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## **District Representatives Message**



**Brother Kenneth Rodgers**  
*32nd Second District Representative*

Brothers,  
I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your District Representative. In the year of our Centennial Celebration, the Second District has yet again stood among the tall trees representing the Fraternity proudly. Thank you for an extraordinary year of Service. You have continued to carry the torch where the Light of Life still shines.

### **Second District Highlights**

During our reorganization meeting, the Executive Team pledged to make every effort to be the professional advocates that you have entrusted us to be. Our first order of business was to elect Brother Andrew A Ray as Grand Basileus. The Brothers of Chi and Mu

Gamma Gamma Chapters hosted the Second District's first Independent Candidates Forum. From there, we charged into Raleigh, North Carolina for the 76<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave coming home with not only the 39<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus but adding the 42<sup>nd</sup> Second Vice Grand Basileus to our legacy. Since leaving Raleigh, the Second District proudly conducted its Annual James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference and Undergraduate Summit. We have been extremely active on the Social Action front by hosting District-wide Blood Drives, participating in Domestic Violence Forums and playing key roles in the international development of the Fraternity's Fatherhood Initiative Program, led by Brother Thabiti Boone. Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted the Centennial Kickoff Celebration. Continuing in the Centennial theme, Gamma Pi, Pi Omega, and Mu Omega Chapters hosted the International Centennial Memorial Day Program, which was coordinated by the Inspector General, Brother George McKinney and officiated by Grand Chaplin, Brother Christopher Curry. These are but a few of the highlights of a phenomenal year. All of this was possible because Men of Character band together to execute the business of the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

### **63<sup>rd</sup> Second District Conference**

We will now conduct our 63<sup>rd</sup> Second District Conference, hosted by Nu Nu Chapter in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Many of you are faced with the question of how best to manage our financial resources and as you may well know- it cost to be an Omega.

I encourage each of you to not miss out on the historic events that are fast approaching. The Centennial Second District Conference will be an outstanding program. We have prepared an aggressive agenda that includes familiar activities such as the Undergraduate Luncheon, Founders Banquet, Pan-Hellenic Dance, Quette Curriculum, Talent Hunt, etc. What's more is that we have a Casino Night, Old School Jam, and a Grown and Sexy Dance.

The Information Technology Chair, Brother Maurice Calhoun, recognized the Second District did not have a logo and vetted his idea of creating a District logo through the Executive Council. The Executive Council approved of the idea and subsequently solicited thoughts for an official Second District Logo. We received four unique and creative examples for a logo. Among the four drafts logos received, the Executive Council independently voted for their top choice. The result is the selection submitted by Brother Jeffery Covington.

Moving forward the District will present its plans for a Centennial Celebration to be held in November 2011. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me via email at [2ndDistrictDR@oppf.org](mailto:2ndDistrictDR@oppf.org) or by phone at (202) 439-8519.

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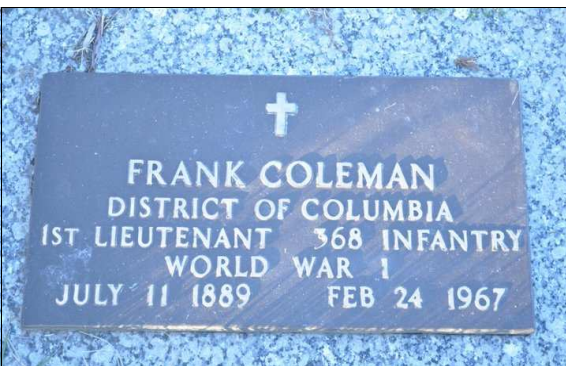
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# Scenes from the Centennial Memorial Service



### Scenes from the Centennial Memorial Service



## Nu Nu Military Brothers Historic Change of Command

McGuire AFB, NJ - Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. had a chance to experience history with two of their own Chapter Brothers during the Regional Training Center – East Change of Command Ceremony that took place on 8 January 2011 at the Community Activities Center. Outgoing Commander of the 78<sup>th</sup> Training Division Bro. LTC John H. Hamlette, III. ('87-Theta Rho) ceded command to Incoming Commander Bro. LTC Harold B. Mayes ('86-Omicron Pi). After the Change of Command and remarks given by BG Walter B. Chahanovich, LTC Hamlette, and LTC Mayes, the patching ceremony took place.

Immediately following this ceremony, LTC John H. Hamlette, III. was promoted to the rank of COL, effective 8 January 2011. COL Hamlette and LTC Mayes both have extensive military backgrounds. COL Hamlette was commissioned as a Second LT from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology. He received a Master of Arts degree in Mental Health Counseling from Webster University. LTC Mayes is employed with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

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*Bro. COL Hamlette, BG Chahanovich and Bro. LTC Mayes during Ceremony*

directs Army Reserve Soldiers to be mobilized for a maximum 365 days versus old construct of 365 days "Boots on the Ground" plus post mobilization training.

The mission of the Regional Training Center – East is to train Army Reserve DEF units in the execution of specified ARFORGEN Ready Phase TSIRT (Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training) Individual Soldier, Leader, and Collective Tasks, resulting in reduced post-mobilization training time.

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## Nu Nu Bro. Dennis Tunstall Elected Pres. of School Board

Willingboro, NJ - Willingboro School Board appointed a new president and vice president during December 2010 board meeting. School Board member Bro. Dennis Tunstall ('84 Lambda Omicron) was unanimously elected President. He will replace former board president Tony John. Bro. Tunstall, a Willingboro native has raised four children here with his Wife Lisa. A man of faith, he is an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and gives his time and energy to a number of community service organizations. As a staunch advocate for youth, Bro. Tunstall serves on various Boards in basketball, football, and baseball and Youth Motivational Task Force.

The mission of Willingboro School District is to successfully educate all students through high expectations, a commitment to excellence, an equal access to a comprehensive program, emphasizing the belief that all students will learn and become responsible, literate, thinking, and contributing members of society.



*Brother Dennis Tunstall*

## Nu Nu Brother Thomas Mayfield -Tuskegee Airman



*Brother Thomas Mayfield*

**WILLINGBORO, NJ.-** Thomas H. Mayfield never set out to be one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. Not until a few college classmates convinced him to visit a recruiter from the Army Air Corps. Within a matter of hours, Mayfield was accepted into the corps and headed to basic training. "I had no idea what was going on," he said. The recruiter told him he had signed up and would be leaving that night. "I told my mother, 'I'm in the Army Air Corps,'" he said. His mother's response: "Well, I didn't raise no fool," Mayfield said with a laugh.

