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Omega U: Impact Statement

Omega U is the mentoring program for the PLL Chapter of the 3rd District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., serving the greater PWC and surrounding communities. Omega U aligns with the Fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The program was launched at Potomac Middle School in Dumfries, VA in 2009 to assist youth impacted negatively by their environment whether in the classroom or neighborhood. Since then, the program has expanded to twelve locations within the county and has impacted over 960 students.

The mission of Omega U is to partner with Prince William County Public Schools (PWCPS) in supporting and providing resources for students through pre-collegiate initiatives, career readiness, and community service.

The Omega U program executes a multitude of extracurricular and community service events each year. In addition, Omega U provides tutoring, character development, Standards of Learning preparation, public speaking opportunities, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) projects for participating students. Omega U contributed in-kind donations valued at \$56,000 to various charitable organizations.

During OY 2024, Pi Lambda Lambda's Omega U:



Hosted **10** weekend events for students from participating PWC and surrounding area middle and high school campuses.



Planned and executed **250+ hours** of community service for students at each school location.



Provided tutoring, character development, reading and writing support, Standards of Learning preparation, and skill building efforts centered around - memorization, public speaking, career awareness, and college readiness for **over 322 students** via the Omega U mentoring program.



Pi Lambda Lambda's Omega U remains committed to the planning, management, coordination, and execution of high-quality virtual and in-person events. Events completed during OY 2024, focused on a range of topics to include but not limited to:

Scholarship Workshop

On January 6, 2024, Omega U program held a Scholarship Workshop presentation hosted by the Scholarship Committee. The committee discussed various ways to earn an opportunity to attend a college of their choosing. Bro. Sobers, Chairman, spoke to students about the opportunities that the military has to offer while still retaining the ability to attend college.



Tour of the U.S. Pentagon

On March 1, 2024, Omega U students toured the Pentagon and had an opportunity to observe some of the country's most historical artifacts including the Vietnam War and 9/11 Commemoration items. Moreover, they met with the Secretary of Defense (SecDef) and were able to discuss complexities of defending our nation in an ever-changing world. The honorable Lloyd J. Austin is the first African-American to serve as the SecDef and is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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Virginia Tech Engineering seminar

On April 13, 2024, the Omega U Program visited Virginia Tech's (VT) National Society of Black Engineers/Pre-College Initiative (NSBE/PCI) Program. The VT PCI mentors divided students into groups and utilized mechanical engineering principles to produce a design that would allow a marble to roll down hill while avoiding various obstacles. The groups consisted of several Omega U students from Northern Virginia, Hampton and Richmond, all of whom benefited greatly from this experience.



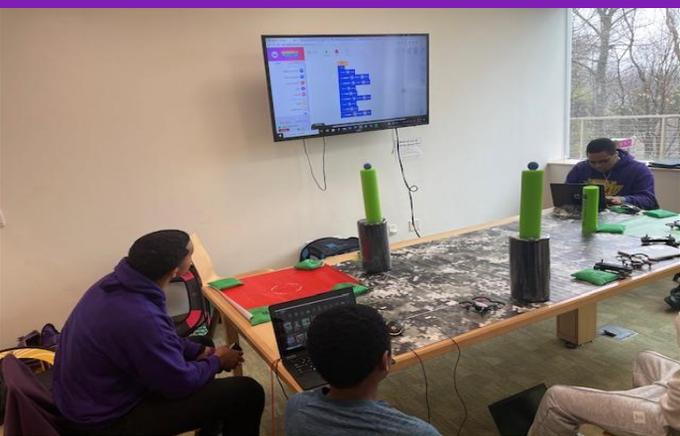
Virginia Military Institute career and education workshop

On September 14, 2024, the Omega U students traveled to Virginia Military Institute (VMI) for their Military and STEAM Programs. The visit featured more than 30 workshop-style breakout sessions across the STEAM disciplines. The VMI academic program educates cadets in a rigorous environment that encourages lifelong learning and develops citizens of character who anticipate, respond, and lead in a complex and changing world.

STEAM

The Omega U Drone D.A.W.G.S. (Doing Amazing Work Growing Stronger)

Pi Lambda Lambda's Omega U program extended its STEAM reach starting Aerial Drone Team Program. The Omega U Drone D.A.W.G.S. (Doing Amazing Work Growing Stronger) made up of 1 Junior, 1 Sophomore, 1 Freshman, and 2 Eighth graders, learned about drones, flight principles, programming, documentation, and communication skills while expanding their understanding and building interest for Drone-related workforce and career opportunities.



