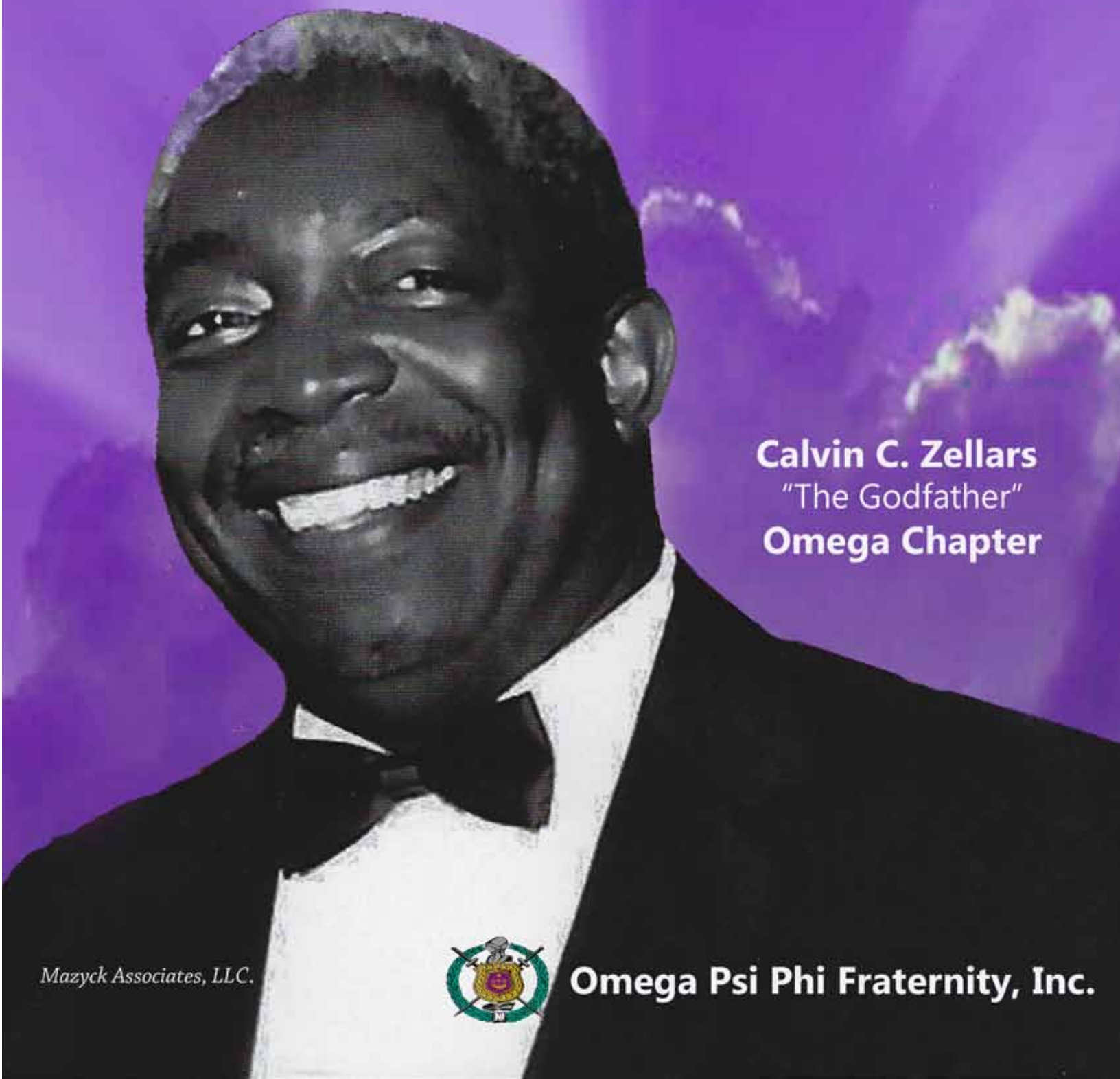


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Message from the District Representative



Greetings Brothers of the Mighty 2nd District,

I thank you for the tireless work in your communities in the name of Omega, as your newly elected 36th District Representative, I thank you once again.

The Omegan has been an invaluable asset to the district by documenting the great works of the Brothers of the Mighty 2nd District. Under the direction of Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr. , District Public Relations Chair (Uncle “ Z “ to a few of us on the council) he has documented and capsulized our work in the Omegan for the past fourteen years, a position he inherited from our District Public Relations Emeritus Brother Ron Mofitt.

My Brothers, I truly believe in the scripture “May the work I’ve done, speak for me” It is the work of the Brothers and the chapters that truly give fulfillment to our communities. Whether it’s in Northern New York or Southern Maryland; Brothers of the 2nd District are always committed to service and recognizing the importance of issues in our community, none more important than the upcoming midterm elections.

The significance of this midterm election is just as important as the Presidential Election of 2016. The midterm election will determine your future Governors, Senators and House of Representatives, locally it will determine who will serve as your next District Attorneys and Judges serving on varying benches in our municipalities . My Brothers, I implore you to not only get out and vote but to encourage and facilitate your community to get to the polls as well. Let’s not stay home thinking our vote will not make a difference. We ARE the difference, if we collectively use our power to vote; something our brothers in the past have fought so hard for us to obtain.

In closing my Brothers, please view this historical journal of work done in our district. Let’s continue to document the great works of the brothers and chapters, and let’s continue to move our district forward.

Remember “We’re Stronger Together”

**Brother J. Kendall “Biggy” Smalls
36th District Representative, Second District**

Message from the

Director of Public Relations

Brothers of the Second District,

Thank you for allowing me to continue serving as your Director of Public Relations. It is my joy chronicling the activities of Second District Chapters and Brothers having a great impact on our respective communities.

On the cover of this edition, we honor the life of our 24th Second District Representative, Brother Calvin C. Zellars “The Godfather”.

He transitioned from Tau Pi Chapter to Omega Chapter going from labor to refreshment to reward. Brother Zellars contribution to Omega was significant and truly deserving of our plaudits and encomiums.

In this issue we highlight the outstanding 70th Second District Conference hosted by Pi Omega Chapter. This was a change of administration year, in both district and international leadership. Please support the new administrations and congratulate all District awardees, especially the 2018 Second District Man of the Year, Brother Dana Farmer and District Chapter of the Year, Omicron Chi, “The Mighty OX”. Be sure to read of the heroism of Brother Trey Gregory contained on page 26. Brothers Amir Shareef and J. Michael Breeden contributed highly insightful articles in the Opinion Editorials Section and Kristyna Young wrote an inspirational essay “From West Philly to Wall Street” chronicling the life journey of her beloved father, Brother Anthony Young.

We thank Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair, Brother Donald Williams II, for his contribution of the articles Mentoring Matters and “Ques on the Move” Podcast on WBGR Network, respectively. In the Omega Men on the Move Section, Brother Joseph Drayton was installed as the 76th President of the National Bar Association and Brother Dr. Charlie M. Williams was elected Region II Director for the American Association of Access, Equity and Diversity.

Omega is a clandestine organization; therefore we have the sole responsibility to chronicle our Chapters’ success stories and Brothers’ accomplishments. They must be recorded because you are creating history and it must be preserved for perpetuity. Each Chapter Director of Public Relations, Chapter Editor, Reporter, and Photographer are vital contributors to the Omega publications, chronicling the history of the Second District. I am honored to serve as your Director of Public Relations, it continues to be a labor of love. and I am very proud of the hard work and the commitment to our mantra of always putting the communities first and leaving them better than we found them.

Fraternally,

Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.
Director of Public Relations, Second District
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70th Second District Conference



Baltimore, MD. April 2018. The 70th Second District Conference, hosted by Pi Omega Chapter, was held in Baltimore, MD. at the Downtown Hilton Hotel from April 26-29, 2018. Brother J. Michael Breeden was outstanding as District Marshall for the conference, conducting the conference with smooth efficient and effective operations. Corporate sponsorships included University of Maryland Medical Systems, Johns Hopkins University of Medicine, Wylie Funeral Homes, Coppin State University, Harbor Bank of Maryland, Bon Secours Hospital, SA-Tech Corporation, Prism Compliance Management Systems, and Creative Business Solutions, Inc.

The topic of the Public Forum held on Thursday April 26 was the Opiate Crisis, moderated by Georges C. Benjamin, MD, Executive Director of the American Public Health Association. Panelist for the Public Forum were Brother Mohan Suntha, MD, MBA, President and CEO of University of Maryland Medical Center, Leana Wen, MD, Commissioner of Health, City of Baltimore and Aliya Jones, MD, Chair, Department of Behavioral Medicine, Bon Secours Hospital. This distinguished group of public leaders and subject matter experts on the opiate epidemic conducted an insightful open panel discussion on the nature and urgency of this issue as well as ongoing local education, prevention and treatment efforts. The Divine Nine presentations and a reception followed the Public Forum.

Second District Conference Ritualistic Opening was conducted by the 35th District Representative, Brother Sherman L. Charles, on Friday with the Grand Basileus and candidates for international office in attendance. Elections for the new administration was held on Saturday with Brother J. Kendall Smalls elected as the 36th District Representative.

The District Representatives Reception and Founders Banquet was held on Saturday evening. The Achievement Week awards for the 70th District Conference, given at the Founders Banquet, were as follows: Founder Stand-in for Just, Luke Chappel; Founder Stand-in for Love, Charles Elliott; Founder Stand-in for Cooper, J. Garfield Jackson; Founder Stand-in for Coleman, Bernard Fisher. The Second District Omega Man of the Year was awarded to Dana DeVay Farmer, Sr. and the Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year was awarded to Marquise Findley-Smith. District Citizen of the Year was awarded to RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams; Colonel Young Award was awarded to LTC Leonard Newman III, the Founder's Award to Larry Clayton Pough and the Superior Service Award recipient was Kelvin K. Ampofo. The Undergraduate Advisor of the Year recipient was Dwayne Adams. The Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award was given to Delta Mu, Omicron Iota received the Small Chapter of the Year Award and the Mighty OX, Omicron Chi, was awarded Large Chapter of the Year.

35th District Representative, Sherman Charles, gave special recognition to the following Brothers: Corridor Representative of the Year, Waverly DeBraux; Basileus of the Year, Amir Shareef of Iota Mu Mu; two Committee Chairman of the Year Awards was awarded to District Social Action Chair Dwayne White and District Achievement Committee Chair Jeffrey L. Diggs Sr. Entrepreneur of the Year was awarded to Timothy Adams and 2nd District Lifetime Achievement was awarded to Dr. Christopher Curry. Special Activities Award recipient was awarded to Michael Parham Jr., Brian K. Long and Andrew Huff. Pi Omega Chapter were outstanding host and this was a most successful and well executed conclave. Every registrant was respected and well served.











70th Second District Conference



Public Forum & Divine Nine Presentations



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Second District Conference Step Show



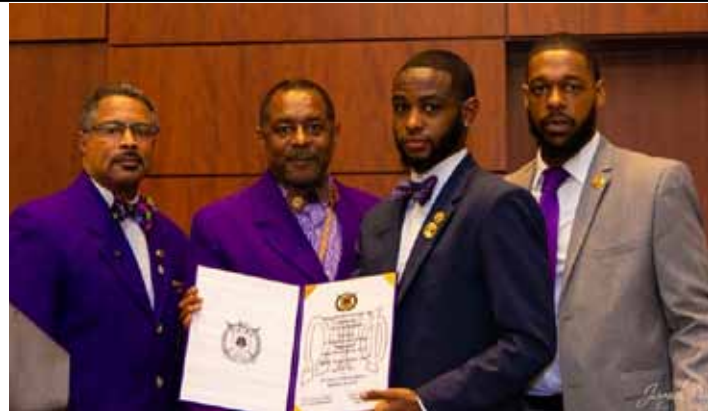




2nd District Conference Undergraduate Luncheon



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James S. Avery, Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference

Newark, NJ. September 22, 2018. The Mighty Second District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its annual James S. Avery Memorial Shirt Sleeve Conference and Undergraduate Summit at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place, Newark, NJ. The James S. Avery Memorial Shirt Sleeve Conference was created by the late New Jersey resident, Exxon Company retiree, and past (28th) Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Bro. James S. Avery Sr. Originally created in 1963, the Shirtsleeve Conference creates a forum for fraternity members to plan and strategize the execution of the fraternity's international mandated programs and other social action initiatives to improve the communities the organization serves.

This year's Shirtsleeve Conference and Undergraduate Summit was hosted by the Eta Pi Chapter, affectionately known as the Que-mmunity Ques, for their commitment to community service and social action initiatives. While the Eta Pi Chapter was chartered in Montclair, NJ, in 1973, its philanthropy and service has extended throughout the Greater Essex County. This year, as part of the Shirtsleeve Conference, the Eta Pi Chapter partnered with award winning journalist and nationally syndicated talk show host Karen Hunter, and Delta Sigma Theta Inc., Eastern Region Director,

Soror Rosia Blackwell Lawrence, to host a public forum where a five state voter registration drive will be launched by the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Second District.

Many state and local elected and political officials have been invited to participate in the public forum on voter registration and voter rights. Guests invited to the panel include NJ Assemblyman Bro. Benjie E. Wimberley, Newark Mayor, Ras Baraka, East Orange Mayor, Ted Greene, and Orange Municipal Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier. Karen Hunter will serve as guest Keynote speaker, other members of the Omega Psi Phi Second District leadership joining the panelists will include District Representative, Dr. J. Kendall Smalls, Second Vice District Representative, Mike Brim, and Political Action Chairman, Carl Bell.

The Shirtsleeve Conference and Undergraduate Summit began Friday, September 21, 2018 with a Welcome Jazz Reception, a Comedy Show and a Roof Top Cigar Flow, and concluded Saturday, September 22, 2018, under the direction of Second District 1st Vice "Ronni" Bryant Kent", with a stellar Conference and Undergraduate Summit, highlighting Health, Wealth and Wellness of your chapter is transformative in your community.







The Colonel Charles Young 100th Anniversary Commemorative Ride



Members of the Hawg Dawgs pose outside the historic home of Col. Young.



The Hawg Dawgs stand proudly with troopers from the motorcycle unit of the Xenia Sheriff's Department who provided escort into the city

Xenia, Ohio. June 2018. Charles Young was an American Soldier and the third African-American graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He began his military career as a Buffalo Soldier serving with the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments. He also served as the first African-American United States National Park Superintendent; the first African-American Military Attaché; the first African-American to achieve the rank of Colonel in the United States Army; the highest-ranking black officer in the regular army until his death in 1922; and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, many assumed Young, the highest ranking African American in the Army would be given a prominent command even if it was only black troops. Instead he was declared physically unfit for duty due to high blood pressure. So, one morning, early in June 1918, he saddled a bay mare name "Dolly" and rode from his hometown of Xenia, Ohio to Washington D.C. The nearly 500-mile ride would have taxed the physical capabilities of a much younger man, but Young at the age of 54, was undaunted.

To symbolically honor the horse ride taken by Colonel Young to Washington, DC to prove his physical fitness and ability to lead, the Hawg Dawgs motorcycle riders re-enacted the journey via their iron horses. The commemorative ride to Ohio began on June 15 where more than 20 brothers participated, some of whom began their individual journeys from as far south as North Carolina and Alabama as well as upstate New York. Upon their arrival at the outskirts of Xenia, Ohio, the Hawg Dawgs were met by the motorcycle unit of the city's Sheriff's Department and escorted to the historic site of Col. Young's home for the National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony. City officials, along with members of the community greeted the Hawg Dawgs and presented them with a Proclamation honoring the special day. The Hawg Dawgs were honored by the attendance of 94-year-old Harold Warren Jr. who served during World War II. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Hawg Dawgs toured Col. Young's home where artifacts depicted his accomplishments as well as the challenges he faced during the era. The Hawg Dawgs historic journey culminated on June 16 at the Inaugural Woodson/Young Jazz-Festival at Fort Washington Park, Maryland.

After his horse ride, Young was returned to active duty in 1918 and promoted to Colonel. He was later appointed United States Military Attaché to Liberia. Col. Young died in 1922 while visiting Lagos, Nigeria, and was interred there with full honors by British troops. His body was returned to the United States in 1923 and interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

The eulogy was delivered by his friend W.E.B. DuBois.

As a soldier, diplomat, and civil rights leader, Col. Charles Young overcame stifling inequality to become a leading figure in the years after the Civil War when the United States emerged as a world power. His work ethic, academic leadership, and devotion to duty provided a strong base for his achievements in the face of racism and oppression. His long and distinguished career as a commissioned officer in the United States Army made him a popular figure of his time and a role model for generations of new leaders

The Hawg Dawgs are distinguished Men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who are retired and active duty members of the military, police officers, government employees and entrepreneurs whose bond of Friendship is made stronger through the love of motorcycle riding. The Hawg Dawgs who participated in the ride were; Maurice Stewart, Mike Fleming, Mike Washington, Garvey Wright, Alvin Anderson, Chuck Hayes, Lee Packnett, Marlon Crook, James Greene, Kenyatta Theriot, Walter Hill, Kiti Fowlkes, Ravin Howell, Tony Story, Tony Crummer, Norvell Dillard, Edward Harris, Wendell Buckmon, Jean Benovil, Rodney Barnes, Oliver Hunter, Caralis Kimbrue, Harold Springs, Rickey Harris, Darryl Suggs, Warren Bacote, Lee McDonald and Robert Myles.

The members of the Hawg Dawgs would like to give special thanks and a crisp salute to the officers of the Xenia Sheriff's Department Motorcycle Unit, Veterans Service Organizations, and the National Park Service for the outstanding escort and hospitality shown during the commemorative ride.



Col. Garvey Wright speaking to the assemble crowd on the significance of Col. Young's Fit to Serve Ride.

2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Mentoring Matters

These are exciting times for us to let Omega Leadership shine throughout the 2nd District. Breaking News – Grand Basileus Dr. David Marion states the top priority for the Fraternity will be to have every chapter mentoring young males and/or dads! The Second District is at the forefront of the Grand Basileus new direction. We just need to tweet and account for the Chapters that's already have mentoring programs, or teaming with other like-mind organizations that directly mentors young males and/or dads. We want to encourage chapters without a mentoring program to increase their engagement with making a difference the lives of young males!

MISSION: Our mission is clear, intentional, and strategic driven: to have approximately 80 active Chapters engaged their community by mentoring young males. Special emphasizes this year is to encourage Chapters to be intentional about developing programs aimed at helping men to "help their children grow into healthy young adults" – resulting in stronger families across the 2nd District.

2ND DISTRICT FMP PRIORITIES:

1. **RAISE AWARENESS** by being intentional about telling the 2nd District incredible success stories on the mentoring work Chapters are doing in communities across the five states (NY, NJ, PA, DE, and MD). We must always **TELL OUR STORY** by submitting articles and photos for your mentoring programs monthly!
 2. **WE VOTE – WE LEAD!** In less than 20 days we will have the "Election" of our lifetime! It is critical that Omega leads in communities across the District, neighborhood to neighborhood change the trajectory of the Nation. Friends, it is highly recommended you encourage other to participant in Early Voting. Make sure every member in your circle of influence **VOTE – NO EXCUSES!**
 3. Please join the Fraternity by connecting with others to join us in Grand Basileus Call to Action that is a nationwide initiative that encourages Fathers to teach young males about their civic responsibility to participate in the 2018 Mid-Term Election Voting process. Our website www.oppf.org/fatherhood is ready now to take their pledge as we launch the 100,000 Male/Father Voters' Pledge Campaign.
 - a. Goal is to increase Fathers/Men participation in November Mid-term elections by taking your sons, nephews, grandsons, neighbor's sons, and mentees to the Voting Polls.
 - b. To encourage Chapters to connect with men in their community to complete "Pledge Cards" during voter registration drives or other fraternity sponsored civic activities and report numbers on website.
 - c. Social Media Impact – Brothers tell our story by taking "selfies" at the Polls and Post them and connect with other Fathers to take photos of their visits to the poll and forward them to the Fraternity's website.

Make this a teachable and fun moment to mobilize your community. Brothers take your family and friends to the polls. We have a responsibility to **TEACH** our family members about "civic responsibility" and what better way to do this is by having a conversation on why Voting is important in Every Election, (some of our love one died just so our generation would have the right to **VOTE** in every **ELECTION!**
 4. **QUES ON THE MOVE** - The objective is to expand the initiative via **SKYPE** to include more Chapters across the five states to share their incredible FMP work. This is truly a wonderful opportunity for your Chapter to come together under a teaming arrangement to share community events including mentoring programs in respective community across the District. Seeking two/three Chapters from New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania to participate in the monthly Internet Podcast. Approximately 400,000 listeners use internet social media outlets. I believe this is the "new frontier" for our Fraternity to engage the community in conversations about the important role Fathers play their children's lives, Chapters mentoring program and highlighting your Chapter community events.
- Lastly, under the new FMP strategic direction I am seeking five Co-Chairmen to represent their state with responding to new requirements from IHQ, (from New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania). Brother Matt Stevens, Eta Pi Chapter has step up to be the New Jersey FMP Co-Chairman and he will select a deputy. First action is to identify Chapter's FMP Chairmen in each state that have mentoring programs. The first action is to account for Chapters that are mentoring young males and Dads.

Thank you "TEAM" for all you do to make the 2nd District shine!

Faithfully Serving,

Brother Donald Williams II, 89'
Mu Nu Chapter Basileus
Montgomery County, Maryland
2nd District, Chairman of the Year (2017)
Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Program
Life Member#8535



2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee "Ques on the Move Podcast"



Donald Williams II, FMP Chairman, Nick Charles, 25th District Delegate and Bryan Champion, My Brother Keeper Teaming Partner

On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 2nd District Omega Men from the Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring (FMP) Committee were featured on the WBGR Podcast Internet Talk Show. This is the "new frontier" for our fraternity to engage the community in conversations about the importance of MENTORING both Young Males and Dads.

We are excited to resume the "Ques On The Move" initiative that allows us to connect the FMP message to a new generation of listeners. Our first segment for the new season centered on the "crucial" Mid-Term Election. Omega leadership requires that we do everything possible to get our circle of influence across the five states to the polls by any means necessary!

Our listeners enjoyed an informative conversation about the importance of VOTING. Our guests were outstanding Omega Leaders who have dedicated their lives to making a difference in the community: Nick Charles, Delegate Elect representing District 25 of the Maryland State Legislator and member of Lambda Gamma, Gamma Chapter. Also joining us was Bryan Champion the Co-Host of My Brother's Keeper and member from Gamma Pi Chapter both in Prince Georges County.