After training at a couple of bases, the East Shinnston, W.Va., youngster eventually found himself in the middle of the deep South in Tuskegee, Ala. "On the base it wasn't bad, but it was segregated,"

Mayfield said. Being the first African-American aviators in the armed forces, the Tuskegee Airmen were subjected to discrimination in the military and throughout the country. Despite the challenges they faced, Mayfield and the hundreds of other men in the corps excelled.

They trained to be aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers, control tower operators, policemen, administrative clerks, and all of the other skills needed for a flying squadron or ground support unit. From 1941 through 1946, 994 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee Army Airfield. Mayfield was one of them. He rose from the rank of private to lieutenant colonel, but that didn't mean he wasn't subjected to racism along the way. "A couple bases the white airmen refused to salute you," he said. But not everyone was that way.

Mayfield recalled a time in Florida when a woman ran him off the road and a police officer came to his assistance. "The officer said, 'I saw the whole thing.' He told me, 'She's getting a ticket, and she'll be paying to get your car fixed,'" he said.

Despite the struggles, Mayfield and the other airmen persevered.

During his 29 years in the service, including his time as a Tuskegee Airman and in the Air Force, Mayfield took part in tours with the 99th Pursuit Squadron,

477th Bombardment Group; served as squadron commander for the C-130 Support Squadron, and as a squadron commander and chief of supplies at a base in Portugal; and performed many other duties. All told, Mayfield served in Alabama, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey and Oklahoma, and also Bermuda, Japan and Portugal. He took part in three wars, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, before retiring in 1970.

And he also excelled in his studies, earning a degree in commercial education from Bluefield State College in West Virginia, a master's in educational administration from the University of Illinois, and an honorary doctorate from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Mayfield taught business administration in St. Louis, and was a guidance counselor in Camden and a special education teacher in Pemberton Township. In 1987, he and the other Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George Bush. While Mayfield acknowledged that it wasn't easy, he is proud of what he and his fellow airmen accomplished, especially because they were expected to fail.

"If we hadn't stayed together, we wouldn't have made it," he said. "They didn't think we could do it, but we did through perseverance."

Brother Mayfield is 93 years old and a member of Nu Nu Chapter.

## Nu Nu Brother Jimmy Moore wins Military Honor

**McGuire AFB, NJ -** United States Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Bro. Jimmy L. Moore (2-Psi Iota Iota-09), was selected as the Air Mobility Command's Air Force Logistics Plans Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) of the Year for 2010. His package is now at the Air Force to compete with the other Log Plans SNCOs. This is an annual individual logistics readiness award bestowed upon a deserving SNCO. It demonstrates individual professionalism and dedication to the Air Mobility Command and the United States Air Force. Congratulations, Bro. Moore on your accomplishment!



*Brother Jimmy Moore with Vice President Joe Biden*

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt Competition



*Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter 2011 Talent Hunt Winners, Bro. Willie Williams, Basileus, and Bro Michael Smith, Talent Hunt Committee Chairman*

**Forestville, Maryland. February 2011.** The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter held its annual Talent Hunt competition on Saturday February 19, 2011 at Suitland Senior High School in Forestville, MD under the leadership of Bro. Michael Smith, Chairman with the theme –Omega Idol.

Following auditions on Saturday February 5, 2011 at Walker Mill Middle School in Capital Heights, MD, the final round of contestants consisted of 28 High School students with 12 Vocal, 6 Dance, and 4 Instrumental Contestants making up the Performing Arts, along with 2 Drawing, 1 Sculpture, 1 Painting, and 2 Photography Contestants rounding out the Visual Arts.

The chapter awarded a total of \$1700.00 in prizes as noted below with our Overall Winner’s additional expenses to be paid by the chapter for participation at the District level:

**Clifton Marble, Jr 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Vocal / 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall \$200+\$500 = \$700,**

**Savanah Cranford 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Dance / 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall**

**\$200+\$300= \$500,**

**Shon Simpson 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Visual Arts / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall**

**\$200+\$100 = \$300 ,**

**Kenya Lara 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Instrumental \$200**

The brothers of LGG are quite sure that with our Overall Winner’s, Clifton Marble Jr’s, entrance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Talent competition that the chapter as well as the Capital Region will be well represented.

This event is a labor of love for the Talent Hunt committee with positive assurance that the following major activities are completed: Marketing to local schools, Registration, Auditions, Judges Selection, Refreshments, Program Development, along with Site Walk-thru and adequate event insurance is in place. Brother Smith notes the key factors for continued success of this event are that brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma are committed to having a first rate Talent Hunt program and that he has a team of committed brothers at his disposal each year to ensure its success.



*Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt Contestants*

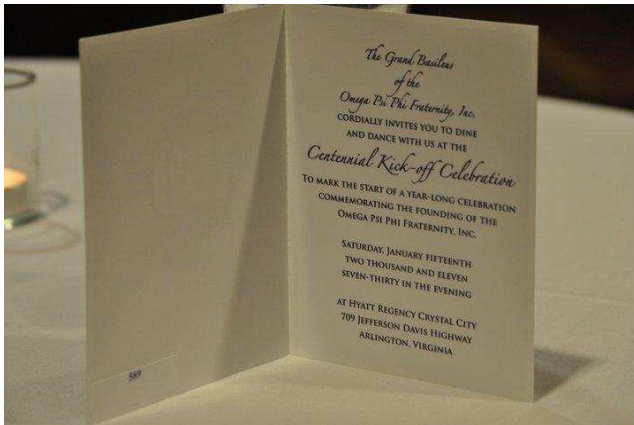
## Lambda Gamma Gamma MLK Weekend

Washington, District of Columbia Saturday, January 15, 2011, As the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday has become a Day of Service, the brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter, aka "The Capital Region Ques", expanded on this concept to embark on a full weekend of service. The brothers of LGG's weekend of service activities commenced with Service to Omega during the kickoff of our Centennial Celebration on Saturday, January 15th spearheading a committee, at the request of our Grand Basileus, Bro. Dr Andrew Ray, which planned & executed a Centennial Ball similar to the Omega's for Obama Inauguration Ball done just two short years ago but more intimate in nature. The orders from our newly elected Grand Basileus were promptly obeyed and those in attendance were treated to a wonderful evening along with a special treat of having the grand-daughter and great grand daughter of one of our Founder's, Bro. Dr Ernest Everett Just, in attendance. Thus, was our yearlong 2011 Centennial Celebration festivities started in earnest.

