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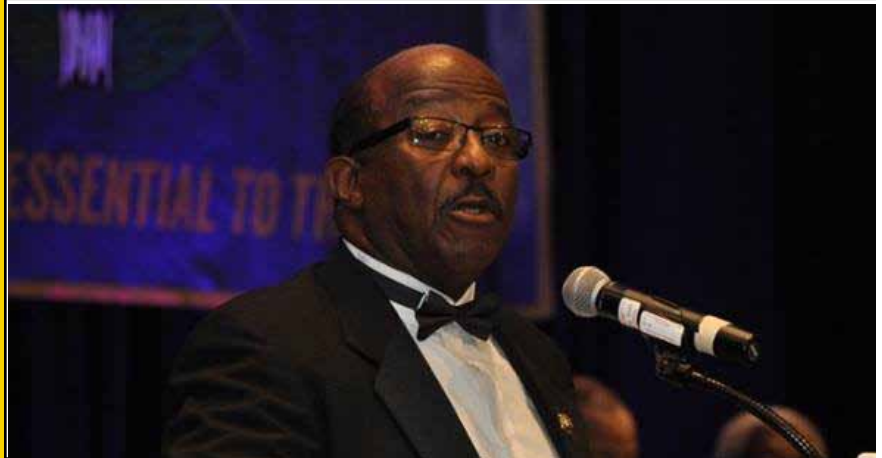
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## ***Message from the District Representative***



### **Brothers of the Mighty Second District!**

It is with great honor and humility that I address you in this issuance of the Omegan. A lot has occurred since our Fall Council Meeting in November 2016 and the Second District progressed significantly. Our leadership team has matured into their roles and has made a leap forward in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the 2nd District operations and our Fraternity.

During this period, we focused our energy on mobilizing brothers, senior brothers, families, and communities to vote in the Presidential and local elections. We did not obtain our desired outcome. Just remember, we serve an awesome God and we have the talent, knowledge and drive to move our community forward. We must continue to press the envelope to acquire solutions to address the social injustice issues we face. With a new administration, we must do more in the fatherhood and mentoring areas, and continue to lead and work with other organizations to address the needs of our community. We continue to solicit support in signing the petitions for the Safer Officers & Safer Citizens Act of 2015 (Black & Blue Initiative) and for passage of the Sentencing Reform & Corrections Act.

We also celebrated our 105th year anniversary during Achievement Week whose theme was “Omega Men: Living the Founders’ Vision.” High school students participated in our National Essay Contest whose topic was: “What would you propose to substantially reduce the incidence of gun violence in the United States and around the World without taking away the legal rights of law abiding citizens to acquire and possess firearms?” We attended the Supreme Council Meeting and International Undergraduate Summit, in Houston, Texas, during the period January 19-22, 2017. We had Undergraduate Chapters, Undergraduate Advisors, and Graduate members from across the District to participate in the training conducted. During the Supreme Council meeting, we gained approval to establish a new charter in West Chester, PA., gained approval for reinstatement of Psi Epsilon Chapter at Delaware State University, and gained approval for our Founder’s gravesite project.

During the month of February 2017, members from New York and Maryland will participate in “Omega Day at the Capital” for their states in Albany, NY and Annapolis, MD. This is an outstanding opportunity for Omega Men to address our social and injustice issues, converse, and make recommendations to Omega Men working in Legislative Branches of State Governments. As we prepare for our 69th Second District Conference, at the Westchester Hilton, in Rye, New York, May 4–7, 2017, please register immediately as we will host members of the Supreme Council, the 2nd District, local politicians, family members, and friends.

Brothers, Excellence is the Standard in which we execute our business in Uplifting our Communities, even in Social Media. It is all about the work of Omega and advancing our District. I am honored and humbled to serve the 2nd District and this great organization. Great Leadership in all chapters is required at this point and time of our lives to address the social issues that face us.

**Long Live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the 2nd District,**

**Brother Sherman L. Charles  
35th District Representative, Second District**

*Message from the***Director of Public Relations****Brethren,**

With the deepest humility, thank you, my dear Brothers of the Second District for allowing me to continue to serve as your Director of Public Relations. Having served for 10 years, it continues to be a labor of love and a responsibility not taken with a minimum of concern. Each Chapter Director of Public Relations, Chapter Editor, Reporter, Photographer and Brothers in general are vital contributors to the goals of the Fraternity, highlighting the success stories of Chapters and accomplishments of Brothers in the Second District. We must always be mindful that we are the guardians, chronicling the History of the Second District, in particular and the Fraternity, as a whole, for future generations to come.



The 2017 Winter Edition of The Omegan covers Second District Chapters' Achievement Week/Founders Day Celebrations, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Social Action Initiatives. We thank Brother Dr. Jedan Phillips, as he continues enlightening us on health issues with the Physicians Corner article "Heart Disease and African Americans." Accolades to Brother Donald Williams, Second District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman, for his commitment contributing Second District Chapters' Fatherhood and Mentoring articles to this publication, informing our readership of Second District Chapter activities in this vital area.

Historical Perspective articles, contained in this edition, are from June 1938 and December 1940 Oracles, on Brother Langston Hughes' "Writing His Life Story" and Brother Fritz Canzler's article on "Are Omega's Intelligent", respectively. These articles are great reads and you will find that some issues we face today are the same issues Brothers were forced to address in the past. One issue addressed in the article "Are Omegas Intelligent" was Brother Canzler's quote on Brother Jesse O. Thomas opine "The only way to keep graduate men financial is to deny them participation in the annual dance." Keeping graduate Brothers financial was an issue then and continues to be an issue today.

In this edition we also showcase Brother Charles Summer's new publication "Gentlemen's Guide to Tailored Clothing Style and Brother Malcolm Hill opening Invictus Cigar Lounge in Waldorf, Maryland. Please patronize our Brothers' entrepreneurial efforts. Brother Dr. Garry Keel's Opinion/Editorial contribution brings insight to uplifting our Membership and Selection Process.

Finally, the prime responsibility of this office is to assure Omegas publications to be scholarly, containing literary work intended to be insightful and thought-provoking featuring the aristocracy of Omega intellect. I continue to be humbled and honored to accept such an awesome responsibility. It is our intent to keep "Lifting as We Climb." Enjoy the record of your great work!

**Fraternally,**

**Zanes E. Cypress, Jr.**  
**Director of Public Relations, Second District**  
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## 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairmans' Message



*Bro. Donald Williams, 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair*

I am honored and excited to be asked by Sherman Charles, the 35th District Representative to serve and lead the 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Program. The "top priority" is to "Tell the 2nd District Story" of the incredible success stories Chapters throughout the 2nd District are doing under the Fatherhood and Mentoring Program, (FMP) that touches the heart and minds of families and communities.

Our Fraternity has engaged communities for approximately a decade with robust Fatherhood and Mentoring Programs that have been intentional,

strategic driven, meaningful and impactful in the lives of young males and their families. The fraternity focus continue to center on raising the awareness about the importance of responsible fatherhood, parenting and celebrating males who are engaged in their children's lives. Our experience shows that engaging fathers in the well-being of their children is vital. And shows that dads make a tremendous difference in the growth and development of their children which significantly impacts the entire family!

To experience continued success in mentoring young males, the 2nd District will encourage Chapters to be intentional about developing programs aimed at helping men to help their children grow into healthy young adults – resulting in stronger families across the 2nd District!

The 2nd District goal is for all 85 Chapters to engage their respective communities by establishing active mentoring programs for young males and adult men. The second goal is to leverage technology by using the "one-stop" reporting of performance outcomes to capture Chapter successes. Our aim is to report, promote and document mentoring activities across the 2nd District to connect with like-minded community organizations, agencies, corporate and business sponsors that support the Fatherhood and Mentoring work that we do.

The work that we do is extremely important work for impacting the entire family. Our Fraternity must continue to provide the vital "leadership work" under our Fatherhood and Mentoring Program to strengthen families through mentoring young males and help men become better fathers.

Bro. Donald Williams II

## 4th Annual New Jersey Statewide Fatherhood Summit

**New Brunswick, NJ. December 7, 2016.** The 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee members attended the 4th Annual Statewide Fatherhood Summit in New Brunswick, NJ.. The conference theme was Celebrating Fatherhood! New Jersey 2016 - The Difference a Dad Makes – Incorporating 2-Generational Approaches. Celebrating Fatherhood was a free event featuring speakers, workshops and resources related to engaging fathers in the well-being of their children. There was relevant information for fathers, mothers, families, human services providers and anyone interested in celebrating and supporting fathers and families.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has engaged communities for a decade with incredible programs across the Nation under robust Fatherhood and Mentoring Programs that have been intentional, meaningful and impactful in young male lives. Armed with new best practice tools, the 2nd District will encourage Chapters to be intentional about developing programs aimed at working with Dads to become better Fathers with the goal to strengthen the entire family.

The purpose for attending the Fatherhood Summit was to gain information on best practices for developing programs to strengthen families across the 2nd District. Also, to connect with like-minded community organizations, agencies institutions that support fatherhood and mentoring activities.

The Fatherhood conference recurring theme was that Dads make a tremendous difference in the growth and development of their children. Second, it is equally important to work with fathers and children to have greater impact on the entire family!

Brothers that attended the conference will returned to their communities inspired, uplifted and motivated with "renewed enthusiasm" to establish programs that help men to be better Fathers.

Brothers that responded to the conference invitation were: Mu Rho Basileus, Jeffery Diggs; Shaun Ratliff, Mu Nu; Aula Sumbry, Delta Upsilon; Omicron Chi Basileus, Darrell Edmonds Upsilon Alpha and Matt Stevens, Phi Upsilon.



*2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee*

Brother Matt Stevens presented an exciting, interactive and informative workshop entitled "Fathers Make A Difference in School" designed to teach organizations how to develop activities that engage Fathers in the lives of children to improve quality time and student achievement at school.

I am grateful to Brother Thabiti Boone for connecting the 2nd District to the annual New Jersey Statewide Fatherhood Conference. And for all he does on a National level to encourage all Brothers to continue this purpose driven work to strengthening families.

Brother Boone, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International Representative, shares that as the historic Presidency draws to an end our Fraternity Partnership with President Obama's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative is extremely important. Our Fraternity must continue the vital "leadership work" under our Fatherhood and Mentoring Program to strengthen families through mentoring young males and now develop programs to work with adult men to be better Fathers.

## 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Lambda Gamma Gamma Manhood 101 Program

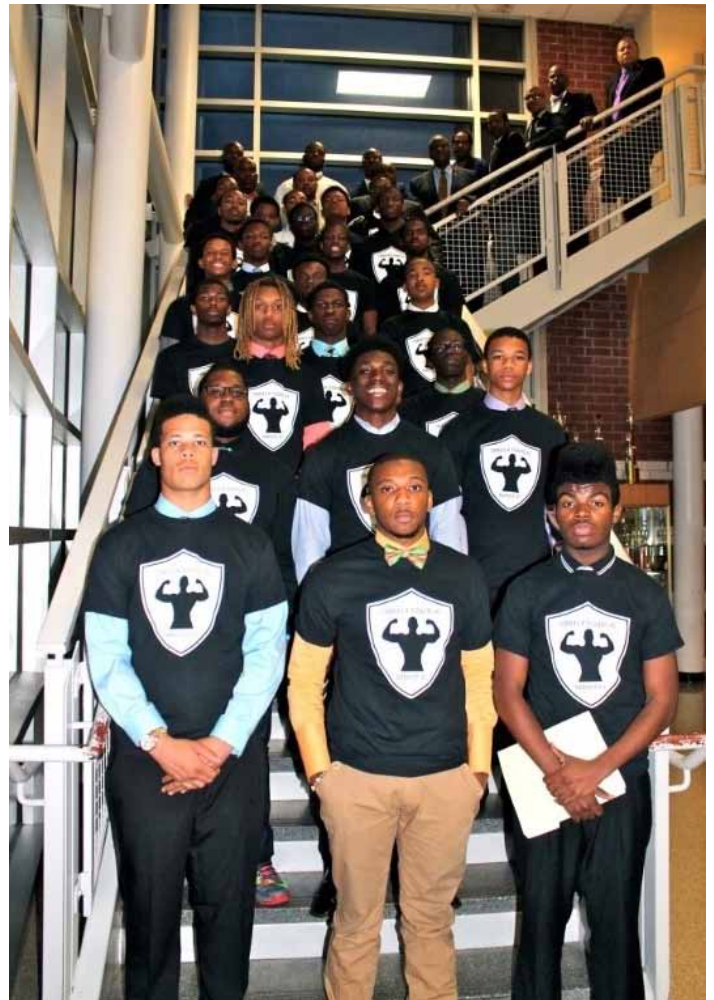


*Bro. Gorman Brown, Manhood 101 Program Graduates and Bro. Bleu Colquitt*

**Springdale, MD. November 2016.** Five years ago Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter established their life-changing Manhood 101 Male Mentoring Program. The male mentoring program was created at Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, MD. Visionaries Bro. Gorman Brown and Bro. Bleu Colquitt, adopted the the Manhood 101 program as part of their Assault on Illiteracy Program approximately three years ago. Currently, there are over 35 boys that attend weekly after school mentoring sessions, which provide the basic skills of Manhood. The Manhood 101 program is an interactive mentoring program designed to enhance young men in the areas of academics, social interaction, civics, and leadership. When the program initially started, the average GPA was 1.97 on a 4.0 scale. This year's participants' GPA's are averaging 3.25 on a 4.0 scale with many of the seniors preparing to attend a four year university. The mentors have high expectations for our mentees in the program and the young men have performed well when provided an opportunity.

Each week we have guest speakers who are successful business pioneers and successful working men from the community come speak and interact with our young men /mentees. Our guest speakers provide real life experiences that encourage our mentees to work hard, remain determined, and seek high goals. The presentations are eye opening and inspirational. Each session ranges from our Black Heritage to today's most pivotal social and economic topics that are affecting our communities. For our mentees to see Black Men in a different light than what is presented in mainstream media is rewarding in itself. Our mentees are able to regain a sense of hope after hearing about some of the true challenges and being able to ask pertinent questions regarding those challenges and what it took to overcome them. Some of our mentees have been fortunate enough to attend our National Youth Leadership Conference, hosted by OPPF, Inc. Our program continues to grow and our mentees are becoming successful Black men and leaders in our communities, schools, and society.

This past November 2016, Members of the Manhood 101 Mentoring Program participated in the 16th annual Lambda Gamma Gamma/Gamma Pi Chapter Windsor Crossing Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Basket give away. They provided 100 Thanksgiving baskets to lower income senior citizens residing at the senior citizen complex in Suitland, MD.



*Manhood 101 Program Participants and Mentors*

## 2nd District Fatherhood and Mentoring Mu Nu Father Daughter Dance



*Mu Nu Brothers with their daughters at the Father Daughter Dance*

**Montgomery County, MD, December 2016.** Mu Nu Chapter engaged in four significant initiatives in Montgomery County to help raise the awareness about the importance of responsible fatherhood, parenting, and celebrating fathers who are engaged in their children's lives.

Those initiatives are the Saturday School - George B. Thomas Learning Academy, Dads take your Child to School Day, Game Changer Conference for Young Males, and the Father Daughter Dinner Dance.

On Friday, December 2, 2016, the Men of Mu Nu Chapter hosted our 5th annual Father Daughter Dinner Dance partnering with Ivy Vine Charities, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

The young girls were escorted by their fathers, grandfather, godfather, uncle, mentors, or special male family friend who has a positive impact on her life. The night was all about spending one-on-one quality time with your daughter or daughters to create a wonderful positive memory.

Young girls were dressed up in their special outfit, hair styled, matching accessories, jewelry, and the all-important crown. Dads also looked their best in their tuxedos, former military attire or special suit. Mu Nu contributed with 45 tickets for the event for our guests and other Omega Men from other chapters. Together we created 150 collective hours of positive memories for all involved.

Our key message to all Fathers: Fathers are important and special in the healthy development of children. We want to encourage dads to play a more active role in their child's life and development.

"Mighty" Mu Nu has promoted this event the last five years to other Omega Chapters and men in the metropolitan region. We invite you to join us next year in showcasing this positive relationship between Fathers and Daughters.



*Daughters dancing at the Father Daughter Dance*



## Physicians' Corner - Heart Disease and African Americans



*Brother Dr. Jedan Phillips*



Greetings Brothers,

This is another Medical Public Service Announcement. Today, we will discuss heart disease and its impact on African-Americans. Heart disease is the #1 killer of all Americans. Prevalence of high blood pressure in African-Americans is greater than any other group in the world. African-Americans have a higher death rate from heart attacks, strokes, heart failure, kidney failure than the majority white population here in United States. 48% of African-American women and 44% of African-American men have some level of cardiovascular disease including heart disease and history of stroke. African-Americans are more likely to develop elevated blood pressure and to develop it earlier in life. Two out of five African-Americans have high blood pressure and less than half of them have it under control according to statistics. African-Americans have a higher risk of developing heart failure which can lead to increased rates of hospitalizations, earlier physical disability, and premature death. African-Americans have their first heart attack and/or first stroke at an earlier age than any other group in United States. African-Americans have a higher rate of developing heart failure before the age of 50 than are whites. Also African-Americans have a higher incidence of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, type 2 diabetes, sedentary lifestyle, and obesity. Other risk factors that play a role in the higher incidence of cardiovascular disease in African-Americans are inadequate health literacy, and smoking. These statistics demonstrate the significant cardiovascular risk that African Americans carry. This means that we have to take a preventive approach in our cardiovascular health. Most of us utilize our doctors for illness purposes. This means that we usually go to the doctor when with feeling sick, however how many of us utilize our doctors for prevention. Another point is, how many of us have a relationship established with a primary care physician? When speaking of cardiovascular health, if one waits until symptoms occur in most cases the disease is already advanced if present. Unfortunately, hypertension is referred to as the silent killer. This means that most with hypertension have no symptoms at all. Another important point is how many of us have had our blood pressure checked within the past 1-2 years. How can we address a problem if we are not aware of the status. So the first thing we must do, is we must have a relationship with a primary care physician so that we can find out what our risk is. This would include finding out what your blood pressure value is. Normal blood pressure is 140/90 or less. This should be checked regularly especially if you are on medications or have been told in the past that you have elevated blood pressure. Another important point is having lab

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testing to rule out conditions such as hyperlipidemia or high cholesterol. Cholesterol is a substance that can block up your blood vessels and lead to development of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Poorly controlled cholesterol (specifically low HDL and high LDL) is a significant risk factor for the severity and worsening of heart disease. We must also be aware of what our family history is. If we come from a family where heart disease is at a high prevalence then we must be even more diligent in monitoring ourselves. So what can we do to get our hearts in the best condition possible. With the assistance of our doctor we should discuss whether we are appropriate candidates for aspirin to be taken on a daily basis. Aspirin has been shown to have a beneficial effect in preventing heart disease. We should also be aware what our blood pressure is and if we are supposed to be on medication then we should take them. Once you have been started on blood pressure medicine or have been told that your blood pressure is elevated, then it is important to make sure that you monitor it regularly. Control of the cholesterol is paramount. can be accomplished through lifestyle modifications and with medicines, if they are indicated. If you are a smoker, you should quit because smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease. Other strategies include healthy diet choices. Increasing your activity is crucial. One should be doing about 150 minutes of cardiovascular activity weekly. Also if you are prescribed medications then you should be compliant with them. If you are having any side effects associated with your medication, then you should discuss it with your doctor. These are some initial steps that can be helpful in preventing a significant health issue. If this issue is not controlled it can significantly impact your quality life in a negative way.



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## Mu Nu Host 68th Second District Conference a Huge Success



*2nd District Marshall, Bro. Robert Jamison giving result statistics of 68th 2nd District Conference at Reflection meeting*

**Bethesda, MD, May 1, 2016.** Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) concluded the 68th Second District Conference after a successful “Mighty” Second District weekend in Corridor I. Mu Nu Chapter served as host for the Conference held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD, from April 28th through May 1st.

