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Brother James W. Jordan
31st Second District Representative

My Brothers,

It is with great pleasure and honor to have served in my first term as your 31st Second District Representative. As I have stated previously, “IT HAS TRULY BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE”. Over this past year, along with your District Council, we have been working extremely hard to carry out the mission, objectives, programs and initiatives set forth at the beginning of the year. We aggressively set a game plan in motion to enhance the district and to create measurable goals that would not only be valuable to our

fraternity, district, community, economy and race; But would also be able to be evaluated and adjusted based on lessons learned and our best practice. With this strategy in mind we as a leadership team can truly understand our strengths and weaknesses.

It has been a very refreshing feeling to see and witness the comradeship, unity and enthusiasm throughout the district as I travel. These expressions have forged a bond of friendship that has bought our district closer together. The 2nd District is primed to lead the fraternity into our centennial celebration as we move closer and closer to embarking on our 100th year of existence. But we, as Omega men, still have a lot of work to accomplish. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., is as strong as its membership participation.

Each brother has a role and responsibility to the growth and development of this organization. We all have to be willing to put forth the effort it takes to make the positive impact on our community and nation. Omega Men, we need your support, we need your skill set, ideas, creativity and most of all your “EFFORT”. We need every brother of Omega to act well there part, holding Omega up to the world as a shining light.

Please come out and join the Second District leadership team at our 61st annual 2nd District Conference in Tarrytown New York. Brother Steve Schmidt, Ed Kittrell and the rest of the brothers of Beta Alpha Alpha and Omicron Iota have done an outstanding job in providing us a wonderful environment for the conference. We have added a few new components this year and the team is planning to share the work that has been taking place to move Omega forward in a significant manner.

So, my brothers, let us come together, during our District Conference, with best interest of our beloved organization, to handle Omega’s business, fellowship with each other; and leave with a better understanding of our individual roles, “WE PLAY”, in improving Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and our community.

Fraternally,

James W. Jordan

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Second District Representative

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First Vice District Representative's Message



Brother Kenneth Rodgers
First Vice District Representative - 2nd District

My Brothers,

It has been a pleasure and honor for me to serve as your First Vice District Representative. During the past year, I have had the privilege to work with our District Committee Chairmen. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated and

talented individuals who have performed exceedingly well in support of the District Representative's mission. Our goal for this administration is to be results driven. We have taken pride in executing measurable objectives during the course of the year. As such, you may recognize a few of our accomplishments: The Ome-gas for Obama Inaugural Ball, the District Blood Drive, the Middle School Initiative, Reclamation and Retention Awards, and the Political Action Vetting Process. These are only a few of our successes as we have a number of committee actions that should not go unnoticed.

This District is doing so many wonderful things in the name of Omega. Certainly, it is my belief that our Founders would be proud that we continue to uplift and serve our communities through the development of positive working relationships. Earlier in the year, our District Representative called upon each corridor, chapter and brother to play a part in our growth and

development. I have witnessed first hand the response to duty from many of our chapters who are carrying out our mandates with a sense of dignity and responsibility. We have worked tirelessly to emphasize Omega's Brand, keeping in the forefront, our four cardinal principals – Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve and I encourage each of you to commit to the cause of Omega. Remember, we only pass this way but once and "Friendship is Essential to the Soul."

Fraternally,

Kenneth E. Rodgers

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First Vice District Representative

District Director of Public Relations Message



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

Second District Brothers,

I greet you in the name of the Author and Finisher of our faith, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and trust all is well with you and your families. As we approach the 61st Second District Conference, we do so with a renewed sprit and a desire to continue improving the communications of the Mighty Second District.

In the role of the Second District Director of Public Relations, it has been an honor and privilege to serve for three terms, communicating the great service Brothers, Chapters and the District, as a whole, provide uplifting the communities of the five

great states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, which we serve.

I would like to thank all the chapters who consistently submit articles and supporting photographs reporting the good work of Omega. We must never take reporting what we do for Omega lightly. Remember today's work is tomorrow's history. These publications are a compilation of historical data for future reference. Reporting good works help combat negative reports that justly and unjustly plagued our great fraternity in the past.

Take time to view the district website, www.opp2d.org. The District Information Management Committee has done a phenomenal job creating an excellent communication resource for Second District. Please review the new guidelines for the submission and construction of articles, our new interim Editor to the Oracle, Brother Mike Boykin, has issued. Also, view the sample format and guidelines for Omega Chapter articles provided on the district website. The Oracle will only publish articles which adhere to the new guidelines and format. We must become more diligent submitting Omega Chapter articles. Brothers families expect us to take care of our Brothers, in print, when we wear the gloves and when they say their last goodbye.

At this time, I want to thank Brother Teddy Taylor for his aid in leading the Shirtsleeve Conference sessions concerning improving our Public Relations. One of the action items from the Shirtsleeve Conference has been the publishing of a Media Kit/Que Brochure, as a communication tool, explaining who we are and what we do for the public at large, on the outside and a listing of Omega's Mandated Programs on the inside of the trifold document. This document is also in printable version on the District website.

As always, I am eternally grateful for the photo journalism of our District Photographer, Brother George T. Smith, Sr. In photographing our Second District events, his work is an invaluable historical pictorial record to be passed down from generation to generation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Mighty Second District.

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

Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.

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2009 District Scholarship Award Recipients

District Scholar of the Year	Y'hoshua Murray
Ronald McNair Scholarship	Kevin Purcell <i>General Electric Intern Recipient</i>
Founder's Memorial Scholarship	William Terry
Herman Dreer Leadership Scholarship	Jideofor Obaze
George Meares Scholarship** ...	Hubert Morrell, <i>National award recommendation</i>
Grand Basileus Award**	Brandon Zimmerman <i>National award recommendation</i>
Creative and Research	NONE
Undergraduate Grant	Kevin Chambers Corey Grant Jerome Hill Michael Muse Brandon Zimmeman
Graduate Grant	Joseph Carpenter Wayne Gersie Raysean Khalif Hubert Morrell Perry Rainey

Omega4Life Leadership Development Program

The General Electric (GE) Company and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently launched and identified the first participants in the **Omega4Life** leadership development program. The program is designed to provide undergraduate fraternity members of proven academic excellence with mentoring and leadership training to assist in career development. **Omega4Life** is a structured, one-year program featuring GE-supported career fairs, leadership symposiums and potential internships. The program is open to students majoring in the concentration areas of Mathematics, Science, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science, and Business (Finance, Management, &

Marketing). The inaugural class includes the following Brothers:

Shaka Mitchell, Sophomore at Southern Illinois University majoring in Business Finance

Eual Phillips, Senior at Grambling State University majoring in Chemistry

Chaztin Stigers, Senior at Jarvis Christian College majoring in Biology

Kevin Purcell, Junior at State University of New York at New Paltz with a double major in Cell Molecular Biology/Black Studies

This unique opportunity promises to be a stimulating and rewarding experience for

successful applicants and for GE. We encourage undergraduate Brothers who are active members and have Sophomore, Junior, or Senior class standing to apply. The next phase of applications will be accepted as of May 2009 until July 2009. Do not miss this opportunity which clearly provides Uplift to those men who persevere and act scholarly.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Bro. Michael A. Wright

International Chairman-Career Opportunities Committee



Omega4Life Inaugural Class with General Electric Mentors

Returning Omega Psi Phi to the Celebration of Black History by Bro Edwin T. Johnson, PhD



Brother Linwood Koger
Pi Omega Chapter Founder

On Saturday, February 21, 2009, I attended the 83rd Annual Black History Luncheon of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). This was my second occasion attending the luncheon. However, this time was special. On February 4th, I successfully defended my dissertation; consequently, I was attending the luncheon as a brand new PhD.

I was the guest of my dissertation committee chair, Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, a world renowned Historian who is considered one of the architects of African American Women's History. As we waited for our meal to be served, the platform dignitaries began greeting guests at their tables. The first to reach my table was Reverend Richard T. Adams, ASALH's Vice President for Membership. Dr. Penn introduced Rev. Adams, and mentioned that I was an Omega. "An Omega" he exclaimed, "young man I need to connect with you," he said. "We have got to get your brothers here. You do know that our organization's founder Dr. Carter G. Woodson was an Omega, don't you? Year after year we reach out to the Fraternity; we have got to get the Omegas back into the celebration of Black History."

