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In 1941, the Second District was established and was comprised of the states NY, NJ and PA. It was also in 1941 that the constitution and by-laws of the fraternity were amended to include language on district information, annual meetings, and election of district officers. In 1945 the fraternity was redistricted to provide for 12 districts, and at that time the Second District included NY, NJ, PA, and DE. Later, modification of the 12-district organization resulted in Maryland being moved to the Second District

It is recorded that the first Second District Conference was founded in Brooklyn, NY in 1948. The first officer was Bro. Nathaniel Burrell, who served as District President. After one year the office of District President was abolished. The elected District Representative was Bro. Mifflin T. Gibbs. The first District Keeper of Records and Seal was Brother Marion English. Bro.

## District Representatives Message

English was succeeded by Brother Nathaniel Burrell who served for over 10 years. Brother James L. Murray, third elected District Keeper of Records and Seal, also served for over 10 years. Bro. Richard E. Carey, Esquire, was the first District Counselor. He wrote the first District Constitution and By-laws. Brother H. Albion Ferrell was the first District Chaplain.

The District has a recorded list of thirty-three District Representatives who have been dedicated men of vision and action. In succession, each has escalated the programs of the district to higher plateaus. Their visions and leadership have kept the district prominent in the critical decision making and work of this great fraternity. Currently, the Second District operates under the leadership of its 33th District Representative, Bro. James. E. Hicks, Jr. Bro. Hicks' goal is to continue the extensive, long-standing immaculate example set by previous District Representatives.

The Second District has a financial membership of 2700 brothers, is divided into seven corridors, and consists of 85 active chapters, with 25 undergraduate chapters and 60 graduate chapters. Additionally, the Second District has 1057 life members, which is 40% of its total membership. Throughout its 72 years of existence, the Second District has established and supported the International

Mandated Programs of the fraternity. It has established itself as the premier district of the fraternity by leading in its participation in international events and developing a variety of unique programs and events such as the James S. Avery Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference, Second District Fatherhood Initiative, Omegas for Obama Inaugural Ball and Domestic Violence Awareness Initiative. Some of the Second District's program initiatives have become a part of the international programming for all districts. The Second District's contribution to the communities they serve and support of the international agenda for the fraternity have been recognized at the international level in that its members have been recipients of international awards for Superior Service, Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership, Founders' Award, Chapter of the Year, and Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, as well as the recipients of numerous undergraduate scholarships.

Leaders in the Second District do not limit the use of their skills to the district. The Second District is currently the home of our 39th Grand Basileus, Bro. Dr. Andrew A. Ray and several international committee chairpersons and members.

**F.I.E.T.T.S.,**

**James E. Hicks, Jr.**  
*33rd Second District Representative*

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## Second District Fatherhood Initiative Program



*Second District Representative James Hicks receive a proclamation from Honorable Brother Anthony Ebony Davis, President, City Council, Patterson, NJ., with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DR, Milton Harrison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Distr. Social Action Chair J. Kendall Smalls*

**Philadelphia, PA. June 15, 2013.** The Mighty Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., presented its Inaugural Fatherhood Initiative Brunch and Forum on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at Tempations Banquet Hall in Philadelphia, PA., highlighting the countless plights of fatherhood and the importance of mentorship. The mission of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative is three-fold; to support President Obama's White House Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, to create fraternity interest, dialogue and activities promoting Fatherhood and Mentoring and to conduct public awareness programs that highlight partnerships with community based organizations and fatherhood & mentoring programs to help build healthier families and communities. Omega Psi Phi is the only Greek-lettered organization to be a strategic partner with the White House. The program was free to the public.

Guests were welcomed by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Second District Representative, James Hicks. Remarks were given by the Honorable Brother

Anthony Ebony Davis, President, City Council, Patterson, NJ. Mu Omega Chapter Basileus, Anthony Jones, introduced and informed the audience to Mu Omega chapter and its social action initiatives.

The program highlighted speakers of innumerable fields and brothers of Omega on fatherhood and mentorship. The crowning moment of the program was the rite of passage led by Brother Etu Evans of the Purple Boot Initiative mentoring organization. All the young men in attendance had purple ties tied on them by their fathers or mentors with the hopes that next year they will do the same to another young man.

The Fatherhood Brunch and Forum set forth by Second District Representative, James Hicks, is the first of many more such programs to follow. First Vice District Representative, Milton Harrison, led an integral part of the initiative in supporting the creator of the program Brother J. Kendall Smalls and the Second District Fatherhood Initiative Chairman, Brother Dominick Boyce.





Brothers of the Supreme Council,

10/22/2013

I pray this email finds you well and prepared to enter the fraternities next fiscal year. One exciting thing we have coming up this fiscal year is the unveiling of Omega's updated history book. On November 17, 2013 we will be presenting and selling the history book at the rededication service at Howard University. Every member of the current supreme council and former Grand Basileus will receive a regular complementary history book.

We will sell the history book to financial brothers for a limited period of time (11/17/13 – 3/01/2014) at a price of \$75.00. Starting 03/02/2014 the price will go to \$100.00 and remain.

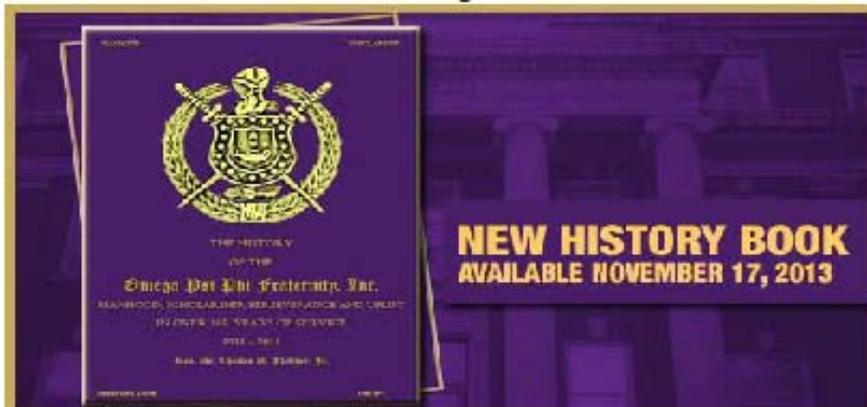
All MSP Candidates will pay \$100.00 for the history book beginning 11/17/2013. Please alert your MSP Teams regarding the price change. This change will increase both graduate and undergraduate new-initiate fee by \$35.00. The old history books will not be a part of the packet but will be available for sale.

Lastly, we are extra excited to sell 250 limited edition history books at a cost of \$250.00. This history book will be leather backed and pre-numbered. It will also be accompanied by a letter of authenticity from our Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray. We will start taking orders for the History Book at 12:01PMET on 10/23/2013. This book is sold "first come, first serve". If you would like to order the special edition please contact IHQ so we can process your full payment of \$250.00. We cannot reserve your book without full payment.

Per the contract the special edition will be produced in 25 year intervals of Omega's history. We expect the special editions to sell fast, so if you are interested don't hesitate.

Thanks

Brother John Howard Financial Director of Omega Psi Phi



**The Grand Basileus and 1st Vice Grand Basileus are requesting that the Supreme Council support President Obama by distributing information on the Affordable Care Act.**

## **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

**The affordable care act, commonly known now as Obamacare was passed by Congress and signed in to law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. On June 28, 2012 the Supreme Court rendered a final decision to uphold the health care law.**

**The law is written on over 2,000 pages, but the core parts address ten different titles. These primarily demonstrate increase quality and affordability of health insurance, decrease of uninsured rate by expanding private/public insurance coverage, and finally decrease cost of insurance of individuals and government.**

**Just a reminder that October 1, 2013, despite the shut down of the Government, the Obamacare process starts. It is imperative that you find out where you fit in this complex maze of rules and regulations. If you currently have insurance, there is not much to be done. If you are uninsured, you need to take the necessary steps to become insured. If your State is conducting its own exchanges, you need to contact them. If the Federal Government is doing the exchanges for your State, get started early. This brief article on Obamacare is not intended to give all the details ( far too many), it is intended to remind each of you that the President and others worked extremely hard to improve our healthcare, especially to the uninsured and others who so desperately need healthcare. We must do our part to support this monumental accomplishment by encouraging everyone we know to take advantage of the law and do it in a timely manner. This is especially true for young people. You have until December to enroll in a plan, however I suggest you start today, so when January 2014 rolls around all Brothers and their families will be covered. The various pieces of the law all have time frames. The link below will answer just about all of the questions you may have. If you do not find the answers here, please ask your own physician for advice.**

**[www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)**

**Fraternally yours,**

**Melvin T. Pinn, Jr., MD, MPH, FAAFP**

**Chair, Health Affairs Committee**

## N. J. State Assembly Votes in Favor of Omega Psi Phi Specialty License Plate



*Brother Greg Ackles and Corridor IV Brothers thank NJ State Assembly for approval of NJ Omega Psi Phi Specialty License Plate*

**Trenton, NJ. May 20, 2013.** Omega Men from across the Garden State converged upon the New Jersey Capital on Monday, May 20, 2013 to support Assemblyman Bro. Benjie E. Wimberly. Bro. Wimberly (D – Bergen and Passaic), along with Assemblymen Charles Mainor (D-Hudson), John F. Amodeo (R-Atlantic), and Gordon M. Johnson (D-Bergen) were the Primary Sponsors of A3804, which authorizes the creation of special Omega Psi Phi license plates. Assemblyman Scott T. Rumana (R) is a Co-Sponsor of the bill.

What is unique in this instance is that the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated is a Christian organization, the third (in order of date Founded) of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. There was bi-partisan support in the creation of this bill, with the Deputy Republican Leader, Republican Whip, and Democrat Majority Conference Leader all having sponsorship of this bill.

While the Brothers were waiting for the bill to be presented on the Assembly floor, they were greeted by Assemblyman Bro. Wimberly, as well as Assemblyman Mainor, Assemblyman Amodeo, and Assemblyman Rumana, who all expressed their appreciation that the Men of Omega came out in force to support this initiative. Senator Ronald L. Rice (D) Newark came over to the Assembly to greet and give an encouraging word to the Brothers.

The Brothers of Corridor IV were then introduced to the Legisla-

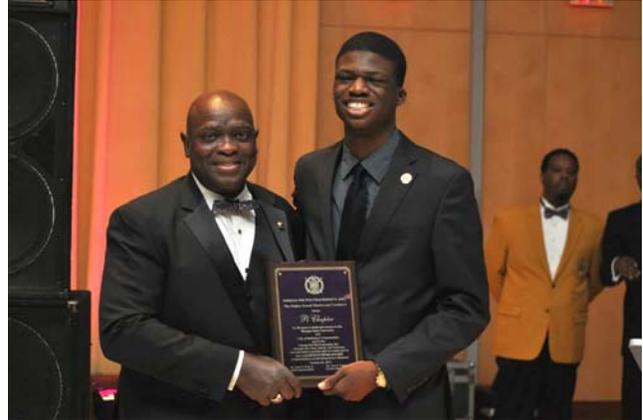
ture. Once on the Assembly floor, 29<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative Bro. Gregory E. Ackles, Sr. addressed Madame Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver and the members of the Honorable Legislature. After telling the Legislature about the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and pointing out that in New Jersey alone a total of 1.9 million dollars in scholarships was given out last year to deserving students, Assemblyman Bro. Wimberly addressed the Legislature. Once he completed speaking, the Brothers left the Assembly floor, and the voting began.