Bro. Robert J. Jamison, Jr. (Kappa Sigma, 1978, Lane College) served as District Marshal and formed a conference leadership team that included Deputy Registration Marshal Bro. Jerry Jones (Nu Psi, 1972, Virginia State University), and Deputy District Marshals Bros. Samuel Spann (Zeta Zeta, 1979, University of South Carolina), Troy Priest (Theta Epsilon, 1987, Brown University) and Troy Manigault (Mu Nu, 1994, Montgomery County, MD). The Conference team included Mu Nu Chapter’s leadership and the chapter brotherhood, as well as other Brothers Corridor- and District-wide who provided advice and guidance. Special thanks go to the bridge builders of the 66th and 67th Second District Conferences. The 66th District Marshal Bro. Sherman Charles (Rho Theta, 1978, Prairie View A&M University) provided the blue print and the 67th District Marshal Bobby Jackson (Kappa, 1981, Syracuse University) provided the shadowing opportunity.

The conference drew more than 2,000 Fraternity members and families. Members from the Third District (District of Columbia & Virginia) also attended many of the 68th Second District Conference activities. Maryland State and local dignitaries, community guests, patrons, Fraternity members’ families, friends, and the general public from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area were in attendance for various meetings and en-

for various meetings and entertainment. This was truly a community and family-friendly conference.

The contributions of the brotherhood led to the largest number of Conference registrations to date at 755 and a Quette registration at 49. There were nearly 700 hotel room nights, as well as 17 vendors (the “Que Mall”), 12 corporate and local sponsorships, 11 state and local dignitary welcome letters, and a successful March Down event that featured five teams – champion Gamma Pi (Prince George’s County, MD). The Conference also featured such outstanding programs as the Public Forum that included both Prince George’s County’s and Montgomery County’s County Executives Bro. Rushern Baker (Alpha, 1981, Howard University) and Isaiah Leggett, respectively. Additionally, a great Talent Hunt Program and Youth Leadership Conference drew hundreds of adults and youth, and the Undergraduate luncheon, the Founders banquet, the memorial & ecumenical worship service, and two well-attended public parties added to the success of the Conference.

Mu Nu Chapter offers its sincere appreciation to the leadership of the Second District for entrusting it with the awesome task of hosting the District’s preeminent annual business meeting of the brotherhood. The District Marshal and the Conference leadership team offer special thanks to the 66th and 67th Second District Conference District Marshals for their guidance and support. And last, but not least, Mu Nu Chapter offers its humble thanks and heartfelt love to the Brothers of the “Mighty” Second District and the family, friends and community guests for their attendance, support and words of encouragement and congratulations. Long live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and long live the “Mighty” Second District.

## Mu Nu supports 4th Annual D.C. Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance



*Mu Nu Bro Robert Jamison looking good at the halfway marker*



*Race draws 1200 supporters to promote health, fight hunger and advance higher education*



*HBCU 5K/2K runners take on the challenging course at Howard University*

**Washington, D.C., June 25, 2016.** Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, MD) continued its support of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) with its participation at Howard University in the 4th Annual D.C. Metro HBCU Alumni Alliance (DCHBCUAA) 5K Run/2K Walk. The DCHBCUAA mission is to strengthen HBCUs and includes community outreach to improve the health and well-being of our communities. This year's race was a tremendous success that continued to heighten the awareness of and need to promote and support HBCUs. It featured a health, hunger and higher education themed community fair that offered free health screenings, focused attention on fighting hunger, and an HBCU alumni row to address higher education replete with several of the 44 DCHBCUAA members' alumni tents on full display in front of Howard's School of Business. The challenging USA Track & Field-certified race course was again followed by a public day party in Washington, D.C., that offered a party with a purpose to raise money for HBCUs and HBCU students.

The event registrations totaled approximately 1200 for what proved to be a beautifully sunny day on the campus of Howard University. The sponsor this year grew and included Kaiser Permanente, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Verizon, the "BET Awards 16", Medifast, Aramark, DC09, Centerplate, and Saffron Gourmet. As the race continues to grow, Bro. Washington envisions significant benefits and gains ahead for the HBCU community and the students that directly benefit from the donations and attention that are raised. Reports indicate the race fundraising was near \$100,000, which will translate into many scholarships to help HBCU

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students who might otherwise face difficult financial challenges as they aspire become HBCU alum.

The HBCUAA race and events offer an opportunity to support the Second District's strategic focus and emphasis on HBCUs. In addition to several other participating Brothers from across the Second and Third Districts were Mu Nu Chapter Brothers and Howard alum who provided logistical support, including race course marshal Bro. Troy Manigault (Mu Nu, 1994), and deputy course marshals Bros. Kevin Matthews (Kappa Psi, 1984, Washington, D.C.), James Rodgers (Mu Nu, 1987), and Noel Jamison (Mu Nu, 1992). Among the race participants were the 35th Second District Representative Bro. Sherman Charles (Rho Theta, 1978, Prairie View A&M University) who also brought congratulatory remarks for the race, and the 68th Second District Conference Marshal Bro. Robert Jamison, Jr. (Kappa Sigma, 1978, Lane College), and the Resources & Services Chairman Bro. Willie Williams (Gamma Epsilon, 1981, Hampton University).

With this initiative, Mu Nu Chapter is poised to continue its efforts in support of the DCHBCUAA and the Second District's HBCU strategic initiative. The DCHBCUAA is the second of five current HBCU alumni associations, following the original in Atlanta and leading others that have formed in Chicago, Houston and Miami. Please support HBCUs through your financial contributions, event participation and membership in local and/or national HBCU member alumni associations. Read more about the DCHBCUAA and follow event information at <http://www.dchbcu.org/> and on social media.

# Mu Nu 2016 Achievement Week Program



*Essay Contest Winner receives cash award from Bro. Milton Harrison*

**Silver Spring, MD. November 9, 2016.** Mu Nu Chapter hosted its 2016 Annual Achievement Week Program at the Silver Spring Civic Center located in Silver Spring, Maryland. This year's program's Keynote speaker was Bro. D. Michael Lyles, Esquire, Grand Counselor of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and also featured Bro. Milton D. Harrison, 34th Second District Representative and Bro. Robert Jamison, Jr. Grand Marshal to the 68th Second District Conference. In attendance, were over 30 African American male students who were recognized for their outstanding achievement in academics. Four young men received scholarship awards and the essay contest winner was awarded a cash prize. The essay contest winner will also represent Mu Nu Chapter in the fraternity's International Essay Contest. Mu Nu Basileus, Bro. Kelvin Ampofo, recognized several Mu Nu Brothers for their dedication and commitment to the chapter and the community. The Mu Nu Omega Man

of the Year was awarded to Bro. Robert Jamison, Jr. the Founders Award recipient was Bro. Samuel Spann, III, Citizen of the Year and Business Person of the year was awarded to Bro. B. Del Jordan, Esq., Superior Service Award recipient were Bro. Donnell Boykin and Col. Charles Young Military Leadership Award recipient was Bro. Clarence Thomas, Jr. Over 110 guests, family and chapter members were in attendance at the 2016 Mu Nu Achievement Week program. Bro. Milton D. Harrison, 34th Second District Representative and Treasurer of the Mu Nu Foundation, presented, on behalf of the Mu Nu Foundation, \$5,000. to the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, \$5,000. to Mu Nu Chapter and \$3,900. to the Rudolph Snowden Scholarship Fund. Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has served the community of Montgomery County, Maryland for over 46 years



*Mu Nu Scholarship recipients with Awards*

# Lambda Gamma Gamma Achievement Week Ceremony



*LGG Founders Awards recipients Bro. Wonzie Gardner, Bro. Marc D. Pina, Bro. Bart Griffin and Bro. James Harris*

**College Park, MD. November 12, 2016.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter (“LGG”) successfully hosted their Annual Royal Purple and Old Gold Ball at the College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in College Park Maryland. Brother Dwain “Big Wain” Harrell ’78 served as the Master of Ceremony for the evening. Our keynote speaker was Bro. Sherman Charles, 2nd District Representative. He provided a moving and touching oration followed by a biography and brief from U.S. Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-U.S. Virgin Islands).

Following U.S. Rep. Stacey Plaskett’s speech, Bro. Charles swore in the newly 2016 - 2017 elected officers for Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter. LGG’s 2016 Achievement Week Awards were also presented during the Royal Purple and Old Gold Ball. The recipients for LGG’s 2016 Achievement Week Awards were as follows:

Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Lloyd Davis; Founders Lifelong Service Award: Bro. Tyrone Ruffin; Superior Service Award: Bro. Rob Lavender;; Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award: Bro. Delvin Woolridge-Jones;

Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award: Bro. Delvin Woolridge-Jones; Citizen of the Year: U.S. Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-U.S. Virgin Islands); Bridge Builder Award: Bro. Delvin Woolridge-Jones; Committee Chairman of the Year: Bro. Aaron Combs; Area Coordinator of the Year: Bro. Rodney Davis, Area 1; Founder Stand-Ins: Bro. Wonzie Gardner, Bro. Marc D. Pina, Bro. Bart Griffin and Bro. James Harris.

LGG Officers sworn in for the 2016 – 2017 Fraternity year were as follows:

Brother Michael Coward, Basileus; Brother Reginald E. Vance, PhD., Vice Basileus; Brother Marc D. Pina, Keeper of Records and Seal; Brother Eric Watson, Keeper of Finance; Brother DeAnte Byrd, Keeper of Peace; Brother Benson Macon, Editor to the Oracle; Brother Moses Whitehurst, Chaplain.

Bro. Michael Coward, Basileus Elect stated that he looks forward to a new year with increased fellowship and a continuation of LGG and the Fraternity’s commitment to community service



*Bro. Michael Coward taking the oath to serve as LGG’s 2017 Basileus.*



*Lambda Gamma Gamma*

# Mu Omega 96th Anniversary Gala



*Mu Omega Brothers attending the 96th Anniversary Gala*

**Philadelphia, PA. November 26, 2016.** The Mu Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its 96th Anniversary Gala at the Sheraton Hotel located in the University City section of Philadelphia. The celebration, which was a two day affair, began with a dance party on Friday November 25, 2016 at the same location. Many attendees ended their Black Friday festivities by listening to a live DJ play various contemporary selections. Light fare was also served.

On Saturday evening, November 26, 2016, over 250 guests donned in formal attire sat down for a delicious four-course meal. While the courses were being served, guests listened to the soft melodic sounds of a live band. Howard M. James Jr., the newly installed Basileus, briefly addressed the audience and encouraged them to use more of their financial resources to help further support African-American business. Basileus James, also gave the audience insight in terms of the Mu Omega Chapter's initiatives and goals for fiscal year 2016-2017. Some of these initiatives include: more community collaboration and visibility, strengthening the bonds of brotherhood, and increasing the use of technology as a resource, to name a few. Basileus James concluded his remarks by thanking the Brothers, his

by thanking the Brothers, his family and others for their support. He especially gave kudos to Kwame Grove, chairman of the Anniversary Gala Committee and committee members; Kenneth Barry Jones, Tim Turner, Garfield Jackson Sr. and others.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on the campus of Howard University on November 17, 1911. It is the first Black Greek Letter Organization (BGLO) founded on a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) Campus. Mu Omega Chapter was founded as a graduate chapter on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 1920 with its' original designation as Mu Chapter. In 1923, under the administration of Grand Basileus J. Alston Atkins, the chapter was renamed "Mu Omega" to designate between the graduate and undergraduate chapter distinction. Mu Omega Chapter has served the Greater Philadelphia area since its' inception with events primarily geared towards community service and empowerment. Each year Mu Omega chapter facilitates many community service programs such as the James A. Minton Food Drive, Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive, mentorship program, and others.

## HOME OF THE PHILLY QUES



# Mu Omega QueVets Program

**Philadelphia, PA. November 23, 2016.** Mu Omega Chapter celebrated the Fraternity’s National Achievement Week, November 7-15, 2016 with an impressive, daily schedule of fraternal and Community-focused events. Among these is the newly-mandated, Fraternity-wide tribute to Omega Men who’ve served and are serving in the nation’s five military branches...Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force. To this challenge did Mu Omega Chapter, under the organizing leadership of Brother David R. Benson, form “QueVets”, a Committee comprised of some 45 Chapter Brothers who’re also Veterans.

“QueVets” launched a two-day event, beginning with a solemn grave side Service honoring deceased Marine Corps and Vietnam Veteran, Brother Andrew C. Davis, Jr., 1/ 22 /48 – 11/ 24/13, at historic Fairview Cemetery, Willow Grove, PA, on Veterans Day. Choosing an African American cemetery for grave side ceremonies is a Fraternity and Second District (PA, NY, NJ, MD, DE) mandate. Fairview was founded in 1908 for Black residents of Germantown (Phila.), Abington, Crestmont and Jenkintown (Mont Co) neighborhoods. Seven (7) sections of Fairview bear the names of these neighborhoods. Fraternity chapters have been directed to Identify, adopt and clean the graves of Brothers who served in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Yemen and Afghanistan. A formal tent, cushioned chairs,

a grass rug and two (2) American flags were professionally assembled at the grave by Fairview grounds staff. Mrs. Gloria-Acey Davis, Bro. Davis’ widow, attended and was presented with a purple and gold bouquet, and a military-folded American flag, by Brothers William A. Smith and David R. Benson.

Brother Benson, “QueVets” chairman, led the service which featured welcoming remarks and an inspirational poem written and read by Brother William Smith. Immediate Past Mu Omega Basileus, Brother Garfield L. Jackson, Sr., spoke on behalf of the Chapter before turning the service over to Brother Larry Smallwood, Jr., Brother Davis’ “Line Brother”. Brother Smallwood, Jr. read the famous WW I poem, “In Flanders Fields”, by Capt. John McCrae, Canadian Field Artillery. Brother Smallwood then read in Hebrew, “The Mourner’s Kaddish”, since Brother Davis was of the Jewish faith. Brother Davis’ four “Line Brothers” (“The Bayete 10”), rendered heartfelt reflections, and his widow responded with a gracious Thank You! Brother William A. Smith in closing, called all the QueVets to “Front and Center” for a military farewell salute. Brother Dr. William L. Tate concluded the service with a benediction, then led QueVet Brothers in singing of the Omega Hymn.



*Bros Garfield Jackson & David Benson unveil Mu Omega Veterans Plaque*



*2nd District Rep, Sherman Charles and QueVets Chair, Bro. David Benson*



*Bro. Larry Smallwood present Military Folded Flag to Mrs. Gloria-Acey Davis, Bro. Andrew Davis’ widow, at his gravesite*

# Mu Omega Achievement Week Celebration



*Mu Omegas' Omega Man of the Year Brother Kwame Grove*

**Philadelphia, PA., November 13, 2016.** The theme for this year's Achievement Week Program was; "Omega Men- Living the Founders' Vision". The weeklong program began on Sunday November 6, 2016 with a worship and fellowship service at the home church of Mu Omega Basileus, Bro. Howard James Jr., "The Christian Church" where Rev. Dr. Alexander Houston is Pastor. Brothers and congregants alike enjoyed the worship and fellowship experience.

On Wednesday November 7, 2016, Mu Omega Chapter as a part of Achievement Week, held a "Brotherhood in the Arts" display showcasing the various talents that the men of Mu Omega Chapter possess. Brothers and other attendees enjoyed a vignette on "Brothers in the Arts", photograph displays, songs from the Mu Omega Chorus, and spoken word, to name a few.

Mu Omega's Achievement Week Program continued with a graveside service on Friday November 11, 2016 for one of our fallen Brothers, Bro. Andrew Davis (Mu Omega '83) and a historical artifacts display that evening held at the Mu Omega Chapter Fraternity House.

Mu Omega Chapter was honored by the (2nd) Second District Representative, Bro. Sherman Charles, who was the keynote speaker for the inaugural, "Que Vets", program held on Saturday November 12, 2016 at the Mu Omega Chapter Fraternity House. The "Que Vets" program, one of the first of its kind in OPPF, Inc., honors the military service of Mu Omega Brothers and Brothers overall. Some highlights of the ceremony

included: a JROTC unit as Color Guard, unveiling and presentation of the Mu Omega Veterans' plaque containing the names of current Mu Omega veterans.

The 2016-2017 Mu Omega Chapter Achievement Week Program culminated with a service on Sunday November 13, 2016 held at Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA. The program honored three individuals for their service within Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and or in the Philadelphia area. Bro. David R. Benson (Mu Omega '76) received the Founders' Award which honors a Mu Omega brother who has made significant contribution to chapter growth and recognition in the 2nd District. Ms. Cephas B. Morgan, received Mu Omega Chapter's Citizen of the year award for her countless contribution to civic and community development. Ms. Morgan was successful with getting large amounts of funding allocated to the improvement of community upgrades and the empowerment of various civic organizations. Bro. Kwame Grove (Mu Omega '11) received the "Omega man of the Year" award for his many contributions to Mu Omega Chapter in a variety of roles ranging from 2nd Vice Basileus to Fundraising Committee Chairman and more specifically in mentoring at-risk young males. The keynote speaker for the Achievement Week service was Bro. Dr. Calvin S. Morris of Chicago, Illinois. Bro. Dr. Morris, Past Basileus of Beta Chapter, gave a rousing speech on the history of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. and African-Americans in America overall. The service was well attended by Brothers, their families and invited guests.





# Mu Omega Achievement Week Celebration



## Mu Omega “Brother You’re On My Mind” Program



*Mu Omega Brothers at the BYOMM Program*

**Philadelphia, PA. November 8, 2016.** The “Brother You’re On My Mind” (BYOMM) Committee of the Mu Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its first large event for fiscal year 2016-2017. The BYOMM Committee in conjunction with the City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services held a forum with guest speakers who are experts in the field(s) of psychology, grief and loss support services, depression, counseling, to name a few. The presenters spoke mainly on how mental issues are affecting African-American communities and families, specifically African-American males. In addition, how there are a myriad of services and support systems in the greater Philadelphia region that can be accessed as means of answering mental health related questions, suicide prevention, grief counseling, etc. The audience made up of African-American males, some of which were members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., listened intently to the pre-

senters and the information aimed at addressing many issues that plague African-American communities and that have traditionally been categorized as taboo. The BYOMM committee chair, Bro. Charles Patterson—also a mental health professional, stated” this program is one of the first steps that Mu Omega Chapter and the BYOOM committee are taking to answer the clarion call sounded by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.’s initiative (Brother You Are On My Mind)”. Bro. Patterson further stated, “The committee has a year-long calendar of events where we will provide the Brotherhood with information about existing resources that are geared at effectively addressing mental health issues within the brotherhood, their families and communities in which they live”. The next program will be a “Brother You Are on My Mind” roundtable which will provide Brothers an opportunity to express any concerns or personal challenges that the Brotherhood may be able to assist them in resolving going forward.

## Mu Omega Mastery Charter School Social Action



*Panelist Career Day Discussion Sessions at the Mastery Charter School*

**Philadelphia, PA. November 16, 2016.** Brothers from Mu Omega Chapter joined a host of professionals from varied fields to serve as volunteer panelists for the Seventh Annual Career Day at the Mastery Charter School, Mastery Charter-Pickett Campus in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Mu Omega’s Principal Community Service Neighborhood. Career Day opened with breakfast in the school’s cafeteria, offering the opportunity for volunteers to meet one another, receive the day’s scheduling instructions, and meet student Guides/Proctors. Career Day is purposed to engage 11th grade students with individuals working in a range of vocations, via workshops. Volunteers were assigned to specific classes as Panelists, based upon their respective professions profiles provided to Career Day organizers. A suggested list of “Discussion Points” were given to Panelists, including: What panelists’ education and

training for positions in which they’re currently employed? How a current position was procured? What are the greatest challenges educationally and vocationally? Does the current job represent the intended career path? Advice to students considering their current career choice? How has this networking process /Career Day worked for you? Have any skills or dialogue with Omega Panelists been helpful? Mu Omega Chapter has participated in the Mastery Charter School’s Career Days for its entire seven year history, primarily because of its close proximity to the Chapter’s Fraternity House. Supporting Mastery’s Career Day captures Omega’s Cardinal Principle of Scholarship. In this context, several Mastery Charter School student scholars have been and continue to be mentored by Chapter Brothers. That effort’s success is measured by students who’ve moved on to college and graduation.