Before any great or important undertaking, we ought always invoke the aid of Deity. On Sunday, January 16th the weekend of service activities continued with the brother of LGG spearheading "A Call to Chapel" on the campus of Howard University, birthplace of Omega, with a Service unto God for his grace

and mercy during the yearlong 2011 Centennial Celebration events. Through these efforts the brothers of Omega were able to sit together in the 'full to capacity' Cramton Auditorium to hear The Word from our own Bro. Rev Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Pastor Emeritus, Trinity United Church of Christ, out of Chicago as the guest preacher. Also, another one of Omega's own, Bro. Dr. Bernard Richardson is Dean of Howard University's Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel and he was proud to inform the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, and the men of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity who were in attendance all celebrating their respective founding, that his brothers of Omega were in full force represented by our Grand Basileus who was in attendance. It was indeed a day to behold.

The weekend of service continued on Monday, January 17th with Service to our Community and the brothers of LGG's annual support of "The We Feed Our People" event spearheading a Clothing Drive and feeding the homeless & less fortunate in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in downtown Washington, DC. The remaining items were then donated to The Community for Creative Non-Violence Shelter in Washington, DC. Again, we were led with attendance and participation of our Grand Basileus during the entire weekend of service. It was truly a challenging but very rewarding as well as moving weekend.



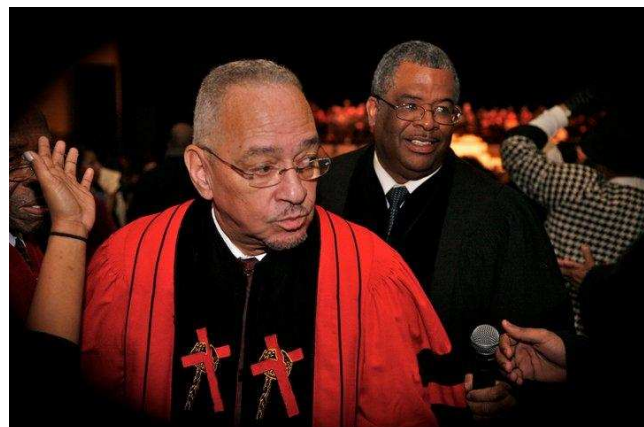
*Centennial Kickoff Ball Program*



*Brothers Willie William, LGG Basileus, Dr. Andrew Ray, Grand Basileus, and Antonio Knox, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus at the Centennial Kickoff Ball*



*Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray, Grand Basileus, and Mayor Vincent Gray, Washington, D.C. at We Feed Our People*



*Bro. Dr. Jeremiah Wright delivered The Word and Bro. Dr. Bernard Richardson presided Sunday Worship Service at Cramton Auditorium*

## Eta Pi Chapter Black Wealth initiative 2011



*Brother Reginald Harwell gives financial advice to the audience*



*Amalgamated Bank presents a check to the Eta Pi Foundation in the amount of \$1250*

**February 12, 2011.** The Brothers of Eta Pi Chapter held its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Wealth Initiative at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Orange NJ. The program focused on three major points including wealth accumulation, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Each year the planning committee carefully selects an entrepreneur and financial panel as well as a keynote speaker. This year the Eta Pi Chapter was honored to have Mr. John Simmons, Personal Finance Editor for Black Enterprise Magazine. In addition, to dynamic speakers this program also offers a vendor market place with financial services and for the first time this year the Black Wealth Initiative opened its doors to kidpreneurs.

## Eta Pi Toys for Tots Program

**Montclair, NJ. December 2010.** Each year the Brothers of the Mighty, Mighty Eta Pi Chapter work tirelessly for the Toys for Tots program in collaboration with the University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ (UMDNJ). Now in its 15th year the men of the Eta Pi Chapter continue to secure thousands of toys to support hospitalized and shut in children in the Greater Newark NJ area.

*l-r Eta Pi Bros Joe Rouse, Ronald Sargent, Eta Pi Basileus Marvin Bazemore, UMDNJ Chairwomen for the Board of Concerned Citizens, Mary Mathis-Ford and brother Jack Farrell far right.*



## Scenes from Eta Pi MLK Breakfast



*Eta Pi Chefs take a break*



*Brother Ronald Sargent serves guests at the MLK Breakfast*



## Eta Pi Talent Hunt Competition

**March 11, 2011. Orange, NJ.** The Mighty Eta Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., held its annual Talent Hunt competition at the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium in Orange, NJ.

Each year Eta Pi Chapter collaborates with the Orange Extended School Day Program and the Eta Pi Chapter Foundation to sponsor this phenomenal competition for high school students in the Essex and Union county area. Although the majority of competitors come from these counties the competition is open to all high school student within the northern region of the state. This years competition included a stellar group of young people that competed in four (4) categories including vocal, drama, instrumental and dance.

The fierce competition was fascinating to watch as the talented young people preformed songs by artist such as Eta James and Luther Vandross while instrumentalist preformed classical pieces by Mozart and Beethoven on piano and violin respectively. A total of twelve (12) students graced the stage to compete for cash prizes totaling \$250.00 and an opportunity to compete at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. District Talent Hunt to be held in Cherry Hill, NJ April 30, 2011. The winner of the district level Talent Hunt will receive an all expense paid trip to

**Montclair, NJ. January 15, 2011.** The Mighty Eta Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., held its 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, NJ.

Each year the members of Eta Pi chapter come together to produce this blockbuster event. Brothers work tirelessly through the night and the morning of the event preparing food for more than 200 family members and distinguished guest.

The program consists of various presentations and a keynote address. This year the program was honored to have



*Eta Pi Brothers with Talent Hunt Winners*

Washington, DC to perform at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Centennial Celebration National Talent Hunt Showcase where every participant will receive cash prizes.

