

Brothers of the Second District,

Greetings, in the Name of the Author and Finisher of My Faith, My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On the cover we honor the legacy and well lived life of Brother Dr. Robert L. Hylton, who transitioned from labor to reward on March 9, 2021. A Charter member of Eta Gamma Chapter at Central State University in 1952; professionally, for over 32 years he was an educator and school psychologist in the NYC School System and was very active on numerous organization, serving several youth programs. A member of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter for over 30 years, Brother Hylton has served as Basileus, Vice Basileus, KRS, and Parliamentarian. He also chaired a number of committees and was very active in voting registration programs and fund raising activities. His 67 years of Service to Omega in New York has left a legacy that will stand the test of time and a chronical of his service is listed in the Omega Chapter article on page 52.



The contents of this edition highlights 2nd District Chapters philanthropy throughout the Great States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey Delaware and Maryland with a primary focus of fulfilling our Talent Hunt and Memorial Service mandated programs. Please congratulate Brother Jesse Askew on his appointment as VP of Marketing and Branding for the America 250 Foundation, Brother Andre Boggerty Dover, DE. City Council Seat election win and please support Bowie Mayor, Brother Tim Adams campaign for Maryland Comptroller. Eta Pi Chapter continues to lead the way in regards to their Fatherhood and Mentoring efforts. In addition, we reprinted the “Mentoring in the Mist of Crisis” Op-ed article authored by Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Chair, Brother Donald Williams II.

We lost another of Omegas sturdy trees on February 26, 2021, Brother Russell Dubois Stansbury. He was the last living Charter Member of the Pi Epsilon Chapter at Maryland State College (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore) also a Charter Member of Iota Nu Chapter, Aberdeen, MD. He served two terms as Basileus of Iota Nu Chapter and the recipient of many chapter awards. He earned the B.S. degree in Education at Maryland State College in 1947 and a Master of Arts degree from New York University in 1956. He completed additional studies at West Virginia State College and North Carolina A&T University. As Harford County, MD first African American industrial arts teacher, Brother Stansbury wrote the entire curriculum and purchased all the necessary shop equipment. Additionally, he was a track and basketball coach. In 2007, a scholarship and Hazel Hall Lobby at UMES were named and dedicated in honor of Brother Stansbury at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, respectively. He was named a Harford Living Treasure in 2002 and inducted into the Harford County Education Hall of Fame in 2004. A chronical of his life work is listed in the Omega Chapter article on page 51.

During the past Omega year, the 2nd District has expanded its public relations capability by establishing a 2nd District YouTube channel and utilizing social video platforms to communicate with Brothers of Omega and to tell and document the activities that are occurring within the 2nd District. These efforts have been successful and the District Representative has received positive feedback from the Grand Basileus, Brothers from across the globe, NPHC organizations and the general public. The 2nd District, Office of Public Relations will continue to support and expand these efforts and ensure that they are produced in the same standards as our other publications, such as The Omegan. **Accolades and approbations to Mu Nu’s Brother Paul Scott for spearheading this effort.** Please subscribe to our new 2nd District YouTube Channel.

The URL for the 2nd District YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/2ndDistrictOmegaPsiPhiFraternityInc.

The Omegan “Voice of the Second District” is the official chronical of Second District activities. Let’s continue lifting Omega up to the world as a shining light. As a clandestine organization, we must remain vigilant in telling our story and protecting our brand. Thank you for allowing me to continue serving as your Director of Public Relations. It is my joy chronicling the activities of Second District Chapters and Brothers having major impact on our respective communities.

Zanes Cypress, Jr.

Zanes Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, 2nd District



Historical Perspective Omega Men Immortalized in Movies



Denzel Washington has immortalized two Brothers with his performances in leading roles in two separate films. Denzel showed the world the brilliance and dedication of Brother Melvin Tolson (Beta '21), in *The Great Debaters*. Similarly, Washington was able to accentuate the leadership and tenacity of Brother Herman Boone (Tau Psi '58), in *Remember the Titans*. However, Denzel Washington is not the only actor to have graced the silver screen portraying an actual member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In the movie *The Great Debaters*, there were two more.

The father and son characters played by Forrest Whitaker and Denzel Whitaker, (no relation), were both listed as members of Theta Chapter in 1937. James Leonard Farmer Jr, was a Wiley College Senior and his father, (James Leonard Farmer Sr) was a faculty member. The classic chapter photo in the shape of the shield with photos of Brothers in place of the pearls can be viewed on page 13, in the December issue of the 1937 Oracle. (attached below)

Brother Farmer Sr. was a legend in Texas. He was believed to have been the 1st African American to reside in Texas to have earned a PhD. His dedication to scholarship had him travel on foot from

Florida to Massachusetts in 1909 without a guarantee of admission to Boston University. He would later receive a scholarship and earn his Bachelor's (1913), Master's (1916) in Sacred Theology and PhD in Philosophy (1918).

Brother Farmer Jr. was a prodigy in the classroom, having skipped several grades during his formal education. In the Spring of 1938, he graduated from Wiley College at the age of 18. Before the age of 23, he had received a second degree from Howard University and co-founded the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Years later, CORE became famous by organizing the Freedom Rides, where racially diverse groups challenged the segregated interstate transportation traditions of the South during the early 1960s.

Individually, both Brothers Farmer epitomized the Four Cardinal Principles of the Fraternity throughout their lives. Each demonstrating Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift at levels much higher than most could imagine. Their movie personas loomed large by the talent of the actors who played them. In life, they lived nobly by the accomplishments they achieved.

Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

2nd District Strategic Direction for Collective Mentoring Impact

August 2020. the 2nd District Committee for the Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring (FIMC) met. Our theme for the new Omega year “Mentoring In The Midst of a Crisis” where chapters were encourage to continue to their mentoring program using a virtual platform. As a district we agree to shifted to a mentoring strategy that would result in a Districtwide collective impact.

We wanted to encourage Chapters across the District to “rethink” mentoring in a virtual environment due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal was to provide a collective impact for families, students, parents, guardians, and communities across the five states of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland with significant mentoring activities.

We teamed together to planned and organized to make a greater impact in communities across the District with the following mentoring activities.

We were purposeful about planning for February 2021 to honor the iconic Omega man known as the Father of Black History Month, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson. Did you know that since 1976 every American President has proclaimed February as Black History month.

The month of February was an amazing month with intentional Districtwide Mentoring activities that impacted and touched the hearts and minds of approximately 1,000 lives.

The first planned mentoring activities was the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Workshop on Saturday, January 30th, with approximately 240 participates that enjoyed a great exposed experience learning about CSI career pathways. This was an interactive workshop, hands on using a virtual platform to educate, equip and encourage our students to pursue a meaningful career that’s underrepresented. We will continue to team with the 100 Black Men of the Greater Washington D.C. Chapter in future workshops.

The second planned mentoring activity was hosted by Eta Pi Chapter. The focus was to meet students in their video gaming space. On February 13th, approximately 100 students competed in a 10-hour NBA2k21 Video Game Tournament. The event was conducted virtually on the TWITCH platform and streamed through the PlayStation and Xbox consoles of the players ages 10 - 16, from various locations throughout the United States registered and played in the tournament.

through. The next educational workshop will instruct students on how to code and develop their own video games. As you are aware, our community spend countless hours playing video games, but did you know less than 8% are working in the gaming industry. Omega is helping in the paradigm shift to encourage the next generation to become owners, inventors, and producers.

On February 20, 2021, 2nd District directed our families and students to attend the largest HBCU College Fair in the Country. Our very on Brother Bernard Jackson has been the project director for many years. However, this was the first virtual College Fair planned and hosted by Alfred Street Baptist Church. The District support the HBCU College Fair in a huge way with our network participation!

On the last Saturday, February 27th, was the first-ever Districtwide Conference for Families. Kelvin Ampofo, 37th District Representative asked the question “why not open the conference to everyone” in this virtual environment.” This conference was designed with families in mind to share information and inspiration on what our focus must be in this moment.

The Annual Game Changer Conference founded by UCF Youth Development Organization uses a “Collaboration Model” that annually brings together other stakeholders that work directly with young people and parents such as the Assault on Illiteracy Committee (AOIC), Churches Youth Ministries, Sororities and other Fraternities along with the Game Changer Conference Co-Sponsors in Montgomery County, Maryland: Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) District, The Universities at Shady Grove and the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Montgomery County.

The Collaboration Model demonstrates that we are stronger working together collectively focused on making a greater impact to strengthen families in the Black and Brown communities.

KEY MESSAGE: Be intentional, be innovative, and creative with mentoring in a midst of a crisis!

Mentoring our youth is more important now than ever before in this ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic. We must be intentional about mentoring in this virtual moment. We want every Chapter to mentor young people and work directly with Dads.

2nd District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Team With 100 Black Men of Washington D.C. for a CSI Workshop

Washington, D.C. January 30, 2021. 2nd District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring teamed with the 100 Black Men of Greater Washington, D.C., and hosted a virtual STEM program for middle and high school students. Approximately 240 youth participated in the event.

The goal of the STEM Workshop was to inspirer, educate, and equip and encourage students with increased knowledge to pursue career pathways in Crime Scene Investigations (CSI). This career field is significantly underrepresented with Black and Brown students; it seeks to attract more students of color to learn about forensic science career opportunities. The interactive workshop engaged youth in conversations and activities regarding what subjects to take in school from high school to careers in forensic science. Hands-on activities included identifying fingerprints and crime scene evidence(s) using household products. Participants were also tasked with working in small groups

to solve a virtual crime scene. The District of Columbia’s Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr. was the keynote speaker. Many of the participants came from the Second District Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The mentoring groups did an amazing job during the group investigating activities. Participants had to match the suspect fingerprints to the weapon found on the scene to win the crime scene challenge. Students also indicated they discovered information that they had never come across prior to the program.

Key Message: Mentoring Matters and is more important now than ever before in this ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

We must be intentional about mentoring in this virtual moment. We want every Chapter to mentor young people and work directly with Dads

Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

Eta Pi Parental Forum - Helpful Hints for Single Moms Raising Boys

East Orange, NJ. December 3, 2020- February 16, 2021. Eta Pi Chapter hosted a series of Parent Forums to assist single mothers raising boys. “The forums are a part of the Dr. Ernest Everett Just Mentoring Program and is used to enhance parental engagement,” said Brother Barry Devone, Eta Pi Chapter Basileus. The series is coordinated by Brother Matt Stevens, Chairman of the Corridor IV, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee (FMIC). The forums started on December 3, 2020 and was facilitated by Tavis Taylor, author of the book *Perspective Parenting*. Ms. Taylor, a single mother that has successfully raised two boys, conducted a series of case studies and role-playing exercises focused on Improving Communication with Teenage Boys. She encouraged moms to say less and ensure that the son understands her direction. The group talked and laughed together as they shared strategies used to increase communication with their sons. Ms. Jacquelyn Oliver, aunt of a teenage boy, is helping to raise, said, “I often think that my nephew is hard of hearing or simply ignoring me! This workshop helped me to understand how to improve communication with him.” On January 19, 2021 the focus switched to Reading and Developing a Family Reading Group. David C. Miller, author of 10 children’s books focused on African American boys, shared information to help parents select books that boys enjoy. He used one of his books, *Khalil’s Way*, a book about a teenage boy struggling with bullying, as an example of how to start conversations through literacy

promotion. Cassandra Spamm, Mother of a 16-year-old, shared her thoughts, “My son is an avid reader, and this session has provided a number of new resources for us.” The series concluded on February 16 with a workshop titled *Black Boys and Special Education*. Ms. Love Gailard, MSW and 20-year Special Education Counselor, led the conversation and helped mothers understand how to increase access to a variety of resources available to their children through the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). Gailard spent a considerable amount of time answering questions about common concerns found in the group which included but was not limited to erasing the stigma of the IEP; preparing for the Child Study Team meeting; and continuing to use the available resources for student athletes. Tonya Hayes, from Baltimore Maryland, asserted “this session was extremely helpful! I have a child study team meeting tomorrow and I felt 100% more prepared.” Brother Troy Bowers, Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter and a Special Education Counselor in Irvington, NJ, indicated a level of satisfaction with the workshop. “I attended this evening to gain some insight on how to improve in servicing parents and was not disappointed,” stated Bowers. The program is funded in part by the CLEO CLICKS program. CLEO CLICKS is funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Program (OJJDP). For more information about the Eta Pi Chapter Parent Resource Sessions visit: www.EtaPiChapter.org.



Eta Pi Careers in Music Industry Forum

South Orange, NJ. February 20, 2021. Eta Pi Chapter invited Grammy Award winning songwriter and producer, Eric Hudson, to talk with the Dr. Ernest Everett Just Mentoring Program about Careers in the Music Industry. Hudson, a former resident of South Orange, New Jersey, has produced songs for many well-known artists to include Kanye West, Mary J, Common and John Legend. The forum provided an opportunity for young people to engage in a question-and-answer session about the industry. Rashawn Williams, 16-year-old from Bethesda, Georgia and an aspiring music producer asked, “when you first started to make and sell beats, how did you know how much to sell them for?” Hudson responded by sharing a few stories of his encounters with artists as it related to making and selling beats. “My parents were music producers during my childhood, therefore, they helped me make good business decisions.” Brother Keith Pressey, member of the Eta Pi Chapter Mentoring Committee and the Director of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs for the City of Orange, was instrumental in helping to get the word out about the event. “One of our goals is to find ways to engage boys and girls in meaningful career exploration activities,” stated Pressey. In this regard, a number of young people attended the session as a part of different mentoring

programs. Seventeen (17) -year-old Amya Ashe, from Tinton Falls NJ, was the first to ask to sing a song to showcase her talent. She sang the song *One Night Only* by Jennifer Hudson and left everyone in the Zoom speechless. After her performance Rashawn Williams played the group a portion of a song he created. The event was closed out by Ms. Yasmeena Sharif, a 16-year-old young lady from the Unstoppable Girls mentoring program. Ms. Caryl Lucas, Founder of Unstoppable Girls, stated “Yasmeena is a future star with a voice from the heavens”. She sang the song “You Put A Move On My Heart” by Tamia. All of the young people who performed were brought to the attention of the local NJ Chapter’s Talent Hunt Committee just in time for them to compete! Barry Devone, Eta Pi Chapter Basileus, closed out the session by thanking all the young people in attendance, Eric Hudson and his team for attending. “This has been one of our most successful mentoring events this year and we hope that it inspires young people to strive to be their best” stated Devone. The Dr. Ernest Everett Just Mentoring Program is supported in part by the CLEO CLICKS App, which is funded by the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Prevention Program

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Eta Pi Host NBA 2k Tournament

East Orange, NJ. February 13, 2021. Eta Pi Chapter, The Community Ques, hosted the NBA2k21 Video Game Tournament. The event was conducted virtually on TWITCH and streamed through the PlayStation and Xbox consoles of the players. Eighty youth, ages 10 - 16, from various locations throughout the United States registered and played in the tournament. The tournament was split into two sections (PlayStation and Xbox); it spanned ten hours from 10 a.m., to 8 p.m. and garnered one thousand views. Students who advanced to the final four were Samuel Hightower (Edison NJ), Cameron Dailey (Atlanta, GA) (Xbox) Monty Melvin, (Silver Springs, MD) and Mike Oliver, (Atlanta, GA). Hightower and Melvin were champions of their respective leagues. When asked what they enjoyed most about the event, eighty percent of the players indicated that they simply enjoyed the opportunity to meet the other players and have fun on a Saturday playing the game. The tournament was the second of three "Introduction To ESports" activities conducted by the Eta Pi Chapter, said Barry Devone, Chapter Basileus. "We hosted a seminar on December 3, 2020, to introduce our mentoring program to E-Sports as a possible career option. Our final stage will be a Coding Course titled "Introduction To Gaming", which is scheduled to be held in May 2021 through June 2021," stated Devone. The tournament was funded through a grant received by Eta Pi Chapter from the CLEO CLICKS Organiza-

tion. CLEO CLICKS is funded through the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Program (OJJDP). Other community supporters included Fraternity Chapters: Nu Beta Beta, Omicron Chi, Phi Upsilon, Upsilon Phi, Lambda Upsilon, Mu Gamma Gamma, Nu Omega (Detroit) and Mu Nu (Maryland). The tournament was coordinated by Futures First Gaming (FFG), a black owned E-Sports Company located in Delaware and founded by Stephen Sye, Malcolm Coley and Newby Felton. While all of the eighty players were winners, FFG recognized one little girl (14-year-old Mia McCray from the Nu Omega Chapter Mentoring Program in Detroit) as the honorary Champion. It was learned that Mia cancelled a bowling match to play in the video game tournament, and with the help of her grandmother (Ms. Tahyanna Williams), purchased a PlayStation 4 the night before in order to participate in the tournament. On the day of the event, minutes before her match, the PS4 went into an upgrade stage that was scheduled to last four hours. As a result, she was disqualified due to the time constraints. Mia will be awarded the Perseverance Award from Eta Pi Chapter. Both the FFG and the Chapter will send her a brand-new Bicycle and numerous other prizes. For more information about the tournament, Introduction to Gaming Course or the Community Ques visit: www.EtaPiChapter.org.

Brother Jesse Askew Appointed VP of Marketing and Branding for the America 250 Foundation



Brother Jesse L. Askew

New York, NY. March 22, 2021. The America 250 Foundation, the non-profit partner of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, has announced the addition of Brother Jesse L. Askew as Vice President of Marketing and Branding. Brother Askew, a 1985 initiate of the Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will lead brand visibility and engagement efforts nationwide for America 250, a multiyear initiative to inspire the American spirit leading up to the largest and most inclusive commemoration in our nation's history in 2026. Brother Askew will serve as a key member of the Foundation's executive leadership team reporting to Interim President and CEO Scott Hommel. In his new role, Brother Askew will be responsible

for developing and executing a comprehensive marketing and branding strategy for America 250, and serve as a primary ambassador of the Foundation with marketing and branding partners (e.g. corporate sponsors, marketing partners, brand ambassadors, donors and other private non-profit partners).

America 250's mandate is to execute the most diverse, inclusive, and comprehensive celebration in the nation's history in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of United States (July 4, 2026).

Enacted by the US Congress July 2016, and signed into law by President Barack Obama, the United States SemiQuin/250th Anniversary celebration development, planning, and execution will be activated under the Biden/Harris Administration.

Brother Askew's executive career includes leading marketing and communications teams at Ketchum, Ruder Finn, and Digital Factory—managing Fortune 500 brand accounts such as Ford Motors, Mondelez, Novartis, and Kodak. Jesse's leadership earned Ketchum its PRSA Multicultural Silver Anvil Award for the "So Kodak" campaign featuring Rihanna, Drake, Pitbull, and Trey Songz. He also served as pro-bono president for the nonprofit Community Uplift Through Perseverance, Inc (CUP), raising over \$500,000 in scholarships for Omega Black College Tour students from the New York City area.

Brother Askew remains a sentinel for diversity, inclusion and cultural expression. A Pennsylvania State University Smeal College of Business guest lecturer, he continues to mentor junior executives, provide internships and secure employment opportunities for college graduates of color. He holds a B.S. in psychology from Saint Augustine's University and an MBA in general management & leadership from the Metropolitan College of New York

Iota Mu Mu Midshipman Brother Jonathon Lee Earns Leadership Awards



Brother Jonathon Lee

Landover, Md. February 2021. Bro. Jonathon Lee (Spring 20th Iota Mu Mu) was recognized twice during Black History Month for his Outstanding Leadership. On February 17, 2021, Bro. Jonathon Lee was recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Admiral Michael M. Gilday for Outstanding Leadership and selected to be in his Black History Month video for the Navy. The CNO is the most

senior military Officer of the Department of the Navy. The CNO is a four-star Admiral and is responsible to the Secretary of the Navy for the command, utilization of resources, and operation of the Navy. As a stalwart Midshipman (student at the United States Naval Academy) and Man of Omega Psi Phi, Bro. Lee on February 22, 2021 was recognized and received a citation for Outstanding Leadership from the Mayor of Annapolis, Gavin Buckley.