Once the final votes were tallied, the count on the third reading and final passage was 78 yes, no nays, with 2 not voting and no abstentions. The New Jersey State Assembly through the Transportation Committee voted in favor of creating a State-issued license plate for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. In doing this, Omega Psi Phi has become the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to have its own vanity plate in the State of New Jersey.

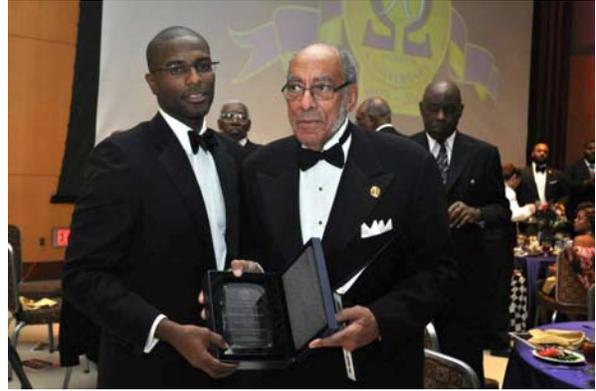
This bill has now been received in the Senate, where it has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. It will undergo the same process in that House, where it will require 21 votes to pass to be forwarded to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

Well done Corridor IV New Jersey Omega Men!

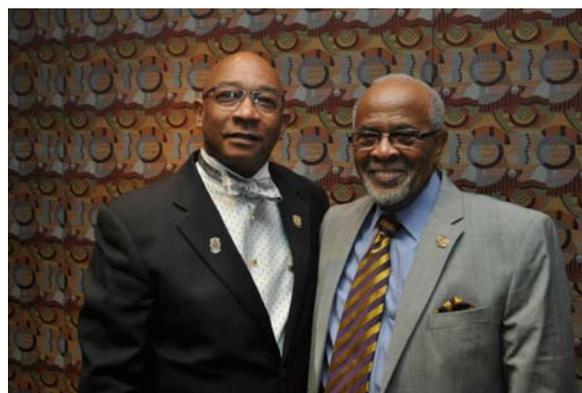
### Pi Chapter 90th Anniversary Celebration



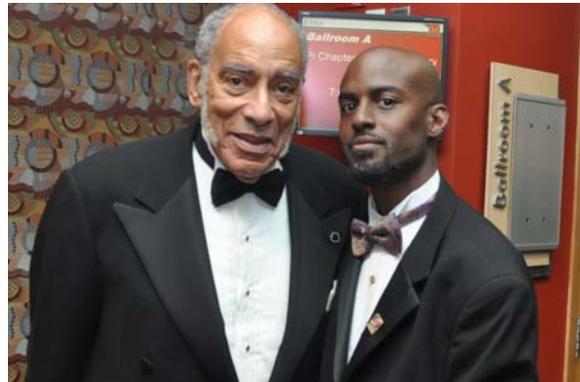
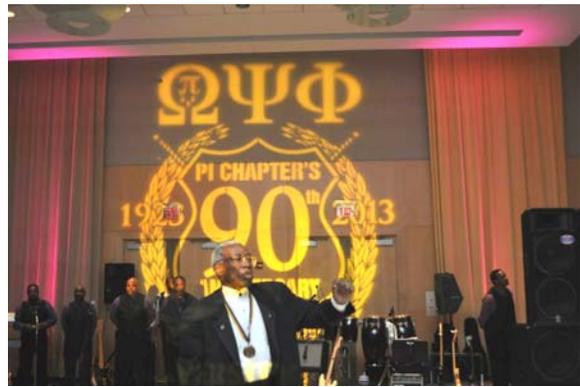
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Please support our efforts in helping us prove to the publishing world that a Black entity can sell a hundred thousand books and that men of African Descent do read.

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Fraternally,

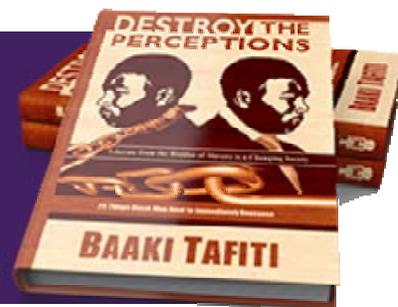
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## Alpha Upsilon "Day at the Races"



*Alpha Upsilon Brothers at Aqueduct Racetrack for the 6th Annual Edward H. Taylor Day at the Races Extravaganza*

**Queens, New York- April 20, 2013-** The Men of Alpha Upsilon held their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Brother Edward H. Taylor Day at the Races extravaganza at the Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park Queens. Those that attended this modish event were treated to a four course meal, great company, a raffle, best hat contest and thrilling horse racing. From the trumpeter signaling that the first race was moments away; all eyes were fixated on the track below awaiting the opening of the gates.

The excitement and revelry appeared to be unremitting save for the brief breaks in the carousing as the Men of Alpha Upsilon announced the winner of the raffle and yet again when declaring the best hat contest winner and runner up. Shortly thereafter, the aforesaid and a few Men of Alpha Upsilon were ushered to the winner circle at the conclusion of the sixth race, which was designated The Edward H. Taylor race to take pictures with the winning jockey.

The event by all accounts was a success and enjoyed by all. The chairman Brother Glenn Chapman did a masterful job in putting the affair together and promises to continue the tradition next year as the Men of Alpha Upsilon continue to use this superlative event to generate funds to support the Edward H. Taylor Scholarship, which is presented annually to students who attend Public Schools in the Brooklyn community.

## Alpha Upsilon Blood Drive

**Brooklyn, New York- June 8, 2013-** The Men of Alpha Upsilon along with the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Charles R. Drew Blood Drive in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. With the growing need for donors the aforementioned parties accompanied by the Men of the Zeta Psi Chapter took to Putnam Triangle to both donate and solicit pedestrians to give the gift of life to those in need. With the New York Blood Center Bus with its generator reverberating and mingling with music bellowing from the speakers, children talking while anxiously awaiting their turn on the face painting line and the smell of food rising from the grill, the sun filled sky was warm and inviting, thus making the day nothing short of marvelous. The blood drive chaired by Brother Steve Liverpool proved to be successful; for 48 pints of blood was collected in addition to this undertaking there were members of the Brooklyn Downtown Neighborhood Alliance Health Initiative Group planted in the triangle as well. Their task was to take blood pressure read-

ings and educate people on the importance of eating healthy and staying hydrated. This event was well attended and continues to grow each year.



*Alpha Upsilon Brothers with Deltas participating in the Blood Drive*

## Alpha Upsilon Talent Hunt

**Brooklyn, New York-March 30, 2013-** the Men of Alpha Upsilon hosted their annual talent hunt at the Dr. Susan McKinney High School located in the Fort Greene section. The talent displayed on this most pleasant day was nothing short of breath taking. As the contestants congregated in a nearby classroom; sharing laughs, drinking tea to stimulate their vocal cords and getting their last minute practice in. The audience sat anxiously awaiting the young and talented participants. For many of them recalled the previous competition and spoke excitedly about what they confidently expected this year. Unbeknownst to them, this year would prove to be even more splendid than last year.

From the first contestant to the last, the audience witnessed the natural maturation of our youth. From behind the lens and in the wooden chairs of the auditorium you could hear the control

gained in their voices and delivery. Moreover, you were able to see the confidence as each singer purposefully walked to the center of the stage and welcomed the attention from the watching eyes and calmly captured the hearts with the beautiful sound emanating from their voices. As the judges sat looking up at the contestants it was clear, their task would not be an easy endeavor. They huddled and spoke in low whispers and marked their respective score sheets as the last contestant exited stage right. When they arrived at the decision, the master of ceremony, Brother Dean Hostler took to the stage. Applause filled the hall as the runner ups were announced and the winner of this year's talent hunt 2013 was proclaimed. The young Ms. Jasmen Reyes will soon take her God given gift to the outskirts of the city to Buffalo NY where she will perform and dazzle those fortunate to hear the gift she has been bestowed.



*Alpha Upsilon Brothers with Talent Hunt Winners*

## Alpha Upsilon MS Walk

**New York, New York. April 28, 2013-** The Men of Alpha Upsilon made their way to the South Street Seaport as the sun was peeking through the clouds seeking to warm the walkers participating in the annual Multiple Sclerosis walk, they among thousands with sneakers laced pounded the Lower Manhattan streets in support and with the goal of raising money for this amazing and worthy event. The money raised for this special event is primarily used for continuous research and to support life changing programs. The Men of Alpha Upsilon have lent their dollars and time to this occasion for eight consecutive years, each year walking to make a difference. Eight years later, it is apparent; the Men of Alpha Upsilon are committed to the cause and the goal of one day seeing their efforts and others pay dividends in the race for the cure of Multiple Sclerosis. Until then, they will continue to migrate to the streets of Lower Manhattan to join forces for this annual and very much deserving event.



*Alpha Upsilon Brothers participating in the MS Walk*

## Alpha Upsilon Memorial Service



*Alpha Upsilon Brothers in attendance at the Memorial Service*

**Brooklyn NY March 10, 2013** the Men of Alpha Upsilon hosted this year’s Memorial Service at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church located in the historical section of Bedford Stuyvesant. The service was masterfully presided over by Reverend Brother Shaun Lee Jr. From virtually any pew in this vastly built house of worship, one could see a sea of men from various walks and climes in dark colored suits sitting upright and attentive as Reverend Lee spoke passionately to those in attendance.

The Men of Alpha Upsilon and visiting chapters in and around the second district shared in this momentous day in honoring

those God fearing Men that no longer walk amongst the Men of Omega Psi Phi in this mortal realm, but instead walk amongst the aforementioned in spirit and live forever in thought. Forgetting not thy brother and friend is clearly a rudimentary tenet to this great fraternity. This century old and counting Greek letter organization exemplifies the quintessence of friendship transcending that in which man can see to a place the Men of Omega Psi Phi call the Omega Chapter.

## Alpha Upsilon Theater Party-Pre Mother’s Day Celebration

**Brooklyn, New York-May 11, 2013-** The Men of Alpha Upsilon hosted their sixth annual Theater Party-Pre Mother’s Day celebration at the Restoration Plaza located in Bedford Stuyvesant. The event was well attended as mothers from all age ranges were treated to the melodic music from the live band. As the music filled the room, the guest were served light appetizers' catered by the waiters for the evening. The quaint room was vibrating with the interwoven tapestry of the smooth and sultry rhythms and the conversations being had at each of the round tables. The evening was splendid and was poised to exceed it when the Committee Chairman for the scholarship committee Brother Lamar Combs made his way to the front of the stage to announce the winners of this year’s awards. This year the George K. Lynch Memorial Scholarship award was awarded to Carl Yvan Freycient and the Francis “Lefty” Taylor Mentor Scholarship was awarded to Damani Vericain. This magnificent event chaired by Brothers Kyle Plant and Ferdinand Verley aimed to please and surly hit the mark. As the music faded out, the guest made their way to the Billie Holiday Theater located on the main floor to see the play Obeah Sym-

phony and the Men of Alpha Upsilon joined them as the close of yet another successful event was nearing its conclusion.