Talent Hunt Chairman, Keith Pressey and his committee did a stellar job ensuring that this years program was a success. In addition to their hard work they secured a distinguished judges panel which included Grammy Award winning Musical Director Mr. Boyce Ennis, Past Arts Director for the Links, long time Talent Hunt supporter Mrs. Connie McAllister and reigning local, district, and national Talent Hunt Champion Mr. Shamsadeen Abdul Hamid who also shared pearls of wisdom with this years competitors. The MC for the evening was none other than TV Personality

## Eta Pi MLK Breakfast

two distinguished members of our glorious Fraternity deliver remarks, Brother Alvin S. Perry of the Tau Delta Delta Chapter and Pastor Perry Simmons of Abyssinian Baptist Church of Newark, NJ and member of the Eta Pi Chapter.

Brother Perry delivered a sensational message dissecting portions of the I Have a Dream Speech and revealing the context of unselfish living. He reminded the audience to think of others as we continue the legacy of the dream. He challenged men in attendance to mentor a young man and help combat the many issues and challenges young men struggle with today in the black community.

formerly of BET's 106 & Park and currently of New York's Extra, Mr. AJ Callaway. Winners of this years competition include Mr. Khari Hughes, Rahway High School, Rahway NJ (Contemporary Vocal) 1st Place; Mr. Chase D, Linden, Montclair HS, Montclair NJ (Classical Instrumental) 2nd Place and Ms. Ayshante K. Archelus, Vision Academy, Orange NJ (Dramatic Interpretation) 3rd place.

The Eta Pi Chapter is proud to continue its service within the community and to provide an opportunity for young people to display their talents, have fun and compete for prizes. The program has paid out over \$7,500 in cash and prizes, and offers limitless opportunities for young people.

Brother Simmons also delivered a magnificent message reminding us about the strength, importance and power of Love. He shared that it was love that Dr. King utilized during those darkest hours of the civil rights movement including the Birmingham jail. "Without love - we have nothing. Prayer cannot exist without love; Speech will not occur without love; Faith cannot exist without love and Conversation cannot occur without Love"

The Brothers of the Eta Pi Chapter were honored to have special guest in attendance including District Representative Kenneth E. Rodgers and Corridor 4 Representative

## Chi Pi Brother Dennis Dowdell Scholarship Reception



*Chi Pi Brothers at the Dennis Dowdell Scholarship Reception with Grand Basileus Andrew A. Ray*

**Syracuse, NY. February 24, 2011.** City Hall Commons in Historic Syracuse, N.Y. was the site of a The Brother Dennis Dowdell Scholarship Reception, saluting Black History Month was presented by the Brotherhood of Chi Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. On Thursday, February 24, 2011 the "Lamp of Omega" was brilliant with the presence of our Grand Basileus, Brother Andrew Ray. This event which honors The Life of Brother Dennis Dowdell who organized the first Urban League Chapter in Syracuse, N.Y. and was a prime executive with the Carrier Corporation, and was most responsible for the hiring of African-American engineering professionals for the company. Brother Dowdell was also one of the first African-American television broadcasters in the area, and for over two decades he produced the highly rated television program, "News Views Black Perspective", on WSYR-TV, Channel Three in Syracuse, N.Y. The proceeds from this annual black history event provide financial support for The Dennis Dowdell Scholarship Fund, which offers monetary assistance for students attending colleges and universities all over the country.

The Citizen of The Year Award was presented to the dynamic leadership skills of Ms. Mary Nelson, who has organized an annual Back-To-School Barbeque which recently provided over 15,000 back packs full of school supplies for students attending school. Ms. Nelson has also developed a magnificent Community Center in the "Heart of The Southside" of Syracuse, which serves as a nucleus for allowing the community to meet and solve problems.

The Organization of the Year Award was presented to the "100 Black Men" Chapter, Syracuse, N.Y., for outstanding leadership in providing mentoring and services for improving the growth and professional development of African-American Males. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Brother Roosevelt "Rick" Wright, Jr., PhD, for excellence in Higher Education, Broadcasting, and the U.S. Military. The Superior Service award

was presented to Brother James "Scrappy" Jordan, 31<sup>st</sup> Second District Representative, for outstanding leadership, service, and exemplary contributions to the "Brotherhood of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity."

The presence of our Grand Basileus, Brother Andrew Ray was most prolific as he provided a most powerful historic message about our "Omega Cardinal Principles" in establishing a foundation for keeping hope alive and thriving in the African-American community. The historic significance of this Dennis Dowdell Scholarship Reception which salutes Black History Month, had an added importance with the attendance of the Grand Basileus, for this is the 35<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday celebration of Chi Pi Chapter.

Chi Pi Chapter was officially chartered on January 31, 1976, during a most colorful, spirited, emotional, and power ceremony at the beautiful Everson Museum in Syracuse, N.Y. The founding Brothers of Chi Phi Chapter were, Ben Jeffers, James Cannon, Charles Grace, John Ricks, Archie Gilchrist, Dennis Dowdell, James Campbell, Leon Mullen, Curley Fountainbery, William Thompson, Stephen Moses, William Rowland, James May, Ceasar Marshal, and Roosevelt "Rick" Wright, Jr.

Since, 1976, The Chi Pi Chapter has continued the African-American Historical contributions that were established in the early history of Central New York when Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas, and Bishop Jermain. Wesley Loguen blazed and developed "The Underground Railroad" for providing a path to Freedom for African-American Slaves. The Chapter has integrated itself into the total community of Syracuse, N.Y., and our work has provided major contributions to education, government, industry, military and community services. The Second District Conferences of 1987, 1995, 2002, and 2010 which was hosted by Chi Pi was a brilliant and most productive example of "The Projection of Purple and Gold" all over the total geography of up-state New York.

## Chi Delta Host Protection of Women Week

**College Park, Maryland. March 28 – April 9, 2011.** Members of the Chi Delta Chapter (University of Maryland College Park; Undergraduate) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated hosted “Protection of Womanhood Week”, from Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 where the fraternity constructed a series of events that focused on the protection, uplift, and education of womanhood. Chi Delta Brothers have been very successful in identifying and collaborating with selective partners to foster dynamic events and insure great attendance and participation from the community, both on campus and at large. Each of the programs was very well attended with diverse audiences and participants, including members of Chi Delta’s graduate chapter partner, Tau Pi chapter in Columbia, MD. Events sponsored by the Chapter included:

March 28, 2011 - Inaugural Protection of Womanhood Charity Dinner with the *Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Program (SARPP)* Advocate Office and House of Ruth, held in the Adele Stamp Student Union Building (ASSUB)

March 29, 2011 – “What Women Want” Forum with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Theta Nu Chapter, held in the Nyumburu Cultural Center (NCC) on campus.