## Philadelphia Area Chapters Hosts Founders' Day Program



*Brothers participating in the Founders Day Program*

**Philadelphia, PA, November 17, 2016.** The “Mighty” Mu Omega chapter hosted a joint Founder’s Day program with other Philadelphia Area chapters to celebrate the 105th Anniversary of the founding of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Over one-hundred and fifty (150) Brothers packed the Mu Omega Chapter Fraternity house located at 431 E. Locust Ave in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. The gathering comprised of Brothers from Mu Omega, Zeta Iota Iota and Omega Lambda chapters as well as visiting Brothers enjoyed a program facilitated by the newly initiated Brothers from Mu Omega and Zeta Iota Iota, respectively. The program consisted of traditional songs as well as seasoned Brothers

elaborating and reiterating the Fraternity’s cardinal principles; Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. In addition, Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Terrel D. Parris, gave an inspirational keynote address charging the Brothers to remember to be strong leaders especially given the current climate of our country. The 2nd (Second) District Corridor 3 Representative, Bro. Damaas Stephens, did an awesome rendition of the Rededication which reminded the Brothers of the oath they took to protect and serve the Fraternity. The program ended with the singing of the Omega Hymn- “Omega Dear”. The brothers in attendance enjoyed a repast to conclude the evening’s festivities.

## Mu Omega Hosts 22nd Annual James A. Minton Holiday Food and Toy Drive



*Toys collected for the Toy Drive*



*Food baskets boxed to be distributed by the Food Drive*

**Philadelphia, PA, December 17, 2016.** Mu Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 22nd Annual James A. Minton Holiday Food and Toy Drive at the Mu Omega Chapter Fraternity house in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Over 70 baskets filled with a large turkey, stuffing, canned goods, veggies and other goodies were donated and packed by the Brothers to give to needy families for the holiday season. The program began in the spring of 1995, with Mu Omega Brothers wishing to add on to their existing community service programs in the Philadelphia area. The food drive has been largely successful due to the increasing needs of families in low-income families and Mu Omega Chapter answering the Clarion call to perform excellent service to the community in the spirit of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In addition to the food drive. Brothers donated over one-hundred (100) toys to accom-

pany the food baskets. One could easily observe the eyes of young children lighting up when they saw several tables filled with an array of toys. In one instance, a young man stood at the toy table display for over fifteen minutes (15) trying to decide which toy to take home. Committee Chairman, Bro. Chris Thompson stated, “The Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter have concentrated their efforts on uplifting the community, which is one of the mandates of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.”, further he stated, “we seek not only to help but to empower families in our communities who are less fortunate”. The 2016 Mu Omega Chapter James A. Minton Holiday Food and Toy Drive concluded as the last of the families finished picking up their baskets and the thought of the Brothers knowing that they made a difference in the lives of the less fortunate by bringing some love and light into their home for the holiday season.

# Xi Phi Collaborates Citywide for Achievement Week

**New York, New York. December, 2016.** Over a 100 guests and Brothers from Xi Phi, Epsilon, Kappa Omicron and Alpha Upsilon Chapters gathered to host National Achievement Week activities at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. The New York City chapters have hosted joint Achievement Week activities for over 70 years.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has honored its brothers and members of the community through its Achievement Week Program for over ninety years. The Achievement Week Program formally the National Negro Achievement Week was originally acknowledged by the Grand Conclave in 1920 and inspired by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Its sole purpose was to celebrate the important achievements of the Negro people which might escape public notice and thus not be properly recorded.

Xi Phi is the 1st graduate and 3rd oldest chapter in New York City founded in 1926 and remains located in Black Manhattan also known as Harlem. And continues to celebrate the annual Achievement Week activities with joy and enthusiasm. Bro. Donnie Sauls served as Master of Ceremonies and Bro. Anthony Hooks gave the Keynote Address with Greetings provided by Bro. Pastor Shaun Lee. Honored guests included City Councilmen Robert Cornegy and 1st Vice District Representative J. Kendall Smalls.

Smalls.

The 2016 International Essay Contest Winner was Xi Phi's own Luka Sikharulidze from Frederick Douglas Academy High School in Harlem. Xi Phi's fraternal acknowledgements included Bro. Alan Grantham | Superior Service Award, Bro. Darryl Tyree | Basileus Award, Bro. Edward Murray | Omega Man of the Year and for Leadership Recognition Bro. Michael Gilbert, Bro. Mujaheed Bey, Bro. Jamel Nedderman, Bro. R-lesta James, Bro. Darryl Fleming and Bro. Edward Murray.

Xi Phi Chapter's Founders Award was presented to Prof. Charles Thomas, the Citizen of the Year Award went to Dr. Jedan Phillips and its Scroll of Honor recipients included Adeyemi Mahon, Lashawn Jones, Shakiema Dixon, Okema Moore, Lenise Nelson, Kimberly Goldson, Bro. Rhamon Daley, Bro. Ray Smith, Bro. Malcom King and Bro. Jebron Felder. Brothers Harry Watson, Jamel Nedderman and Michael Gilbert were also acknowledged for their commitment and dedication to Membership Selection Process.

To learn more about Xi Phi Chapter and its diverse activities please visit our website at [www.xiphichapter.com](http://www.xiphichapter.com) or contact Bro. Jesse L. Askew, Chapter Director of Public Relations at [jesse\\_askew@hotmail.com](mailto:jesse_askew@hotmail.com).

## Harlem Ques



*Basileus Award recipient Bro. Darryl Tyree and Basileus Ed Murray*



*Basileus Ed Murray, Citizen of the Year recipient Bro. Dr. Jedan Phillips and 2nd District 1st Vice DR, J. Kendall Smalls*



*Founders Award recipient Prof. Charles Thomas with Basileus Ed Murray*



*Omega Man of the Year, Xi Phi Basileus, Ed Murray, in sweater*

# Xi Phi 90th Anniversary Celebration



*Xi Phi Brothers with 1st Vice Grand Basileus David Marion at 90th Anniversary Celebration*

**New York, New York. December, 2016.** More than 200 members of the Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., dressed in their black tuxedos and converged on Terrace on The Park in New York City. Honoring the chapter’s timeless theme “Community Uplift Through Perseverance,” members, sponsors, and guests joined together to enjoy Xi Phi Chapter’s 90th Anniversary Gala – highlighting yet another successful year of community service, youth engagement, educational enrichment, the Omega Black College Tour and chapter growth.

Alan K. Grantham, 90th Anniversary Committee Chairman and Basileus Edward Murray Jr. served as masters of ceremony. Welcoming the brotherhood, guests, and key sponsor the Harlem Community Development Corporation which awarded \$15,000 to the chapter’s Omega Black College Tour. Also acknowledged was Ms. Yvette King-Facey of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Ms. Lauren Holland of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Mr. Joseph Gates principal of Frederick Douglass Academy, Mr. Melvin Norris of the Harlem Community Development Corporation and Mrs. Jackie Rowe-Adams from Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E. for their commitments to community service.

The gala’s keynote speaker 1st Vice Grand Basileus Bro. David Marion reminded attendees of the vision and community activism of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. “Given our recent election, this is a time to engage in generous giving to our communities and support the activities of the Brothers of Xi Phi Chapter,” said Bro. Marion. The attendees were also treated to a wonderful dance performance by students from the Alvin Ailey—Professional Performing Arts School as the grand finale of the Xi Phi Chapter 90th Anniversary Gala.

The Gala on Saturday was the culminating event of the Xi Phi Chapter 90th Anniversary Weekend Experience. On Friday, special invited guests and community leaders took a “look down Xi Phi memory lane” at the Schomburg Museum where over 85 years of chapter artifacts were on display; including original charter signed in 1926 by Keeper of Records, Brother. Walter Mayzck. Displayed on the very spot of Brother Langston Hughes interment. And on Sunday the men of Xi Phi Chapter worshipped at First Corinthian Baptist Church and enjoyed an uplifting sermon delivered by Senior Pastor and Brother Michael A. Walrond, Jr. (Beta Phi 94’).



*Xi Phi Brothers with Honorees at 90th Anniversary Celebration*

# Xi Phi Mentoring Program

**New York, New York. December, 2016.** Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., launches its GOLD (Gaining Opportunity through Leadership Development) Mentoring Program; mentoring a group of 10 to 15 middle school age young males at the Frederick Douglas Academy. The participants share their personal experiences and engage in a series of community-based projects such as cleaning up neighborhood Colonel Charles Young park, attending State University of New York 1-Day college tours and character development workshops to enhance their lives while in high school and beyond. The student discussions and workshops include self-esteem, business etiquette, academic expectations, community law literacy and college planning.

“Each workshop is crucial, but I really want the GOLD students to hear the personal perspectives from the brotherhood about Black male expectations, corporate careers and college experiences” said Bro. Darryl Tyree, New Initiatives Committee Chairman.

At the end of the workshops, students participate in topical recap discussions and enjoy meals from local area Harlem restaurants. Chapter members and GOLD participants conclude each session by reciting Invictus by William Ernest Henley. Additionally, each GOLD student is guaranteed a seat on Xi Phi Chapter’s annual Omega Black College Tour during high school.

# Xi Phi Honoring Veterans

**New York, New York. December, 2016.** Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., on Veterans Day honored the forgotten African-American men who served America during the Vietnam, Korean War and World War II. In line with the Second District Social Action Chairman’s request Xi Phi Chapter cleaned the gravesite, placed a small flag, planted purple & gold flowers and placed gold ribbon on the grave of Corporal James A. Coleman, 464th Aviation Squadron of the USA Air Core. Born on July 12, 1925, CPL Coleman received World War II Victory Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal before he died January 12, 2016. CPL Coleman was honorably discharged on 4/2/1946 and was laid to rest at Calverton National Cemetery.

“The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Veterans Project presents an opportunity for us recognize the accomplishments of these trailblazers who were willing to serve their country during the most challenging of times.” said Bro. Jamel Nedderman, Keeper of Finance

Xi Phi has several US Forces Service Members among its chapter brotherhood and pays special attention to all veterans but, more importantly, to veterans buried in African-American cemeteries and churches, and US Forces national cemeteries. The brothers honors Veterans Day and Memorial Day with enthusiasm; those special days when soldiers of color deeply deserved to be remembered. The Veterans Project provides a unique opportunity for the men of Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to show reverence and honor for our fallen African-American heroes.



*Xi Phi Brothers with Mentees*



*Bro. Jamel Nedderman at Corp. James Coleman Gravesite*

## Xi Phi Partners with First Corinthian Baptist Church for Thanksgiving Support



*Xi Phi Brothers worshipping at First Corinthian Baptist Church*

**New York, New York. December, 2016.** Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and First Corinthian Baptist Church partnered to holiday meals to several underserved and homeless individuals and families in Harlem on Thanksgiving. The Brothers of Xi Phi worked throughout the Thanksgiving holiday to support the efforts of First Corinthian Baptist Church led by Senior Pastor and Brother Michael A. Warlond, Jr. (Beta Psi 94'), to ensure that all those who came to the church received a healthy and hearty meal.

Along with First Corinthian Baptist Church staff the Brothers packaged food baskets with all the fixings for a traditional holiday dinner – consisting of fresh turkey, rice, yams, carrots, string beans, mixed vegetables,

ham, chicken and desserts. Food donations from First Corinthian Baptist Church membership and local Harlem restaurants helped make Thanksgiving for those in need a success. The joyous activities and genuine goodwill garnered the attention of several area TV networks.

In addition, the Brothers of Xi Phi provided all the high schools students who helped with Thanksgiving preparations with applications and invites to attend the Omega Black College Tour and BCT workshops. Pastor Michael A. Warlond, Jr., First Corinthian Baptist Church and Xi Phi Chapter look forward to continued service to the Harlem community in 2017 with added zest and enthusiasm.

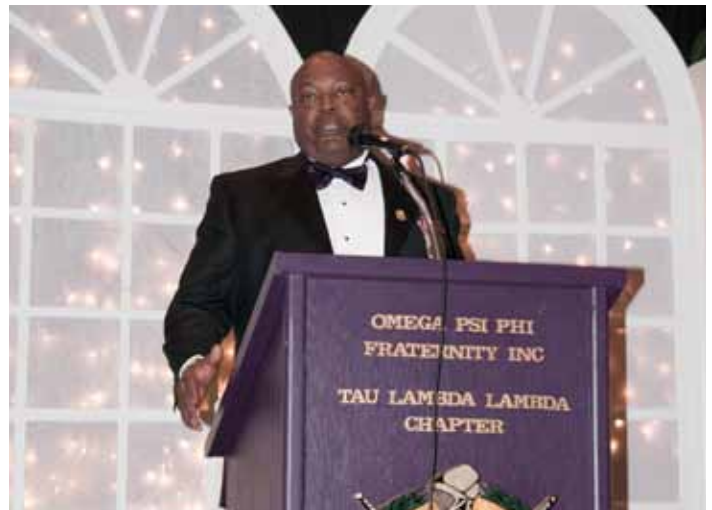


*Xi Phi Brothers preparing Thanksgiving meals with staff at First Corinthian Baptist Church*

## Tau Lambda Lambda Achievement Week Observance



*Grand KRS Kenneth Rodgers TLL Keynote Speaker*



*Bro. Bernard Jackson TLL 2016 Omega Man of the Year*

**Waldorf, MD. November 18, 2016.** On Saturday, November 12th at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center in Waldorf, the men of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc celebrated their Twelfth Annual Achievement Week Founders' Day (AWFD) Awards Banquet.

The awards banquet is the culmination of Omega Psi Phi's Achievement Week, a mandated week of events with the purpose of promoting to promote the study of African-American life and history. Inspired by fraternity member Carter G. Woodson in the 1920s, the week is used to recognize those individuals at the local and national levels who have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for African-Americans.

While delivering his remarks, Bro. Kenneth Rogers, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, exclaimed that "while speaking about the inheritance of the legacy of Omega, we must safeguard it and continue to be at the forefront of change. We must construct a wide bridge that would permit all of humanity to go through."

The Citizen of the Year award was given to three honorees from the Tri-county area for their notable achievements and service to Southern Maryland. The honorees are as follows: Calvert County, Ms. Rhonda Thomas; Charles County, Ms. Christine St. Vil; and St. Mary's County, Dr. Janice T. Walthour.

Bro. Bernard Jackson was honored as the 2016 Omega Man of the Year award. Bro. Jackson, who also shared his birthday on the same evening, was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1976 by way of Alpha Gamma Chapter. When giving his remarks, Bro. Jackson, who is also the chairman of our Purple Boot Committee, stated that "If we continue to live by the principles of Omega set forth by our founders, we have overcome and we will continue to overcome. We owe this to our young people and our future."

Awards were also given to Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter, in recognition of their dedication and service. The TLL awards winners included the Basileus Award, Bro. Harrell Watts; Superior Service Award, Bros. Mike Fowlkes and Tony Zanfordino; Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership award, Bro. Greg Jones and Founders' Award, Bro. Ike Templeton.

Bro. Greg Carter, who chaired the Achievement Week Banquet for the first time this year stated that "Although this was my first year as chairman of the banquet, it was important for me to continue the tradition that TLL has set forth by putting on an elegant event to honor those who give there all in service to the Tri-County community."

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda programs and activities, please visit [www.southernmdques.org](http://www.southernmdques.org)

## Tau Lambda Lambda Fuller House Social Action

**Waldorf, MD. November 18, 2016.** On Wednesday, November 9, 2016 the brothers of the Tau Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. kicked off the Thanksgiving season by donating dozens of bags of toiletries to support the Robert J. Fuller Transitional House in Waldorf. The initiative was part of the chapter's Achievement Week, a week of programs to promote the study of African-American life and history. It's our way of honoring and serving the community in which we live.

The chapter has supported and collaborated with the Fuller House the last six years on various initiatives, including supply collections, clothing and suit drives, annual fish fries and motivational talks.

"Making donations and interacting with the men at the Fuller House is near and dear to our heart. As an organization of service, TLL takes great pride in being able to uplift the men of the Southern MD region." Tony Hill, Social Action committee chairman, said.

The Robert J. Fuller Transitional House provides transitional housing for men who are homeless or were previously homeless. Fuller House should help men break the cycle of dependency through programs designed to foster growth toward self-sufficiency.

In keeping with the principles of Omega Psi Phi — manhood, scholarship,



*TLL Brothers at the Fuller House*

perseverance and uplift — the chapter always uses this opportunity to provide uplift to the men of the shelter to keep their heads up and their spirits high.



# Iota Nu Achievement Week Celebration



*Iota Nu Basileus Mark Thomas with Citizen of the Year Ms. Grace E. Callwood.*

**Aberdeen, Maryland, November 19, 2016.** The Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter awarded a scholarship to a resilient 17-year old girl for the best essay submitted in Harford County and recognized a 12-year old girl as the remarkable Citizen of the Year. The Luncheon served as the finale to a full week of activities celebrating the successes of community and Iota Nu’s charitable social initiatives.

The Iota Nu Chapter’s winner of the International High School Essay Contest was 17-year old, Ms. Ezinna Adiele. She is an active senior attending Edgewood High School. She plans to major in International Relations next year. The Citizen of the Year was 12- year old, Ms. Grace E. Callwood. She is a resident of Harford County and founder and chairwoman of the “WeCancerve Movement, Inc” which is an organization that creates giving opportunities that can be supported by the community to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children. WeCancerve has teamed with the Iota Nu Chapter on several creative acts of giving. The Fraternity and Harford County are very lucky to have Ms. Callwood as a part of their community.

Achievement Week began with a Sunday worship service at Saint James AME Church in Havre de Grace, MD. On Monday the brothers gathered for football and fellowship in Bel Air, MD. On Tuesday thanksgiving baskets destined for needing families were staged. The Brothers conducted a regular Chapter meeting on Wednesday. On Thursday, Iota Nu’s

Past Basileus and current 1st Corridor Rep for the 2nd District, Brother Dwayne Adams, hosted a Founders’ Day Fellowship event which included a rededication ceremony celebrating 105 years of the Fraternity’s existence. The penultimate event for Achievement Week was delivering thanksgiving baskets laden with turkeys and all the trimmings to families selected by the leadership of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Harford County. Concluding the week with the Scholarship and Awards Luncheon focused attention on the outstanding achievements and fellowship of the whole year. Joining the young ladies as awardees was Brother Aureilo Burton, 2016 Omega Man of the Year, for his service to Iota Nu and Harford County; Brother Leonard Newman, Founders Award; Brother Michael Bennett, Superior Service Award; and Brother Brigadier General Alfred Abramson, the Colonel Charles Young Award. The award program included a reading by scholarship winner Ms. Ezinna Adiele and a keynote address by Brother Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Esq., Founder and President of the Harbor Institute, who delivered an excellent and motivating message on “Living the Founder’s Vision. The celebratory event was attended by 85 members of the community which included awardees, government officials, Brothers and families. In attendance were the Harford County Executive Representative Ms. Lawanda Edwards and the Senior Mission Commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Omega Psi Phi’s very own Brother, Major General Bruce T. Crawford.



*Iota Nu Leadership with Essay Contest Winner Ms. Ezinna Adiele*

## Bro. Baraki Lee Installed as National Chair of Association of Community College Trustees



**New Orleans, LA. October 2016.** Bro. Bakari G. Lee, Esq. was installed as National Chair of the Association of Community College Trustees. New officers and members of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Board of Directors were elected during the 2016 ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans, on Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7.