*Damani Vericain receiving The Francis ‘Lefty’ Taylor Scholarship Award*

## Brother Bernard Wynder - Omega Chapter



*Brother Bernard Wynder*

Brother Bernard “Bernie” Wynder, 58, of Frostburg, Born January 4, 1955 in Baltimore City, transitioned to Omega Chapter suddenly on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at his residence. He was a 1978 graduate of Frostburg State University and a charter member of Beta Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.. He received his Master of Education in 1984 from Frostburg State University.

Brother Wynder started his professional career in January 1979, accepting the position of Admissions Counselor & Minority Recruiter at Frostburg State, moving to Coordinator of Minority Recruitment at Slippery Rock University, then back to FSU in 1982 as Associate Director of Admissions; he served in this role until 1986. He was promoted to the Director of the Office of Student Human Relations and Minority Affairs,. In 1996, Brother Wynder took over the management duties of both the Admissions and Financial Aid offices at Frostburg. In 2001, he served as the Assistant Director of Athletics and eventually Director of Athletics. He served as Director until his promotion to Assistant Vice President of Student Services.

In 1986, he received the Trio Achiever's Award for the State of Maryland, was inducted into Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School's Hall of Fame in 1993, received the Frostburg State University's Alumni Achievement Award in 1997, and the College Admissions Representative of the Year award given by the

College Bound Foundation for service to Baltimore City high school students in 2002; and in 2005, he received the NAACP Image Award. In 2010, Brother Wynder was one of three Marylanders honored as a “Living Legend” by the Associated Black Charities for his “profound achievement in higher education.” He is also an alumnus of Leadership Allegany.

Over the last 30 years, organizations throughout Western Maryland have benefited from Mr. Wynder's wisdom, integrity, and his commitment to this community. He has served on numerous organizational boards in the Western Maryland area: Maryland Salem Children's Trust, Western Maryland Food Bank, Potomac Council Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Allegany County Multicultural Committee, American Red Cross the City of Cumberland Mediation Advisory Council. He served as President of the Allegany Branch of NAACP, and chair of the Friends of the NAACP.

## Alpha Upsilon Social Action Projects

### Pajama Collection

**Brooklyn, New York. December 22, 2012-** The end of the year is upon us, this marks a period in time when we sit in the solitude of our thoughts and reflect on the waning year. In this contextual moment we shift our mind travel to what lies ahead. We think of our problems and strife and postulate resolutions that all too often fade away as the New Year gets into full gear. Then there are others that take a different tack. They partake in more selfless thoughts and reflections that involve the greater good of others. On this day the Men of Alpha Upsilon sought the latter as they attempted to make the lives of others a bit brighter and warmer.

These men from varying climes worked in conjunction with the Brooklyn chapter of the NAACP youth council to provide young children with warm and cozy pajamas for the upcoming winter months. The Men of Alpha Upsilon collected twenty-six pairs, which were later delivered by members of the NAACP to The Rose F. Kennedy Family Center located in the historical section of Bedford Stuyvesant. The center founded in 1989 provides transitional housing and daycare services for pregnant women and women with young children that are homeless. As the Men of Alpha Upsilon await the inception of a new year the goal remains unwavering, help others with kind gestures and pious deeds throughout each calendar year. The joy is always in giving and knowing that one soul was touched.

### Street Cleaning

**Brooklyn, New York. December 22, 2012-** The end of the year is upon us, this marks a period in time when we sit in the solitude of our thoughts and reflect on the waning year. In this contextual moment we shift our mind travel to what lies ahead. We think of our problems and strife and postulate resolutions that all too often fade away as the New Year gets into full gear. Then there are others that take a different tack. They partake in more selfless thoughts and reflections that involve the greater good of others. On this day the Men of Alpha Upsilon sought the latter as they attempted to make the lives of others a bit brighter and warmer.

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## Alpha Upsilon O.A.S.I.S. Mentoring Program

**Brooklyn, New York- June 10, 2013-** The Men of Alpha Upsilon with their unwavering commitment to building bridges and reaching over the wall to help others have done so in a myriad of ways. On this day they joined to partake in their event dubbed, Omega Assisting Scholars Improve Society (O.A.S.I.S.) this noble and humbling endeavor is a mainstay for this growing chapter. For the Men convene at the Women-In-Need Shelter in Brownsville, Brooklyn on a Bi-weekly basis from September to June. Their goal far more reaching than providing their mere presence, the goal instead is more altruistic in scope as they seek to embolden the fifteen young males ranging in grades from elementary to high school. The conversation

that ensues once everyone is situated and pleasantries are exchanged takes on a different colloquial speech. The Men are not posturing in front of the impressionable minds delivering soliloquies to an uninterested bunch. Instead, there is an exchange. In essence a meaningful dialogue, in which life skills and the sharing of oneself is being witnessed. Often times teaching is confused with talking to versus communicating with. In the end, the Men of Alpha Upsilon are invested for the long haul as they seek to have the young males take what they have learned and goals they have set for themselves with them in the arena of education and the largest arena of them all, life.

## Delta Upsilon Blood Drive

**Trenton, NJ. September 18, 2013.** Thomas Edison State College and the Delta Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive co-sponsored "Give the Gift of Life" Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Match Registry on Sept. 18 in Prudence Hall at Thomas Edison State College. The fraternity – of which our own Dr. Garry Keel is a member – and the College collaborated with the Community Blood Council of New Jersey (CBCNJ) and The Icla Da Silva Foundation's 'Be the Match' personnel on the successful event. Members of the Fraternity and the College's staff came out to either donate blood or register as bone marrow donors. Those who donated blood were entered into a CBCNJ raffle to win Super Bowl XLVIII tickets. "Special thanks goes to Michelle Leonard and the College's Office of Human Resources for orchestrating the drive," said Keel. We had 5 individuals who signed up to be bone marrow donors and we collected over 20 pints of blood. Thanks to all the Brothers who came out to volunteer and donate



*Dr. Garry M. Keel, along with members of the Delta Upsilon Chapter and Virginia Ferreira of the Icla Da Silva Foundation gather around donor Nancy Broglie from the Office of the Bursar, during the blood drive.*

## Delta Upsilon "Run For Dad" for Prostate Cancer



*Delta Upsilon Participants at the Prostate Cancer event*

**Trenton, NJ. July 22, 2013.** Over 75 Brothers, Family, and Friends of the Dynamic Delta Upsilon participated in the American Cancer Society's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run for Dad" Father's Day event to raise funds and awareness for Prostate Cancer research held at Mer-

cer County Park, West Windsor, NJ. Delta Upsilon was recognized as having the largest team ever to participate in the event.

Prostate Cancer is the leading cause of death in American Men, which disproportionately effects African American men roughly 60% higher than those of White or Asian men. The 5-year survival rate for men whose prostate cancer is detected early is nearly 100% and 93% of men diagnosed with prostate cancer will live 10 years or more. Education, awareness and personal action are saving lives and finding a cure, so Delta Upsilon began participating in the Annual Father's Day event 4 years ago as a particular special outreach through its Health Initiatives committee.

This year, Delta Upsilon set goals to increase its financial contribution and register the most participants, which were achieved, says health committee Chairperson, Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel. "Everyone knows at least one family member, friend, or associate, who has been diagnosed with the disease, which is why we had fraternity, families, and friends participate this year," he added.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Blood Drive



*Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers and participants at the Blood Drive*

**Lexington Park, MD. June 15, 2013** Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter (TLL) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its Charles R. Drew Blood Drive at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's County Juneteenth African American Heritage Celebration on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Lexington Park, MD.

Continuing with TLL's strategy of connecting local organizations for one purpose, the chapter partnered with the Oasis of Victory Christian Church International and the Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The Charles R. Drew Blood Drive is one of several mandated programs TLL conducts throughout the year. Garrett James, the event chairman, stated "TLL conducts the drives for many reasons." He added, "We started because our fraternity supports it.

We continue with passion because we're serious about saving lives."

This Juneteenth drive was the second of five planned by TLL for the calendar year; the most the chapter has ever scheduled. TLL has increased their number of drives in order to address the continual low blood supply levels in the region. There were 19 units of blood donated by patrons at the June 15<sup>th</sup> drive.

First time donor June Calhoun said that her life experiences helped to motivate her to donate blood; her family member was in a bad accident in the past and needed blood. "In addition, I too needed a blood transfusion several years back," she added.

"We welcome first time donors, veteran donors, other organizations and the entire community to come out and support this very worthy cause," James said. "Giving blood is giving life!"

## Second District Scholarship Awards

The Second District awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships t the 61<sup>st</sup> Second District Conference. the Scholarship Awards were as follows:

**District Scholar of the Year- \$3500**  
Ebosele Ayewoh - Beta Gamma

**Founders' Memorial Scholarship \$2500**  
Richard Dickson - Omicron Psi (Undergraduate)  
Brandon Zimmerman - Theta Omicron (Graduate)

**Herman Dreer Scholar/Leadership Award \$2000**  
Kevin Smart-Abbey - Nu Lambda Lambda

**George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship \$2000**  
Brandon Swails - Kappa Omicron

**W. Montague Cobb Medical Scholar Award \$2000**

Richard Steward - Epsilon  
**National Grant Nominee**  
Demetrius Smith - Alpha Upsilon  
Clarence Manuel - Eta Pi

**District Grant Awardees \$1000**

Shomaru Adams-Martinez - Rho Lamda Lamda  
Jamaul Jerido - Rho Lamda Lamda  
Demetrius Smith - Alpha Upsilon  
Clarence Manuel - Eta Pi  
J. Kendall Smalls - Epsilon  
Frank Asante - Nu Lamda Lamda  
Lavar Lobdell - Chi Pi

## Gamma Pi Neophytes Become Life Members



*Line Members in photo above: Thomas Boone, Jr.; Ricky Manear, Marlon Godfrey, Vaughn Gourdine, Roderick Lawrence, Reggie Marshall and Don Norwood. Kelvin Medlock also received his Life Membership and has since relocated. Brothers Ben Ivey (relocated) and Don Demarco Myles will follow through later.*

**Prince Georges County, MD. June 5, 2013.** The members of Gamma Pi's Chapter Spring 2011 Line Genesis X made a promise that they would obtain Life Memberships once they became Omega men. Genesis X believed becoming a Life Member is not only an honor but a duty to the Fraternity.

Eight of the 10 men of Genesis X made good on their vow by becoming Life Members with an interesting twist -- arranging for their individual Life Membership numbers to be assigned in the same sequential order as the makeup of the line. The remaining two members are planning to become Life members later.

"We, the members of Genesis X have felt

as though the Fraternity has taught us so much, and for each of us, it has been a long journey but an honor to call ourselves Omega men," said Brother Thomas Boone. "Throughout the process we were led by seasoned Omega men from all over the 12 Fraternity districts. These seasoned Omega men have taught us the importance of leaving a legacy not only to the chapter but to the Fraternity."

Genesis X has been working hard to take a visible and active role in Gamma Pi, and their belief as a line, according to an article Brother Boone prepared for the Gamma Pi LIVE blog, is that being "owt is more than hopping and throwing parties. Instead, it is friendship, service,

commitment and pride in the Fraternity. Genesis X understands that as Centennial Brothers, they have a duty to move the Fraternity to the next 100 years.

"As Omega men, we must continue to value service inside and outside the Fraternity. Following the guidance of Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray as dictated in his address during the Centennial Rededication Ceremony, we must continue to stand on the solid foundation and remain active to ensure like-minded men will represent the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity." Genesis X, in a show of solidarity through obtaining the Life memberships, says it will accept the baton passed to them and keep Omega alive.