Ironically, my dissertation is entitled: "Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Pi Chapter: African American Male Identity and Fraternity Culture 1923-2003." I was not only aware that Dr. Carter G. Woodson was the founder of Negro History Week, but also that the founder of Pi Omega Chapter and Pi Chapter was the individual responsible for the Fraternity's first Negro Achievement Week observances.

Pi Omega, the Baltimore City graduate chapter, was the first Fraternity chapter established in the state of Maryland. Linwood G. Koger, an initiate of Alpha Chapter, was Pi Omega's founder

and first Basileus. Koger also led the effort to found Pi Chapter at what was then Morgan College. Pi was the first undergraduate Fraternity chapter chartered in Maryland.

The Fraternity's Achievement Week Program was Woodson's vision. However, Koger was primarily responsible for the Fraternity's adoption of Achievement Week as a Nationally Mandated Program. During the first observances, Pi Omega and Pi Chapter brothers visited the Negro Public Schools of Baltimore City and made presentations on notable African American figures. In 1927, Koger was named the first National Director of the Achievement Week Program. Koger was chosen because of the success of Pi Omega and Pi Chapter's local activity under his leadership. Designed to promote the study of Negro life and history, Achievement Week is observed during the month of November. The program was the predecessor to Black History month, which was established in 1976, almost a half a century after the Fraternity's initial effort began.

Woodson founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History on September 9, 1915. ASALH distinguishes itself as being responsible for the establishment of Black History Month, and the primary torch-bearer of Woodson's vision. However, most outside of the Fraternity are unaware of Woodson's connection to Omega, and even fewer are aware of Omega's part in the earliest celebrations of African American History.

Total Praise for Nu Upsilon Chapter's 2009 Talent Hunt

The Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Competition 2009: Arts for the World was the talk of the Wilmington, DE community on Saturday, March 28, 2009. It was 5:00 p.m., at William Penn High School, New Castle, Delaware, when twenty-one talented performers entered the auditorium to display what would become a phenomenal talent festival, hosted by renowned media personality, Dyana Williams of 107.9 WRNB-FM (Philadelphia, PA)!

Highlights of the afternoon included piano selections composed by the contestants and classical genius, Rachmaninoff; vocal selections made famous by Natalie Cole

and Etta James; the ever-famous, *Creation* by James Weldon Johnson; an energetic tap dance to an Earth, Wind, & Fire Medley; and a riveting modern dance performance to Richard Smallwood's "Total Praise!"

After 2 ½ hours, the panel of judges reached a decision on the first place winners in the dramatic interpretation, vocal, and instrumental categories. However, there was a tie in the dance category. Thus, there were five first place winners, each receiving \$500 and a trophy. The judges reached consensus that Aliyah Graham's modern dance to "Total Praise" possessed the intensity, passion, and intri-

cate movements to be the chapter's representative to the Second District Talent Hunt Competition on May 2, 2009, in Tarrytown, New York. As the overall champion, Aliyah received an additional \$200, a plaque, and an all-expense paid trip to the Second District Talent Hunt Competition.

Nu Upsilon's Talent Hunt was attended by more than 300 patrons and included exhibition performances by a local dance duo and the 2006 Nu Upsilon and Second District Talent Hunt winner, saxophonist Jose C. Carmona, III. (photo on pg.11)

Iota Nu Chapter Joins Habitat for Humanity to Aide Uplifting the Community

ABERDEEN, MARYLAND - Harford Habitat is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and was incorporated in November 1993. Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union began the effort to start a Habitat for Humanity project in Harford County in June 1993. It acted as the catalyst and brought community leaders together to make a Habitat affiliate a reality in Harford County. Bro. Charles Alston Mu '55, one of the founders of the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Aberdeen Maryland, served as the first president of Harford Habitat. Early in the morning of Saturday November 8, 2008, Bro. Alston, Bro. Walter Wyatt, Basileus, and members of the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined other volunteers of Harford County's branch of Habitat for Humanity to work on two homes located in the Aberdeen area of Harford County. Social Action committee chair Bro. Dwayne Adams spearheaded the effort working with Michelann Meehan, Family Support Volunteer/Coordinator. Earlier in the year, Ms. Meehan and Bro. Adams coordinated efforts to have a presentation and training for volunteer service with Harford Habitat at the



Members of the Iota Nu Chapter, along with one of the future owners of the Habitat for Humanity Project.

April fraternity meeting. Through the diligent efforts and commitment to servicing the community, over 50 years of Omega spirit was represented in the effort. Each decade ranging from the 1950's thru 2000 was represented by one or more brothers of Omega.

The day began at approximately 8:00 a.m. as Dave Thomas, Project Manager, began the day by offering several words of thanks to those who showed up to help. Bro. Alston was welcomed with a round of applause and as well as several congratulatory remarks from Mr. Thomas. A prayer followed and the work began. The volunteers worked on tasks such as painting, installing cabinetry, a vanity in the bathroom, sanding of doors, and



Vice Basileus, Bro. Derrick Brockman, founder Bro. Charles Alston, and Basileus Bro. Walter Wyatt working at the H4H project.

other finishing tasks. The Aberdeen Lion's Club provided bag lunches for the volunteers. Brothers came and went throughout the day offering as much time as they could around other commitments such as looking after the kids whom of which were not allowed on the site as well as coaching little league football playoff games. The day ended with everyone pitching in to clean up and thanks from Mr. Thomas.

Through the efforts of Ms. Meehan, Mr. Thomas, Bro. Adams, a strong tie between Harford Habitat and Omega has been formed. Both parties look forward to working with one another in the upcoming spring projects and beyond.

Ques Care - Nu Lambda Lambda Visits Liberty Science Center With Local Children Of Jersey City

March 28, 2009, Brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda (NLL) accompanied the children of Castleberry Youth Academy (CYA) to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. The Brothers spent time with the children in exploring variety science exhibits from the construction of skyscrapers to life science. The children of CYA had the opportunity to explore various facets of science with numerous 'hands on' exhibits. The time spent with these children was priceless. Brothers of NLL has fostered a two year relationship with CYA by acting as mentors and also donating new /used toys and coats to the children during the 2008 holiday season. Miss Nicole Johnson is the director of Castleberry Youth Academy. CYA is a non profit child care program consisting of 40+ children from ages three months to pre-teen. The goal of CYA is to provide a safe-haven for these children against the dangers encountered at home and on the streets.



Brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda with the children and Director of Castleberry Youth Academy

Iota Xi Honors Brother Milton Johnson

New York, NY. Iota Xi Chapter salutes one of their own, Brother Milton Johnson, with their Annual Elder Honor Award. This year's award dinner was held at the 21 Club in New York City. Fraternity Brothers, family, friends, and colleagues joined Iota Xi for a special evening of recognition for a true gem of Omega. Culminating with his receiving a beautiful Tiffany clock, while his lady, Jennifer Green, received a Hermes scarf.

The Annual Elder Honor Award was initiated in 1993 to honor exceptional Brothers who have shown a long and consistent commitment to Omega. These Brothers have been unselfish, high quality individuals who have made Omega stronger with their tireless work for our beloved fraternity.

Milton came into Omega's fold in 1960 as an undergraduate at Virginia State University. Over the years, he has committed his time, energy and treasure, to uplifting Omega in numerous ways. Besides being a past Second District Representative, Milton

was one of the founders of the Omega Psi Phi Federal Credit Union, and was the chairman of the the committee that organized the purchase of the Omega World Headquarters in Georgia.

He has mentored many brothers who are now constructively active in the fraternity, and has humbly supported several fraternity social programs across many chapters. Milton has always believed "one can make a difference" and the result of that attitude can be seen in and outside of Omega.

Grand Basileus George Mears and Grand Counselor Richard Carey put a young Brother Johnson to work at the national level.