March 30, 2011 – “Good Hair” Program with the Sisterhood Of Unity and Love (S.O.U.L.) and A Woman’s Worth including a showing and discussion of the Chris Rock documentary film, held at the ASSUB.

March 31, 2011 – “Make Up 101” Program with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Kappa Phi Chapter, held at the ASSUB.

April 1, 2011 – Women’s Aerobic Fitness Class held at the NCC.

Saturday April 2, 2011 – Protection of Womanhood Celebration, held at



*Chi Delta Brothers with Patricia McGann, PhD., Director of Strategy, Men Can Stop Rape*

IBIZA, 1222 1st Street NE, Washington D.C. 20002.

On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> the Chapter, in partnership with the Family Crisis Center of Prince George’s County, Maryland, hosted “How Can Men Play an Active Role in Ending Domestic Violence?” This program was a Prince George County-wide community discussion examining the responsibility men have in protecting women from dangerous and abusive behaviors associated with partners in intimate relationships such as marriage, dating, family, friends or cohabitation. This program was held in the NCC and was moderated by Patrick McGann, PhD, Director of Strategy, Men Can Stop Rape and included a four-member panel that included Omega Brother D. Michael Lyles, Esq., former Bowie, MD City Council member.

Current Chi Delta Basileus, Bro. Victor Etongwe, stated “We feel these are topics that are of value to the campus and our community.” Chi Delta KRS, Bro. Duane Wallace, who played a significant role in coordinating all of the events, said, “Events like these help everyone, no matter what your

race. Also, it helps our Chapter to live up to Omega’s pledge to respect womanhood.”

In other news involving Chi Delta: Brother James Rodgers received acceptance into pharmacy school @ Mercer University in Atlanta, GA.

Brother Kevin Chambers received a 4.0 the past semester and has accepted a job with GE upon graduation this spring. Brother Benjamin Simmons received a 1300 on GRE exam and has been interviewing with medical schools. Brother Carl Hamiel received acceptance into Bowie State University for their Masters Program in Organizational Communication. Brother Duane Wallace traveled to Nicaragua this past semester to work abroad and uplift the community working with dentistry. Several Chapter Brothers participated in the recent Centennial Founders’ Memorial Program at their various gravesites.



## Iota Nu Social Action Projects

**Harford County, MD. 20 November, 2010,** Members of Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donated 22 dinners to area families for Thanksgiving. Partnering with the Edgewood/Joppatowen Steelers Recreation Football Program, the Rotary Club of Havre de Grace, and the Boys and Girls Club, the partnerships allowed the Brothers to greatly expand the number of dinners as well as assist with the donation.

After receiving the names of eligible families from the various organizations, the Brothers proceeded to deliver the baskets. Meeting at the Boys and Girls Club in Edgewood, the Brothers divided up into two Mobile Delivery Teams. Using this

method, the Brothers delivered baskets to families in Edgewood, Joppatowen, Havre de Grace, and Aberdeen in two hours.

**Harford County, MD. December 8-10, 2011.** The Brothers of Iota Nu Adopt-A-Family Initiative donated 60 coats to area schools. The Adopt-A-Family Initiative is a Social Action program which assists local families with holiday baskets, food, and clothing. This year, the program expanded to provide Warm Coats to area students. Coats were delivered to Edgewood Middle School, Aberdeen Middle School, and the Havre de Grace Boys and Girls Club.

**Havre de Grace, MD. December 18, 2010,** members of Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donated 22 dinners to families in Harford and Cecil Counties, MD. Continuing a partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Brothers of Iota Nu bought 22 dinners with funds from fundraising projects and delivered the dinners to families from the Boys and Girls club roster. The Boys and Girls Clubs are an important part of the Social Action program of the Chapter. Serving over 4500 kids annually, the Clubs provide after school activities, character development, educational enhancement and career exploration. The Brothers of Iota Nu have partnered with the organization to present and provide the leadership that college educated Omega men can bring.



*Iota Nu Brothers with Havre de Grace Boys and Girls Club Members*

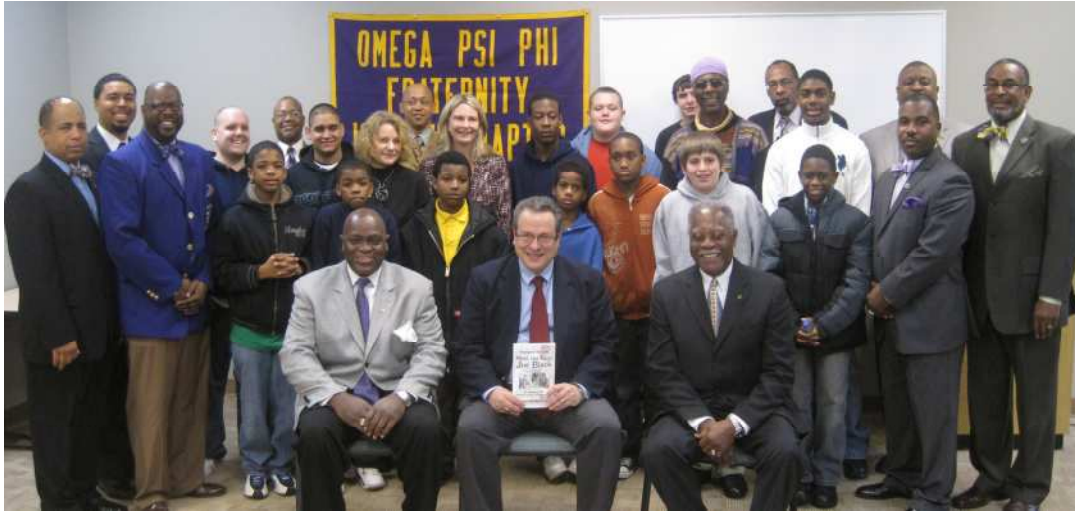
## Theta Mu Mu and Pi Chapters Partner with AKA's for Read Across America Social Action

**Baltimore County, MD. March 17, 2011.** The Brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter and Pi Chapter (Morgan State University) joined by the ladies of Rho Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. visited the SEED school of Maryland to discuss the importance of education and reading. This event was held in conjunction with the National Education Association's Read Across America program in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The SEED School of Maryland is a new statewide college-preparatory public boarding school that opened in August 2008. It currently serves 240 students in grades 6 through 8. The school will grow to serve 400 students in grades 6 through 12. SEED is an extraordinary opportunity for students from across the state to receive a tuition free, college preparatory, boarding education.