## Theta Mu Mu "Our Daily Bread' Social Action

**Baltimore, Maryland.** At a minimum of one day each month, Theta Mu Mu volunteers at Our Daily Bread, Maryland's hot meal program. Sponsored by the Catholic Charities of Baltimore, Our Daily Bread serves hot meals to the hungry of Baltimore City on a daily basis. Theta Mu Mu has been a solid contributor with this program for the last 4 years. In addition to taking deliveries, serving, preparing, and organizing food Brothers support the program by providing the ever important clean up and dishwashing services.



## Gamma Pi Celebrates Deltas in Military Service

**Washington, D.C., July 10** – The Brothers of Gamma Pi chapter were gracious hosts for the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. during their recent Centennial. A few members of the chapter joined forces with the Ernest E. Just Foundation to organize a dinner program in honor of Delta women who have served in the U.S. military.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the eve of the historic 51st National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Ernest E. Just Foundation, Inc., founded by Gamma Pi's own Brother Wesley Jarmon, hosted the reception, dinner and dance.

The theme of the evening was "Honoring Deltas that Serve." The event was held at Capital Ballroom, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling at the Officer's Club, in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the event was to honor the women of Delta that served and are still serving in the military in uniform, as Department of Defense (DoD) Civilians and as Contractors. Upon learning that there was no event of this nature planned in the official Delta Convention schedule Brothers Reginald Thomas and William "Bill" Reese of Gamma Pi and Edgar Brookins, all retired military, came together to put a plan in place to honor the ladies of the military patterned after the Omega Salute to the Military in 2011 during the Omega Centennial.

Colonel Michael Saunders, Vice Commander of Bolling, gave welcoming comments. The guest speaker for the evening was Major General (Retired) Marcelite J. Harris, United States Air Force and a member of Delta Sigma Theta. General Harris gave an inspirational speech of her days at Spelman College and her participation in the 1960's sit-ins. She also talked about the many "firsts" of her career as she was the first African American female promoted to the rank of General Officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Also, Ms. J.C. Hayward, noon anchor, for Washington's WUSA-TV 9 News and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Other senior Deltas honorees include the Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, Delta Centennial Chair.



*Gamma Pi Brothers honor Deltas at Military Service Event*

Brother Thomas made a presentation from the Secretary of Defense to the Deltas. Various other senior military Deltas included Brigadier General (Retired) Clara Adams-Ender, the first African American and female to command Fort Belvoir, Virginia, who also gave brief remarks at the conclusion of the event.

Senior military officials from around the country came to honor the Deltas including Army four-star General Dennis Via, Commander, Army Material Command whose wife is a Delta, and three-star General Brother William "Kip" Ward, whose wife is also a Delta.

The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta were escorted by members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., from the Washington D.C. area to include Gamma Pi, Lambda Gamma Gamma, Alpha Omega, and Alpha Lambda Lambda chapters. Entertainment was provided by the Just Friends Band that Ois comprised of all Omega Psi Phi members from various chapters in the Washington, D.C. area.

## Zeta Psi Question Bridge Male Mentoring Program



**Brooklyn, NY. March 31, 2013** - The Brothers of Zeta Psi Chapter hosted the Question Bridge program on March 31st, 2013. The program was held at the Booker T. Washington School in Harlem, NY. Question Bridge is a social program that targeted younger Black males. The purpose of Question Bridge was to engage in bidirectional dialogue about the issues Black men encounter and delineate life principles to younger Black males. The program consisted of different workshops such as: Code Switching, The True Definition of Manhood, and Career vs. Jobs. Participants in the event ranged with young males from 12 to 18 years of age. The brothers gave all participants ties at the conclusion of the event.

## Kappa Omega Scholarship Banquet



*Kappa Omega Brothers in attendance at the Scholarship Banquet*

**Harrisburg, Pa. May 24, 2013.** The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Omega Chapter of Harrisburg, Pa. continues its aggressive approach to incorporating Omega's cardinal principles into activities that uplift the community it serves. The preceding months saw Kappa Omega Chapter focused its attention on Scholarship.

Kappa Omega Chapter hosted its annual Scholarship Banquet on Friday, May 24, 2013, at the fraternity house located at 2020 State Street. This year's guest speaker was Brother Nathan Gadsden, educator and freelance writer and 1970 recipient of the Kappa Omega Scholarship Award. Brother Gadsden's poem and message to the gathering focused on the importance of identifying goals, using supports and developing a strong sense of commitment to be the best you can be as you venture into the real world. Brother Gadsden assured everyone that it's important to assert your skills and abilities. He also implored all to earn from adversity and use those lessons to achieve your goals.

In support of the Fraternity's Cardinal Principle of Scholarship, Kappa Omega bestowed upon three individuals awards of one thousand dollars each in recognition of their scholastic achievement. The award recipients were from across the Greater Harrisburg, York and Lancaster areas. The 2013 scholarship recipients are: Mr. Shawn Jackson of Harrisburg High School, who will be attending the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in computer science; Mr. Fikru Ashenafi of Lancaster, who will be attending Pennsylvania State Harrisburg Campus, majoring in chemical engineering and Mr. Edmund Nana Sakyi of York, who will be attending York College, majoring in pre-med. This year's scholarship banquet was served by the chapter's catering services.

Special recognition is extended to Brother Alfred Sloan, Scholarship Committee Chairman, and his committee for an outstanding program. Guest speaker Brother Nathan Gadsden, and songstress, Ms. Aniyala J. Randolph, daughter of Brother James E. Randolph Jr. are also commended for their contribution to an uplifting affair.

## Kappa Omega Blood Drive

**Harrisburg PA. April 13, 2013.** Kappa Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated in conjunction with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank held the "2013 Kappa Omega Blood Drive". The Blood Drive was held in honor of Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew. The Blood Drive is one of the annual health initiatives that the Chapter will hold under the Social Action section of our Fraternity's mandated programs.

The Blood Drive was held from 12:00pm-5:00 pm, at the Kappa Omega Chapter Fraternity house located on 2020 State Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The event was open to all that signed up or was willing to donate. Kappa Omega Brothers lead the way with strong participation in the event. The Brothers arrived early to set up and welcome vendors and supporters of this event. There were photo opportunities for all in front of the comfortably equipped

Blood mobile. The Kappa Omega Brothers donned their Fraternity paraphernalia as they stood proudly with Omegas, CPBB staff, Pan-Hellenic members, friends, family, and community members.

During the event donors and guests were able to peruse the educational, health, and life planning materials donated by the Harrisburg School District, American Diabetes Foundation, New York Life Insurance, and Super Reader of the American Literacy Council. A handshake of gratitude goes out to M&T Bank and DOG ON GOOD DOGS CATERING for sponsoring the event and to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, whose staff were prompt, professional, courteous, and flexible.

## Kappa Omega Support 500 Men Reading Program

**Harrisburg, Pa. March 1, 2013.** Brothers of the Kappa Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated joined other men in the Central Pennsylvania area to participate in the 500 Men Reading Week program organized by American Literacy Council representative, Mr. Floyd Stokes.

The event (formerly the 100 Men Reading Week) was held February 25 thru March 1, 2013 in school districts and libraries across the Harrisburg area. The main purpose of the 500 Men Reading Week is to generate scholastic enthusiasm among school aged children and motivate them to appreciate and enjoy the written word more by encouraging men from the community to read to them.

The event kicked off with a morning snack in the cafeteria area of the Camp Curtin Elementary School, where good natured, positive conversations filled the air amongst the participants. Special guests, and the fathers, uncles, teachers, politicians, friends, professionals, and fraternity members who participated, shared their enthusiasm and encouragements. Brothers George Love, James Parker, Galen Gillis and James Randolph from Kappa Omega, joined the ranks of the 500.



*Students from Camp Curtin Elementary School in Harrisburg, PA. who participated in 500 Men Reading Week supported by Kappa Omega Chapter*

At the conclusion of the reading program participants were treated to a luncheon at the Midtown Scholar Book store located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Harrisburg. This was an excellent location to put an exclamation on such a great event as well as emphasizing the importance of reading.

## Kappa Omega Sponsor Little League Team



*Brothers of Kappa Omega with the Little league Team. l-r: Wes Gumby, Jesse Rawls, Sr., Vice Basileus, Alfred Sloan, Marvin Wingfield, James Battle, Basileus, Garfield Jackson, Jr., Anthony Steele, Delonne Wilbourne and Lonnie Devane*

**Harrisburg, Pa. June 5, 2013.** Over the past five (5) seasons, the Men of Kappa Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have sponsored, and supported, a Harrisburg Little League Team named "Omega Psi Phi". The team, ranging from ages 9-12, is one of 12 Teams that play in the Men Of the South-East League Field organization (M.O.S.E.L.F.). Kappa Omega donations have helped to offset costs for equipment, uniforms and other miscellaneous expenses.

The Chapter is excited to participate in this worthwhile endeavor annually. Basileus Garfield L. Jackson, Jr. stated, "Youth sports is a character building process that helps students develop skills, learn successful life strategies and how to handle adversity". In

addition to the Chapter itself being a proud sponsor, Brother Lonnie DeVan also serves as an Umpire for many of the games. M.O.S.E.L.F. was incorporated in 1993 to manage, maintain and develop Little League Baseball in the City of Harrisburg. It has helped the number of participants grow from 90 to 450 youths that play Little League baseball, Senior Baseball and Girl's Softball. In the past M.O.S.E.L.F. had teams attend and host Regional Baseball tournaments as recently as 2011 and 2012. Over the years, with the help and sponsorships of organizations such as Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Omega Chapter, M.O.S.E.L.F. has established itself as a critical partner in the growth and continuation of youth baseball for the region.

## Kappa Omega Supports Logan's Run For Autism

**Harrisburg, PA. April 6, 2013.** The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Kappa Omega Chapter participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Logan's Run & Walk of the Autism Society of Greater Harrisburg, PA. The walk was conducted on City Island located in Harrisburg, PA. Many hear the word "Autistic" but really do not know what it means. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior. Autistic disorder, sometimes called autism or classical ASD, is the most severe form of ASD, while other conditions along the spectrum include a milder form known as Asperger syndrome, and childhood disintegrative disorder and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (usually referred to as PDD-NOS). Although ASD varies significantly in character and severity, it occurs in all ethnic and socioeconomic groups and affects every age group. Experts estimate that 1 out of 88 children age 8 will have an ASD

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, March 30, 2012). Males are four times more likely to have an ASD than females.

The chapter was well represented by the brothers of Kappa Omega to show support in the fight against Autism. Brother Garfield Jackson was interviewed by Channel 21 News on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>. The interview was conducted by news anchor Sherry Christian. Mrs. Christian was also the past president of the local chapter of the Harrisburg Autism Society. She was very excited to see men and especially men of color participating in this worthy cause since males are 4 times likely to be affected by this condition. With the large presents of Kappa Omega men she hopes that this will be the stepping stone to help bring other men to support the cause. The event drew 107 teams to help exceed the organizations goal of \$50,000. The event generated over \$69,000. The proceeds go to help families with various medical, physical and counseling needs

## Kappa Omicron Support Little League Baseball in The Bronx

**Bronx, NY. Spring 2013.** The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Kappa Omicron Chapter sponsored a team this Spring 2013 in the well regarded Castle Hill Little League in the Bronx, NY. Our team's name, 'Kappa Omega', was proudly displayed on the uniforms. Our team participated in the 'Majors' division consisting of 11 – 12 year old boys. The games were played at a baseball field which included in-ground dugouts on Zerega Ave, Bronx, NY, at 4:30 and 7 pm on weekdays and at various times on weekends. The League selects the coaches and manages the operation and umpiring and provides a safe and fun environment for children to build a strong foundation within the community.