Key message centered on providing education on the "voting process" and the important that everyone must VOTE in every election. Make no mistake - our Community is the "game changer" that can truly change the trajectory of this crucial election of our lifetime! Brother Nick Charles emphasized that this election "there's a lot on the line" and encourage everyone to be engage in the process, to lift as we climb and it is up to us to VOTE!

Brother Bryan Champion implore the listeners to participate in the early voting process – No Excuses! His main point it's just not enough to

VOTE, get others to the poll centers to VOTE! He challenged all Churches and their members, Fraternity, Sororities, Lodge members, Line Brothers, HBCU students, youth and other civic organizations to participate in the Early Voting. He offered two out-of-the box suggestions; first you can take senior citizens to the polls and they will allow you as an escort to go to the front of the line to VOTE. Second, suggestion was to connect with Uber and/or Lyft Driving Services to pay for others to get to the poll centers. Ask yourself, what can you do to make a difference in this crucial Mid-Term Election?

Bottom Line Up Front:

Brother Williams echo the message at the Congressional Black Caucus, do not sit this election out because it has the potential to set us back two generations. We learned that every election is important and for our community to don't fall for the tactic of division, together we stay strong and WIN! We must Show-Up, Stay Together, Stand Together and VOTE. Let's work together to shock the world again and WIN this Election!

Join Ques On The Move every Tuesday at 8:30 to 9 p.m. to learn about planned events in your community such as, mentoring programs and chapter's activities that support your community! The goal to highlight Chapter's leadership mentoring work we are doing together to make a difference in families, young males and Dads across the states.

CALL-N-Number: (301) 429-9247 and/or www.facebook.com/Queson-theMove

Or download WBGR app to view Ques On The Move at www.wbgronline.com



Omega Heroism: Brother CAPT Trey Gregory

When Omega Calls Her Sons To Action



Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser congratulates Brother CAPT Trey Gregory and team on their acts of heroism

Washington, D.C. September 19, 2018. On 19 September 2018, at approximately 1530 (3:30pm), a ferocious three-alarm fire started to engulf the Arthur Capper Senior Apartments building in Southeast, Washington, D.C. With black smoke spewing Captain Trey Gregory (5-2011-Iota Mu Mu), the Executive Officer for the Security Forces Company at Marine Corps Barracks Washington DC, heard a call over the radio and immediately rushed to action. His first thought before moving to action; these are our neighbors and we have to save them. His next thought; all we can do is produce results and come up with solutions, therefore failure is not an option, this is difficult, and the difficult we do immediately. With that, Trey and a contingent of over 40 Marines assaulted the compound, running full speed from the Marine Corps Barracks, directly to the apartment complex. His actions were no different than what he would do if he were in Afghanistan or Iraq. Captain Gregory and ten others, with swift and decisive action, tackled the most gargantuan task, clearing the top floor of the building. With Trey at the helm, they were confident, ready, and willing to put themselves in harm's way. One of Trey's quotes that resonate with many who have worn the Nation's cloth (military uniform), "We are trained to run to the sound of chaos." And he did just, his last thoughts as he entered the threshold of the building and ran up to the tumultuous fourth floor, bravery over courage, fear is not real, it is a product of thoughts you create, danger is real, let's go!

On the fourth floor Brother Gregory and the squad sized element picked up and carried occupants of the building that were bed ridden, paralyzed, incapacitated, carrying oxygen tanks and masks etc. The Marines are credited with making no less than 40 trips in and out of the building. The

circumstances were treacherous. In some of the most dangerous parts of the building, the brave first responders and D.C. firefighters were not able to reach many of the habitants of the building. If not for those brave Marines, the outcome could have been very grim.

Brother Gregory, knew it was all about service, before self. With his watchword intact, he demonstrated conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty to save those in need and required the uplift demanded by Omega's most loyal sons. Trey reflected great credit upon himself, his family, his chapter, his community, the United States Marine Corps, United States Government, and ultimately, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Though his actions were not done for purposes of self-aggrandizement, the accolades are bountiful. At the time of printing, Trey has received phone calls from, the most senior leaders of the United States Government, the Mayor of Washington, D.C., Muriel Bowser, and countless others. Trey has also conducted a round robin of interviews on radio and TV, to include local and national syndicated shows. For his actions, Trey and those brave Marines should undoubtedly be considered for the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. The Navy and Marine Corps medal is the highest award for non-combat related acts of bravery and heroism in the department of the Navy. Additionally, the unit that went to the fourth floor, are receiving the "Cornerstone Award", from Anita Bonds, an at large member of the council of the District of Columbia. The award is for those who provide a shimmering example of servitude in the community.

Brother Captain Trey Gregory, 5-2011-Iota Mu Mu Chapter, 2013 graduate, from the United States Naval Academy, B.S., International Relations.

Omega Men On The Move

Brother Joseph Drayton Officially Installed as 76th President of the National Bar Association



New York, NY. August 7, 2018. The National Bar Association issued the following statement following the installation of Joseph Drayton as the organization's 76th President. Joseph Drayton of New York was sworn in as the 76th President of the National Bar Association during the organization's annual conference held in New Orleans. Drayton, a leading patent and commercial litigator in New York City, is a partner with Cooley, LLP. Drayton has been recognized as a top lawyer by several legal directories and publications. In June 2018, he was named a "Distinguished Leader" by the New York Law Journal. He is named a "Client Service All-Star" by BTI Consulting Group (2016-2017) for "delivering superior client service" and was recently named to the IAM Patent 1000 list, a recognition

that honors the top patent practitioners in the world. In July of this year, he was named again one of the "most influential black lawyers" by Savoy Magazine. He has also been recognized by the New York City Bar Association with the 2014 Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award. In 2010, he was named among the National Bar Association's "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40."

Drayton will serve a one year term promoting the platform of his presidential administration- "NBA R.I.S.E.: Harnessing the Power of Us." R.I.S.E. stands for (1) Refine our bar, (2) Influence our legal landscape, (3) Safeguard our community and (4) Enhance our lifeline. Drayton's goal is to maximize the career trajectory of members while ensuring each positively gives to their respective communities. In addition, recognizing the dire need for social justice initiatives, his 2018 legislative agenda will focus on Voting Rights, Police Violence, Bail Reform, Criminal Justice, Equal Pay, the School to Prison Pipeline and Gun Violence. The NBA will push for positive bipartisan change.

The National Bar Association was founded in 1925 and is the nation's oldest and largest national network of predominantly African-American attorneys and judges. It represents the interests of approximately 60,000 lawyers, judges, law professors and law students from over 80 affiliate chapters nationally and globally; including Maryland affiliate chapters such as the Monumental City Bar Association (Baltimore, MD) and the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association (Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, MD).

Currently, he lives in New Jersey where he is a Partner at Cooley, LLP in New York. His law practice is in the areas of intellectual property and complex commercial matters.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1997. Prior to that he graduated from the University of Maryland College Park in 1993. Initiated through Chi Delta Chapter in 1991, he is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and active with Epsilon Chapter.

Brother Dr. Charlie M. Williams Elected Region II Director for the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity



Trenton, NJ. Brother Dr. Charlie M. Williams, Director, Office of Affirmative Action Programs and Title IX Coordinator at Kean University in New Jersey was recently elected to the position of Region II Director for the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (AAAED). The American Association for Access, Equity, and Diversity is the association of professionals managing affirmative action, equal opportunity, diversity and other human resource programs.

Founded in 1974 as the American Association for Affirmative Action, the American Association for Access, Equity, and Diversity (AAAED) is a national not-for-profit association of professionals working in the areas of affirmative action, equal opportunity, and diversity.

Brother Dr. Williams has several years of experience in the field of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity within the higher education field. Dr. Williams was initiated into Omega in 1979 through the Iota Gamma Chapter at Trenton State/Rider College. A life member, Brother Dr. Williams is currently the Vice Basileus of the Delta Upsilon Chapter.

Alpha Mu Nu “Each One Reach One” Social Action

Bethlehem, PA. February 13, 2018. Brothers of Alpha Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continued its efforts with the administrators and community coordinators of Lincoln elementary school with the “Each One Reach One” Mentoring Program. The purpose of the program is to expose willing and enthusiastic young males in need of positive attention at Lincoln Elementary to a collective group of positive black male influences. It is also to allow them to build a report and establish true friendships with strong men. The Lincoln Elementary administrators selected the young boys with the most challenging backgrounds from the entire school body. Overall, eight young gentlemen were selected based on their behavior, grades and home life. Brother Lighter, Brother Humphrey, Brother Finch and Brother Robinson, life member #129 help participated this past semester. The program has included homework/study time, reading workshops, quiz bowls, active play including physical training and education, team building activities, special guest speakers, and even sessions for life lessons. Among these lessons we have shared with the boys the importance of respect for self, young ladies and others as well as the power of knowledge and understanding. With the constant dedication of time, effort, energy and enthusiasm, we at AMN believe we have and will continue to make this program an awesome catalyst for positivity and a perpetuation of true Manhood in our community and ultimately in our society.



Alpha Mu Nu Brothers with Mentees

Lifting As We Climb

Alpha Mu Nu Brother Moore Starts BBQ Business in Lehigh Valley



Brother Quartez Moore's BBQ grill full of food

Bethlehem, PA. September 2, 2018 Brother Quartez Moore, Fall 05, Theta Xi, is now starting his own restaurant business in the Lehigh Valley. The Taste Smokers, the name of his new barbecue restaurant pit, will open its soft launch on October 7th, 2018. A native of Chicago, IL and past vice basileus of the Alpha Mu Nu chapter, Brother Moore has high aspirations for good food, especially barbecue. “Chicago style foods are unique, but pairing that with quality smoked meats, and simple soul foods, sides create a transcendental experience for the client and self-proclaimed foodie,” he said. His new business will operate out of Bethlehem, PA but he plans to travel across the United States featuring in different festivals that welcome the presences of good food. Brother Moore will also cater special events such as family reunions, weddings, tailgates, birthday parties and more. So, if you are in the Lehigh Valley area, stop by to see Brother Moore on some excellent barbecue and fellowship!!!!

Alpha Mu Nu Brother Al Humphrey Celebrates 50 years in Omega

New Orleans, LA. July 20-24, 2018. Brother Albert Humphrey, Gamma Phi Fall 68, received his 50-year pin at the 81st Conclave in New Orleans along with two of his line brothers. Brother Humphrey was initiated on October 25th, 1968, number three of his line, “Soulful 7”, where two of lines brothers are currently deceased. The brother from the 7th District is currently a charter member of Alpha Mu Nu chapter where he continues the work of omega. Currently, he is the chairperson of the Pocono Scholarship and Outreach Foundation, and mentor of our Each One Reach One mentoring program at Lincoln Elementary in Bethlehem, PA. He is as a man of few words, but has shown great enthusiasm and exemplified what means to be an omega. “Over the years, I have seen brothers in action, locally and nationally,” he said. “I have participated in marches, foundations, serve positions in multiple chapters, NAACP, and witness the brothers lived the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.” Alpha Mu Nu chapter is fortunate to have multiple brothers that have served omega for more than 50 years. Brother Vincent Finch, charter member, Nu Psi, 1963, Brother Edward Lawson, charter member, Pi Gamma, 1962, and Brother Neal Simpson, charter member, Mu, 1966.



Brother Al Humphrey celebrates 50 years in Omega

Alpha Mu Nu Brother Receives Pastorial Licence

Trexlerstown, PA. October 7, 2018 Brother Leonard Lightner, Spring 17, Alpha Mu Nu, is now a pastor. He earns his pastoral license with Life Church, Allentown, PA. The church was founded in 1990, and believes that we are “better together” and epitomizes the word “partner” supporting many local and global initiatives. He did his graduate work at Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA where he received his Master of Theology and recently completed an additional year of training with the church for preparation in the ministry. Brother Leonard works as a local public official for the city of Allentown, actively involved with the community and will serve Bi-vocationally. He is now part of a lustrous list of pastor and ministers from Alpha Mu Nu chapter. We are blessed because we as omega men strive to best Christians in our homes, jobs, communities and all walks of life.



Brother Leonard Lightner receives Pastorial Licence

Alpha Mu Nu Voter Registration

Stroudsburg, PA. October 2, 2018. Brother Brandon Teal and Brother LJ Duckett of Alpha Mu Nu hosted a voter registration event at East Stroudsburg University. Its goal was to establish a presence and education students on the importance of voting and why you should register. Their event coincides with our Voter Registration, Education, and the Mobilization mandated program. Many students came out to express their interest to register before the Pennsylvania deadline date of October 10th. Regardless of the political party, our intention is that everyone gets a chance to register so that they can vote in the upcoming midterm elections in November.

Alpha Mu Nu NAACP Program

Stroudsburg, PA. April 27, 2018. The Spring 2018 initiates of Alpha Mu Nu recently established a presence in conjunction with our mandated program, NAACP. Brother Brandon Teal, Brother Ty Quattlebaum, and Brother LJ Duckett were instrumental in chartering the Monroe County Youth Council. This charter will oversee Monroe County at East Stroudsburg University as part of the NAACP Youth & College Division. The NAACP believes strongly that future leaders must develop the skills of today and the future. Created in 1936, more than 25,000 young people, under the age of 25, representing over 500 Junior Youth Councils, Youth Councils, High School Chapters and College Chapters actively involved

in the fight for civil rights. The NAACP has one of the largest organized groups of young people of any secular organization in the country. The mission of the NAACP Youth & College Division will address the problems affecting African Americans and advance the economic, education, and social positions. It aims to stimulate an appreciation of the African Diaspora and other people of color's contribution to civilization and to develop intelligent, effective youth leadership. The neophytes were able to establish a presence to continue to be at the forefront of the most significant social movements of the 21st century.

Chi Rho Voter Registration



Chi Rho Brother registering a voter



Chi Rho Brothers participating in the Voter Registration Drive

Long Island, N.Y. October 14, 2018. The Brothers of Chi Rho Chapter held a voter registration drive at St. Mark Remnant Ministries, Inc in Amityville N.Y. The voter registration drive was successful within the community. The Chapter was also able to set up free dental exams, flu

shots and free haircuts for the youth. The Brothers of Chi Rho were able to set a positive influence in the community by representing our four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Chi Upsilon Youth Football Camp Donation



Chi Upsilon Brothers delivering water to the youth football camp

Paulsboro, NJ. June 25, 2018. The Brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter – Camden, NJ extended their social action efforts to nearby Paulsboro, NJ by donating 50 cases of water and Gatorade to the Annual Ross-Redman Youth Football Camp. The Annual Youth Football Camp held at Paulsboro High School is sponsored by former NFL players Kevin Ross (KC Chiefs) and Isaac Redman (Pittsburgh Steelers), both graduates of Paulsboro High School with featured appearances and instruction by several current and former NFL players. The youth participants topped out at 300 kids ages 8 to 17, traveling as far as Louisville, Kentucky and all over the Delaware Valley. The five day camp also had a day of S.A.T. preparation as an added bonus.

Chi Upsilon Backpack Giveaway

Camden, NJ. September 5, 2018. As the school year began in the city of Camden, NJ, Chi Upsilon Chapter partnered with “The May The Jazz Never Stop Café” in Haddon Heights, NJ to deliver backpacks and school supplies to The Morgan Village Creative Arts Academy to the 5th and 6th grades and essential supplies to the teachers.

The Morgan Village Creative Arts School staff of Bro. Jamal Dickerson, Music Teacher, Dr. Davida Coe-Brockington, Principal, Sis. Angela Yelverton and Sis. Hall, Operations Manager were very receptive in allowing us to uplift their students.

Chi Upsilon Voter Registration

Camden, NJ. September 15, 2018 - The Brothers of Chi Upsilon Chapter, led by our Social Action Committee held its annual voter registration on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Annual Haddon Avenue Street Festival from noon to 6pm in Camden, NJ. The Festival was sponsored by The Parkside Business & Community In Partnership, Inc. (PBCIP).

Chi Upsilon Brothers at the Voter Registration Drive

Chi Upsilon Omega Classic Golf Outing



Golf Outing Awardees

Camden, NJ. August 17, 2018. Chi Upsilon Graduate Chapter held their 20th Annual Omega Classic Golf Outing on Friday, August 17, 2018 at White Oak Country Club in Newfield, NJ. The scholarship fundraiser was well attended with golfers of all skill levels and Brothers from several chapters. Bro. Bernard Gramby (pictured far right) and his committee have continued our chapters golf tradition for 20 years and once again planned a great event.

Chi Upsilon Fatherhood Initiative

Camden, NJ. July 28, 2018. The Camden Ques of Chi Upsilon Chapter held their 2nd Annual Fatherhood Initiative event on July 28, 2018 with a deep sea fishing trip aboard the Cape May Lady in Cape May, NJ. Chi Upsilon sponsored a youth weekend camping trip for our 1st Annual Fatherhood Initiative in 2017 and the momentum carried over this year. Brothers had an uplifting time teaching the basics of fishing in the ocean with youth ranging in ages from 11 to 17.



Delta Upsilon Prostate Cancer “Walk/Run for Dad”



Delta Upsilon Brothers with participants at the ACA Father's Day Walk/Run for Dad

Princeton Junction, NJ. June 17, 2018. For the 5th straight year, the Delta Upsilon Chapter team which consisted of Brothers, Family, and Friends participated in the annual American Cancer Society Father's Day Walk/Run For Dad to bring awareness and raise funds to fight Prostate

Cancer. Once again, the DU team had the most participants of any other team while raising nearly \$2,000 to fight this deadly disease that effects Black men 3 times as often as any other group.

Delta Upsilon TASK Social Action



l-r Bros. Edward Bannister-Holmes, Roy Johnson, and Donald Brown provide food preparation

Trenton, NJ. October 3, 2018. Brothers of the Dynamic Delta Upsilon Chapter partnered with their local Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) to serve meals and provide food preparation for local patrons. This initiative is part of a continuous effort to work with our local community to combat hunger and homelessness.

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, with the support of volunteers, helps provide over 3,000 meals a week to the local Trenton community, and there, you will find services ranging from social, hygiene, health and educational services.

www.opp2d.org

Delta Upsilon Sponsor YMCA Health Fair

Trenton, NJ, April 21st, 2018. Delta Upsilon was on the principle sponsors of the annual YMCA Healthy Kids Health Fair. The Health Fair held in the spring of each year is one of the largest of its kind held in the Mercer County area. Over 1,000 children and their parents attend workshops and stop by health education booths. Members of the chapter handed out material about child obesity, teen pregnancy, the pitfalls of alcohol and drug abuse. This was the 3rd year that Delta Upsilon's Health Initiatives committee sponsored a table and provided health education material to children, young adults, and parents/guardians.

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Epsilon Sigma Unveil Monument during 50th Anniversary Celebration at Bowie State University



Epsilon Sigma Monument at Bowie State University

Bowie, MD. October 13, 2018. On Saturday October 13, 2018 the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee for the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland, held its final activity commemorating the chapter's monumental event. Epsilon Sigma was founded on March 1, 1968, by its 13 Founding Members via the chartering and 1st Line of the Chapter under the auspices of Kappa Psi Chapter from Washington, DC.

Epsilon Sigma, through an organized unit of Graduate and Undergraduate Brothers, formed the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee during August 2017 and operated under the sponsorship of the Mu Rho Chapter in Annapolis, Maryland. These Brothers demonstrably proved how "Friendship is Essential to the Soul" as they collectively organized, facilitated, and executed the following phenomenal and highly visible events for Epsilon Sigma's 50th Anniversary Celebration:

March 1st: Social Action Program: This event, whose 1st Part, occurred on November 16, 2017 at Largo High School, was "Career Day" for the Senior Students at the high school. The 2nd Part took place at the Shepherd Cove Homeless Shelter in Capital Heights, Maryland where over 50 Brothers prepared and served lunch to over 150.

March 2nd: Memorial Service Program This event recognized the Families and paid tribute to the 23 Omega Chapter Brothers of the 280 originating from Epsilon Sigma. The event included prestigious and superb ceremony, which was attended by over 150 Brothers.

Greet & Meet: This event facilitated the introduction and gap bridging of over 280 Epsilon Sigma Brothers (Undergraduate and Graduate) and their respective Guests, and included the display of numerous historical Epsilon Sigma items and the patronage of several Maryland vendors.

March 3rd: Chapter Plot Re-dedication: This event highlighted the cornerstone of The Committee's goal as it raised over \$18,000 in order to realize the following through the aggregate donations of the individual Epsilon Sigma Brothers: a) Phase 1, which occurred on March 3rd, saw the implant of the new Epsilon Sigma "Monument," which is beautifully crafted of black and white onyx; and b) Phase 2, which occurred recently on October 13th at BSU's Homecoming Game, unveiled a totally new plot area, which included an upgrade to the fixtures (benches and furnishings) and the topography of the plot, which includes an embelized, concrete

bench designed from the Omega symbol and equally crafted an enclosed fire pit. Over 1,000 people (Brothers, BSU Officials, and Guests) enjoyed the extravagance of this new monument and plot, which became a major highlight of the BSU Homecoming Activities.

Scholarship Gala: This event, which was attended by over 350 Brothers and Guests, was an iconic event as the Brothers did an amazing and superb job of organizing this highly recognized affair, which among other things, honored several Epsilon Brothers and Friends within the BSU business and political communities for their achievements and/or support of Epsilon Sigma. Further, the highlight of The Committee's event was having raised and funded a \$50,000 Scholarship Endowment in the name of Epsilon Sigma at BSU. In addition, in conjunction with Mu Rho Chapter, The Committee contributed \$500 to the Bishop Love Conference Center in Annapolis, Maryland.

March 4th: Worship Service

This event included 75 Brothers and Guests participating in the Worship Service of Unlimited Faith Ministries in Pikesville, Maryland.

Undoubtedly, The Committee's organization and execution of the aforementioned events will forever cause Omega to flourish, be productive, and remain a meaningful and relevant professional organization in Omega's 2nd District. Further, the collaborative efforts amongst these Undergraduate and Graduate Brothers have nurtured the seed which continues to bind them together eternally.