Drone D.A.W.G.S. Practice

Under the mentorship of Brothers Andre Simmons, Anthony White and Aaron Works the Omega U Drone team held several practices in the months of January and February using Student-Centered Learning. Students are actively involved in learning opportunities to increase their knowledge and skills in the engineering design process, mechanical design, programming, and teamwork under the guidance of mentors. Student-centered teams are student-led, meaning that students take responsibility for all decisions and activities including building, programming, strategy, and communication. Each team member learned drone flight skills, course navigation and communication, autonomous flight mission and programming. Students learned coding in Python for autonomous flight. Students program their own machine and develop an autonomous strategy. Students learn programming fundamentals from mentors or other sources and apply those to create custom programs for their machines.

STEAM

Aerial Drone Competition

On March 9, 2024, the Omega U Drone D.A.W.G.S. (**Doing Amazing Work Growing Stronger**) Program participated in the Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation Aerial Drone Competition held at **Charles H. Flowers High School, in Springdale Maryland**. The Omega U Drone D.A.W.G.S. competed against several teams from all over Maryland and other Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc Mentoring programs from the 2nd District in the following four missions:



PILOTING TEAMWORK

Drones are piloted by students. Two teams fly together to maximize their score.



AUTONOMOUS FLIGHT

Drone is programmed by student to operate entirely autonomously. Each team competes alone to score as many points as possible in a 1 minute match.



PILOTING

Drone is piloted by student to fly through an obstacle course. Each team competes alone to score as many points as possible in a 1 minute match.



JUDGING

Teams interview with Judges about their Drone, Programming, and Competition Logbook.



The Omega U Drone D.A.W.G.S., the only team from Virginia and the 3rd District demonstrated that hard work always pays off by winning the Skills Championship and Think Award for the only team to complete the drone autonomous flight obstacle course. The future is bright for this young team. [Aerial Drone Competition Footage](#)



Financial Literacy and Wealth Management



Financial Literacy is defined as a combination of financial awareness, knowledge, skills, attitude, and behavior necessary to make sound financial decisions and ultimately achieve individual financial well-being.

Financial Literacy

Financial literacy is a core skill that must be instilled in our youth because it pervades every aspect of life. On December 7, 2024, the Omega U Program held a financial literacy and wealth management workshop hosted by Bro. Caleb Legis, MSF at Potomac Middle School. The focus of this workshop was to understand what credit is and how managing credit can be beneficial for consumers financially. Educating our students from the start about spending money the right way is as essential as teaching the four Cardinal Principles.



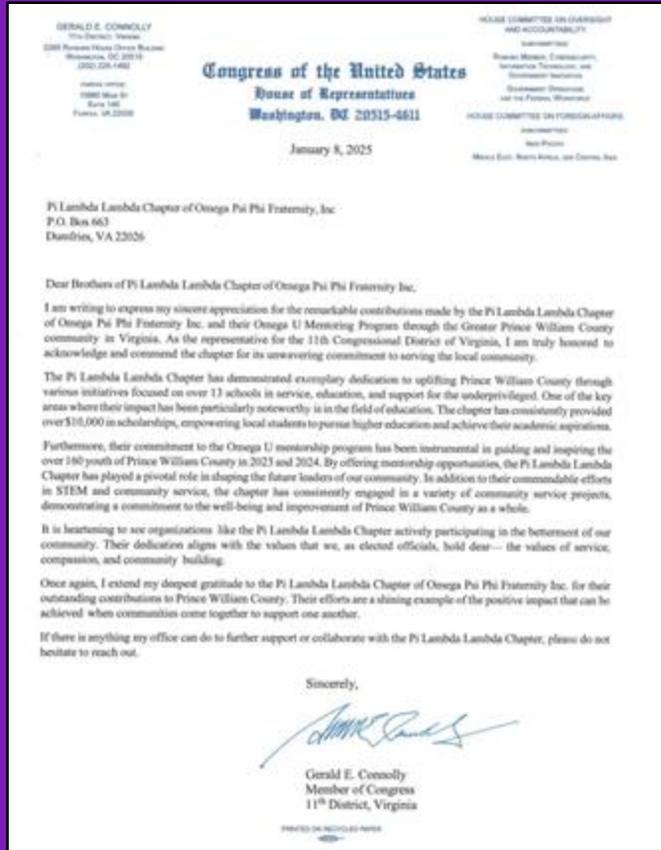
Wealth Management

In addition to the lesson on credit, students were also taught the importance of the prioritization of spending to build and preserve wealth. They were broken up into groups and presented a myriad of hypothetical situations with a certain amount of money and a potential item purchase. They discussed both the pros and cons of the purchases as well as the opportunity costs associated. This ultimately allowed them to explore real-life scenarios they will encounter in the future and build their decision-making ability to facilitate proper wealth management.