This past fall, history was made as the United States Naval Academy selected its first Female African-American Brigade Commander, Sydney Barber. Another historical Naval Academy barrier that was broken down was the selection of Bro. Lee as the Regimental Commander for Spring Semester, 2nd in command amongst the Midshipmen ranks. The Commandant of the United States Naval Academy hand-selected Bro. Lee for this challenging position of leadership. As Regimental Commander, Bro. Lee is responsible for the growth and well-being of over 2000 Midshipmen. The United States Naval Academy has never had this much diversity in leadership during its 175 years in existence. These two awards for Outstanding Leadership have come from Bro. Lee's ability to inspire his people and his ability to set a pristine example of what striving for excellence entails. On May 21, 2020 Jonathon was selected by the Naval Academy Learning specialist to be the Brigade tutor for Thermodynamics. Not only did Bro. Lee prosper as a student but his efforts on the football field earned him the honors of the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team.

Upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in May, Bro. Jonathon Lee will be commissioned as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps. We look forward to seeing his leadership carry over from the Naval Academy into the Fleet.

Iota Mu Mu Brother Cedric Jefferson Selected for Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel

Landover, Md. February 28, 2021. Brother Cedric Jefferson (Spring 05th Mu Rho) of Iota Mu Mu Chapter was born and raised in Antioch, California. Bro. Jefferson is a Major in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and was recently selected to promote to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is currently serving as the first Commander of Marine Special Operations Company Iraq, responsible for all United States Special Operations Forces (USSOF) operations with Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service partners in Northern Iraq. This remarkable Brother is the first and to date only, African American Officer to graduate the Marine Corps Special Operations Command Individual Training Course.

Bro. Jefferson earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant from the United States Naval Academy in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. Upon completing USMC Basic School, Bro. Jefferson's career started as an Infantry Officer with 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii--where he deployed twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM as a rifle platoon commander. Following his assignment as a Platoon Commander, Bro. Jefferson assumed the duties of Executive Officer for the School of Infantry West, Advanced Infantry Training Battalion Detachment in Hawaii from October 2008 to May 2009.

In 2009, Bro. Jefferson was assigned to Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATFS) in Key West, Florida to serve as a Tactical Action Officer (TAO), Air Bridge Denial Officer (ABDO) and Aide-de-Camp. During his assignment as a TAO, he served as the JIATFS Liaison Officer to the USS Wasp, working closely with Drug Enforcement Ad-

ministration Foreign-deployed Advisory and Support Teams (FAST) and Tactical Response Teams (TRT) to counter illicit-drug trafficking from South America to Hispaniola and Central America.

Following his assignment at JIATFS, Bro. Jefferson made the transition to Special Operations. Bro. Jefferson served as the Team Commander with Charlie and Bravo Companies of 1st Marine Raider Battalion in Camp Pendleton, California from 2012-2016. As a Team Commander, he deployed twice to the INDOPACOM Area of Responsibility, where he was responsible for the training and mentorship of four Filipino Special Operations Units and commanded both US Marine Raiders and US Navy SEALs through joint combined exchange training exercises, responsible for the training and mentorship of a company of the Republic of Korea's elite Navy SEALs.

In July 2016, Bro. Jefferson was reassigned to the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) in Quantico, Virginia as the Special Operations Capabilities Integration Officer. He was later reassigned as the Special Operations Forces Planner to the Ellis Group of the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab responsible for the fusion of collaborative technology development efforts between the United States Marine Corps, United States Special Operations Command, Naval Special Warfare Command, and United States Army Special Operations Command.

In March 2019, he reported to 1st Marine Raider Battalion in Camp Pendleton, California where he assumed Command of Marine Special Operations Company Delta.

Iota Mu Mu Brother Reginald Morris Sealey II Selected for Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel



Brother Reginald Morris

Landover, Md. February 28, 2021. Bro. Reginald Morris Sealey II (Spr 05' Mu Rho) of Iota Mu Mu Chapter was born in San Diego, California and raised in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Not only was Bro. Sealey a leader in the classroom but he was also a leader on the football field. He graduated from the Naval Academy in May 2005 with a B.S. in Quantitative Economics and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps (USMC). He is currently a Major in the USMC and was recently selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In June 2005, Bro. Sealey reported to Echo Company at The Basic School for United States Marine Corps Officer training. After completion, he attended the Basic Communications Officer Course and received orders to Marine Corps Base (MCB) G-6, Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan. He served as Officer-In-Charge of the Base Messaging Center and Assistant Base G-6 Operations Officer with a focus

on telecommunications infrastructure and circuit management. Upon completion of his first tour, 1st Lieutenant Sealey transferred to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 and served as Detachment Alpha, Operations Officer and later Assistant Squadron Operations Officer while planning and executing communications support to Theater Security Cooperation exercises in mainland Japan, Korea, Philippines, and Thailand. Bro. Sealey was hand-selected to attend Weapons Tactics Instructor course in Yuma, Arizona, earning the military occupational specialty code (MOS) of Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Air-Control. He later attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) ACE and supported Ship-to-Shore communications as the MEU ACE phased ashore for combined flight operations in the Philippines.

In 2009 Captain Sealey attended the Advanced Communication Officer Course (ACOC). Upon completion of ACOC he attached to Marine Forces Central Command as a C4 Commercialization Planner in 2009 and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) A and I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) FWD from 2009-2010. Once he returned from Afghanistan, Bro Sealey reported to the Defense Information Systems Agency's Headquarters in Fort Meade, Maryland, where he served as Deputy Project Manager for the UHF SATCOM Integrated Waveform Project.

In June 2014, Bro. Sealey graduated from Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, VA and reported to 7th Communication Battalion, Okinawa, Japan where he served as Assistant Operations Officer and Bravo Company Commander with deployments to Korea and Australia in support of both III MEF and 3d MEB Command Elements. In September 2015, Major Sealey reported to Joint Force Headquarters - Department of Defense Information Networks, Fort Meade, MD as a Strategic DoD Planner. While stateside Bro. Sealey earned his Master's in Military Studies from the Marine Corps Command & Staff College.

He is currently assigned to 2d Marine Regiment in Camp Lejeune, NC and is serving as the Regimental Communications Officer. He's conducted several service level training exercises and is a recent contributor to the Marine Gazette with the article, "Tents to Trucks: Regimental Command and Control in Major Combat Operations."



Brother Cedric Jefferson conducting training at US Army Airborne Training Course and Multi-Mission Parachutist Course

Kappa Chapter Embarking on 100 Years at Syracuse University



Brother Tahshea Hollington Kappa Chapter Basileus with Brother Ben Jeffers Kappa Chapter Graduate Advisor

Syracuse, NY. February 28, 2021. Kappa Chapter was chartered at Syracuse University on February 18, 1922. COVID-19 has created a new reality within our brotherhood and a challenging time for Undergraduate chapters. With Perseverance being one of our Cardinal Principles, Kappa Chapter has maintained a consistent and robust presence within Syracuse University and the 2nd District during this national pandemic.

In 2021, the Kappa Chapter brothers will continue upholding the fraternity's nationally mandated programs, which symbolizes a cornerstone of the chapter's rich tradition.

During Fall 2021, Kappa Chapter Brothers aspire to have a successful Bookbag Drive for Van Duyn Elementary School students by providing book bags and school supplies. During the past seven (7) years, our chapter's presence has impacted and uplifted countless young minds as they pursue their dreams.

During the 2021 Holiday Season, Kappa Chapter will contribute non-perishable food items to the Southwest Community Center during Thanksgiving. We have fed numerous families and maintained our annual Canned Food Drive for over thirty-five (35) years.

Lastly, through our partnership with Chi Pi Chapter, Kappa Chapter will contribute toys/money for Christmas for their Annual Toy Drive at Van Duyn Elementary School. Many times, these are the only gifts that these students receive for Christmas.

These endeavors represent a sample size of various Kappa Chapter programs and their impact on those we serve, embarking toward our one hundredth-year celebration at Syracuse University.

Through our consistent efforts, Kappa Chapter received the 2nd District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year in two consecutive years (2019 & 2020).

As we continue implementing our nationally mandated programs, we will follow strict Safety Guidelines and Protocols for all we serve.

Chi Pi Achievement Week / Scholarship Reception

Syracuse, NY. February 6, 2021. The Brothers of Chi Pi Chapter presented former Second District Representative, Brother Benjamin Jeffers, with their 2021 Omega Man of the Year Award during the chapter's 34th Annual Achievement Week/Dennis Dowdell Scholarship Reception.

A 1971 Kappa Chapter initiate, Brother Jeffers has received numerous awards and served in multiple capacities. He is a Charter Member of the Chi Pi Chapter, Graduate Advisor to Delta Mu and Kappa Chapters. Also, he has been the Corridor Six Representative, 1st Vice District Representative, served as the 28th 2nd District Representative from 2002-2004, and Special Assistant to the 39th Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew Ray.

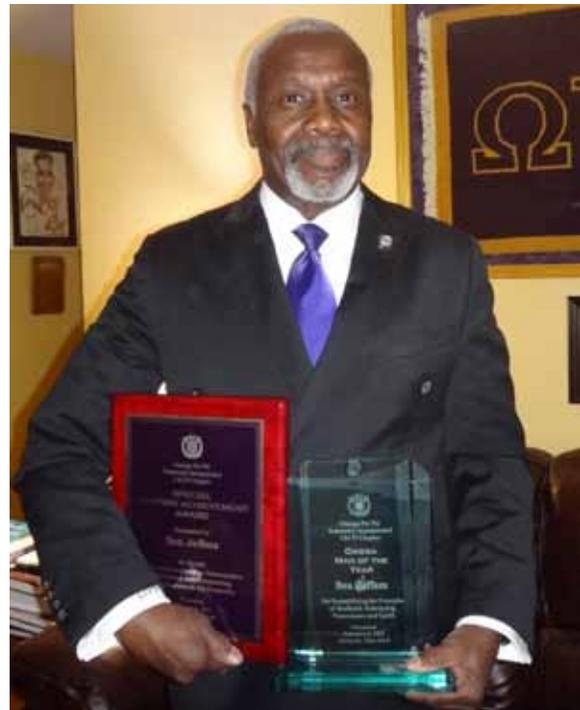
Brother Jeffers was also recognized with a special Lifetime Achievement Award for his fifty years of service within our brotherhood.

Congratulations, Brother Jeffers, for your service, dedication, friendship, and commitment to Omega.

In celebrating our Achievement Week program, Chi Pi Chapter awarded the 2021 Omega Citizen of the Year to Mrs. Eva Williams, Principal of Van Duyn Elementary School. The Syracuse Onondaga County Chapter of the NAACP was recognized as the 2021 Chi Pi Chapter Organization of the Year.

For the past 34 years, Chi Pi Chapter has awarded two \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) scholarships to high school seniors entering college in the Syracuse community. Also, Chi Pi has awarded a \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) book scholarship to a third deserving student along with those two scholarships.

The program featured both live and virtual greetings from Grand Basileus Dr. David Marion, First Vice Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis, and Second District Representative Kelvin Ampofo.



Brother Benjamin Jeffers, Chi Pi Chapter 2021 Omega Man of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

Nu Chapter Brothers Highest GPA of NPHC at Penn State



State College, PA. March 30, 2021. For the Spring 2020 school year, the Brothers on the yard finished with a 3.44 cumulative GPA. In Spring 2020, the Brothers had the highest GPA throughout the entire NPHC. This was the first time Nu has won the highest GPA award for fraternity and sorority life since 1953. This also meant that the Brothers were able to pick the dates of the programs they wanted first over every organization.

The Brother's have a variety of majors ranging from Psychology to Electrochemical Engineering. Even with the effects of the COVID-19 virus and many academic challenges faced through Zoom for students, the Brothers never let that deteriorate them from staying on the path of success and with their studies. The Brothers on the yard consistently show up not only in social activities but also through scholarship. Although the academics at Penn State may be demanding, the Broth-

ers continue to persevere through hardships and continue to represent Omega in the most positive academic way possible.

Penn State University is one of the best public universities in the country. It's also a University that is ranked in the top 1% of Universities in the world. So gaining admission into a University with this much prestige is no walk in the park, especially for a black male. Since Nu's reactivation, the chapter has switched its focus to service and scholarly attainment. Scholarship is our 2nd cardinal principle and we here at Nu stands on that before anything else because we here at Nu believes Scholarship is another form of Manhood and taking care of your responsibilities. We at Nu want to continue this tradition of High GPAs and continue to encourage not only the 2nd District but all of the undergraduates across the land of Omega. #WeAre Men Omega, #WeAre One, #WeAre Nu Chapter.



Bowie Mayor Tim Adams Running For Maryland Comptroller



Bowie, MD. March 2, 2021. Brother Tim Adams (Xi Sigma 79) was elected the mayor of Bowie, MD on November 18, 2019. Bowie, MD is the largest city inside Prince George’s County, MD, and always ranked highly in the Best Places to Live in America. Bro Adams is the first African American Mayor in 138-year history of the city.

Brother Adams was initiated into Omega Psi Phi in 1979 at Xavier University’s Xi Sigma chapter of the 9th District.

Brother Adams has led an accomplished professional career before being elected as mayor. Bro Adams has continued to run SA-TECH, which is a successful tech company that provides technology services across the globe to clients within the Department of Defense.

Brother Adams has strived to lead by example as mayor, he is implementing a Citizen Review Board for the Bowie, MD Police Department. Bro Adams is attempting to make Bowie, MD a more inclusive city that seeks to be equitable for all of his constituents.

Moving forward, Brother Adams intends to successfully run for state-wide office and become, Maryland State Comptroller in 2022.

Brother Adams is a member of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter.

Brother Tim Adams

Brother Andre Boggerty Wins Dover, DE City Council Seat



Dover City Councilman-Elect Brother Andre Boggerty fist bumps a voter outside the Dover Elks Lodge

Dover, DE. April 20, 2021. Brother Andre Boggerty won the lone contested race in Dover’s municipal City Council election. Brother Boggerty defeated two opponents for the at-large seat on City Council. Brother Boggerty took home 470 votes, over half the ballots cast. His opponents, Michael Lewis and LaVaughn McCutchen earned 294 and 125 votes, respectfully. Brother Boggerty arrived in Dover back in 1992, when he was stationed at the Dover Air Force Base. He says

after his time in the Air Force, he decided to stay here after falling in love with the city. Brother Boggerty says public safety and economic development are issues he’d like to focus on, topics of importance among other members of the city council. All other council members up for re-election, ran unopposed. City Council terms are four year terms in Dover. Brother Andre Boggerty, initiated 2012, is a member and Past Basileus of Psi Iota Chapter in Dover, DE.

Delta Upsilon Celebrates 71 Years



Delta Epsilon Spring 2007 MSP Line - Six Steps To Omega visit Founder Just gravesite.

Trenton, NJ. January 30, 2021. Delta Upsilon Chapter held its 71st Anniversary Celebration via zoom. The theme of the program was “Celebrating our History” and its role in effecting social change in the greater Trenton, NJ community for over 7 decades.

The Anniversary committee led by Brother Col. Walter Nall put on a fantastic program. It began with introductions and acknowledgments from the current Chapter Basileus, Brother Roy Johnson, Second D. R. Brother Kelvin Ampofo, and Corridor IV Representative Brother Leon Smith highlighting DU’s 71-year history within the Omega Family. The program featured chapter Brothers discussing the positive relationship that Delta Upsilon has had within the greater Trenton, NJ community and the fraternal friendships that have been forged between Brothers throughout the years. Chapter Brothers representing each decade from the 1970s through 2020 spoke on the four Cardinal Principles and how their membership in Omega generally and in Delta Upsilon specifically has inspired them to live up to those principles.

The program featured former Basileus and unofficial chapter historian, Brother James Butter Allen providing a historical overview of the founding of the chapter and its founder Brother Dr. J. Minor Sullivan, III M.D., affectionately remembered as Cherokee Chief. Brother Sullivan, a decorated military man with two bronze stars arrived in Trenton in the mid 40’s with a spirit of Omega that was grounded in the relationships that he had developed with Brothers Grant Reynolds, George E. Mears, and Ellis Corbett (all of whom would later become a Grand Basileus) while living and working in NYC during the mid-40’s. Upon his arrival in Trenton in the late 40s, Brother Sullivan began practicing medicine and meeting

many Omega men throughout the community. It was out of these informal meetings that Brother Sullivan envisioned a graduate chapter of like-minded men of Omega to fellowship with each other while also playing an important role in uplifting the community. His vision became a reality on January 30, 1950 when the Supreme Council officially chartered the Delta Upsilon Chapter.

Brother Frank Hundley, son of the late Seymour Hundley Sr., spoke fondly of his father, whose leadership of the chapter in the 70s and 80s set the chapter on its course to be an influential organization in all aspects of the Community. From education to housing to employment to civil rights, it was under Brother Hundley’s direction that the chapter flourished and took its rightful place as an important organization that could be counted on to work tirelessly to uplift those less fortunate.

The event also showcased one of the Chapter’s tradition. Since spring 2007, all MSP candidates have visited the gravesites of our beloved Founders. Brother Lemonte Sanders spoke about this tradition and the chapter’s decision to include it in the educational phase of the MSP program as a way for the candidates to bond with each other and also at the same time develop a spiritual connection with each of the Founders.

The program also featured our newest Undergraduate member and Basileus of the local undergraduate Iota Gamma chapter, Jared Lyles showcasing his “hop” skills that made many of the more “seasoned” Brothers hark back to the days when Iota Gamma under the tutelage of Delta Upsilon ran the yard.

The program ended with the singing of the Omega Hymn and a toast to the past, present, and future successes of the Delta Upsilon Chapter.

Beta Alpha Alpha NYC Kidney Walk

White Plains, NY. January 21, 2021. The Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. located in White Plains, New York participated in the New York City Kidney Walk that was held in November. Over the past two decades, the NYC Walk has represented an opportunity for people to unite as a community and raise awareness and funds for lifesaving programs that support kidney patients, their families and those at risk. Due to the threat of COVID-19, the need now is more than ever. Eighty cents of every dollar donated goes to research, patient services, public health education and community services.

Due to the pandemic’s impact, the walk was held differently this year. Participants were able to lace up and walk in smaller groups, taking different paths, but sharing a common goal of raising money for the National Kidney Foundation. Observing all Covid-19 protocols, a group of BAA Brothers gathered on a brisk Sunday morning at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla, New York and walked over 5 miles to the Westchester County Center and back. Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter raised nearly \$1,000 and was recognized by the Kidney Foundation for their participation and support.

The walk also provided a valuable opportunity for the BAA Brotherhood to participate in a face to face activity, which due to Covid-19, have been primarily limited to Zoom meetings and conference calls. This outdoor activity gave the Brothers an opportunity to meet for a great cause and safely fellowship together.



Beta Alpha Alpha Brother at the NYC Kidney Walk

Epsilon Chapter Virtual Talent Hunt

New York, NY. March 21, 2021. Epsilon Chapter hosted their annual Talent Hunt Program. This year, we had 5 amazing contestants - one in Dance, two in Instrumental Performance, and two in Dramatic Interpretation. While a virtual program presented unique challenges in regard to student participation, the brothers were still able to put on a successful program. We were thankful to have three very talented and experienced judges spanning the arts field, from dance, instrumental and vocal music to visual arts, spoken word, and stand-up comedy. Some of the students used technology to their advantage this year and made their videos more dynamic, such as adding subtitles to their spoken word pieces or visual effects in their dance videos. The first-place prize winner was a contestant in Dramatic interpretation, Kayla Hamilton, a Senior from Urban Assembly School of Music and Art, with her original poem ‘To Be Educated.’ Kayla penned a beautiful piece that reflects on the current state of our nation and what it means and looks like to have a true education as a citizen in this country. Dramatic Interpretation reigned atop the other categories this year and the second-place prize went to Jordan Anderson, a senior at Columbia Secondary School, for her original poem ‘Fred Hampton’s Last Supper.’ The third-place prize was awarded to Dylan Gabriel, a Freshman at Bedford Academy High School, for his solo piano submission in our Instrumental Performance category, playing ‘Bobcat Boogie.’ The awards for each prize from first place to third place were \$400, \$200, and \$100, respectively, with every contestant that participated receiving a certificate.



