

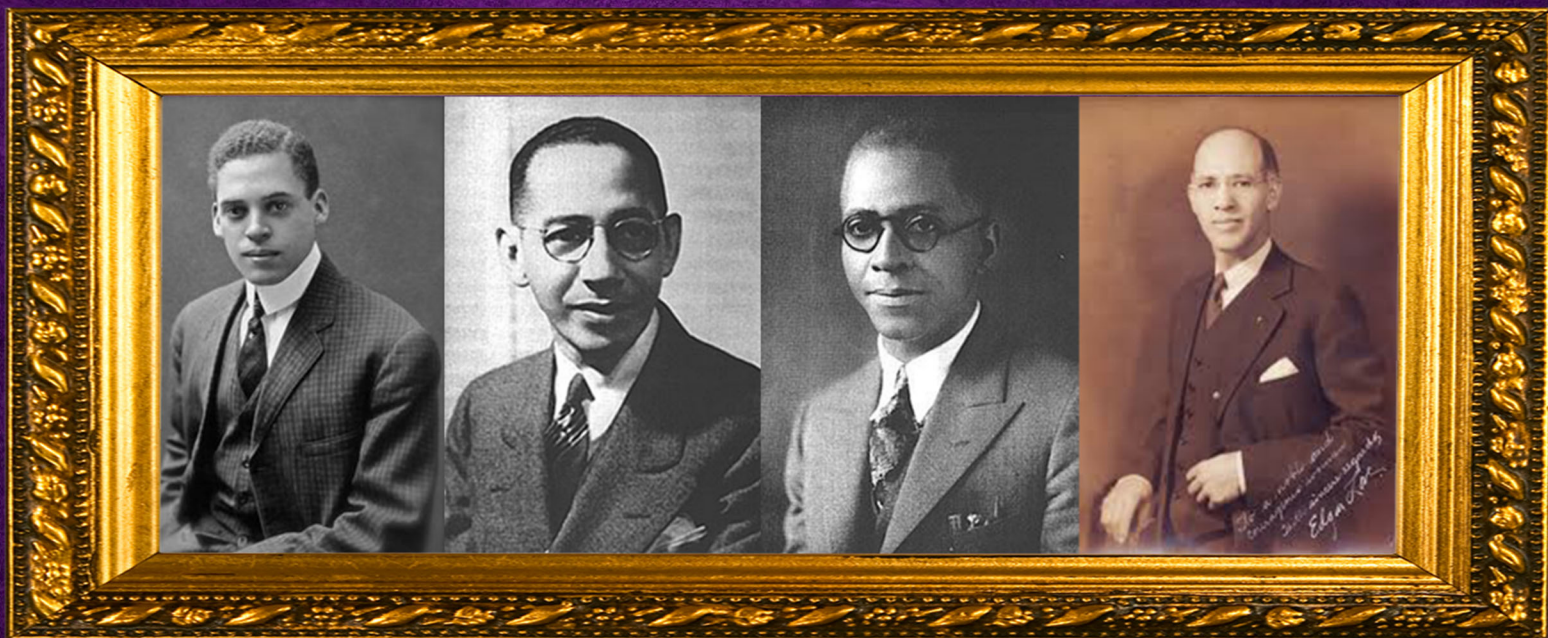
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BASILEUS' CORNER

Greetings Brothers,

I am so excited about our 2nd edition of the Nu Omega Chapter "News For Ques" newsletter! Our chapter is doing great things and we want to apprise our brothers and friends of the programs, stories and projects that are near to our heart. This edition features information ranging from our Mandated Social Action Programs to the steps necessary for Fraternity Life Membership attainment.

I would like to thank Brother Derrick Miller, Chapter Editor, Jonathan Smith and the rest of the Newsletter Committee for coordinating this communication.

Thank you and enjoy!

Fraternally,

Michael B. Carruthers, Ph.D.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings Brothers,

It is my pleasure to serve Nu Omega as the Chapter Editor. In doing so, I present the second edition of the newsletter, "News for Ques".