The Committee's participation was led by the following Members: Bro. Robert Myles ('86), Chairman and Scholarship Gala Chair; Bro. William Cooper ('15) & Bro. Kyle Jones ('16), Co-Chairmen; Bro. Thomas Blake ('83), Secretary (Recording and Corresponding); Bro. Eric Mills ('86), Treasurer; Bro. Sam White ('84), Fundraising Sub-Committee Chair; Bro. Shawn Estelle ('93), Marketing Sub-Committee Chair; Bro. Van Elliott ('81), Social Action Program Sub-Committee Chair; Bro. Alfonzo Powell ('68), Memorial Service Sub-Committee Chair; and Bro. Eddie Deshields ('85), Plot/Monument Sub-Committee Chair; as well as, Bro. Nelson Dennis ('81), Linwood Cole ('09), and Bro. Phil Williams ('12) who were instrumental in fulfilling major requirements of the Plot/Monument Dedication, Meet & Greet, and Scholarship Gala events.

Epsilon Sigma Chapter presents “Cool Ties & Good Vibes”



Epsilon Sigma Brothers teaching students the art of tying a tie.

Bowie, MD. May 7, 2018. Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted a program called, “Cool Ties & Good Vibes” for the male students on the campus of Bowie State University. The goal of the program was to teach graduating students and students seeking employment the basic technique of tying a tie. The Brothers of the Epsilon Sigma

Chapter also presented different examples of formal and semi-formal attire in an effort to expose students to the type of attire acceptable for different occasions. This event was attended by over 30 males from the Bowie State University community.

Epsilon Sigma Financial Freedom Program



Guest speakers Epsilon Sigma Alumni Brothers Cheaz Porter and Shawn Estelle sharing their journey to becoming successful entrepreneurs

Bowie, MD. May 8, 2018. Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held a program at Bowie State University called, “Financial Freedom.” The program was created to teach students different techniques for saving money (e.g. creating a weekly budget, learning the difference between “A Need” and “A Want”, and being aware of things that consume

the majority of their money.) Graduate Brothers Cheaz Porter and Shawn Estelle of Epsilon Sigma Chapter served as guest speakers sharing their journey to becoming successful entrepreneurs and provided tips for starting a business.

Gamma Pi Pulls Social Action “Double Duty”

Prince George’s County, MD September 29, 2018 - There was a lot of good college football action on Saturday, September 29. Some great matchups were on TV and some even more meaningful ones could be found in person at one of the local area college stadiums. Yet two teams of Brothers from Gamma Pi - with some overlap - managed to fully participate in two major community service projects simultaneously.

Brothers joined the local contingent of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and other Divine Nine organizations and community groups for a daylong scholarship fair at Charles Flowers High School in Springdale. There, Gamma Pi’s Project ENRICH program, headed by Bro. Willie Hines, advertised its upcoming October 6 start for the 2018-19 academic year and registered new students in the process. Scholarship Chairman Bro. Tony Williams was also in tow.

Chapter members also took part in the Surrattsville Community Day program during which the NAACP team, led by Chairman Brother Melvern McCottry and co-chair Lucious Toney, registered new voters on site. All of this was led by the Social Action team headed by Bro. Kevin Greenwood. Bro Basileus Tony Lee managed to shuttle between both events to show support and greet members of the community.

Both events represented a fantastic opportunity for members of the Prince George’s County community to learn about and take advantage of Gamma Pi’s community initiatives. The Cardinal Principle of UPLIFT was on full display all day.

The benefits to the Community were clear and direct. In the case of the scholarship fair, the chapter was able to share information about Project ENRICH with more than 50 students and families with many deciding to sign up on the spot. Brochures, flyers and website information was provided to visitors to Gamma Pi’s exhibit table.

For those who encountered Gamma Pi at the Surrattsville Community Day event, the community benefits were obvious. Residents were able to learn more about the Fraternity and chapter and the support programs it offers in the local community and, most importantly, were able to register to vote.

Gamma Pi showed on a big College Football Saturday how one chapter through one committee and one vision can make the difference in one community. They don’t call us the Super Chapter for nothing. They just call us!

Gamma Pi Project ENRICH



Gamma Pi Project ENRICH meeting

Bowie, MD October 6, 2018. Project 2018-19 kicked off with a bang on Saturday, October 6 with a full house of students and parents ready to seize the future. In the first official session of the year, the vision was relayed, the goals were set and the activities for the year were announced and explained.

Director Bro. Willie Hines is big on the “elevator speech” -- getting students to “speak up” and learn how to communicate confidently and competently. And he used the opening session for 2018 to call students to the floor to speak extemporaneously about what they did over the summer, connecting their talk to their vision of where they want to go in life and also linking it to their goals for college.

The students could see how the vision became reality in the case of one student, alumna Payton Adams, who returned as a special guest and gave some very realistic and heartfelt advice from her first year at Bennett College in North Carolina. Her message about preparedness, focus and maturity really hit home to the Project ENRICH family. Her overall message was that Project ENRICH really prepared her for college! A different message came from alumni Nathan Jones, who shared his story of how he picked up the pieces and continued to go forward and lead a produc-

tive life after deciding to leave four-year college and try the community college route.

One of the staples of the Project ENRICH program -- which meets monthly at Bowie State University -- is the group breakout sessions. True to form, the students spent part of the first day assembled in classrooms with their group leaders receiving information about and leading discussions about careers, choosing a field of study, skills assessment and how early to start thinking about college choice. Meanwhile, parents gathered in the auditorium to discuss how they could engage in Project ENRICH with their children through forming this year’s version of the Parents’ Club.

Director Hines also introduced the men of Omega who will be leading the groups - Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. They are Brothers Lucien Cox, Marc Ellington, Marc Roscoe, James Riley, Jr., Andrew Clarke and Ben Greene.

The Super Chapter is looking forward to another banner year with its flagship academic program which has successfully sent hundreds of local students off to college and into contributing roles in society through the years.

Brother Steve Coles Reaches 50th Major Marathon Milestone



Brother Steve Coles poses with his 50th Marathon Medal

Berlin Germany, September 16, 2018. On this day 33 year old Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya became the fastest marathon runner in the world as he set a record time of 2 hours, 1 minute and 39 seconds during the 2018 Berlin Marathon. Also on this historic day, 60 year old Steve Coles, completed his 50th marathon. Brother Coles (Tau Gamma Gamma 88) is now on a quest to run each of the six world major marathons, Tokyo, Berlin, New York, Chicago, Boston and London, as well as each state in the U.S.A. His medaled accomplishments to date now include 32 states, 7 international competitions, and four of the six major marathons with Boston and London remaining.

Marathons present athletes with a grueling challenge to run 26 miles through city streets wrought with hills, curves, unpredictable weather, and pain, all of which must be accomplished through sheer perseverance. Brother Coles testifies that his strength is gained through his faith in God as well as his family and friends who have supported him throughout his quest. He also uses his marathon opportunities to uplift those less fortunate by donating to charitable organizations which fight to end cancer and other diseases, such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Heart Association.

To help him celebrate this 50th marathon, Brother Coles was joined in Germany by his wife Terri, friends and fraternity brothers Thad (Pi Gamma 68) and Diann Goodman and Tony (Psi Alpha Alpha 85) and Cheryl Story. Through the use of satellite technology Brother Coles' marathon run was tracked and monitored which allowed his loyal supporters to meet, see and cheer him on along the scenic 42.1 kilometer route. Though there were over 50,000 runners and thousands of cheering on lookers, Brother Coles' royal purple and old gold running attire stood out amongst the crowd, particularly to his loyal supporters. There was never a doubt that though he ran alone, the spirit of Friendship was with him.

Brother Coles, a member of Gamma Pi chapter, is now preparing for his 33rd U.S. state marathon in Portland, Maine.

Gamma Pi Sends Kids Back to School With New Bookbags

Glenarden, MD. August 25, 2018. As the summer dog days drags to a close, it is a time of year that most young kids dread -- the return to school. The laziness of summer and its carefree days are practically over. But one thing the kids in the Kentland Community do not dread this time of year, and that is seeing the Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for the annual Back to School Backpack Drive. On Saturday, August 25, Gamma Pi once again made it an affair to remember. The Super Chapter donated more than 60 backpacks to Kentland students during the event. A team of about 30 Brothers joined Basileus Tony Lee and Social Action Chairman Kevin Greenwood at the community center for the daylong giveaway. In addition to book bags, the students and their parents were able to select from an array of other needed supplies like pens, pencils, binders and notebooks. The supplies were provided to Gamma Pi to give to the students by its partner, Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc.

"This is why we do the work that we do, to see the smiles on the faces of these youth and their parents. You never know when you may be providing supplies for a future doctor, lawyer or scientist," said Basileus Lee.

"It is very important that our children start out their school year on the best possible footing. Unfortunately, many do not have the resources to have a new backpack, writing utensils, folders or any of the essentials they will need to start the school year on a positive note," said Social Action chair Greenwood. "There is no greater feeling than to see how happy and excited the students are when they receive their 'back to school' items. The Men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc will always put our best foot forward to help the youth in our communities. This is what we do!" The weekend Back to School event featured several other service organizations, including a local chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and a foundation of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. All the participating organizations were lined up along the outer walls of the gymnasium with their exhibition tables.



Gamma Pi Brothers with Backpacks



Gamma Pi Senior Day Social Action



Gamma Pi Senior Day Social Action

Capitol Heights, MD June 10, 2018. Every June residents of the Windsor Crossing senior community in central Prince George's County look forward to seeing the Brothers of Gamma Pi come through for the annual Seniors Banquet. In fact, during the months leading up to the banquet, area seniors who encounter Gamma Pi men at other social action events and service projects are quick to ask, "Are you having the seniors banquet this year?" And in 2018, Gamma Pi once again did not disappoint, as more than 100 senior citizens packed the dining hall at Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Capitol Heights for this year's edition of the chapter's Seniors Banquet, held on Saturday, June 10.

More than 100 seniors came together for food, fellowship and fun on a day that started out dreary but ended up bright and sunny. They were fed a good piping hot meal that was shopped for and cooked by the Brothers, who worked late into the night before and returned before sunrise the next morning to prepare the food. The seniors all received wait service at their tables and they were entertained by gospel singing as well as a special gospel-based aerobics instructor who drew laughs, smiles and cheers as she engaged them in an easy-to-follow exercise routine to "keep moving" to improve their wellness and fitness.

For many seniors who attend in the dinner, it is the highlight of their summer. For these seniors, the annual banquet is a welcome event that puts

them more in touch with the outside world.

The smiling seniors were entertained by the Gamma Pi Chorale, a singing aggregation comprised of "Brothers with voices" who are members of The Super Chapter and directed by Bro. Alan Stewart. The chorale got the spirit moving in the right direction with a series of gospel favorites. That paved the way for a rousing sermon from Gamma Pi Chaplain Bro. Rev. Brian King.

The surprise of the afternoon was an aerobics style presentation based on The Gospel, brought by Gloria Ross of Fitness4Less. At several points during the aerobics program, the seniors (many in their 70s and 80s) let out yells and rose to their feet clapping and cheering for the music and the activities. Miss Ross used the aerobics presentation to mix in spiritual challenges and encourage the seniors to stay positive, active and healthy mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

This year's Seniors Banquet was one of the best ever organized by Gamma Pi and demonstrated quite clearly for The Super Chapter the importance of reaching out to and keeping an open line with our seniors. These are the people who paved the roads for us. They can always use UPLIFT and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Gamma Pi are more than happy to provide it to them!

Kappa Chapter Backpack & School Supplies Drive

Syracuse, NY. September 6, 2018. On September 6th, 2018 the Brothers of Kappa Chapter concluded annual Backpack & School Supplies Drive by welcoming back students on their first day of school at Van Duyn Elementary School. The brothers handed out stuffed backpacks for over 200 students. From August 26th to September 3rd, the brothers dedicated their time as they canvassed across the campus of Syracuse University and within the local Syracuse community, going door to door in search of extra backpacks, pencils, pens, binders, notebooks or anything else for students. The students loved seeing all the energetic smiles and support on their first day back at school and were even more excited about receiving the backpacks and school supplies from the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This is the fourth year the brothers have done this and plan on continue this activity as a way to continually support and give back to the greater Syracuse community.



Kappa Chapter Brothers hand out backpacks

Fort Valley State University Honors Gamma Pi Brother Luther Burse with Permanent Tribute



Brother Luther Burse poses in front of the tribute erected in his honor at Fort Valley State U.

Capitol Heights, MD May 20, 2018. One of Omega Psi Phi's longtime pioneers in education, Brother Luther Burse, Sr., PhD., of Gamma Pi Chapter, got the tribute of a lifetime recently for his service and commitment to higher education when Fort Valley State University in Georgia unveiled a fountain in his honor.

Bro. Dr. Burse served as the fifth president at Fort Valley from 1983-88. The new edifice on the campus was unveiled on May 1. It is a continuously flowing water fountain, beautifully engraved with his name and an excerpt from one of his many inspiring addresses. The fountain is erected on Fort Valley's main campus. Students, alumni, friends and supporters, along with faculty and staff, have been invited by the University to visit the "Future Fountain" that now stands forever in Bro. Dr. Burse's honor. Bro. Prior to coming to Fort Valley, Bro. Dr. Burse served as interim president at Cheyney University in Pennsylvania.

As many in central Georgia know, Fort Valley is affectionately called "The Fountain City", hence the "fountain" on campus and of course, the annual Fountain City Classic football "war" between Fort Valley State

and nearby Albany State.

Bro. Dr. Burse is one of a handful of 60-year Omega Psi Phi members in the Gamma Pi Chapter, and among just a few in the entire five-state Second District. He has received numerous awards for his service to the Fraternity (including the Second District Founders Award) and for his contributions to higher education and especially in support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

In Gamma Pi, Brother Burse is known for his smooth demeanor and his sage advice about Omega, education and about life in general, and for neither looking nor acting his age, as he is in his early 80s. With pride, among the Brothers, he always lets it be known loudly that he crossed The Burning Sands at "Psi Psi" Chapter in the Bluegrass State in 1955, before many Gamma Pi members were even born. He and his late wife and life partner, Dr. Mamie Burse (July 2017), were consistent fixtures at their respective alma maters attending cultural, fundraising and athletic events and even serving in leadership capacities. Our Omega hats are off to Bro. Dr. Burse!

Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt



Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Participants

New Castle, DE. March 24, 2018. Nu Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. of Wilmington, DE held its Annual Talent Hunt on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at William Penn High School. The winner of the

Jabali. Emaje is a student at Cab Calloway High School. She went on to win first place in classical vocal-category at the Second District Talent Hunt in Baltimore, MD.

The Kappa Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Kappa Omicron Community Development Corporation (“KO”) have been serving the Bronx, Harlem and greater New York City communities for the last seven decades. At the center of KO’s community development efforts is its brownstone on 150th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam. For nearly 50 years, the Harry Denny Jr. Fraternity House (“HDJ House”), named after one of KO’s founders, has hosted community based social action programs and cultural events and has become a Harlem and Omega institution.

loan from Harlem-based Carver Bank, KO is looking outside of its proud walls for assistance on this important endeavor. Please consider participating in the **HDJ House Brick Program**.

Individuals, corporations, community and Greek Letter organizations can etch their name in our rich history. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Sponsorship levels are:

LEVEL	DETAILS*
Purple and Gold (\$500)	4x8 Brick on a Premium Interior Wall located on a prominent space inside of HDJ House's main floor; OR 4x8 Brick on an Outdoor Feature Wall adjacent to the KO Chapter plot in the backyard
Purple (\$250)	4x8 Brick on a Contributor Wall on lower or meeting level inside of HDJ House; OR 4x8 Brick on the backyard surface
Gold (\$100)	Etched name plate on Contributor Plaque inside of HDJ House
Friend (Under \$100)	Name to be displayed on the contributor's page of the Renovation Souvenir Journal

*actual location subject to final approved building plans

Go to www.koques.org to learn more. If you have ever hosted or attended an event and enjoyed your experience at HDJ House, we would greatly appreciate your support.



Kappa Omicron Five Boro Food Pantry Drive



Participants at the Kappa Omicron 5 Boro Food Pantry Drive

New York, NY. The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity conducted their annual “Five Boro Food Pantry Drive” from March 1st to May 31st. Overall, they raised \$5,000 which consisted of donations from the brothers of the fraternity and their friends and families.

The fraternity held a ceremony awarding select community-minded organizations on June 2nd at Lt. JP Kennedy Community Center, New York, NY. Union American Methodist Episcopal Church in Staten Island, Brooklyn-based Black Veterans for Social Justice, The Salvation Army of the Bronx, St. Albans Congregational Church in Queens and Convent Avenue Baptist Church in Manhattan each received \$1,000 on their behalf to aid in serving needy individuals and families in New York City.

“The urgency of ensuring members of our community requiring sustenance continues to rise” says founder Bro. Thomas Wallace. In December 2017, the Coalition for the Homeless reported there were 63,495 people living in New York City shelters alone. Many of these men and women may be unemployed, making it difficult to provide for their families. Bro. Wallace added “Many have faced the dilemma of deciding whether to

move into a shelter or live on the streets due to bad economic circumstances. Veterans often suffer from both visible and invisible wounds of war, making them an especially vulnerable population when it comes to making ends meet. Food assistance can make a difference in the lives of our fellow citizens and their ability to get-by given the current climate of our country.

The Five Boroughs Food Drive was started by Bro. Thomas Wallace, who served as the Basileus of the chapter from 1996 to 2000 and Bro. Ray Haskins in 2009. Since then, the fraternity has provided numerous shelters with a significant amount of food and groceries. The 2018 committee members included the current Basileus Steve Schmidt, Bro. Charles Johnson, Bro. Percy Lambert, Bro. Eddy Parisien, Bro. Cory Williams, and Bro. Relester James. They have also provided monetary assistance totaling \$32,000 to organizations who serve the needy. The Kappa Omicron Chapter is headquartered in Harlem and stands ready to assist New York City residents through community-service and development.

OMEGA CARES

Kappa Omicron National Alliance on Mental Health Donation



New York, NY. May 12, 2018. On May 12, 2018 the Kappa Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in the National Alliance on Mental Health [NAMI] 12th Annual Walk. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

The chapter teamed up with the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated the “Tau Omega” chapter and raised over (\$4,500.00). Despite the light rain, we completed the 5k walk over the Brooklyn Bridge.

While, walking over the bridge the chapter took pictures with poster boards and with NAMI staffers encouraging mental health services.

According to NAMI’s mental illness facts and numbers sheet page 2. 2013, “mood disorders such as depression are the third most common cause of hospitalization in the United States both youth and adults ages 18 to 44”. All funds went directly to NAMI to fight stigma, encourage understanding, and to continue to help/assist those struggling and living with mental illness.

Alpha Delta Gamma Activities

ADG Involvement Fair



Brother Aris Mayfield, FCA member Steven Alford, Brother Kiree Moore at the FCA banquet

Westminster, MD. August 29, 2018. Involvement with organizations on your college campus can give you access to a variety of connections that will help you be successful. All the organizations on the campus of McDaniel College including the Alpha Delta Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., participated in an involvement fair on August 29, 2018 in Westminster, Maryland. Our goal at the involvement fair was to inform curious students about the goals of the fraternity and how members in the fraternity live to uphold the four cardinal principles.

ADG Voter Registration Drive



Brother Matthew Boykin-Derrill at the Vote Registration Drive

Westminster, MD. September 20, 2018. Our ancestors persevered through difficult times for generations so that we have the right to vote. On September 20, 2018 in Westminster, Maryland, the Alpha Delta Gamma chapter at McDaniel College partnered with the League of Women's Voters Organization to promote the importance of voting to students on campus, while registering students to vote who weren't already registered.

ADG Move In Day Aid



Brother Matthew Boykin-Derrill help student move in

Westminster, MD. August 26, 2018. Everyone knows the first day of college is the most difficult, especially when you don't know what to bring with you, so we bring everything. With a lot of heavy lifting and laughter, our goal was to assist families with making the transition from high school to college smooth. On August 26, 2018 in Westminster, Maryland, the Alpha Delta Gamma chapter at McDaniel College partnered with the ROTC to assist freshman and transfer students with their move in day process.

ADG Middle School Step Show



ADG & IE Brothers Stepping at Douglas High School

Baltimore, MD. March 31, 2018. On March 31, 2018, the Alpha Delta Gamma chapter at McDaniel College alongside the Iota Epsilon chapter at Towson University participated in a step show at Fredrick Douglass High School in Baltimore Maryland. Our goal was to inspire middle school children to focus on their education, engage in extracurricular activities and join organizations that focus on community service.

Alpha Delta Gamma Manhood



Baltimore, MD. May 28, 2018. Many young men apart of the minority group don't know what it means to be a man or have the wrong idea of what it means to be one. The Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter of McDaniel College and Stevenson University held a Manhood event on 3/28/2018 at McDaniel College Merrit Building, Room 301 at 7:30pm with the assistance of the Iota Nu Graduate chapter. With ourselves being an undergrad chapter and still learning life lessons we asked Iota Nu to come in and speak on what it means to be a man in today's world and to share their stories. Having had a good turnout for the event and a very active audience with not only males but females also had really made us feel as if we influenced their lives. We look forward to our future events because every opportunity we take can change someone's life.

Brother Matthew Boykin-Derrill facilitating the panel discussion

Alpha Delta Gamma Woman Empowerment Event

Westminster, MD. April 2, 2018. Women in our community are consistently struggling with every day task. In Westminster, Maryland on April 2, 2018, the Alpha Delta Gamma chapter at McDaniel College partnered with the Phenomenal Women Organization to host an event educating the community of the struggle's women go through. Our goal was to not only discuss women's struggles, but we gave the women an opportunity to express themselves in a judge free environment.

Alpha Delta Gamma Womens Empowerment panel discussion



Iota Nu Brother Charles Gibson inducted into Bowie State University ROTC Hall of Fame



Brithier Charles Gibson accept Bowie State University ROTC Hall of Fame Award from Brother General Kip Ward

Bowie, MD. April 17, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s very own Brother Charles Gibson had the honor of being inducted into Bowie State University's ROTC Hall of Fame. Brother Charles Gibson received this recognition based on his outstanding service and support of the Bowie State University ROTC program. As a retired service member of the United States Army, Brother Gibson has continued to mentored, sponsor, and speak at various events over the past 15 years that have prepared the future officers of the Army.

Brother Charles Gibson served 28 years in the United States Army after being commissioned at Bowie State University in 1986 and retired at the rank of Colonel. Brother Charles Gibson was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1984 through the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Bowie State University and is currently the Vice Beileus of the Iota Nu chapter which serves Harford and Cecil County.