This Sponsorship Program is aimed at providing an opportunity for youngsters to play baseball and is a part of K. O. Chapter's social action and mentoring activity.

The month of April was a very busy month for the Little League and K.O. who won their first game on April 3, 2013. Every day the L.L. kids played at least two games for the various divisions and on April 13, 2013, the league's picture day, each team took a group picture with the manager and three coaches.

The Little League Parade on April 27, 2013 was the official start of the season with over 300 people in attendance, includ-

ing players, managers, coaches, officials, parents, sponsors and performers. There were at least five marching bands that helped with the procession which ended at the Castle Hill Little League Field. In addition to this, the 43<sup>rd</sup> precinct of the NYPD diverted traffic in order to make the parade possible.

The spirit of competitiveness was in the air, as each team marched with a banner and chanted how their team was the best. Our team was energetic and some of the chapter brothers marched along with them, including Bro. L. McKenzie, chairman of this Chapter's program, Bas. R. McCain; Bros. E. Parisien, J. Baker, and R. Mifflin. After the procession ended, the league President greeted everyone and talked briefly about the history of the Castle Hill Little League. The ceremony included singing of the national anthem, a presentation by a Latin Dance Ensemble and performances by the marching bands.

By mid-May, the Kappa Omicron's Team was in third place with a record of 7-7 and in June KO's team advanced to the second round of the playoffs with a final record of 10 – 8. The games are played in 6 innings. The players learned fielding plays, throwing ahead of the runners, hitting techniques and other skills from the Coaches. In the majority of the games the team averaged four hits per game. We are very proud of the team and of our involvement with this Little League sponsorship.



*Kappa Omicron Brothers with Little League Team at Parade in April.*

## Kappa Omicron Wins Three Awards at 65th Second District Conference

**Buffalo, New York. May 4th, 2013.** Kappa Omicron was the winner of three individual Awards at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Second District Conference in Buffalo, NY. There were many talented contestants in the Program.

Brother Brandon Swails received a \$2,000 Scholarship Award and Plaque during the Founders Banquet. Bro Brandon is a student in the Graduate Program for Human Services at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Corina Parkwood, the K. O. contestant, wowed the essay contest review committee, claimed first place and was awarded a prize of \$1,000 for her essay, "With the Rising Cost for a College Education What Value Do You Place on Earning a College Degree". Ms. Parkwood will attend Virginia Union University in the fall.

Lastly, Mr. Xavier Austin, K. O.'s Talent Hunt contest entry, won the First Place trophy and medal for his strong dramatic interpretation performance in this year's district talent hunt contest. Mr. Austin, a sophomore in High School also won an honorarium of \$500.



*Xavier Austin holds First place Talent Hunt trophy with his mother and Kappa Omicron Brothers at 65th Second District Conference*

## Omicron Chi Establishes Youth Initiative in Plainfield, NJ

**Plainfield, NJ. June 13, 2013.** In an effort to reduce youth violence in the Greater Plainfield, New Jersey community, the Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. established a youth mentoring program at the Second Street Youth Center (SSYC). The Second Street Youth Center Foundation, Inc. is a multipurpose non-profit organization seeking to bring about better community relations by providing educational, vocational, cultural and recreational activities for youth and adults in this community.

To support this initiative, Omicron Chi chapter established a unique alliance with The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), The Edison-Metuchen Branch of the NAACP, and Eta Omicron Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Through the energy and leadership of the "Mighty OX", these organizations pooled their collective resources to produce a robust youth program that focused on developing the life skills of young people ages 13-18.

Based on FBI crime data, Plainfield is one of the higher risk communities in America. In fact, relative to New Jersey, Plainfield has a crime rate that is higher than 90% of the state's cities and towns of all sizes. The Second Street Youth Mentoring Initiative was established to assist the Second Street Youth Center in its constant quest to provide a safe haven for young people in the area.

Throughout the year, the mentoring initiative focused on the following key themes:

Self-Awareness and Self Image, Academic Excellence with a focus on Literacy, Conflict/Anger Management and Mediation, Economic Education and Health and Wellness.

Omicron Chi Brothers led over 20 workshops/discussions during the year. Workshop/forum discussion topics included: Personal Branding (Me, Inc.), The Law and You, "How to commu-



*Youth participants in Omicron Chi Youth Initiative*

nicate with Law Enforcement", Gang Prevention, Dressing for Success, "How to tie a Tie" and A Gun Violence Roundtable

In addition to focusing on the reduction of violence amongst youth in the area, the mentoring collaboration led to increased recreational activities and educational opportunities for the young people of the region

Bro. Byron Ward, Chairman of the Omicron Chi chapter SSYC Mentoring Initiative stated "The ultimate goal of this effort is to build a successful collaboration that will allow the Second Street Youth Center to become the epicenter for personal growth and positivity for the young people in the area. The Brothers of Omicron Chi chapter wants to develop intelligent, emotionally and physically sound students that will become healthy and productive members of society and leaders in their community."

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent hunt

**Springdale, MD February 2, 2013.** Today, the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi hosted its annual Talent Hunt auditions at the Charles H. Flowers High School, located at 10001 Ardwick-Ardmore Road Springdale, MD 20774. The Talent Hunt program is one of the many scholarship programs that are offered by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. that provides exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the performing arts. The Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter personally gives \$35,000 – 50,000 in scholarships yearly to assist high school and graduating high school students who strive to embark upon a larger stage of excellence.

Brother John Henry was this year's chairperson and he was assisted by Brother Charles Burke. The chapter expanded on its last year's model by continuing a reality based TV model that incorporated more personable and entertaining aspects to each competitor's performance. Competitors Savannah Cranford, who became a consecutive three year first place winner in the Dance Category and Rania Barnes, who placed first place in the Visual Arts category, will each represent the chapter in Buffalo New York at the this year's 65<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> district Conference that takes place May 2-5, 2013.



*Lambda Gamma Gamma Brothers at Talent Hunt*

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Annual Family Cookout

**Washington, DC June 8, 2013.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") paid homage to the children and family of its own membership as part of its annual Family Cookout. The annual Family Cookout serves as an opportunity for the kids and families of LGG members to gather as one for food and games as a

thank you for their support of the work that LGG does in the Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia communities. Brother Jamere Clark served as chair of this year's event and was assisted by Brother Ivan Hardnett, this year's co-chair.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Volunteer with DC Boys And Girls

**Washington, D.C. June 23, 2013.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") finished providing two days of helping hands for the Annual D.C. Boys and Girls Club Barbecue Battle. Brother Joseph C. Bozeman, Jr. gathered over 35 brothers gathered to assist in this major annual fundraising event for the na-

tional capital region by helping with alcoholic beverages distribution and identification verification. The event provided an opportunity for continued outstanding camaraderie and true commitment to giving back to the children of our communities across the nation.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Kids Day at Six Flags

**Mitchellville, MD. August 18, 2013.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") completed another successful annual Kids Day at Six Flags event. The event emphasizes broadening the exposure of underprivileged children. Brother Robert Taylor chaired this year's event with the assistance of Brother Mark Taylor, this year's co-chair. Over 20 brothers served as volunteers or chaperones for nearly 130 children. LGG provided backpacks filled with school supplies for all the child participants. This year's event included lunch provided by LGG and a spelling bee for child participants. The committee was pleased to have targeted participation from members of the Robert Goddard's French Immersion Chess Club, Arts Fusion Place Dance Club, and Manhood 101 programs. The Prince George's County Memorial Library System was this year's top donor of school supplies for nonmembers.



## Lambda Gamma Gamma Kids to Nationals Event

**Washington, D.C. July 27, 2013.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") hosted nearly 100 participants for its annual Kids at Nationals event. The event, held at the home of the Washington Nationals, provides an opportunity for under privileged kids from the local area to enjoy the experience of a professional baseball game. Along with children, brothers and other adults attend this event in energetic fashion. For most children and other adults, the event serves as the first time they may witness a professional baseball game. This year's event was a true success and LGG got participation from the most kids to ever for this event. Kids were treated to gift bags containing food item, an Omega signature tee shirt, and their ticket to this year's game. Brother Carl Pinkney served as this year's chairman.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Youth Leadership Conference

**Bowie, MD. September 28, 2013.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed its 2013 Youth Leadership Conference at Bowie State University under the theme of "Mission Possible: Protocols of the Internet." Over 200 participants, including children and parents, attended this year's event where notable internet and technology professionals hosted sessions and provided an in-depth look at the pros and cons of the internet and the various types of social media that currently exists on the internet. This year's change in format

for LGG's annual Youth Leadership Conference was guided by Brother Corey M. Sanders, chairman for this year's committee. Brother Lonnie McAllister served as this year's co-chair. Children attended breakout sessions that included topics such as Social Media, Internet Business Opportunities, Proper and Improper Use of Social Media and Technology Demonstrations. Parents attended breakout sessions that discussed financial planning, college planning, the psychology of raising teens and social media oversight.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma International Que Reunion

**Upper Marlboro, Maryland August 10, 2013.** Today, as part of the 2013 International Que Reunion, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") completed its annual Patron Appreciation BBQ, its annual barbeque and picnic affair where LGG recognizes the support it receives from patrons and organizations throughout the year. Brother Erick Tyrone chaired this year's event with the assistance of Brother Michael Parham as the co-chair. LGG's popularly known and renowned Mobile Feeding Team served the well over 1,500 patrons and brothers that came out for this year's BBQ. Highlight of this year's event included strolling by many sorority organizations followed by a show from Lambda Gamma Gamma's award-winning hop team that took second place at the 2012 Grand Conclave.

**Ft. Meade, Maryland. August 11, 2013.** Today, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") announces its completion of a successful

International Que Reunion ("IQR") for the great Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Every two years, a biennial celebration ensues where military and non-military Brothers, and friends, get together in celebration, friendship, and fellowship. This event, known as The International Que Reunion, brings together persons from across the United States and abroad, to socialize about the fraternity and military life. LGG served as the original host for this event in the Washington, D.C. area for several years and was called to duty, once again, to host this illustrious event. This year's festivities took place August 8-11 in Clinton, Maryland, and included a very comprehensive line-up of events. LGG is pleased to announce that each component of this year's affair received its targeted maximum participation and level of service. Brother Rickey Harris chaired this year's event.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Golf Tournament

**Davidsonville, MD. August 9, 2013.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") kicked-off the heart of the 2013 International Que Reunion by hosting its annual Gold Stroke Classic/2013 Benefit Golf Tournament at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville, Maryland. Brother Christopher Howard served as this year's chairman, with the host of co-chair Brother Marc Pina. Over 85 participants enjoyed a two-player scramble format. Play began at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception and awards

dinner. BMW of Sterling and the Ferguson Group, LLC led the way as this year's leading sponsors. Over 40 hole sponsors made up of primarily various chapters, individuals and small or minority businesses. The funds raised from this annual event helps the chapter's work with disadvantaged children, provide scholarships, and provide support for the Wounded Warrior in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Awards COL Charles Young Scholarships to 21 Students

**Ft. Meade, MD. August 12, 2013.** Every year the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated ("LGG"), in partnership with the LGG Uplift Foundation, conducts its annual Colonel Charles Young Scholarship Program. This program awards scholarships to talented, college-bound high school seniors in Maryland, Northern Virginia and the Washington, D.C area. This year, LGG and the Uplift Foundation are pleased to award \$31,000 in scholarships to 21 college-bound high-school seniors and seven students currently enrolled at various colleges and universities.