This edition features a cover picture of our beloved fraternity founders.

In addition, there is a special tribute to Nu Omega Legend,

Brother James Ward Jr. Nu Omega's Legends have demonstrated outstanding service to the fraternity for 60 years or more.

Additionally, the newsletter includes articles on significant events such as chapter memorial services, health initiatives (diabetes), life membership program, SMOFI annual scholarship banquet, and brothers in the news.

Service and Sacrifice,

Brother Derrick Miller Sr.
Nu Omega Editor to the Oracle

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SPOTLIGHT: James "Jim" A. Ward, Jr.

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Jim was born and raised in New York City. He graduated from George Washington High School.

Later, Jim earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. He was also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Adjutant General's Corp. In his freshman year he was a founding member of The Arameans, a group which reinstated the Civic Interest Group that led Morgan students to become pioneers in the Civil Rights Movement. He was Treasurer of the Sophomore Class, Vice President of the Junior Class and President of the Senior Class. Jim was initiated into Omega through Pi Chapter, May 1958, and served as Lampados Club President. He also established the Class of 1959 Endowment Fund for academically qualified/financially needy students at Morgan State University. It is one of the largest scholarship funds at the University.

After college, Jim rose to the rank of Captain in the United States Army, served in the United States and Korea, and was honorably discharged after five years of enlistment. Thereafter, he was employed with Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan in the Management Development Training Program. After 6 years with Ford, he left for a two-year stint as Manager of Production for Holland-Dozier-Holland. He then returned to Ford for another 25 years of service and retired as a Human Resource Manager in 1998. On December 18, 2015, Jim was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Morgan State University as a Morgan State University Student Civil Rights Pioneer.



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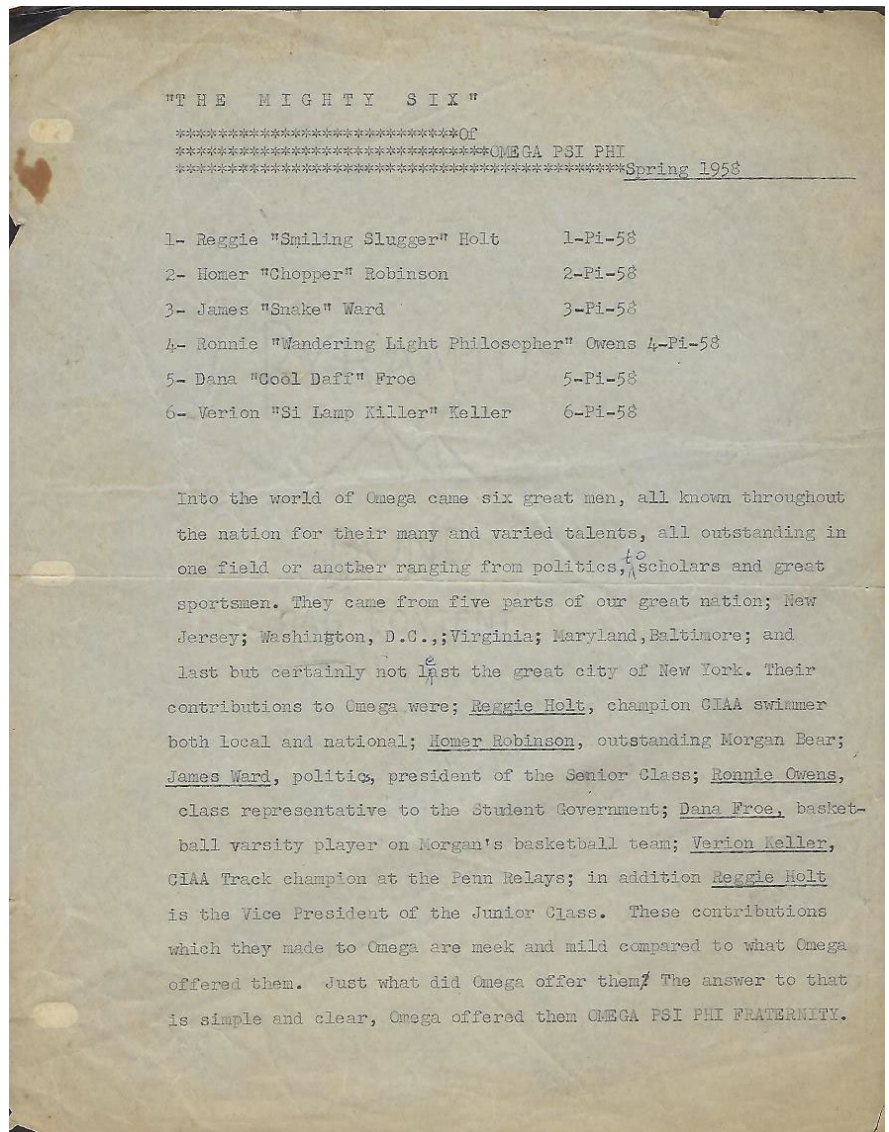
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In September 2017, Jim was celebrated as an *Omega Legend* by Nu Omega Chapter, Detroit, MI, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity receiving a Plaque, 10th District Golden Bridge Builder, and Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit City Council.