Iota Nu Support Harford County Buffalo Soliders



Iota Nu Brothers with Harford County Buffalo Soilder President

Havre de Grace, MD. April 21, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. attended a scholarship memorial that honors a recent member of Iota Nu that has transitioned in Omega Chapter. Brother Silas Williams was initiated into the Iota Nu chapter in 2014 and was also a charter member and the Buffalo Soldier chapter in Harford County. The brothers of Iota Nu received communication that the Buffalo Soldiers were establishing a scholarship fund in Brother Williams honor and attended the motorcycle clubs fish fry fundraiser to support our recently deceased brother. Altogether, the brothers of Iota Nu donated over \$300 to Brother Silas Williams's scholarship fund.

Iota Nu Recognized by Harford Family House



Iota Nu Brother Michael Bennett with Harford Family House CEO Robin Tomechko and WJZ reporter Kristy Breslin.

Aberdeen, MD. April 25, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was recently recognized by the Harford Family House for our efforts supporting their organization over the past year. The Iota Nu chapter received The Outstanding Organization Award during an awards banquet. Brother Michael Bennett represented the chapter at the banquet and has been instrumental in the chapter's partnership.

Harford Family House is the largest provider of transitional housing for homeless families with children in Harford County. They are the only organization in Harford County capable of keeping the family together during the crisis of homelessness. It is their goal to end homelessness in Harford County, one family at a time.

Iota Nu Support Rally for Injustice



Brother Derrick Brockman and Brother Glasgow Bart with Grand Counselor Brother Benjamin Crump

Philadelphia, PA. April 22, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. traveled to the Starbucks location of the recently nationalized racial injustice regarding the arrest of one of our organizations own. Brothers Glasgow Bart and Derrick Brockman traveled to stand with brothers of Omega Psi Phi from around the nation in solidarity to speak about the recent and ongoing recent injustices against African Americans. The Brothers heard from Omega Psi Phi's national leaders as well as Starbucks CEO about the incident and are pledging to work towards a common solution to avoid future incidents. The intent of the rally is to spark hope and national change that is occurring throughout the United States. Brothers Bart and Brockman were also had the opportunity to speak and fellowship with Omega Psi Phi member and Civil Rights Attorney Brother Benjamin Crump.



Brother Glasgow Bart standing at the Rally for Injustice with Omega Brothers

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Iota Nu 2nd District Conference Highlights



Brother Dwayne Adams receives Undergraduate Advisor of the Year Award from District Representative Sherman Charles

Baltimore, MD. April 26-29, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently returned from Omega Psi Phi's 70th Second District Conference that was hosted by the brothers of Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore City. Iota Nu is proud to announce that they returned home with several brothers being recognized for their awards and achievements to our organization.

Brother Dwayne Adams, whom was appointed as the undergraduate representative for the recently chartered Alpha Delta Gamma chapter received the undergraduate advisor of the year award. This award represents the hard work and dedication that Brother Adams has done to ensure that the Brothers of Alpha Delta Gamma's charter was successful as well as starting several social action initiatives on McDaniel College. Brother Adams is a former Basileus of Iota Nu and Social Action Chairman.

Brother Leonard Newman received the district Colonel Charles Young Award. The Colonel Charles Young Award represents the numerous accomplishments that Brother Newman has done as a brother and also a

committed serviceman of our military. Brother Newman is a past parliamentarian for Iota Nu and currently the president of the Iota Nu uplift foundation.

Brother Marquiz Findley-Smith received the districts undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award. Brother Findley-Smith has been a hard worker for the fraternity as well as a student athlete that played football for McDaniel College. Brother Marquiz Findley is a former Undergraduate Representative for the Second District. Brother Marquiz Findley-Smith was initiated through the Iota Nu Chapter and was instrumental in chartering Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter at McDaniel College. Brother Marquiz Findley Smith recently graduated from McDaniel College and plans to attend law school in California.

Additionally, Iota Nu's talent hunt representative received third place at the District Talent Hunt. Ms. Aniya Horne performed a liturgical dance in the Contemporary dance category in which she expressed the word and spirit of god with joy and emotion.

Iota Nu Supports Health and Addiction Treatment 5K Run/Walk



Runners participating at the 5K Run Walk

Havre de Grace, MD. May 5, 2018. Iota Nu chapter in conjunction the Harford County Alumni Council and Havre de Grace Rotary club partnered together for their first annual Health and Addiction Treatment 5k Run/Walk. These organizations began planning for this event back in September 2017 and after several months of coordination and effort the organizations successfully executed their first annual 5k to raise awareness for the American Diabetes Association and Addiction Connection Resources.

The Havre de Grace Rotary club is an organization that was founded in 1922 with the mission of service above self. The Rotary club is an international organization that is dedicated to solving real world problems with sustainable projects and have programs that include literacy, peace, water and health.

The Harford County Alumni Council is a newly formed organization that

is combines the Harford County Greek Organizations. These organizations include Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. All of the Greek organizations lead multiple initiatives to include scholarship and social action among Harford County and have teamed up to expand their reach in the community.

Together, the joint effort between the two organizations raised well over the intended goal of \$1000.00 for both the American Diabetes Association and Addiction Connection Resources. The two organizations have found a niche in the community that is poised to expand. The event was well received by the community and the Mayor of Havre de Grace was in attendance to provide support on behalf of the city. The race took place in Tydings Park along an official USA Track & Field certified course.

Iota Nu Aids Harford Family House during Memorial Day Holiday



Bro. Charles Gordon cleaning up the floor. and Bro. Michael Bennet cleaning the refrigerator at the Harford Family House

Aberdeen, MD. May 25, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continued our work with the Harford Family House. On a Friday afternoon when most are at work or leisurely spending their day off preparing for the upcoming holiday several brothers took time to go and ensure that an incoming family was able to successfully move into one of the homes at the Harford Family House. Brothers Michael Bennet, Anthony Dorsey, Charles Gordon, Eric Story, and Norbit Reed helped to clean and furnish one of the recently vacant apartments. Brother Charles Gordon even brought his son Charles Jr. along to show him the value of giving back to the community.

Harford Family House is the largest transitional housing organization in Harford County. They assist family's transition during the crises of homelessness. Their goal is to end homelessness in Harford County, one family at a time.

Iota Nu Donates School Supplies to Harford Family House and Magnolia Middle School



Iota Nu donating school supplies to Harford Family House and Brother Michael Bennett donating book bags to Magnolia Middle School

Aberdeen and Joppatowne, MD. August 29, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collected school supplies as part of their back to school initiative. The school supplies included spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, tape, glue, play doh and hand sanitizer for children with ages ranging from 5 years (Kindergarten) through 15 years (10th grade). The school supplies were donated to the children of Families that are currently living at the Harford Family House located in Aberdeen, Maryland and students at Magnolia Middle School one week prior to the start of the school year.

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One of Iota Nu's own Brother Lamark Holley is a member of the faculty at Magnolia Middle School and assisted with an effort that included donating over 50 backpacks to students.

OMEGA UPLIFT

Iota Nu Continues Support of Harford Family House

Aberdeen, MD. July 6, 2017. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continues its social action initiatives and volunteering efforts with our partnership of the Harford Family House. During the summer months, when the chapter normally takes its hiatus Brother Michael Bennett continues to lead efforts to support the Harford Family House on a monthly basis. Brother Bennett assisted with cleaning and preparing a 2 bedroom apartment for an incoming family that will be entering the Harford Family House.

The Harford Family House offers transition housing for homeless families and helps them toward self-sufficiency. The competitive program aids families in credit repair, increasing marketable job skills, finding employment and addressing medical and mental health needs. Overall, their goal is to prepare families for independence.

The Iota Nu chapter is proud of Brother Michael Bennett for his selfless service and looks forward to our continued partnership that supports the Harford Family House.



Brother Bennett cleaning refrigerator and stove at the apartment cleaning.

Iota Nu Habitat for Humanity

Joppatowne, MD. April 21, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the chapter's annual social action event that supports Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. Early in the morning, the brothers took time to aid in the renovation of a home in Harford County that will be designated to a family in need.

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna has a mission to provide affordable housing opportunities for Harford and Cecil County residents by building, renovating, and repairing homes in partnership with the community. Their vision includes eliminating housing and homelessness from the world and to provide shelter to those in need. To date, the organization has built over 50,000 homes.

Approximately 10 brothers from the chapter participated in this worthy cause. This event was chaired by Brother Dana Fogg



Brothers Fogg, Bennett, and Alston clearing debris from outside of the home

Iota Nu supports We Cancerve's Camp Happy



Brother Michael Bennett and children from Camp Happy

Aberdeen, MD. July 22, 2018. Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continues its support of We Cancerve and the Harford Family House. On Thursday afternoon Brothers Michael Bennett and Anthony Dorsey spent time with children from the Harford Family House during We Cancerve's Camp Happy. Brother Bennett and Dorsey spoke about their careers in the military, displayed equipment that servicemen use, and presented Camp Happy with an American flag. As former servicemen, Brothers Bennett and Dorsey explained the meaning of the American flag along with the colors, stars, and stripes. The children were able to wear military helmets, ruck sacks, vests, and laid on sleeping bags, cots, and mats.

Camp Happy Easter created in 2015 by Grace Callwood, then age 10,

as a free summer enrichment program for children at area transitional homeless programs. Callwood, founder of We Cancerve Movement Inc., wanted to make sure homeless youth returned to school in the fall with positive and fun stories to tell about their summer breaks. "Camp Happy is unique because it's a summer enrichment program made for kids by kids. Camp Happy is also completely for the homeless children and it's held onsite at their locations. Our camp is unique because from all of our activities come ideas of youth - either our junior camp counselors or the youth we serve at homeless shelters. Special events like guest presenters and field trips are donated at no cost or at a significantly reduced cost," said Grace Callwood, age 13. She's a rising 8th grade student at Edgewood Middle School.

Iota Phi “So Fresh, Clean and Crispy Tour “



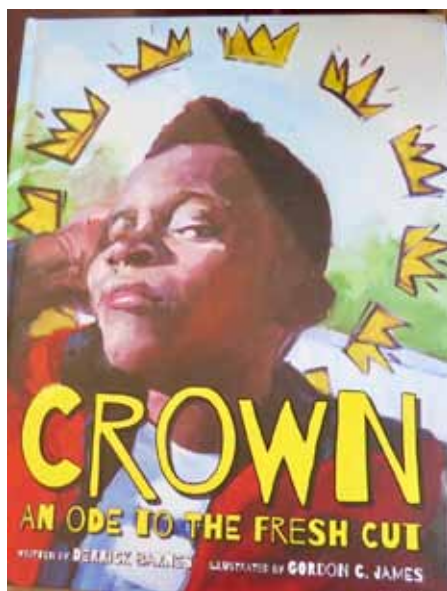
Iota Phi Brothers and youth in front of the Iota Phi Fraternity Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

Pittsburgh, PA. August 20-21, 2018. The Iota Phi Chapter hosted the first annual county wide back to school event fitfully called the “So Fresh, Clean and Crispy Tour”. Brothers from all over the south-western region of Pennsylvania welcomed over 100 students and families from kindergarten through 12th grade to the Iota Phi Fraternity Center. Students received free backpacks and school supplies from Brother Frank Walker’s law firm, free dental care products from Brother Leon Williams dental practice, grilled food, free books, free haircuts and most importantly, quality time and UPLIFT from the Brothers. The activity supported our nationally mandated “Fatherhood Initiative” and “Assault on Illiteracy” social action projects.

Some of the highlights of this event included the entire Woodland Hills football team engaging in meaningful discussion with Brother attorney’s Al Reese and Frank Walker and Brother federal agent Mike Howard. Brother Ron Coursey is the Athletic Director of the school and he provided two busloads of hungry athletes. The Brothers presented real-life scenarios that young African American teens face regularly. The teens were

given sound legal advice regarding successfully surviving encounters with police and authorities. Initially the young men were hesitant to speak their minds however they eventually felt the sincerity of the Brothers and trusted them enough to express their heartfelt feelings. In the end the teens were able to make the connection that they were loved by our membership and that their wellbeing and success is paramount to our existence as a people. Students volunteered to allow members of our fraternity to become life mentors. UPLIFT!

Another shining moment worth mentioning is that many of Pittsburgh’s finest barbers volunteered their skills to give the young men the fresh, clean and crispy look providing confidence for the upcoming school year. High school students had the opportunity to pick the brains of Brothers who were former scholar-athletes about their college experiences, HBCU memories, and gain information pertaining to the scholarships offered by the chapter. Younger students heard a lively rendition of the book *Crown: “An Ode to the Fresh Cut”* as they waited for the barber. SCHOLARSHIP!



Crown “Ode to the Fresh Cut” book and youth receiving a Fresh Cut

Lambda Gamma Gamma “Kids Day at the Nationals”



Lambda Gamma Gamma Brothers with youth at Kids Day at the Nationals

Washington D.C. June 09, 2018. The Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its Kids Day at Nationals on Saturday, June 09, 2018. In concert with the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball (MLB) team, LGG was able to chaperone kids from the inner city of Washington DC and Clinton MD to see the Washington Nationals MLB team square off against the San Francisco Giants. This is an annual mentoring event that LGG has conducted for more than ten (10) consecutive years. LGG utilizes this MLB game to provide mentoring, leadership, integrity training, career awareness, and self-esteem to youth throughout the Washington DC and Maryland metropolitan areas. Our goal is to connect with our youth and help prepare them to be positive respectable young men/women and new leaders in our communities and society. LGG steers this event to demonstrate to our mentees that the prin-

ciple of hard work will yield rewarding benefits. This MLB game allows our youth to enjoy a remarkable experience at a live MLB game, sing the unofficial anthem (Take Me Out to the Ball Game) of North American baseball with other Washington Nationals fans, as well as the opportunity to see some of their favorite MLB players in real life. Bro. Benson Macon has served as the chairman for this event for the past three (3) years and with the support of LGG Basileus Bro. Michael Coward, LGG Vice Basileus Bro. Reginald Vance, and immediate past committee chairman Bro. Tommie Bennett, LGG was able to send 26 people to enjoy another Washington Nationals Major League Baseball game this year with grab bags filled with a variety of snacks and water. LGG intends to continue this partnership with the Washington Nationals MLB team and youth from our communities for many years to come.

Mu Nu “24-7 Dad” Fatherhood Program

Gaithersburg, MD, October 9, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter is continuing its effort to support the “24-7 Dad” fatherhood program in collaboration with the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County. The program provides fathers with career counseling, communication training, and tools to help strengthen their family bonds. Participants were addressed by various guest speakers from such organizations as the Administration for Children and Families, the First Financial Bank, and the Montgomery County Child Support Services. The program topics included housing information, employment, child support arrangements, and other resources for fathers and clients to assist them in becoming more self-sufficient while strengthening their family foundations. Mu Nu Chapter Brothers continue to make an impact on local fathers by participating in interactive discussions that help the men of the program build self-awareness, self-caring, better parenting and fathering skills, and also improved relationship skills. And the Brothers themselves also benefit as many have found themselves gaining from the education and exchanges whereby they come away feeling a little wiser and more encouraged in their own fathering skills and family foundations.



Mu Nu 24-7 Dad Fatherhood Program participants

Lambda Gamma Gamma 2018 Giant National Capital BBQ Battle



LGG Brothers Tent at the Giant National Capital BBQ Battle

Washington, D. C. June 23 -24, 2018. The Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter (LGG) of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. answered the call on June 23 -24, 2018 and participated in the Annual Giant National Capital Barbeque (BBQ) Battle in Washington, DC. This annual event benefits both the USO-Metro and the Capital Area Food Bank, raising over \$2 million dollars every year for these and other notable District charities. The BBQ Battle is one of the largest and most unique BBQ and music festivals in the United States, offering a downtown DC experience with a chance to indulge in the thrills of competition barbequing. Master Grillers from around the country come to share their hickory and cherry-smoked treats to “grill seekers.” And if that is not enough, Master Grillers have a chance to win over \$40,000 in prizes. BBQ legends from TV shows compete side by side with top Grillers from around the country, seeking to win the coveted “America’s National Barbeque Champion” moniker.

There’s absolutely no doubt that this event is the tastiest Summer festival in the country, featuring live music; powerful vocals and soulful melodies ranging from Rock, Reggae, Jazz, and of course DC’s most famous Go-Go. The unforgettable aromas form smoke clouds around DC’s downtown mall and the most recognized group of enthusiastic men wearing Old Gold and Royal Purple are found serving up ice-cold drinks through-

out the weekend. As the aromatic scents of grilled chicken, ribs, brisket, sausages, pork and lamb chops, hot dogs, hamburgers, and sweet corn cover Pennsylvania Avenue like a cluster of large clouds, the LGG Brothers served dutifully, laughed, fellowshiped, and ensured punctuated an unforgettable weekend.

The Brothers served cold beverages to over 1,000 patrons each day. It was during these periods (while the brothers were loading coolers, restocking the inventory, and simply serving the event’s patrons) that the brothers continually heard unending “Thank You’s,” “I cannot believe these educated men are serving their community for free,” and “This is what Omega Men do!” With these expectant, kind, and thoughtful words from the event’s attendees, the 60-man Omega deep crew simply did what the Fraternity’s watchword demands!

This Annual event is just one of the many events that LGG unselfishly and diligently performs each year throughout the Capital Region. The organizers will continue to ring the bell, seeking a hand from the great men of LGG, and we will continue to answer each year. If you are ever in the area during the fourth (4th) weekend of June, pull up your sleeves; stop by the biggest serving tent; grab a 30-pound bag of ice, dig for a “cold one” from the bottomless cooler, meet and mingle with the thousands of attendees, and fellowship with the ‘Bruhz’ from LGG!

Mu Nu Fall Suit GiveDive

Rockville, MD, October 13, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter donated 23 business suits to the Coalition for the Homeless to help prepare the men of the residence to be interview-ready when job opportunities present themselves. The Coalition for the Homeless offers a residence and outreach program that provides shelter and social services to the homeless community in Montgomery County. Future Mu Nu Chapter collaboration was also discussed regarding Brothers perhaps even participating to share interviewing techniques and to discuss employment opportunities with the residents. The effort was considered a huge success as it sets a considerable mark to beat for the next such opportunity to work with the Coalition for the Homeless.



Bro. Shaun Ratliff (center) delivers suits to Coalition for the Homeless

Lambda Gamma Gamma Scholarships



High School Level Scholarship Award Ceremony from August 2018 during LGG's Annual BBQ Patron Appreciation Cook Out

August 2018 .Congratulations to the 2018 High School and Continuing Education scholarship awardees! Out of over 100 scholarship applications received, LGG awarded 33 scholarships. Below is a list of the 2018 scholarship recipients. The scholarships are awarded based on GPA, Extra Curricular Activities and a graded essay assignment. This year's essay topic was about the hard fought battles that African Americans and Woman had to go thru to earn the right to vote via the 15th and 20th Amendments, respectively. Applicants had to write an 800 to 1200 word essay in response to the two (2) questions below. Statistically, both of these groups saw a decline in voting participation during the 2016 presidential election. Essay Questions:

1. Offer some historical accounts on the struggle for African Americans and Woman to earn the right to vote.
 2. Identify what they saw as the primary causes for the 2016 presidential election participation drop by both groups plus they had to provide recommendations to help prevent future voter participation decline.
- Below is a list of the 2018 High School Level Scholarship Awardees:

High School Awardees

Colin Dickins
Brodie Holmes
Dominique Kelly
Luciano Desenzani
Michael Williams
Kamau Moody
Jordan Carter
Brion Peoples
Miranda Grier-Spratley
Lauren Oliver
Jourdan Gibbs
Narita Shaw
Chardale Folks
Blake Taylor
MacPaul Obiniyi
Jhamari Easter

High School Attended

Thomas Edison High School
Loyola Blakefield High School
Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Charles Herbert Flowers High School
DeMatha Catholic High School
Bishop McNamara High School
Henry B Lackey School
Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Thomas Edison High School
Glenn Allen High School
Bishop McNamara High School
Gwynn Park High School
Charles Herbert Flowers High School
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Trey Clark-Nelson
Bryce Wingate
Joshua Adewumi
Tierra Harris

Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Glen Burnie High School

Continuing Education Awardees

Diamond Hodo
Brittany Elliott
Symone Richardson
Simone Convert
Laurn Shaw
Haylee Waldron
Gary Wood
Lionel Taylor
Chauncey Copeland
Markel Gale
Alton Benson
Mariah Stewart
Jairus Hampton

College/University

Bowie State University
North Carolina A & T
Duquesne University
Bowie State University
Towson University
Virginia Commonwealth U
North Carolina Central
Bowie State University
Norfolk State University
Towson University
Hampton University
Tuskegee University
West Virginia University

Above is a list of the 2018 Continuing Education Scholarship Awardees and the Colleges they are attending. Your support for our chapter events is appreciated and serves as a vital instrument in the success of our annual Colonel Charles Young Memorial Scholarship program

**Lifting as We Climb
One Youth at a Time**

“Mighty” Mu Nu Chapter Charter Day Celebration



Mu Nu Brothers at the Meet the Candidate Forum

Silver Spring, MD. May 19, 2018. The Men of Mu Nu Chapter in Montgomery County, Maryland celebrated our Charter Day with a flurry of weekend activities. Mu Nu Chapter was officially chartered on May 23, 1970 by 22 stalwart Omega Men.

The Chapter is extremely proud of our 48th Anniversary and performance record of community engagement and impact in Montgomery County. To commemorate the chartering of Mu Nu, our Fraternal Relations Committee under the leadership of Brother Khary Earley, planned and organized several activities that promoted friendship, fellowship and community engagement.

On Saturday, May 19, Brothers enjoyed fellowshiping in Rockville at Pinstripes that offers good food, dining areas, bowling and various games. On Sunday, May 20, the brotherhood returned to Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, where our Charter members some 48 years ago conducted many meetings in the early years to organized, plan and execute community engagement activities. We presented the pastor a love offering and thanked the church for their support of the many years. It was a blessing to see Omega brothers serving and providing leadership in this part of the vineyard: Brothers Charles, Vernon, Sidney and Brother General Holmes.

An additional blessing was the presence of charter member, Brother Timothy McIntosh, who with pride and enthusiasm shared stories and experiences from Mu Nu Chapter's birth and the early journey. Also, beaming with pride was the granddaughter of the first Basileus, Bro. Rudolph W.

Snowden (1970-1971), from whom our scholarship is named after. Gina Harrell (DST) shared stories from her perspective recalling the many meetings held at the family home. See picture below of her father, the first Basileus Rudolph W. Snowden (September 1923 and September 1977).