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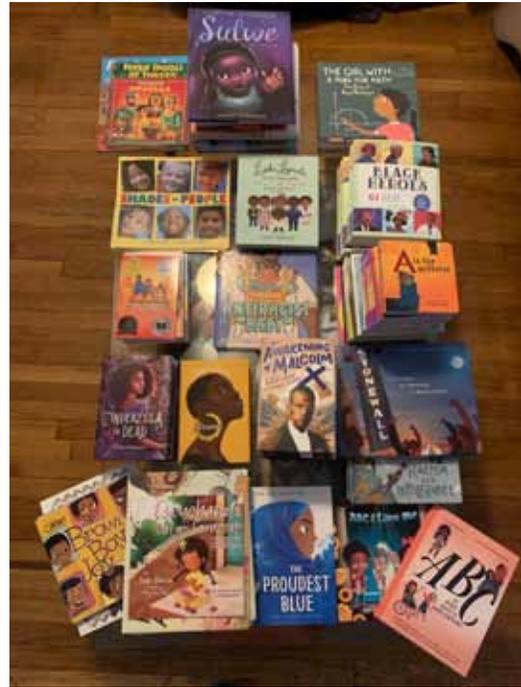
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Epsilon Chapter Book Drive

New York, NY. February 2021. Throughout Black History Month, the brothers of Epsilon Chapter hosted the chapter's first-ever virtual book drive, collecting over 130 books for donation to Black and Brown youth from underserved communities. This program came into existence as the brothers were exploring ways to give back to their community while prioritizing the health and safety of everyone involved. Those that donated were able to purchase books online from the chapter's wish list, alleviating any need for in-person drop offs or hand-to-hand collection.

Realizing the importance of education and raising consciousness among the youth, the chapter chose to do a culturally competent book drive this Black History Month. The program and book wish list were created by Bro. Matthew Thompson. Texts were selected that focus on the Black and Afro-Latinx experience, as well as activism, consent, and tolerance.

Throughout the month of March, the chapter will be distributing the assortment of literature to three local organizations. Books collected for K-5 boys will be donated to Boys Prep Elementary Charter School of Bronx, NY, while those collected for K-5 girls will go to The Free Black Women's Library. All of the books collected for students in grades 6-8 will be donated to Madiba Prep Middle School in Brooklyn, NY.



Epsilon's Newest Brothers Speak on Charter School's Black History Month Panel

New York, NY. February 11, 2021. Three Spring 2020 initiates of Epsilon Chapter recently served as panelists for a Black History Month panel hosted by the Black Studies Club of the American Dream Charter School. Each year, the school's Black History Month celebration offers a general theme with a variety of activities. This year's theme, "Black Leaders of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was "all about Black leaders who rose to the top [of their industry] and became successful in a profession that they love." Bros. Gerverus Flagg, Chris Guillaume, and Isaiah Jones were each asked to speak on their collegiate experience and the dedication it took to achieve their current career status.

Bros. Flagg and Jones both attended and graduated from Georgetown

University in Washington, DC, in 2016. Currently, Bro. Flagg works as a Brand Partnerships & Influencer Marketing Coordinator for the National Football League, whereas Bro. Jones is employed as a Live Events Coordinator for United Talent Agency. Bro. Guillaume, who attended Florida International University in Miami, FL, serves as a Bank Manager for Citibank.

Each shared anecdotes on how they have reached the positions they hold today within their respective careers, the challenges they've faced as Black men in Corporate America, and important lessons they have learned along the way. To conclude the program, the brothers fielded questions from staff and students, before leaving students with a reminder that "anything you dream is possible."

Epsilon Chapter Black History Month Program

New York, NY. February 17, 2021. To commemorate Black History Month in February, Epsilon Chapter holds an annual, public program entitled Critical Conversation. Each year, brothers in the chapter invite women who are experts in their field to have a public discussion about important issues in the Black community. This year's topic was Religion in the Black Community. The panel consisted of Bros. Javan Robinson (Christian pastor) and Gavin Ndabahaliye (religious scholar) of Epsilon Chapter, along with Dr. Tricia Callender (international sociologist), Dr. Karen Williams (parent and university administrator), and Ms. Majida Abdul-Karim (Muslim educator). The discussion was moderated by Bro. Clyde Cole.

A main theme of this year's discourse was the concept of Religious vs Spiritual, where the panelists noted that Black people often describe themselves as religious in their younger years and spiritual in their

adult years. They talked about how Black people define those terms and how the shift in thinking is representative of the complicated relationship Black people have had with religion in the United States and abroad.

At the inaugural program, held in 2017, the topic was 'Rape Culture in the Black Community'. In 2018, the topic was 'Male Toxicity and Black Male Fragility', while the subsequent year the conversation was centered around 'The Importance of Male Role Models for Black Boys and Young Men'. Unfortunately, the program was not held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the resulting quarantine. As a result, the return of Critical Conversation was a welcome sight to both brothers of the chapter and the community members who annually serve as panelists.

Epsilon Participates in Caring For the Community Event



Epsilon Brother march with community members outside Harlem Hospital.

New York, NY. February 13, 2021. On a blistering, cold winter day in New York City, the brothers of Epsilon Chapter participated in a community event led by Silent Cry, Inc., a non-profit organization that focuses on youth affected by gun violence, formerly incarcerated women, and young girls. The event, entitled ‘Caring for Community: Sounds of Color, Black History Event,’ was highlighted by a band

procession. Bros. Clyde Cole, Gerverus Flagg and Jean-Hus Theodore marched in the procession that started outside of Harlem Hospital and culminated at Colonel Charles Young Park. Community members in attendance received various resources, including food, PPE, books, and children’s clothing.

Eta Pi Black Lives Matter Video Project

Montclair, NJ. January 7, 2021. Eta Pi Chapter has been known for hosting grand events throughout the New Jersey and New York metropolitan areas to raise needed funds for promising college bound students. The number of prominent brothers in this Chapter is too lengthy to list for fear of missing some. Recently, members of the Chapter underwent a video project on Black Lives Matter. Initially, the purpose was to artistically highlight issues surrounding the lives of Black men from youth to adulthood via a video. The video was envisioned to be potentially distributed throughout the country and possibly the world. Why not? The cast consists of the pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Morristown, NJ, the Reverend Dr. Sidney S. Williams and his preteen son, Will--along with Chapter Brothers: Stephen Graham, Walter Douglas, Marcus Crawford, Larry Martin, Steve Pamon, Charles Craig, and Aaron King. The genesis of the project began during a photo/video production in New York City with a Philippine medical doctor, Vikko Maniquis, and Bro. Aaron King while collaborating with the Miss Universe contestant representing the U.S Virgin Islands. Bro King and the Doctor Maniquis are seasoned producers who were moved by the killing of George Floyd. They wanted to do something powerful for the Black Lives Matter movement and the video is the result of that effort. The two met at Brother King’s masonic lodge, Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 71 AF&AM, Morristown, New Jersey, using a DSLR camera and lighting equipment to capture the moment. Bro. King was responsible for the script and the cast.



Brother Aaron King

Gamma Pi Project ENRICH Program Youth Meet First Black Female NFL Referee



Maia Chaka

Capitol Heights, MD. April 10, 2021. Students in Gamma Pi Chapter's Project ENRICH program were part of history in February and they were not fully aware of it. The special guest speaker for the monthly college preparatory program was Maia Chaka, an African American woman from the Tidewater area of Virginia, who worked with the National Football League as a referee. She related to students, especially to the young women in the program, the ongoing story of the challenges and uphill battles she faced to be taken seriously and demonstrate her competence in a male-dominated sport at the professional level.

Just a month later, the historical impact of the Chaka February visit came to life for the students. The NFL named Chaka a full-time referee in early March making her only the second-ever female referee in league history and the first African American female referee. Barely 30 days before her virtual visit to Project ENRICH, Chaka was heading into the annals of sports history and neither she nor the students knew it at the time.

For the students, it was a chance to see history in the making and to rub elbows – at least digitally – with a soon-to-be-celebrity. It was also an opportunity to see and hear about the benefits of hard work and staying focused even when the odds are against you – a lesson that Project ENRICH teaches all year to prepare students for life.

Project ENRICH is preparing to close out its second consecutive year of meeting virtually due to the pandemic. This academic year, students have managed through the technological marvel of WebEx to have a very productive series of sessions, gaining knowledge about financial management, mental health, civics, and entrepreneurship. Students have also taken virtual tours of several HBCU campuses this year as part of the program.

“This has certainly been a challenging year, but the students have responded well to the continuing pandemic circumstances, and they have absorbed every ounce of the experiences and information we have provided them,” said Bro. James Riley, in his first year as program director. “The biggest thing they have probably learned is how to be resilient. That will serve them well as they prepare for college and life.”

Gamma Pi Community-Focused Broadcast TV Show

Capitol Heights, MD. April 16, 2021. Throughout the past five years, Gamma Pi's “Community UPLIFT” over-the-air public affairs broadcast program seen on Comcast and Verizon systems has hosted a lot of guests. More than 30 special guests from within the local Prince George's County community have appeared on the chapter's show, which is used to highlight community service and attract community partners. But the show got a shot of “Omega star power” during two recently taped broadcasts. Omega Psi Phi 39th Grand Basileus Bro. Dr. Andrew Ray and Bro. Mohan Suntha, MD, CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System, both are serving as guests in the two most recent programs.

In an episode airing currently, since April 1, “Bro. Grand” Dr. Ray joins two other chapter Gamma Pi chapter members -- Basileus Bro. Steven Walls and Bro. Kevin Greenwood -- to discuss Black Fatherhood in the context of Omega Psi Phi. The show focuses the topic on a new upcoming book from Bro. Anthony McAllister, of Gamma Pi, who has been probing the issue of Black Fatherhood more in-depth since the tragic loss of his daughter, Ayana, to gun violence a few years ago while she was home from college during Spring Break as a freshman. Bro. Dr. Ray adds an element of Omega responsibility to the show as the Fraternity made fatherhood a focus during his years as Grand Basileus. Bro. Amb. (ret.) Teddy Taylor served as guest host for the regular host Denise Smith who was unavailable due to illness. In a program that will begin airing in May, Bro. Suntha, who was

honored at the Centennial Conclave in 2011 as one of Omega's most accomplished medical professional, anchors an episode that looks at African-American health and the threat of the coronavirus along with the promise of vaccines and the need to get significant uptake from the Black community. In addition, Bro. Dr. Suntha uses the episode to promote the new state-of-the-art hospital facility that will open over the summer in majority- Black Prince George's County, Maryland.

Gamma Pi's show is seen every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Comcast (Ch. 76) and Verizon FiOS (Ch. 42) in all of Prince George's County and parts of Montgomery County in Maryland. The show is produced by Bro. Clint Green, who works with members of the chapter's Public Relations Committee in putting the shows together. Among topics the show has spotlighted are Omega Talent Hunt, scholarships, college preparations through Gamma Pi's Project ENRICH program, the work of chapter-affiliated foundations, chapter social action partnerships with local Divine 9 members, and more recently coronavirus assistance for Black-owned businesses in the county.

The show has been recorded on Zoom since April 2020, but pre-pandemic, it was recorded in the confines of a full-scale professional television station with equipment and crew members. While the show cannot be viewed outside the immediate broadcast area, episodes can be seen on Gamma Pi's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/gammapichapter

Gamma Pi Health Initiatives



Brother Dr. Kevin Ford, Sr.

Capitol Heights, MD. April 16, 2021. Brothers of the Gamma Pi seek to provide uplifting service to the citizens of Prince George's County, MD, the importance of health awareness has become one of the chapters most enriching programs. On the third Saturdays of the month, the Brothers of Gamma Pi host a symposium to provide the community much needed information on various health issues.

The Health Initiative committee with the support of Gamma Pi's own Bro. Dr. Kevin Ford Sr., have partnered with various health organizations such as the American Diabetes Association, American Red Cross, and National Kidney Foundation to discuss the importance of being aware of the health issues that impact the community, getting screened and getting treatment if necessary.

Gamma Pi started giving these symposiums in October 2020. The monthly topics have included, diabetes, the importance of giving blood, cardiovascular disease, and kidney disease. "Our main purpose is to educate the community about common health problems. We want to make the community aware of getting screened and how to act on the findings. The great thing about this virtual program is that we can reach people not just in Prince George's Country but all over the country. Everyone can benefit from this program." says Dr. Ford. Through the Virtual Health Symposium, Gamma Pi has been able to educate thousands in such a short period of time.

Health Initiatives are one of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's nationally mandated programs. For the Gamma Pi Chapter, the Virtual Health Symposium is accompanied by the Charles Drew Blood Drive and a partnership with the American Diabetes Association.

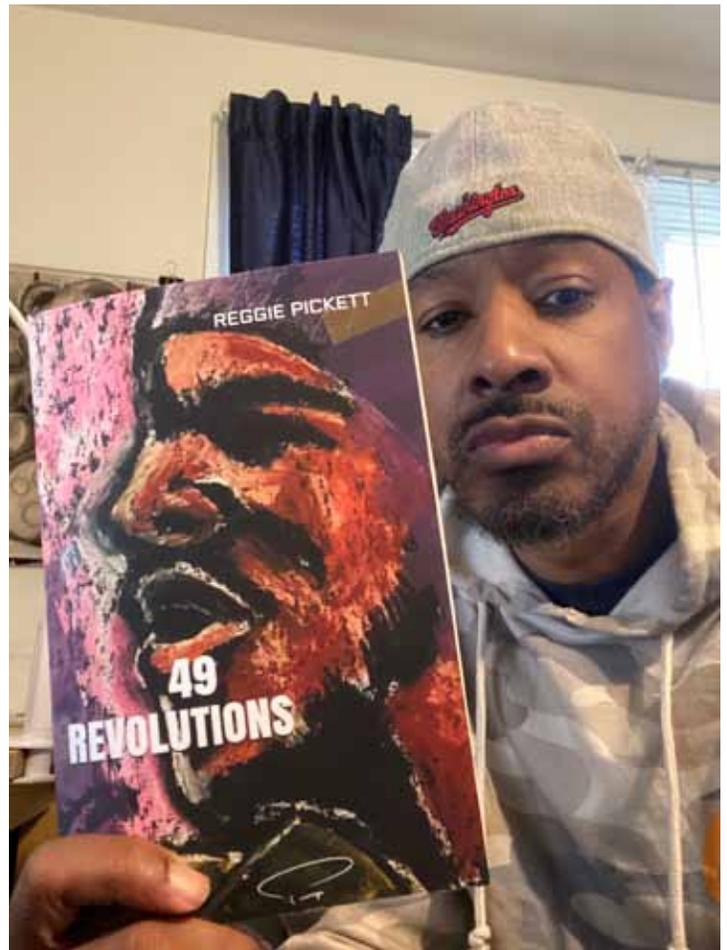
It appears that the Gamma Pi Chapter is on its way to increasing our true wealth by way of educating us on our health. For more information check out gammapi.org.

Gamma Pi Brother Pickett Publishes His Second Book of Poetry

Capitol Heights, MD. April 13, 2021. Filled with raw honesty and reflection, the poems in Gamma Pi's own Bro. Reggie Pickett's second book, 49 Revolutions are inspiring, powerful and thought provoking. They explore the life and thoughts of the author while inviting you to consider your own life's journey and inner thoughts. Reggie speaks on faith and spirituality, issues facing black men and fatherhood. He also tackles success, perseverance, failures, and regret all while offering powerful doses of encouragement and uplift as in the poems, Hope Still Speaks, What I Must Tell Myself and Broken Crayons. Several of these poems will strike strong emotional chords for the reader. Some will cause you to consider your faith and a few will even stir up a fire within. However, after reading this book you will leave with a sense of inspiration and hope and the reminder of knowing that you have great things left to accomplish in life. So one should live it the best way they can.

The poems in this book are beautifully constructed with not only intricate rhymes schemes meant to be spoken and heard but also with the classic form of traditional poetry. In essence, Reggie gives the reader the complete realm of all poetry intel's. 49 Revolutions is forceful and direct in some areas and at times filled with metaphors and analogies. This book also includes 49 haiku's. Bro. Pickett is presently working to release an audio version of this work which promises to be even more powerful than the book.

Bro. Reggie Pickett is an Artist, Art Educator and Spoken Word Poet. He has written two books of poetry and spoken at various university's and conferences. He is the founder of Enlightened Church. Reggie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications Broadcast Journalism from Bowie State University, a Masters of Theology Degree from National Bible College and a Masters of Education Leadership from Liberty University. He was initiated into the Gamma Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1996 where he actively serves on the Public Relations committee as well as the Talent Hunt committee. You can get your copy of 49 Revolutions on Amazon.



Brother Reggie Pickett displays his new book - 49 Revolutions

Gamma Pi Virtual Talent Hunt

Capitol Heights, MD. April 13, 2021. You could not see the audience, let alone hear the claps and cheers. There was no stage. The buzz between each performance was missing. And so were the ear-to-ear grins of families and friends sharing in the excitement at the unfolding drama of a hotly contested talent show competition. Given the dangers of gathering physically during the rage of COVID-19, it was an understandable situation as Gamma Pi Chapter joined the rest of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, in sponsoring the Annual Omega Talent Hunt virtually. This year’s Talent Hunt was held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Under this year’s unique format, Talent Hunt performances were pre-recorded and live streamed via YouTube and Facebook. A total of 23 students participated in the program representing various Prince

George’s County high school students. They shared some \$4,500 in prize money, which was provided by the Friendship Charities Foundation. The broadcast has been viewed by more than 1400 people on the chapter’s social media venues.

While numerous performers won or placed in many categories, the overall winners were Autumn Winters in the Art category and Nana Safo-Mensa, Classical Piano. They will both compete at the Second District Talent Hunt Competition, representing The Super Chapter.

“Even though it was virtual, it turned out to be an entertaining show, and watching it, you felt like you were right there,” said Talent Hunt chair Bro. Dr. Leroy Berton, Jr. “We are already looking forward to next year,” said Bro. Dr. Barton. “We hope to return to our usual Talent Hunt program in 2022.”

Gamma Mu Nu Virtual Talent Hunt



Talent Hunt Winner Aja Keller



Visual Artist Jahsiah Sealy

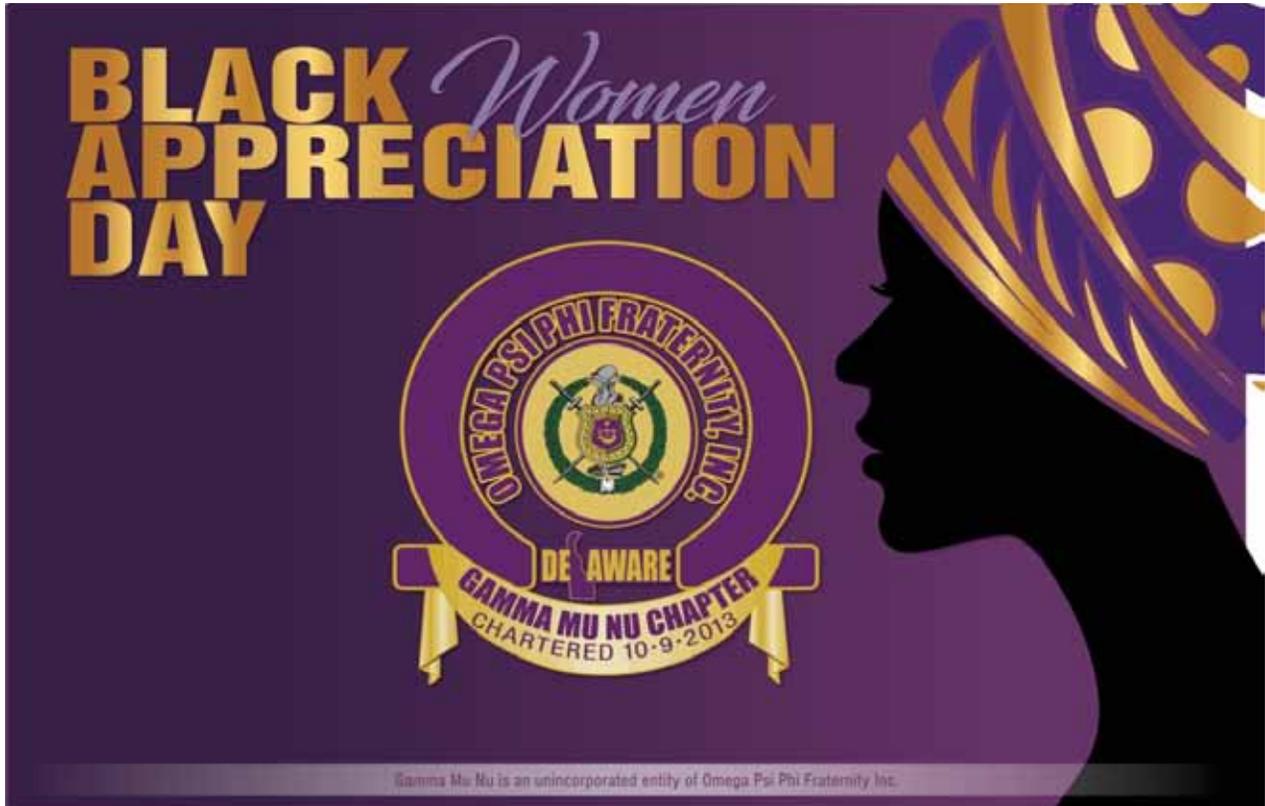
Middletown, DE. April 14, 2021. Gamma Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. successfully orchestrated their first virtual Talent Hunt Program this year in 2021. The Talent Hunt Program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has touched thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to make outstanding contributions to their communities and our world. Many have earned scholarships, awards, and recognition through exposure from this program. It is our quest as Omega men of substance to continue to grow in our unyielding commitment to support our youth. This year the challenge was met under extenuating circumstances.