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

As the event drew to a close Saturday, incoming ACCT Chair Bro. Bakari G. Lee, Esq. said the association will "promote service to our country through the improvement of the nation's community colleges."

A trustee of Hudson County Community College in New Jersey, Bro. Lee said that his platform as ACCT Chair would involve a focus on at-risk men of color, including African American and Latino males, and working

student mothers.

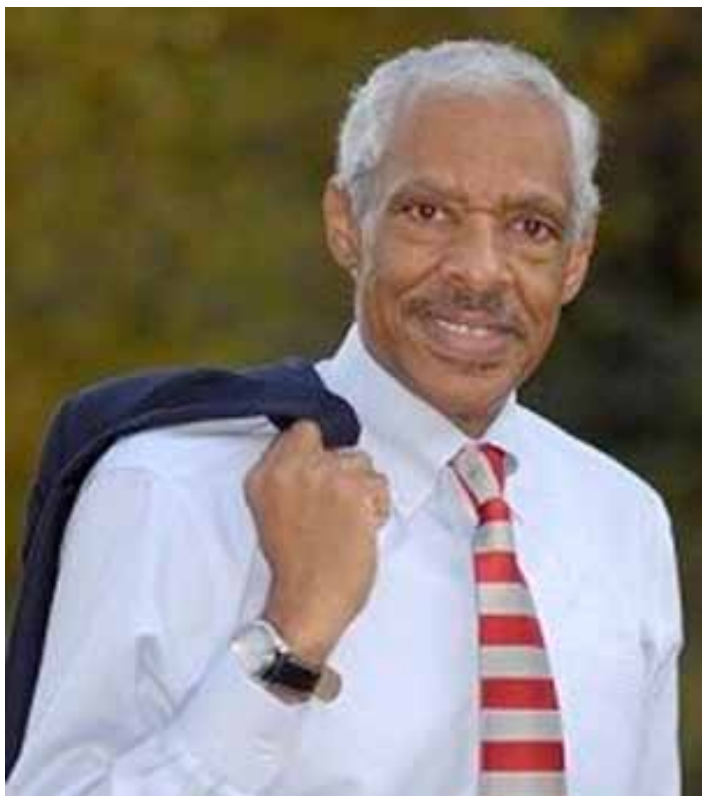
"We look forward to the direction of Chair Lee over the coming year," said ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown. "His strong grasp of legal and financial matters continue to inform the governance of the association and keep it on track. ACCT will continue to serve as the nation's voice of community college leaders, and to advance success for all students with an emphasis on the most disadvantaged."

Bro. Lee has served on the ACCT Board of Directors since 2011 and on the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees since 2006, presently serving as the college's Vice Chair, Chair of the Finance Committee, member of the Capital Project Advisory Committee, and trustee liaison for college commencement.

An attorney by occupation and a member of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC., his primary practice area is public finance, having served as bond counsel to multiple clients at the state, county and local level, as well as providing underwriter and trustee counsel services. Bro. Lee also provides special counsel services for affordable housing transactions, involving low and moderate income housing tax credits and other federal programs including the Rental Assistance Demonstration program, for public housing agencies and private developers alike.

Bro. Lee holds a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science from Florida A&M University. He was admitted into the practice of law in the State of New Jersey and the United States District Court of New Jersey in 2004, and in the State of New York in 2007. He will serve as chair of the ACCT Board of Directors through October 2017. Bro. Lee is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., having previously served as Basileus of the Nu Lambda Lambda graduate chapter in Jersey City, NJ.

## Bro. Dr. Leonard Haynes, III, Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from H.E.L.F.



**Miles College, Fairfield, AL. June 5, 2016.** Bro. Dr. Leonard Haynes, III, Lambda Alpha, 1970, Baton Rouge, LA; was honored with Dr. Eugene D. Stevenson, Jr. by the Higher Education Leadership Foundation (H.E.L.F.) as "Lifetime Achievement Award" recipients.

Bro. Haynes is the former Senior Director of Institutional Service for the Office of Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education, and the former Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historical Black Colleges and Universities. His career in higher education also includes stints as the Executive President of the Southern University System, U. S. Assistant Secretary for Post-secondary Education, Director of Academic Programs for the United States Information Agency, Senior Assistant to the President of American University, Acting President of Grambling State University, and Senior Advisor to the Superintendent of the District of Columbia's Public Schools. He has also served on the faculty at Howard University, the University of Maryland at College Park, and Southern University, and as a fellow with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

Bro. Haynes earned a Bachelor's degree in History from Southern University, a Masters in American History from Carnegie-Mellon University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from The Ohio State University where he was also inducted into The Ohio State University's Hall of Fame. He is a career member of the Senior Executive Service for the United States and a member of many notable societies, boards, commissions, civic organizations, and professional organizations, including History Makers, Who's Who in America, Phi Delta Kappa, The Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C., and the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Bro. Dr. Haynes is a member of Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, MD. Congratulations to Bro. Dr. Leonard Haynes, III, and his family on this honor.

## Bro. Dr. Shawn Joseph First African American to Lead Metro Nashville Public School District



**Nashville, TN. May 13, 2016.** Bro. Dr. Shawn Joseph (Beta, 1994, Lincoln University, PA) was selected the new director of schools for the Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) in Nashville, Tennessee. He becomes the first African-American to lead the MNPS district of 86,000 students.

Bro. Joseph was the unanimous pick of the nine-person school board after participating in a competitive recruitment and rigorous, day-long interview process. Among his notable attributes that reportedly contributed to his selection and the groundswell of community support he received is his message of unity. He is a career educator whose leadership roles included his most recent position as the former deputy superintendent in the Prince George’s County, MD Public Schools and prior to that his position as superintendent of the Seaford School District in Seaford, DE.

Bro. Joseph earned his Bachelor’s degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, his Master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University, and his Doctorate in Education from George Washington University. Bro. Joseph is a member of Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, MD. Congratulations to Bro. Dr. Joseph and his family on this amazing accomplishment.



## Bro. Preston Phillips New USPS Postmaster for Olney, MD.

**Olney, MD. October 17, 2015.** Bro. Preston Phillips (Gamma Kappa, 1976, Salisbury State College) was selected the U.S. Postal Service’s Postmaster for Olney, MD. He assumes oversight and leadership of all aspects of the operation of the U.S. Post Office in Olney, MD.

Bro. Phillips duties as a Postmaster include operations, administration, management and support tasks, as well as training postal employees, handling customer transactions, supervising mail processing, and explaining postal regulations. He developed his knowledge and skills with the U.S. Postal Service over a 30-year career that includes positions as a Letter Carrier and Customer Service Supervisor. He notes his humble career start with the Montgomery County Recreation Department as an Instructional Assistant for Special Education where he developed his commitment to community engagement and service thanks to the mentorship of former Montgomery County Recreation Department leader, Bro. B. Eugene Neal (Pi Chapter, 1967, Morgan State College).

Bro. Phillips earned his Bachelor’s degree from Salisbury State College and completed the U.S. Postal Service Career Management Program. Bro. Phillips is a member of Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, MD. Congratulations to Bro. Phillips and his family on this promotion and on his continuing career.



# Pi Omega Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week/ Founders Day Observance/



*Omega Men in attendance at the Pi Omega Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week/Founders Day Observance*

**Baltimore, MD. November 19, 2016.** Pi Omega Chapter held the 2016 Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week and Founders' Day Observance at Morgan State University Student Center in the Calvin and Tina Tyler Ballroom. The ceremony is the mandated observance by Pi Omega Chapter honoring the Fraternity Founders and highlighting the achievements of chapter members and community leaders uplifting the Greater Baltimore area community at large.

The Invocation was conducted by Chaplain Aaron Von Moore and the 25th Second District Representative, Dr. Michael Freeman officiated the event with Pi Omega Basileus, Dr. Ron Williams, welcoming the audience. After lunch was served, Achievement Week Chairman, Charles Summers, offered a Tribute to the Founders followed by Dr. Washington Green Jr.'s interpretation on The Meaning of Brotherhood. Dr. Harold Hart delivered the Spiritual Uplift segment for the ceremony and Judson Wood gave reflections on the lives of two of Pi Omega's dearly departed stalwart Brothers, Dr. Walter G. Amprey and George K. McKinney, 17th and 22nd Second District Representatives, respectively.

Responsive reading of the Re-Dedication was performed by Brother T. Russell Hopewell and all Omega Brothers in attendance followed by the keynote address by the 35th Second District Representative,

Sherman Charles. The theme the event and address was "Omega Men Living the Founders' Vision", with a focus on friendship. Pi Omega scholarship Awardees were recognized and the awards portion on the ceremony ensued.

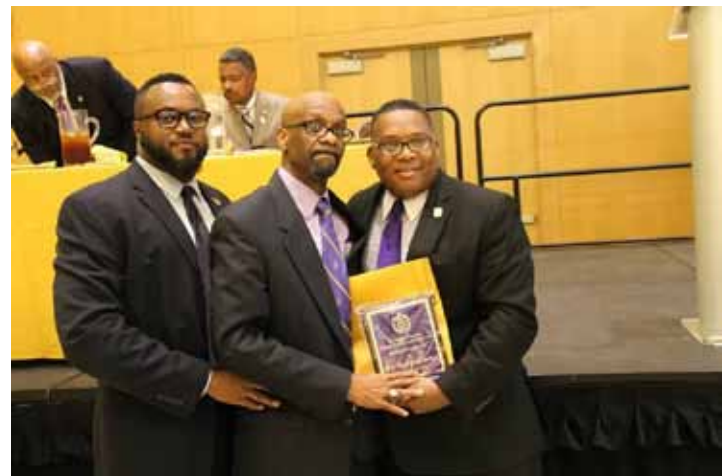
The Howard Lee Cornish Humanitarian Award was given to Ms. Erica Alston and Brother Jon White. Brother Roderick Richardson received the Basileus Award and the National Superior Service Award was presented to Brother John Berkley. Pi Omega awarded Brother Michael Bell the 2016 Omega Man of the Year Award.

Three undergraduate chapters mentored by Pi Omega Chapter, Pi (Morgan), Delta Beta (Coppin), and Beta Kappa (Frostburg), presented the recipients of their respective 2016 Omega Men of the Year (OMY) Awards at the ceremony. Brothers Roderick Marshall, Brandon Owens and Orville Keize received the OMY awards from Pi, Beta Kappa and Delta Beta Chapters, respectively.

At the conclusion, a Que Toast to the ceremony was given by all Omega Men in attendance, closing remarks by the Pi Omega Basileus, followed by the customary singing of Omega Dear and the Chaplain officiated Benediction.



*Basileus Ron Williams with Omega Man of the Year Bro. Michael Bell*



*Bro. Rod Richardson receives Basileus Award from Basileus .Ron Williams*

# Pi Omega Walter G. Amprey Achievement Week/ Founders Day Observance/



*Bro. Mike Freeman Master of Ceremony*



*Dist. Rep. Sherman Charles receives plaque from Basileus Ron Williams*



*Bro. Jon White receives Howard L. Cornish Award from Bro. Dwayne White*



*Bro. Joe McNeill presents Bro. John Berkley Superior Service Award*



## Pi Omega Then, Pi Omega Now Pi Omega Forever! Charm City Ques

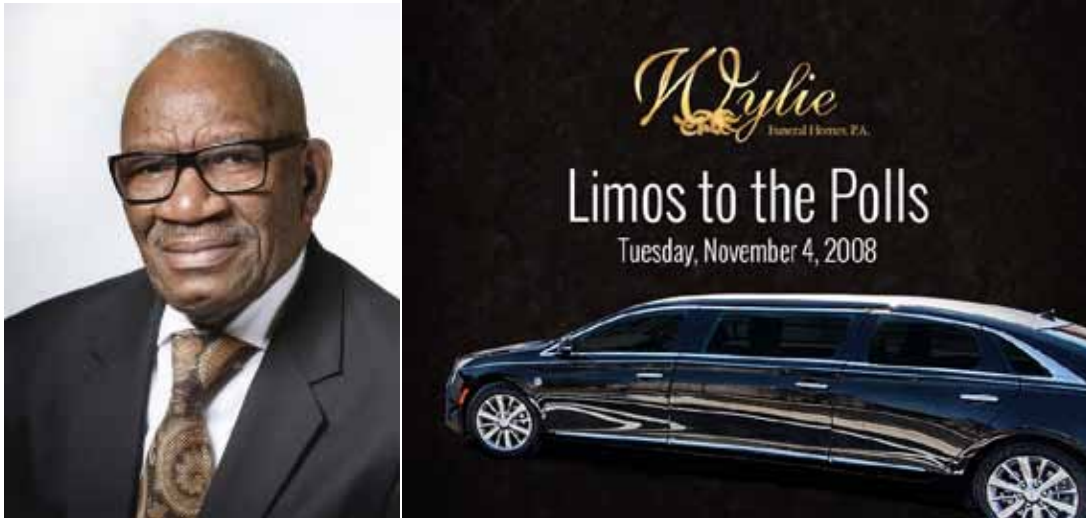


*(left) Bro. Roderick Marshall receives Pi Chapter Man of the Year Award*



*Bro. Brandon Owens Delta Beta Man of the Year recipient*

## Pi Omega Limos to the Polls Program



*Bro. Albert P Wylie of Wylie Funeral Homes sponsored the Limos to the Polls Program for seniors*

**Baltimore, MD. November 4, 2016.** The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter provided transportation to seniors to the polls so they could vote in the election. Brother Al Wylie of the Wylie Funeral Home provided the limousines. Because of the success of this project, senior citizens in Baltimore were able to vote and exercise their civil liberties.



*Seniors transported to the polls in limos*

## Pi Omega Holy Angels Catholic School Toy Drive

**Baltimore, MD. December 19, 2016.** On December 19, 2016, The Brothers of Pi Omega donated several boxes of toys and pies to Holy Angels Catholic School. Holy Angels Catholic School is a PreK(4)-8 school which continues the legacy of excellence in Catholic education. Located on the shared campus of Seton Keough High School in Baltimore, MD, Holy Angels is the newest school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Archdiocese of Baltimore, established as a diocese in 1789, comprises the City of Baltimore and Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard and Washington Counties. Additional information is found below. The Catholic Center is located at 1201 S Caton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21227.



*Bro. Lamonte Tyler delivers toys to Seton Keogh High School*

## Pi Omega 2016 Thanksgiving Feast

**Baltimore, MD. November 26, 2016.** Since 2001, the Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter have held a Thanksgiving Day Feast at the Pi Omega Fraternity Center. The feast is held to feed the indigent and shut-in who live in the neighborhood surrounding the Fraternity Center during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Since its inception, Pi Omega has fed over a thousand residents in the community. This year's Thanksgiving Feast was spon-

sored in part by donations from the Omega Baltimore Foundation and Somebody Cares Organization. Last year the Brothers of Pi Omega fed between 200-225 residents. Each year Brothers, their families and friends assist with serving of food and drinks. Youth assisting in serving the meal get community service hours needed to fulfill community service requirements for graduation. This year the Brothers fed over 250 people.



# Omega Baltimore QueSTEM Mentoring Program



*Bro. Leroy Finch and Bro. Romero McBride with Omega Baltimore QueSTEM Students*

**Baltimore, MD. June 15, 2016.** The Omega Baltimore QueSTEM Out of School Time (OST) Mentoring Program held its year end celebration held at Easterwood Recreation Center on June 15, 2016. A celebratory cookout was held in honor of completion of the yearlong QueSTEM Mentoring Program.

Omega Baltimore’s comprehensive STEM and Computer Camp OST (Out of School Time) Program was a \$50,000 FY 2015-16 funded partner of the Family League of Baltimore City. Our STEM and Computer Camp Program served and taught a daily average of 38 students, grades 2-5, STEM and Computer skills during the 2015-16 school year. Free after school meals and snacks are fed daily to students attending the recreation center. The Waves and STEM program component focused on radio, light and sound wave technology and the Computer Camp component focused

on two main topics: computer software manipulation and computer code writing. Through our funding, we employed Morgan State University engineering students and professional and para professional educators from Matthew Henson Elementary School and Friendship Academy to help teach the curriculum. Omega Baltimores’ professional engineers developed the respective curriculums.

Omega Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (Omega Baltimore), a 501c3 non-profit, has a public private partnership with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks to manage and operate the Easterwood Recreation Center. This was in conjunction with Baltimore City Mayor’s plan to enlist community organizations to be responsible for funding and programming under-served city recreation centers.



*Lead Engineer Bro. Leroy Finch, President & CEO Bro.Zanes Cypress, Instructor Bro. Romero McBride and Instructor Joel Snook*





# Omega Baltimore Bridging the Gap Youth and Police Collaboration Program

**Baltimore, MD. December 20, 2016.** Omega Baltimore Foundation Inc. hosted the Bridging the Gap Youth and Police Collaboration Program sponsored by the Joel Gamble Foundation in partnership with the Baltimore City Police Department at the Easterwood Recreation Center. At this event, Baltimore Ravens NFL Player Ben Watson spoke to youth about putting God first, leadership, school, and hard work. The Bridging the Gap Youth and Police Collaboration Program helps inner city youth to have positive interaction with police officers in Baltimore. Sponsored by

The Joel Gamble Foundation, youth get to enjoy pizza parties, and sporting events with officers to build positive relationships. In addition to the games provided by the Easterwood Recreation Center environment, the Joel Gamble Foundation and the Baltimore City Police Department representatives provided, transported and chaperoned the youth to the University of Maryland versus University of North Carolina Charlotte Basketball Game held at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore.



*Kids playing foosball during the program*



*Kids playing billiards and table tennis at the program*



*Raven Ben Watson speaks to the kids*



*Kids playing with the Wii System*



*Zanes Cypress, Ben Watson, Police Coaches and Joel Gamble with Kids participating in the Bridging the Gap Program*

# Omega Baltimore Toys for Tots Program

**Baltimore, MD. December 16, 2016.** Omega Baltimore in partnership with True Deliverance Ministries hosted a Toys for Tots Program at the Easterwood Recreation Center. Over 400 toys donated by US Armed Services Toys for Tots Program were distributed to neighborhood youth at the Easterwood Recreation Center in West Baltimore. Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter and members of True Deliverance Ministries distributed the toys to the kids. Kids and parents came to the recreation center and

had the opportunity to pick out toys of their choice in celebration of the holidays. The joy expressed on parents and kids faces was truly uplifting to the spirit.

True Deliverance Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor James Carroll, hold church services each Sunday at the Easterwood Recreation Center. The Toys for Tots program was spearheaded under the leadership of True Deliverance Ministries First Lady Veronica Carroll.



*Pi Omega Basileus Ron Williams, Bro C. Donald Bowser and Bro. Eric "Moby" Brown distribute toys to kids.*

# Omega Baltimore Kwanzaa Celebration

**Baltimore, MD. December 28, 2016.** Omega Baltimore Foundation Inc. in partnership with the Matthew A. Henson Community Association hosted its annual Kwanzaa Celebration at the Easterwood Recreation Center. Kwanzaa is the African American holiday celebrated from December 26 to January 1. It is estimated that some 18 million African Americans take part in Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday, nor is it meant to replace Christmas. It was created by Dr. Maulana “Ron” Karenga, a professor of Black Studies, in 1966. At this time of great social change for African Americans, Karenga sought to design a celebration that would honor the values of ancient African cultures and inspire African Americans who

The Seven Principles and Seven Symbols of Kwanzaa were discussed in detail to the celebrants. Neighborhood celebrants were treated to the fruits of the harvest and a catered dinner sponsored by the Matthew A. Henson Community Association. Community association members decorated Easterwood Recreation Center with photos of historical moments of the African American experience and definitions of the Seven Principles and Seven Symbols of Kwanzaa. African American drummers entertained the celebrants with the gift of song. Arts and crafts were available for parents and kids participation. African inspired Art of Headwrapping was taught to celebrants.