Milton, at a very early age, was a key member of the Fraternity's Study Committee, which investigated and did a study on the Fraternity from top to bottom, an original member of the Fiscal Management Committee and a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Past honorees of this esteemed award include: Bro. Grant Reynolds Esq., 21st Grand Basileus (FLA), Bro. James Avery, 28th Grand Basileus (NJ), Bro. Edward Braynon, 30th Grand Basileus (FLA), Bro. Robert Early Esq.(NY), Bro. Rudolph Powell (NY), Bro. Eddie Taylor (NY), Bro. Dr. J. B. Pinckney (PA), Bro. Nathaniel Thomas (PA), Bro. Dr. James Elam (OH), Bro. Dr. Adam McKee (MD), Bro. Dr. Lewie Roache (SC), Bro. Jeffery Greenup Esq. and Bro. Vernon Baker.

Iota Xi Chapter, of Metropolitan New York City was founded in 1977. The chapter's goal is to create and maintain the kind of environment the founders would be proud of and to conduct Omega's business in a professional manner while having and showing a genuine interest in the lives of our fellow chapter brothers, and the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Milt Johnson with former DR's Dillard, Ray, Avery, Greer, and current DR James Jordan



Milt Johnson with Iota Xi Brothers and DR James Jordan



Milton Johnson, Jennifer Green and friends



Milt Johnson Pictured with the Tiffany Clock gift

Founder Ernest E. Just, Will Be Honored With Statue at School Named in His Honor

March 18, 2009, Annapolis, MD. A longtime effort to erect a monument dedicated to Dr. Ernest E. Just at his namesake school in Prince George's County, Maryland is about to become a reality. The statute is scheduled to be completed and dedicated on or before November 11, 2011, the centennial celebration of his beloved Fraternity. It will be permanently placed on the campus of the Ernest Everett Just Middle school in Springdale, Maryland. It is a dream come true because of the work of the Ernest E. Just Foundation and Gamma Pi Brother and State Senator Ulysses Currie, who worked behind the scenes in the Maryland legislature.

The Ernest Everett Just Foundation, Inc. (EEJFI) was created to build excitement, increase awareness and add depth to the studies and careers of science, mathematics and technology. The Foundation wants all students to have the opportunity to succeed in their chosen field. It is through the creation of this monument, that students everywhere should recognize the perils that are buried in science, mathematics and technology.

Dr. Just was a brilliant scientist who was so driven by his scientific research that his passion for science may have contributed to his demise at a young age of 58. Dr. Just was responsible for the scientific or medical ca-

reers of more than 2,000 students at Howard University. Even though Ernest Just was born after the end of the Civil War, in 1883, he refused to allow the "Jim Crow" social stigmas that were attached to Black citizens become part of his character or to limit his education or his career as a scientist.

Ernest Just left no stone unturned when he effectively made himself who he was. Therefore, it became the duty of those that saw him as a role model to remake Dr. Just as authentic and as genuine as possible through the creation of a life-size bronze statue bearing the likeness of the man that he exemplified. The Ernest Everett Just Foundation was challenged to find a suitable artist that would capture the essence of the larger than life man that he became.

Through a search of world class artist, Antonio "Toby" Mendez, was selected and commissioned to create the type of "aura" in a bronze casting that would cause students to aspire to greatness and that would remind the world of the brilliance that once walked this earth. In 2007, the Maryland General Assembly passed a bill that would release funds to the Foundation to supervise the building of this statue. Brother Senator Currie was the chief sponsor of



this Bill and on, March 18, 2009, the Board of Public Works and Governor Martin O'Malley voted to set aside funds for this specific purpose.

Gamma Pi Social Action Agenda

February 28, 2009. Capitol Heights, MD. The 2009 Social Action agenda actually kicked off in late February with breakfast for women and children at the Shepherd's Cove Women's Shelter in Capitol Heights, Maryland.

"They say they have folks coming out all the time, but they have never had the kind of response from the women and children that they gave us," said Brother Eddie Epps, co-chairman of the chapter's Social Action committee along with Brother Anthony McAllister. "We are just happy to know that we can be a shining light in the lives of people who need it most. We are happy to have made a difference."

A week later, on March 7, Gamma Pi trekked over to Bowie State University to hold its monthly meeting of its highly regarded Project ENRICH program. This program prepares high school students for college and career beginning in the ninth grade. Students attend

monthly Saturday morning sessions at Bowie where they are tutored and receive lectures about such topics as personal responsibility, developing independent study habits, choosing the right courses to prepare for college, selecting colleges and how to choose a career. The program is run by retired educator Brother Roland Byrd, who revived it several years ago. Among the participants is Brother Frank Chambers, an official at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Other events in March included Gamma Pi's annual Talent Hunt on March 14, the annual Mardi Gras Extravaganza on March 20 and the new Que Kids Daze Saturday activity program that the chapter holds periodically for disadvantaged children. Just prior to "March Madness," Gamma Pi sponsored its annual Legislative Forum with elected members of the State Legislature in mid-February.

Already, the chapter Social Action calendar is filling for April and the coming months as the Super Chapter – the three-time Chapter of the Year award winner Graduate chapter in the Second District – prepares for another session of Project ENRICH, the annual March of Dimes Walk and Christmas in April. The annual Senior Citizens Banquet is scheduled for June 13 and the Fifth Annual Charles Drew Memorial Scholarship is also set for June 26.

"They don't call us the Super Chapter for nothing. It's about serving the community and being true to Omega's Cardinal Principles and our ideals, and the more we can do to uplift the local community, the closer we are to achieving what the Founders envisioned," said Basileus Calhoun. "I always look forward to our Social Action projects."

Gamma Pi Opens Blog on World Wide Web

March 2009, Prince George's County, MD. Gamma Pi chapter in Prince George's County is embracing new technology with the launching of a new blog on the World Wide Web. The blog augments the chapter's web site and newsletters to keep Gamma Pi in touch with other members of the Fraternity and with the greater Prince George's community.

The new blog site was created by the chapter Public Relations Committee and is called Gamma Pi LIVE. It is located at www.gammapiblog.blogspot.com. The blog (shorthand for "Weblog") was initiated in late 2008 and serves as a tool mainly for communicating the chapter's vast array of social action projects. Postings are public in nature and include photos and video snippets of Gamma Pi

events, such as a recent Saturday session of the Project ENRICH college preparatory program and the 2008 Achievement Week program. Brothers are also able to leave comments on the postings. Those comments are all reviewed before posting.

"Brothers contribute where they can and when they can, given our busy lives. But the blog has helped make everybody feel as if they are a part of all our major service projects. It's a great place to go to get a sense of the immediate pulse of the chapter," said Basileus Maurice Calhoun. "Stepping into the blogosphere is something new for Gamma Pi."

The blog is not "advertised" or searchable on Google, but it is open to anyone who has the URL address. Because the information contained on the site is public, the

chapter frequently shares the link with community partners who can go visit the site to see write-ups and photos on events that they collaborate with Gamma Pi on. Some of the same information published on the blog makes its way into other Gamma Pi communications venues, including the quarterly newsletter, the Gazette. The chapter is working to publicize the blog more among chapters in the Second District and throughout Omega as a way of sharing its agenda.

"This is a complement to an array of communications tools we have devised within the chapter to make sure Gamma Pi stays connected internally and externally," said Basileus Calhoun. Visit Gamma Pi LIVE and see what Gamma Pi is up to!

Gamma Pi 2009 Talent Hunt Competition



*Gamma Pi Chapter Talent Hunt Winner
Daniel Daley*

Saturday, March 14, Springdale, MD. Gamma Pi Chapter's Talent Hunt 2009.

As a mandated program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Annual Talent Hunt features performances by students in the 9th through 12th grades. Gamma Pi's Talent Hunt is open to students from Prince George's County schools. An audition was held. This year's program attracted the largest number of performers.