The Dr. Seuss book, *The Lorax*, served as the lead novel of the

event. Bro. Marlon Robinson of Theta Mu Mu and a representative from Rho Xi Omega Chapter read the book to the entire student body in the gymnasium. Following the group read, the students were broken up into smaller groups for a group reading session. Brothers excerpts of Hill Harper's book, *Letters to a Young Brother* and Russell Simmon's book, *Super Rich :A Guide to Having it All*, to discuss topics such as swagger, goals, role models, etc. Upon leaving the school, at the request of the children, brothers from Pi Chapter marched for the kids. The Social Action Committee of Theta Mu Mu Chapter and the Emerging Young Leaders Initiative of Rho Xi Omega Chapter facilitated the event and plan to continue their ongoing partnership with the SEED school in the future.

## Iota Nu 4th Annual Book Donation to Harford County Library



*Iota Nu Brothers and Guest with Author Michael Selzer at the Annual Book Donation*

**Abingdon, MD. February 5, 2011.** February is the month when the achievements of African Americans are highlighted. The Men of Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi continue to keep this tradition with its annual Book Donation. February 5, 2011 at the Abingdon Branch of the Harford County Library was the setting for the annual book donation by the Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The annual event is a part of the Social Action program of the chapter, and is enthusiastically supported by the Harford County Library system.

This year's book donation was "Meet The Real Joe Black: An Inspiring Life – Baseball, Teaching, Business, Giving" by Steven Michael Selzer. The book details the life of Brother Joe Black, who achieved fame as a baseball player being the first Black pitcher to ever to win a World Series game, went on to teach school, and became an executive with the Greyhound Company. Along the way, Brother Black's interest in helping people built a dedicated following of those whom he touched. The event was officiated by Bro. Dwayne Adams, Social Action Chairman, who

was instrumental in book selection, program, and guest speaker selection. Bro. Donald Jones opened the event with a prayer. Bro. Charles Alston, one of the founders of Iota Nu Chapter, gave a brief history of the chapter, and Bro. Derrick Brockman, Basileus of Iota Nu greeted the guests. Bro. Bro. James E. Hicks, Jr, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative, extended greetings from the Second District. Brother Mark Thomas accompanied the audience on violin with a singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

The guest speaker for the event was the books author, Mr. Steven Michael Selzer. Mr. Selzer spoke from experience, having been one of Brother Black's students in Junior High School. Mr. Selzer presented a portrait of a man who was gentle but strong, focused but charitable, accomplished but humble.

The event ended with the presentation of the books to library representatives. The event was featured in an article in the Aegis newspaper.

## Iota Nu Achievement Awards Dinner

**Havre de Grave, MD – December 10, 2010.** The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its Achievement Awards Dinner at the Chesapeake Grill. The event was held to honor Brothers whose contributions to the Chapter were notable, the Citizen of the Year, and the COL Charles Young award winner. The evening began with a welcome by Bro. Dwayne Adams, followed by Invocation by Bro. Donald Jones, chapter Chaplain, and Opening remarks by Bro. Derrick Brockman, Basileus. Chapter reflections were given by Bro. Mark Thomas, The keynote speaker for the event was Brother Charles Alston, one of the Charter members of Iota Nu Chapter. The awards presentation followed dinner. Awardees for this year were Omega Man Of The Year, Bro. Dwayne Adams, Citizen of the Year, Rev. Cordell Hunter, St. James AME Church, COL Charles Young Award, CPT Rick Ricketts, Basileus Award, Bro. John Sampson.



*Iota Nu Basileus, Bro. Derrick Brockman presents Iota Nu Omega Man of the Year Award to Bro. Dwayne Adams*

## Mu Omega Masonic Brothers Honored

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. May 22, 2010.** At the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., Brother George T. Smith, Sr. LM 1260, (33 degree mason) our District Photographer, for the past 18 years, was reclassified from Grand Inspector General to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeritus by Solomon Wallace, 33, the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Brother Smith, also serves as the Grand Lodge Photographer for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and as Imperial Chief Deputy of Photography for the Imperial



*Brother George Smith*

Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Inc, PHS.

**Philadelphia PA. October 12, 2010,** Leonard A. Heard, a member of Mu Omega Chapter, and retired high school principal, was elected and installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons for the Commonwealth and Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

The Mighty Second District says Congratulations to Brothers Smith and Heard!



*Brother Leonard A. Heard*

## Mu Omega Host Meet the Candidates Forum

**Philadelphia, PA -** Mu Omega hosted "Meet the Candidates" As Philadelphia's primary election season heats up, The Brothers of Mu Omega had a chance to meet their local candidates running for City Council. This is the perfect opportunity for our Chapter to meet the City Council candidates, including the incumbents," said Steven Oakman, Basileus of Mu Omega. We wanted to give the brothers the opportunity to meet the candidates in a casual environment so they can make an informed decision when they vote." The candidates were provided with a platform to introduce themselves to the Chapter as well as participate in a question and answer session. The candidates talked about jobs and the local econ-

omy as well as their plans for funding education for Philadelphia schools.

The Basileus moderated the candidate's forum. "By putting a face to the name and knowing what that name stands for will make our Brothers more empowered at the polls. This is a wonderful chance for the brothers of Mu Omega to know they elected someone to City Council that represents their interests and, most importantly, their children's interests," Oakman said. The Forum was non-partisan and was intended to educate the Brothers about their candidates' views.



*Candidates address the audience at the Candidates Forum*

## Mu Omega Honors Founder at Memorial Service



*Mu Omega Basileus, Steven Oatman with the Family of our Esteemed Founder Oscar J. Cooper at the Centennial Memorial Service*

**Philadelphia PA .March 12, 2011.** Mu Omega took part in honoring the memory of our Esteemed Founder by hosting a Centennial Founders Memorial Services at Whitmarsh Memorial Park in Ambler PA, this is the gravesites of our beloved Founders Dr. Oscar J. Cooper. Dr. Cooper practiced medicine in Philadelphia, PA for 50 years, and was a founder of Mu Chapter University of Pennsylvania and Mu Omega Graduate Chapter in Philadelphia. Hundreds of Omega men and guest were present at the service, coming from all across the nation to take part in the me-

memorial serves. The Brother's of Mu Omega Chapter in Philadelphia hosted the Fraternity's Grand Officers and Dr. Cooper's family. "It is important we take time to reflect on our three undergraduate Founders, 100 years later, because of their *friendship, vision, courage and resilience*, Omega Psi Phi continues to give back to the community and build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its cardinal Principle of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.," Steven Oakman, Basileus Mu Omega Chapter said.