LGG prides itself on providing financial assistance to aspiring students in their pursuit of higher education through accredited colleges and universities. The criteria for scholarship selection are high academics, community service and monetary need. In addition, the chapter supports previous winners currently enrolled in college. Brother Rodney Hopkins chaired this year's committee.

### College-Bound Scholarships

Bronte M. Covington, Springbrook High School,  
**Virginia State University**

Savannah Crawford, Duke Ellington High School,  
**Penn State University**

Brittany Davis, Hammond High School,  
**Howard Community College**

Bakari Powell, South River High School, **NC A&T**

Steven Reyes, Gwynn Park High School,  
**Bowie State University**

Aleaya Dixon, North Point High School,  
**Howard University**

Preston Taylor, Robert E. Lee High School,  
**George Mason University**

Adriez Prewitt, LaPlata High School, **Drexel University**

Tyler Jackson, School Without Walls High School,  
**Delaware University**

Travis Latchman, Charles Flowers High School,  
**John Hopkins University**

Curtis Holloway, Flowers High School,  
**Virginia Commonwealth University**

Olivia Bruce, Duke Ellington School of the Arts,  
**Marist University, NY**

Derrick Harold, Charles Flowers High School,  
**Howard University**

Amir Hobson, Fairfax High School, **Morehouse College**

Junior Doh, Parkdale High School, **St. Johns University, NY**

Raquel Short, Roosevelt High School, **Morgan State University**

Myles Humphrey, Wise High School,  
**Shepard University**

Sydney Long, Potomac Senior High School,  
**James Madison University**

James White, McKinley Tech,  
**Fayetteville State University**

Toure Burgess, Blake High School, **Howard University**

Travis Platt, Meade High School,  
**Florida Atlantic University**

### Continuing Education Scholarships

Alijah Harley, **North Carolina Central University**

Lindel Jefferson, **Virginia State University**

Sakile Lyles, **Howard University**

Reoni Mapp, **Boston University**



## Mu Rho Remodel Home for Seniors

**Annapolis, Maryland Saturday April 27, 2013:** Approximately 20 members of Mu Rho Chapter partnered with Rebuilding Together to repair and improve the home of a deserving senior citizen of Annapolis. Rebuilding Together utilizes over 200,000 volunteers each year and completes nearly 10,000 projects on an annual basis. The projects are meant to improve and modify existing homes of low income residents who could not otherwise afford the repairs. The Brothers replaced windows and doors.



*Mu Rho Brothers and other participants in the home remodel.*

They also provided much needed assistance in mulching the property, planting bushes as well as installing a brick patio. Assisting in this endeavor were members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., as well as the Rotary Club of Annapolis. When organizations can come together for a common goal is when good works can be accomplished.



*Mu Rho Brothers replacing a window. Working Hard for Omega*

## Mu Rho Mentorship Program

**Annapolis, Maryland. March 19, 2013:** The Brothers of Mu Rho Chapter partnered with the LINKS for the purpose of providing uplift to young men from Annapolis High School. The students were taken to New York City for the purpose of seeing a symposium on the Transatlantic Slave Trade. It was sponsored by the United Nations. Students came from Maryland, Virginia, New York and via satellite – Trinidad, Tobago, and England were able to participate in the program. The Mu Rho Brothers

meet with the students every other Friday to discuss subjects that include: college preparation, career planning, as well as life skills for success. The students have been identified as being at risk of dropping out of high school, but with constant encouragement, these young men will continue to move in the direction of purpose and positivity. Brothers that participate in this program include: Dr. Leon Washington, Dr. Jeff Diggs, George Gunder, James Payton, James Trapp, and Juan Snowden.



*Mu Rho Brothers and participants in the Mentorship Program*

## Nu Nu Habitat for Humanity



*Nu Nu Brothers working to complete the Johnson Family Home*

**Cinnaminson, NJ** – A handful of Brothers from Nu Nu Chapter have dedicated their Saturday, July 27, 2013 to lending a hand with Habitat for Humanity Burlington County. The men arrived at the construction site at 8:30 AM all donning work gloves, goggles, and hard hats. Brothers worked alongside the NYU Student Alumni group and our partner family Amber and Hector Johnson. Amber and Hector are

working to complete a total of 400 sweat equity hours on their home. The two groups worked on 41 Bispham St. in Mount Holly NJ.

Caroline Malia, Volunteer coordinator from Burlington County Habitat for Humanity said “We are so excited to have so many volunteers that came to our site on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Both groups valued our mission and helped us eliminate sub-

standard housing in Burlington County.”

The U.S. Census Bureau reports more than 16 million children are living in poverty in the United States. Nearly 48 percent of the children reside with women heads-of-household. The Brothers of Omega have helped to place a family into their home.

## Nu Nu Burlington City Clean-Up Project

**Burlington City, NJ** – The Brothers of the Nu Nu Chapter, along with friends of Omega converged on Burlington City, NJ to clean the Kid’s Play Park located at the corner of Clarkson and York Streets. All assembled at the Arthur F. Brown Community Center before heading down ½ block to the play park to begin clean-

ing. After putting in some labor to include further cleaning down York Street back towards the Community Center, the task was completed. All hands were on deck, and with Omega in the spotlight, Brothers came out and represented, proudly wearing our colors. Omega Community Development Inc. and Nu Nu - In Service to Mankind.

## Nu Nu Support American Cancer Society Relay for Life

**Delran, NJ**- The Brothers of the Nu Nu Chapter descended on Delran High School on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Delran American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The Chapter has Team Curry in honor of our departed Brother Lt. Col (R) James T. “Pete” Curry (Omega Chapter), who lost his battle with this disease. Brothers came out in support of this cause. Nu Nu Chapter has been involved with Relay for Life for the past thirteen years, and also manned the Snack Shack, providing delicious food for those in attendance.

This year’s annual Relay for Life of Delran raised over \$101,600 for cancer research, with over 755 participants attending to celebrate cancer survivors, and to remember loved ones as they took part in the walkathon. Nu Nu Chapter’s Team Curry, was one of the top ten fundraising teams.



*Nu Nu Chapter’s Team Curry*

## Pan Hellenic Council of NY Names Award in Honor of Psi Lambda Lambda's Brother Butler Dowery



*l-r Brothers Dominick Boyce, Butler B. Dowery, Wade Israel, Sr., Edison Bond, Jr., Charles Thomas and Basileus Reginald A. Henry in photo as Proclamations are read and honors bestowed to Brother Butler Dowery*

**New York, New York. May, 2013.** Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York has named the Fraternity Chapter of the Year award in honor of Brother Butler B. Dowery. The Butler B. Dowery Award will annually be given to the outstanding Fraternity Chapter of Greater New York in recognition of their achievements during the year. Each fraternity chapter will be evaluated on the following criteria: Economic awareness development, Youth development and mentoring, Political awareness and development, International awareness and involvement, Physical and mental awareness and development, Educational development, and Internal Chapter development.

Brother Dowery is a past director of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Inc., Eastern Region. During his tenure as director, Brother Dowery was responsible for the implementation of programs that included the development of a scholarship fund for collegiate member of NPHC and participation in the National Penny Campaign, where \$2,000 was raised. He served as Tri-Council Coordinator of the Eastern Regional Conference in New York City; served two terms as Assistant Regional Di-

rector, two terms as Director Eastern Region, and served two terms as Treasurer of NPHC, Inc. During his tenure as treasurer, on his recommendation, the NPHC, Inc. became the first organization to become a member of the Omega Psi Phi Credit Union. On two occasions, he was awarded Frater of the Year by NPHC, Inc.

Brother Dowery is also past president (1988-1992) of the Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York, Inc., and served as a member of the Board of Directors and chaired the Founders Day Committee and Penny Campaign Initiative in the Council. At the celebration of the first ever Founders Day Program, Brother. Dowery was awarded Frater of the Year by the Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York Inc. He was instrumental in forging the joint venture between Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Greater New York Pan Hellenic Council raising funds for both organizations' scholarship programs. On May 18, 2003, The Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York, Inc., awarded him the Presidential Award for Outstanding Community Service.



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## Psi Lambda Lambda's Jay Wade, PhD, Receives Fulbright Scholar Award



*Brother Jay Wade, PhD.*

**New York, New York.** Jay C. Wade, PhD, has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar award to do research in Bali and Java Indonesia during the 2013-2014 academic year, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

announced recently. Dr. Wade is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2013-2014. His research will examine masculinity, changing gender roles, and marital and life satisfaction among Indonesian men.

Dr. Wade is an associate professor in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Fordham University, Bronx, NY. His research has involved his theory and measure of male identity, which was published as a Major Contribution to the field of counseling psychology in *The Counseling Psychologist*. His research and scholarly interests include the psychology of men and masculinity, identity issues, and multicultural issues in psychology, and he has published several articles on issues related to

counseling African American men.

He received his bachelors degree from Morehouse College, a master's degree from Columbia University, and doctoral degree from the University of Maryland. He is a licensed psychologist in the state of New York and provides consultation on issues of cultural diversity and substance abuse treatment.

He is past-president of the Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Wade was initiated into Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1985. He is currently a member of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter in New York City. He is the son of the late J. Cameron Wade who served on the Board of Directors of the Omega Life Membership Foundation and as Grand Keeper of Finance.

## Psi Lambda Lambda's Charles Everette accepts invitation from HFMA to Become Citizen Ambassador to Brazil



*Brother Charles A. Everette*

**New York, NY.** Brother Charles A. Everette, of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter recently accepted an invitation from the HFMA (Healthcare Financial Management Association) to join fellow experts in the health care industry, as a Citizen Ambassador, on the Healthcare Financial Management Delegation to Brazil. Brother Everette will have the opportunity to interact with health care administrators from around the world; engaging in face-to-face meetings, forums, and sessions with government officials in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

The delegation will learn about the planning, delivery, and financing of healthcare in Brazil. Areas of exploration will include: An Overview of the Brazilian healthcare economic sector; Life expectancy- primary medical issues and concerns; increasing healthcare awareness among the Brazilian population; Access to and availability of quality care; Healthcare expenditures and allocations.

The Healthcare Financial Management Delegation to Brazil is being organized by "People to People." It was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, and has received ceremonial support from every President since Eisenhower, up to the present.

Charles has over 15 years experience in the health care industry as a Research Assistant, Auditor/Consultant, Sr. Revenue Cycle Manager, and Assistant Director. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (PreMed) from North Carolina Central University and a Master of Public Administration Degree (with distinction) from Mercy College.

Brother Charles A. Everette was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter on December 17, 2005. During his tenure at Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter, he has held various offices including Chapter Reporter, Keeper of Records and Seal and Keeper of Finance. Charles is credited with starting "The Purple Book, Gold Book Project," a project designed to provide functional bookshelf space in New York hospitals for pediatric patients, and their families to enjoy educational and fun reading materials. Among his many fraternal accomplishments, Charles was the recipient of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter's Basileus Award, in his first year as a member.