Our Talent Hunt Committee used group ingenuity and perseverance to make this year’s program one of our best. We were able to double our participation numbers to the largest to date. Not only did we double our numbers we isolated some of the best talent in the state of Delaware. It is our pleasure to introduce this year’s winner Aja Keller, a semi-classical vocal soloist. Aja performed “Stupid with Love” from the Mean Girls musical. She is a senior at Newark Charter High

School, a National Society inductee, and recipient of the Governor’s School of Excellence Award. Aja plans to attend Spelman in pursuit of her higher education. In addition, Jahsiah Sealy will represent the chapter in Visual Arts. Jahsiah is a junior at Great Oaks Charter and plans to attend the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This year we gave out \$1000 in prize money, to a very competitive field of Talent Hunt winners.

The 2021 Talent Hunt program embraced the technology available to deliver a clean, upbeat, and engaging presentation. The chapter utilized the talents of our fraternity brother AJ Calloway to present the categories of Talent Hunt. The program opened with a riveting rendition of the Black National Anthem, by the all-male acapella group, Committed. Moreover, Gamma Mu Nu’s own Derrick “Dizzy” Gardner performed a professional piece “Melody for Trayvon”, where he directed and led on the trumpet. Our talented students this year were very competitive, which culminated in a very entertaining and outstanding extravaganza of elite young talent.

Gamma Mu Nu Black Women Appreciation Day



Middletown, DE. April 13, 2021. Gamma Mu Nu Chapter hosted the inaugural 2021 Black Women Appreciation Day Virtual Event which took place via the zoom platform on Sunday, March 28th – purposefully selected to take place within Women’s History Month. Three hundred and fifty-six people were in attendance, and guests from across the country joined as well as international guests from Bermuda. Featured speakers of this event included 2nd District Representative, Brother Kelvin Ampofo, and 12th District Representative, Brother Kwame Dow.

This most unique event celebrates, honors, salutes and highlights the past and present accomplishments of our Black Queens both nationally and locally within our service area. We presented achievement awards to three women who serve the Southern New Castle County in Delaware. These women are Vanessa Phillips, Esq (Chief Administrative Officer of New Castle County), Charlisa Edelin (Member of

Appoquinimink School Board and College Professor), and Ayanna Khan (President & Founder of the Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce). Honorees participated in a discussion focusing on challenges for Black Women in the workplace as well as colorism, mental health, self-care, and advice for their younger selves. The event also included a discussion with chapter members centering on appreciating, supporting, and building healthy relationships with Black Women. In addition, the event featured a live DJ (a Black Woman) playing empowering music, spoken word, and poetry.

This event was created as an appreciation of Black Women by Black Men in attempt to change the narrative on how Black Women feel appreciated, celebrated, and protected in our country. Moreover, this event was aimed at showing Black Boys how to properly treat Black Women and to show Black Girls that Black Men appreciate, honor and cherish Black Women.

Gamma Nu Nu Talent Hunt

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. March 14, 2021. Gamma Nu Nu Chapter held their Inaugural Talent Hunt Showcase on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was pre-recorded to be premiered via the Chapter’s YouTube and Facebook pages at the regularly scheduled time. A Zoom link was provided for interaction between Chapter members, Parents, and other invited guests that wished to view the stream together as if we were conducting an in-person performance.

Talent Hunt Chair Bro. Carlos Wiley introduced the event and thanked everyone for their attendance. Following an invocation by Bro. Dr. Irving D. Fryar, Sr. and the playing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” Vice Basileus Bro. Sean Hoggs provided Talent Hunt background in-

formation. The welcome was given by Basileus Bro. Dennis Dones, and Director of Public Relations Bro. J. W. Piercy, III. Introduced the Talent Hunt competition.

After the performances, Bro. Rochelle Chavis announced the winners. Second place and a \$100 monetary award was given to Melany A. Glover, a student at Rancocas Valley High School. First place was awarded to Hennifer Acosta, a student at Northern Burlington High School. She received a \$150 monetary award and the chance to represent the Gamma Nu Nu Chapter at the 73rd Second District Conference.

Gamma Nu Nu congratulates our competition winners, and salutes the Talent Hunt Committee for a job well done!

Iota Nu Talent Hunt



Iota Nu Talent Hunt First Place Winner Eliana Peyton

Aberdeen, MD. March 28, 2021. Virtually Outstanding! The Iota Nu Chapter held its 13th Annual Talent Hunt on 28 May 2021 by announcing the viewing of its virtual Talent Hunt on social media. The Talent Hunt, being virtual, required all-hands-on-deck for the chapter, which required the expertise of Brothers who had video arts, social media, and cloud technology to supplement the committees’ participant recruiting and other logistical functions to make a presentation worthy of the best of Omega.

Four students participated this year by submitting videos to the Talent Hunt committee and the committee work of creating a video to recreate virtually what is normally a live event. Brother Mark Thomas, chairman of the committee, led the broadcast with a welcome and introduction of the Master of Ceremonies, Brother Elton Hawkins.

Brother Hawkins, a 50-year member of Omega Psi Phi and an accomplished singer took over and introduced the Basileus, Brother Aurelio Burton who read the history of Omega, Brother Michael Bennett, gave the opening prayer, and Brother Orlando Ortiz, read the history of the Talent Hunt event. Brother Hawkins returned to introduce the judges of the evening, Mrs. Yvonne Waters, Mrs. Courtney Gilbert, Ms. Felicia Thomas, and Ms. Dana McCants. Afterwards the student videos were shown.

Miss Alexis Johnson, a student from the George Washington Carver Center for the Arts and Technology performed a beautiful dance. Miss Angel Addison, a student at Edgewood High School performed “Black Bird” by Nina Simone, Mr. Desmond McAlister, a senior at Edgewood High School, sang an original musical composition, and Miss Eliana Peyton, a student at Aberdeen High School, performed “Bouree” from “French Suite VI in E major” by Johannes Sebastian Bach.

The scores were tallied by Brother Chuck Gibson, Immediate Past Basileus and the winners were announced by Brother Thomas. Third place went to Ms. Angel Addison, second place to Ms. Alexis Johnson, and First place to Ms. Eliana Peyton.

The benediction was given by Brother Bennett.

In addition to Brothers participating in the virtual event, behind the scenes Brothers contributed to the IT efforts associated with the virtual event. Brother Judah Hatcher edited the video using iMovie, Adobe, and other techniques to piece together the final video, add sub-titles, and overcome technical difficulties with videos submitted. Brother Edwin Kolen setup the YouTube channel for hosting the virtual event. The committee would like to thank the 2nd District Talent Hunt Committee, led by Brother Andrew Huff, for providing guidance and tips for creating a successful Virtual Talent Hunt.

A team effort all-around, the Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter showed once again that Perseverance and Friendship are indeed Essential to the Soul.

Iota Phi Stand Against Domestic Violence

Pittsburgh, PA. April 2 2021. Brothers from several chapters within the 7th Corridor of the 2nd District came together to stand up in opposition to Domestic Violence. Undergraduate members from Omicron Psi, Gamma Mu, Epsilon Kappa and Graduate members from Iota Phi have been working diligently with the Center for Victims in the Pittsburgh area. In 2018 several Brothers were featured in a regional PSA that was featured on several television networks. Brothers also hosted learning seminars and public presentations. More recently Brothers were recognized as supporters and “Friends” of the annual Sexual Assault Awareness month campaign. Brothers donned the teal ribbon which represents the victims of sexual assault. Brother Devin Patterson works as a counselor at the Community College of Allegheny County and has his own private practice which specializes in mental health. He is a current board member at the Center for Victims and the point man for the Iota Phi chapter for the prevention of Domestic Violence.

Center For Victims – Center For Victims, Men Challenge 60 - YouTube, Devin L Patterson | Mental Health Services | Monroeville, PA 15235 (dlpmentalhealthservices.com)



Iota Phi Brothers stand in front of New Fraternity House

Kappa Nu Horace Mann Elementary School Social Action

Binghamton, NY. March 31, 2021. The Men of Kappa Nu Chapter have been building bridges with the students at Horace Mann Elementary School, located at 30 College Street, Binghamton, New York. Horace Mann is a K-5 school in the Binghamton City School District. Bro. Bobby McKnight (XII '02), Vice Basileus of Kappa Nu Chapter, presented ten gift cards on behalf of the Chapter to Principal Peter Stewart on January 15, 2021. The gift cards' intended recipients are the 10 highest achieving students at Horace Mann Elementary. In addition, Kappa Nu later held a Video Poetry Contest with grades 3-5 of Horace Mann, named in honor of the Late Bro. Rowland Williams (KN '83). In attendance at the event on March 31, 2021, were Bro. Woody Clermont, ESQ. (KN '92), Basileus of Kappa Nu Chapter, Bro. Copeland Richards (KN '02), Bro. Roncel Holder (KN '19), and the Social Action Committee Chairman Bro. Charles Canty, ESQ. (KN, '83). First, Second and Honorable Mention place prizes were given out to the Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade students with the best winning submissions. Winning students additionally received trophies to commemorate their experience, as well as checks (in the varying monetary amounts based on grade level and ordinal ranking). Kappa Nu Chapter continues to work with Principal Stewart and his teaching staff and plans to continue to hold more mentoring events with Horace Mann Elementary students in the future.

Brother Bobby Knight presents gift cards to Horace Mann Principal Peter Stewart



Kappa Nu Toys for Tots



Brother Bobby Knight presents check to Binghamton Officer Chris Marshall

Binghamton, NY. December 20, 2020. The Kappa Nu Chapter has always been there to help provide holiday gifts for children in Broome County. City of Binghamton police officer Chris Marshall serves as program manager for Broome County Toys for Tots. The local Toys for Tots in Broome County is supported by Binghamton area law enforcement agencies. Donations are usually made between November 30 through December 22.

As we are still in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic, rather than collect the toys in person, Kappa Nu Chapter held a virtual online fundraiser to raise the funds and support the mission of Broome County Toys for Tots by presenting a check to Officer Marshall instead. The Brothers of Kappa Nu Chapter generously opened their wallets and solicited funds from others to make sure that kids in the Broome County area could have toys for the Holidays. Officer Marshall and Broome County Toys for Tots were grateful for the loyal support of Kappa Nu.

Kappa Nu Virtual Mardi Gras

Binghamton, NY. February 16, 2021. Kappa Nu Chapter is always working hard to support undergraduate students of color attending Binghamton University, by financing part of their academic education to ensure success in learning. In addition to a planned Doublegood Popcorn Fundraiser expected to raise thousands of additional dollars later in the year, the Brothers of Kappa Nu through its Fundraising and Dance Committee, held a Virtual Mardi Gras Event on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

The fundraiser is an annual event that will help provide scholarships to high school and college students based on academic achievement and community service involvement. Numerous patrons attended the event making it a major success, as partygoers danced to music mixes presented by DJ Jon Quick (Bro. Jonathan Byers, YO '92) and DJ Papa Trini (Bro. Daren Thomas, ΦE '88).

The Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the honor of the Late Bro. Michael Birch (KN '92). Since the founding of the Chapter on Tuesday, September 9, 1969, the Men of Kappa Nu have historically donated annually to the local branch of the NAACP, the Trinity Zion Church Building Fund, as well as the Beautiful Plains Church; brought tutorial programs to local schools in the Broome County area, annual picnics, Big Brother Programs, and worked with numerous local organizations in Binghamton and Endicott, New York.

Kappa Nu Chapter is grateful to the extra efforts undertaken by Bro. Torey Williams (K '00) and Bro. Nick Patterson (XII '02). The Chapter thanks all of the remaining Brothers on the Committee for their hard work and dedication, along with their Committee Chairman Bro. Woody Clermont (KN '92).

Kappa Omega Black History Program

Harrisburg, PA. February 28, 2021. Kappa Omega Chapter held a virtual Black History program to recognize living Black History legends. The virtual program included the reading of biographies on Kappa Omega brothers 70 and older. This was a different take on celebrating Black History Month. As kappa omega Social Action Committee Chairman Brother Hastings Coach said, “We wanted to honor and recognizing some of the Kappa Omega legends who have and still are leading distinguished lives while contributing to the community.” Kappa Omega which was chartered in 1923 has a long history of producing industrious brothers who have endeavored to improve their community. Brothers like Kappa Omega charter member William Justin Carter who was also a founding member of the Niagara Group, which, in 1909, changed its name to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Brother Carter also designed the cover of the inaugural issue of the Oracle.

The purpose of the program was to record the life journeys of these distinguished Omega men. The honorees were also able to share phrases of uplift with attendees. The program recognized brothers like Brothers Bill King (‘49 Beta Psi), Ernest Leonard Lester (‘51 Beta), James Parker (‘54 Beta Gamma), and James Rowland (.58 Iota Psi). Some highlights of the program included Brother Jesses Rawls Sr. (‘69 Phi) who has shown true perseverance by beginning his work career in the 7th grade when he was head custodian for his Georgia school district’s elementary schools making \$15 a month. He later became the first African American to earn a wrestling scholarship to

the University of Michigan.

Another honoree included Brother Nathan Waters II (‘52 Beta). Brother Waters is a well-known attorney as he served as the solicitor for both the City of Harrisburg and Harrisburg School District. Additionally, he served as Trustee for the Dickinson/Penn State School of Law and The Lincoln University Board of Trustees. In providing uplift to the brothers, he said “From Lampodo to Basileus, let me say that a strong sense of religious conviction and integrity should play a major role in the manner in which you treat and deal with your fellow man.”

Brother James Batte (‘71 kappa Omega) uplifted the brothers by saying “Remember your oath and always remember that each Brother is a gatekeeper of the greatest fraternity under the whole canopy of heaven.” Other brothers recognized included Al Bennet (‘60 Nu), Robert Adams (‘60 Epsilon Epsilon), Bill Jefferson, (‘60 Beta), David Waters Jr. (‘64 Beta), Arthur C. Dickinson (‘65 Zeta Psi), Larry Jack, (‘66 Kappa Omega), John Wesley Gumby (‘68 Beta Gamma) affectionately known as the Godfather of the prayer line, Robert McAllister, (‘68 Beta), Bernard Fisher (‘70 Beta), Leonard House, (‘71 kappa Omega), Kerry Kirkland (‘83 Kappa Omega), Frank Spells (‘83 kappa Omega), Michael Miles (‘93 Kappa Omega), Howard L. Sheppard (‘99 Kappa Omega), and Jeff Kirkland (‘12 Kappa Omega). Kappa Omega social action chair Hastings Coach said he wanted to “extend the record of black history and this is just a beginning.” The goal is to continue and expand upon this program in future years.

Kappa Omicron MLK Day of Service



Kappa Omicron Brothers at the MLK Day of Service event

Bronx NY. January 18, 2021. The Brothers of the Kappa Omicron Chapter and the sisters of the Kappa Epsilon Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority incorporated teamed up with the Bharati Foundation for a Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. The day was pleasant and filled with joy. The brothers assembled tables, packed gift bags, and coordinated the items for distribution and organized the crowd control. There was live poetry and various types of entertainment that focused and highlighted the works of the late Dr. King.

The brothers gave out coats, blankets, essential items, fresh products, grocery items, hot meals, and storybooks to the children.

The event was held in the Soundview area in the Bronx. The event was a success as the lines were long and the brothers enjoyed interacting with the community while giving out bags of essential items. After the program, the community thanked the brothers of Kappa Omicron for taking the time out of their day to assist in this community service endeavor.

Kappa Omicron St. Charles Borromeo Food Pantry Social Action

Bronx NY. February 12, 2021. Kappa Omicron chapter has continued to play an active role in supporting the St. Charles Borromeo Food Pantry as part of our Social Action Programs. The pantry prepares, on average, 150-200 bags of goods every Friday for distribution Saturday mornings to the local community. Quantity of bags are increased based on need and holiday seasons. Prepared bags consist of dry/canned goods, milk, and fresh produce. Epsilon, Xi Phi, and the Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter also support the initiative. In addition to preparing bags, we support in unloading deliveries, organizing goods, and maintaining the storage spaces at the church. Our partners on-site are Ms. Yolette Green and Ms. Pearl Emmanuel. As a result, of the Covid-19 pandemic, we identified the need to continue providing regular support to our partners as we collectively target food insecurity. The chapter plans to continue our support, efforts and partnership with St. Charles Borromeo Food Pantry as we take strides to serve our community.



Kappa Omicron Brothers at the St. Borromeo Food Pantry

Kappa Omicron Achievement Week Program



Bronx NY. November 21, 2020. Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its annual Achievement Week program. The program was broadcasted virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We opened the program with the beautiful voice of Mrs. Gillian Hargrove as she sang “Peace of Earth” by Rachele Ferrell. A slide show displayed a collage of our community service initiatives and previous achievement week events. In addition, we shared with the audience that originally Achievement Week was designed to promote the study of “Negro” life and history and presently Achievement Week is designed to seek out and give recognition to those individuals that have made noteworthy contributions toward improving the quality of life for black Americans. The event was well attended. We honored the following individuals Bro. Davon Harris-Omega Man of the year; Bro. George Sainteus-Superior Service award, Bro. Wayne Wattle, Esq-Manley Khaeel award, Ms. Bharati Kemraj-Citizen of the year award. In 2014, she founded The Bharati Foundation, working to help the community and youth of all ages to live healthy, educated, and productive lives by connecting resources to those in need. Bharati continues to be heavily in the Vishnu Mandir, Hindu Temple, serving the Community and Youth for over 24 years.

Our keynote speaker Brother Kevin Woodhouse delivered a wonderful and impactful speech on “Omega Men Ushering Social Change”. He gave a timeline of the legacy of our founders and the fraternity and how their mindfulness and care for the community still continues today. He highlighted the history of our beloved fraternity and how we advocated and fought together with the community to eradicate the injustices and poor treatment. We closed out the program with the brotherhood singing the Omega Dear song joined by a pianist.

Ms. Bharati Kemraj - Kappa Omicron Citizen of the Year

Kappa Omicron Blood Drive

Bronx NY. March 5, 2021. Brothers of Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc along with other local New York City Chapters partnered with the New York Blood Center “ShaRED” Group Blood Donation program and donated blood to continue to save lives and to support the research and studies of our late dear brother Charles R. Drew.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Manhood 101, Assault on Illiteracy

Prince George’s County, MD. March 15, 2021. This year has been like no other but through persistence and perseverance, committee chair, Bro. Bleu “Coach” Colquitt, found a way to remain connected with the participants of Manhood 101 by using video conferencing. Coach and his committee met with the Manhood 101 (MH101)/ Assault on Illiteracy Program (AOIP) young men virtually due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Through these sessions, mentees and our mentors were able to bring a focus to COVID-19, the impact to black businesses and communities, the branches of US Government and mentees aspirations, which were reflected in their completion of their Vision Board assignments. Each meeting begins with the Manhood Pledge, the welcoming of new mentees, mentees presenting their previous meetings assignments, a conversation on current events and then an open discussion,

which mostly focuses on grades, college applications and scholarship opportunities. Coach is very proud and appreciative of the investment LGG bestows to this critically needed program in our community. He also boasts of former participants and their academic progress in college, but laments that if funding and time would allow, he would love to visit each of them on campus post COVID. Coach Bleu even remains in contact with former members after they complete their college matriculation, and some have been special guest at meetings this year. Even with a global pandemic, the MH101/AOIP mission continues to zoom in on the lives of young men with the training of life skills, and the imparting of best practices to our mentees as it relates to collegiate and scholarly acumen. These skills will assist and save the lives of our most precious and endangered resource – young black boys.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Coat Drive for the Homeless



Washington D.C. January 30, 2021. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated collected and donated more than 130 winter coats for delivery to men’s homeless shelters here in Washington D.C. The initiative, led by the chapter’s Social Action Committee and organized through Bro. Rodney Paige, Spring 2020 LGG, provided the coats, two dozen insulated winter hats and \$140.00 in cash donations for the Blair Shelter for men in Northeast Washington. Members of Lambda Gamma Gamma and other Omega members gathered the clothing items on Friday evening and delivered them prior to an oncoming winter storm, slated to hit the DMV area later that weekend. This initiative, sponsored by the LGG Social Action Committee will continue its efforts by gathering more clothing items over the next several weeks and months for members of our community.