## Pi Omega Members Honored for Giving Back

**Baltimore, MD. December 10, 2016.** Three members of Pi Omega Chapter were honored for their various service to the Baltimore community. Women of Pride, a community outreach program of Sharon Baptist Church, hosted their 3rd Celebration of the African American Male (CAAM III) on Saturday December 10, 2016 at the Murphy Fine Arts Center – Recital Hall, on the campus of Morgan State University. Dr. Ruth J.K. Pratt, the founder and developer of CAAM, drafted a mission to remove the veil of invisibility surrounding our men and boys who are carrying the torch of success everyday through their achievements, devotion to their families, and successful fulfillment of responsibilities in their schools, fields of work, as well as their communities.

Members of Pi Omega Chapter who were honored were: as follows:

Bro. John Berkley, for his years of service to Saint Gregory the Great Church, his involvement with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, his involvement in speaking to Baltimore City and Baltimore County students through the Speaker’s Bureau of the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, and his involvement with the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Metropolitan Baltimore. Bro. Berkley is a former Basileus for Pi Omega Chapter.

Bro. Zanes Cypress, Jr., for his leadership and dedication as the current President and CEO of Omega Baltimore Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to address and facilitate the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of the underserved West Baltimore community residents, with a primary focus on uplifting youth as well as older adults. Managing and operating the Easterwood Recreation Center, Omega Baltimore provides hot meals, STEM based programs, after school mentoring, recreation, and events that promote job opportunities, food and healthcare information. Bro. Cypress is a former Basileus for Pi Omega Chapter.



*Bro. Dr. Ron Williams, Bro. Zanes Cypress, and Bro. John Berkley*

Bro. Rev. Dr. Ronald Williams, for his various activities in the community including 21 years coaching young men in various little leagues, serving on the Board of Directors for My Brother’s Keeper and Foresights, Inc., as a Chaplain for the National Alumni Association of Bowie State University, his alma mater, and Pi Omega Chapter. Bro. Williams is an Associate Minister at Shiloh Christian Community Church where he has served as Treasurer, Chairman of the Trustee, and disciple team leader. Bro. Williams is the current Basileus for Pi Omega Chapter.

## Nu Upsilon Provides Christmas Gift to a Deserving Family



*NuUpsilon Brothers with family at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant*

**Wilmington, DE. December 2016.** In spite of the violence in our world, the negative energy, poor health conditions, etc., the Christmas holidays bring a great deal of joy and fellowship for many families.

The Nu Upsilon Chapter joined in the holiday spirit and contributed to the happiness for a family, a single mother with a very serious illness and her 3 sons. This was not a typical affair; this was a collaboration with the elementary school staff where the mother is employed and two sons attend. The Brothers of Nu Upsilon donated money, and an affiliate 501c3 organization, NU Friendship Outreach, Inc.(NUFO), matched the chapter’s donation. With more than \$1000, a variety of gift cards were purchased from different retail stores including Wal-Mart and JC Penney’s. Additionally, gift donations were secured from Chick-fil-A and a local nail spa for the family and the mother, respectively.

The real highlight of this event was that the brothers didn’t just deliver the gifts to the family’s home; Texas Roadhouse, a chain steak restaurant, sponsored dinner for the family and 12 others who attended including the school principal. The man of the season, Santa Claus (aka Bro. Steve Taylor) showed up, showed out, and provided excitement, as he rang his bells and brought a sack loaded with goodies for the family! Other brothers joining in the festivities was the chapter basileus, Bro. LaMontt Allen; NUFO President, Bro. Vandell Hampton; the chapter’s Social Actions chairman, Bro. Kenny Watson; and Bros. Carlton Lampkins and Frank Wallace.

Needless to say, this was truly a joyous occasion and a family affair that epitomized the best of our 4th Cardinal Principle – Uplift!

# Pi Omega Brother Publishes Book on Men’s Clothing Style

**Baltimore, MD. January 2017.** Having over two decades of engaging in, and developing Men’s Style and Fashion Trends, Brother Charles P. Summers has written and published “Gentleman’s Guide to Tailored Clothing Style”. The purpose of the book is geared toward educating younger gentlemen how to dress appropriately starting professional careers, as well as elevating the expectation of the veteran shopper.

The book covers the 4 aspects of Men’s Tailored Clothing: Fit, Style, Coordination & Explores ‘Custom’ (Made-To-Measure as opposed to “Bespoke”). It also covers 4 critical areas: the Jacket, the Pants, the Dress Shirt & the Shoes, with touches on accessories, such as, Pocket Silks, Boutonniers, Cedar Hangers, Hats, Outerwear, Cologne, Socks, Braces & Cedar Shoe Trees. Pictorial examples of what to wear for a variety of occasions, when tailored clothing is necessary, are included. The readership age-group is 18 to 65. The book cost \$20.00 plus tax and S&H. To order visit his website [www.vintagefashionquest.com](http://www.vintagefashionquest.com) for details

Having held various management positions with Men’s Wearhouse, including District Manager, Brother Summers has been Manager of the Year and on top Management Store teams. In 2015, his store was Store of the Year for the MD, DC and Northern VA. region.

Initiated in the 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Mighty Mu Chapter on May 22, 1970, Brother Summers is currently active in Pi Omega Chapter “The Charm City Ques”.



*Brother Charles P. Summers*



# Omicron Chi Christmas Social Action



*Omicron Chi Brothers with the 8 adopted families at Christmas*

**Plainfield, NJ. December 17, 2016.** “It’s the most wonderful time of the year”! Every Christmas, the Brothers of the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provide gifts for families who otherwise cannot afford them through our Kids Deserve Toys program. This year we adopted 8 families consisting of 26 children total. For each family our members provide at least 2 outfits per child in addition to a host of toys. When the families are contacted, most of the time they only inform us of the necessities. However, we insist that the guardian and or children express their wants, because kids deserve toys, which will enable them to have a magical Christmas.

We host an annual wrapping party to organize and wrap the gifts in preparation for delivery. In past years we would deliver the gifts to each family at their home along with Santa for the children to enjoy and take pictures. Our program has grown over time, and this year we hosted more families and more children than in the past. We decided to change our delivery method and bring the families to us. On December 17, 2016 we hosted a Christmas Dinner at Plainfield High School (Plainfield, NJ). In the spirit of giving, we decided to give more than just gifts, but to give an experi-

ence as well. Santa arrived to greet each family and take pictures, the gifts were distributed, and we listened to holiday music and ate dinner together like one big happy family. The brothers sat at the tables with the families to get to know them and this experience was more personable and memorable for not only the families and the children, but for all of us.

It is such a rewarding experience, and every year we realize that we are gaining so much more than anything we could give to these families” says program coordinator, Bro. Richard Wyatt

We look forward to making the Christmas Dinner component an annual addition to our program, and to ensure that our families experience the joy of the Christmas season. It’s the spirit of giving and spreading love and hope. If we set examples as such and show our children at a young age how the smallest gesture of giving can be the biggest reward, they will grow to understand that helping others is the best gift anyone could give. The look on children’s and parent’s faces were priceless. We will continue to enhance this program, so it can be a greater impact on the families in 2017.



*Omicron Chi Brothers with Santa with toys for the kids*

# Omicron Chi Brother Charles and Anna Booker: Civil Rights Legends

**Plainfield, NJ. November 10, 2016.** The City of Plainfield honored Brother Charles and Mrs. Anna Booker with a ceremony and reception at The Plainfield City Hall. Brother Booker was the appellant in the landmark 1965 case (Booker v. Board of Ed), by which the New Jersey Supreme Court struck down segregation by what was then referred to as “neighborhood schools”. The case was brought by the NAACP and used the NJ Supreme Court’s 1944 ruling in Hedgepath and Williams v. Trenton Board of Education to permanently end the practice of segregation in New Jersey schools.

The City Hall Rotunda was filled to capacity as family, friends and well-wishers from near and far came to share in the moment. Mayor Adrian O. Mapp presented the Bookers with a proclamation and Key to the City as well as proclaiming Thursday, November 10th as the Charles and Anna Booker Day in the City of Plainfield. Proclamations were also given by the State Assembly office of Jerry Green and by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders represented by Freeholder Linda Carter.

Brother Booker has been a loyal son of Omega for over 50 years and remains an active and vibrant member of the illustrious Omicron Chi Chapter “Home of the 28th Grand Basileus” and 2014-15 International Graduate Chapter of the Year (Division II). Brother Charles and Mrs. Anna Booker are truly living civil rights heroes and deserve to be honored and celebrated by all. Because of their sacrifice that all children of the state of New Jersey are afforded a good education regardless of their race, religion, or ethnicity.



*Bro. Charles and Anna Booker*



*Seated left Bro. Charles and Anna Booker display the Key to the City of Trenton, NJ. with the Brothers of Omicron Chi*

# Omicron Chi Supports Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil



*Omicron Chi Brothers pose with wooden silhouettes representing murdered domestic violence victims*

**North Plainfield, NJ. October 6, 2016.** The brothers of Omicron Chi participated in the 28th Annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil sponsored by “Safe & Sound Somerset. The vigil was held in memory of those who have died as a result of domestic abuse in Somerset County and to celebrate those who have survived. To bear silent witness to the tragic consequences of domestic violence in our communities, attendees walked through a display of life-size silhouettes representing the 36 individuals who have been murdered in domestic abuse-related incidents in Somerset County since 1976. Over the past year, there were 4 citizens of Somerset County who were killed due to domestic violence. The event was well attended by community members, survivors of domestic violence, and

students from area high schools and Kean University. The Mayor and Police Chief of North Plainfield also made remarks regarding the damaging effects that Domestic Violence has on families and communities. The event was highlighted by a courageous and impactful testimony from a woman that is a recent survivor of domestic violence. Additionally, a couple brothers from Mu Gamma Gamma Chapter joined us for the event. The Mighty OX was acknowledged and commended during the formal program by organizers because of our strong month long commitment to DVAM year after year.

For more information please visit: <https://www.safe-sound.org>

## Omicron Chi 5K Walk Run



*l-r Bros. Mike Lucky & John Metz, Union County Freeholder Ms. Linda Carter, and Bro. Stanley Smith at the “Queen City” 5K Walk/Run*

**Plainfield, NJ. Saturday, October 8, 2016.** Omicron Chi Chapter members distributed Domestic Violence literature/facts and Purple Ribbons during the Plainfield “Queen City 5K Walk”. Brother John Metz and Brother Mike Lucky represented the chapter by walking in this very worth while event. The purpose of the walk/run: Engage and unite Plainfield and surrounding communities, Highlight the historic legacy and beauty of Plainfield, Advocate for youth and senior citizens (especially the less privileged), Raise awareness and advocacy for health and wellness, Raise funds for scholarships, the less privileged, and non-profit community resources.

## OX Supports Lillian and Lillian Benefit Foundation Gala



*Brother Jiles Ship receives Founders Award at Gala*

**Bridgewater, NJ. October 23, 2016.** Omicron Chi Chapter supported the Lillian and Lillian Foundation Annual Benefit Gala. The Lillian and Lillian Foundation, named after Lillian Katherine Leak (age 26) and her mother Lillian Catherine Leak (age 44), is a not-for-profit organization where you will receive Help, Hope and Healing. Their focus is on prevention of domestic violence through education and awareness. During the gala, the Mighty OX’s own Brother Jiles Ship was awarded the “Founders Award” for his steadfast commitment in the fight against domestic violence. For additional information go to: [www.lillianandlillianfoundation.org](http://www.lillianandlillianfoundation.org)



# Omicron Chi Basileus Leon Smith II Recieves EMBODI Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Scientific Research

Edison, NJ. December 3, 2016. The members of Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. proudly held its 9th Annual CJA Honors: Celebrating Excellence Awards Brunch honoring distinguished professionals. Brother Leon M. Smith II was one of eight honorees recognized at this year’s event. Brother Smith was honored with the 2016 EMBODI Award for his outstanding accomplishments in scientific research.

Professionally, he is an accomplished medicinal chemist and has participated in drug discovery across multiple therapeutic areas, including central nervous system, metabolic diseases, oncology, and cardiovascular disease areas for over 20 years with the world’s most preeminent pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies. In fact, his research efforts have resulted in over 40 patents and peer-reviewed publications, of which, he is the primary author/inventor of several. Furthermore, he has directly contributed to three small molecules progressing into human Phase I-III clinical studies in cardiovascular disease and oncology including Amgen’s first internally developed small molecule to undergo clinical evaluation (AMG706, a selective inhibitor of kinases involved blood vessel formation and evaluated for treatment of imatinib-resistant gastrointestinal stromal tumors (Phase III)). Currently, he is a Senior Research Scientist for Bristol Myers Squibb (Hopewell site) where his research focus has been on the discovery of novel small molecules as potential treatments for thromboembolic diseases and heart failure. Leon takes great pride in having the opportunity to work with the brightest scientists in the world to find treatments for the most difficult diseases facing society today.

Brother Smith states “when I was growing up I had no idea about medicinal chemistry, drug discovery, STEM careers, entrepreneurship, or anything of the sort. But I was always a dreamer...dare to dream and then pursue them daily with passion!” Other 2016 CJA Honorees include Mary Bentley Lamar, Bristol Myers Squibb, Dr. Inez Phillips Durham, Bernel Harrison, Dr. Brandi Jones, Mikki Taylor, and Donna White.

For over 25 years, Brother Smith has been a loyal and dedicated son of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated while as an undergraduate at Clark Atlanta University, Beta Psi Chapter (Spring ’91) and is a Life Member. Currently, he has the honor and privilege of serving as Basileus of the illustrious Omicron Chi Chapter “Home of the 28th Grand



Brother Leon Smith II with Award

Basileus” and 2014-15 International Graduate Chapter of the Year (Division II).

## Omicron Chi Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Plainfield, NJ. October 2016. During the month of October, the Men of Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined millions of Americans across the U.S. in honoring National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). With a focus on illustrating our Cardinal Principle of “Manhood”, the members Omicron Chi Chapter are seeking to bring needed exposure and awareness to the impact of senseless violence against women and children. Brothers also wore symbolic purple ribbons throughout the month to show our unified stance against DV. For more information in how you can help bring an end to domestic violence please visit: <http://nnedv.org/getinvolved/dvam.html>

The Omicron Chi Chapter members “Take a Stand” initiative encompassed participation in the following Domestic Violence Awareness events:

- “Safe & Sound Somerset” Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil
- 2016 “Queen City” 5K Walk/Run
- 2016 Lillian and Lillian Foundation Annual Benefit Gala
- 2016 DVAM Social Media Campaign.

# Omicron Chi Achievement Week



*Omicron Chi Uplift Awardsees with Basileus Leon Smith II*

**Plainfield, NJ. November 14-20, 2016.** Omicron Chi hosted their Achievement Week Celebration. This year’s events included Feeding The Less Fortunate, Monday Night Football and Alzheimer’s Awareness Fellowship, Talent Hunt Auditions, The Uplift Awards, the Bi-Annual Worship Service, and the Annual Life Membership Brunch. The theme of the 2016 Achievement Week was “Omega Men: Living The Founders Vision.”

The week kicked off on Monday November 14th through the “Feed The Less Fortunate” initiative held at the Plainfield, NJ YMCA. The Men of Omicron Chi chapter along with 20 other individuals from NPHC served a home cooked meal to more than 50 individuals from the Plainfield, NJ community. This initiative has been a staple of Omicron Chi chapters social action program for over 20 years and occurs once every month. Immediately following the “Feed The Less Fortunate” initiative, the brothers gathered for a night of football, fellowship, and reclamation at Ecco Grill in Mountainside, NJ. Approximately, 35 brothers were in attendance along with more than 25 individuals from the community. The objective of this event was to raise awareness around Alzheimer’s in support of families who have members inflicted with this disease. This initiative raised in excess of \$100 of which the entire amount was donated to Alzheimer’s NJ organization.

On November 17th the chapter hosted its first round auditions for the annual Talent Hunt competition at InSpira School of the Arts. InSpira is a community based school of the arts that professionally trains youth in dance, music, acting and singing. The brothers provided a festive and supportive environment to encourage the young professionals to pursue their dreams. Finalists were selected to go to compete in the Talent Hunt finals that will be held in conjunction with chapter’s annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration in January 2017.

On Saturday November 19th Omicron Chi Chapter hosted its annual Uplift Awards Show. This event, modeled after the Academy Awards, was sponsored by local State Farm Agent and Bro. Robby West, InSpira Performing Arts & Cultural Center, and the Sally Reaves Collection. During the award show, Omicron Chi Chapter honored community leaders and brothers in the chapter who have exemplified extraordinary service on behalf of Omega and the community. The following individuals were honored during the show: Bro. Robby West - Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Charles Wilkins - Founders Award, Bro. Marcell L. Pickens, Jr. - Basileus/ Superior Service Award, Bro. Paul Ramseur - Extraordinary Effort Award, Bro. Fred Harris - Extraordinary Effort Award, Pastor Rev. Michael Sanders - Citizen of the Year, Dr. Angela Bento - Educator of the Year..

On Sunday November 20th Omicron Chi Chapter gathered to worship at Faith Christian Center in Plainfield, NJ where Rev. Wilbur W. Robinson is Senior Pastor. Faith Christian Center has been beacon of hope and faith within the Plainfield community for over 50 years. The chapter donated over \$250 to assist the church’s Scholarship Ministry to the Plainfield area.

Directly following the Worship Service, the Life Members Brunch was held at Grillstone Restaurant and hosted by the former 2nd District Life Membership Chairman Bro. Jeff Covington. Bro. Covington met with Life Members and regular members alike and applauded them for their dedication to the fraternity. He encouraged all those in attendance to achieve Life Membership and lauded Omicron Chi’s 20+ Life Members.



*Omicron Chi Essay Contest Winners*



*Omicron Chi Talent Hunt Winner Camryn Settles*

## Mu Rho Brother Opens Invictus Cigar Lounge in Waldorf, MD

**Waldorf, Maryland. January 2017.** Bro. Malcolm Hill, Mu Rho, has opened Invictus Cigar Lounge. He is conducting a special opening of the lounge servicing the Second District Winter Council Meeting, Friday and Saturday, February 3-4, 2017. The lounge will be open from 5pm until 2am both Friday and Saturday evenings for your smoking pleasure. There is no cover charge, but patrons are required to purchase a cigar from

the humidor upon entrance. The lounge's ABC license is still pending, so Brothers will have to bring their own libations. The lounge will supply the mixers.

Invictus Cigar Lounge address is 2894 Old Wasahington Road in Waldorf, MD, Phone number: 240-448-5882.



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The graphic features the words "Pure Elegance" in a purple script font at the top. Below it, the word "INVICTUS" is written in a bold, gold, sans-serif font. The word "Invictus" is written in a large, flowing purple script font that overlaps the "INVICTUS" text. The background is a light gray with wisps of white smoke rising from the bottom. At the bottom of the graphic, the address and phone number are listed in a black serif font, followed by the website URL in a black sans-serif font.



## Delta Upsilon Bro. Alex Bethea and His 6 Omega Sons Host Youth Wrestling League Exhibition in Trenton, NJ.

**Trenton, NJ. October 15-16, 2016.** The Trenton Youth Wrestling League held its second annual season kick-off wrestling exhibition event at the Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School in Trenton New Jersey. Nearly 150 K – 8th graders and their parents from throughout Trenton and the surrounding communities attended the “Titans in Trenton” event. Only in its second year, the Trenton Youth Wrestling League collaborated with the Wrestlers in Business Network Princeton, Philadelphia’s Beat the Streets Philly, the City of Trenton, and Capital City My Brother’s Keeper to put on the event.