Jim is married to Sheila Powell Ward and has two daughters, Dara (Ruben Fairman) and Ayanna (Bruce Savage) and four grandchildren: Maxwell, Haviland, Roya and Marlowe.

Jim's activities and affiliations include:

- Greenacres Woodward Community Radio Patrol. He has served as President of the organization since 2000.
- Freedom Fellowship Church where he serves as a Trustee and, also co-chairs the Family Ministry with his wife.
- Greenacres Woodward Civic Association's Board of Directors – his committee was responsible for building the gazebo and other beautification efforts in Hyde Park.
- Founding member of the Planning Committee for I.C.A.R.E. (Inter-County Citizens Achieving Regional Excellence).
- Member of the City Wide Radio Patrol Advisory Team, Detroit Police Department.
- Life Memberships with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., NAACP, and Morgan State University Alumni Association
- Former member of the Advisory Board for University Commons - served on the Clean and Safe Committee
- Vice President of the Detroit Chapter of the Morgan State University Alumni Association
- Served as Co-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Detroit Omega Foundation, Inc.
- Member of the Twelfth Precinct Police Community Relations Council.
- Graduate of the Detroit Police Department's Citizens Police Academy.
- Fundraising Chairman, Class of 1959 Endowment Fund, Morgan State University.





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FOUNDERS' DAY

The Brothers of Nu Omega Chapter hosted a Founders' Day event Saturday, November 17th at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. It was an outstanding event with over 325 guests in attendance. Brother E. Clyde Gray received the Francis Dent Award for outstanding service and Brother Ato Polk was named Omega Man of the Year for his loyal and dedicated service to the fraternity. Additionally, Brother John H. Williams received a Lifetime Service Award from Brother Dr. Leonard Douglas. Furthermore, he was presented with a Proclamation from Darryl Jones, Tenth District Representative, on behalf of Brother Dr. David Marion (Grand Basileus), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Guests received ear to an invigorating keynote address from Brother Shannon Reeves, Dean of Student Affairs at Grambling State University entitled, "Would the Founders have Chosen You?"



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Brothers, let us remain mindful that the Apostle Paul advised us in the 6th chapter of his letter to the Ephesians that we are to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand. (Verses 10-13).

Brothers, we know that life itself is filled with swift transitions. Let us resolve ourselves to aggressively live out our cardinal principals with vigor. Let us never forget our motto and how intricately tied we are to one another. The enemy is in the world to stir up discontent amongst the people of God, and it is his desire to sift you as wheat through a strainer. But we know that we are more than conquerors and that we have been endowed with the very essence of God through the Holy Spirit. He fights for us and with us through every trial we may encounter. So my brothers, I encourage you to continue to press through struggles and disappointments, and know that you have an advocate in Christ Jesus who sits at the right hand of God making intercessions on your behalf.