LGG Brothers collecting coats for the homeless

Mu Nu Bridge Builder Virtual Mentor Program

Silver Spring, MD. March 6, 2021. The Bridge Builder Mentoring Program is in its sixth year of existence under an arrangement between the George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy (Saturday School) and Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. The program encompasses academic, leadership, and self-confidence/esteem components and is one of the flagship programs for Mu Nu Chapter. The topic of discussion for the March 06, 2021 Bridge Builder “Virtual” Mentor Program session focused on Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) education. The session started with students watching a video to get a conceptual understanding of what STEM education is and how it is applied in everyday life. Mentees then learned how the Founder of the National Society of Black Engineers, Mr. Tony Harris, formed the organization in 1975, on the campus of Purdue University, with five other students known as the “Chicago Six.” Students also learned that Mr. Harris, who grew up on the southside of Chicago, and who had never taken a calculus class in high school, persevered in his pursuit of becoming



an engineer. The session ended with a presentation by Bro. Dr. Ronald H. Freeman, Vice-Chairman of Space Operations Technical Committee in American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, who shared with students the American Space Program 40-Year Plan to launch deep space missions to Mars using the moon as its home base.

Mu Nu HBCU Divine 9 Panel Discussion



Silver Spring, MD. February 13, 2021. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) held its annual Historically Black Colleges & Universities (H.B.C.U.) Divine 9 Panel Discussion, for the Montgomery County Public Schools College Fair, on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

The theme for the H.B.C.U. Divine 9 Panel Discussion, “Educating the Leaders of Tomorrow, focused on telling the narrative of how HBCUs, as institutions of higher learning, have played a significant role in developing future leaders, especially leaders of color. The panel discussion also looked to inform M.C.P.S. students and parents about the advantages of attending an H.B.C.U.

The panel discussion included three segments pertaining to HBCUs. The first segment focused on “the relevancy of an HBCU.” This segment allowed for panelists’ to discuss their beliefs on why HBCUs

are still relevant in the twenty-first century. The second segment highlighted “the benefits of attending an H.B.C.U.” Panelists spoke to the audience about their personal experiences, academic and social, while attending their alma mater. The third and final segment looked at H.B.C.U. pride and what the phrase “H.B.C.U. for Life” means to H.B.C.U. alumni.

The H.B.C.U. panel included fourteen members from the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, who attended an H.B.C.U. The panel discussion was led by Dr. Lorenzo R. Prillman, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter).

Thank you to Bro. Walter Neighbors and Bro. Stacey Herring for serving as a panelist for the H.B.C.U. Divine 9 Panel Discussion.

Mu Nu MLK Day of Service

Silver Spring, MD. January 18, 2021. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) held its Annual M.L.K. Day of Service Project on Monday, January 18, 2021. Federal legislation was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a federal holiday, which was first observed in 1986.

Participation in the M.L.K. Day of Service has grown steadily over the past thirty-five years, with hundreds of thousands of Americans each year engaging in projects such as tutoring and mentoring children, painting schools and senior centers, delivering meals, building homes, and reflecting on Dr. King’s life and teachings.

Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. service project #1 involved the collecting of toiletry items and other goods needed for homeless men residing at the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless in Montgomery County, MD. Transitional baskets were put together and delivered to the organization by members of the Social Action Committee. Thank you to all the brothers who participated in this service project by making a financial donation or donating their time to put together and deliver the baskets to the homeless shelter. RQQ to the Ques!

Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. service project #2 involved the collecting of food items/supplies for Shepherd’s Table meal service program. Shepherd’s Table, which is located in Silver Spring, MD, depends on donations from the general public to support its meal distribution program. Thank you to all the brothers

who participated in this service project by making a financial donation or donating their time to put together and deliver the food baskets to Shepherd’s Table.



Mu Nu Brothers collect toiletry products for homeless in Montgomery Cty, MD.

Mu Nu Feed's the Homeless at Shepherd's Table

Silver Spring, MD. March 29, 2021. Brothers from Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in their second service event, for the new Omega Year, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD. Shepherd's Table serves individuals from all walks of life, experiencing a unique set of challenges, from homelessness, unemployment, mental health challenges, substance abuse, physical disabilities and more.

Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter volunteered their time to participate in the January, February, and March service event, at Shepherd's Table, by assisting with food prep and serving food to approximately two-hundred homeless people.

Thank you to all the brothers (Bro. Kai Bough, Bro. Alejandro Gonzalez, Bro. Angelo Harrington, Bro. Robert Jamison, Bro. Jerry Jones, Bro. Nigel Marshall, Bro. Jason Miller, Bro. Jason Osborne, Bro. Lorenzo Prillman, and Bro. Parnell Singleton) that continue to participate in the ongoing food service project at Shepherd's Table. You can find brothers of Mu Nu Chapter on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD, providing service to those who are less fortunate.



Mu Nu Brothers prepare food at Shepard's Table

Mu Nu - Omega Learning Pods



Mu Nu Brothers deliver Omega Learning Pods to Strathmore Elementary School

Silver Spring, MD. March 5, 2021. Bro. Delano Jordan and members of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, delivered portable desks for four (4) Special Education students at Strathmore Elementary School, located in Silver Spring, MD.

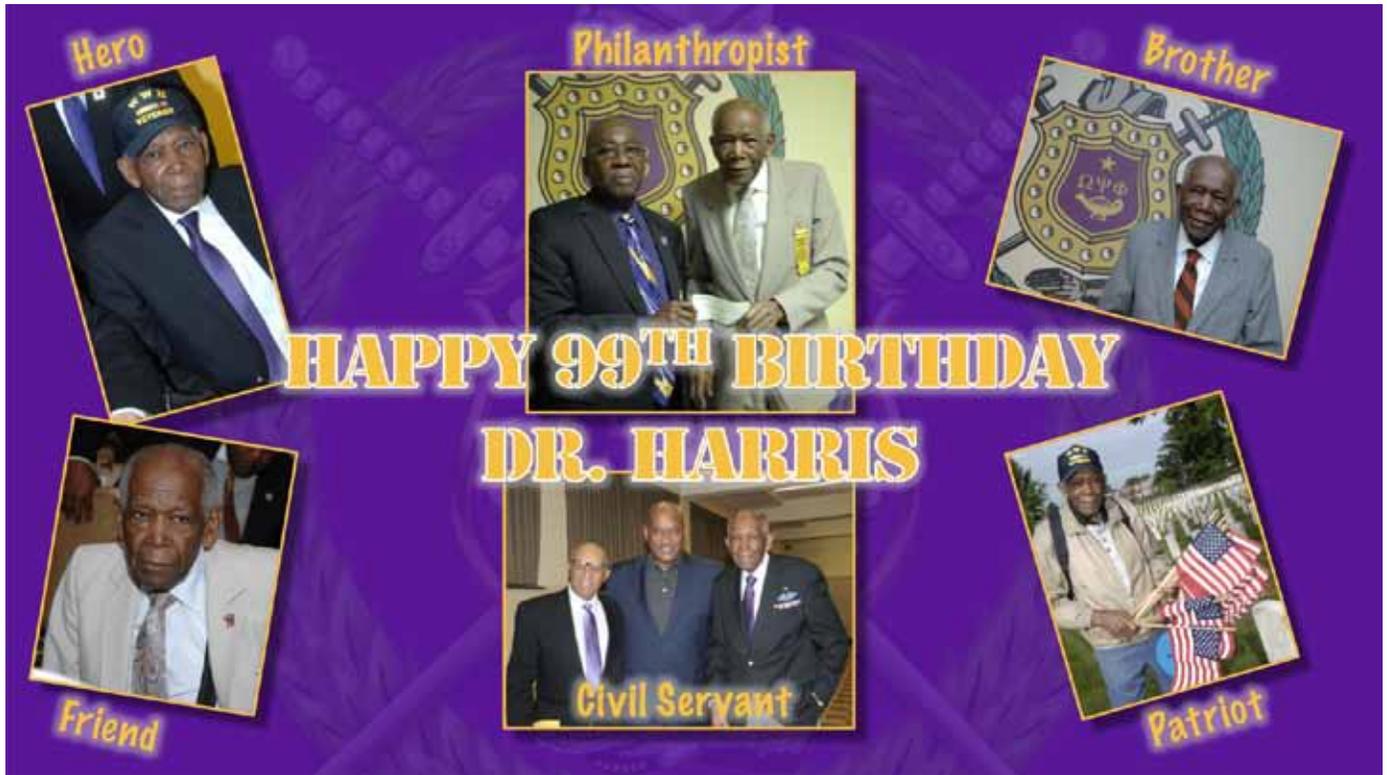
The Omega Learning Pod Project started as a hobby for Bro. Jordan, a member of Mu Nu Chapter, who likes to spend his spare time working on small projects in his basement workshop. Since delivering the learning pods to Strathmore Elementary School in March, there have been requests, from local schools in Montgomery County, MD, for

the portable learning pods to meet the educational needs of Special Education and ESOL students. The learning pods are helping to fill a void created by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which is a defined learning space for special needs students.

Bro. Jordan has assembled a team of Mu Nu Chapter brothers to assist with developing more learning pods and getting them out to local schools to support students and families.

Thank you to Bro. Jordan for using ingenuity to find a solution to support the needs of our most vulnerable students.

Mu Omega’s Brother William Harris Celebrates 99th Birthday



Philadelphia, PA. March 2, 2021. It isn't too often that one can celebrate their 99th birthday, but for William H. Harris, Ph.D., closing in on the century mark is both a blessing and a chance for friends and family to show how much they truly love this giant of a man. On Saturday, February 27, 2021, Dr. Harris received a nice surprise from his Fraternity Brothers and Hatfield Township neighbors with a drive-by birthday recognition. Approximately forty members of the Mu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated were led in a car caravan by Hatfield Township's finest from both their Police and Fire Departments. Sirens blaring, lights flashing, and cars adorned with purple and gold balloons, made their way to Dr. Harris' home in a quaint Hatfield residential community. It all went down at 11:00am, where nearby neighbors came out to make sure there wasn't an emergency, but soon realized that the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi were coming to help celebrate this momentous birthday of one of their Fraternity Brothers, the beloved Dr. Harris.

Planning for this event began three weeks prior with a conversation between Dr. Allan Thomas (former Mu Omega Basileus) and Darryl Blackwell (Director of Public Relations) who both agreed that the Chapter should attempt to make Dr. Harris' day a bit more special. Additional assistance came by way of Isiah Myles, Social Action Chairman, who added this event to the Chapter's "Project Uplift" pro-

gramming which seeks to bring needed assistance to some of the older Chapter members, especially during this current Covid-19 Pandemic. To recognize Dr. Harris' grand birthday, Darryl Blackwell reached out to Philadelphia City Council, as well as United States Congressman Dwight Evans, who both supplied congratulatory proclamations for this event. Brother Blackwell read both the proclamations aloud to Dr. Harris and the gathering of Fraternity Brothers and neighbors.

Dr. Harris is a WWII veteran who was honored with a Purple Heart for being wounded twice in battle. Dr. Harris went to school at West Virginia State University where he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1944 through Theta Psi Chapter. Dr. Harris later earned a Ph.D. at Penn State University and has since contributed to various organizations as an expert in organizational development. Dr. Harris also writes poetry, and in 2017 published 90yrs of his writings in a book entitled "Everyday Sunshine, Led My Way," a tribute to his mother who he describes as his sunshine.

When asked what the secret to his long life is, Dr. Harris said, "my mother always stressed for me to ask questions and to always show gratitude, no matter how small the gesture." The Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter will continue to praise Dr. Harris for all of his contributions to not only the Fraternity, but to the country itself. Hats off to you Dr. Harris and happy birthday!



Nu Omicron My Brother’s Keeper Mentoring Program



Nu Omicron Brothers with youth in the My Brother’s Keeper Mentoring Program

Queens, NY. January, 2021. Over the past 4 years, the Men of Nu Omicron Chapter have been impacting the lives of young men between the ages of 6-11 at a local elementary school in Queens, New York through the My Brother’s Keeper Mentoring Program (MBK). Conceived by Bro. Anthony Hooks (7-Delta Gamma-82), Principal of Public School. 123Q STEM A School, MBK aims to provide participants with the skills necessary to positively matriculate through school and the community. All MBK mentees meet monthly at the school and are engaged in a number of activities facilitated by the mentors to include character building, community service, civic engagement, financial literacy, and college & career readiness to name a few. Additionally, the mentees are provided an action-oriented word each month (love, patience, aspiration, character, perseverance, car-

ing, etc.) and are required to exhibit the “word of the month” throughout all aspects of their lives and provide documented evidence to their mentors during the monthly mentoring session. While the COVID pandemic unfortunately stalled some of the live mentoring sessions this past year, the men of Nu Omicron remain committed to the mentees and offered virtual mentoring sessions whenever appropriate. The MBK program culminates with an end-of-the-year, “Rights of Passage” (ROP) celebration and this year albeit modified, the men of Nu Omicron provided an awesome program while adhering to COVID-19 safety protocols. The mentees were seemingly very proud to have completed the program and ecstatic receive their ROP items which included polo shirts, bookbags, and hoodies.

Nu Upsilon Uplift Family of 10

Wilmington, DE. February 13, 2021. Over the past 10 plus years, the brothers of the Nu Upsilon Chapter have always made “family” an important aspect of its community service work. Even with the COVID 19 pandemic, the chapter continues to provide assistance to needy families. For the holiday season of 2020, a family of 10 – 7 young people, 2 grandparents and 1 mother was selected to be the recipient of gifts to brighten its holidays. The gifts not only included a specified gift requested by each of the family members, but they included practical gift cards to local stores – Food Lion, WaWa, Target, Walmart, and ShopRite - for food, gasoline, and clothes. Additional gift cards to fast food chains and VISA gift cards were included in each of the gift bags. A local restaurant, Texas Roadhouse, provided food via takeout for the family. The delivery of the gifts took place outside of the family’s home, where all health and safety precautions on December 20, 2020, were followed. The family expressed its gratitude to Nu Upsilon and the NU Friendship Outreach, Inc. foundation for selecting it for its “love offering” for 2020. The committee for this Adopt-a-Family event consisted of Bro. Craig Wolfrey, Vice Basileus; Bro. Lamont Murray, Social Actions Chairman; Bro. Steve Taylor who graciously accepted and performed the role of Santa; and Bro. Carlton Lampkins, Lead Event Coordinator who developed the

relationship with Nicole Elliot of Leasure Elementary School, Newark, DE to connect with this family. What a great way to give back to your community!



Nu Upsilon Brothers with the family of 10

Nu Upsilon Community Food Giveaway



Nu Upsilon Brothers assist preparing food for delivery to community residents

Wilmington, DE. February 14, 2021. The Links of Delaware, and the Coalition of 100 Black Women of Delaware, in collaboration with Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and Joan F. Coker, MD (a local ENT, allergy physician), sponsored a Community Food Giveaway at the P. S. DuPont Middle School in Wilmington, DE. Seventy-five volunteers converged on the school's parking lot to sort food and prepare bags/boxes of perishable/non-perishable items for distribution to families in need. The food items included fresh vegetables; dry goods such as cereal, pasta, and oatmeal; fresh chicken; fresh loaf

bread; Dove candy; orange juice and lemonade; and bagged snacks. The Brothers of Nu Upsilon, wearing a variety of purple and gold paraphernalia, were quite visible, as they assisted with filling the bags/boxes, directing traffic, providing muscle for putting bags/boxes in cars and vans, organizing used and useless containers, and representing the best of our Cardinal Principles through kind words, the ultimate in manners, weathering the cold, and providing service to uplift the community. When the community calls, Nu Upsilon answers!

Nu Upsilon Share The Joy Of Reading

Wilmington, DE. February 13, 2021. The Second District's Assault on Illiteracy efforts are focused on the need for our young people to improve their reading skills which include five domains – fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, phonics and phonemic awareness. Fortunately the efforts of the brothers of Nu Upsilon have focused on these skills through oral reading to promote literacy. On Thursday, December 10, 2020, three brothers set out to sharpen the reading skills of three select groups of 5th grade classes at Leisure Elementary School in Newark, DE by reading literature, reflective of African Americans through the virtual platform, Zoom. Basileus Brandon Miller, Immediate Past Basileus Kenneth Watson, and Carlton Lampkins, activity coordinator read *Grace for President*, *Across*

the Alley, and *The Most Important Gift of All*, respectively. During the reading of these profound pieces of children's literature students were asked questions related to the characters, the meaning of words within the book, as well as questions to ascertain their level of comprehension. Students who provided accurate responses were given \$5 gift cards to Wawa, as an incentive for their participation and engagement. Even in this virtual format, the students were attentive, showed clear signs of being connected, as well as indicating their gratitude with a group, "Thank You!" It is hoped that this opportunity is only the start of a critical relationship to provide mentorship to our young people; what a great experience!

Omicron Mu Nu Helps YMCA Provide Christmas Gifts

West Chester, PA. December 18, 2020. Brothers of Omicron Mu Nu assisted the local YMCA of West Chester, PA with the second annual Christmas shop. The Brothers of Omicron Mu Nu has once again came together to help children within the West Chester area pick out presents for parents and loved ones. Omicron Mu Nu brothers assisted with wrapping and packaging items to be given out on Christmas day. Brother Julian Griffith has continued to volunteer at the YMCA of West Chester, Pa and assist with facilitating programs that continues to shine light on the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The Brothers of

Omicron Mu Nu continue to service the neighborhood and help young children set and accomplish goals within themselves. The Christmas shop gives children the opportunity to give back to their parents and loved ones and those who care for them the most.

Basileus Darius L. Taylor emphasizes on how important it is for the Brothers of Omicron Mu Nu to continue servicing the West Chester PA area on a daily basis. He reminds everyone that not only do we represent our chapter we also represent our organization the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Phi Omega Brother Douglas L. Hoston Receives Ph.D



Brother Douglas L. Hoston, Ph.D.

Buffalo, NY. March 12, 2021. Brother Douglas L. Hoston (2-16-XAA) successfully defended his dissertation on the impact of John Henryism, a belief that low socioeconomic groups may not have the resources to successively cope with psychological stressors.

Brother Hoston matriculated at the University of Buffalo. He conducted his research in the Neurocognition Science Laboratory (NSL), a virtual reality research facility designed to investigate the changes in the brain and behavior during learning.

According to Brother Hoston, “Chronic stress leads to hypertension, depression and anxiety that needs to be examined to improve the well-being of college students.” His research focused on helping Black and Brown students utilize John Henryism to overcome perceived racial strife within a learning environment through prolonged tenacious work and determination.

Brother Hoston became inspired to examine the cultural differences that impact learning after he settled down in Cleveland, OH. He was raised in diverse parts of the world, as a result of his father being in the U.S. Air Force. Brother Hoston’s 12-year-old son inspired him to obtain his advanced degree. He is scheduled to receive his Doctor of Philosophy in May 2021. Brother Hoston currently works at SUNY Buffalo State College in the Department of Student Leadership and Development. Congratulations to Brother Dr. Hoston for thoroughly upholding the cardinal principle of Scholarship.

Phi Omega Cardinal Principle Series

Buffalo, NY. March 5, 2021. Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter held the first installment of its Cardinal Principle Series, What is Manhood? The purpose of this series of virtual workshops is to increase the public’s awareness of Omega and to provide the Western New York communities the opportunity to meet and engage the Brothers of Phi Omega.

In an era of heightened use of social media it’s imperative to con-

trol our narrative of college educated men committed to the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. While we hope community members may have a clear understanding of our beloved principles, many are clueless about the aristocracy of Omega. Consequently, this initiative seek to serve as opportunities for Phi Omega to increase its brand and presence in the Buffalo and surrounding communities.

Phi Omega Memorial Service



Phi Omega Brothers in attendance at the Memorial Service

Buffalo, NY. March 14, 2021. Brothers of Phi Omega assembled at Elim Christian Fellowship (70 Chalmers Ave Buffalo, NY) promptly at 11:30 a.m., with proper social distancing, for Phi Omega’s Annual Memorial Service. Brother Bishop T. Anthony Bronner, PhD, Senior Pastor, and Chaplain hosted the service.