The league is the brainchild of Brother Alex Bethea and his 6 sons, all Omega men, in partnership with Beat the Streets-Philly, a non-profit organization that looks to wrestling to inspire and encourage inner city youth to reach their fullest potential. The Betheas have a long and proud wrestling history in New Jersey, including 19 Mercer County Championships, 15 District Championships, 5 Regional Championships and 1 State Championship. Included in the day-long event was an exhibition wrestling match between Brother Canaan Bethea, a four-year University of Penn varsity wrestler and current assistant wrestling coach at George Mason University in Fairfax Virginia and Nick Heflin of the Princeton Regional Training Center.

The day was highlighted by an appearance and presentation by Kyle Frederick Snyder, youngest gold medalist on the US Rio Olympic wrestling team, and his wrestling Coach Tom Ryan 2015 NCAA Wrestling Coach of the Year out of Ohio State.



*Youth holding gold medal won at 2016 Rio Olympics by US Olympic Wrestler Kyle Frederick Snyder.*

## Delta Upsilon Named Trenton, NJ YMCA’s 2016 Community Organization of the Year



*Sam Frisby, President of the YMCA Board, Delta Upsilon Chapter Basileus, Brother Scott Rice, and Chapter Vice Basileus, Brother Dr. Charlie Williams*

**Trenton, NJ. November 2016.** The YMCA of Trenton recently recognized Delta Upsilon Chapter as its 2016 Community Organization of the Year at their annual Thanks for Giving recognition luncheon for its unwavering support of the Trenton YMCA programming. In particular, Delta Upsilon has been a major financial partner and participant of the

YMCA’s annual Healthy Kids Health Fair for each of the past 4 years. The yearly health fair seeks to educate young adults on healthy eating, living a healthy life style, drug and alcohol prevention, and establishing and maintaining healthy relationships.

## Lambda Upsilon 2016 Turkey Drive



*Lambda Upsilon and Volunteers outside the Turkey Giveaway location*

**Paterson, N.J. November 22, 2016.** Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in Turkey giveaway for the needy.

The Turkey giveaway provided a fresh turkey to 75 families in the Paterson, N.J. and surrounding area. The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Lambda Upsilon Chapter value helping the community and hope to provide joy to a family during the holiday season. Lambda Upsilon is also

participating in a toy and coat drive for families in need.

“Social Action is the reason why I pledged Omega Psi Phi and Social Action is why Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is the greatest Fraternity in the world” said John Zellars, Basileus Lambda Upsilon Chapter. Lambda Upsilon goals is to uplift the less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community and to make a long lasting, positive impact on the great city of Paterson, New Jersey.

## Delta Upsilon Honors Students of the Month



*l-r Bro. Dr. Garry M. Keel with student awardees and their parents*

**Trenton, NJ. November 29, 2016.** Delta Upsilon congratulated 6 students from the Trenton High School Arts Academy as student of the month for September, October, and November. The recognition, now in its second year, acknowledges and awards students nominated for their excellence both inside and outside of classroom. The students receive a commemorative plaque and a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

## Delta Upsilon Voter Registration Drive



*Bro. Aula Sumbry registering voters at Friendship Baptist Church*

**Trenton, NJ. October 2016.** As a part of its ongoing commitment to get people out to vote, Delta Upsilon held multiple voter registration drives at the Friendship Baptist Church in Trenton, NJ and during the Trenton High School Football Homecoming event. Collaborating with one of Trenton’s oldest and largest Churches and with the Trenton High School Football alumni and local Mercer County Panhellenic members yielded over 2 dozen new registrants.

## Tau Pi Achievement Week Activities



*Basileus Dr. Henry Jenkins with Omega Man of the Year Milbert Brown and Achievement Week Chair Bro. Rashaun Bass.*

**Columbia, MD. November 2016.** During Achievement week Tau Pi Chapter had a robust week of events chaired by Bro Rashaun Bass. Nov. 15th - Grassroots feeding --Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center located at 6700 Freetown Road Columbia, MD serves as a safe haven for families who have fallen on difficult times. Nov. 17th - Attended the Re-dedication at Howard University. Chapter chartered a van and enjoyed food, libation and good old Omega fellowship. Nov. 18th - as a reclamation event, Bruhs partied like it was 1999 at Hooters restaurant in Laurel, MD. Nov. 19th - Founder’s Day brunch was held at the V.F.W located in Elliott City, MD. Keynote speaker was Second District Representative Bro. Sherman Charles. To adhere to one of our principles for Mentoring, 25 of

our mentees were in attendance. Founders Stand in were Bro. Ron Britt, Bro. Rick Flanagan, Bro. Marty Harlee and Bro. Kelly Williamson. The Founders Award recipient was Bro. Bro Stephen Williams, the Superior Service Award winner was Bro. Michael Tucker. The Citizen of the Year recipient was Mrs. Germain Bolds-Leftridge and the 2016 Tau Pi Omega Man of the Year was awarded to Bro. Milbert Brown, Editor to the Oracle. The following members received the Basileus Award – Bro Eric Astrop, Bro Jay Kerr, Jr., Bro. Peter Higginbotham and Bro Jerry Watkins. On Nov. 20th, the Brothers worshipped at St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, MD. An offering of \$700.00 was contributed by Tau Pi Chapter to the church.



*Achievement Week Chair Bro. Rashaun Bass., Tau Pi Basileus Dr. Henry Jenkins with Tau Pi Citizen of the Year Mrs. Germain Bolds-Leftridge and Bro. Pete Higginbotham*

## Tau Pi Christmas Community Service at Harmony Hall



*Bro. Robert McGlotten and wife, Carolyn, give senior residents a Kwanzaa Ceremony*

**Columbia, MD. December 2016.** As part of its Community Service Initiative, Tau Pi Chapter has been conducting a Christmas Door Decorating Contest at Harmony Hall for the past seven years. Harmony Hall is an assisted living community in Columbia Maryland. It houses over 254 units of independent and assisted living forseniors.

With a goal of providing each resident with an opportunity to show and share their Christmas spirit with fellow residents, Tau Pi Chapter conducted its annual door decorating contest on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. Co-chairs of our Mentoring Committee Bros. Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins spearheaded the event. This year, awards were given to seven contestants. The awards consisted of a certificate of performance and a gift card from the local GiantFoods Market.

In addition to the Door Decoration Contest, Bro. Robert McGlotten of Tau Pi Chapter in conjunction with his lovely wife, Carolyn McGlotten, of Delta Sigma Theta Columbia Alumnae Chapter, provided an outstand-

ing Kwanzaa ceremony. We had about 17 residents in attendance which only one was African American, Rubie Polley. She is the spouse of one of our Omega Chapter Brothers. She will be 90 years old this year and is a soror of AKA since 1948. Hence, this was a cultural enlightenment and enrichment for them.

In support of this effort, Tau Pi enlisted several of its High School Mentees to assist in judging the doors and presenting the awards. One of our High School mentees, Shem Darko, was our photographer. His brother Daniel and Isaiah Terry provided residents with Kwanzaa libations and passing out the sheet music. These students earned Community Service credits which are a requirement in Howard County Public Schools.

The event was filled with excitement and much applause from the attendees. After the celebration, many residents stated how pleased they were with the Kwanzaa presentation and the door decorating contest and hoped Tau Pi would come back again next year.

## Tau Pi (P.E.A.K) Puzzles Enriching Aspiring Kids Program



*Bro. David Charon with PEAK Kids*



*Bro. Michael Curie with PEAK Kids*

**Columbia, MD. December 2016.** Over the past 6 years, the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter have been making annual donations of puzzles to the children enrolled in the Howard County Head Start Program.

Bros. David Charon and Mike Currie have taken on their inspiring role as Santa's Helpers to distribute the puzzles. There are over some 322 students throughout Howard County in this fabulous program.

This year, puzzles were handed out on December 19 and 21, 2016 at the four Head Start program. The locations are Dasher Green, Ellicott City,

First Presbyterian and Old Cedar Lane.

These puzzles are welcomed by the instructors as help to build effective motor and critical thinking skills while also providing a little holiday spirit to the kids. As expected, the kids are so excited to get their puzzles and the smile on their faces is living proof.

Bruhs Charon and Currie are to be highly commended for their sustainable and continuous effort in providing joy and happiness to these youths year after year.

## Tau Pi Brother Sherman Polley Honored Family Receives His 70 year Service Award

**Columbia, MD. November 28, 2016.** Omega Chapter Bro. Sherman J. Polley's family and friends were invited to Arlington Nation Cemetery for a ceremony to pay tribute to his heroism during World War II. As an enlisted man, he fought in the battle at Morotai, Netherlands East Indies as part of the Pacific War. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Bro. Polley was initiated in Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. via Theta Psi chapter at West Virginia State on May 29, 1946. He transitioned to Omega Chapter on August 18, 2016. This was one week prior to his 98th birthday on August 25, 1918.

At 97 years old, Bro. Polley wasn't physically able to attend the 80th Grand Conclave in Las Vegas to receive his award. Fraternity International policy prohibits the chapter Basileus or KRS from picking up an award. The award is eventually mailed to the address listed on My Page. Needless to say, he did not live to experience this awesome commendation in which only 12 were issued. He entered into Omega Chapter the following month on August 28, 2016. Tau Pi Chapter was contacted by the family upon receipt of his award and we formally presented it to his wife and daughter.

Bro. Polley was a charter member of Tau Pi Chapter in 1975. With his aging and declining health, his daughter moved him and wife Rubie to Harmony Hall, an assisted living facility in Columbia. Bros. Richard Layne, Frank Miles and Jerry Watkins came in contact with him and his wife during our Christmas Door Decoration event. As a chapter brother, over 80 years old, he became a Most Noble Lord in Tau Pi's My Brother's Keeper Program. The My Brother's Keeper committee ensured that he received all fraternal communications and assisted with his financial obligations. Upon his eligibility to receive his 70 year Service Awards, Tau Pi Brothers exhibited their true Omega spirit and settled his back dues.



*Bro. Polley's daughter and wife exhibit his 70 yr Service Award and certificate with Bro. Jerry Watkins*



## Tau Pi 2016 Holiday With Omega Gala



*HWO Fur Raffle. Winner Ms. Madonna Brown-Miles.*

**Columbia, MD. December 2016.** Holiday with Omega (HWO) is Tau Pi Chapter's signature event held on the second Saturday of each December. The date this year was December 10, 2016, held at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel in Baltimore, MD.

Completing his final year as the HWO Committee Chairman, Bro. Peter K. Higginbotham and the committee provided a Black Tie gala event in fine fashion as the chapter also celebrated its 41st year of service to Columbia, Maryland and the greater Howard County community.

The proceeds from this event fund Tau Pi's chapter programming and community service initiatives, which includes mentoring of young Black Males, scholarships for high school seniors, and senior citizen support services.

Over the years, the HWO event has enabled Tau Pi to award over \$250,000.00 to high school seniors on their way to college, mentor young Black Males in STEM courses and robotics, and host an annual luncheon event with senior citizens featuring good food, great live music entertainment, and both outstanding and useful prizes.

In keeping with the event's annual tradition, Mano Swartz, one of Maryland's top furriers, provided a beautiful fur jacket for the HWO Fur Raffle. The winner was DST Madonna Brown-Miles.

The fabulous Panama Band provided the musical entertainment, along with DJ Tre Styles on the turntables.



## Tau Pi Bro. Gary Tuggle Meets President Obama In Role as Philly DEA Chief



*President Barack Obama with Philly DEA Chief, Brother Gary Tuggle*

**Columbia, MD. July 2016.** During the summer of 2016, the Democratic National Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA. While in Philadelphia, President Obama took the opportunity to meet with the leaders of Federal, State and local Law Enforcement Agencies. Bro. Tuggle is the Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Field Division in Philadelphia. The discussion between the POTUS and Bro. Tuggle focused on current drug threats. Bro. Tuggle shared that President Obama was very gracious, knowledgeable and had a very good grasp of the issues. As part of their conversation, they presented each other with their challenge coin. This signifies a commander's status.

Bro. Tuggle, a Baltimore native has over 30 years in law enforcement. He began his career as a Baltimore police officer prior to transferring to DEA. He has served in various positions with increasing responsibilities

in Miami, Barbados, Chicago, and Trinidad.

During the Freddie Gray disturbances in Baltimore, Bro. Tuggle was interviewed by multiple television reporters concerning the severities and adverse reactions of the drugs which were confiscated by looters from CVS and other pharmacies.

In the Philadelphia DEA Division, Bro. Tuggle has a staff of over 360 personnel. His areas of responsibilities include law enforcement in civilian and military offices in Pennsylvania and Delaware. Comparable to many aspiring Executives, Bro. Tuggle did not permanently relocate to Philadelphia. He has an apartment which he lives Monday thru Friday. He travels home to Maryland on weekends to be with wife and family. As an active Brother of Tau Pi Chapter, he is still involved with events we have during weekends.

## Tau Pi Thanksgiving Social Action

**Columbia, MD. November 2016.** The Social Action and Mentoring Committees of Tau Pi Chapter jointly partner to purchase and distribute Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to families of Guilford Elementary School in Columbia, MD.

Alternative Education Coordinator Tanya Holland works with several other social organizations and with our contribution have been able to provide more families with food. She makes the decision for the school and Tau Pi Chapter which families will receive the baskets. Many of the families are the parents of our own mentees.

This year, Bro. Frank Miles, our co-chair for the Mentoring Committee represented the chapter and picked up the meals from St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, MD. He then transported the baskets to Guilford Elementary School to be added to the other organizations contributions. He earnestly assisted Ms. Holland with the arduous task of distribution and assisting the parents to load the baskets into their vehicles.

Each year, this has been a rewarding and inspirational endeavor to see the contented faces of these parents knowing that they will be able to provide a good meal for their family.



*Bro. Frank Miles prepares Thanksgiving Baskets*

## Gamma Pi Takes Que Kidz Program to Bowie State University



*Gamma Pi Que Kidz Program with Bowie State University President, Bro. Dr. Mickey Burnim*

**Bowie, Md. November 4, 2016.** The Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter certainly know the value of a college education. This Fall, the Super Chapter focused on introducing youths from its Que Kidz program to local HBCU campuses. As part of this effort, the Brothers took the youths from the underserved Kentland community on a daylong visit to Bowie State University for a football Saturday.

Bowie State President Bro. Dr. Mickey Burnim, a member of Gamma Pi Chapter, met with the children during their visit to campus. The purpose of the tour was to fill the knowledge gap of many children who have not been exposed to higher education. Many of them come from families where they will be the first generation of college students. Because the parents have not been to college in many cases, oftentimes they do not know how to help their children gain admission into a university. Some are left to believe their students have to receive an academic or athletic scholarship. The Brothers of Gamma Pi viewed the trip as a way to combat this fallacy that is often used as an excuse to limit the hope and vision

of youth from underserved communities.

The young students received information about a wide range of financial assistance programs, such as financial aid from the state and government. In fact, the campus visit involved presentations by an admissions specialist and graduate student, the athletic director, a financial aid specialist and the president of the Campus Activity Board. The Kentland youth also heard from Bowie State students including two members of Bowie State's chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Students also visited some 17 campus buildings, including some of the newer buildings, and they also got to see up close and learn about the popular Pan Hellenic "plots."

The final leg of the tour was the football game at Bulldog Stadium between the Bowie State University Bulldogs and the Elizabeth City State University Vikings. Upon entering the stadium, Bro. Dr. Burnim addressed the children and parents, and the students got the opportunity to greet the players and witness a 56-7 Bowie State win

## Gamma Pi Holiday Social Action

**Prince George's County, MD. November/December 2016.** The holidays are a time for family and reflection. But for many in the underserved Suitland and Kentland communities in Prince George's County, the recent holidays were also a time to enjoy the special cheer brought each year by the Brothers of Gamma Pi Chapter.

It began with the Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets Giveaway held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Windsor Crossing Seniors Building in Suitland. More than 90 seniors received the special Thanksgiving turkey dinner package provided by The Super Chapter in conjunction with Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc. The dinner packages went far beyond just turkey. Each dinner consisted of a 12-14 lb. butterball turkey, a holiday pie, a sweet potato casserole, mixed vegetables and a bag of apples and pears

On December 6, the Brothers hosted close to 100 children between the ages of 3 and 12, along with their families, for a toy giveaway at Suitland Elementary School. Toys were purchased by Gamma Pi along with

Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc, and Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. The Brothers hosted another big Holiday gathering for the kids in the Kentland Community on Saturday, December 17. The chapter runs Que Kidz, a cultural, social and health enrichment program for Kentland youth.

On Thursday, December 22, several Brothers joined a private effort to adopt a local family for the holiday. The Brothers worked with The Coleman Group to sponsor the Hall family from the local area. The company is owned by the spouse of the late Bro. Charles Coleman who transitioned to Omega Chapter in November. Gifts included school clothing, tablets, gift cards and food for the local adopted single-parent household headed by the father with two young sons.

On Friday, December 23, members of The Super Chapter united with the affiliated Friendship Charities Foundation, Inc, to participate in a community Toy Giveaway at the Mission of Love Charities, Inc. in Capitol Heights, where many children are also disadvantaged.

## Gamma Pi Achievement Week



*Gamma Pi Achievement Week Awardees*

**Prince George’s County, Md. November 19, 2016.** For Gamma Pi Chapter, Achievement Week 2016 was a full and successful week of activities that underscored the chapter’s moniker as The Super Chapter. More than 100 Brothers participated in Achievement Week programs that started Saturday, November 12 and ended with a communitywide program local leaders and chapter members on Saturday, November 19, and a chapter worship service on Sunday, November 20.

Chapter Brothers honored this year were William Smith, Omega Man of the Year; Lucian Cox, Superior Service Award; Lawrence Dukes, Founders Award; and Brig. Gen. R. Scott “Scottie” Dingle received the Col. Charles Young Award. Bro. Dingle also served as a keynote speaker for Achievement Week. Also, Willie Hines, Jr., a local All-Met baseball player, was named Student-Athlete of the Year.

This year, the presence of grand Basileus Brother Antonio Knox energized Brothers as he gave a powerful, spirited and uplifting talk at the Annual Brothers Only dinner on Friday, November 18, at Joint Base Andrews. More than 80 Omega men gathered for the private dinner and Bro. Knox was a timely speaker for the occasion as he put into perspective

the just-completed U.S. election results, reminding Brothers that these are time that Omega men are best prepared to withstand and lead. “If you go back and look at the history books, you’ll see that since Omega has been founded, we have been involved n trying to make a difference in our community.” The Fraternity’s Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Gamma Pi’s own, Bro. Kenneth Rodgers also attended the dinner as well as newly installed Second District Representative Sherman Charles.

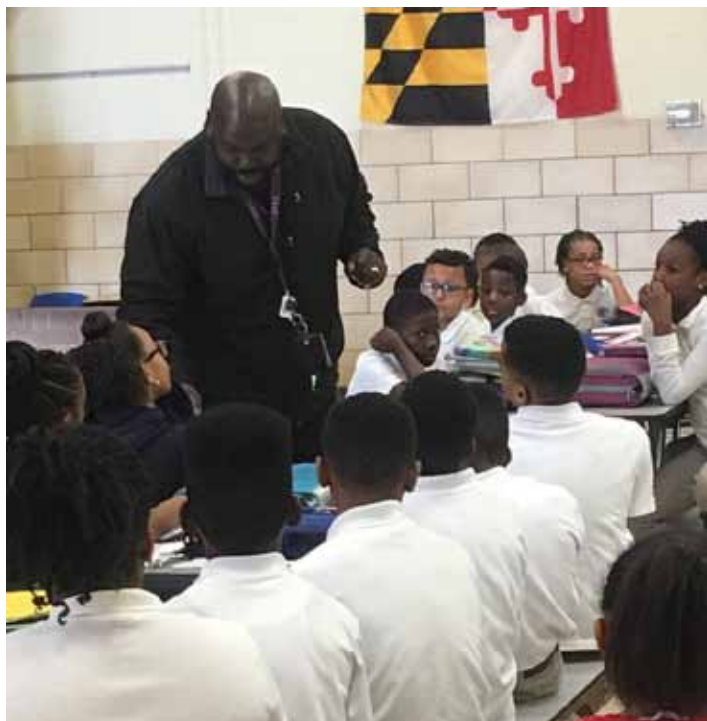
Bro. Brig. Gen. Dingle, a member of the chapter, was the keynote speaker at the communitywide Achievement Week program held Saturday, November 19 at the Washington National Harbor. His message focused on “not losing your bearings” as Gamma Pi goes about doing the work of Omega. Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Bro. Rodgers was also on the program and brought greetings.