In the same afternoon, Mu Nu Chapter participated in a creative Candidate Forum that was extremely successful. Brother Del Jordan, Chairman for Voting and NAACP, has been the face of Mu Nu during this election season, (mid-term election Friday, June 26). We teamed with our Divine 9 partners on the National Pan Hellenic Council for the innovative “Meet the Candidate Forum” on Sunday, May 20 at Paint Branch High School. We had a great turnout from the Greek community and community at large.

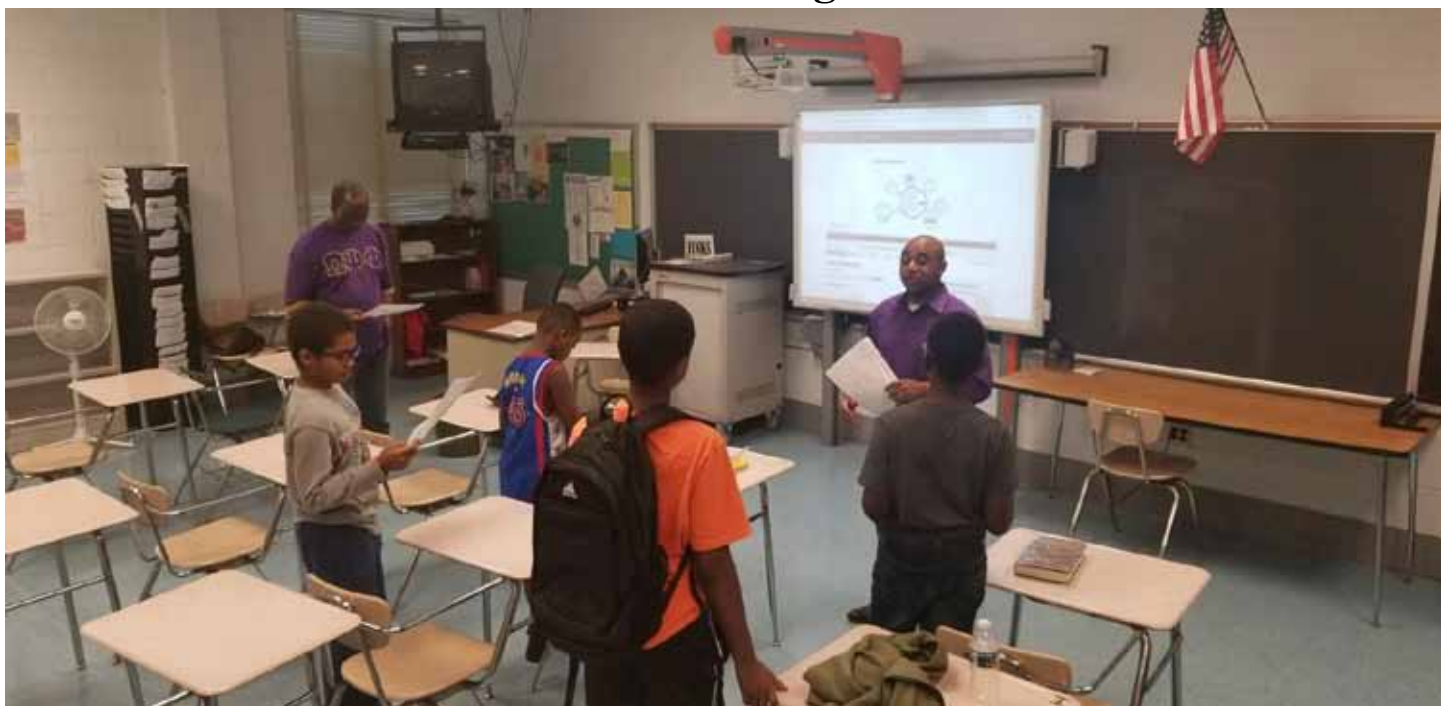
Mu Nu's Basileus, Bro. Donald Williams, believes it is important to have Omega Men “out front” in the community interacting with county officials, MCPS board members, other community leaders, and concern citizens. Our presence is a “game changer” as we continue to demonstrate our commitment for being an advocate for strengthening African-American families in Montgomery County.

He encourages Omega men to step up to hold offices such as County Executive, Board of Education Chairmen and members, serve on county boards, committees, and commissions, in order to build a network of influence as the demographics rapidly shifts!



Mu Nu Brothers Worship at Clinton A\ME Zion Church

Mu Nu Kicks Off 2018 “Bridge Builder” Sessions



Bros. Clarence Thomas Jr and Shaun Ratliff lead interactive discussion with mentees.

Germantown, MD, October 6, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter kicked off its 2018 “Bridge Builder” mentoring program sessions at Northwest High School. The Bridge Builder program continues to operate under a teaming agreement with the “Saturday School” program – George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. – that Mu Nu Chapter founded as its flagship tutorial and mentoring program in October 1986. The Bridge Builder program operates the first and third Saturdays of the school year with a goal of helping young males achieve greater success by inspiring them to

become “Success Stories” using their intelligence, talents and gifts in pursuit of academic excellence. The sessions help the mentees learn to work together to shift their mental mind-map, attitudes and the Brothers share academic strategies to help the mentees learn to take education seriously. The program encompasses components such as academics, leadership, and self-confidence/esteem. The kick off session opened with a focus on peer pressure with interactive discussions and strategies covering negative, positive, heavy, teasing, and indirect peer pressures.

Mu Nu Participates in Annual Diabetes Event



Mu Nu Brothers join other area Brothers at diabetes event

Baltimore, MD, October 8, 2018. Mu Nu Chapter participated in the American Diabetes Association Run/Walk Program by raising and donating \$225 while also passing out educational information and participating in the “Step Out” 5K walk. Mu Nu Brothers joined with other area Brothers

in what was estimated as an attendance of 600 plus participants and volunteers. The event featured educational classes on diabetes, cooking and exercise demonstrations, free health screenings, as well as workshops designed to promote a healthy lifestyle

Mu Nu Legend - Brother Major General Arthur Holmes



Brother Major General Arthur Holmes

Montgomery County, MD. A long time military officer, Major General Arthur Holmes, Jr. served almost four decades in the United States Army, retiring as a Commanding General. A highly distinguished officer, he won several awards and decorations such as the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Holmes began his military career as a member of a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program in college. In June 1952, upon gradu-

ation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Filling a variety of roles, Holmes served twice as a Maintenance Battalion Commander, the second in Vietnam; a member of the Guidance and Procedures Branch of the Logistics Directorate for the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chief of Ordnance Branch of the Officer Personnel Directorate at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center before becoming Commander of the Division Support Command for the First Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Riley, Kansas; and subsequently served as Assistant Division Commander-Support for the same unit, the first Combat Service Support officer to fill the position. Holmes - then made history - becoming the first combat service support officer to serve as Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army from 1977 until 1979. Holmes' final post - before retiring in 1987 - was that of Commanding General, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, where he oversaw the delivery of 30,000 tactical vehicles to the field with the highest level of user satisfaction yet achieved. On behalf of his service to the U.S. Army, in 1991, Holmes became an Inductee in the 1999 Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Arthur Holmes, Jr. was born on May 12, 1931 in Decatur, Alabama. He earned his B.S. degree in chemistry from the Hampton Institute - now called Hampton University, and his M.B.A degree from Kent State (Ohio) University. Holmes is also a graduate of the Naval War College. Moving on from the military, he became highly involved in business and governmental life serving for eight years as Vice-President of Logistics Applications and then President and CEO of the Automated Sciences Group, Inc. - a high-tech corporation with 300 computer scientists and engineers and average annual revenue of \$28 million. Holmes also served a seven year stint with the Montgomery County Planning Board, serving as a commissioner, and then vice-chair and chairman. Between 2002 and 2004, he served as Director of Go Montgomery! - a Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) agency devoted to implementing the County's Master Plan in all transportation regions. He took over the helm of DPWT, in October 2004.

Holmes is involved with many boards and organizations and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He and his wife, Wilma, have four children and six grandchildren, and they reside in Olney, Maryland.

OMEGA'S MILITARY SERVICE

Mu Omega QueVets Participate in the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Parade

Philadelphia, Pa .June 23, 2018 . Five Mu Omega QueVets were invited to ride on the Omega Psi Phi Inc.'s float in the 3rd Annual Juneteenth parade. The Juneteenth celebration symbolizes the end of slavery in the United States. The float was sponsored by the 2nd District and coordinated by Qasim Rashad, Second District NAACP/CEF Chairman.

The QueVets are a committee of military veterans of Mu Omega chapter. Their goal is to provide recognition for its members and to keep the committee members active in veteran events such as Memorial Day programs, flag planting, wreath laying, graveside services and veteran's parades and services. The QueVets also provide its members with up to date information on VA benefits.

QueVets chairman David Benson said "We have 58 members whose names and military information are inscribed on a plaque in the Mu Omega Fraternity house" The invited QueVets beside Benson were Bill Harris (96 years old), Bill Smith, Elmore Phillips and Larry Smallwood. Also riding on the float were the Second District Council and Omega Psi Phi Supreme Council members, Miss Omega, from Lincoln University, the Mu Omega Basileus and the First Lady .

The parade ended at the Great Plaza at Penns Landing with a showcase of talent from the parade participants which included a performance by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's best and brightest steppers and singers.



l-r QueVets Brothers Elmore Phillips, Bill Harris, Dave Benson and Bill Smith seated in front on float

Omicron Mu Nu Provides \$500 Scholarship

West Chester, Pa. December 6, 2017. On Wednesday, December the 6th the brothers of Omicron Mu Nu, known as 'The West Chester Ques', presented two students from the Chester County Chapter of The Young Men and Women In Charge each with a \$250 scholarship.

The scholarship winners, Jaremy Bady and Rya Jones, participated in an essay competition established by Omicron Mu Nu to reward students who seek to increase their knowledge and understanding of how community service is a powerful tool in promoting community pride, social justice, and achievement and college and workforce readiness in an ever-changing society.

To be eligible to win the scholarships, students were asked to participate in an essay contest held in November during National Achievement Week. Participants were asked to submit essays describing a community service activity they had participated in at school, church or service group, and to explain their commitment to pursuing an education at a two-year or four-year college or university. Essays were required to be 500 to 1,000 words. Knowing that America's knowledge capital (the young men and women who discover new technologies, and start science based businesses) is at tremendous risk, and that a decline in education in America's elementary and middle schools are leaving fewer students ready for college, Omicron Mu Nu wanted to do something to help. Believing that even small gifts and encouragement can go a long way, the chapter reached out to the foundation's local representative.

The Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation Inc.'s mission is to empower and prepare inner city young men & women to excel in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. YMWIC Foundation Inc. students come from Chester County, Montgomery County, West



Omicron Mu Nu scholarship recipient Rya Jones

Chester, Coatesville, Phoenixville, Norristown, and Philadelphia County. Going forward Omicron Mu Nu is looking forward to holding the essay contest with the Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation annually during Achievement Week. Opportunities also exist to work with the foundation to establish a mentoring program.

Pictured is Omicron Mu Nu Basileus, Darius Taylor, along with essay winner Rya Jones. Other Omicron Mu Nu members can be seen standing behind them. Brother Darius was initiated Fall 1977 at Omega Delta.

HOME OF THE WEST CHESTER QUES Omicron Mu Nu National Night Out



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers with Law Enforcement Officers at National Night Out Event

West Chester, PA. August 7, 2018. Brothers from the West Chester, Pa graduate chapter Omicron Mu Nu, and West Chester University undergraduates of Omega Delta Chapter pose with West Chester Police Officers during National Night Out in West Chester, Pa. According to the National Night Out website the event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

In addition to local police the Brothers were able to connect with other

first-responders such as state police and firefighters, local businesses, and community leaders like Pa Representative Carolyn T. Comitta. Chapter members made valuable connections with key leaders and were able to further demonstrate their commitment to becoming an integral part of the West Chester community.

The chapter participated at the request of West Chester Mayor Dianne Herrin. Chapter Brothers served and supported by helping to setup stations, which served food, drinks, crafts, and other activities.

Omicron Mu Nu “Pooling Together” To Help Support The Community



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers at the Pooling Together Campaign

West Chester, PA. March 31, 2018 The Brothers of the Omicron Mu Nu chapter joined together with West Chester residents, and local officials to kick off the #Pool Together campaign at the Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center on March 31, 2018.

For the past 15 years the center's swimming pool has been closed and has fallen into disrepair. The ambitious mission of the campaign is to raise \$350,000 to replace the center's outdoor swimming pool.

Brother Clarence Williams (Omega Delta, Fall '73) worked as a lifeguard

at the community center while attending West Chester University in the 70's. He explained to those in attendance that back then blacks in the community were not allowed to swim at the community YMCA pool, and that the pool at the Melton Center was the only place that black residents could go to cool off.

Brothers lent helping hands to assist the community center with various task as needed to help make the event a success.

Omicron Mu Nu Serving The Philadelphia Broad Street Run



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers serving runners shirts at the Broad Street Run

.West Chester, PA. May 2018. On May 4th and 5th Brothers of the Omicron Mu Nu chapter out of West Chester, Pa helped with setup and distribution of various event materials, and tee shirts for the 2018 Blue Cross Broad Street Run.

The Blue Cross Broad Street Run has taken place in Philadelphia on the

first Sunday of May since the early 1980's. With more than four thousand runners it's America's largest 10-mile road race.

Even though none of the brothers ran in the race this year they were still able to join in on the fun by serving along with hundreds of others to contribute to the success of the Broad Street Run.

Omicron Mu Nu Help West Chester PA Food Cupboard



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers and ShopRite Store Owner Mary Miller.



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers bagging groceries at Shop Rite

West Chester, PA September 18, 2018. Members of Omicron Mu Nu joined forces with the local ShopRite to help provide hope and stability to the West Chester Food Cupboard.

Across the U.S. ShopRites host annual Partner in Caring, and annual Help Bag Hunger Day events. According to the Food Marketing Institute, Partners in Caring events donate \$3 million each year to local Feeding

America Food Banks. To do their part in helping Brothers bagged groceries, helped shoppers to their vehicles, and sold raffle tickets to raise money that goes directly to the West Chester Food Cupboard.

Basileus, Darius Taylor said, "We are happy to partner with ShopRite as both our organizations have a similar commitment and mission to engage the community and fight against hunger."

Omicron Mu Nu West Chester Pennsylvania Ques

Omicron Mu Nu Charles Drew Blood Drive



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers at the Charles Drew Blood Drive

Coatesville Pa, August 2018. On Friday afternoon August 10th, 2018 the Brothers of the Omicron Mu Nu Chapter, and the Omega Delta Alumni Association of West Chester University launched the first of what will be their annual blood drive. Chapter Brothers, rolled up their sleeves to donate blood, support the Red Cross, and strengthen community ties. Basileus, Darius Taylor, and Brother Clarence Williams would like to

thank the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. for their support. The chapter would like to remind and encourage African Americans to donate regularly especially since Sickle Cell patients who are primarily African American can require multiple whole blood transfusions that are closely matched to the donor's blood type, and usually need to come from the same racial and ethnic group.

Omicron Mu Nu Help West Chester's Melton Center Mark 100th Anniversary with CommUnity Day



Omicron Mu Nu Brothers shand out trophies for summer league youth

West Chester, PA August 19th 2018: Omicron Mu Nu Brothers served as The Melton Community Center in West Chester, which is utilized by thousands of people in the summer months, celebrated its 100th year with a bang.

This year's celebration marked Omicron Mu Nu's second year serving. There were family activities, local vendors, and music, dance performances, raffles and food.

The new state-of-the-art basketball court which was completed earlier in the summer was filled with young boys and girls participating in the summer league competition, including a team sponsored by Omicron Mu Nu. Funds raised during CommUnity Day help address the center's shortfall of operational expenses and continue to strengthen the center's guiding principle to promote understanding and cooperation between all people in the West Chester community and Omicron Mu Nu is honored to serve.

Omicron Mu Nu White Party



Omicron Mu Nu Brother with guest at White Party

West Chester, PA June 23, 2018. The Omicron Mu Nu Chapter sponsored its second annual All White Party at the Ballroom At The Westside in West Chester, Pa. Nearly three hundred people were in attendance including the 36th Second District Representative J. Kendall Smalls, and

Chester Mayor Dianne Herrin. Partygoers enjoyed old school hip-hop, a comedy show, a hot food buffet, and a step show. Proceeds from the event support Omicron Mu Nu's Walter N. Ridley Scholarship Fund.

Omicron Chi Hosts Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Dental Hygiene



Omicron Chi at Dental Hygiene Event

Plainfield, NJ. April 12th 2018. On April 12th 2018, The “Mighty OX” Omicron Chi Chapter, Plainfield, NJ partnered with the Emerson Community School and the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program to bring dental awareness and dental hygiene to our local youth. This is the second year that the Mighty OX has partnered with both Emerson and Colgate to provide much needed dental screening to our youth.

The program is designed to provide a non-evasive dental screening to children ages 1-12. This year we screened 125 kids which was a 45% increase from the amount of kids that received the screening last year. Both Emerson and Colgate are looking forward to a continued partnership and plans are already in place for next year’s screening.

Omicron Chi Scholarships



Omicron Chi Scholarship Recipients

Woodbridge, NJ. June 16th, 2018 The Scholarship Committee of the Omicron Chi Chapter was honored to offer five young, dynamic African-American high school graduates scholarships on June 16th, 2018 at the annual James S. Avery Scholarship Gala.

Working in conjunction with The Four Pillars Foundation (501c3), the chapter doled out \$9000 in total to support the recipients. This year’s top scholar (James S. Avery, Sr. Scholar) Mr. Malik George received \$3000 to assist him with his finances while attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Our 2018 Four Pillars Foundation Scholarship Winners received \$1500 each and names are as follows: Ms. Natalie Chapman

Woodbridge, NJ. June 16th, 2018 The Scholarship Committee of the (Stanford University), Ms. Arianna Diaz (Montclair State Univ.), Mr. Samuel Ingram II (Johns Hopkins University), and Demetrius Johnson, Jr. (University of Chicago).

The 2018 Scholarship Committee continues to strive towards making a difference with the next generation while demonstrating efforts of meetings its mission statement to; “Recruit and select outstanding graduating high school seniors for academic/merit scholarships to four-year colleges. Special emphasis is given to selection of students who plan on majoring in STEM type stud

Omicron Chi Attend 81st Grand Conclave



Brothers William Terry, Sr and Gerald Mohamed receiving 55-year and 50-year service awards, respectively



Brother Mel Lewis receive 65-year Service Award



Brothers Paur Ramseur II and Eugene Hawkins receive 25-year service awards



Brother Robby West receive 35-year service award



New Orleans, LA. In July 2018, Omicron Chi Chapter was represented by 30 Brothers who attended the 81st Grand Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana. Brothers had an outstanding time working for Omega, reconnecting with old friends, getting to know new ones, while enjoying the sites and sounds of the Big Easy. The Chapter had the honor of seeing several its active members honored on this International stage notably Service Award honorees: Brother Mel Lewis (65 years), Brother William Terry I (55 years), Gerald Mohamed (50 years), Brother Robby West (35 years), Brother Paur Ramseur II (25 years). The chapter was proud to know that it represented the Second District again as a candidate for In-

ternational Large Chapter of the Year, but unfortunately this year we fell a bit short of that honor.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to Brothers Richard Wyatt (OX '11), Ali Salaam (OX '11), Lamont Harris (OX '17) and Aaron Allen (OX '17) for dedicating their time, talents, and resources to feeding the less fortunate while in NOLA. These Brothers have certainly made the Chapter proud of their selfless acts of kindness on behalf of the community. While it is nice to be acknowledged with awards, this type of behavior reminds us that as Omega Men we are committed to working with our friends to help the less fortunate as and when we see the need.

Mighty OX Chapter Takes Top Honors Again at 70th District Conference



Omicron Chi Brothers receive Achievement Week and Social Action awards

Baltimore, MD. April 28, 2018. Pi Omega Chapter hosted the 70th Second District Conference. This year Omicron Chi Chapter received top District-level awards for its hard work and service in the Central New Jersey community. Those awards include 1st Place Graduate Large Chapter of the Year and 2nd Place in the Graduate Large Social Action Chapter of the Year. These accomplishments represent back to back years of receiving highest honors in the District. This marks two years in a row in receiving those two honors, respectively. While we did not go on to win International Large Graduate Chapter of the Year like last years, the chapter is happy with the continuous progress of the chapter and the impact it's

making in the Plainfield and surrounding areas. The chapter also won 1st Place Graduate Small Chapter of the Year and 1st Place in the Graduate Small Social Action Chapter of the Year in which they went on to become the 2015 International Small Graduate Chapter of the Year.

.Bro. Leon M. Smith II, Basileus of Mighty OX, stated that he is "The Brothers of The Mighty OX are beyond honored and proud to be acknowledged for the work we do in lives of the people of Plainfield and Central New Jersey. However, it's not about trophies and awards (while they have their place) it's about making an impact!" Omicron Chi Chapter humbly thank the Brothers of the Second District for their well wishes.

Mighty OX Chapter Attend 2018 James S. Avery, Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference



l-r Bros. Jeff Blachard, Mark Myers, Horace Baldwin, Mike Smith at 2018 James S. Avery, Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference

Newark, NJ. September 21-22, 2018. The Brothers of Omicron Chi Chapter congratulate our friends at Eta Pi Chapter for hosting a fantastic Shirtsleeves Conference on the weekend of Sept. 21-22, 2018. From the enthusiastic voter mobilization panel discussion to the best practices session for running an effective non-profit to the history of many of our

rituals, the Conference in many ways embodied the spirit that our own 28th Grand Basileus Brother Grand Avery intended so many years ago. Special thanks to the ten OX Brothers who joined us in reconnecting with some and meeting others from each Corridor of the Mighty 2nd D in this well attended weekend of events.



What's On the Minds of Omega Men

Opinion/Editorial Section



Omega Men Rise Up - Police Killing Innocent Blacks Must Stop



I ask that you take a moment to reflect on the incidents that just recently occurred in Pittsburgh. The event to which I am referring is the atrocity that snuffed the life out of another young black man. This time the victim was Antwon Rose. Let us take a moment to think about the parents of Antwon Rose. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers. In the past two months, parents around the world celebrated mother's and father's day. Not a full week after father's day, the parents of Antwon laid their son to rest. Every day is precious. Tomorrow is not promised. If you have children, please tell them you love them.

Now, please allow me to transition to the crux of this communique.