## Kappa Omicron Bro William Mims Honored by NY Pan Hell



*Brother William Mims*

**New York, New York, May 22, 2010.** The NYPan-Hellenic Council of Greater NY honored Greek Fraternity and Sorority

members who had served their organization for long period of time. Brother William Mims was honored as being the longest servicing Omega Psi Phi member in the New York Area. Brother Mims has been a member of the Fraternity 72 years.

Brother Williams Mims has been a loyal member of the Fraternity since 1938. Brother Mims started his service with the Fraternity when he entered Morehouse College in 1937. "According to Brother Mims that year all frats had 'rush' parties to lure freshmen into their folds. The fellow in high school I admired and tried to follow was Dean of Pledges of PSI Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, so naturally I was drawn to his organization. "

William Mims further stated his first semester grades were good enough for him to pledge the Fraternity. Eleven of his of his line brothers were initiated into the fraternity in the second semester of 1938." According to Brother Mims every QUE in Atlanta where he was initiated he read about the New York Omega Boat Ride

and dreamed of one day making it. When he got to New York he joined Epsilon Chapter and held several offices. Brother Mims later joined Kappa Omicron Chapter when graduate brothers had to get leave Epsilon Chapter. Brother Mims became Kappa Omicrons' 4th Basileus, worked on and headed many committees.

Brother Mims worked in the Dept. of Interior, Alaskan Branch, in Washington, DC in Photogrammetry. He later worked for NYS Dept. of Transportation as an Engr. Inspector, from where he retired in 1983.

In addition Brother Mims became the official photographer for the building of the Family Life Center of his Church. Both Brother Mims and his wife, Jacquelyn are also currently members of the Southeast Queens Camera Club. Kappa Omicron brothers are very proud of Williams Mims who very seldom misses a chapter meeting

## Nu Lambda Lambda 3rd Annual MLK Day of Service

**Jersey City, NJ. January 17, 2011.** The Brothers of the Illustrious Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter participated in Jersey Cares – MLK Day. This year, the day of service took place at Dr. Michael Conti School (PS 5) in Jersey City, NJ. Brothers of NLL volunteered their time and services by helping to revitalize the school through painting a variety of murals. Additionally, in January members of NLL participated in a Jersey Cares sponsored volunteer mobilization comprised of over 2,000 persons. This endeavor spanned 40 counties throughout the state where various service projects were conducted to further Dr. King’s dream. Jersey Cares is a volunteer organization designed to foster and build better community relations through volunteer work in the state of New Jersey.



*Brothers Painting the School at New Jersey Cares MLK Day*



*Brothers RaShawn Adams and Craig Harris play Picasso*

## Nu Lambda Lambda Celebrate Black History Month

**Jersey City, NJ. February 2011.** The Brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter (NLL) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated hosted a weeklong celebration in honor of Black History from February 7 to February 11, 2011. The celebration took place at the Miller Branch Library located on Bergen Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey. Brother Craig Harris (NLL Chapter Basileus) provided words of uplift and stressed the importance of Black History in his opening remarks. The chapter also donated “Others thought I could lead”, written by Bro. James Avery, to all ten Jersey City library branches. Brother Horace Baldwin was the keynote speaker and Brother Dwayne Adams was the Master of ceremonies. The cele-

bration also included daily readings that focused on Black History, poem selections, and motivational speeches from the chapter. The celebration concluded with a step exhibition by the NLL chapter and musical entertainment from local Jersey City talent. The NLL Black History celebration was also featured in the New Jersey Journal newspaper. Brother Andre Johnson was the committee chairman for this event. Brother Johnson commented with these thoughts, “It is up to us (men of Omega) to help guide our young people through this forest of life and knowing your history, our history, is important.”



*Brother Lance Howard reading to children*



*Nu Lambda Lambda Basileus Craig Harris sets up the Omega Display*



## Nu Lambda Lambda Brother Baraki Lee Honored by New Jersey Council of Community Colleges

Jersey City, New Jersey. February 2011. Every man of Omega understands and knows the importance of our cardinal principles and how service is important to the fabric of our society. Brother Bakari Lee is among those brothers who continue to answer that call. Brother Lee is a member of Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. Not only has Brother Lee faithfully served the Fraternity by upholding its valued principles and leg-

acy, but he is an advocate in scholarship. Brother Lee was recently recognized by the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges for his exemplary performance as a Trustee Ambassador to county colleges in the state of New Jersey. In May 2006, Brother Lee was appointed to the Hudson College Board of Trustees where he served as secretary/treasurer. He is now the chairman of both the Finance and Ethics board, and the liaison for commencement. Since

2009, Brother Lee has served as a state-level Trustee Ambassador. In this position, Brother Lee serves as an advocate for all state county colleges and a conduit to legislators and policy makers in New Jersey State government. Brother Lee is grateful for this opportunity and intends to make a difference in the lives of college students within the state. Brother Lee is an attorney and partner at McManimon & Scotland LLC in Newark, NJ

## Upsilon Phi Achievement Week Celebration



*Bro. Ashley Turnbull, Corridor 4 Representative, Bro. Junius Carter III, Upsilon Phi Basileus, Bro. Kenneth E. Rodgers, Second District Representative, Bro. Marvin Bazemore, Eta Pi Basileus*

**Newark, New Jersey, December 11, 2010.** On a bright, sunny December morning, the Brothers of Upsilon Phi Chapter honored a diverse range of community and student activists who have served the Newark, New Jersey community at its Annual Achievement Breakfast. The breakfast was held in the Atrium of the Campus Center of New Jersey Institute of Technology, in Newark. The Theme of this year's event was "Effective Political Action-Using Style and Substance". The keynote speaker was Brother Kenneth E. Rodgers, Second District Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was introduced by Brother Junius Carter III, Basileus of Upsilon Phi Chapter. Brother Rodgers spoke about the history of Achievement Week, its place in Omega and the future of Omega.