Earlier in the week, Brothers held a special Veteran’s Day program for local youth (November 12) and attended the Re-dedication ceremony at Howard University. The week was punctuated with a rousing church service hosted by Brother Rev. Brian King, Gamma Pi Chaplain.

## Gamma Pi Drug Awareness and Bullying Presentation

**Landover, MD. November 21, 2016.** Brother Tiresias McCall gave a cutting-edge presentation on Drug Awareness and Bullying at EXCEL Academy Public Charter School during a series of programs on November 21. Brother McCall spoke to the entire student body, K-8th grade. Brother McCall is currently a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the District of Columbia. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Tuskegee University and a Master of Arts Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling from the University of the District of Columbia, and is currently enrolled at Howard University pursuing a second master’s degree. He has been a youth advocate and servant for over 20 years serving in the following roles: United States Marine (USMC), Special Education Teacher, Dean of Students, Juvenile Probation Officer, and a Juvenile Correction Officer. He gave a compelling message concerning the use of illegal psychoactive drugs and the negative effects they have had on our community. He also spoke on bullying and how it has become a pervasive social practice throughout America and impedes positive interpersonal relationships.

Brother McCall got the young students’ attention when he talked about how drug use in the community has ravaged intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development of individuals. His point was that many people in the community have chosen to take drugs for non-medical reasons and have squandered their opportunity for vocational and personal success as a result. It may only start with a small puff of tobacco or marijuana but eventually this small action becomes a big problem. People often start using drugs for recreational purposes, but often what eventually happens is they began to need the drug to function “normally”, in other words they develop a physical dependency on the substance.



*Bro. Tiresias McCall with EXCEL Academy students*

## Kappa Omega Achievement Week Ceremony



*2nd District Chaplin Dwain Harrell gives spiritual message at Kappa Omega Achievement Week Ceremony*

**Harrisburg, Pa. November 12, 2016.** A tsunami of blessings, fellowship and spiritual uplift sweep across the central Pennsylvania region on the occasion of the Kappa Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. annual Achievement week celebration. We were blessed and highly favored with the presence of several spiritual giants of our organization who traveled here to help us celebrate this auspicious occasion. Bishop Rev. Dr. Staccato Powell, Grand Chaplin of our organization, Rev. Dwain Harrell, 2nd District Chaplin and Brother Rev. Raymond Johnson, 6th District Chaplin all shared the bonds of Brotherhood and Friendship in helping to make this year's Achievement week celebration one of the finest and most spiritually uplifting on record.

Bishop Powell praised Kappa Omega for their overwhelming and steadfast participation in the corporate Daily Prayer Call. He said Kappa Omega has more brothers participating in that Daily call than any other Chapter in the country. Bishop Powell spoke about the power of Prayer and the continual need for Prayer. The title of his talk for the evening was Fixating On Causes Ultimately Significant (FOCUS) He urged everyone in attendance not to be distracted from our missions in Life by the changes in politics and economics.

Achievement week awards were bestowed on this year's notables including: Omega Man of the Year Award Co-winners; Brother Jesse Rawls, Jr. and Bro. Mark Walker, Citizen of the Year Award Co-winners; Delta Sister Kristal Turner-Childs and Bro. Jeffrey Kirkland, Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award Co-winners; Bro. Jerome R. White (Capt. USN) and Bro. Rodney Bonner (Cmdr. USN), Basileus Award Co-winners; Bro. James Batte and Bro. William Jefferson, and Student of the Year Award to Keshawn Reid.

The second part of the weekend celebration saw Brother Dwain Harrell 2nd District Chaplin bring a spiritually uplifting message to the Brothers at Harrisburg's Bethel A.M.E. Church. Assisted by Brother Lawrence Houston Kappa Omega Chaplin and Brother Garth Smallwood Worship Leader for the event, Brother Harrell brought a rousing message of sustained Faith and the need for community Uplift which was enthusiastically received by the Brothers and the Church congregation.

This Achievement week celebration also ushered in a changing of the guard for the Kappa Omega Chapter. It was the first official duty for the newly elected Basileus of the Chapter Bernard Fisher who is succeeding outgoing four term Basileus Garfield A. Jackson, Jr.



*l-r Committee members Bros. Eric Kirkland and Michael Elby, Grand Chaplin Staccato Powell, 6th District Chaplin Ray Johnson, Past KO Basileus John Gumby and KO Basileus Bernard Fisher*

# Kappa MLK Day of Service



*Kappa Chapter Brothers. at MLK Day of Service*

Syracuse, NY. **January 16, 2016** brothers of Kappa chapter partnered with many different organizations for a the annual MLK Day of Service, Brothers helped with packing clothes as well as sorting clothes that would be given out to many families throughout the Syracuse community. This day of service acted as a quick reminder for brothers to reflect on not only our current society, but also the positive impacts that Dr. King was able accomplish throughout his life. The service done also provided brothers a chance to fellowship with members of the Syracuse community and support the message of unity that Dr. King shared.

# Kappa Canned Food Drive



*Kappa Chapter Brothers with canned foods collected*

Syracuse, NY. **November 7, 2016 to November 17, 2016.** Kappa Chapter Brothers collected and dominated nonperishable food items to Dunbar Community Center and Southwest Community Center in Syracuse. The brothers did this by canvassing neighborhoods around the university as well as dorms within the University to collect as many items as possible. The brothers did this as a plan to help curb local hunger and give those less fortunate meals as the Thanksgiving season approached. The brothers packed up to 15 boxes of food and helped unload the food before it was repackaged by the community centers and given to the people who needed the food the most.

# Kappa Canned Food Drive



*Kappa Chapter Brothers. with backpacks for giveaway*

Syracuse, NY. **September 8, 2016.** The Brothers of Kappa Chapter collected school supplies and donated backpacks full of supplies to Van Duynn Elementary School as well as local churches to give to students before the first day of school. Brothers were also at Van Duynn on the first day of school to help welcome students as well as pass out supplies personally.

# Kappa Most Philanthropic Organization at Syracuse



*Kappa Chapter Brothers David Fitzpatrick-Woodson and Anthony Haynie III*

Syracuse, NY. **November 12, 2016.** Brothers David Fitzpatrick-Woodson and Anthony Haynie III represented the Kappa chapter as they were given an award entitled “Most Philanthropic Organization” by the women of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. for the many acts of community service that the brothers have done on the campus of Syracuse University as well as in the city of Syracuse such as the backpack drive, which helped give local elementary students backpacks and school supplies, as well as the canned food drive to help curb hunger in the local Syracuse community.

## Nu Nu Achievement Week Luncheon



*l-r Bro. Greg Ackles, Essay Contest Entrant Jamir Sterling and Bro. Eric Dennis*

**Burlington, NJ. November 12, 2016.** Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their Achievement Week Awards Brunch at the Tabernacle Baptist Church recognizing community leader and Nu Nu Chapter Brothers for their outstanding efforts, followed by the installation of new officers. We heard an essay read by Jahmir Sterling, Nu Nu High School Essay contest entrant. His essay focusing on reducing gun violence was very insightful and thoughtful.

The Joseph Washington Basileus award was presented to Bro. Jarrod Flowers. The Colonel George Waters Superior Service award was presented to Bro. Terry Lucas. The Arthur Frank Brown 2016 Leadership and Inspiration award was presented to Eddie Campbell, former Mayor of Willingboro, NJ, retired military, trustee of Tabernacle Church. The Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership award was presented to Bro. Car-

los Wiley. Lt. Colonel Theodore Cannon 2016 Citizen of the Year award was presented to Dr. Amy Dean. Dr. Amy Dean is an artist, educator, executive, and consultant with 20+ years leading program development for local and international organizations. She is also a professor teaching several courses and is working on her first film. The 2016 Omega Man of the Year award was presented to Bro. Sylvester Wilkins. The Founders Award was presented to Brothers Bentley Ritter, Theodore Cannon, Donald Irish, and Thomas Cook.

New Officers of Nu Nu Chapter are as follows: Bro. Edward Tyson Sr., Basileus, Bro. Jarrod Flowers, Vice Basileus, Bro. David Linder, Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Bill McLoughlin, Keeper of Finance, Bro. Michael E. Brown, Chaplain and Bro. Jeffery J. Cole, Director of Public Relations.



*Bro. Darrell McMillion, Arthur Frank Brown Leadership and Inspiration Awardee, Eddie Campbell and Bro. Eric Dennis*

## Nu Nu Omega Night of Worship and Song at Tabernacle Baptist Church



*Nu Nu Brothers in attendance at Omega Night of Worship and Song*

**Burlington, NJ. November 10, 2016.** As part of our celebration of Achievement week, the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter held their First Annual Omega Night of Worship and Song at Tabernacle Baptist Church. We had a stirring sermon on “holding on and continuing the fight” from Bro. Rev. Dr. Christopher T. Curry, Past Grand Chaplain of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Inc. and Ezion Fair Baptist Church Pastor. We heard very moving spiritual songs from Sister Elaine Mayfield, Saxophone solos from Jose Carmona our 2nd District Talent Hunt winner a few years ago, and beautiful, praise filled selections from the Tabernacle Baptist Church Mass Choir. The Spirit was truly present in the place.



*Bro. Rev. Dr. Chris Curry preaching at Omega Night of Worship and Song*

## Nu Nu College Preparedness Workshop

**Burlington, NJ November 7, 2016.** As part of our Achievement Week celebration, the Brothers of Nu Nu chapter held a College Preparedness Workshop, @ 7 p.m. at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 150 East 2nd St., Burlington, NJ 08016. The workshop was for High School students and their parents or guardians. The college Preparedness workshop was led by

Ms. Chelsea Dixon, Author and Educator, who wrote the book, “Bridging the Gap A Simple Guide to College”. Ms. Dixon provided information on the FAFSA, the HBCU common app, getting prepared for SATs, and many more pertinent details. It was a very successful information rich session for our High School Students.



*High School students at the Nu Nu College Preparedness Workshop*

## Upsilon Alpha Founders Month Activities

**Atlantic City, NJ. November 2016.** Doing the Business of Omega by the Sea during our Founders' Month, the Brothers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter were engaged in uplift to its communities. On November 12, 2016 Upsilon Alpha Chapter held its Annual Achievement Brunch where we acknowledged the service of individuals and groups of the Greater Atlantic City community for their service to the community. Awards were presented based upon characteristics displayed that exemplified our Four Cardinal Principles. This year we honored the following: Manhood, Mr. Marty Small, City Council President, City of Atlantic City; Scholarship, Rev. Wendy Mason-Harris, Teacher and Pastor of St. James AME Church; Perseverance, Ms. Annie Smith, retired teacher/administrator and long-time youth advocate; Uplift, Rev. John Martin, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Pastors' Mentor and Pleasantville youth advocate. We, also, honored Princess, Inc. Young Ladies' Mentoring Group as our Citizen Group of the Year. Proceeds raised by this event provide scholarships for deserving high school seniors in the Greater Atlantic City area.

Upsilon Alpha Chapter also conducted its annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at the Dr. MLK Jr. Elementary School Complex thanks to Rev. Bro. Eugene Harris, project coordinator. The Building Principal, Mrs. Jodi Burroughs, identified fifteen (15) low-income families. Families that came in to pick up their baskets were uplifted with full thanksgiving meals in a case. Meals included Turkey, stuffing, gravy, rice, string beans, cornbread, yams, cranberry sauce, lemonade or sweet tea, sweet potato, pumpkin or lemon pie. Brothers Barry Masters, Frank Ervin, Eric Mayo and Roy Wesley Jr. were on hand to assist with the distribution. During the Annual Thanksgiving Basket giveaway, the Brothers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter also participated in its assault on illiteracy program with some of the same families of the basket giveaway. Children of those families were able to choose a few books from a box of children's books for their reading pleasure over the thanksgiving break. A total of 95 books were donated by the chapter to Dr. MLK Elementary School Complex.

Finally, the Chapter successfully hosted an Open Enrollment for Affordable Healthcare as part of its Social Action, one of our International Mandated Programs. Fifteen (15) family members, including young children, signed up and now receive coverage. A few mothers and fathers will rest easier at night knowing that their children will benefit from health care

insurance that they can afford. This uplifting event that serviced the citizens of the greater Atlantic City area took place on Saturday, November 26, 2016, at the All Wars Memorial Building, "Soldiers' Home", Site of first 2nd District Conference in Atlantic City almost 70 years ago in 1948. Special thanks to our partners, Gateway Community, City of Atlantic City, Center for Family Services. Special thanks to Basileus Bro. Roy Wesley Jr., Councilman Bro. William Marsh, Bro. Ed Bethea, Executive Vice President/C.O.O. of Gateway Community Action Partnership, Rev. Bro. Eugene Harris, Property Manager Nynell Langford, Staff members Gateway Community Carla Thomas, Latoya Dunston, Tauheedah Abdul-lah, Center for Family Services Staff.



*Upsilon Alpha Citizen of the Year Princess, Inc., Young Ladies Group, Representative with Basileus Roy Wesley Jr..*



*Upsilon Alpha Brothers preparing Thanksgiving Baskets*





# What's On the Minds of Omega Men

## Opinion/Editorial Section



### In Search of The Never-Ending Story



*Brother Dr. Garry Keel*

For the past several years, I have written and spoken about MSP, the skills needed to be a successful sponsor/mentor, the need for Brothers to be teachers first and Brothers second when working with young folks, and the need to bring about significant and continuous improvement to the MSP process in order to successfully bring new recruits into Omega. During the course of this time, I have attended numerous MSP training programs and have had the pleasure of being a DP (back in the day) for several undergraduate and graduate lines and most recently served as the MSP chairperson for Delta Upsilon Chapter during fall 2016. These experiences have provided me the opportunity to have a unique view of how our “membership and selection” programs have changed over the years. As the spring is typically the time in which we see an increase in “recruiting” activities among chapters, there are two constructs that I believe chapters need to consider before they actually begin and complete the MSP process in the coming months.

The first is the training that Brothers will receive in order to prepare for their participation in a successful MSP sanctioned program. Today's MSP training and violence prevention programs generally do a good job educating Brothers as to what is not acceptable behavior during the MSP program. However, from my experience, what is missing in training is the answer to and discussion of the following:

“What does a good MSP program look like from the beginning of the process to the end (initiation)?”

From what I can gather, most of the formal MSP training is devoted to making sure that Brothers know what they are not to do and the consequences associated with inappropriate actions and very little if any time and discussion devoted to what “is” appropriate behavior and how that might look during the process. I am not suggesting that individuals should not be aware of the rules/regulations and the consequences of breaking them, but to have a training program that focusses primarily on the nega-

tive, just does not seem, in my estimation, to have Brothers leaving the training with a road map on how to conduct an appropriate MSP program. I believe that along with the discussion of the rules and regulations and how to alleviate negative behavior, during the formal training process there needs to be time set aside and materials developed that show what one is “supposed to do” to conduct a successful process. What specific activities are suggested that reflect manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift? I am not talking about what history or poems should be taught or what hops should be learned, I am talking about what activity/behavior we want them to exhibit and “own” throughout the entire MSP process from start to initiation.

This is the piece of the training that I believe is missing. What should be included and what will a good process look like?

Without the opportunity to discuss and share “success” stories, then I just don't think that scare tactics, even with the threat of imprisonment, banishment, etc. alone, will ever get us away from the inhumane (my word) process that some Brothers feel is necessary in bringing future prospects into the fold.

In addition to adding to our training methods and materials, in my view, the second construct is even more important than the Chapter's MSP training program. The concept of “Worthy” brother cuts right to the core of having a successful MSP program or not. If the Founders in their infinite wisdom can add a word like “Worthy” when discussing the responsibility of one Brother to another, then we have to believe that they knew that some Brothers, even with 20 pearls, needed to be scrutinized and were not worthy of the full enjoyment and benefits of the fruits that Omega can offer.

If you believe, as I do, that the Founders knew this about human nature, then it would stand to reason that it cannot be an automatic “right” for every Brother to be allowed to participate in a MSP (even if properly certified and having met all financial obligations) or have a leadership role in the most precious process of our Fraternity, that of bringing new members into the fold. Just because a Brother is familiar with challenges, has completed a MSP training program, has paid dues, etc., does not automatically make him “worthy” or gives him the “right” to educate, guide, mentor, and/or support our future leaders. I don't think any of us who have kids would want a “bad” teacher (even with a degree) to be our child's teacher. If that is true, then I don't know how any of us can just blanket approve “any and all” Brothers to teach our future leaders the virtues of being a good Brother simply because that Brother found his way into the light of Omega.

Whether a chapter decides to have a MSP program or not and whether they provide good examples of what a positive MSP program should look like, members of that Chapter and of the Fraternity in a whole must have the courage, foresight and the wisdom to ensure that whomever is involved in the process as participating Brothers, mentors, sponsors, or leads their MSP is “worthy” and not just simply a member of the organization. Our Founders and the future of our Beloved Omega demand nothing less.

A well thought out MSP program developed and facilitated by well trained and “worthy” Brothers will keep Omega's story a never-ending one. Don't you Just Love Coleman and Cooper.

Brother Dr. Garry Keel

# Historical Perspective from Dec 1940 Oracle

## BROTHER HUGHES WRITES LIFE STORY

FOR FOURTEEN YEARS, since the publication of "The Weary Blues" in 1926, Langston Hughes has been widely recognized as one of the most important young writers in America, white or Negro. For much of that time he has



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made his living exclusively by his pen—probably the only Negro author to do so before the great success of Richard Wright. Now Hughes has written his own story—a story as full of color, incident, vitality and good humor as the man who wrote it and the life it describes. Called "The Big Sea," it was published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, on August 26 past.

Since he is an American, Hughes grew up thinking of himself as a Negro. But he went to Africa on a freighter when he was twenty-one, and the people there told him he was not a Negro at all, but white. He has some Cherokee blood, and some French, and some English-American, and it shows in his appearance. When he lived in Paris a short time later, the people didn't care about those things; he was, and is, a delightful human being, and that was enough for them.

Hughes was born in 1902 in Joplin, Mo., but he spent his growing years principally in Kansas, in Illinois and in Cleveland. His parents were separated—his father had gone to Mexico and engaged in various business enterprises, while his mother remained in the States, worked for a living, and subsequently married a second time. He stayed as a boy with his grandmother in Lawrence, and went to school like other boys, and at twelve years old went to church and was "saved"—a proceeding he never understood at all, but he knew he had to get up and say he was saved or else keep the congregation in church permanently; so he got up and said it.

When he was graduated from grammar school

in Lincoln, Ill., he was elected class poet, for no reason that he could discover, as he had never thought of writing before. But, being a poet, he had to write a poem. He wrote it, and read it at graduation, and everyone applauded. Thus he became a poet.

Then at high school in Cleveland he really discovered his poetic gift, contributed many pieces to the school publication, and began to collect rejection slips from national magazines. And in the summer he went to Mexico to visit his father, a driving sort of man who was interested only in making money, and who had made it. It was not a pleasant summer; he was glad to go back to Cleveland, to school and to writing.