## Bro. Baraki Lee Elected Secretary/Treasurer of Executive Committee of Association of Community College Board of Trustees



*Brother Baraki Lee*

**JERSEY CITY, N.J. / October 11, 2013** — Bro. Bakari G. Lee, Esq. (active with the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter in Jersey City, NJ), Vice Chairman of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Community College Trustees' Executive Committee at that organization's Annual Leadership Congress last week in Seattle, Washington.

Founded in 1972, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is the nonprofit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees of community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. ACCT's purpose is to strengthen the capacity of community, technical, and junior colleges and to foster the realization of their missions through effective board leadership at local, state, and national levels.

Bro. Lee, a limited partner with the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, was appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees in 2006. He was elected to the ACCT Board of Directors and the office of Northeast Region Chair in 2011. Prior to that, he served as Associate Member of the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee, the 2011 Northeast Region Awards Committee and the 2010 Northeast Region Nominating Committee.

Bro. Lee is also the Chairman of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (Council). He served as Chairman of that body's Legislative Committee and is a Trustee Ambassador as well. As Chair of the Council, Bro. Lee has engaged on a listening tour, endeavoring to meet with each of New Jersey's 19 community college presidents and board chairs in order to learn how the Council can serve them better. He has also made a commitment to attend one commencement of each college during his tenure as chair and is currently two-thirds along his journey. This year's tour concluded with his giving the commencement speech at Atlantic Cape Community College where the school conferred upon him an honorary Associate of Arts degree for his efforts in the community college sector.

A graduate of Florida A&M University, Bro. Lee earned his *Juris Doctorate* from the Rutgers University School of Law-Newark. He was admitted into the practice of law in the State of New Jersey and the United States District County of New Jersey in 2004, and in the State of New York in 2007.

Before joining McManimon, Scotland & Baumann Bro. Lee served as a law clerk for the Honorable Darryl Dean Donohue of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands - St. Croix Division. Bro. Lee was a Senior Financial Analyst in the Animal Health Division of Pfizer.

Bro. Lee is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers and a Past Basileus of the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter, among other offices. He was named as a Super Lawyers Magazine Rising Star in each year since 2009.

Among other volunteer efforts, Bro. Lee serves as the Program Administrator for the Dr. Gerard W. Lee, Jr. Social Service Programs, LLC Rites of Passage Program, named after his late father Bro. Gerard W. Lee, Jr. (2 Delta Psi 1962), which currently operates at the Morristown Neighborhood House in Morristown, NJ. The program is designed to help children understand their journey from childhood to adulthood through a series of workshops and educational and cultural group trips.



## Omicron Iota Young Achievers Program



*Omicron Iota's Young Achievers*



*Brothers teaching Young Achievers to tie Bow Tie knot*

**New Rochelle, New York.. January 2013.** The Men of Omicron Iota Chapter in partnership with the Westchester County Links, Inc. launched the Young Achiever's Program at New Rochelle High School, New Rochelle NY in January of 2013. The program goal is to encourage excellence in high achieving young men and to ease the transition from high school to college. The objectives of the program are met through formal and informal workshops. Twenty students were identified and have all enrolled in the program. Students who join the 2-year program will enter in their junior year and remain through their high school graduation. Participants will meet once a month during the school year. The program is geared towards young men of color. The young men in the achiever's program are all academically talented and motivated. They were given workshops on a variety of different topics such as: How to Write a College Essay, How to Choose a College, Career Planning, Dress for Success and How to Interview for a Job. Omicron Iota Brother Peter Wynn moderated the career-planning workshop. Omicron Iota Brother Curtis Woods gave a demonstration on how to tie a bow tie in the Dress for Success Workshop. Chapter Brothers and professionals who work in the community have conducted the monthly workshops. Workshop presenters have been notable City Officials, Assistant District Attorneys, Clothiers, College Administrators, Cardiologists, Educators and Engineers.

The program runs only during the school year. The response from parents and students has been exceedingly pleasing and very supportive. The students through word of mouth have informed their friends. There is much interest in the program. The program is hoping to provide a comprehensive enriching experience for youth that will assist them in developing life skills, self esteem, and respect for others. Parents themselves express the significance of each workshop that has been given to the young men. Omicron Iota Chapter's partnership with the Westchester County Chapter Links, Inc., has been rewarding. Together we recognize that the brothers will serve as positive role models and mentors. The involvement of successful African-American Men is crucial to the success of this program.

The planning sessions for next year's program are already underway. In addition to repeating our successful current workshops, some of the topics for the upcoming year's workshops that will be added are: Financial Literacy, Public Speaking, Man to Man Sessions and How to Treat Women. The Young Achiever's Program provides the chapter with the opportunity to uphold the four cardinal principles of our great fraternity: Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift and Perseverance.

The Young Achiever's Program Committee: Bro. Ed Kittrell, Bro. Peter Wynn, Bro. Robert Harris, Bro. Matthew Marrow and Bro. Troy Grant.

## Iota Nu Habitat for Humanity Social Action

**Edgewood, MD -May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013,** 2<sup>nd</sup> District, the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in Habitat for Humanity. The Men of Iota Nu take part in the annual event, which takes place in various locations in Harford County, Maryland. This year the home was located in the town of Edgewood, MD. The spirit of friendship and uplift propelled the Brothers to assist one of many families looking to fulfill their dream of home ownership.

The Brothers worked vigorously throughout the day under the leadership of the crew chief to construct a drop ceiling in the basement, install shelving and mirrors throughout the bathrooms



of the home, as well as construct and install railing along the stairways. We also mounted storage shelves for the utility room in the basement of the house.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is that every man, woman and child should have a safe and affordable home to live in. Habitat for Humanity builds and repairs homes all over the world using volunteer labor and donations. These ideals align with the mission of the brothers of Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and they will continue to participate in this program to aid families in their quest for home-ownership



*Iota Nu Brothers working on homes in Harford County, MD. Habitat for Humanity*

## Iota Nu NAACP Youth Council Membership

**Aberdeen, MD—March 16, 2013.** 2<sup>nd</sup> District, the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity supported our mandated effort to encourage membership for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The decision was made in coordination with the Iota Nu Chapter to encourage youth membership for the Harford County NAACP youth council. Several Brothers from the chapter participated in this event which was held at the Edgewood Recreational Center in Edgewood, MD. There were approximately 20 attendees with Brother

Pettiford, Scott and Hatcher sponsoring seven new members for the Harford County NAACP youth council branch. These Brothers played a significant role by speaking with the youth about the significance of obedience, discretion and courage in achieving their goals in life. The purpose of this event was to encourage the youth through positive reinforcement of positive influences within the community. This event was a success. Brother Judah Hatcher was the reporter for the event



*Iota Nu Brothers encourage youth for membership in the NAACP*

## Iota Nu "A Day with the Veterans" Social Action

**Perryville, MD—May 4, 2013,** 2<sup>nd</sup> District, the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated conducted its biannual visit to the Perry Point Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center. As the largest inpatient facility in the VA Maryland Health Care System, the center provides a broad range of services, including inpatient medical, intermediate and long-term care programs, nursing home care, rehabilitation services, geriatric evaluation and management, respite care, chronic ventilator care, and hospice care. The Perry Point VA Medical Center is a leader in providing comprehensive mental health care to Maryland's Veterans as well. This facility recognizes that ongoing treatment of both physical and mental needs is equally important.

The Brothers of Iota Nu visited the Veterans of Perry Point VA Medical Center to provide an atmosphere of appreciation and goodwill among the Veterans residing in the medical center. We provided food (grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, etc.) and fun to uplift the Veterans' spirits. Brothers also spent one-on-one time with individual Veterans learning stories of their services and sharing some stories of their own. Because many of the Veterans were not able to join in the outdoor festivities Iota Nu members



*Iota Nu Brothers with Disabled Veterans at Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center*

took the time to visit the Veterans at their bedsides as well. With the assistance of the facility's staff and the Director, it was possible for Iota Nu to further extend a hand of fellowship.

In addition to the abovementioned activities, Iota Nu also provided a chance for the Veterans to get away from the daily routine of the medical center by providing fishing rods and bait to go fishing at the nearby Chesapeake Bay. Though the fish were not biting, the Veterans enjoyed the good weather, time away and the socializing. The Veterans

asked that we come back as soon as possible and we promised that we would. Iota Nu is scheduled to visit the Veterans again in November.

After the event, the Brothers of Iota Nu took the time to reflect on how our efforts contributed to uplifting both the Veterans and chapter members. We also brainstormed various ways to strengthen our relationship with the deserving Veterans at Perry Point VA Medical Center. Our appreciation for their commendable service is immeasurable, so we were glad to have an opportunity to express just a fraction of that gratitude for some of America's finest.

## Iota Nu 2013 Talent Hunt

**Bel Air, MD—March 2, 2013.** 2<sup>nd</sup> District, the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated conducted the Talent Hunt which began with a welcome by Brother Mark Thomas, Talent Hunt Chairman, followed by prayer from Brother Donald Jones and the Talent Hunt History by Brother Emil Cromwell. The push this year was greater community involvement with a special performance by The Sons of Joshua, a modern dance troupe from Baltimore and the Omega Chorus of Iota Nu. Aaron Parker from Edgewood High School performed Valse by Chopin on piano. Ian McDaniel from Patterson Mill High School played Winelight by William Eaton made famous by the great Grover Washington Jr. Daniel Woods from Edgewood High School performed Clair de lune by Debussy on piano, and Ramon Dykes from Aberdeen High School presented an Oral Dramatic Interpretation.

The winner of the event was Daniel Woods. Brothers Charles Alston and Gene Egerton assisted with handing out the prizes. The event was closed by a prayer from Brother Donald Jones.



*Iota Nu Brothers Adams and Thomas with Talent Hunt winner Daniel Woods*

## Tau Pi and Howard County Community Support Maryland State Delegate Brother Frank Turner as an Outstanding Citizen



*Tau Pi Basileus David Charron and MD State Delegate Bro. Frank Turner*

**Columbia, MD, September 2013.** The Men of Tau Pi Chapter, joined with fellow chapter Brother, and Maryland State Delegate, The Honorable Frank S. Turner on the occasion of an evening to honor him as an outstanding citizen within our community. Brother Delegate Turner graciously serves in the General Assembly as the Vice Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Brother Delegate Frank S. Turner has served the citizens of Howard County, Maryland for over 19 years as a faithful advocate for working families in East Columbia. During his time in the legislature, he has been instrumental in crafting

smart legislation and garnering state appropriations to provide much needed support for working families in Howard County. Brother Turner was a tireless champion of Maryland's recently passed gaming bill, authorizing gambling in Maryland, where he worked with fellow legislators to ensure the citizens of Maryland received the best possible benefits and much needed educational funding the bill provided.

The evening activities provided an opportunity for the Men of Tau Pi Chapter to meet and greet with numerous Maryland politicians in a relaxed social setting and talk about the good work Tau Pi Chapter performs in the community. Programs, the likes of the Tau Pi Chapter Mentoring Initiative, which recently has been extended to high school level, to our activities in support of Senior Citizens services, our scholarship program and the overall philanthropy of the chapter and its membership. Tau Pi has long been recognized as a community leader and organization in Howard County, Maryland. The message delivered was well received by all in attendance.