The event was held at a very symbolic place for Gamma Pi and Omega Psi Phi. The set-

ting was the auditorium at the Charles H. Flowers High School, so named for an Omega man (now in his late 80s) who is one of the dwindling numbers of Tuskegee Airmen from World War II fame. Brother Flowers is also a 50-year member of the Fraternity and lives just a couple miles from the school that bears his name. The Talent Hunt attracted a large crowd of family members, supporters and community residents who each year get excited about the new talent the chapter introduces from the local community.

The competition featured solo performances in four areas: instrumental music, vocal music, dance and visual arts (painting, drawing, photography). All music or drama performances are required to be memorized. First place winners received a \$100 cash prize along with a certificate and a plaque/trophy.

"Given all the bad publicity our young people often get, and many times unfairly, it is refreshing to see that there are so many truly talented and gifted young people located right here in our own community. It is even more satisfying to know that as part of our national mandate, we of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and more specifically Gamma Pi chapter, are helping these same young people expose

their talents to the world," said Gamma

Pi Basileus Maurice Calhoun. "This is often one of our most anticipated events every spring."

Talent Hunt Committee Chairman and organizer Bro. Leroy Barton, an accomplished musician and music professor, lauded the participants: "Each year, this gets better and better and while I am around a lot of talented people all the time as part of my profession, I am never more amazed than I am at the quality of talent we have available in our youth here in Prince George's County. Gamma Pi chapter is proud to present these young people to the community. I look forward to joining the winners when they compete at the District level."

Moving on to the District competition as the overall winner representing Gamma Pi is Dannel Daley, who also placed first in the Instrumental Classic category. Other winners are Dameka Fishley (Vocal Contemporary); Ebony Queen (Vocal Classical); Joseph Wilson (Instrumental Contemporary); Elisa Daniels (Dance); Blessing Omole (Drama); and Johnetta Queen (Visual Arts).

Iota Nu Chapter Hosts 2nd Annual Book Dedication

Edgewood, MD -On February 7, 2009 at the Edgewood, Branch of the Harford County Public Library, the men of the Iota Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated sponsored their 2nd annual book dedication. Members of the local chapter presented Mary Hastler, Associate Director of Harford County Public Library system with eleven copies of the book, "Others Thought I Could Lead" by Bro. James Avery, past Grand Basileus. This marked a follow up to last year's presentation of the Black Apollo of Science-biography of Dr. (Bro.) Ernest E. Just. There are eleven branches to the library system and each branch will receive a copy of the book.

The program began with welcome and introductions by Bro. Walter Wyatt, Basileus and Bro. Dwayne R. Adams, Social Action Committee Chairman. A heartfelt rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" followed. Bro. Horace Baldwin was the guest speaker who honorably represented Bro. Avery who has recently been battling illness. Bro. Baldwin collaborated with Bro. Avery on the writing and production of the book.

Bro. Charles Alston, Iota Nu founder, commented, "the book dedication was very exciting. The program highlighted the accomplishments of a dedicated leader who provided much in the uplifting of young men and women in his community."



Brothers of the Harford County Chapter present Ms. Mary Hastler Associate Director of Harford County Public Library with copies of "Others Thought I Could Lead" in recognition of Black History Month.

The event culminated with comments of appreciation from both the fraternity and the library system. This program brings together elements of the community and serves to bring uplift to the citizens as well. The efforts are well appreciated by both parties plan to continue with this partnership.

Nu Lambda Lambda Celebrates Black History Month 2009

On February 26, 2009, Brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda (NLL) attended a Black History Program sponsored by Jersey City Public School # 17. The play was titled "We Can Fly" where the young actors portrayed the late Honorable Thurgood Marshal and his quest to educational equality for children of color. Members of NLL also presented four awards for an essay contest sponsored by the Chapter. The students were asked to write a persuasive essay to build a Black History wax museum in Jersey City, NJ. During the presentation, Bro. Rose, Bro Johnson, and Bro. Adams addressed the student body. Words of encouragement were offered to the students reminding them that they can achieve their goals and they are resilient. The Brothers also recited "See it through", lead by Bro. Johnson, also a faculty member of PS 17. The principle of the school conveyed her appreciation for the chapter's support and dedication to the children.



Nu Lambda Lambda Brothers with Essay Contest Winners

Nu Upsilon Founders Honored at Winter Concert Gala

On Saturday, March 7, 2009, the Brothers of Nu Upsilon sponsored its Inaugural Winter Jazz Concert Gala at the Clarion Hotel in New Castle, DE. This “new idea” came about as a result of the need to “do something different” to raise money for scholarships. The evening began with a cash bar social hour, followed by the opening of the program by the Nu Upsilon Chapter Basileus Bro. J. Gregory Scudder, who provided a synopsis of the history of Nu Upsilon and the impact that the chapter has made in the Wilmington, DE community. Included in his introductory remarks was the acknowledgement of the only two remaining founders of our chapter and the honorees for the evening – Bro. Lorin P. Hunt, Esquire and Bro. Woodrow Wilson, Doctor of Dental Surgery. After a delicious meal, the highlight of the evening was the tribute to our chapter founders.

While these two pioneers are different in many ways, they both were initiated into the Fraternity through the Beta Chapter at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; they, along with 10 other Men of Omega who have made their life’s transition, founded the Nu Upsilon Chapter on May 19, 1951; they have continued to be the closest of friends for more than 70 years; and they are two of the most active octogenarians you can find, involved in all sorts of community service and church activities. It was obvious from the DVD tribute, including a recent interview, of their lives that Bros. Hunt and Wilson have touched the lives of many and live life with an intensity rarely seen in others their age or any age for that matter!

In addition to a crystal statute presented to each of the honorees, proclamations were shared and presented from Lincoln University; the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; the City of Wilmington, DE; and New Castle County (DE) government, to name a few.

The concert piece of the Gala included individual and group performances by all-stars Bill Jolly - musical director and keyboardist from Philadelphia; Fiidla - violinist and vocal coach from Philadelphia; Robin Carney - vocalist from New Jersey; and the 2006 Second District Talent Hunt Champion – Jose C. Carmona, III, saxophonist from New Castle, DE. Each of them performed his/her own “jazz vibe, and they ended with a finale of *Street Life* by the Crusaders.

As the night waned, the guests still had enough energy to dance to the sounds of DJ Cool C.

With all of the fanfare and overwhelming enthusiasm from their families and friends, Brothers Hunt and Wilson humbly expressed their gratitude for the thoughtfulness and love shown to them at the Gala.



Nu Upsilon Gala Honorees - Bro. Lorin Hunt (Beta, 1937) & Bro. Woodrow Wilson (Beta, 1941)



Nu Upsilon Talent Hunt Winners Champion - Aliyah Graham, Dancer (far left)

TLL Funds Scholarship with CIAA Ticket Giveaway

Waldorf, MD – The CIAA Basketball tournament is known world-wide as being the most important collegiate basketball event in minds of many African-Americans. It is also one of the most well attended competitions annually. Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter realized this and in the spirit of furthering the Fraternity’s Mandated Programs, created an

annual CIAA tournament ticket giveaway in 2008, with the purpose of fundraising for the chapter’s scholarship fund. This year marked its 2nd occurrence and scholarship proceeds exceeded the previous year.

The grand-prize winner received an all-inclusive trip to the tournament, which included tickets, plane fare and hotel accommodations. Other prizes consisted of a

42in HD TV, \$300 in cash and an XM radio.

Tau Lambda Lambda’s commitment to providing education to the local community has been clearly evident as the chapter has tripled its scholarship award amount in the last year alone. The chapter looks forward to helping more local youth achieve their ultimate dreams of higher education this year again.

Pi Omega 2009 Talent Hunt Competition

Baltimore, MD. March 15, 2009. Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its 53rd Annual Talent Hunt Competition on Sunday March 15, 2009 at The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, located at 830 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD.

The Talent Hunt demonstration was created in 1945, and is one of the national projects of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega has participated in this activity for over 50 years, and many of our talented high school youths have benefited from this project through all-expenses paid trips, U.S. Savings Bonds, trophies, certificates, print and televised media exposure.