It is inhumane to kill black children, black men, black women, or otherwise. It is inhumane to kill innocent people. It is inhumane and it must stop. But what is the mechanism that will cause these heinous and grotesque events to cease? My brothers, it begins and ends with us. Here's why...

One rally conducted by mere mortals will not put a single crack in the foundation that police brutality is built on. However, the amalgamation of the collective efforts, by we, Omega men, can undoubtedly change the tide. We must serve as the bulldozer and excavator that will destroy the iniquitous edifice that towers over our communities and prevents the brilliance of black people and people of color to shine through. We must engineer a new design. We are epochal men who must continue to furnish a guiding ray for those in our community who lack hope and belief in a better tomorrow. Many in our communities are socially deprived and they seek answers. Unfortunately, much to my chagrin, they do not even know they have questions, let alone where to go to receive the answers. My fellow custodians, I ask that you increase your footprint in our communities. Your presence is already exceptional. But I humbly ask you to please give ten percent more. If you currently given an hour, give six minutes more. If it is two hours, give 12 minutes more. The crux and essence of the ask is... Omega Men are required to take our people from the precipice to the pinnacle. You might be asking how and for strategies, but the answer is already within you. Be audacious men. Be the great men that you are. The

men that inspire so many to go out of themselves.

When the question was raised by the late Malcolm X, will it be "the Ballot or the Bullet", it sought to challenge conventional wisdom that change is best achieved through war exclusively. The fact is there are a myriad of ways to effect change. A few of note, maximize the power of the pen. We must seek personification of the power of the pen. In today's society, 140 characters can prove more powerful than a platoon of well-trained special operators. Let us continue to demonstrate cogent thought and sober leadership as we navigate through these treacherous circumstances.

We need to lead engagements that compel lawyers, community leaders, and other decision-makers to engage the FBI. The end-state is ensuring they investigate this shooting as a civil rights violation.

We must communicate in prose to our councilmen, councilwomen, mayors, governors, congressmen, congresswomen, and even the President that we will not sit idle and only give lip service. The transgressions need to stop. One unarmed innocent person of color slain, is one too many.

We must be knowledgeable on the issues. The community depends on us to survive them. We are the chosen elite, we have the audacity, tenacity, and veracity to lead a wave of an unforgiving truth that seeks to liberate our people. If not us, then who? Omega men are the answer to the question!

The police brutality that continues is an atrocity. To call it anything else is insufferable. I will paraphrase a profound thought; whoever kills a person unless that soul is committing evil - it is as if he has slain all of mankind. And, whoever saves one - it is as if he saved all of mankind. Men of Omega, we are in the unique position to save lives, and in doing so, we can save mankind.

My Brothers, I am asking you to coalesce around a central theme. The theme that states, we cannot allow Antwon's, nor Trayvon's, nor Eric's, nor Tamir's lives, and the long list of other innocent black boys and men's lives to be in vain. It is unacceptable to lose one life at the hands of police brutality. We must capture the momentum from the Starbucks incident and Juneteenth to create a unified voice that will garner the attention of the national audience. We must effect change. Nothing less. Structural, systematic racism and police brutality cannot fall on deaf ears. It is unacceptable and it must stop. It is time for action.

Break...

There are many after actions that we can talk through if brothers are looking for actionable items.

Your custodian,

Bro.ther Amir Shareef
Second District, Assistant District Keeper of Records and Seal



What's On the Minds of Omega Men Opinion/Editorial Section



What Time is It!!!!...No, Whose Time is It

Brothers maybe it's the F&B contracts which seem to restrict and hamper are creativity with Agenda programming at meetings. Everywhere we go or everywhere we can go I keep feeling like the cart is pulling the horse! More and more we are cutting out the essence of the assembly just to make the financial obligations of the facility.... hum what's wrong with this picture?

Oh, let me start over, I was just wondering out loud. The arrangements of our two recent National meetings (Vegas 79th Conclave and New Orleans 80th) had a familiar structure which caused me to ponder. We spent more time in events related to food and beverages (F&B) which are a big part of hotel contract negotiations. (Believe me I know coming off the 70th 2nd District Conference- District Marshal). And less time with the business of Omega. In fact nearly 12 hours of breakfast and lunch receptions were built around presentation of Service Awards. And less than 4 hours of programming to present, debate and vote on recommendations and policies on which to govern ourselves and the political body of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

It has been now, two cycles of tabling important recommendations until our next Conclave, Tampa 2020. If the recommendations by the Districts' Brotherhood were pertinent enough to be presented as recommendations, then they have to be pertinent enough to be heard, debated and decided upon at the only formal deliberating

body (constitutionally available to the Brotherhood) for action.

First we have National Officers who refuse to give their "required" reports, now we move to Officers who do not work or plan efficiently to make sure reports and deliberations have their place within the organization's political action gathering. Leadership cannot chastise the body (brotherhood) when it does not meet our obligations and responsibilities, yet show no respect or responsibility for meeting Officers obligations and responsibilities to the (Brotherhood) body. We do not control the gavel or the Agenda. Those with those levels of power and influence, I urge must demonstrate the fortitude for better outcomes and respect for our right to assemble, vote, debate, and be heard at the convening of the governing Body. And we must mandate this charge from our 2nd District Council. I employ the District to charge the recently elected National Officers to develop a strong business agenda in 2020, to ameliorate this concern and restore the accountability to the body, (Brotherhood) in moving the organization's agenda.



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Phi Omega Supports My Brother's Keeper Program

Buffalo, New York. August 6, 2018. As the 2nd cohort of My Brother's Keeper Male Academy consisting of 86 boys in grades seventh and eighth grades prepared for their two weeks program, Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter were invited to share word of wisdoms on the following topics: Respect for Women, Responsibility, Leadership, Anger Management, Integrity, Healthy Living, Commitment, Morality, Pride, Perseverance, Effective Communication, Vision, Dependability and Work Ethic at McKinley High School in the Buffalo City School District. Brother Rick Fleming, Director of Band at SUNY Buffalo State, spoke to a group of four boys stating "Tell me about dependability" he asked "What does it mean?" The goal of the My Brother's Keeper Program established by President Obama is to close and eliminate the opportunity gaps faced by boys and especially by young men of color. Bro. Fleming stated "helping to ensure young men are prepared for success in the 21st century is significant." This is the second year Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter have supported the local My Brother's Keeper Program.



Phi Omega Brother mentoring kids at MBK event

Phi Omega - Line Bros Honored for 50 years of Omega Service

Buffalo, New York. April 7, 2018. During the 95th Anniversary Celebration and Scholarship Ball, two faithful servants of Omega were honored with presentations of Gold Jackets for their service and financial commitment for over 50 years. Brothers Derrick Byrd, Jr. and Ronald Peoples are line brothers that crossed into Omega through Phi Epsilon (University at Buffalo) Chapter in June 1954. They served in Boy Scouts; attended the YMCA and college together.

Brother Byrd have served as Keeper of Records and Seals, Chair if the Widows Committee, Parliamentarian, and Chorus Director. Professionally he worked for Michigan Avenue Branch of the YMCA of Buffalo and Erie County. That employment was followed by a position at the Continental Baking Company where he became the first African American Sales Supervisor in the Buffalo area. He returned to the YMCA to perform the functions of Branch Executive and District Administrator with oversight management responsibilities for the Michigan, Humboldt and Expressway Branches. In addition, he was responsible for a Model Cities Teen Center. He also served as Buffalo Urban League director of a career exploration program sponsored by the New York State Department of Labor. Before retirement, Bro. Byrd was a partnership specialist with the Census Bureau in preparation for Census 2000. He also sang with the Royal Serenaders' Male Chorus for sixteen years. Recently he was honored with the community builder award.

Brother Peoples have served as vice basileus, scholarship chairman, co-chair of widows committee, and co-chair of wives and sweetheart committee. Bro. Peoples served in the United States Navy for two years and was honorably discharged. Following is undergraduate schooling, he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Special Education and completed a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration and Supervision at SUNY Buffalo State College. Bro. Peoples taught in the Buffalo Public School system for 34 years, holding positions as an elementary school teacher, special education teacher, supervisor of elementary education, director of adult basic education, and home school coordinator-community worker and counselor. Currently, he works part-time as a youth guidance counselor at the Buffalo Community Action Organization.

Despite their professional careers, Brothers Byrd and peoples have been steadfast in their financial commitment and service to Omega. According to Bro. Peoples "Omega is a chosen way of life"; Bro. Byrd stated "Omega requires men of obedience". Congratulations to both Brothers Byrd and Peoples.



Brothers Derrick Byrd, Jr. and Ronald Peoples wearing their Gold Jackets

Phi Omega Supports Hamlin Park School #74

Buffalo, New York. September 6, 2018. As school commence at School #74 Hamlin Park Claude & Ouida Clapp Academy, the Brothers of Phi Omega greeted students as they returned to school. Basileus Daren R. Thomas mentioned "it is time for the Chapter to be a positive role model for future generations." School 74 is named in honor of the late Brother Claude Clapp and his wife. Brother Clapp was the first black assistant principal and principal appointed in the Buffalo City School District. He later became an associate superintendent, and retired as Deputy Superintendent. Brother Clapp was an active member of Phi Omega until his passing. Basileus Thomas mentioned "we are proud to continue the superb legacy of the late Brother Clapp by adopting School #74."



Phi Omega Brothers welcome students back to school

Phi Omega 2018 Clarence A. “Rock” Conner Scholarship Program

Buffalo, New York. August 8, 2018. Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Omega graduate chapter, is proud to announce the winners of our 2018 Clarence A. “Rock” Conner scholarship program.

Clarence A. “Rock” Conner was a profound advocate of higher education. As a member of Theta Psi and Phi Omega Chapters, Rock tirelessly worked to ensure young people attended college by providing scholarships. Professionally he served as financial aid director at the University at Buffalo for many years. Rock carried his message of scholarship to St. John Baptist Church where he faithfully served as a deacon. We are

honored to award \$6,000, in local scholarships, in the name of the late Clarence A. “Rock” Conner to the following deserving recipients:

Kenneth W. Fling (\$ 2,000.00) attending Howard University; Christopher J. Murphy (\$1,000.00) attending the University at Buffalo; Nigel Dixie (\$ 1,000.00) attending SUNY Buffalo State College; Jevon F. Whittington (\$ 1,000.00) attending D’Youville College; Christian B. Cowart (\$ 500.00) attending SUNY Erie and David Whitaker (\$ 500.00) attending SUNY Erie. Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients. Phi Omega chapter is under the leadership of Daren R. Thomas, Basileus.

Pi Omega Technology Day for Seniors



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler teaching computer skills to seniors

Baltimore, MD. October 16, 2018. On Saturday, October 13, 2018, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter volunteered their time to teach seniors at New Psalmist Baptist Church (NPBC) basic computer skills. The topic that was discussed was Microsoft Word, the Internet, how to detect a virus, how to boot and turn a computer off properly. NPBC is located 6020 Marian Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215. The cost to the chapter was zero.

More seniors are using technology than ever before. A Pew research study finds two-thirds of people 65, and older go online, and about 42 percent own smartphones. But many seniors still aren’t using technology, and there are a lot of reasons to help them get connected. Aside from games and new ways to communicate with family, another idea was to teach them how to use programs like Microsoft Word. Research also shows that most older adults say they need help using technology. It’s an excellent way for kids to help grandparents or to volunteer to help teach technology at senior centers.

New Psalmist Baptist Church has a rich history that spans over 100 years. The church was founded by Rev. Junius Gray in 1899 and was named the Right Independent Freewill Baptist Church. It had its beginnings in the basement of a house on Russell Terrace, with fewer than twenty members. In 1901, the church purchased and moved to a two-story building at 1102 Parrish Alley. The very next year the adjoining property was bought, and a new church building was constructed. Later, in 1911, the church renamed Psalmist Baptist Church, purchased and remodeled property at Riggs Avenue and Woodyear Street. Rev. Gray was an active community leader, and the church donated \$100 towards salaries of Negro Nurses in segregated colored schools. Rev. Junius Gray pastored Psalmist Baptist Church

for 47 years.

Rev. Atkins was called to pastor New Psalmist Baptist Church in June 1948. Under his leadership, New Psalmist membership significantly increased. Due to congregational growth, the church purchased and moved to a new building at Druid Hill and North Avenues in 1954. During Rev. Atkins’ pastorate, many improvements were made to the interior, including the installation of a baptismal pool, powder room for the ladies and air conditioning. A new pipe organ and water heater were also purchased. The \$56,000 mortgage was paid in full and burned in 1960. The church was renamed, the New Psalmist Baptist Church. Rev. Atkins was an excellent preacher. He labored diligently in service for God until his sudden passing on March 16, 1974.

Bishop Walter S. Thomas was called to pastor this church in April of 1975. Under his stewardship, in 1978, New Psalmist moved from Druid Hill and North Avenues to Cathedral and Franklin Streets. While in downtown Baltimore, New Psalmist grew tremendously. In 1991, a church meeting was held, and a motion was passed to build a new church. In 1994, New Psalmist broke ground, and two years later, April 7, 1996, New Psalmist moved from Franklin and Cathedral Street to 45011/2 Old Frederick Road; a multi-million dollar worship center and ministry complex on 19 acres of land. The church continued to grow, and in 2004 another church meeting was held to build a new church. In 2008, the church broke ground, and in the fall of 2010, the church moved into its brand new 4000 seat worship facility.

Pi Omega Walden University Doctorate Mentoring



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler mentoring to Walden University Doctorate students

Atlanta, GA. August 27, 2018. On August 25, 2018, the Brothers of Pi Omega participated in the Walden University Doctorate Mentoring 2018 located at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA. Doctor of IT at Walden University is an applied doctoral degree program that is designed to enhance the student's technical expertise while helping them to develop leadership skills to guide their organization. The Brothers mentored 20 Doctorate of Information Technology (IT) students in the area of dissertation writing. The cost to the chapter was zero.

For 45 years, Walden University, an accredited institution, has been serving the higher education needs of adult learners. Today, students from all 50 U.S. states and more than 150 countries are pursuing bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees and certificates online in a broad range of disciplines including health sciences, counseling, criminal justice, human services, management, psychology, education, public health, nursing, social work, public administration, and information technology.

Through programs that reflect current market trends and promote positive social change, Walden is committed to helping the students to achieve their goals, enabling them to make a difference in their career and community as a Walden graduate.

Walden University strives to produce graduates with the knowledge,

skills, and abilities to:

1. Facilitate positive social change where they work, in their communities, and in society.
2. Use their knowledge to positively impact their profession, communities, and society.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.
4. Apply their learning to specific problems and challenges in their workplace and professional settings.
5. Demonstrate information literacy.*
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods of inquiry used in their professional or academic field.
7. Practice legal and ethical integrity in their professional work.
8. Effectively communicate their ideas and the rationale behind them to others.
9. Support diversity and multiculturalism within their profession, communities, and society.

*Information literacy is defined as the ability to know when there is a need for information, and being able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand.

Pi Omega New Orleans Conclave Homeless Feeding

New Orleans, LA. July 27, 2018. On July 19, 2018, Brothers from Pi Omega participated feeding the homeless located under the bridge located on Interstate 10. The brothers purchased and donated a total of ten cheeseburgers and ten chicken sandwiches. The cost to the chapter was zero.

While many of the homeless do have addiction problems or mental illness, a survey by advocacy groups showed that 86 percent of the homeless population are from the New Orleans area. Sixty percent said they were homeless because of Hurricane Katrina, and about 30 percent said they had received rental assistance at one time from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler feeding homeless in New Orleans

Pi Omega Kenya, Africa Judogi Donation



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler donating 33 Judogis to Kenyan Jiu Jitsu group

Takoma Park, MD. July 31, 2018. On July 30, 2018, the Brothers of Pi Omega along with members from Gracie Randallstown Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy and Capital MMA & Elite Fitness – Takoma Park donated 33 Judogi (GI) to Kenya which is located in Africa. July 16, 2018, the brothers were asked if they could provide a few GIs to the country of Kenya. Do to the economic hardship; some of the athletes aren't able to afford to purchase a GI so they have to share amongst each other. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Judogi is the formal Japanese name for the traditional uniform used for Judo and Jiu Jitsu practice and competition. It is actually derived from traditional articles of Japanese clothing. Jigoro Kano derived the original Judogi from the Kimono and other Japanese garments around the turn of the 20th century, and, as such, the judogi was the first modern martial-arts-training uniform.

Gracie Randallstown Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy was founder Novem-

ber 22, 2017 by Brother Dr. Lamonte Bryant Tyler. His vision was to bring self-defense to Baltimore County while at the same time, promote healthier living through fitness.

Capital MMA & Elite Fitness has been a formative force in the martial arts and fitness communities of Northern Virginia, Washington, DC, and Maryland. Founded in 2001 as an affiliate club of the Royce Gracie Jiu Jitsu Network, the organization was first known as Capital Jiu Jitsu, catering to a small but devoted group of enthusiasts. The earliest days would be unrecognizable to most of today's members – nightly training on fold-out mats in school art rooms, cafeterias, or wrestling rooms. In only two years, however, Capital's reputation and ranks had grown to such an extent that its own location was imperative. Founder Jeremy Lafreniere put his career as an elementary school teacher on pause and moved the club to the second floor of an Alexandria, VA health club

Pi Omega New Orleans Conclave Homeless Feeding

Baltimore, MD. September 17, 2018. On September 15, 2018, The Brothers of Pi Omega collected and donated ten bags of clothes and shoes to the Salvation Army which all will be sent to the Carolinas to be distributed to those who may have lost everything due to the hurricane. Hurricane Florence has officially made landfall in the Carolinas. The Salvation Army was on the ground early preparing for the hurricane. The early deployment included emergency disaster services experts, crews, and equipment from more than ten states. Additional officers, staff and volunteers were called in to relieve those units in the next coming weeks. The cost to the chapter was zero.

The Salvation Army exists to meet human need wherever, whenever and however we can. When you give locally, you ensure that the people in this community get the help they need.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. The love of God motivates its ministry. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler delivering donations for Hurricane relief



Pi Omega July 4th Homeless Feeding



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler and volunteers feed homeless in Washington D.C on July 4th

Washington, DC. July 5, 2018. On July 4, 2018, Brothers from Pi Omega in conjunction with Capital MMA & Elite Fitness – Team Takoma participated in the 4th of July Homeless Feeding 2018. The brothers provided hotdogs, snacks, water, apples, oranges, soda, and pastries for 100

individuals. The brothers provided tennis shoes and one 42 gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes. This event took on the corner of 2nd and D Street Northwest, Washington, DC. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Pi Omega Agape Back to School Event



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler with other Agape members moving supplies at the Back to School event

Atlanta, GA. August 27, 2018. On August 25, 2018, the Brothers of Pi Omega co-organized and participated in the Agape Back to School event located at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA. There were over 1400 items (i.e., paper towel, bathroom cleaner, toilet tissue, dish soap, bath soap, washing powder, toothpaste, mouthwash, sanitary napkins, and school supplies) donated. A member of The Agape Foundation agreed to pick the items up as a charitable cause from the hotel. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Agape empowers and supports underserved families within its community to discover and embrace their full potential. Agape achieves this mission by providing academic support and family services focusing on character

development, academic achievement, reading proficiency by third grade, successful high school graduation and post-graduation placement. Agape serves 200 school-age children year round in innovative, in-school and after-school academic support programs; and 40 senior citizens providing a vibrant, social, safe community. Agape provides a supervised, safe-haven in the after-school programs at a time of day when teen crime and teen pregnancy spike among unsupervised youths. Students and mentors are often paired in elementary school, and the relationship may last through high school graduation. The average Agape high school senior has been enrolled at Agape for seven years, offering a remarkable opportunity to influence behavior and perspective.

Pi Omega Career Day Social Action

Laurel, MD. April 27, 2018. On April 27, 2018, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Career Day at Oaklands Elementary. Oaklands Elementary School is located at 13710 Laurel-Bowie Road Laurel, MD. The brothers discussed issues about education, their career, and accepted questions not limited to the above mentioned such as cellular phones, televisions, martial arts, and video games. The cost to the chapter was zero. Oaklands Elementary School is fortunate to have a strong partnership with Bowie State University. They are a Professional Development School that works closely with students from Bowie State who are interested in entering the field of education. These students regularly come to observe the classroom and interact with the students. Some even fulfill graduation requirements by completing their student teaching which allows them to work closely with the teacher and gain experience in planning and teaching lessons, using the curriculum, being a disciplinarian, and managing a classroom of students. Oaklands has had much success with this program, and we feel that our partnership with Bowie State University is strong and will continue to grow.



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler mentoring to youth at Oaklands Elementary

Pi Omega Pre-Memorial Day Homeless Feeding and Clothing Giveaway 2018



Brother Dr. Lamonte Tyler and volunteers feeding homeless

Baltimore, MD. May 29, 2018. On Sunday, May 27, 2018, the brothers of Pi Omega participated in the Memorial Day homeless feeding and clothing giveaway. The brothers provided 10 whole pizzas. Bags of chip, crackers, and 2 cases of water were given away. Donated was two 42 gallon bag of clothing pertaining women, men, children, and shoes. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower. The cost to the chapter was zero.

Memorial Day has become the traditional kick-off of summer but the holiday has a much more significant purpose. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the military.

The purpose of Memorial Day is sometimes confused with Veterans Day. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Day is commemorated on November 11th of every year and honors all those who have served in the U.S. military during times of war and peace. Armed Forces Day, which falls on May 20 each year, recognizes those who are currently serving in the military.

Tau Pi Supports March of Dimes

Baltimore, MD May 2018. The March of Dimes Walk 2018 was to build awareness to all the people who have affected by premature birth. The walk was a course that in total was about two miles and covering the Chesapeake Bay in Downtown Baltimore. Bro Eric Astrop Jr (3-FA12-Tau Pi) and Bro. Markice Lewis (2-Spr18-Tau Pi) maintained the last station along the route, along with the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta. The Howard County National Pan Hellenic Council took part in this event by providing individual bottles of water and encouraging both the runners and walkers as they pushed forward to the end of the course. By working outside of our own organization, we hope this will spur future joint endeavors and create lasting relationships which will prove to be vital in the evolution of our communities and our overall role in society.