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TRANSITIONS:

On July 5, 2018, Brother Elbert Richmond entered Omega Chapter. Brother Richmond was born May 25, 1931, in Lynch, Kentucky. He matriculated at Wayne State University (Nu Sigma) where he entered the sacred fold of Omega.

On August 11, 2018, Brother Paul Simmons, Jr., entered Omega Chapter. Brother Simmons, Jr. was born on August 13, 1948, in Desoto, Georgia. He received his education in Tennessee at Knoxville College and was initiated into our illustrious fraternity at Nu Omega Chapter in 1980.



Brother Burnel Elton Coulon was born in New Orleans, Louisiana July 6, 1929, as the only child to Samuel and Lillie Coulon. He passed away in his sleep on August 29, 2018. His Omega Memorial Service was held September 7, 2018.

Humbly Submitted,
Rev. Marcus K. Hillie
Chaplain Nu Omega Chapter

HEALTH INITIATIVES

Diabetes is one of a number of diseases that involves problems with hormone insulin. The pancreas releases insulin to help the body store and use the sugar and fat from the foods you eat. Diabetes can occur when the pancreas produces very little or no insulin, or, when the body does not respond appropriately to insulin.



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There are three main types of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational:

Type 1:

This type usually starts in childhood. Your pancreas stops making insulin. You have Type 1 diabetes for your lifetime. The main things that lead to it are:

- Family history. If you have relatives with diabetes, chances are strong you'll get it, too. Anyone who has a mother, father, sister, or brother with Type 1 diabetes should be checked should get checked. A simple blood test can diagnose it.
- Diseases of the pancreas. They can slow its ability to make insulin.
- Infection or illness. Some infections and illnesses, mostly rare ones, can damage your pancreas.

Type 2:

If you have this type, your body can't use the insulin it makes efficiently. This is called insulin resistance. Type 2 usually affects adults, but it can begin at any time in your life. The main things that lead to it are:

- Obesity or being overweight. Research shows it is a top reason for Type 2 diabetes. Because of the rise in obesity among U.S. children, this type is affecting more teenagers.
- Impaired glucose tolerance. Prediabetes is a milder form of this condition. It can be diagnosed with a simple blood test. If you have it, there's a strong chance you'll develop Type 2 diabetes.

Common warnings signs of Type 2 diabetes include increased thirst, increased hunger (especially after eating), dry mouth, frequent urination or urine infections, unexplained weight loss (even though you are eating and feel hungry), fatigue (weak, tired feeling), blurred vision, headaches.

Most early symptoms are from higher-than-normal levels of glucose in your blood. The warning signs can be so mild that you don't notice them. That's especially true of Type 2 diabetes. Some people don't find out they have it until they get problems from long-term damage caused by the disease. With Type 1 diabetes, the symptoms usually happen quickly; in a matter of days or a few weeks.

One of four people with diabetes are unaware they have the disease. In the U.S., approximately 7 million people have the disease; 10% have Type 1 and 90% have Type 2 diabetes, respectively. In addition, the disease impacts Hispanic/Latino Americans, African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Alaska natives significantly more than others.

How diabetes is diagnosed:

The fasting blood glucose test is the preferred way to diagnose diabetes. It is easy to perform and convenient. After the person has fasted overnight (at least 8 hours), a single sample of blood is drawn and sent to the laboratory for analysis. This can also be done accurately in a doctor's office using a glucose meter.

Bro. Alfred W Linton
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AUSTIN TATUM
2ND VICE GRAND BASILEUS

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OMEGA LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Omega Life Membership Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was created to contribute, sustain, and assist in the growth and development of the fraternity's various social and mandated programs. The foundation donates over \$250,000 annually to Omega-related programs such as the International Talent Hunt Program, Undergraduate Leadership Caucus, and Omega Scholarship.

The cost of Life Membership is \$2,500. Brothers who purchase a Life Membership will receive a plaque and a gold metal card. In investing in Life Membership, brothers are exempt from future International dues and are guaranteed to receive a lifetime of Oracle communications. Life members must still pay annual district and chapter dues. Nu Omega has over 70 life members making it the chapter with the largest life membership representation in the Tenth District.