Special emphasis were placed on remembering the late Bro. Ronald Peoples (6/27/54) and late Bro. William S. Sutton (6/25/60) who were admitted to Omega Chapter April 2020. Additional brothers, families and friends virtually participated in the Memorial Service.

The service was conducted by Chaplain, Brother Bishop Troy Anthony Bonner, PhD, KRS Brother, Carlos Pilot, and Brother Basileus, David M. White Sr. Dr. Bronner provided a profound word on Christian manhood followed by reflections from selected brothers. Immediately following the service, brothers were served box lunches. Special thanks to Dr. Bronner, Brother Larry Donalson, Kyle Mann, Dr. Rick Fleming and the entire Elim Christian Fellowship staff for their outstanding hospitality.

Phi Omega Receives YMCA's Social Responsibility Award



Phi Omega Brothers receive Social Responsibility Award at YMCA

Buffalo, NY. March 19, 2021. Phi Omega Chapter was recognized by the William-Emslie YMCA, located at 585 William Street Buffalo, NY, for leadership and dedication to the Buffalo community. The William-Emslie YMCA provides child care, support to the elderly and daily recreational activities for both children and adults. Danielle Roberts, Executive Director, highlighted Phi Omega's unique connection going back to the leadership of the late Bro. Archie L. Hunter (Phi Epsilon, 1949) who was one of the founding board members of the

William-Emslie YMCA. Bro. Hunter was instrumental in developing the capital campaign, which eventually helped provide funds for the current building.

Brothers David M. White, Sr. (Basileus) and Daren R. Thomas (Immediate-Past Basileus) attended the event. Brother White provided remarks and look forward to continuing a collegial partnership with the William-Emslie YWCA.

Phi Omega Host Sex Trafficking and Intimate Partner Violence Workshop

Buffalo, NY. February 13, 2021. Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter virtually hosted a sex trafficking and intimate partner violence workshop. The panel featured the Honorable Amy Martoche, Dr. Noelle M. St. Vil and Kelly Diane Galloway.

Judge Martoche is currently a member of the State Supreme Court in the Eight Judicial District of Western New York. She previously served eight years in the Buffalo City Court, where she presided over the state's first Human Trafficking Intervention HUB Court and the statewide Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking.

Dr. St. Vil is an assistant professor at the University at Buffalo social work department. She is a graduate of Howard University with specialization in Black male-female relationships, including the impact of structural racism on intimate partner violence.

Kelly D. Galloway is a modern day abolitionist. She has fought to eradicate human trafficking internationally, nationally and within Western New York. Ms. Galloway is the founder of Project Mona's House where rescued women are encouraged and empowered to regain their wholeness through a 12-month program.

Participants from the workshop were provided with human trafficking data and the effects on women. Bro. Kyle Mann (Phi Omega, 2011), Vice Basileus, stated "the program provided common types of human trafficking, helped to identify signs of human trafficking and identified multiple approaches to report as well as support victims of human trafficking." The program was co-sponsored by Project Mona's House and the Western District of New York Human Trafficking Task Force. The moderators were the Honorable Bro. Phillip Dabney, Associate Buffalo City Court Judge, and Bro. Anthony Sheppard.

**Sex Trafficking
and
Intimate Partner Violence Workshop**

Saturday, February 13, 2021

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

To Register Visit:
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Panelist Include:

Hon. Amy Martoche, SCJ, Dr. Noelle St. Vil and Kelly Galloway

Moderator: Hon. Phillip Dabney, Jr., Buffalo City Court Judge

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Phi Omega Supports Project Mona’s House



Phi Omega Brothers deliver non perishable goods to Mona’s House

Buffalo, NY. March 27, 2021. Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter provided paper products, toiletry and cleaning items to Project Mona’s House (852 Kensington Ave Buffalo, NY 14215) to support survivors and overcomers of human trafficking. Project Mona’s House is a program of Ramp Global Missions, a Christian humanitarian organization that helps those experiencing homelessness, orphaned, and those exploited through human traffick-

ing. Project Mona’s House exists to shed light on the terrible crime of human trafficking, restore those who have been victimized, and prevent it from happening again through education, legislation and community outreach. Phi Omega Chapter is proud to support Project Mona’s House and serve as an active partner in eradicating human trafficking.

Phi Omega Wives and Sweetheart Home Edition

Buffalo, NY. February 13, 2021. Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter held their annual Wives and Sweetheart Valentine celebration virtually. The event consisted of Brothers cooking at home with their wives or significant others, while fellowshipping via videoconferencing. Chef Elle of Ravelle Culinary Creations, LLC was retained. She created a three course meal including jerk shrimp salad, steak roulette and peach galette. Participating couples purchased their ingredients and received souvenir bags, his and her aprons, Quette pins, chocolate and roses prior to the day of the event.

As part of the Wives and Sweetheart Home Edition, widows were provided with prepared meals from Chef Elle on Sunday, February 14th. Brothers delivered meals, chocolates, plants and cards from the Chapter. The Wives and Sweetheart celebration was held to acknowledge the contributions of our wives and significant others as well as widows. Special thanks to Brothers Chijioke Okoro, Raynardo Shedrick and committee members.



Phi Omega Celebrates the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Buffalo, NY. January 17, 2021. Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter co-sponsored the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Speaker Series with the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier. This year’s presenter was Dr. Yohuru Williams, Founding Director of the New Racial Justice Initiative at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Williams is the author, editor or co-editor of numerous books including Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights Black Power and Black Panthers in New Haven; Teaching U.S. History Beyond the Textbook; The Black Panthers: Portraits from an Unfinished Revolution; Rethinking the Black Freedom Movement and Liberated Terri-

tory: Untold Local Perspectives on the Black Panther Party. He presented a passionate virtual lecture addressing current concerns. According to Dr. Williams, “the problem today is Black people have been struggling with democracy, while other groups are struggling with ways to exclude Blacks from engaging fully in democracy.” Additionally Dr. Williams stated “In 2021 on this Martin Luther King Day, we would do a disservice to the man, to the leader, to this spiritual shaman that he was, by talking about the dream without talking about the challenge he posed for us as individuals and us as American society and culture.”

Phi Omega Host Virtual Talent Hunt Program

Buffalo, NY. February 21, 2021. The Reynold N. Scott Memorial Talent Hunt competition was virtually held. Ten talented young musicians in the categories of classical instrumental, classical vocal, contemporary instrumental and contemporary vocal participated in the competition. The contestants represented a broad demographic of districts ranging from urban to suburban schools. Each performer was well prepared and represented themselves professionally and artistically.

The panel of judges consisted of Janet Barnes (Educator, Administrator, and Musician), Dr. Mark Filsinger (Associate Professor of Music SUNY Buffalo State and Professional Musician), and Mrs. Teryle Watson (Professional Musician and Educator). Selecting winners from this remarkable group of contestants was an arduous task; however, our qualified adjudicators made excellent selections. Three finalists included William Oh (1st place) classical instrumental, Canisius High School; Emma Wade (2nd place) classical vocal, Hamburg High School and Nathan Napier (3rd place) contemporary vocal, Amherst High School. The finalists received \$300.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00 cash prizes respectively. William Oh is scheduled to represent Phi Omega Chapter at the 73rd Second District Conference.

The Talent Hunt is name in honor of the late Brother Reynold N. Scott, who helped organized the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts (Buffalo City School District). Bro. Scott began playing the saxophone with his peer, Grover Washington, at the legendary East High in Buffalo, NY. Upon graduation, he earned a music degree from Morgan College now Morgan State University, in Baltimore, MD, where he was a member of the marching band. Bro. Scott also earned a master's degree in music education at City University of New York's Lehman College in the Bronx, NY and studied composition there with John Corigliano. He composed "Ode to the Niagara Movement" for the civil rights group's 90th annual conference and "Ode to the Buffalo River" for the Erie Canal Initiative of Western New York.

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TALENT HUNT 2021
 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 9-12 GRADES

CATEGORIES

- * Music: Vocal or Instrumental - Gospel, Jazz, Classical or Semi-Classical: (i.e. Broadway Musical Production or Movie Score) (A printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze. No top 40 unless it meets the criteria listed for Semi-Classical. No Hip-Hop or Rap.)
- * Dance (Interpretive Movement to Music): Ballet, Modern or Tap.
- * Dramatic Interp (Speech): Poetry, Orations, Monologue, etc. (Printed script should be provided for each judge to analyze.)
- * Visual Art: Sculpture, Photography, Drawing or Painting. (3 to 5 pieces for judging)

VIRTUAL

Video submission are due
 Sunday, February 7, 2021

The Virtual Talent Hunt will be held
 Sunday, February 21, 2021

For video submission guidelines, contestant application, or more information contact:

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Pi Omega Memorial Service

Baltimore, MD. April 10, 2021. Pi Omega Chapter conducted its Annual Memorial Service on Saturday April 10, 2021. The service was held in a virtual format because of COVID restrictions.

Pi Omega took advantage of the remote environment to use recorded music. The program opened with a rendition of "Precious Lord" sung by Kelly Price. This connected the Memorial Service to those brothers who the chapter was not able to hold Omega Services for because of COVID. A recording of "God of Our Fathers" was played by The Kampala Central Church Choir, and the Ottawa Overbrook Community Center Choir performed "Blessed Be the Tide That Binds".

Bro. John Berkley welcomed those online to the service. He gave a brief history of the Memorial Service and how long Pi Omega Chapter has been performing them. He extended greetings to the families of brothers who had entered Omega Chapter and reminded them they are always a part of Pi Omega Chapter and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega Basileus Bro. Brian Foster presided over the Memorial Service. Bro. Donte' Brown led the brothers through the program and responses.

During the service Bro. Brown provided some words of encouragement and reflection for the brothers. Bro. Brown spoke about the "Value of Brotherhood". He spoke of the changes that have taken place

since February of 2020. How we are have to be more mindful of who we come in contact with and where we go. Also, more conscious of relationship with brothers and others. He spoke about the value of brotherhood and how it affects our lives. He asked brothers to ponder if they were being their brother's keeper? Coming from Genesis 4:9-10, Bro. Brown offered three points about what brotherhood involves:

Value of sacrifice: What are you willing to sacrifice for your brother?

Value of trust: How much do you value trust? Do you use brothers for your own gain?

Value of brotherhood: Protects, Prepares, Promotes. We must protect one another, prepare one another, and promote one another.

Brothers memorialized this year were: Bro. James Burk, Bro. Shawn Criswell, Bro. Charles Elliott, Bro. Talmadge Hill, Bro. Keith Holmes, Bro. Bryant Jenkins, Bro. Thomas Kelson, Bro. Karl Knight, Bro. Theodore (Ted) Laster, Bro. Jonathan Malik Mosley, Bro. William Mumby, Bro. Lloyd Stanley Newton, Bro. Randy Thompson, Bro. Joseph Wilkerson, and Bro. Russ Young.

The program ended with the singing of "Omega Dear". Bro. Foster provided parting words to the family. Bro. Brown offered a prayer of comfort before closing the program.

Pi Omega Food Distribution



Pi Omega Brothers loading food products for distribution

Baltimore, MD. February 27, 2021. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter, in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, provided food for Corridor 1 chapters at Matthew Henson Elementary School in Baltimore, Maryland.

In partnership with Pi Omega, the Brothers of Iota Phi Theta used their vehicles to pick-up food boxes to distribute in their local neighborhoods. Pi Omega brothers greeted families as they arrived and each

driver waited patiently in their cars until the food distribution began. Food items included fresh produce such as carrots, potatoes, onions, cabbage, and fresh fruit. Snacks, juice, and water were also provided. We were able to distribute all of the food by word of mouth. “In spite of the rain, this has been a good morning of fellowship while also supporting the community” said Brother Craig Owens.



Pi Omega Talent Hunt

Baltimore, MD. March 28, 2021. Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its 65th Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O’Neal Talent Hunt Competition on Sunday March 28, 2021. The program was held in a virtual format because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The Talent Hunt demonstration was created in 1945 out of the Fraternity’s Sixth District (North Carolina and South Carolina), and is one of the international projects of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega has participated in this activity for 65 years, and many of our talented high school youths have benefited from this project through all-expenses paid trips, U.S. Savings Bonds, trophies, certificates, print and televised media exposure.

Students from schools in Baltimore City were involved in this year’s competition. The winners were as follows:

Vocal: (1) Micheala Hannah (Baltimore School for the Arts), (2) Josephine Tifase (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute)

Instrumental: (1) Henry Bushnell (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute), (2-Tie) Kei Leigh Mese-Jones (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute),

(2--Tie) Miya Mese-Jones (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute)

Dance: (1) Olu Dixon (Baltimore School for the Arts), (2) Nya Cunningham (Baltimore School for the Arts)

Visual Arts: (1) Janae Young (Baltimore School for the Arts)

Mr. Olu Dixon and Ms. Janae Young will represent Pi Omega Chapter at the Second District Talent Hunt Competition to be held at the 2021 73rd Second District Conference. This year the conference and talent hunt will be held in a virtual format, again because of COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Bro. John Berkley served as the chairperson for the 65th Annual Bro. Kelvin J. O’Neal Talent Hunt. Special thanks were extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for providing the funding for this year’s competition.

Pi Omega Talent Hunt Winners



TALENT HUNT RESULTS – VISUAL ARTS



MS. JANAЕ YOUNG
BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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TALENT HUNT RESULTS – DANCE



FIRST PLACE



MR. OLU DIXON
BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

SECOND PLACE



MS. NYIA CUNNINGHAM
BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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Pi Omega Talent Hunt Winners



TALENT HUNT RESULTS – VOCAL



FIRST PLACE



MS. MICHEALA HANNAH
BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

SECOND PLACE



MS. JOSEPHINE TIFASE
BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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TALENT HUNT RESULTS – INSTRUMENTAL



FIRST PLACE



MR. HENRY BUSHNELL
BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

SECOND PLACE - T



MS. KEI LEIGH MESE-JONES
BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

SECOND PLACE - T



MS. MIYA MESE-JONES
BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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Sigma Beta Beta Delivering Food to Those Most in Need



Sigma Beta Beta Brothers loading prepacked food boxes for delivery

Nassau County, Long Island, NY. February 2021. The Brothers of the Sigma Beta Beta Chapter partnered with the team at Island Harvest on their Harvest to Home initiative. Harvest to Home is a program designed to ensure healthy prepacked food boxes are delivered to homebound individuals, which includes seniors, veterans, and people with compromised immune systems.

On that Friday evening, Brothers met at the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury to organize the food boxes and prepare for delivery. We delivered over 25 boxes of food to residents throughout Nassau County, Long Island. During the deliveries the Brothers were met with much gratitude and warm receptions from those that received the food boxes; many saw us in our colors and send thanks to the Fraternity as a

whole.

A huge thank you to Bro. Chris Contreras, who had the original idea for us to do food box distribution, Bro. Bishop Lionel Harvey, who allowed us to tap into his resources and contacts which helped us to create a relationship on behalf of SBB, and of course, to Island Harvest for the partnership. We want to also give an extremely heartfelt thank you to Lynn Poole for also donating her time allowing us to organize, take a few pictures capturing the event, and successfully conduct the distribution.

We will work to continue our partnership with Island Harvest to ensure these much needed food resources are getting to those most in need.

SBB Cultural Academic and Arts Mentoring Program in Uniondale School District

Uniondale, NY. February 18, 2021. Brothers of the Sigma Beta Beta Chapter received word that they had been approved by the Board of Education of the Uniondale School District in Long Island, New York, to volunteer their time as mentors to sixth-grade boys.

The Brothers of the Sigma Beta Chapter, through a series of virtual meetings and surveying their students, tailored their mentoring conversations to the interests of the young men. Some of the topics discussed by Sigma Beta Beta members with the 6th-grade boys included video gameplay, sports, bullying, how to interact with girls and women, and an introduction to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as well as the rest of the Divine Nine. This introduced a discussion on going to college and college life on campus.

The membership of Sigma Beta Beta gives thanks to the Uniondale Board of Education for providing the opportunity to enter the lives of the boys in this program. It is hoped that this is the beginning of a lengthy, formative, and formal process for both organizations. Most importantly, it is hoped that the young men of the Uniondale community are strengthened by the strong uplift.

It is a most unfortunate fact that in these United States, Black boys continue to die at the hands of law enforcement officials. Most often, these boys are unarmed, their deaths, controversial, to state the very least. Our young men need as much protection as they can get. Omega men mentoring young men is an important part of this protection process. We will continue to do our part.

Tau Pi Mentoring Performance Evaluation



Tau Pi Brothers mentoring to youth

Columbia, MD. March 27, 2021. Tau Pi Chapter’s Mentoring Committee has been mentoring at Guilford Elementary in Columbia Maryland since 1994. The mentoring program is conducted under a Partnership Agreement with Howard County Public School System. Initially, the program consisted of only elementary students but has since grown to include middle and high school students as well. In a continuing effort to improve program quality and effectiveness, Tau Pi Mentoring Committee is implementing a Mentee Performance Evaluation Report.

The Performance Evaluation is being implemented to measure and reward mentees academic performance while serving as a tool to stimulate program participation. The areas being measured are mentee attendance, engagement, mentoring session participation, and academic performance. The criteria to measure academic performance

will consist of report card evaluation relative to grade point averages and honor roll achievement. Also, included in performance evaluation will be mentee academic improvement.

Mentees are to be evaluated immediately after each Saturday mentoring session by mentors only. Mentees and parents will be advised of mentees performance evaluation rating (based upon points earned in each category) at the midpoint of each quarter grading period. Recognition and performance awards will be presented to mentees with the best scores at the Mid-Year Celebration and the end of the year program celebration. Mentees with the highest scores will be awarded a Maryland State 529 Education Fund Account. This account will be established and initially funded by Tau Pi Mentoring Committee members. The Performance Evaluation Report was developed by Tau Pi Mentoring Committee Members lead by Brother Eddie Moat.

Tau Pi Mentoring

Columbia, MD. March 20, 2021. Tau Pi chapter has grown its mentoring program over the last five years to include Middle and High School students. Initially, we only had the resources to accommodate a limited number of Elementary students based on our mentor availability on school days.

In working with school officials, we were able to expand and include mentoring on Saturdays. By now having Saturday sessions, we were able to increase the number of chapter brothers as mentors. Since 2015, we have averaged two to three mentees attend college per year. In 2019, we had our first mentee to graduate from college.

To improve our High School program, we have been very fortunate to be able to acquire professionals to inform and educate our young men. In addition, we brought in their parents to explain the college process; applications, financial aid, merit & need scholarships and online scholarships. They learned how to complete and submit the FAFSA for financial aid. We educated them on such financial terms and reports such as EFC, SAR and Federal Pell Grant. Prior years, we sponsored them on HBCU tours to TN, GA, SC, NC and VA.

With the pandemic this year, we had to resort to a virtual program. Using the breakout features of Zoom meetings, we isolated the 12th graders and provided a paid contractor. With a grant from Tau Pi Foundation, we used a company called Paid4College. It was a three-week strategy planning course with an Outstanding African American female as the instructor. Her emphasis focused on graduating debt-

free, minimize loans, how to manage the Cost of Attendance Worksheet, and rolling up your sleeves to get online scholarships.

Our two 12th graders, Daryl Briggs and Quincy Julien will be graduating from Oakland Mills HS in Columbia, MD. Daryl has been accepted to Towson State University in Maryland. Quincy has been accepted to Tennessee State and Bowie State



Quincy Julien



Daryl Briggs

Tau Pi Black History Expo



Tau Pi Brothers at the Black History Expo

Columbia, MD. February 20, 2021. Maryland Howard County ninth annual Black History Expo was held virtually from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. The theme this year was “The Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity”

The Expo provides educational experiences that foster increased awareness, expanded knowledge and appreciation of African Americans who have made significant contributions to our history, society and culture.

All Divine Nine fraternities and sororities participated along with other notable African American organizations in Howard County. High School students and parents performed singing renditions, spoken

word and jeopardy game competitions.

Since we have been in a virtual environment the past year, panel discussions, visual presentations and games took center stage. This did not take away from our customary setting of organization booths and vendor tables.

The Expo is sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Howard County and the Howard County Public School System.

Howard County Alumnae Delta Sigma Theta soror Murrell Mitchell was the Pan Hellenic coordinator and organizer. She was supported by her husband Bro. Charles R. Mitchell of Tau Pi Chapter.

Tau Pi Food Pantry

Columbia, MD. March 30, 2021. Tau Pi Brothers assembled at the Columbia Baptist Fellowship at Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. Their purpose was to prepare for the distribution of food to feed approximately 100 families.