Students from public and private schools in Baltimore City and Baltimore County were involved in this year's competition. The winners were as follows:

Vocal Contemporary: (1) Aysha Williams, Coppin Academy High School,

(2) Darnita Logan, Carver Vocational Technical High School

Instrumental Classical: (1) Sarah Lodico, Baltimore School for the Arts,

(2) Kenesha Pope, Baltimore School for the Arts

Instrumental Contemporary: (1) Haikeem Johnson, Oakland Mills High School, (2) Quintin Edwards, Woodlawn High School

Dance: (1) Alzaysha Johnson, Carver Vocational Technical High School, (2) Kourtney Anderson, Baltimore City College

Dramatic Arts: (1) Tuesday Barnes, Bryn Mawr School for Girls,

(2) Tierra Stone, St. Frances Academy

Painting: Porta Lewis, Baltimore School for the Arts, (2) Wahdam Ghita, Western High School
Sculpture: Esmeralda Castro-Ponce, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Special Recognition (Robotics): Devin Cornish, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

Ms. Portia Lewis and Mr. Quintin Edwards will represent Pi Omega Chapter at the District Talent Hunt Competition to be held at the 2009 61st Second District Conference. This year the conference will be held in Tarrytown, New York the weekend of April 30 - May 3, 2009.

During the intermission the audience was treated to a performance from Karen's Fun House, an after school program for elementary and middle school students.

Bro. Dr. Kelvin O'Neal was the chairperson for the 54th Annual Talent Hunt Competition. Special thanks are extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for providing the funding for this year's competition.



First and Second Place winners with Pi Omega Basileus Bro. John Berkley, Basileus (l) and Bro. Kelvin O'Neal, Talent Hunt Chairman, (center)



1st Place winner Painting Portia Lewis (2nd left) and Second Place winner Wahdam Ghita with Bro. John Berkley (l) and Bro. Kelvin O'Neal 2nd right)



First Place Instrumental Contemporary winner Quintin Edwards (c) with Bro. John Berkley (l) and Bro. Kelvin O'Neal (r)

PI Omega Social Action Programs

Memorial Day Celebration

Baltimore, MD. Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its Annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday March 1, 2009 at St. Gregory the Great Church in Baltimore, MD.

Monsignor Damien Nalepa, Pastor of St. Gregory's presided over the church service preceding the Memorial Day Observance. Msgr. Nalepa also welcomed the Omega wives and widows from the chapter who also were attending the service. The Praise In Motion Dance Ministry performed a special liturgical dance that was choreographed especially for the brothers. This performance resulted in a standing ovation for the dancers.

Bro. John Berkley led the Memorial Day Service where over 50 brothers attended. Bro. Dr. Washington Green started the program by informing those gathered on the purpose of the Memorial Day Observance. After the service Bro.

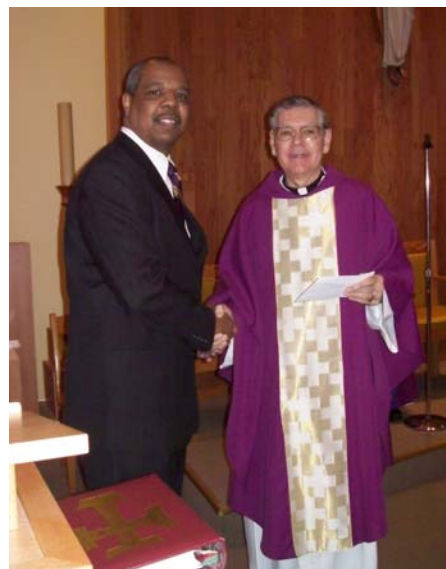
Berkley presented a donation to Msgr. Nalepa who accepted on behalf of the St. Gregory's

The chapter also made a donation of business suits to Christopher's Place, an local organization that services men transitioning back into the community. This was the third year that Pi Omega has made this donation.

The Memorial Day Service is observed on March 12th of each year. Chapters throughout the world conduct an appropriate service to recall the memory of those members who have passed and entered into Omega Chapter. This year Pi Omega Chapter held the service in honor of the following brothers:

Bro. Raoul Carroll, Bro. James Carter, Bro. Sean Green, Bro. LaVal McRay, and Bro. Stephen Seard.

Special thanks are extended to the Pi Omega Foundation for their assistance in providing the cash donation to the church.



Pi Omega Basileus Bro. John Berkley presenting donation to Msgr. Damien Nalepa



Ms. Robin Harris and Pi Omega KRS Bro. Michael Breeden display shirt that was given to participants of the Victims Fund Run

Victim's Fund Walk and Run

Baltimore, MD. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter assisted in sponsoring the ninth annual Victims' Fund Run and Walk that was held on Saturday April 18, 2009. The Victim/Wellness and Community Services Division of the Baltimore City Office of the State's Attorney holds the event. All proceeds from the event directly benefit the

Crime Victims' Fund. The money raised will be used to maintain the current emergency fund for crime victims who need financial assistance. The fund covers expenses such as replacing broken windows and locks, stolen property, crime scene clean up, and medical treatment. Pi Omega Chapter was a "Relay" sponsor of the event.

Donation to Prologue Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Baltimore, MD. At their January 6, 2009 meeting the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter provided a microwave oven, a 72 piece dinnerware set, pots and pans, toaster, an eight piece cook set and can goods to Prologue, Incorporated. Prologue, Inc. is a community mental health program that strives to offer the best option for recovery from mental illness through services provided in the least restrictive setting. Prologue Inc. aims to restore an individual's ability for independent living, socialization and managing one's symptoms in a cost-effective way. Prologue Inc. offers skill training and basic education courses geared to people with psychiatric disabilities to prepare them for employment and self-sufficiency



Bro. John Berkley presents Pi Omega's donation to Denise King from the Prologue Community Rehabilitation Center at the Pi Omega Fraternity Center

Bro. Kevin Purcell of Zeta Psi Chapter Selected as General Electric Omega 4Life Intern

Atlanta, Georgia; Brooklyn, New York – On Friday, January 30, 2009, at the National Undergraduate Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, Bro. Kevin Purcell of Zeta Psi Chapter (Spring 2007) was selected as General Electric “Omega 4 Life” intern. Omega4Life provides undergraduate members of proven academic excellence with mentoring and leadership training to assist in career development. A structured, one- year program for students majoring in the concentration areas of Mathematics, Science, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science, and Business (Finance, Management, & Marketing), the initiative features GE-supported career fairs, leadership symposiums and potential internships. This partnership offers GE a large pool of highly trained and exceptionally talented African American males and –more significantly -- provides the Fraternity with another great offering to keep members engaged 4 Life! Bro. Purcell is a Junior at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Bro. Purcell is a Biology major who aspires to attend medical school. He is a member of the student Senate and he currently has a 3.5 GPA. Brother Purcell is a fine example of the young brothers of the Second District.



(l-r) Brother Grand KF Tony Knox with Brother Kevin Purcell

Zeta Psi Chapter Celebrates 2009 Black History Month

New Paltz, New York February 2009- The Brothers of Zeta Psi Chapter celebrated Black History Month with informative programs every Wednesday during the month of February on the campus of SUNY-New Paltz. The weekly panels consisted of wealth initiative; safe sex and political empowerment. The Brothers ended the month with its annual Carter G. Woodson Black History Dinner. Over 100 students attended the dinner. Bro. Larry Meadows, Eastern Regional Vice President of the Urban League Young Professionals, electrified the crowd with an awesome speech about leadership and service in the 21 century.



Bro. Kevin Purcell gives Bro. Meadows Certificate of Appreciation

TLL Host 2nd District Winter Council Meeting

Indian Head, MD – Tau Lambda Lambda Chapters was the host chapter of the 2nd District’s Winter Council Meeting, held February 21st, 2009 in Southern Maryland. This was the first time the chapter, chartered in 2004, hosted a district meeting. The conference marked the very first time brothers throughout the Mighty Second District participated with Tau Lambda Lambda as the District host.

Chapter Basileus, Brother Luther Clark, welcomed the brothers to the area. He also challenged them to enjoy all that the Southern Maryland area has to offer while taking care of the matters of Omega. Brothers were able to gain higher levels of enthusiasm leading into the 61st Annual 2nd District Conference as listened and interacted with the presentations set forth by committees and 2nd District elected officials. District Representative, Bro.