As brothers continue to work with their respective communities, this was an opportunity to work with some of the other Greek lettered organizations and furthermore to show the public that we are willing to support multiple causes that impact those around us in society everyday. The March of Dimes event was a success and brought in hundreds of supporters and thousands of dollars in much needed funding to further their cause



Tau Pi Brother helping at March of Dimes Walk

Tau Pi Chapter Host Breakfast and Career Day at Cradlerock Elementary School



Tau Pi Brothers with youth at Cradlerock Elementary School

Columbia, MD June 2018. Cradlerock Elementary School received a pleasant surprise as the brothers of Tau Pi Chapter, led by Brother Shawn Lamb provided breakfast and panel of brothers to give insight to the students and faculty on their respective careers. "The men of Omega Psi Phi took over the rock", as stated by Principal Jennifer Zinn. The panel included brothers that maintain careers in the military, government, education, banking and entrepreneurs to name a few. Brother Brandon Bell Tau Pi 2012 donated 80 breakfast sandwiches, hash browns, and apple juices to the breakfast so the students can start off the day right. Breakfast was provided for over 30 students and parents that attended the career

day event. During the breakfast the primary topics of discussion were the importance of education and reading and the impact on today's youth. A separate workshop was conducted with the Reading Support Teacher Elizabeth Shaffer who paired brothers of the chapter with students and read along with those students. Upon completion of the event, students were allowed to keep the book they chose. The biggest theme that the brothers shared with the students were, "Have a dream and never forget it because anything is possible with time and execution." This is just an initial step for Tau Pi to continue to strengthen the path of opportunity for our young men as this is critical their overall growth in all aspects of life.

Tau Pi Answers the Call



Tau Pi Brothers deliver supplies for flood victims

Howard County, MD. May 27, 2018. On Sunday May 27, 2018, Howard County suffered some of the worst flooding in years. Many residents and businesses were completely devastated as Main Street in Ellicott City was transformed from a vibrant city center into a raging river wrought with devastation and destruction, leaving thousands in its path without power or basic necessities. The call was put out to the committee asking for water, cleaning supplies, and flashlights. With less than three hours' notice, the brothers of the Tau Pi Chapter sprang into action to answer the call by donating over 50 cases of bottled water, cleaning supplies, flash-

lights, blankets, comforters, and non-perishable food items to the Howard County Food Bank.

This successful venture was headed by our Vice Basileus Milton Darby and Brother Joseph Brown. This venture was put together at 10:30 this morning with my approval and our goal was met by the set deadline of 2:00 (same day). This was excellent execution and movement by the brotherhood of Tau Pi, answering the call to our Howard County community.

Tau Lambda Lambda Holds Annual Perseverance 5K Walk



Tau Pi Brothers with participants at the 5K Walk/Run for cancer research

White Plains, MD. September 15, 2018. The Men of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 4th annual Perseverance 5K, in support of cancer research. The race took place on cool, overcast morning along the Indian Head Rail Trail in White Plains, MD. This year's race was bittersweet as it was renamed the Akida H. Jordan Perseverance 5K Walk/Run in memory of the founder of race and former Health Initiative Chairman. Bro. Jordan who was initiated into the Tau Lambda Lambda chapter on November 15, 2013, departed this life on May 15, 2018 after a long battle with leukemia.

101 participants, which doubled last year's participation of 52, included men, women, and children who came out to support as well as to spread the word about cancer awareness and prevention. The month of September is designated as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

According to the American Cancer Society, Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but it can often be treated successfully. Having affected over 2 million men in the United States, with men over the age of 50 being in the high-risk category. The risk for development increases with age.

The race was held under the umbrella of one of the Fraternity's mandated programs, the Health Initiative, by which chapters facilitate, participate and coordinate activities that promote good health practices.

"Although this was the fourth year that Tau Lambda Lambda conducted the Perseverance 5k Run/Walk, this was extraordinary because it carried the name of it's creator Bro. Akida H. Jordan" Health committee chairman Theron Hudson stated. "Losing him left huge shoes to fill but his inspiration motivated us to work harder to double participation", he said.

Tau Lambda Lambda Back to School Social Action



Tau Pi Brothers with Forever Free Books Founder Tonya Bennett

Charles County, MD. September 2018. As students across America get settled into a new school year, this is a time for learning, making new friends, and setting new goals. The parents in the Southern Maryland communities are focusing on the role education plays in their children's lives and futures. For students, the new school year offers a different perspective. Their focus is on seeing old/new friends and also getting acclimated to the new school year. For the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, we are focusing on another opportunity to make a positive contribution to Southern Maryland community.

In partnership with Forever Free Books Founder Ms. Tanya Barnett, TLL plans to donate over 15,000 books to students' K thru 5 in the Tri-County Southern Maryland schools. In addition to the partnership, the brothers will also send books to our brothers of the Mighty Second District in sup-

port of their Reading Across America initiative.

The Southern Maryland Public School system is one of the fastest growing school systems in the country. According to the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) in 2017, some 68 percent of 4th-grade students performed at or above the Basic achievement level in reading, 37 percent performed at or above the Proficient level, and 9 percent performed at the Advanced level. The goal for the brothers of TLL is to increase the reading proficiency for student's K thru 5 by providing donated books distributing them to growing needs of the students.

Forever Free Books' mission is to increase the reading and comprehension skills of disadvantaged children by conducting literacy events and distributing free books in their communities. To learn more about Forever Free Books, to donate, or to have volunteers visit your school please visit ForeverFreeBooks.org, or email Tanya at Tanya@foreverfreebooks.org

TLL Smallwood Drive Fall Cleanup

Waldorf, MD. September 8, 2018. On an overcast and eventually rainy Saturday morning, two dozen Brothers from the Tau Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., gathered to fellowship and do the work of Omega, while supporting the Charles County Adopt-a-Road program. The chapter has been a participant in the program since 2007. The Adopt-A-Road Program, helps to keep Charles County cleaner, saves taxpayer dollars, and promotes local community involvement and civic responsibility.

TLL's participation in this program helps reduce trash and litter along County roads to maintain a clean and attractive environment. We service a 1.5 mile stretch which begins at the intersection of Smallwood Drive and Middletown Road. TLL collected over half a dozen (30 pound) garbage bags during this clean up.

Charles County encourages residents/businesses to help combat the ever-increasing problem of littering by "adopting" a County road. Volunteers receive sign recognition for cleaning their road three (3) times in a calendar year.

Residents and middle/high school students are invited to participate (to acquire mandated volunteer hours) and fellowship with members of TLL while serving their community.

For more information on Adopt-A-Road programs, please visit www.charlescountymd.gov/pw/environmental/adopt-road-program.

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda chapter, please visit www.southernmdques.org.



TLL Adopt a Road sign on Smallwood Drive

Tau Pi Christmas in July Event



Tau Pi host Seniors at the Florence Bain Senior Center

Columbia, MD July 2018. This year's Christmas in July event, which is hosted annually by the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter was especially a rare event as the senior citizens of the Florence Bain Senior Center we greeted by Brother David Charon and a host of brothers from Tau Pi Chapter with gifts, a chapter sponsored luncheon and a jazz concert. The event proved to be worth its weight in gold as seniors who have regular visitation and those that do not were on a completely level playing field by having brothers shower them with food, gifts and much needed interaction and conversation. The surprise of the brothers appearance brought an array of smiles

and tears to the residents of the senior center. Christmas in July was such As touted by the staff from the reactions and feedback they got from their residents.

Here at Tau Pi we believe in honoring those that came before us and in turn this event is just a small fraction of how we support and show respect to our senior community. Both the residents and staff of the Florence Bain Senior Center were equally impressed and want to see Christmas in July continue to thrive and with that in hand we will continue to expand and evolve the program for future success.

Xi Lambda Lambda Preakness Fundraiser



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers at the Preakness Fundraiser

Stony Point, NY. May 19, 2018. On Saturday, May 19, 2018, the Tau Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (“Rockland Zetas”) and the Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (“Rockland Ques”) held their 2nd Annual Rockland Preakness at the Patriot Hills Country Club in Stony Point, NY. The historic running of the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the Triple Crown, is an annual thoroughbred race held the third Saturday of every May. The Rockland Preakness combines exuberant fashion, sporting tradition, indulgent food, lively music and innovative cocktails.

Over 185 guests watched the 143rd Preakness Stakes race and enjoyed

live music by the Donburn Wint band and DJ Clyde Rush, cocktail hour, delicious food and specialty cocktails. In addition, guests wore their best Preakness attire – fancy hats, sundresses and extravagant bow ties – for an opportunity to win one of the “Best Dressed” contests. Fashion judges award attendees based on the following categories: “Best Couple”, “Best Hat”, “Best Dressed Female” and “Best Dressed Male”.

All event proceeds go to the Scholarship funds of both organizations not for profit organizations to provide deserving high school seniors in Rockland County, NY with assistance with college.



Beautiful Women at the Xi Lambda Lambda Preakness Fundraiser

Xi Lambda Lambda STEM Trip with ROAD Mentees



Xi Lambda Lambda Rockland Omega Academy students at IBM

Poughkeepsie, NY. May 12, 2018. The Members of Xi Lambda Lambda (Bros. Fred Cabbell, Dennis McGloster and T. Ed McBride) took the ROAD (Rockland Omega Academy) mentees on a trip to IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY for a half-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) event.

In addition to the ROAD mentees we brought along boys and girls from various Rockland County middle and high schools. The teens were divided into 2 groups and spent time with minority engineers from IBM (who volunteered their time to be at the plant). The objective was to encourage our minority youth to seek careers in the STEM field. The IBM team discussed their educational backgrounds and current positions at IBM and explained to the teens how they can work for IBM straight out of high school through a participating P-TECH school. This program allows high school students to receive both a high school diploma and an associate's degree in STEM upon graduation from the program.

The youth also worked on a group scientific project that included the famous "egg drop" test where the kids had to package an egg with various material that carried a cost value. The objective was to package the egg - with the least expense in materials - that when dropped the egg should be intact without breakage. A lot was learned from this test and those teams that had breakage was allowed to come up with another solution. At the conclusion of the event the mentees were treated to a great lunch by IBM. Special thanks to Annette McBride, Patricia Cabbell and Sandy McGloster who accompanied us as chaperones on the trip. Our hope is that this is just the beginning of hopefully many years of events with IBM.

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Zeta Psi Achievement Week



Zeta Psi Achievement Week Chair Brian Monroe with Citizen of the Year Awardee Fatima Scipio

New York, NY. February 28, 2018. On February 28, 2018, The Zeta Psi Chapter hosted its Achievement Week Celebration Reception in New York City. The Chapter gave the following awards: Lottie B. Wilson Women's Leadership Award to Karen Bell (Delta Sigma Theta), Citizen of the

Year Award to Fatima Scipio (Alpha Kappa Alpha); Business Leadership Award to Bro. Chauncey Hamlet (Marketing Executive for Mountain Dew); and Bro. Joseph Drayton (President Elect on National Bar Association). Bro. Brian Monroe was the Chairperson of the event.

Zeta Psi Talent Hunt and Career Day



Zeta Psi Talent Hunt Contestants

Brooklyn, NY. March 18, 2018, The Zeta Psi Chapter hosted its Talent Hunt and Career Day at the Brooklyn School of Math and Research. Bro. Dr. Perry Rainey is the Principle of the School and welcomed the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi with open arms. The Chapter had 3 winners who gave

great performances. The highlight of the day was when Bro. Potso Bynam shared with youth his path from a young person in Nebraska to becoming an accomplished lawyer in New York City. Bro. Dr. Rainey was the Chairperson of the event.

Zeta Psi Spring Activities

New Paltz, NY. On April 30, 2018, The Zeta Psi Chapter joined with the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated Omicron Kappa Chapter to educate the SUNY New Paltz community on mass incarceration within the United States. Throughout this program the Chapter informed the community about how to better deal with situations involving police officers and knowing their rights. The Brothers presented a PowerPoint which informed students and participants the statistics of the nations mass incarceration. Bro. Mike Charles and Bro. Russell Gustave chaired this event.

Brooklyn, NY. On April 29th, 2018, The Zeta Psi Chapter participated in March of Dimes: A three mile walk to help ensure more babies are born healthy. March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. For 80 years, March of Dimes has helped millions of babies

survive, thrive and to expand programs and educate medical professionals to make sure that moms and babies get the best possible care. Bro. David Coq, Bro. Jerry Plasmin and Bro. Jaquan Patrick led this event.

Brooklyn, NY. On May 20th, 2018, The Zeta Psi Chapter participated in what sources are saying is the largest single-day AIDS fundraising event in the world. AIDS Walk New York has inspired nearly 890,000 people to walk and millions more to donate, raising nearly \$150 million to combat HIV and AIDS. The funds raised at the event remain a vital lifeline sustaining the prevention, care, and advocacy programs." Throughout this fundraising event an abundance of networking opportunities were also available because of the many organizations and companies that were present. Bro. David Coq, Bro. Jerry Plasmin and Bro. Jaquan Patrick led this event.

Zeta Psi Serve Lunch and Dinner to Needy

Brooklyn, NY. May 16t, 2018. The Zeta Psi Chapter served lunch and dinner to the needy of the East New York area at Full Effect Gospel Ministries Church. In countries that waste billions of dollars on wars, government funding etc., we tend to forget and overlook the individuals of need. Many families are out there lacking enough amounts of meals to thrive. The Brothers of Zeta Psi partnered with the Full Effect Gospel Ministries to try and make the hunger stop. Our Mission was to provide the meals that had the most nutrition and nourishment to help those of the unfortunate to thrive with energy and strength. With the support of the fellow staff at Full Effect Gospel Ministries progress was made. Bro. David Coq, Bro. Jerry Plasmin and Bro. Jaquan Patrick led this event.



Zeta Psi Brothers giving groceries to needy at Full Effect Gospel Ministries

Zeta Psi Brothers Receive Awards at Wagner and City Tech



Staten Island, NY. May 11, 2018, Bro Kishon Banks graduated with a Business Degree from Wagner College in Staten Island, New York. Bro. Banks was a 3 Year Letter Winner on the Wagner Football College and was given award by the Football Program for his leadership and dedication.

Brooklyn, NY. May 25, 2018, Bro. Mike Charles received an award for Outstanding Student Leadership and Excellence in Student Leadership. Bro. Charles is a rising senior majoring in Computer Science. He is also President of the Student Government Association at City Tech of NYC in Brooklyn. Bro. David Coq, received an award as Best President of a New Club at City Tech of New York City in Brooklyn. Bro. Coq is a rising senior majoring in Business. He is also Vice President of Student Government Association at City Tech of NYC in Brooklyn.

Zeta Psi Brothers Mike Charles and David Coq receiving awards at City Tech in Brooklyn, NY

From West Philly to Wall Street “Brother Anthony Young’s Story”

The City of Philadelphia’s urban ghettos are “stricken by drugs, violence, absentee fathers and failing schools” (Sanders). Predominantly black parts of town North and West Philly are “synonymous with crime and poverty” (Sanders). According to President Obama, “the lack of basic services in so many urban black neighborhoods all helped create a cycle of violence, blight and neglect that continue to haunt us” (Sanders). Because of the inability to escape the detrimental cycle, too many black students drop out of high school and give into lives on the streets (Sanders). Black Philadelphians hope to rise up against their current struggles and failures. Even though many African Americans living in poverty aspire to improve their lives, is it possible for someone to make this dramatic change? Is it possible for someone to go from wearing Goodwill donations to wearing a freshly pressed suit and tie? Is it possible for someone to go from carrying a knife in their pocket to carrying a brief case in their hand? It is not as impossible it may seem and Anthony Young accomplished it!

Difficulties arise for those leaving the urban lifestyle to achieving impressive jobs. For minorities to advance in the business industry, it is even more difficult. “Though fewer, younger, and smaller than their white-show Wall Street Counterparts, black-owned firms are forging their niche and making their mark” (McCoy). In February 1970, Joseph Searles became the first black floor member of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (McCoy). His remarkable triumph became a catalyst for other African Americans to enter the financial world. Since Searles’ accomplishment, black business people focus on gaining the capital and experience needed to join NYSE. By the early 90’s black CEO’s established powerful money management, fixed income, and private equity companies (McCoy). Today, more strides are made by African American businessmen gaining higher positions and owning their own companies.

As a child growing up in Philadelphia during the 1960’s and 1970’s, Anthony faced difficulties living in urban culture. Without a paternal figure, Anthony and his sister Shelia were raised in a single-parent household by their mother, Amelia Blassengale. Because gang culture was abundant, the neighborhood streets were flooded with alcohol, drugs, and crime. Anthony decided he no longer wanted to live this lifestyle and aspired for greatness in his future. In *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, Joseph Campbell outlines the pattern of change in the protagonist known as the Hero Cycle. While experiencing the distinct stages of the Hero Cycle, Anthony Young transformed from an unprivileged child to a successful man in business. By facing adversity with a heroic front, Anthony earned a better life for himself and family.

The first step of the Hero Cycle is Separation, when an individual needs to step away from their comfort zone to accomplish a heroic duty. While living in a neighborhood plagued with crime and violence, Anthony became involved with local gangs. Despite being aware of the improvements he needed to make in his life, Anthony’s efforts were not significant until faced with the Belly of the Whale, the darkest and lowest point of the individual’s experience. At fourteen years old, Anthony and his childhood friend, Stanley, caused chaos in the neighborhood by loitering and vandalizing other’s property. When Stanley angrily threw a brick into a home’s window, he was arrested by the police. Although Anthony was carrying a concealed weapon in his back pocket, he was released to his mother’s custody. Fearing for his safety, Anthony’s mother sent Anthony away to live with his father in Northern Philadelphia for a year. Without this “turning point,” Anthony would have never embarked on the heroic journey. Immediately after the incident, Anthony accepted the adventure’s call and looked towards a mentor to aid him. Although there is no evidence of Refusal Of The Call, the heroic sub-stage of the individual refusing the adventure, Anthony refused to remain trapped in poverty’s negative lifestyle. By focusing on his own life, he no longer wanted to be a street thug, associated with crime and drugs. The Supernatural Aid is the individual’s mentor to assist them on their journey by providing wisdom. Aunt Ruth served as one of Anthony’s mentors by inspiring his success in academics and athletics. In addition to working harder in the classroom, Anthony became a varsity athlete in football and gymnastics by working hard in

T the gymnasium.

To begin his heroic cycle, Anthony needed Cross the First Threshold, the first obstacle an individual needs to overcome to begin their transformation. Anthony’s biggest hurdle was understanding how to be successful in college. From 1980 to 1984, he attended East Stroudsburg University to earn a Bachelors degree in economics and political science with a concentration in mathematics. Anthony claimed “more than half of his neighborhood never even thought about attending college,” ultimately making his decision to attend critical. Continuing his education helped Anthony’s ability to earn a high paying job.

While enrolled at East Stroudsburg University, Anthony Young pledged the fraternity Omega Psi Phi. Founded in 1911 by Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, Professor Frank Coleman, Bishop Edgar A. Love and Dr. Ernest E. Just, Omega Psi Phi, stands for brotherhood (Omega). The men in Omega Psi Phi became “the big brother’s [he] never had”. Anthony remains eternally thankful for the men that housed, fed, and encouraged him to go to college. They taught him how to build character traits such as “confidence, eagerness, and aggressiveness” (Young). Although Aunt Ruth served as a Supernatural Aid while living in Philadelphia, Anthony’s Omega Psi Phi fraternity brothers served as a Supernatural Aid while at East Stroudsburg University. Regardless of obstacles he faced, his fraternity brothers taught him how to overcome them and achieve success.

During the Persian Gulf War, Anthony Young served in the U.S. Marine Corp because “it’s the hardest branch of the military and [he] was ready to take on a challenge” (Young). After graduation he went for an interview and physical and then was immediately sent to Paris Island, the east coast Marine Corps boot camp for basic training. Through his ranks of sergeant, squad leader, section and embarkation chief, he organized the mobilization and transportation for an entire artillery battery. Before Anthony was honorably discharged, he gained the heroic qualities of courage and sacrifice. Sacrifice, the forfeiture of something highly valued for something of a greater value, was achieved when he dedicated his life for his country. Courage, the firmness of spirit and soul which meets danger without fear, is exemplified by Anthony enlisting in the military during the current war’s peak. Anthony said, “A real man needs to sacrifice [himself] for what’s right. If they take the initiative to help others that cannot help themselves” (Young).

Inspiration to enlist in the military came from Anthony’s desire admiration for role models. Since his uncles, William and Jerry, were in the Marine Corps, he had a family connection to the military branch. Because Anthony’s father did not help raise him, his uncles fulfilled the role of paternal figures. To connect with them on a closer level, he enlisted into the Marine Corps. The first black to achieve the rank of colonel and the highest-ranking black officer in the United States Army, Colonel Charles Young became an inspiration for Anthony. Anthony stated, “Although there is no evidence of relation, he had my family’s name and was the first honorary Omega Psi Phi man, I looked up to him as idol” (Young). As the third African American to graduate from West Point, Colonel Charles Young stood for intelligence, commitment and strength, qualities Anthony idolizes.

While attending university, Anthony’s experience in college directed him towards a future career. Despite his desire to study mathematics, he changed his major. Since he did not master the fundamentals, he could not succeed in the advanced math and computer classes his advisor placed him in. Because of the close relationship of mathematics and politics, he decided to pursue an economics degree. After speaking with a black professor who took a personal interest in him, Anthony wanted to work in the stock exchange. Once he graduated, he looked for stock brokerage firms who were hiring interns or small office jobs. Anthony’s Initiation stage, the meeting, engaging and overcoming the obstacle, is defined by Anthony started his career in the financial industry:

One day I meet this man who said, “Son, you gotta play the part to get the part. Buy yourself a nice overcoat and suit.” I appreciate he took the time out of his day to tell me what I needed to do. A few days after this

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conversation, I purchased professional attire, a brief case, and dress shoes to walk right into the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. His advice successfully helped me get my first job. When I walked into the stock exchange knocking on doors I bumped into a firm, Brandt & Associates, brokerage firm for floor traders of the stock exchange. Since they happened to be looking for a floor clerk, I applied for the position. I persistently called asking who they hired; I just happened to get lucky (Young).

His persistence earned him his first job, ultimately catalyzing his career in economic and finance.

From 1985 to 1997, Anthony Young worked at the Philadelphia & American Stock Exchanges as an options market maker and floor trader. At two of the leading stock exchanges of the United States, he originated as a Floor Clerk for options trading firms and then became a Specialist Clerk. As a clerk, Anthony made strong relationships with traders who provided him with knowledge. Several years after working in the industry, he quickly rose to a market maker position and promoted to Floor Trader. Having an in-depth understanding of security valuations, market trends and portfolio trading knowledge, he thrived as an independent floor trader. “I was one of the five black men on the trading floor. Sadly, only two of us are still working in the industry,” said Anthony when describing the small amount of minorities in the industry (Young). In addition, Anthony became an active member of the Market Makers Association and sat as a Board of Member. While working at the Philadelphia & American Stock Exchanges, Anthony experienced the Road of Trials, the series of challenges to prepare his for the ultimate goal of establishing his own company.