Tau Pi chapter has a mentoring relationship with three elementary schools in Columbia, MD. They are Guilford, Jeffers Hill and Cradlerock. The Schools and families were notified of the time and location the food would be distributed. The food was available for pick up between the hours of 2:30P to 4P.

This effort is the result of a partnership that the Foundation has with the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services. Bro. Clint Sellers and Bro Dave Charon are the Foundation leaders that are responsible for the coordination and implementation of this much needed community service.

Tau Pi Chapter Social Action Chair, Bakari Khalid, has been designated to oversee the operation. A call was made to chapter brothers to volunteer in this labor-intensive endeavor.

Since the Pandemic of 2020, Tau Pi Chapter has been involved in multiple food programs for the Howard County community. The African American community has truly felt the sting of the adverse effect that the pandemic has on our family’s economics.

Tau Pi Chapter an Unincorporated Affiliate of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Presents:

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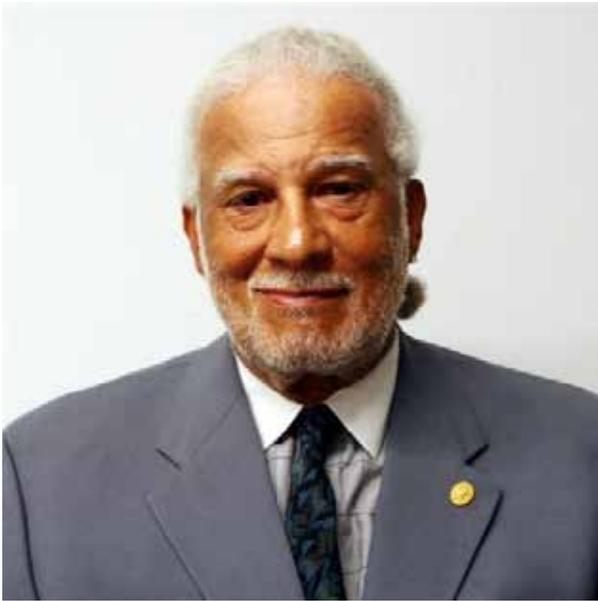
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Tau Pi Celebrates Brother Oliver Jackson



Brother Oliver Jackson

Columbia, MD. March 5, 2021. Bro. Oliver S. Jackson celebrated his 85th birthday. On Saturday, March 6th, his daughter, Tonya a very active Delta Sigma Theta soror in Howard County, MD along with her Tau Pi Chapter Husband Bro. Steve Grice organized a drive by birthday celebration event. Many Tau Pi brothers, Pi Omega brothers plus friends paid tribute to Bro. Jackson. Bro. Jackson was initiated into the Fraternity on September 17, 1960 through Zeta Psi chapter in Brooklyn, NY. Hence, in 2020 he received his 60th Service Award. On April 19, 1975, Tau Pi was chartered as a chapter in Howard County, MD. Bro. Jackson was one of the 30 chartered brothers. He served in two branches of the military. He first served in the Air Force for four years after attending a few years at North Adams State Teachers College. Upon discharged, he enrolled at Morgan State College. He earned a B.S. Degree in History in 1962.

Subsequently, he enlisted in the U. S. Army in October 1962. He was extremely active in enrolling in as many schools to earn promotions. He served in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. Bro. Jackson retired as a Captain in 1972. He started his 22-year career with U.S. Coast Guard as the EEO Officer. In 1975, the Baltimore Orioles honored him with their "Heavy Hitter Award. Over a 5-year period, he brought over 300 disadvantaged children to the games. He eventually retired in 1994.

Omega Widow Instrumental In Tau Pi History



Tau Pi Brothers with Mrs Doris Brown

Columbia, MD. January 22, 2021. Ms. Doris Brown is the widow of Tau Pi Second Basileus Daniel W.C. Brown. He transitioned to Omega Chapter in 2013. Her famous chapter story is that she was instrumental in Howard County starting a chapter. In 1975, she left a note on a vehicle that displayed an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity license plate. The vehicle belonged to Bro. William Wall, II who eventually became the first Basileus of Tau Pi chapter. She and her husband during the formative years of the chapter opened their home to host one of the monthly chapter Executive Meeting. They were known for the serving of their delicious Chili and an abundance of liberation. In 2015, Tau Pi established a committee called "My Brothers 'Keep-

er. Initially, the committee singular focus was to reach out and keep engaged our chapter brothers who were 80 years old and above. As time passed, we saw another important need, to also reach out to our widows. Many couples had been married for many years. They participated in chapter events and activities. A lot of the widows were Tau Pi Quettes.

In this picture, Ms. Brown requested the assistance of the Brothers to bring fire wood from outside her house to her fireplace. The brothers did not procrastinate and were at her house the same day. To the Brothers, this was a minor request. However, to Ms. Brown she will be forever grateful.

Tau Pi Mask Donation

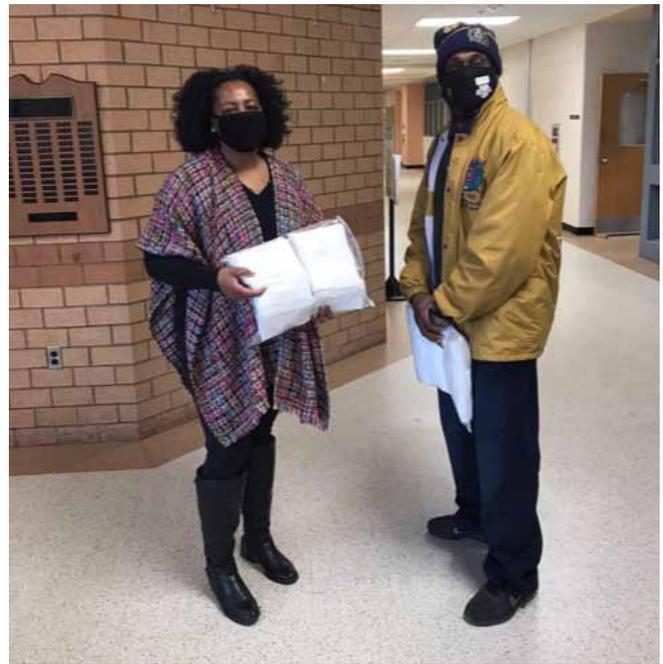
Columbia, MD. March 27, 2021. As a support to Howard County School System during the pandemic, Tau Pi has taken an initiative to procure face masks for students. Basileus Milton Darby, Sr. through networking was able to receive a sizable shipment of 3 ply disposable face masks from Ford Motor Company.

In April 2021, Howard County made a decision to reopen schools using a hybrid plan. Parents were given a choice to have their kids continue virtual learning or physically attend school. Over 48% selected to return for in person learning.

Howard County has 77 schools. There are 42 ES, 20 MS, 12 HS and 3 Educational Centers. The school system is highly rank in the state of Maryland and the Country. State tests resulted in 55% are proficient in reading and 59% in math.

Bro. Shawn Lamb, Tau Pi 06, as part of our Social Action Committee has spearheaded a subgroup of brothers that focus on Community Service Initiatives. Their deployment plan for mask distribution is to start with the middle schools. They will follow up next with the Elementary Schools and conclude with the High Schools.

In the picture, Bro. Lamb is working with Principal Lynnette N. Moore of Mount View Middle School. The school is located in the western part of Howard County and has a student population of a little over 800. Bro. Lamb's role is to contact the school principals and explain the chapter's mission. If receptive, 500 face masks will be delivered to the school.



Principal Lynnette Moore accepts Mask Donation from Brother Shawn Lamb

Tau Pi Talent Hunt



Micah Wilson



Joy Foster

Columbia, MD. March 31, 2021. Tau Pi held its virtual Talent Hunt. The categories were vocal, dance, visual arts, instrumental and speech. Our first-place winner for Vocal Solo was Micah Wilson. Micah is a 16-year-old homeschool student. He likes to play video games, sing, play guitar and hang out with friends and family. Music is a big part of his life. God is the biggest part of his life. He has been singing since a young age. It is one of his favorite things to do. In the future, he would love to have a career that involves music, specifically singing.

Our first-place winner for Visual Artist was Joy Foster. Joy is a senior at 'Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, MD. She is a member of the National Honor Society; National Technical Honor Society; Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society; Scholars Leadership Program (Delt Scholars). In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, painting, drawing and connecting with friends on social media. In the fall, she

will be attending an HBCU, Virginia State University on a Volleyball Scholarship.

This year, our chairpersons were Bro. Dr. Clinton Harris, Bro. Mark Sykes and Bro. Vernon Curry. Committee members were Bro. Joe Brown, Bro. Alonzo Muir, Bro. Courtesy Whitehead and Bro. Richard McClendon. Bro. McClendon wife Lakeisha participated with committee members as judges.

For the last two years due to the pandemic, the challenge to get participants has been very difficult. In 2018, we had 20 participants and in 2019, we had 17 participants. However, in 2020, we only had 7 participants and this year we had only 6 participants. In spite of this decreased in participants, we continue to award the same amount of prize money. With the District Conference being virtual these last two years, we did not have to pay travel expenses for our winners.

Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt



Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt Winner JeLan Harwell

Waldorf, MD. March 20, 2021. After unfortunately being cancelled last year due to the global COVID pandemic that started just, Tau Lambda Lambda hosted its Annual Talent Hunt competition virtually this year.

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

included: vocal, dance, instrumental

JeLan Harwell, a talented guitar player and graduating senior at student at Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine, MD placed first in the competition. Jones, 17, received a \$500 cash award. JeLan’s first place finish will allow him to go on and compete at the 2nd District Conference.

When speaking about the Talent Hunt, Chairman Bro. Gareth Taylor had this to say “the participants showed great enthusiasm and did a remarkable job. This Virtual Talent Hunt will go down as one of our best shows.”

Tau Lambda Lambda CIAA Raffle

Waldorf, MD. February 5, 2021. The Brothers of the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Scholarship raffle virtually.

Each year, TLL host a CIAA scholarship Raffle to raise funds to provide a \$1000.00 scholarship to college bound seniors in southern Maryland. This year, Brother Kevin Turner CIAA raffle Chairman stated that “he was overjoyed that this year’s endeavor raised close to \$30,000 to assist our kids. Brother Winston Lewis, 76-Beta Eta, was the leading ticket seller with 3,347 tickets sold.

The scholarship raffle winners this year were:

1st Place - Richie Harris (Ticket sold by Brother Rodney Eggleston)

2nd Place - Jean Treat (Ticket sold by Brother Devonte Hall)

3rd Place - Trevoi Crump (Ticket sold by Brother Derek Henderson)

The CIAA raffle is Tau Lambda Lambda’s biggest fund-raiser for our scholarship program. Since it’s beginning, the raffle has allowed the TLL to award more than \$150,000 in scholarships to high school students in the tri-county area of Charles, St. Mary’s, and Calvert County with the hope that those scholarships help students and their families offset college expenses.

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda’s programs and activities, please visit www.southernmdques.org.



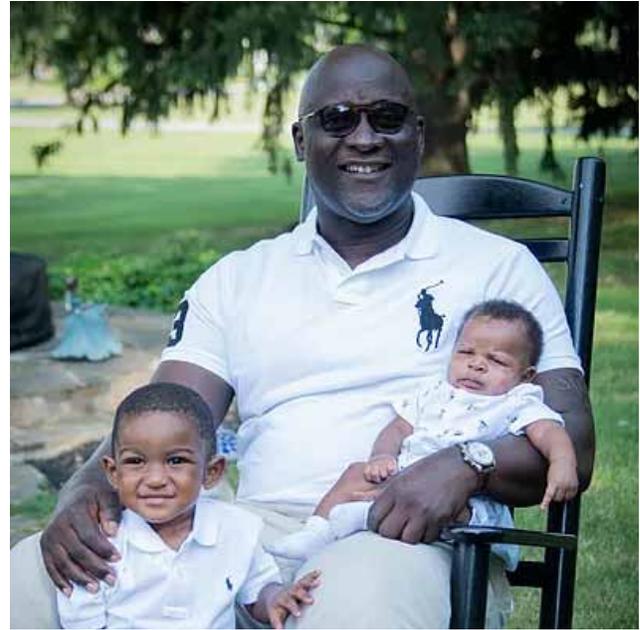
Next Level Omega Men - Brother Rev. Dr. Terris King

Baltimore, MD. Reverend Dr. Terris A. King currently serves as Chair of Family League of Baltimore City Board of Directors. Family League of Baltimore (Family League) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, it has served as an architect of change in Baltimore by promoting data-driven, collaborative initiatives and aligning resources to create lasting outcomes for children, families and communities. He is President of King Enterprise, serving as a consultant to several of the fastest growing small businesses and providing ongoing strategic guidance to Healthcare Technology companies serving the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A member of Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore City, Dr. King has served as Pastor of Liberty Grace Church of God for the past 30 years.

Dr. King formerly served the federal government for over 30 years, holding three different executive positions for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). His tenure included six years as Deputy Director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (OCSQ). His service culminated with his role as Deputy Chief Information Officer where he was responsible for information technology for the entire agency. With a budget of approximately \$650 billion dollars and serving over 90 billion Medicare beneficiaries, Terris was part of the leadership that influenced the direction of the health care system in America.

Initiated into Omega Psi Phi through Iota Epsilon Chapter at Towson State University in 1980; Rev. Dr. King also leads a coalition of pastors, representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland, health advocates, city health department leaders, and small business owners (e.g., barbershops) to raise awareness about the importance of getting a COVID-19 and flu vaccine. In addition, he sits on the board of the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF) to help develop a COVID-19 and flu vaccination strategy.

Scholastically, Brother Rev. Dr. King attended Towson State University where he played football and graduated with a B.S. degree in Mass Communication in 1984. He attended St. Mary's Seminary



Rev. Dr. Terris King with grandsons Christopher and Chase

in 1989, and in 1997, he attended Johns Hopkins University where he received his Master's Degree in Applied Behavioral Science. He received a Senior Executive Fellowship from Harvard University in 1999. He received his Doctorate in Divinity from Saint Thomas College in 2012. He earned a Science Doctorate from Towson University in Occupational Therapy in 2019.

He is married to the former Catherine Laverne Chase. Through their union, they have two children: Terris King II and Minister Miya King, and has two grandsons Christopher and Chase.

His favorite scripture is Psalm 37:23 (NIV): "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighted in his way."

Rev. Dr. Terris King is a member of Pi Omega Chapter.

Tau Lambda Lambda Spring Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Waldorf, MD. March 13, 2021. Almost 30 brothers from 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 re-

duce 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 two dozen garbage bags from along the roadside.

Residents and students are invited to participate and acquire mandated volunteer hours with TLL members while serving their community.

Tau Lambda Lambda Quarter One Weight Loss Challenge

Waldorf, MD. January 2021. 20 brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda, ranging in age from their 30s to their 60s, began a health and fitness journey.

The 20 brothers were divided into 5 randomly generated teams. Brothers contributed financially to create a money pot to reward the team that loss the most weight, in pounds, from January 5 until March 5.

Through social media brothers shared workouts, nutritional information, uplift, motivation, and plenty of jokes.

At the end of the weight loss challenge, the 20 brothers loss a com-

bined 220.2 lbs, an average of 11 lbs per brother.

Congratulations to the winning team:

Chris Spencer

John Collier

David Clark

Quintrell Becton

While losing the pounds and improving their health, the brothers added years and quality to their lives.

Theta Mu Mu Food Giveaway Social Action



Theta Mu Mu Brothers with food boxes to be given to needy families

Randallstown, MD. March 13, 2021. The Social Action Committee of (Theta Mu Mu Chapter hosted a contactless Free Food and Produce Give Away on Saturday, March 13th, 2021 at the Randallstown Library in Baltimore County.

Providing food resources to our Baltimore County Community during the COVID-19 pandemic for those families in need. We partnered with the MD. Foodbank to serve over 400 Families in the Randallstown Community with the total participation of 30 Brothers.

Like Father, Like Son...Father and Son Basilei



Theta Mu Mu Basileus David Patterson, Jr. with son, Omicron Gamma Basileus David Patterson, III.

Baltimore, MD. April 17, 2021. A historic event took place that connected both the Second and Third Districts. For the first time in the Second and Third Districts recent modern history, we have a father and son serving as Basilei during the same tenure. Brother David H. Patterson Jr serves as the Basileus for Theta Mu Mu chapter in Baltimore County and now his son Brother David H. Patterson III was elected to serve as Basileus of Omicron Gamma Chapter at the University of the District of Columbia. Brother David H. Patterson III, a legacy was initiated into the fraternity. After subsequent undergraduate chapter elections were conducted, he was elected Basileus, thus creating a historic father and son Basilei combination serving simultaneously. This is a historic time for the fraternity as a true legacy morphs from dad and son Basilei, who are cut from the same cloth.

Brother David H. Patterson Jr is a 31 year active and financial life member of the fraternity who was initiated at Coppin State University in the Spring of 1990. Brother Patterson Jr. is the current sitting Basileus for Theta Mu Mu chapter in Baltimore County. He was a Charter

member for the TMM chapter which was chartered in 2008. He is also a four time Basileus who served the Fraternity in five Districts and 11 Chapters throughout his fraternal career. His accomplishments are numerous and include but are not limited too, the distinct title of Omega Man of the Year in two different Districts, Basileus of the Year and 5 time COL Charles Young award recipient. He has worked on committees at all levels of the Fraternity in some capacity.

“It was proud and glorious day for the Patterson family. This was 31 years in the making and I am extremely proud of my son and all he will give to Omega.”

Brother David H. Patterson III is the current sitting Basileus for Omicron Gamma chapter at UDC. He is a Criminal Justice undergraduate student with a projected graduation date of May 2022. He plans to pursue a career in law enforcement upon graduation.

Brother Patterson III states that “I am honored to be part of this great Fraternity and I look forward to putting in the work required to make a difference. I will be the difference. “

Iota Phi New Fraternity House & Golf Tournament



REGISTRATION DEADLINE \$100.00 THROUGH MAY 10, 2021

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What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



Mentoring In The Mist Of Crisis

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 will be a day that will go down in history as a dark day in our country. It will be a day our generation will remember forever, a “date that will live in infamy.” We witnessed the anti-democratic behavior in our nation’s capital incited and encouraged by the 45th President of the United States of America.

The violence caught on camera and the racist angry chants continue to be disturbing for our young people and our society at large. As many witnessed the events unfold, like you, my heart was trouble, and my emotions were moved to disbelief. It was like watching scenes from a movie showing a violent mob of Trump supporters attacking the sacred Capitol building that represents American Democracy. There was not anyone wearing masks in this COVID-19 pandemic. There was not any police officers standing in mass wearing riot gear armed with weapons; no rubber bullets, no tear gas or smoke. There was no show of force that we saw in the 2020 summer during the peaceful protest of Black Lives Matter. There was clearly a stark contrast to how police responded to peaceful protest and what we witnessed on Wednesday, January 6th from an all-white violatate mob.

In this moment as reality sets in we as parents, educators, coaches, and mentors, especially our Dads must help our students “process” what they have seen, heard or witnessed to help them navigate their feeling of uncertainty. The take-aways for our community: we must stay focused and engaged with creating positive pathways that strengthen the quality of life for all families. Equally is important to prepare our youth to stand up, use their collective voices to speak up and to make “good choices”. We can count on our youth to make this world a better place for all Americans. This is a time for our community and next generation of future leaders to write our own script by working together to make the following a top priority.

- Your Vote Matters – There is no question that your vote counts. You must VOTE in every election; every time and hold your local Legislators accountable.
- Pursue a “quality education” to take care of yourself

and your family or acquire work force ready skills for this evolving new economy.

- Be creative and innovative in using this moment wisely - STOP the 6 hours BINGE WATCHING
- Create economical pathways, start new businesses, develop new products, such as candles, tea Bags, perfume, development Apps, create new digital gaming
- Support Black and Brown Businesses and institutions

When I look through my spiritual lens and reflect over events that have shaped my life, I clearly see God’s movement in setting the atmosphere for change knowing that all things work together for His good and purpose. He has hit the reset button, working on the heart and minds of people, and his children. When you get down to the Heart of the Matter – The Heart is what matters to God!

As stated on the Omega morning prayer call, our beloved Fraternity has been chosen by God to provide leadership in communities. Brother Grand stated that we are the gold standard that people look to make a difference in their lives.

As mentors, we can assist our communities in navigating the social, educational, financial, political and psychological challenges we are facing today to ensure a better future for us all. Brothers know that I personally thank you for all you do to make a difference in your community and for making Omega shine!