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There are three ways to secure Life Membership:

1. Make a one-time payment of \$2,500 through the fraternity (www.oppf.org).
2. Pay in two installments of \$1,250 over a 2-year period while staying current with the local and district dues.
3. Apply for an "Omega Life Membership Loan" from the Omega Federal Credit Union (www.oppfccu.com).

Please reach me with any questions regarding Life Membership.

Fraternally,

Michael B. Carrauthers, Ph.D.

Immediate Past Region X Director

Omega Life Membership Foundation



QUE LUNCH BUNCH

The Que Lunch Bunch was formed in the early eighties as a way for retired members of Nu Omega to support black owned businesses located in the City of Detroit. Monthly, retired members of the chapter would select a local black owned restaurant where they met for lunch and discussed local political and fraternal affairs.

Today, brothers prefer to use the fraternity house to fellowship and address the needs of the chapter and the community. What started out as a 2 to 3-hour gathering is

now an all-day event. The purpose remains the same as indicated by some of the projects the lunch bunch has performed.

- Ω Purchased conference room chairs for the
- Ω fraternity house.
- Ω Painted the basement floor.
- Ω Sealed the basement walls against water leaks.
- Ω Brother Ato Polk facilitated seminars on the need for a Will or Trust.
- Ω Purchased school uniforms for school children in need enrolled in the Detroit Public Schools Community District. Spain, Golightly and Clippert received thirty complete sets of uniform.
- Ω Facilitated Golightly School book bag and school supply distribution - donated by Ford Motor Company.

The menu for the Que Lunch Bunch varies monthly. It has included soup and sandwich, baked and grilled chicken, fish, a full thanksgiving dinner and an old-fashioned Louisiana shrimp and crawfish boil. No matter what the menu, there is always plenty conversation included. Every month, on the Thursday before frat meeting, at noon, at the frat house, for a cost of \$10, all brothers are welcome. To learn more contact Brother Sylvester Brown at (313) 300-5399 or Clyde Gray (313) 595-3128.



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KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL

Greetings Brothers of Nu Omega,

I want to thank you all for the great honor and responsibility to serve as your new Keeper of Records and Seal for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. I want to also thank our Basileus Bro. Michael B. Carrauthers, Ph.D., who has expressed his complete confidence in me to see that the vision he has for our chapter is carried out with complete transparency.

As we have entered the start of 2018-19 fiscal year, November 1, 2018, please see the break down for payment:

- International level-\$125
- District level- \$35
- Chapter level-\$150
- Non-Life Members is \$310
- Life Members is \$185

Please note that there is a \$5 late fee if payment is received after December 31. If you were not financial for the 2018 fiscal year, there is a \$3 reinstatement fee. You can also make your Chapter Dues payment via our website at www.nuomega.com. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Brothers I assure you that, I am going to do my very best to uphold the proud tradition of this Illustrious Chapter. As we move forward under the direction of our Basileus, it is important that we continue to come together as a chapter to become a force in the Wayne County Community. Let us continue to strengthen the strong bond that has been created and foster new relationships and partnerships within the community that we serve. In short: let's get it done! It is time for us deliver!

Bro. Da'Lon L. Whigham
Keeper of Records and Seal
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"Mediocrity is fine, but not in Omega!" Founder Brother Edgar A Love
F.I.E.T.T.S - C.I.E.T.F. (Communication Is Essential To Friendship)



EMPOWERING AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION

The Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation, Inc. (SMOFI) held its annual scholarship banquet June 2, 2018 in Southfield, Michigan, honoring six youth, each, who will receive a \$5000.00 award over a four-year period. Each year the foundation searches for those young men who are academically successful, show a financial need, and; have demonstrated community and school leadership. The evaluation process is rigorous, but it has produced great graduation results among those chosen to receive the award. Since calendar year 2001 SMOFI has awarded seventy, four-year scholarships totaling \$350,000.00 to deserving students and achieved an 88% graduation rate. Many of these students have graduated in the STEM curriculum and gone on to get master's degrees in their chosen fields of study.