At Salomon Smith Barney, Anthony Young became a Collateral Manager in government securities finance from 1999 to 2003. While employed at the company, he maintained daily funding requirements and cash balance sheet reconciliations on fixed income collateral inventory. This inventory ranged up to \$150 billion portfolio in short-term financings for what is currently Citigroup’s fixed income securities sale & trading desk.

To assist his wife, Kimberlee M. Young VMD’s medical practice, Anthony Young became the Chief Financial Officer KMY Holdings, Inc. There he managed the financial operations of the Garden State Animal Hospital, a privately-held company focused on veterinary medicine, hospital surgeries and animal care. In addition, he served on the senior management team as the CFO and organized financial balance sheets from the acquired properties and business after the acquisition. By directing the daily business operations the hospital with a proven record of generating revenue, budgets and taxation, Anthony allowed his wife achieve her own thriving business.

In 2009, Anthony established GASY Investment Company. While serving as the Founder & Chief Executive Officer, he independently established this private commodity trading and asset management company focused on alternative investments, structured finance, and balance sheet management for financing and trading commodities, managed futures, and U.S. Treasury securities. Anthony claims his biggest success when he organized “The Capital Repurchase Program,” a financial modeling concept using capital markets to finance commodity transactions and OTC deals for small business companies. This accomplishment successfully introduced the Alternative Investment Portfolio Models to the client firms.

By using his company to help other businessmen succeed, Anthony attained his Apotheosis, gaining recognition in a “god-like status” for his heroic efforts. GASY’s philosophy of “Strategies for Client Initiatives” advised small business owners how to build and develop their own financial models. Emphasizing risk/rewards, marketing, finance, and synergies, Anthony effectively encouraged owners to restructure capital costs and develop their local economies through this philosophy. Additionally, he authored a business plan for “Special Purpose Vehicles and Private Equity Funds,” recommending professional investment strategies to provide financing restructuring and reorganize corporate debt. Anthony supported minority and female entrepreneurs to succeed in individual ventures, providing access to capital otherwise unavailable through traditional

means. Because of GASY Investment Company’s establishment, Anthony achieved his Ultimate Boon, the quest’s objective and goal.

His heroic qualities of strategy and discipline were fulfilled. Strategy, the ability to formulate a plan of action was exemplified by Anthony working for different companies to eventually establish his own. Discipline, the ability to accomplish an goal, proved to be accurate when Anthony committed himself to a profession in business. If he did not acquire these two important characteristics, he would not remain persistent.

The final step of the Hero Cycle is the Return, when the hero returns to their normal life as a changed individual. Crossing the Return Threshold, the moment when the hero returns to his normal everyday life, occurred when Anthony began his own family. In 1987, when he drove back to East Stroudsburg University to visit younger fraternity brothers, Anthony met Kimberlee Duncan, the love of his life. Today, Anthony is blessed with his beautiful wife and five children, Kristyna, Brianna, Mykayla, Jenna and Quentin. He takes great pride in being actively involved in his children’s lives. Master of Two Worlds is the heroic sub-stage depicted when struggle has become integrated with the hero’s newfound wisdom into his everyday life. Anthony integrated the heroic qualities of sacrifice, courage, strategy and discipline to accomplish his dream of working on Wall Street. By integrating his profession and family life, Anthony Young was granted the Freedom to Live by overcoming his heroic obstacle.

African American abolitionist and former slave, Frederick Douglass said, “If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” As Anthony Young’s hero, Douglass informs people to face their greatest difficulties to accomplish the greatest endeavor. Understand the man’s struggle to make them my heroes. By writing “From West Philly to Wall Street”, I have learned more about my father’s past experiences that have shaped him into the man he is today. If I had not asked these interview questions, I would never know the difficult moments and numerous accomplishments in my dad’s life. This experience impacted me in a thankful and loving way. My father worked very hard to ensure a better life for his children than he had himself. His heroic journey serves as a testimony of accomplishing the impossible.

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Brother Calvin C. Zellars - Omega Chapter



Brother Calvin C. Zellars

Brother Calvin C. Zellars, Life Member # 6436, was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Tau Pi Chapter, Columbia, Maryland on February 14, 1976. He was a member of the Earth, Wind and Fire Line, in Tau Pi Chapter's first Member Selection Program. Brother Zellars served as Corridor 1 Representative, Chairperson of the District Social Action Committee, Second District Keeper of Records and Seal, 1st Vice Second District Representative, and finally the 24th Second District Representative. In 1998, Brother Zellars was the recipient of the Second District Conference, District Omega Man of the Year.

Years ago some of us younger bucks in the fraternity affectionately named him "The Godfather"- Although Calvin had many nicknames in fraternity Z, Z-Man, or simply Cal; we named him the Godfather primarily for his wise counsel; ability to relate- to bring Brothers together; for his vision;

his ability to communicate to brothers across age groups; his quiet demeanor; and his depth of knowledge. When we had a question, we sought out the Godfather. He made it easy to learn just being around him. He was the model for mixing business and brotherhood, and forward thinking implementation of new ideas. Calvin didn't mind sharing his knowledge, philosophy or wisdom.

He was a one-of-a-kind of man who seemed to manage everything with the appearance of ease. Unassuming and never ruffled Brother Zellars was the consummate team player; Calvin rarely sought the lime-light for himself. He worked to empower others applying his effective skills of strategic thinking and careful organization to bring people together. Many remember him for his expertise with numbers as an accountant. Few recall, or perhaps even knew Calvin also had a Master's degree in law. His mind calibrated information into logical sequences by which orderly action could be taken. With his comfortable easy going style he impacted and influenced many in the fraternity.

Brother Zellars served Tau Pi Chapter from 1976 through 1985 in the following Chapter Offices: Keeper of Records & Seal; Vice-Basileus, and Basileus. He received numerous chapter awards and in 1979, was awarded the Chapter's Educator of the Year Award. In 1981, Brother Zellars received the Business Man of the Year Award and was awarded Tau Pi Chapter's Omega Man of the Year Award in 1985 and 1992.

Brother Zellars served in numerous capacities on the International level including: Committee Membership on the International Social Action Committee; Committee Membership on the International Dr. Ronald E. McNair Youth Leadership Seminars Program; Chairperson of the International Ways & Means Committee; Chairperson of the International Finance Committee, and as Chairperson of the International Budget Committee.

He was a Board Member of the Tau Pi Foundation Fund, Inc. and received his Forty Year Service Award in 2016 at the 80th Grand Conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada. Tau Pi Chapter will create a Scholarship through the Tau Pi Foundation Fund, Inc., and dedicate it to the memory of Brother Calvin C. Zellars.

Brother Ercell F. Williams - Omega Chapter



Brother Ercell F. Williams

Brother Ercell F. Williams, born February 19, 1930 transitioned to Omega Chapter on October 9, 2018. Initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. through Rho Psi Chapter, while attending Tennessee State University, he was the last surviving member of Chi Rho graduate chapter of Long Island, NY. A Farmingdale High School Educator, Professor, and Activist, he previously taught at Albany State College in Albany, GA. during the time of the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King. He was a participant and activist in many activities. Prior to his move to Albany, Georgia, Mr. Williams had graduated from Tennessee A & I State University and Indiana University with degrees in Political Science and History. Brother Williams was a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the NAACP, a Charter Member of The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. and a member of the New York State Teachers Association. He is survived by his beloved wife Jean, son and daughter, Clifton Earl Williams and Vivian Williams McBroom, and grandson and granddaughter, Justin Williams and Danyelle McBroom.

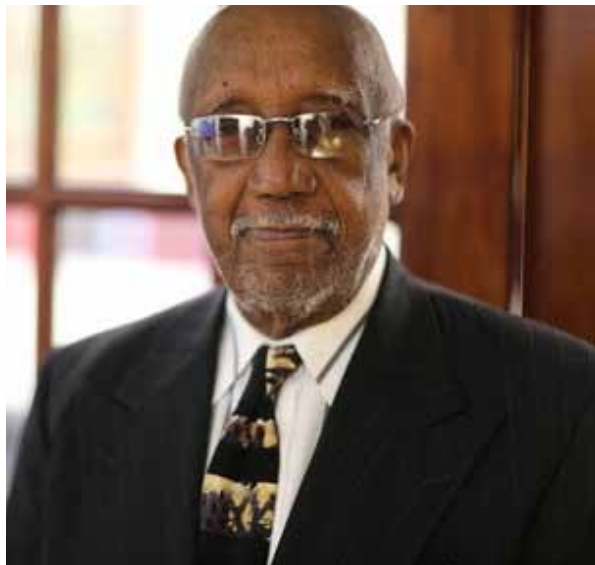
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Brother Ozro “OT” Thaddeus Wells - Omega Chapter



Brother Ozro (OT) T. Wells

Harlem legend Brother Ozro Thaddeus (O.T.) Wyoming Wells, Esq., 87, former president of the National Bar Association and recognized as one of America's leading civil rights and defense lawyers, died on August 25, 2018 of natural causes. Renowned as O.T. Wells, his landmark legal career spanned roles as a civil rights sit-in attorney, Richard Nixon military delegate, Watergate advisor, Harlem gangster “Bumpy” Elsworth Johnson’s attorney, Miles Davis’ counselor, member of H. Rap Brown’s legal team, legal advocate for black military personnel in Germany, and the official legal representative for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Wells grew up in North Carolina during the Jim Crow era, the son of Mary E. Wells and Bishop Wyoming Wells, an original member of the General Board of the Church of God in Christ. He earned a BA from Morehouse College in 1953 and a law degree from Boston University School of Law in 1956. Initiated through Psi Chapter on December 13, 1950, he was a member of Kappa Omicron Chapter in New York. After law school, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, then moved to New York City to embark upon his trailblazing career. By 1959 he co-founded Chance, Mitchell & Wells with William C. Chance, Jr. and Nathan Mitchell. It was one of the first minority law firms in lower Manhattan to focus on criminal defense work. In 1962, he joined with colleagues to form Wells, Brown, Mason, Burns & Hall, one of the largest African-American law firms in New York handling criminal defense, personal injury, civil rights, and a variety of other legal services. At the height of the Civil Rights Era, Wells was co-counsel, along with Attorneys Percy Sutton and Mark Lane, in the first sit-in cases, which strangely enough, occurred in New York City. His list of clients included notorious Harlem crime bosses Elsworth “Bumpy” Johnson and “Red” Dillard Morrison; the “Five Percenters” splinter group of the Black Muslims; William Kunstler’s legal team for H. Rap Brown’s Manhattan shooting case; and various attorneys, judges, and elected officials. From the 1960s through the 1980s he represented one of the country’s leading civil rights organizations, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and its president, Roy Innis.

During the 1970s, Wells was pressed into service for the Department of Defense by President Richard Nixon. “Operation Awareness” sent Wells to Germany with a delegation of three attorneys on a fact-finding mission with a mandate to investigate problems between Black United States military personnel and German nationals. President Nixon’s appointment gave a temporary GS rating to Wells equivalent to a Major General. While President of the National Bar Association during the turbulent Watergate era, he served as one of Attorney General Elliot Richardson’s five-man advisory group for the selection of the first Watergate Prosecutor, Archibald Cox. “O.T. Wells was the consummate leader, advocate, and trial lawyer. He possessed the bona fides —wit, humor, intelligence, knowledge, and oration—to have every lawyer who crossed his path want to emulate some aspect of his being,” said Joseph Drayton, president of the National Bar Association. “As an active Past President for five decades, O.T. Wells groomed our leaders and our lawyers to be our best in service to our clients and community. His impact on the National Bar Association, its leaders, and members is unprecedented and unparalleled and will last for quite some time.” Sadly, Wells died just two weeks after attending the National Bar Association’s convention in New Orleans. His legacy continues as a former national president of the National Association of Guardsmen, a social group; a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and a founding member of the National Negro Golf Association, the oldest African-American golf association in the world. Instead of retiring, Wells served “of Counsel” to the prestigious Manhattan law firm Donaldson & Chilliest. He was a member of the bars of the state of New York, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Fifth Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. For the last 18 years, he served as a guest faculty member in the Trial Advocacy program for the New York County District Attorney at the request of past District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and current District Attorney Cyrus Vance. In recent years, Wells was the lead trial attorney for the historical litigation to resolve the leadership of The Church of God in Christ, the largest African-American Pentecostal denomination in the world. He was instrumental in setting up the first constitutional convention for the church, which resulted in the establishment of the General Board and Presiding Bishop. Wells served as General Counsel for the church, to the Presiding Bishop, and the General Board of the Church of God in Christ. Beyond his legal stature, Wells was well-known in social circles throughout the country and around the globe. His talent for cooking and reputation as a raconteur buttressed his love of entertaining. His parties were legendary. “O.T. was generous and hospitable,” remarked his sister, Claudia. “He was a soul food chef of distinction who would prepare delicacies to watch you eat them. ‘Is it good?’ he would ask. And you’d better say, ‘Yes.’” Wells loved to laugh and could spin stories —more often than not, true—that would continue to evoke laughter years later when remembered. He was known to give nicknames that stuck so well, people were often unrecognizable by their given names. He never met a stranger, he simply made new friends. His family and friends seemed engaged in a perpetual game of six degrees of separation as they moved through life meeting people who knew or knew of O.T., and everyone had a story to share involving his legal prowess, his hospitality, or his larger-than-life adventures.

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Brother Ronald Ellis Jones - Omega Chapter



Brother Ronald Ellis Jones

Brother Ronald Ellis Jones born June 8, 1943 entered Omega Chapter on August 26, 2018. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Epsilon Chapter on November 11, 1966. Brother Jones earned a BA in French from Long Island University, an MA in 19th Century French Literature from Hunter College, an MS in Guidance Counseling from Lehman College and an Advanced Professional Diploma in School Administration

and Supervision from Brooklyn College.

During a career that began as a French teacher in the New York City Department of Education

"Ronnie", as he was known to family and friends, concluded as a School Principal in 1999. Hereceived many transformational grants and educational awards. After retirement, he served as a Middle School Consultant and as on the Executive Board of the Council of Supervisors and Administrators (CSA), Retiree Chapter.

Brother Jones was a very active and devoted Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. From his initiation throughout his more than 50 year membership Ronnie loved and served Omega in every way he could. In addition to Epsilon Chapter he held membership in Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter, Kappa Omicron Chapter, where he was Basileus, and finally in Alpha Upsilon Chapter. Brother Jones was appointed a 2nd District Deputy Corridor 5 Representative in 2006. His service was recognized by the fraternity. He was chosen as a "Founner's Stand In" by the 2nd District and Omega Man of the year by Kappa Omicron Chapter. He received the Distinguished Service Award from Epsilon Chapter and the Basileus Award from Alpha Upsilon among others.

Brother Jones was married to the former Ms. Linda M. Rhodes, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., for Sixteen years. Their marriage produced one daughter, Ms. Melanie Laurette Jones, who is also an educator. Brother Jones was laid to rest at the Pinelawn Memorial Park in Farmingdale, NY.

Brother Sydney Cousin - Omega Chapter



Brother Sydney Cousin

Brother Sydney Cousin entered Omega Chapter on Saturday, August 25, 2018. He graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in Baltimore, MD. Initiated into Pi Chapter at Morgan State College on October 29 1964, he graduated from Morgan and did post graduate work at Columbia

University and University of Pennsylvania where he received his Master's Degree. In 1986, he obtained his Doctorate degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

An intellectual and educator, he started as a history teacher in 1967 in Baltimore City Schools. After receiving his Master's Degree, he worked as a capital program planner for the Baltimore City Department of Planning in 1972. In 1973, he rejoined Baltimore City Schools in the Division of Physical Plant Planning and Programming.

Brother Cousin joined Howard County School System in 1987, as Director of School Construction and Planning. In 1989, he became Superintendent of Finance and Operations. In 2001, he was named Deputy Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer. He left the School System briefly and returned in 2003 as the Interim Superintendent. Later in the year, he was appointed as the permanent Superintendent, the First African American to hold this prestigious position. Howard County is an affluent county in Maryland, with a high academic performing school system. The African American student population varies between 20 to 22 percent with an African American teaching staff around 10 percent.

In 1975, Brother Cousin was 1 of 15 Charter Members of Tau Pi Chapter in Columbia Maryland. In 2003, he received the Chapter's Educator of the Year Award

He was married to his wife Marion for 28 years and a faithful member of the Columbia Community Church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, one brother, one sister, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Brother Thomas Robeson - Omega Chapter



Brother Thomas Robeson

Brother Thomas Roberson entered Omega Chapter on October 13, 2018. Born on April 29, 1935 in Harlem, NY to parents who grew up in the segregated South, He attended Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. At all male DeWitt Clinton High School, he was one of only 10 African-American students amongst more than 500 students. Thomas

graduated and attended college at Morgan State University, a Historically Black College and University, located in Baltimore, Maryland. During his sophomore year at Morgan, Thomas pledged and was initiated into Omega Psi Phi through Pi Chapter in 1961, where he developed a lifetime and everlasting bond with his line brothers. He graduated from Morgan State in 1963 with a bachelor's in Education Psychology. Upon graduation from Morgan State, Thomas enlisted in the United States Army. Thomas graduated from Officer Candidate School as a 2nd Lieutenant, and 18 months later rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. While in the Army, he served in Vietnam for approximately 13 months. In 1969, Thomas was honorably discharged from Fort Dix. After serving in the Army, Thomas enrolled and graduated from Long Island University with a Master's in Education and received a Master's in Social Work from Adelphi University. Thomas then embarked on a lengthy and distinguished civil service career including employment as a certified social worker for the Department of Social Services, a probation officer, and he worked in the Forensic Psychologist Department at Kings County Hospital. In addition, Thomas also taught as an adjunct professor at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and the College of New Rochelle. He retired from Kings County Hospital in 1996. In 1973, he met and married Elouise (Baker). They had three children - Wanda, Anita, and Gregory. Thomas resided in Queens, N.Y. and was an active and dedicated member of Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Brother A. Thomas Baity - Omega Chapter



Brother A. Thomas Baity

Brother A. Thomas Baity entered Omega Chapter on Friday, July 27, 2018. He was initiated into Tau Pi Chapter on April 30, 1983. He graduated from Atkins High School in 1948 in Winston-Salem, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years and advanced from a Seaman to a Lieutenant. Brother Baity pursued his college education at D.C. Teachers College and received his degree in 1973. Subsequently, he enrolled at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD and received a MS in Education Administration and Supervision in 1975. In 1964, Bro. Baity became a member of Peoples Congregational United Church in Washington, D.C. serving on the Usher Board and Men's Fellowship. After serving many years as a Deacon, he was appointed as an Ordained Deacon. From 1984 to 1986, He served as KRS for Tau Pi Chapter. He was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award in 1984; Scroll of Honor in 1985; and Omega Man of the Year in 1993. Brother Baity was married for 54 years to Dorothea (Moore) Baity. He leaves to cherish, daughter Deidre Baity Sykes (Keith); son Michael Thomas Baity; Brother Robert Phillips (Tonnice); Sister Barbara Blair; and a host of relatives and friends.

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Brother Lawrence Pittman - Omega Chapter



Brother Lawrence Pittman

Brother Lawrence C. Pittman, Jr. entered Omega Chapter on Saturday, September 15, 2018. He was initiated into the Fraternity through Tau Iota Chapter in Hartford, Connecticut on January 9, 1971. Bro. Pittman was born May 8, 1936 in Garysburg, North Carolina. In 1954, he graduated from Gumberry HS as the Valedictorian. He attended Hampton Institute and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1960. Brother Pittman relocated to Columbia, MD in the mid-70 and became a member of Tau Pi Chapter. He served on several committees -- Mardi Gras, Holiday with Omega, and Christmas in July. He was a financial brother until his transition to Omega Chapter. Brother Pittman in 1961 served as a captain in the U. S. Army Reserves. He worked as an Ordinance and Bomb Disposal Specialist. He also served as an Usher in the Military Chapel. Upon completion of nine years of military service, he began his civilian career in Aerospace and Defense contracting retiring after 35 years. He was also employed by Aerojet, General Dynamics, AAI and Verizon.

Brother Pittman was married to Claudia for 58 years. He leaves to cherish two sons; Lawrence C. Pittman, III and Omega Brother Kevin; daughter Delta Sigma Theta Iris. Other family members are his sister, Rozelia, brother-in-law Phillip Pearson and grandchildren.



Brother Noel Josephus McFadden, Sr. - Omega Chapter



Brother Noel McFadden

Brother Noel Josephus McFadden, Sr., was born on January 5, 1948 in North Charleston, South Carolina to the late Alice and Willie Joe McFadden, Sr. Noel was educated in Charleston County Public Schools, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Voorhees College in Denmark, SC. While at Voorhees College, Noel was one of the Charter Members of the Sigma Theta Chapter. Brother McFadden was employed as the Director of the Social Security Administration Tele-Communications 800 Network and retired after 36 years of service. He also served his country as a reservist in the Air Force Reserves retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant after 26 years. Brother McFadden was a long time member of Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church in Severna Park, Maryland and was very active with the Asbury Church Assistance Network, Inc., (ACAN). Brother McFadden married Patricia H. McFadden, on January 7, 1979. He leaves to cherish two children, daughter, Nina M. McFadden; son, Noel J. McFadden, Jr.; sister, Mildred (Dr. Edward) Keith; sister, Administrative Law Judge Peggy McFadden (Dr. James) Elmore; one aunt; nieces; grandnephews; grandnieces; and a host of cousins and other relatives.

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

2	12	Kappa	Bethea	Canaan
2	16	Pi	Jones	Brandon T.
2	16	Pi	Egiefameh	Andrew
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	707	Chi Rho	Brown	Bilal
2	707	Chi Rho	Obijuru	Charles
2	707	Chi Rho	Cox	Marques
2	707	Chi Rho	Joyner	Dallas T.
2	707	Chi Rho	Irving	Julian
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Turner	Roosevelt
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Daniels	Jamar
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Mayo	Claude
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl

Expulsion List

These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. 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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2	16	Pi	Taylor	Timothy
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	187	Chi Delta	Smith	Andre L.
2	187	Chi Delta	Thompson	Kenneth E.
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Dobson	Alfred
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Howard	Lance



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