MENTORING MATTERS – MORE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE!



*Donald Williams II
2nd District Chairman,
Fatherhood Initiative
and Mentoring Committee*

Iota Nu and Pi Epsilon Memorialize Brother Russell Stansbury



Pi Epsilon and Iota Nu Brothers at the Brother Russell Dubois Stansbury Omega Service

Harford County Md. May 3, 2021. Brothers of Iota Nu, Pi Epsilon and Pi Epsilon Alumni held an Omega Service for Brother Russell Dubois Stansbury at BelAir Memorial Garden Cemetery in BelAir, MD.. Brother Stansbury was last living Charter Member of the Pi Epsilon Chapter, initiated at Maryland State College (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore), Princess Anne, MD. He was inducted into the Fraternity on May 3, 1947. He was also a Charter Member of Iota Nu Chapter Aberdeen, MD, which received its Charter on January 28, 1970. He served two terms as Basileus of Iota Nu Chapter and the recipient of many chapter awards. Brothers chose to conduct the Stansbury Omega Service on the date of the founding of Pi Epsilon. Iota Nu Basileus. Brother Aurelio Burton officiated the Omega Service allowing Brothers from Pi Epsilon and Pi Epsilon Alumni to partici-

pate reading the Chaplains and KRS parts of the Omega Service. At the end of the Omega Service Brother Al Cornish challenged to Brothers in attendance to live the Cardinal Principles as Brother Stansbury had lived in his life. Brother Eric “Moby” Brown presented Pi Epsilon Chapter and its Alumni with a copy of the Pi Epsilon Chapter Charter. A copy of the actual charter could not be located at IHQ due to the death of Brother Don Lee, History and Archives Chair and COVID19 restrictions, however the Grand Basileus produced and signed the copy and shipped it to Brother Brown for presentation to the chapter for this momentous event. After the Stansbury Omega Service, Pi Epsilon Brothers held a repast at 501 Johnnys Restaurant in Bel Air, MD., great fellowship was experienced by all. Pi Epsilon Brothers of every decade from the 60’s to the present were in attendance.



Brother Eric “Moby” Brown presents the Pi Epsilon Charter



Brother Al Cornish addresses the Brotherhood

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Brother Russell Dubois Stansbury - Omega Chapter



Brother Russell Dubois Stansbury



Brother Russell Dubois Stansbury, born December 3, 1924, transitioned to Omega Chapter on February 26, 2021. He was the last living Charter Member of the Pi Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Maryland State College (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore), Princess Anne, MD. He was inducted into the Fraternity on May 3, 1947. He was also a Charter Member of Iota Nu Chapter Aberdeen, MD, which received its Charter on January 28, 1970. He served two terms as Basileus of Iota Nu Chapter and the recipient of many chapter awards. The Omega shields made by him are still displayed by many chapters.

Receiving his elementary and secondary high school education at Havre de Grace Colored School, Brother Stansbury graduated in 1943, during WWII. He earned the B.S. degree in Education at Maryland State College in 1947 and a Master of Arts degree from New

York University in 1956. He completed additional studies at West Virginia State College and North Carolina A&T University.

Professionally, he returned to the site of his public-school education as its first industrial arts teacher. Brother Stansbury wrote the entire curriculum and purchased all the necessary shop equipment. Additionally, he was the track and basketball coach. Two of his students in athletics were Earl Christy of the New York Jets Super Bowl Champions and baseball's ironman Cal Ripken.

Brother Stansbury spent his entire thirty-nine-year professional career as a teacher in Harford County, Maryland as follows: Havre de Grace Colored High School (1947-1954); Havre de Grace Consolidated School (1954-1964); Aberdeen Junior High School (1964-1974); Aberdeen Middle School (1974-1985) and Fallston High School (1987-1988).

His advocacy for social change was exemplified by affiliations and memberships in many civic positions and organizations. Brother Stansbury was a lifetime member of the NAACP and held memberships on the Board of Directors of the North Central Maryland Lung Association, Harford County School Board Permanent Nominating Caucus, Harford County Democratic Central Committee, Harford County Board of Elections and served two terms as Harford County Board of Elections President.

His awards and recognitions were many. In 2007 a scholarship and Hazel Hall Lobby at UMES was named and dedicated in honor of Brother Stansbury at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, respectively. He was named a Harford Living Treasure in 2002 and inducted into the Harford County Education Hall of Fame in 2004.

Brother Stansbury was married to the late Mildred Gore Stansbury for fifty-one years at the time of her departure from life in July 1999. Together they enjoyed running a small grocery/candy store in Havre de Grace. He also enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening. For many years Russell and his wife hosted the annual family Fourth of July celebration. He has been a member of St. James AME Church in Havre de Grace since 1941.

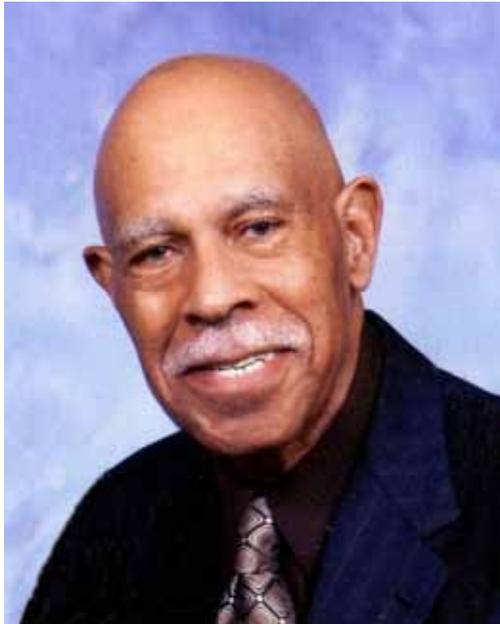


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Brother Robert L. Hylton - Omega Chapter



Brother Dr. Robert L. Hylton

Brother Dr. Robert Lawrence Hylton, Sr., 90, of Westbury, LI, NY, passed away on March 9, 2021, after complications from sustaining a head injury from a fall. He was born and raised in Roanoke, Virginia where he completed his early education. He attended Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Dr. Hylton crossed the burning sands on the Charter line of Eta Gamma Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1952 and served as Keeper of Records & Seals. He had an early interest in the fraternity because his dentist in Roanoke was Dr. Harry T. Penn, a former Grand Basileus of the fraternity. Dr. Hylton graduated from Central State in 1954 with a major in Psychology. He did graduate work in Guidance at Columbia University and received his M.A. degree in Clinical Psychology and a Ph.D. in Professional Child Psychology from St. John's University. Dr. Hylton also did some post graduate studies at the William Allison White Institute for Psychotherapy.

Brother Hylton worked professionally for the New York City school system for a total of 32 years, first as an attendance teacher and then as a school psychologist. Later, he served as Director of Counseling

& Career Planning at the State University of New York at Old Westbury. As a Consultant Psychologist for the following organizations: Parents-In-Action, Nassau County Department of Drugs & Alcohol, South Jamaica Center for Children & Parents and Abundant Life, he also maintained a private psychotherapy practice for a number of years.

Brother Hylton was been very active in various organizations, including several youth programs. He served as a board member of the North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center and the National Central State University Alumni Club. He is a past president of the Central State University Alumni Club. He was elected to Central State University's Achievement Hall of Fame. Most recently, he served as the Board Chairman of A-1 Universal Care, Inc. for twenty years and is currently the Board's Vice Chairman. He also currently serves on the board of AAGS Genealogy and the Genealogy Federation. Dr. Hylton was an Advisor for the Long Island Branch of the National Urban League.

Brother Hylton was been honored by North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center, the NAACP, the former Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta, and the Central State University Alumni Club. He received President Barack Obama's Volunteer Service Award in 2011. During his 67 years of membership in the fraternity, Brother Hylton has been a member of Eta Gamma Chapter, Nu Omicron Chapter, Epsilon Chapter, Iota Xi Chapter, Chi Rho Chapter and is a charter member of Sigma Beta Beta Chapter. In his over thirty years in Sigma Beta Beta Chapter, Brother Hylton has served as Basileus, Vice Basileus, KRS, and Parliamentarian. He also chaired a number of committees and was very active in voting registration programs and fund raising activities.

He received the Second District Reclamation Service Award, served as Deputy Corridor Representative for four years in Corridor V and was selected as a Founder-Stand-In for Brother Just at the 55th Second District Conference. Brother Hylton received his 60 year Service Pin at the 78th Grand Conclave in 2012. He was also selected as Frater of The Year by the Nassau and Suffolk Pan Hellenic Council. Brother Hylton retired from 28 years of senior track & field activities during which time he was New York State and the National Race Walking champion. His other activities include bowling, astronomy and genealogy. Brother Hylton is married to Dr. Irene Betty Hylton, a retired educator. They have three adult children and three adult grandchildren.

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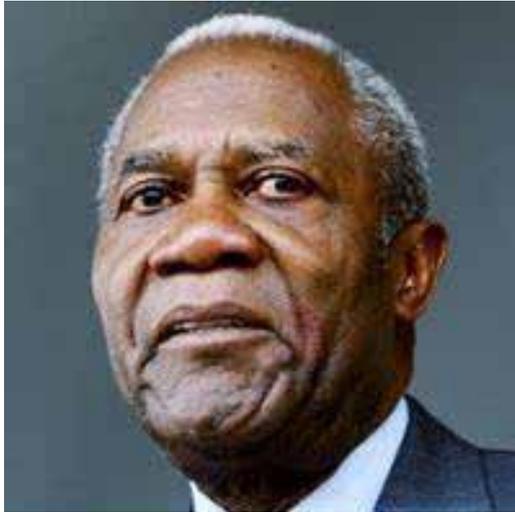
When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls

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Brother Archie Spigner - Omega Chapter



Brother Archie Spigner

Brother Archie Spigner entered Omega Chapter on October 29, 2020. He was initiated in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Nu Omicron Chapter on December 5th, 1984. Brother Spigner was born on August 27th, 1928 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He moved with his family to Harlem and attended Needle Trades High School. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the College of the City University of New York. Bro. Spigner was a member of A. Phillip Randolph’s Negro American Labor Council fighting for Economic Justice for minorities and helped to devel-

op “The March on Washington”. He moved with his family to St. Albans, Queens where he became a member of Local 100, TWU, driving a bus in downtown, Jamaica. He founded the Queens Division of the Negro American League which connected him to his early mentors, Assembly Member Guy R. Brewer and Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Browne. Bro. Spigner eventually became an assistant to the Queens Borough President and when the City Council was expanded, he was elected to represent the 27th District, which stretched from Nassau County to South Ozone Park. He held several leadership positions, such as chairmanship of three council committees: The Legislative Office of Budget Review, Economic Development & Housing & Buildings. He was also the Deputy Majority Leader of the Council and Co-Chair of the Queens Delegation and Co-Leader of the Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club. It was during this time he was bestowed the title “The Godfather” of Southeastern Queens politics and anyone aspiring to seek any major office in New York City had to come through The Godfather and his constituents if they had any chance of winning.

Bro. Spigner many accomplishments and initiatives include, but not limited to the purchase of the Jamaica Water Supply Company, creation of York College, many New Middle and High Schools, Parks, the funding of Senior programs and the new Social Security Building. His legacy and commitment were highlighted when the Honorable Congressman Gregory Meeks designated the Saint Albans Post Office to the “Archie Spigner Post Office”.

Bro. Spigner is survived by his wife Democratic District Leader, the Honorable Leslie Spigner, one son, Philip, grandson, Jerome Robeson two great granddaughters, Ajee and Channaya and two stepsons, Preston and Michael. He and the late Christine Spigner as had one son, Archie Spigner Jr. (deceased).

Brother Dr. Jeremiah C. Gaffney - Omega Chapter



Brother Dr. Jeremiah C. Gaffney III

Brother Dr. Jeremiah C. Gaffney III entered Omega Chapter on May 6th, 2020. He was initiated in the Fraternity through the Nu Omicron Chapter on January 6th, 1979. Brother Gaffney was born May 12, 1954 and spent most of his childhood in St. Albans, Queens. He graduated from Martin Luther High School in Maspeth Queens. He earned a degree in biochemistry at the renowned historically black college Morehouse in Atlanta 1977 and attained a doctorate in economics from Oxford University.

Bro. Dr. Gaffney was an active and respected member in the Queens Community. Through his career, Dr. Gaffney had a wide range of professional experience, including being a licensed biostatistician and licensed stockbroker. He went on to graduate from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service at New York University. He joined his father in the creation of the Jeremiah C. Gaffney Funeral Home, Inc and began a legacy of service with special affection for the Far Rockaway Queens community. Dr. Gaffney spent his life dedicated to enriching Far Rockaway and surrounding communities through his philanthropic initiatives as well as programs focusing on community, education, and religion.

Brother Gaffney was preceded in death by his loving parents, Jeremiah C. Gaffney Jr. and Dorothea Gaffney, sister Kimberly, and grandmother, Nellie Cummings. He leaves to cherish his memory, four children: one daughter, Jennifer Charlene Gaffney, three sons; Jonathan Chancellor (Kemi), Lawrence Edward and Leonard Edmond Gaffney, and two grandchildren: Jocelyn Charlene and Lawrence Edward Jr.; one sister; May Elizabeth Gaffney-Jones (Jay); one niece; Jazming Jones, and one nephew; Brandon Jones; and dear cousins; Nicole Brown and Dylan.

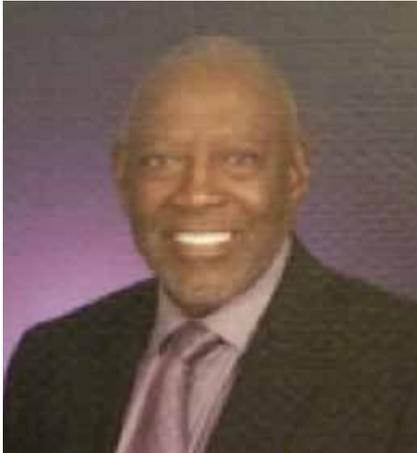
Our dearly departed Bro. Dr. Jeremiah C. Gaffney III will be best remembered as a man who Lived His Creed by serving the people he loved.

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When We Wear the Gloves Manhood.....laid low



Brother Thomas Evans - Omega Chapter



Brother Thomas Evans

Brother Thomas Evans Jr. transitioned to Omega Chapter on February 11, 2021. Initiated on December 9, 1967 with Lambda Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc at Elizabeth City State University. He was number 4 of 14 on his line. Brother Evans was a long serving dedicated and beloved member of Mu Nu Chapter.

Born February 7, 1947 in Portsmouth, VA, he was a 1964 graduate of Central High School in Cross, SC, where as an honor student he excelled in academics as well as athletics resulting in an early graduation one year ahead of his class. His athletic skills in football and track earned him a full football and track scholarship at Elizabeth City State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education and Health. Brother Evans earned a Master of Arts Degree in Education from Western Maryland College in 1977. In 1968, Tom married the former Blannie Futrell. There were two daughters born to this union Wanda

(Shawn) Johnson, Columbia MD and Barbara (Noe) Vasquez, Germantown, MD.

Brother Evans had a long and successful career as an educator in the Montgomery County Maryland Public Schools (MCPS) where he served as an Assistant Principal and Teacher during his career.

During his distinguished career with MCPS, Brother Evans was a role model and mentor to many young students. Additionally, he was known for securing jobs in the community for challenged teens and coordination of a work study program to help satisfy graduation requirements as well as assistance in obtaining government and private sector jobs. Upon retirement from MCPS in 2001, he continued to serve students in the metropolitan area by working as an administrator in the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington DC.

As an entrepreneur, Tom established a thriving company, Evans Tree Service in 1989. He used this business to help mentor and train young men in the community.

Brothers Evans assisted in the formation and ongoing activities of the Maryland Chapter of the Elizabeth City State University Alumni Chapter. Brother Evans was a Charter Member of Herman G. Cook Alumni Association and Life Member of Elizabeth City State University National Alumni Association. Brother Evans served on the Gaithersburg Firebirds Athletic Club Board of Directors and as a coach for decades. He was a faithful member of the Rockville Md. based Mt. Calvary Baptist Church serving in as a member of the Deacon Board, The Spiritual Ensemble, the Mass Choir and the Male Chorus.

Brother Evans was active in many organizations such as the NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) Foundation Board.

Over the years, Brother Evans was recognized for his community contributions: Recipient of the Outstanding Young Man of America Award; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Outstanding Businessman of the Year (2000); and the Community Service Award by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Brother Anthony Severin - Omega Chapter



Brother Anthony Severin

Brother Anthony Severin entered Omega Chapter on February 26, 2021. He was born on September 11, 1974. Brother Severin was initiated in the Spring of 2008 through Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter as the Ace of his three-man line named "Day 226: Last Men Standing". Because of his cool, calm, and laid-back demeanor, he was affectionately known as "Sleepy Brown" by his chapter brothers.

Anthony's work ethic was second-to-none even from his first days as a member of his chapter. He truly lived up the Fraternity's cardinal principals of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift and was a true leader and mentor for younger members of his chapter.

Brother Severin was smart, wise, and well versed in what seemed like all things. He had deep Haitian roots and he proudly displayed them everywhere he went. A graduate of Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, New Jersey, Anthony worked in the field of Education as well as at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, New Jersey for many years.

Anthony was truly a brother that was loved by all the members of Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter but to all who knew him, he was an even better friend.

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Brother Michael Jerod Jackson - Omega Chapter



Brother Michael Jerod Jackson

Brother Michael Jerod Jackson, was born on December 4, 1946 in St. Louis, MO. transitioned to Omega Chapter on February 24, 2021. He attended Catholic School in Pittsburgh, PA. At some point, his family relocated to Omaha, NE where he graduated from Boys Town High School. Upon high school graduation, Bro. Jackson sought to further his academic education at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. While at Drake he was a standout track star on the Drake University track and field team. He received numerous awards and medals. Brother Jackson holds the indoor track record for the 440-yard dash at Drake.

Initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Mu Omicron Chapter on March 5, 1970, Bro. Jackson lived a life that was exemplary of the Fraternity's four cardinal principles; Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. Throughout his 50 years of service to the fraternity, he served in various leadership positions to include Vice

Basileus from 1984-1988, 12th District Keeper of Records and Seal, and 12th District State Representative for Washington and Oregon. Bro. Jackson's leadership and dedication to connect with Brothers was encapsulated in his appointment as the International Prostate Cancer Subcommittee Chairman by the 40th Grand Basileus, Tony Knox in 2014. Prior to his appointment, in 2012 Brother Jackson was selected for one of the highest recognitions the fraternity awards, the International Citizen of the Year!

In addition to his track scholarship to Drake, he was awarded a basketball and track scholarship to attend Iowa Western Community College. However, his first love was golf. This love led Bro. Jackson to volunteer at the Enterprise Golf Course, Upper Marlboro, MD on numerous occasions. Brother Jackson's love of golf and desire to be among the Brothers led him to join the "Que" Golfing Tour - winning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in every tournament he played. He also loved football and basketball and in keeping with the Fraternity's principle of Uplift, Bro. Jackson coached youth teams in these two sports every summer until he was no longer able to physically commit.

Brother Jackson held positions in education/administration for over 45 years, serving in the capacity of principal, vice principal, and teacher in large inner-city schools in Seattle, WA, Cleveland, OH, Philadelphia, PA, Beaufort, SC, and Washington, D.C.

In 2008, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He had to undergo radiation treatment in 2009. After his treatment, he never grumbled about having cancer, he simply prayed for peace; the peace that surpasses all understanding. Bro. Jackson made it clear that God had given him a second (2nd) chance and that he would use it to help other Brothers navigate through their emotional medical journeys and fears dealing with cancer. Brother Jackson took the time to talk with brothers all over the country at chapter meetings, district meetings, and Grand Conclaves regarding life's challenges and hurdles. Brother Jackson served as a keynote speaker at the Fraternity's Centennial Celebration in 2011 in Washington, D.C. Bro. Jackson believed and lived the Fraternity's Moto, "Friendship is Essential to the Soul."



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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	512	Mu Omega	Cherry	Mark
2	512	Mu Omega	Edwards, Sr.	Mark
2	543	Upsilon Phi	Ray III	James
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Longdon	Ashur
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Lee	Thomas
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl
2	958	Eta Mu Nu	Norman III	John H.

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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	206	Rho Zeta	Dobson, Jr	Alfred
2	212	Psi Zeta	Clark	David
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
2	616	Alpha Upsilon	Keston	Frank
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Howard	Lance