James (Scrappy) Jordan encouraged all brothers to support each other in different endeavors and continue to live and operate in the true spirit of Omega.

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter would like to thank all of the brothers who came to fellowship and the chapter looks forward hosting other events in support of the Mighty 2nd District.

Nu Nu Chapter's Memorial Service

Willingboro, NJ - The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi held their annual Memorial Service on 15 March 09 at the Church of Bro. Irving D. Fryar ('82 Tau Kappa), The New Jerusalem House of God in Mount Holly, NJ. The Fraternity's Memorial Service is an outgrowth of the decision made at the 13th Grand Conclave in 1924 to preserve the memory of Bro. (Col.) Charles A. Young by holding services annually in his honor. Colonel Young, the only African-American to graduate from West Point Military Academy between 1887 and 1936, and the highest ranking Black officer of his time, died in Lagos, Nigeria in 1922. Since its inception, the Memorial Service has expanded to include all deceased Brothers of the Fraternity who have joined "Omega Chapter" during the proceeding

twelve months, and is held on or about March 12th – Colonel Young's birthday.

Music was rendered by Dr. C. Edouard Ward. Bro. Walter N. Howard ('93 Nu Nu) was the worship leader. Words of grace were given by Bro. Courtney Wilborn ('01 Nu Nu), followed by the singing of "It Is Well With My Soul." Bro. Minister Vincent Brown ('92 Delta Upsilon), Associate Minister at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Burlington, NJ was the guest speaker. After the words of inspiration, Sis. Lisa Tunstall (Wife of Bro. Dennis Tunstall – '84 Lambda Omicron) gave a beautiful musical selection. The benediction was given by Chaplain Emeritus Bro. Melvin Wells ('50 Xi Psi).

The Nu Nu Chapter Roll Call for Omega Chapter includes:

Founders: Bro. Edgar A. Love, Bro. Oscar J. Cooper, Bro. Frank Coleman, Bro. Ernest E. Just

Nu Nu Chapter: Bro. David Jackson, Bro. Bolivar Graham, Bro. John Waller, Jr., Bro. Booker T. Bolden, Bro. Leroy King, Bro. Leroy Wilson, Bro. C. L. E. Monroe, Bro. Sherman Holloway, Bro. William Gilbert, Bro. Eugene Riley, Bro. Mark Wilkerson, Bro. Charles Watson, Bro. Dr. Gary Hunter, Bro. James T. "Pete" Curry, Bro. Brady L. Mixon, and Bro. Charles E. Wilson.

"A Brother leaves the chapter rolls, and moves to other worlds; For when we say our last good-bye, He walks on streets of pearls."



Nu Nu Brothers in unity at the Memorial Service.



Basileus David Linder ('93 Nu Nu) gives the welcome.

Nu Nu Chapter's Social Action Project

Willingboro, NJ - The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi performed a Social Action project in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity International on Saturday 11 April 09 at 218 Locust Street, Beverly, NJ. Under the direction of Social Action Committee Chairman Bro. Jeff Cole ('75 Gamma) and Co-Chair Bro. Sean Hoggs ('07 Nu Nu), a team of Brothers descended upon this property to assist with building renovations.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make

decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Founded in 1976, through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

The men of Nu Nu are proud to undertake this endeavor, and will also be assisting with HFHI during the month of May 2009.



Bros. Gerald Massenburg ('77 Rho Zeta) and Mitchell Sharp ('03 Nu Nu) make minor repairs.

Pi Kappa Kappa Celebrates Black History Month

Philadelphia, PA– 21 February 2009

In observance of Black History Month the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter sponsored a field trip for local youth of Winslow Township to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia for the world debut of the America I AM: The African American Imprint exhibit, celebrating nearly 500 years of African American contributions to our country.

The tour started with the "We The People" exhibition which tells the story of the Constitution, its history, and its contemporary relevance through a powerful theatrical

performance, "Freedom Rising". The exhibit experience captured important events in our nation's history and through unique, interactive exhibits, showed how the United States Constitution is as important today as it was 216 years ago. The children also had the opportunity to take an active role as a citizen by e-mailing elected officials, watching up-to-the-minute constitutional issues unfold, use the voting booth, and also sign the Constitution.

The America I Am tour offered a historical continuum of pivotal moments in courage, conviction, and creativity that solidifies the undeniable imprint of African Americans across the nation and around the world.

Through an unprecedented collection of rare historical objects, documents, religion, music, narration, photos, and interactive media, the children were taken on a journey through every period of African American history. An interactive component allowed the visitors to leave their own video "imprints," and this collection will grow throughout the life of the exhibition with the potential to become the largest recorded oral history project in U.S. history. By journey's end, all who attended were rewarded with a meaningful perspective of how African Americans have contributed to and shaped American culture.



Back row l-r Basileus Cil Shaw, Chaplin Rev. Horace G. Worthington, KF- Harold Hill, and KRS- Mark Coston with the local youth from the Winslow Township

Iota Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt

Saturday, February 21, 2009 State College, Pennsylvania The Iota Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 5th Annual Talent Hunt, at Mount Nittany Middle School. Brother Wayne Gersie was Talent Hunt Chair and Dr. Edgar Farmer was Master of Ceremonies.

Brothers Greg Drane, Michael Okoh, Andrew Jackson, Charvez Carter, Daniel Hall, Claude Mayo, were on hand to provide stage assistance, present the awards, provide remarks, and chaperones. Brother Maurice Mosi McMorris did an out-

standing job on the program and souvenir booklet. Brother Edward Thomson, Roderick Stevenson, Wayne Gersie, Ronald Jackson, supported the souvenir booklet with ads and patrons.

Five High School contestants performed or displayed their creative talents. The winner of the contest was Emile Greer a student at State College Area High School who performed a special selection on Clarinet accompanied by his Mother on Piano.

Qadirah Russell performed a dance routine, Zech Houser, performed a vocal

number, Kurt Martin performed a Rap number, Emily Brown displayed her art work.

The Judges were Charles Dumas, from the Penn State Theater Department at Penn State, Russell Bloom from the Music Department at Penn State, Wanda knight from the Penn State Art Education Department, Anne Clements from the music Department, Curt Marshall, the Minority Director for the College of Arts and Architecture at Penn State, Jo Dumas, Lecturer from the College of Communications.

Birth of Theta Mu Mu Chapter #935

On September 26, 2008 Omega gave birth to its 935th graduate chapter. Theta Mu Mu holds the distinction as Baltimore County, Maryland's first graduate chapter of the Fraternity. Though officially established in 2008, the efforts to charter the chapter began more than a year earlier. Eight Brothers who resided in the Baltimore-Metropolitan area began meeting monthly at the homes of Evan Murray (1990 Eta Gamma), and James Pierce (1985 Pi). The other organizers included: S. D. Rhawli F. Coakley (1989 Pi), Jeff Givens (1987 Omega Lambda), Derrick Green (1990 Gamma), Edwin T. Johnson (1991 Pi), Robert Smith (1987 Eta Lambda), and Eric M. West (2001 Pi Omega). The organizers agreed that there was a significant population in Baltimore County, Maryland that would benefit from the presence of a graduate Omega chapter.

Since its establishment, Theta Mu Mu has called Omega men to task. The first meeting was held at Milford Mill Academy on October 9, 2008. More than 50 Brothers were in attendance. Leadership of the chapter includes: David Patterson (1990 Delta

Beta) Basileus, Evan Murray (1990 Eta Gamma) Vice-Basileus, Dwayne Johnson (2002 Pi Omega) Keeper of Finance, Eric M. West (2001 Pi Omega) Keeper of Records and Seals, Ermon Hervey (2005 Rho Alpha Alpha) Chaplain, and Keith Winslow (2004 Pi Omega) Keeper of Peace.