Community Service



**“The Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter has demonstrated an exemplary dedication to uplifting Prince William County”-
The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly
11th District, Virginia**



Dumfries Slave Cemetery clean up

The Omega U program participates quarterly in the Dumfries Slave Cemetery clean up. This cemetery was established in the 19th century for the local African American community. It is believed to contain unmarked graves of African-American soldiers who fought during the Civil War. It remains a significant historical site for the community at large. PWCPS gave the PWC NAACP entry rights to the cemetery for purpose of restoring, landscaping, and maintaining the cemetery.



Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2024, the Omega U students participated in Wreath's Across America in Quantico, VA. The tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active-duty military, and their families. On National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to remember, honor and teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 4,225 locations in all 50 U.S. states. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed annually. When each wreath is placed, the service member's name is said out loud, ensuring their memory lives on. Omega U will continue to provide mentorship to the students in Prince William County, teaching them to strive for more than the boundaries that are set around them.

“Omega U demonstrated an exemplary service as usher members during the PWC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical”



Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

April 17, 2024

Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Mr. Charles Hunter, President
P. O. Box 463
Dumfries, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Each year, the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recognizes adults in the community who have made and are continuing to make significant impact on the lives of youth in the areas of Education, Athletics, Arts, Leadership and Public Service. Youth in our communities are also recognized in the same areas for their good works.

The award is named for Minerva, the Roman Goddess of Wisdom, who presided over useful and ornamental arts and crafts and known for her thousand works. It is, therefore, fitting that we recognize people like you whose works benefit the youth in our surrounding communities.

The "Omega U" Program was selected to receive the 2024 Minerva Award in the area of Education for the program's commitment to support the education, guidance, and mentorship of male students in Prince William County and ensure their basic needs are met. We invite you and a guest to attend our 2024 "Spotlight on Youth Scholarship and Community Service Awards" Program, Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Old Hickory Golf Club, 11921 Chantrel Drive at Woodbridge. During the program, we will also recognize our 2024 Youth Minerva recipients and our 2023 Scholarship recipients.

<https://scholarshipandcommunityawards.eventbrite.com/>

Kindly RSVP no later than April 29, by clicking on the link below. Select Adult Minerva recipient. Your guest must register also. Please have your guest register at Guest of Adult Minerva recipient.

If you have questions regarding the program, contact Mrs. Cynthia Brown at (703) 342-7299 or at awards@omegaupsipheta.org

Sincerely,

Sharon McCarthy Andrews, President
Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Cynthia R. Brown, Chairperson
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Ernest Everett Just Mentee Spotlight

My name is Connie Victor Herbin IV. I'm a sociology major with a minor in psychology and a senior at Louisiana State University. I am a spring 2024 initiate of the Theta Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. I graduated high school in 2021 from Colgan High School in Manassas, Virginia. With my degrees, I intend to not only further my education and eventually attain a PhD, but my desire in the world is to help others. My passion is inspiring my peers, the next generation, and most importantly, myself through the art of music. I am a published musical artist, composer, songwriter, and producer. Music proved therapeutic for me as it saved me from a dark period of my life, and I now endeavor to build the bridge and close the gap between positive mental health and the power of music to uplift those in the community. When I perform at concerts this provides me to use the art of music to reach a broad audience. Being a member of Omega U through middle and high school was a life-changing experience. This opportunity provided me with the necessary skills in school, life, and manhood. Omega U exposed me to opportunities to serve the community and scholarship programs. It was an honor to have a network of great and inspiring men who challenged me to evolve and mature into a better man. As a young black man in Omega U, I was adequately taught to live life through the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Attending Louisiana State University was a significant shift and difference from high school. While it presented more freedom, it did challenge my ability to overcome life distractions to succeed in college. I often reminded myself that this academic journey is more significant than me and that I should always persevere and never give up on the task. As a member of this fraternity, I became the special events chair at my chapter. I used this role to contribute to the LSU student body with new events and shed light on mental health while promoting safe coping mechanisms and open spaces to express. In fact, during our recent Achievement Week, I hosted a mental health, financial literacy, and leadership symposium to promote holistic development for the men on the campus. This complements my other job as a motivational speaker and peer mentor for my mother's company, which supports at-risk youth. I continually impact my family, community, and peers. In this role, I use my life experiences to inspire youth and practical strategies to overcome life challenges. [Unedited]