And right there is the pattern of the life Hughes was to follow in the years ahead—travel and writing. He has traveled in Africa and Asia, as well as Europe and America. He has been a sailor, a waiter, a chef, a teacher, a college student, a farm hand, a watchman, an editor and at least a minor lion in the literary renaissance of the '20's.

He has studied at Columbia and Lincoln University, starved on the Genoa waterfront, mixed on intimate terms in the Negro society of Washington and the literary society of New York. He has met jim-crow in the South and Mr. James Crow in the North, and no crow at all in Mexico and Europe.

And he wrote. At first his pieces had no publisher; later they began to appear in "The Crisis," and he became known as a poet among his people. Then Vachel Lindsay saw some of his work, liked it, and said so. It happened this way.

It was in 1925. Hughes was back from Europe and was working as a bus boy at the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington. Mr. Lindsay came to the hotel on a lecture tour, and at dinner-time Hughes quietly laid copies of a few of his poems beside the older writer's plate. That evening at his lecture Mr. Lindsay told his audience how he had read the work of that hotel bus boy, that it was good, that they had a man of remarkable talent right there in Washington and hadn't discovered him.

That was a publicity break indeed. Reporters came to interview Hughes; his story and his picture were printed in newspapers everywhere. He won "Opportunity's" poetry prize, and began to meet important people in the world of litera-

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ture—James Weldon Johnson and Zora Thurston, Witter Byner and John Farrar, Alain Locke and Carl Van Vechten. It was Mr. Van Vechten who persuaded him to submit his first collection of poems to a book publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. The book was called "The Weary Blues," and Knopf published it early in 1926. It went through a number of editions and definitely established its author as one of America's important young poets before he was twenty-four years old. The doors of literary New York and smart Harlem were open to him; the golden twenties, with their excitement and variety and easy money, were beckoning.

Many a young man under those circumstances would have rested on his laurels, had fun for a few glamorous years, and then dropped out of sight.

Not Brother Hughes. He went back to college—to Lincoln University, with a scholarship, where he worked and studied and wrote, where he instigated certain reforms in the make-up of the faculty, and where he took his bachelor's degree in 1929. During this period he contributed pieces to many magazines and published two other books—"Fine Clothes to the Jew," a second collection of poems, and "Not Without Laughter," a novel. There were week-ends in Harlem, too, and summers spent here, there and everywhere. All the great names of the literary twenties stud these pages—Van Vechten and Bynner, Somerset Maugham, Fanny Hurst, Hugh Walpole, William Seabrook, Isa Glenn, Rouben Mamoulian, Horace Liveright, Miguel Covarrubias and dozens of other leaders in art, music, letters, every field of human activity. It was all wonderful, and Hughes writes of it with the zest he must have felt for that life while it lasted.

Then one day he awoke to realize that the twenties were over, and his own twenties were practically over, too. He had a gold medal, four hundred dollars in cash, no more scholarship and no job. But he could write. And he did.

"Literature," he says "is a big sea full of many fish. I let down my nets and pulled."

"The Big Sea" is the story of the man who did that pulling, and it shows not only what manner of man he is but why he has been pulling successfully ever since.

Brother Hughes' book will be of immediate interest to Lincoln graduate Omegans who can

re-live some of the campus life that he so vividly tells of in his book. Other Omega men would find "The Big Sea" a worthy volume for their library—not merely because it is the work of an Omegan, but because of the cleverly told tale of adventure written in a scholarly manner.

## HOOPER . . . . .

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Colonel Hooper was born in Jersey City, N. J. on June 5, 1894, but has lived in New York City since his early childhood. His parents, Oscar L. and Louise Morris Hooper came from Philadelphia, Penn. He was married to the former Martha Knox in 1920. Before the World War Brother Hooper worked in the Public Service Commission as stenographer. After the war, he worked as law stenographer in the office of the District Attorney of New York County. In 1922, he was assigned as stenographer to Judge John F. McIntyre, Court of General Sessions.

He entered Fordham University Law School in 1923 and was graduated in 1926. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in December 1936.

Brother Hooper was initiated in Epsilon chapter, Omega Psi Phi in 1926. He has given spirited advice and inspiration to many brothers who have sought his counsel. He is never too busy to tell a brother when he may be seen.

He was formerly secretary to the United Colored Democracy. He was a charter member of the Reveille Club of New York, which served for the betterment of conditions among Negroes. He was a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1938.

Colonel Hooper adopted the finer points of his military career as a hobby. Through his great enviable record, many young men have been sold to the call to colors—seeking its true virtues and principles.

All Omega stands to salute the new Colonel  
As we did some years ago;  
May the true spirit of Omega attend  
To lead him worthily, fearing no man or foe.

# Historical Perspective from June 1938 Oracle

## ARE OMEGAS INTELLIGENT?

The Negro press has been instrumental in uncovering the lynch evils; the sharecroppers and peonage farms of the South, as well as bringing to the front in public view the whole sordid civic and economic life in the deep South. The uncovering of these things and the bitter denunciation of those responsible for them, have had quite a deal to do with at least remedying some of the evils of which we complain.

Through the consistent fight on the part of the Negro press, much has been accomplished by such institutions as the Urban League, both

national and local, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

They have been instrumental in promoting the progress of schools and universities and have contributed their share to the growth and progress, not only of the race, but to the advancement of the nation as well.

If the people, whom they have sought to serve, would give them financial support, as well as moral encouragement, they would double their value in service, both to the race and nation. It is easy for us to *criticise*, but it is a task to *perform*.

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## ARE OMEGAS INTELLIGENT? . . . . .

• BY FRITZ CANSLER

**T**HE LAST ISSUE of the ORACLE contained articles from the pens of three gifted writers whose musings are always worth the time and trouble it may take to follow them through to any bitter end. The appearance of these dissertations in a single issue was noteworthy because each of the brothers in Omega criticized in a very frank and revealing way, the current practices, the goals, the weaknesses and shortcomings of the Greek letter ilk from the vantage point of an insider, with the understanding, clarity and abandon of a *particeps criminis*.

Brother John Aubrey Davis said: "The loss of some of the fire of purpose in the fraternity is entirely apparent even to the undergraduate, and makes all of the horseplay and pleasure side of the fraternity all the more nauseous to the serious student."

Then follows Brother M. B. Tolson, our neighbor across the way down here in Texas, a seer, savant and bold prophet of the new order, in these sizzling words: "The average fraternity these days looks like a dean's 'flunkers list.' So help me, that's a disgrace. Yes, that's a tragedy."

And finally comes our venerated friend, Brother Jesse O. Thomas, who like good wine, seems to improve with age, who sadly concurs in the opinion that: "The only way to keep graduate men financial is to deny them participation in the annual dance."

Like the effect of a sense of humor in a well-balanced personality, so the willingness of an

In Dallas, Texas, last summer, the Editor stopped at the Moreland Branch Y.M.C.A. and found Brother Fritz Cansler, of Theta Alpha Chapter, performing his duties as executive secretary. His writings for the A.N.P. and other news agencies were already well-known. We are all familiar with his by-line. We could not pass up this chance of inviting him to submit an article for our May issue, which we present here.

organization or an institution to accept criticism, even though caustic, is in itself a hopeful and healthy sign. That within the organization in a single issue of our journal, there are three outstanding brothers with the ability to see our weaknesses, the courage to lay them bare, and best of all, with a remedy for our failures, argues well for Omega's future.

That there is ample justification for a visit to the mourner's bench, for penitence and absolution, needs not be argued. Metaphorically shifting from church to courtroom, we confess that there is truth in the indictments. We must plead guilty as charged. Most of us joined the fraternity without any adequate conception of the obligations involved and certainly not thinking of the contribution a group of picked and selected college men might make to a "topsy-turvy" social order.

The proud boast of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is of the achievements; of the class and caliber of the men who make up its membership. It is true that in any listing of men who have wrought well, in any compilation of a racial

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## ARE OMEGAS INTELLIGENT?

"Who's Who," Omegas have a disproportionately large place. So far, the record is good.

The question arises, however, "How intelligent are Omega men?" and upon the answer to this searching query depends the future.

Intelligence is a rare and priceless heritage, an inheritance without money or price. Verily, it is a gift of the gods. A noted psychologist perhaps over-simplifies this congenital human endowment with the definition: "Intelligence is the ability to solve what, for the individual, is a new problem." When one recalls that daily and hourly we are confronted with the necessity for solving life's problems, when we realize that the main business of successful living is bound up in decisions and choices, selecting the good and rejecting the bad, the definition takes on a new meaning and a wider implication.

What part shall we as Negro men have in a world that is being made over? Truly, all things are new, and old things have passed away. The intelligence quotient of our fraternity will be revealed by the attitude its younger sponsors and leaders take toward the mental test provided by the new problems of campus life, with its increased freedom and the greater opportunity now provided for the exercise of personal choices and individual initiative. Men selected for the high honor of representing Omega should make contributions to the new campus order which already, for better or worse, has supplanted the old.

Those older ones of us for whom fond memories and the privilege of wearing the shield are the only tenuous cords which bind us to college life, are likewise charged with a grave responsibility. Are we intelligent?

If we are, we shall take to heart the frank criticisms of our brothers. In every community there are problems of sufficient number and magnitude to call for the best of the race. If our civilization persists, if our poor humanity survives the dangers and pressures, the strains and stresses of depression and hunger, of wars and pestilences, of dictatorships and race prejudice, of nationalism and revolution, if there is enough left of it to be worth saving, the responsibility rests not with the morons, the imbeciles and the incompetents, but with the in-

telligent remnant endowed with the qualities of mind and soul so much needed in our age's great emergency.

Dr. John H. Winley, editor-in-chief of the *New York Times*, speaking at Baylor University, said: "Man's struggle for truth, his willingness to die for its defense are evidences of his sharing the divine." There are times in the lives of men and institutions when they wish to "share the divine"—when they must show a willingness to lay down their lives. New directions have to be charted, new trails blazed and new pathways laid out that infrequently involve danger and death. It was this the Galilean preacher had in mind when he told his hearers that in order to save one's life, a man must be willing to lose it.

Will Omega be willing, will it have within its ranks the intelligence to choose wisely and well, even if it means the death of the old ways of living and thinking, and if it entails a willingness to place greater emphasis on life's worth while endeavors to the utter exclusion of the old delusions and the empty palliatives of a dead past? For the new day that is about to dawn, the Negro race needs many spokesmen who are not afraid to suffer and die if necessary to win a "share of the divine." Where but in Omega shall we find the intelligence, the courageous devotion, the initiative for a service that is venturesome in nature and cosmic in importance?

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## To One Who Died in the Spring

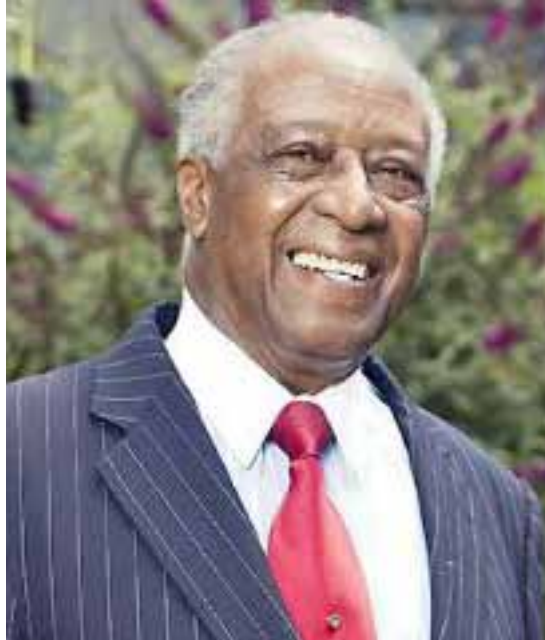
**T**HE Earth is  
 An empty husk and  
 I roll within  
 Like a pea  
 In a shrunken pod.  
 Would that The Sacred Gardener  
 Had cut the flower  
 Of my life  
 When you were garnered in!  
 I cannot wait for the Harvest  
 The Garden is so lonely!

—THOMAS FORTUNE FLETCHER.

# When We Wear the Gloves Manhood.....laid low



## Brother Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr. - Omega Chapter



1957, Dr. Thomas commenced his career as an educator. Employed with the Montgomery County Public Schools System., Maryland from 1957-1978, he served as an Area Superintendent and was instrumental in establishing the county’s first magnet schools to address further racial desegregation. In addition, he served as visiting instructor in the Graduate School of education at Howard University, Washington, D.C., and as a distinguished visiting professor and consultant at the University of the District of Columbia. Dr. Thomas was President of Voorhees College I Denmark, South Carolina, from 1978-1983. Following his tenure at Voorhees College, Dr. Thomas served as the first Presidential Scholar in Residence at the National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the professional organization of the nation’s public and private black college presidents. From 1984-1994, Dr. Thomas served as a senior level administrator at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). During this time, he received the Secretary of Transportation’s Silver Medal Award for Meritorious Achievement in recognition of exceptional service for developing and implementing the FAA’s program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity while attending South Carolina State College, Dr. Thomas received an A.A. Degree from Voorhees College, a B.S. Degree in Business Administration and Business Education from South Carolina State College, now University, a Masters’ Degree in Education Administration from American University, an M.A. equivalent from The University of Maryland (College Park), and a Doctorate Degree in Curriculum and Educational Administration from George Washington University. He has received numerous awards over his long career, including the Washingtonian of the Year Award in 2008, the Maryland State Department of Education’s Excellence in Minority Achievement Award (2007), the Unsung Leadership Award from Montgomery County (2008), among many others. His life story is captured in his memoir “Education: The Great Equalizer.” published in 2015. Dr. Thomas was married for over 63 years to Mrs. Ethel Myles Thomas and was the father of five boys, George Jr. (deceased), Marvin, Clinton, David, and Joseph. Sons Marvin, David and Clinton are all Omega Men.

Brother Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr., born July 01, 1929 transitioned to Omega Chapter on December 25, 2016. He had a distinguished career as a professional educator that spanned over 50 years. His most recent was as President and Chairman of the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc., a non-profit community based tutoring and with mentoring program that he founded with the Mu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. under his leadership, the organization has won wide acclaim for its working the community by helping students achieve their full academic potential. Following a five year period of service in the United States Air Force in

## Brother Samuel W. Scriven - Omega Chapter



Brother Samuel W. Scriven, affectionately known as “Sam,” at age 92, transitioned to Omega chapter on Friday, October 7, 2016 at his home after a long illness. Born in Trenton, New Jersey, He was a product of the Trenton School System, attending Lincoln Elementary School and graduating from Trenton High School. Sam was drafted in the Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. Upon his discharge from the military, Sam took advantage of the GI Bill of Rights and attended Rutgers University where he graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics. He then pursued a career in education with the Trenton School System as an elementary school teacher. He later went on to earn a Master’s Degree in 1966 from Trenton State College and later became an administrator in the Trenton School System until his retirement after 35 years. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and received a 60 year of Fraternity Service Award in July 2015 to recognize his service as “a mentor and advisor to many and an ardent supporter of Delta Upsilon’s commitment to community service”

**When we say our last goodbye...He walks on Streets of Pearls**

# When We Wear the Gloves

Manhood.....laid low



## Brother John Scott, Jr. - Omega Chapter



Brother John Scott, Jr., born May 17, 1931 transitioned to Omega Chapter on January 17, 2017. An exceptional career Educator, after 32 years of service, he retired in 1989 from Baltimore City Public School System as an Assistant Principal of Southwestern Senior High School. Scholastically, Brother Scott received a Bachelors’ degree from Morgan State College, Master’s degree from the University of Maryland and an advanced degree in Administration from Loyola College and a second advanced

degree in Leadership and Administration from Johns Hopkins University. Initiated into Pi Chapter on April 23, 1953 while attending Morgan State College, now University, Brother Scott joined the ROTC program and upon graduation, in 1954, entered the military as an officer. Stationed at Fort Benning and subsequently, Fort Bragg, he became a member of the 82 Airborne Division. While serving in the military, he met and married his lovely wife, Quette Olivia Scott in 1956. As a result of his military service, he was an active member of the 555 Parachute Infantry Division Association, Inc., known as the Triple Nickels. He served his country with distinction and was honored to have served in the armed forces. During his retirement, he volunteered in numerous organizations and was a dedicated member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore, Maryland. A Life Member with over 63 years in Omega, Brother Scott was quite active on the Social Action and Scholarship Committees. Brother Scott was Pi Omega Chapter’s Omega Man of the Year in 1996 and recipient of the Founder’s Award in 2000. He was recognized for his sustained commitment to the work of the Pi Omega Foundation and was recognized for his continued financial support that went above and beyond the typical donation level. He also assisted with our civic and mandated programs throughout his work in Omega and also received several medals as a Senior Olympian. Brother Scott lived a full and noteworthy life. He was a very confident, proud, independent man and known to hold high expectations. An active member of Heritage United Church of Christ, he served in many capacities, but the most important aspect of his life, was his love of family. He is survived by his loving wife, H. Olivia Scott, son, Rodney Scott, daughter in-law, Juanita Scott and grandchildren, Christopher Scott, Malcom Scott and Olivia Scott, great-grandson Caiden Scott, brothers William Gross, John A. Scott and Joseph Scott and a host of other relatives and friends.

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### Omega Brand Statement

**25-Word (Elevator) Positioning Statement:**

OPPF is a historically Black fraternal organization that provides and promotes programs of social-, cultural- and economic uplift to the communities we serve. For over a century, we have recruited, trained and deployed men of color for leadership roles in service to humanity.

**50-Word Positioning Statement:**

Our social action programs touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of families and individuals each year. Whether our efforts result in entertaining an audience, educating a group of young people; or simply helping those in need, we have developed a reputation for delivering programs and projects that make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

**100+ Word Positioning Statement:**

A partial list of social action initiatives includes: scholarships for deserving students, mentoring programs for disadvantaged youth, leadership development and training in partnership with GE, health and wellness prevention through partnerships with State Farm and American Cancer Society.

If your company is looking to move from “success” to “significance” as a corporate neighbor, let’s have a conversation! Our aim is to make you feel welcome, respected and well served!

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## The True Gentleman

**The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.**

**John Walter Wayland**

# Suspension List

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

2	10	Kappa	Cash	Byran
2	10	Kappa	Jackson	David L.
2	12	Kappa	Bethea	Canaan
2	92	Psi Epsilon	Jackson	Rashon Q.
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Smith	Steven Robert
2	324	Omicron Delta Delta	Comer II	Wayne D.
2	333	Omega Delta Delta	Williams	Jamal
2	592	Psi Iota	McLeish	Joseph
2	626	Lambda Upsilon	Showell	Donald W.
2	697	Mu Rho	Williams	Oscar
2	707	Chi Rho	Brown	Bilal
2	707	Chi Rho	Wright	Leonard W. III
2	707	Chi Rho	Obijuru	Charles
2	707	Chi Rho	Cox	Marques
2	707	Chi Rho	Joyner	Dallas T.
2	707	Chi Rho	Irving	Julian
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Turner	Roosevelt
2	737	Epsilon Pi	Daniels	Jamar
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Mayo	Claude
2	912	Iota Lambda Lambda	Holloman	Aaron M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Harris	Craig M.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Mitchell	William Earl

# Expulsion List

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

**THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!!!**

2	92	Psi Epsilon	Scott	Jacque
2	187	Chi Delta	Montgomery	Troy D.
2	187	Chi Delta	Smith	Andre L.
2	187	Chi Delta	Thompson	Kenneth E.
2	289	Delta Mu	Walker	John K.
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Dobson	Alfred
2	916	Nu Lambda Lambda	Howard	Lance

# 69TH

SECOND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE BROTHERS OF KAPPA OMICRON & OMICRON IOTA

**MAY 4TH - 7TH**



**69TH SECOND DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**MARCH DOWN**

*Party*

**FRIDAY | May 5th | 6:30pm**