Theta Mu Mu immediately began the work of Omega. On the historic November 4th, 2008 election, members of the chapter assisted Baltimore County voters with transportation to and from the polls. The Achievement Week Program was observed, and included cleaning-up the grave site of Bishop Love. Theta Mu Mu partnered with Pi Omega Chapter and fed the area homeless during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. On January 19th, 2009 Theta Mu Mu Brothers represented the fraternity participating in Baltimore City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade. The following day, chapter members were among the volunteers in the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama. On President's Day, Theta Mu Mu participated in the Youth Leadership

Teen Summit sponsored by Congressman Elijah Cummings.

In its infancy the new chapter set a tremendous pace and believes that it will continue to impact the region in a positive manner. The chapter's February 2009 meeting was hosted by the undergraduate Brothers of Iota Epsilon Chapter and held on the Towson University campus. Theta Mu Mu is seeking to provide leadership and establish a mentoring relationship with both Iota Epsilon and Upsilon Lambda Chapters located at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Among the upcoming events include the All Metro Step Show which will be a fundraiser hosted at Coppin State University on Saturday, April 11th, 2009. The chapter plans to establish a Theta Mu Mu Scholarship with the proceeds from the event to assist Baltimore County residents with their collegiate education goals.



Theta Mu Mu Chapter receives its Charter from DR James Jordan



Theta Mu Mu Brothers celebrate Founders Day at Howard University



Theta Mu Mu Brothers pictured with youth participating at Youth Leadership Teen Summit on President's Day

Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt

Waldorf, MD March 14, 2009– Southern Maryland's Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its inaugural "Talent Hunt Program" at Westlake High School.

"Talent Hunt" is one of the fraternity's mandated programs. The idea was created in the fraternity's sixth district and the first program was held in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 16, 1945. The program targets high school youth and gives them a means of expressing their talents to the public.

Seven contestants from three high schools in Charles County participated in dance, dramatic readings, classical piano, and vocal solo. The first place winner was Ms. Lonnitia Belk, a senior at La Plata High

School, who sang a solo. She has a 3.6 GPA and is a member of the girls' varsity basketball team. After graduation from high school, she plans to attend Spellman College or Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, where she will pursue a degree in Pre-law. As the winner, she will now compete at the next level, the 2nd District competition, which will be held in Tarrytown, New York on May 2, 2009. Ms Belk will compete against youth from the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. The winner from the 2nd District competition will advance to the international competition, which will be held at the Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in Raleigh, North Carolina in 2010.

Mr. Michael Gilmore, a senior at Westlake High School, played a piano solo and placed

second. Ms. Tierney Dale placed third for the dance she performed. She is a senior at Westlake High School.

TLL chapter, which serves all three counties in Southern Maryland, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's, Look forward to participation of area high school youth in next year's competition. Thus shining a light on the talents and abilities of our local youth.. For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter's community programs, please visit www.SouthernMDQues.org.

Basileus Luther M. Clark and Brother H Gareth. Taylor, Sr. Talent Hunt Committee Chairman expressed highest praises to all of the contestants. *(photo at bottom of page)*

TLL Secret Service Brother Protects Obama During Inaugural

Washington, D.C. January 20th 2009 – Millions gathered in the nation's capital that freezing-cold day on to witness world history being made – the swearing in of Barack Obama, the first black president of the United States of America. Millions more watched around the globe as Obama took his oath and they cheered along with the thousands who lined the streets of the capital as Obama was escorted safely through the streets of District of Columbia by members of the U.S. Secret Service, to include Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Brother Jonathan Wynn. Bro. Wynn was initiated through Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter in Southern Maryland in fall of 2008. He has been with the Secret Service for more than 11 years. He recently ended a Presidential Detail

protecting Former-President George W. Bush, Jr.

Bro. Wynn was born in Newark, N.J., and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Hampton University. After the Navy, he became a police officer, which eventually led to him working for the Secret Service. He has supervised teams of agents, managed millions of dollars worth of equipment and protected Former-Security Advisor, Dr. Condoleezza Rice.

Although millions were watching his every move, Bro. Wynn says that there was not a nervous bone in his body. He said that his mind was on doing a good job, hoping that his fellow fraternity members were proud of him and managing not to trip as he walked along side President and Mrs. Obama. He said, "I

also hoped that my family and father, who passed away on 11/6/08, just two days after voting for the first time in his life, were proud of me.

On a personal note, Bro. Wynn said his son recently expressed pride in his dad for being 'a part of history,' the significance of that January day became more evident. "It took all I had not to cry," he said.

Bro. Wynn says he is very proud to have represented himself and his family that cold day in January. And he is glad that he was able to stand on the Four Cardinal Principles and show the professionalism of the Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that cold day in American history.



TLL Basileus Luther Clark with Talent Hunt Winner Lonnitia Belk with Brother Garrett James



Brother Jonathan Wynn on the left protecting the President & First Lady During the Inaugural Walk before the Inaugural Parade

Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt finds Capital Talent

Mitchellville, Maryland - On Saturday, March 28, 2009, The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter held its annual Talent Hunt competition. The competition was hosted by Brother Michael Smith Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman John Archfield and held at the Ernest E. Just Middle School in Mitchellville, Maryland. The nationally mandated Talent Hunt program provides exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the Performing Arts.

The Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt competition originated in our fraternity's Sixth District (North and South Carolina) in 1945. LGG takes great pride in the display and celebration of some of the Capital Region's most talented high school aged students. The Talent Hunt competition started with the committee's installation of auditions conducted at the Thomas Pullen Middle School, around thirty talented High School students registered for the contest this year.

Twenty five very talented contestants participated in this year's event and were judged in the categories of Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Drama, and Visual Arts. The Chairman and Co-Chairman both; stressed that the event should be a positive, motivating learning experience. The contestants were encouraged to just "do their best", without undue stress, no matter how proficient or experienced they are in their respective area.

The contest began with an invocation and welcome by the Basileus Bro. Sherman Charles and a brief description of the origins of the Talent Hunt competition. Bro. Dwain Harrell participated as the Master of Ceremony for the competition.

The overall winners of the competition were: Kayla Harley 1st Place Overall winner performed in the Dance category, Michael Akinlosotu 2nd Place performed in the Vocal category, Christian Johnson 3rd Place performed in the Drama category, and Johnetta Queen overall winner for Visual Arts.

The contestants received over \$2,000 in scholarships (bonds) and cash prizes. Kayla Harley in dance competition and Jonetta Queen visual arts competition will move on to compete for additional prizes at the 2nd District Conference to be held at Westchester Marriott 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, New York on May 2, 2009. The winner at the district level will go on to compete at the national Talent Hunt of the fraternity.

Last years overall 2nd district Talent Hunt winner Mr. Steven Garrison a saxophonist was sponsored by Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter and our contestants this year will again be fully supported by the Capital Region Ques of LGG.

The Talent Hunt program has been very rewarding to the brotherhood of LGG contemporarily and to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. over the last 60 years. The brothers of LGG will continue to search for and support our gifted youth! The brothers of LGG would like to thank our patrons for their continual support of the Capital Region Que's events. The proceeds will help to fund our scholarships and youth-based activities.



(L-R) Talent Hunt Committee Chairman, Michael H. Smith; 1st Overall Winner Kayla Harley - Dance; LGG Basileus, Sherman Charles

Lambda Gamma Gamma's Tenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Fort Meade, Maryland - On Saturday April 11, 2009 at 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter held its 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Fort Meade Youth Center on the Fort Meade Military Base in Fort Meade, Maryland. This was the 10th installment of this activity and the largest recorded number of participants over 300 children and parents.

The weekend wash out did not stop LGG from again performing Omegas work to put a smile on the faces of the children of the Washington-Baltimore area and children of members of our military forces. LGG moved it up a notch by implementing its inclement weather contingency plan, by holding the event indoors passing out eggs instead hiding them outside.

This event for the children targeted the age groups of 1-4, 5-8 and 9-13, included coloring contest (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place), Jelly Bean Count Contest, special gold eggs recognition (winner awarded scooters), various Easter basket raffle prizes including a MP3 Player, and a bicycle as grand raffle prize.