Candidate for Grand Basileus, Charles Bruce delivered an inspiring message to these young men. He weaved a great story around the four Cardinal Principles of the fraternity and the importance of what the foundation and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was doing for them to get a jump start on their academic and professional future.



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Pictured here are five of the scholars with Brother Charles Bruce, Brother Darryl Jones, Tenth District Representative, and; the SMOFI board of directors. Each chapter is represented by two scholars who have been selected by the foundation. This year, a scholarship was named after Brother John Williams, past International Photographer for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a member of Nu Omega Chapter. The second of the two recognized scholars were awarded a scholarship on behalf of Brother William McGill.

The Omega men in the Talented Tenth District, in southeast Michigan are making a difference now to impact our community and fraternity in the future. Exposure to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity under these circumstances have proven to be a very positive image and motivation to attract some of the best and brightest to the fraternity.



At this same event Brother John Williams was paid a tribute for the many years of dedicated service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for serving as the fraternity's first international photographer. After 33 years of service Brother retired from his post in 2006 and was named "Omega's" International Photographer Emeritus". Today, Brother Williams' photographic work is housed at the John H. Williams Museum located at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International Headquarters in Georgia. There, Brother Williams' work displays the many years of historical events captured in photography.

NEWS FOR QUES ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Format for Articles: All articles should be in Microsoft Word format, 12pt font, with Times New Roman font.

Each article should include a simple title. Each written piece should include the name and contact information (number, email) of the article writer.

All articles should be single-spaced and ready for editing before the stated deadline.

Articles should be no more than 500 words in length.

Content for Articles: Articles should highlight the importance of the mission of the Fraternity, District, and or chapter.

The content should present topics including: community service, fatherhood-initiatives, mentorship, and all mandated programs. Articles can feature: achievement/recognition by Omega men, leadership conferences, and Brothers who have transitioned to Omega Chapter. Other entries can include stories about financial, health, or policy issues as it relates to Black men and the membership.

NOTE: Undergraduate chapters are encouraged to submit articles featuring their outstanding activities on or off campus.

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Style: Capitalize Chapter when used in conjunction with the name of a chapter, e.g. Nu Omega Chapter; otherwise all other references to chapter should be lowercase.



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When the word “Fraternity” is used to refer to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the letter “F” should be capitalized.

Avoid personal opinions and editorial statements. All articles will be reviewed for clarity, correct spelling, grammatical perfection, and proper syntax.

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to reject any article or to make editorial changes deemed appropriate.

Photographs for Articles: Pictures must be in a digital format. All pictures should be saved as JPEG files, with a 300 dpi resolution if at all possible. In addition, photographs should be sent as single attachments.

NOTE: Do not embed pictures into word document.

QUES IN THE NEWS

Brother Albert (Al) Smith III is a former U.S. Naval Intelligence Serviceman specializing in radio-wave & satellite communications. Brother Smith has spent the past 3 years as a contractor at the Ford Motor Company within the IT Organization (mobility sector). He is the Global Carrier Operations lead within the L1+ Operations Engineering team which has now transitioned to Ford’s new front line “First Responder Service Group”. They are responsible for monitoring and triaging Ford’s connected mobility platform. The team was consolidated with Ford’s Ops Control who supports IT applications at a global level, with Ford, into a single team. This change will position the team to deliver a more streamlined customer engagement model, and also to drive a robust and positive customer experience for product driven teams.



Since Brother Smith’s first day at Ford, June 24, 2015, he was challenged with his new team which was comprised of a cadre of information technology SME’s (Subject Matter Experts). His past experience and education in the Telecommunications/Information Technology sector gave him the tools he needed to prove he was a “value-add” to the team comprised of talent from all over the globe. Due to a number of organizational changes within the portfolio, the team encountered a downsize in resources.

Brother Smith’s knowledge base and ability to persevere allowed him to be the “change agent” needed to overcome the barriers before him.

Albert A. Smith III