The evening's activities included appearances from Governor Martin O'Malley; Speaker of the House, Michael Busch; Chairwoman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Delegate Sheila Hixon, State Senators and Delegates, Howard County Council President Courtney Watson and a host of other legislative colleagues, aides and supporters.

The Men of Tau Pi Chapter congratulate Brother Delegate Frank S. Turner for his long and distinguished career serving his constituents. We wish Brother Delegate Turner well in his 2014 re-election bid to the Maryland General Assembly.

## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Districts



## Pi Omega 4th Annual Staying Alive Health and Wellness Festival Fatherhood Initiative

**Baltimore, MD. June 15, 2013.** On June 13, 2013 the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Staying Alive Community Wide Health Festival to provide basic health services and information to the Matthew Henson Community, in partnership with Chesapeake Urology. The major focus at the festival was placed on Prostate Cancer screenings. Over 100 boxes of groceries were given to men in the community who were screened for prostate cancer. This event is Pi Omega Chapters effort to conduct Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. mandated Fatherhood Initiative program during the Fathers' Day Weekend by providing free health screenings, seminars, neighborhood education and safety awareness to African American Men, in one of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Baltimore City, where most men do not have access to adequate health care or insurance to cover the expense of early detection

health screening.

The health fair, was free, open to the public, and took place at the Omega Fraternity Center, 2003 Presbury Street in Baltimore, MD. Vendors and information booths were onsite, as well as free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, bone density, and blood glucose. Free HIV/Aids and STD information and testing were also provided. Dentists and Pharmacists were on site to answer any questions and provide valued information to the participants. Information on Substance Abuse and Treatment, Tobacco Prevention and Use were available. For women, Maternal and Child Care, Susan B. Komen Breast Health Care Basics, and Healthy Teens /Young Adults Pregnancy information was available. There were activities for children including moon bounce, face painting, music, and raffles

The following vendors were on site to support this event: Coppin State University Nursing Department, Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, Western Life Insurance, Health Care Access, Baltimore City Health Department (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Division), Baltimore City States Attorney's Office Community Advisory Board, Baltimore City Cancer Prevention Program in association with the University of Maryland, Baltimore City Office of Child Support Enforcement, Baltimore City Healthy Homes Department (Inspecting for Asthma, Lead Poisoning and Bed Bugs), Baltimore City Fire and Police Departments, and Baltimore City Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In addition, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter manned the grills and gave the community a cook out and a parade was performed by the New Edition Marching Band.



*Pi Omega Brothers at the 4th annual Staying Alive Health and Wellness Fatherhood Initiative*

## Pi Omega Fish Fry and Shoe Drive for the Homeless

**Baltimore, MD. July 30, 2013.** On June 27, 2013, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter completed two major social action events. The chapter joined The Movement Team and participated in the Summer Fish Fry for the Homeless and Shoe Drive was held across from Our Daily Bread in the 700 Block of Falls Way, Baltimore, MD 21202. The Movement is an organization offering support and help providing tangible resources to people experiencing homelessness, those with substance abuse issues, medical needs, those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and other basic needs. Both activities were significant to the community and were part of the Fraternity's mandated programs.

The experience gave them a life lesson in helping others who are less fortunate. Brothers helped set up and perform various other

duties throughout the day. Over 400 guests were served during the event. Many of the personnel who served food to the homeless on a regular basis asked the men of Omega for future support at other events within the community.

The following vendors were on site to support this event: Walgreens, Empowering Minds Resource Center, Diakon Kathryn's Kloset, and Deep Cover RiderzMc.

In addition, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter helped serve hot lunches and helped maintain order where clothes were given out. Several brothers brought their children to participate in the community service project.



*Pi Omega Brothers and volunteers prepare Fish dinners for Homeless*



*Pi Omega Brothers participating in the Fish Fry and Shoe Drive Event*

## Pi Omega Helps Girl Scouts Bronze Award Service

**Baltimore, MD August 8, 2013.** On January 29, 2013, The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter participated in Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Junior Girl Scouts Troop 3802, Bronze Award Service Project. The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. They earn these awards by doing service projects throughout their communities. The journeys give girls a full experience of what they will do as they work to earn the highest awards. The skills girls gain while working on the journeys will help them develop, plan and implement their award Take Action project.

Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Today, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland continues that legacy by ensuring that all girls regardless of ability, ethnicity, income or circumstance have the oppor-

tunity to develop leadership skills that allow them to make a difference in their schools, communities and the world.

Troop 3802 has selected to do the "Birthday in a Bag" project for special needs and homeless children locally throughout Baltimore City and County. Pi Omega provided birthday baskets for 10 young ladies. Each basket had enough supplies for 10 attendees per party. Grace Wilson has accepted the Bronze Award for Troop 3802. This project has helped to elevated her from Girl Scout Junior to Girl Scout Cadet. Girl Scout Juniors are the first level to wear the official Girl Scout Membership Pin on their uniform. Girl Scout Cadettes are encouraged to assume leadership roles within Girl Scouts, such as assisting in leading and coordinating service unit or association events.

## Pi Omega East Baltimore Community Playground Clean Up

**Baltimore, MD. August 28, 2013.** On August 24, 2013, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter and the Men of Ark Baptist Church participated in cleaning of the community's playground in East Baltimore. The playground has been misused and neglected by people in the community which made it an unsafe and an unhealthy environment for our children to play and interact in. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing playground in our com-

munity and it's important that we all do what we can to help keep these wonderful playgrounds clean and safe for the East Baltimore Community.

Some of the neighbors turned out to help start the huge task of cleaning the playground. Lessons were also learned from this... look out for poison ivy, wear insect repellent, come back with a lot more people, and cleaning equipment

## Pi Omega Foundation Golf Tournament



*Pi Omega Brothers at the Pi Omega Foundation Golf Tournament*

**Baltimore County, MD June 2013.** The Annual Pi Omega Golf Tournament, an event sponsored by the Pi Omega Foundation, was held at Pine Ridge Golf Course on June 21, 2013. Pi Omega Chapter has been a positive and influential organization in the Baltimore community providing scholarships, blood drives, mentoring, and other philanthropy related efforts. The event attracted 104 golfers, with approximately 40 Omega Brothers from Pi Omega, Gamma Pi, and Iota Nu. Prizes were awarded for Longest Drive, Male and Female, Closest to the Pin, Male and Female, Flight winners in Flights A, B and C, and a variety of door prizes.

Each Omega Brother received a white golf hat with the Sacred

Letters of the Fraternity embroidered upon it, and a special ball marker with the Escutcheon on one side, shaped into the Greek Letter "Omega". Chairman Brother John Stanley and his Co-Chair, Brother Charlie Summers, thanked all attendees. Foundation Chair, Brother Ortho "Duffy" Thompson spoke on the aims of the Pi Omega Foundation. Basileus Brother Malik Mosely brought Greetings from Pi Omega Chapter.

A full buffet lunch with soft and adult drinks was the highlight of the Awards portion of the program. As in years past, all proceeds from the tournament will be given to the Pi Omega Foundation for their many charitable activities.

## Pi Omega Participates in BCDSS Golf Tournament

**Baltimore, MD August 9, 2013.** The Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter participated in The Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) Annual Golf Tournament, on August 9, 2013 to benefit Baltimore City's children in Foster Care. The tournament was held at the Forest Park Golf Course & Clubhouse, 2900 Hillsdale Rd, Baltimore, MD 21207. The format was Captain's Choice, 18 holes. All teams began at 8:00 a.m. The teams consisted of three players with fourth player being a Baltimore City Youth-in-Care for the first nine holes. In Maryland, there are approximately 4,141 youth in foster care over the age of 14. The Baltimore City Department of Social Services has aggressively implemented an initiative, "Ready by 21," to involve older youth in every decision that affects them. A major vehicle for teen input is the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). This group empowers youth to have a positive effect in their communities by helping them to develop skills necessary for independent living and leadership development. Funds raised during this event will benefit the Youth Advisory Board projects.



*Pi Omega Brothers at BCDSS Golf Tournament*

## Pi Omega's Omega Baltimore Foundation, NBA Fit and Under Armour Team Up to Renovate Easterwood Basketball Court

**Baltimore, MD. September 9, 2013.** The Omega Baltimore Foundation in conjunction with NBA Fit and Under Armour's Win Baltimore Initiative held the Easterwood Basketball Court Dedication Ceremony on September 9, 2013 in Baltimore Maryland. NBA Fit and Under Armour chose Easterwood Basketball Court as one of five basketball courts to refurbish around the country.

NBA Great Sam Cassell and NBA Portland Trailblazer Will Barton, both Baltimore natives, interacted and engaged kids participating at the dedication ceremony. Omega Baltimore sponsored the basketball clinic conducted by NBA clinicians and held Three on Three Basketball Tournaments in various age ranges, in addition to a neighborhood cook out block party, following the Dedication Ceremony. Over 100 kids participated in the clinic and tournaments, each participant receiving an Under Armour T Shirt and 10 received Under Armour Basketball shoes.

Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake stated "It's more than a basketball court. It's an investment in the community. We're always looking for opportunities for young people to engage in positive activity. This is one of those things." "It's great to see smiles on the kid's faces and the parents appreciate it and just to give them an environment to play safely is great. We put great facilities in for the kids to play on and they take it in as their own and hopefully they own it and understand the

value", said Matt Mirchin, Under Armour Senior Vice President of Global Sports and Brand Marketing. .

Easterwood Recreation Center is managed and operated by the Omega Baltimore Foundation in a public private partnership with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP). Omega Baltimore Foundation is a nonprofit charity created by Pi Omega Chapter to uplift the West Baltimore community surrounding the Pi Omega Fraternity Center. Easterwood Recreation Center located on the 7.5 acre Easterwood Park had been closed for 4 years. Omega Baltimore was awarded the opportunity to manage and operate the facility by Baltimore City Board of Estimates in December 2011. The facility, opened November 2012, is WiFi accessible and has a 22 unit computer lab. This summer Omega Baltimore held three camps, and fed 100 kids breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, through grants from Baltimore Housing and the Family League of Baltimore City.

During the school year, Omega Baltimore operates the center daily, voluntarily staffed by Pi Omega Chapter members, feeding neighborhood kids snacks and dinners, provided by The Family League of Baltimore City, in their after school program. "We are creating a new paradigm in how Social Action goods and services should be delivered by Omega Men to the community GOD has given us to serve." said Omega Baltimore President Zanes Cypress, Jr.



*NBA Great Sam Cassell address Kids with Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Portland Trailblazer Will Barton, Under Armour Sr. VP Matt Mirchin and Baltimore City Recreation Chief Bob Wall during Easterwood Court Dedication Ceremony*

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## Pi Omega's Omega Baltimore Foundation, NBA Fit and UnderArmour Team Up to Renovate Easterwood Basketball Court



*Pi Omega Brothers with NBA Great Sam Cassell*



*Pi Omega Brothers with Under Armour Sr. VP Matt Mirchin, Portland Trailblazer Will Barton & Under Armour Exec Mike Parker (far right)*



*Pi Omega Brothers prepare food for cookout during Easterwood Basketball Court Dedication Ceremony*

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These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. Failure to adhere to these directives of the District Representative will result in the **SUSPENSION** of the Brother or Chapter who is in violation of the same.

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