The Committee Chairman Brother Michael Coward and Co-Chairman Brother Aaron Combs coordinated the operation of the event and the implementation of the contingency plan with military precision. The Easter Egg Hunt committee consisted of 25 LGG members. Members of Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha also volunteered to help with the judging during the event.

The event started with the registration of each child who received a raffle ticket for prizes and a slip to write a guess for the jelly bean count. After registration each child entered the coloring contest in which they colored the Easter bunny and the pictures were judged for prizes. Marching orders were given to gather the kids into the age groups and pass out the eggs by group. The brothers passed 4000 candy/toy filled eggs and awarded over \$500 in various prizes. The chapter also presented a special appearance by the Easter Bunny who mingled and took pictures with kids.

The committee chair Mike Coward and the Vice-Basileus Willie Williams presented

all prizes. For the coloring contest 1st place winners were Ashley Mueller (1-4), Zachary Mueller (5-8) and Dwayne Jordan (9-13) age groups they received Easter Egg Baskets (15 total) for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Four prizes were given out for the Jelly Bean Count (328) 1st place with an exact count, an Easter Bunny was presented. The door prize raffles were given out one MP-3 player, three scooters, and the door prize raffle grand prize winner was Kennedy Thompson-Jones winning a brand new bicycle. A write up of this event was placed in the Soundoff a Fort Meade community newspaper explaining the efforts of Omega Psi Phi with this annual event.

The Vice Basileus ended the program by thanking all the children and parents for their participation in the LGG Easter Egg Hunt, the Fort Meade Youth Center for their continued support of this event, and the Committee and the brothers of LGG for an Omega Job well done. He also stated that LGG will be back and better with this event next year.



Scenes from LGG's 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Lambda Gamma Gamma - We Feed Our People 2009

Washington, DC - January 19, 2009, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; The Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity along with the Alpha Omega, Kappa Psi, and Alpha Chapters joined efforts to show the disadvantaged that they are not forgotten.

WE FEED OUR PEOPLE (WFOP) is a community-based coalition of concerned individuals and organizations, formed in 1988 in Washington, DC. Its purpose is to find creative and effective ways to commemorate the work and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the nationally recognized Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. WFOP has annually provided a nutritious meal and warm clothing for homeless citizens in the nation's capitol as a way to continue to draw attention to the plight of the disadvantaged and homeless populations.

WFOP was first launched in 1988 in response to the problem that programs providing food for the homeless, including most shelters, did not provide meals on Sundays and holidays. As a result, the MLK Holiday which had become "A day off" would harm those that Dr. King dedicated the last days of his life attempting to help - the disadvantaged. Word of the event spread and more and more support

was offered by community-based organizations, including local chapters of the Omega Psi Fraternity.

Over the years, the WFOP effort became more organized and Lambda Gamma Gamma has fully committed to the event. With more than 700 volunteers, the 2009 WFOP has the largest to date. Under the coordination of Brother Aaron Combs, the men of Lambda Gamma Gamma contributed their services along with the organizers of the event, to include the City of Washington DC and the inaugural events for President Barack Obama. Efforts were further supported by Brother Kenneth Calvin who coordinated the arrival and distribution of food, Brother Johnny Sidbury who coordinated the collection, arrival and distribution of clothing for the homeless, and our own Basileus Sherman Charles who provided DJ services for the day.

The Brothers of Omega stepped up to the plate to show a unified effort of service and friendship amongst the homeless and disadvantaged that were served. The brothers overcame challenges such as temperatures in the high 20s and low 30s, street closures, and limited truck access due to preparation for the installation of our country's first African American President.

The city of Washington, DC made this event a priority as one its special events for the inauguration. This year's event included a main stage with a performance from Herbie Hancock, high school marching bands, Martin Luther King III, Ben Affleck, and several dignitaries. The Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi, Warren G. Lee, took time out of his schedule to be present and show support. This event was covered by local news and international news crews from Japan and China.

In the past, WFOP has fed and clothed more than 800 homeless in the Washington, DC area. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to serve as many homeless and disadvantaged due to the many issues with the inauguration and the priority efforts of the City. We anticipate that for next year's MLK Day WFOP, we will be able to serve our usual numbers. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi has committed to continued support of this event.

"Lean on me, I'll carry you. Stand by me, I'll teach you. Walk with me, I'll lead you. Sit with me, I'll feed you. Ask of me, I'll clothe you. Respect me, I'll befriend you."

Scenes from We Feed Our People (WFOP) 2009



Second District Co-Sponsors Black Male Youth Forum In Harlem

NEW YORK - On Saturday, March 7, 2009 the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. co-sponsored a Black Male Youth Forum entitled: “Reshaping the Minds of Young Black Men” with Rev. Al Sharpton and his National Action Network's Men's Auxiliary Group. The event brought together 250 youth – middle school to high school aged individuals- from around New York City and Westchester County to discuss the experiences of young black males past and present, dialogue with the youth and to provide some solutions to preserve the next generation of leaders in the African American community. The event was standing room only and was attended by 250 youth and over 50 adults, including elected officials from across New York State. The event was held at Rev. Sharpton's National Action Network headquarters located on 145th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard in Harlem, New York.

Rev. Al Sharpton, internationally known civil rights leader and activist, provided opening remarks for the program. Bro. Thabiti Boone, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and visionary for the Forum served as the moderator for the afternoon's program which started at 12

noon and ended at 4:30 pm. Bro. Boone, CNN Hero and past Second District Citizen of the Year, kept the program moving on a spiritual and enthusiastic tone. On this day, over 30 Omega men volunteered their time and talents to provide uplift to the Black and Hispanic youth of New York. Bro. Yuhanna Edwards, elected official and member of Omega Psi Phi (Omicron Iota), provided spirited words to the youth about his civil rights struggles and continuing journey to “Lift As We Climb” in the African American community. The forum consisted of youth panelists, a Pan-Hellenic panel highlighted by Bro. Jelani Watkins, a young international businessman from Omega Psi Phi, Terrence Battle, a radio personality from HOT 97/KISS FM, Black musicians and poets concerned with the plight of black males, and guest speakers that included educators, politicians, entrepreneurs, activists from the National Action Network and the youth themselves.

The luncheon component of the program was primarily sponsored by Bro. Robert Stevens (GE 90), of Nu Omicron and owner of the one and only Quizno's of Harlem. Bro. Stevens provided lunch and spoke to the youth about his journey from the Housing projects to Hampton Univer-

sity and how education paved the way for his start as a successful entrepreneur and budding philanthropist. The tri-Chairs of the event for the Fraternity were Bro. Thabiti Boone of Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Bro. Dominick Boyce, of Xi Phi/Psi Lambda Lambda Chapters, and Bro. James Bethea, Ph.D., of Nu Omicron Chapter and St. John's University. Moreover, the Brothers of the Second District and Corridor Five stepped up to the plate to donate goods and services from their employers, schools and alumni clubs, namely St. John's University, and the New York Alumni Clubs of Hampton and Howard Universities, so that the youth could leave the conference with educational materials, a reading list and a plan for action for their future.

In closing, the Committee would like to thank the efforts of Corridor Five members who are too numerous to name here. Similarly, the Committee would like to thank Bro. James Jordan, Second District Representative and Bro. Kevin J. Woodhouse, Corridor Five Representative for their insight and leadership in making this forum a reality. Likewise, we would like to thank all of the participating Chapters and brothers for contributing to the success of this District-led initiative.

Scenes from the Black Male Youth Forum in Harlem



Frank "Tick" Coleman's 75th Anniversary & Red Cross



Omega's for Obama Inaugural Ball



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Allron Monsanto, Psi Iota Charles Jackson, Iota Epsilon

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(If you're suspended, you're the reason!!!)

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2009 Leadership Conference PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
 Las Vegas, Nevada July 23rd – July 25th, 2009

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_____	George Wallace Comedy Show Saturday July 25 th @ \$72.50 each (optional)	\$ _____
_____	Omega Golf Tournament, Thursday, July 23 rd 6:00 am To 2:00pm @ \$100.00 per player (optional)	\$ _____
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