Among those honored were: Student of the Year: Jared Todd Littlejohn-Mr. Littlejohn is a high school senior and the Secretary of the Student Council having an overall GPA of 3.7. He served as class CEO, lettered in Track, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. A volunteer with Isaiah House Homeless Shelter, he has received the Prudential Community Service Award and a Letter of Commendation for work with his church, Bethany Baptist Church Food Pantry.

Citizen of the Year: Al-Tariq W. Best-Al-Tariq W. Best, known as stage artist MZUndastood, founded the FP YOUTHOUTCRY Foundation non-profit organization in Newark. The motto is to Entertain, Educate and Empower. It empowers youth to be proac-

tive leaders in the creation of more ideal communities through the development of their leadership, communication, research, and advocacy skills, being civilly engaged and becoming role models and advocates for the underprivileged. Mr. Best has been recognized by Newark Now and The Spirit of Newark Awards.

Humanitarian of the Year: Brother Donald Bernard Sr.- Donald Bernard, Sr. is a fifth generation Newarker. Ten years as the President and CEO of Newark, Recycling Inc., a program that recycled waste materials and rehabilitated ex-offenders and recovering addicts. Brother Bernard serves as Chairman of the African American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. which will celebrate its forty fifth year in 2011. Under his leadership the Committee has revitalized one of the most important institutions in our community, produced numerous events and seventeen parades recognized as "The Best Parade in New Jersey".

Omega Man of the Year: Brother Samuel T. McGhee-Brother McGhee's Public Service includes being elected to the Hillside, New Jersey Municipal Township Council four times and in 1988 served as the Township's First African-American Mayor. Mr. McGhee also has served a number of years on the Board of Trustees of WBGO- Public Radio, in Newark, NJ and has held the position of Board Chairman for five years. A Board Member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, he is a retired Assistant Dean of Students at New Jersey City University.

## Nu Omicron Achievement Week

**New York, NY. November 2010.** The Nu Omicron chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. celebrated Founders week in conjunction with Achievement Week during the week of November 15, 2010. All of the activities were held on the campus of St. John's University (SJU). On Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the brothers of Nu Omicron held its first ever informational on the campus of SJU which was attended by a number young men interested in Omega. On Thursday, November 18, 2010, the brothers of Nu Omicron Chapter sponsored a forum titled, "The Call of the Streets: Living Above the Influence of Your Peers." This motivational and interactive discussion was presented by Lorenzo Steele – Former NYC Correctional Officer at Riker's Island, and Bro. Jacque Leander, Community Activist and Attorney. The speakers provided an in-depth look at the harsh realities of prison life among other things. The discussion hit home for the audience of over 30 St. John's University students, many of whom have a family or friend who is or has been incarcerated. Notably the program offered practical advice and encouragement for the students to stay diligent in protecting their liberty while in school and at home, and to be mindful of the friends they keep especially when their goals are not aligned with the students. On Saturday November 20, Nu Omicron hosted it's annual Achievement week program in the beautiful D'Angelo Center Ballroom at SJU. The evening began with a welcome from the Corridor 5 Representative, Bro. Kevin Woodhouse and followed by opening remarks from Nu Omicron's Basileus, Bro. Errin Hatwood, who also served as emcee. Throughout the program the Voices of Victory student choir performed a number of breathtaking selections much to the delight of the audience. The Keynote Address was provided by Congressman Gregory Meeks who represents the people of New York's Sixth



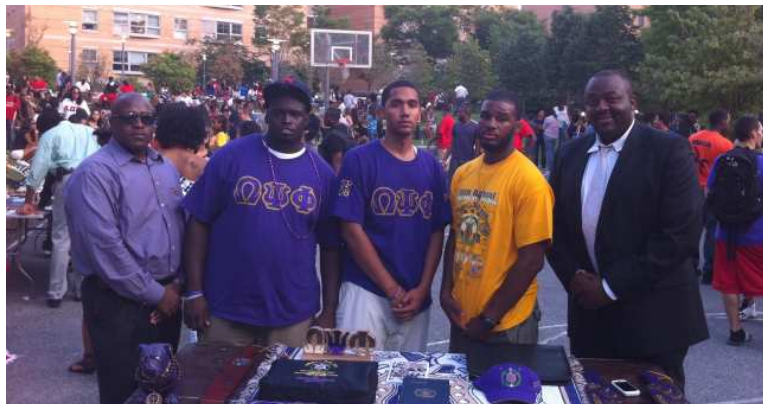
*Nu Omicron Achievement Week Awardees*

Congressional District. Congressman Meeks gave an enlightening presentation on the state of Black Politics while also addressing the fraternity's theme of Effective Political Action: Using Style and Substance. In his presentation, Congressman Meeks stressed the importance of Blacks people staying engaged in the political process and that we still have much to accomplish even after the election of our first Black President, Barack Obama. Winners of the achievement week awards were: Superior Service- Bro. Jelani Watkins, Edgar A. Love Award- Bro. Les Myers, Omega Man of the Year- Bro. Dr. James Bethea, Citizen-of-the-Year- Ms. Nichelle Manning- Andrews, Principal of PS/IS 138, Basileus Award- Ms. Jodi Cox, St. John's University, Keynote Speaker\_ Congressman Gregory Meeks- 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of the State of New York

## Nu Omicron Makes History at St Johns

The Nu Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc. recently made history at St. John's University, Queens, NY, by becoming a member of Greek Life for the first time in the history of the University. The brothers of Nu Omicron envisioned St. John's University as an ideal place to expand and attract undergraduate members. Therefore, under the leadership of Basileus, Brother Errin Hatwood, the chapter began an arduous 2-year task which involved a significant amount of planning and meeting university officials. Additionally, brothers had to provide a number of presentations to various university entities who voted to accept or deny the chapter entry into Greek Life. Through the diligent ef-

forts put forth by many brothers in the chapter, Nu Omicron received an official welcome from St. John's University in the fall 2010. Such acknowledgement allows Nu Omicron to conduct various programs on the campus throughout the year. One of the first programs in which the chapter participated was Meet The Greeks, in which student members of the University interacted with members of the Greek letter organizations on campus. The program was a great first step in ultimately establishing an undergraduate chapter of The Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. at St. John's, which will add to the history making legacy.



*Nu Omicron Brothers with Bro. Dr. James Bethea*

## Nu Omicron Brother to Brother Mentoring Project



Nu Omicron Brothers with Mentees

**Queens, NY. February 2011.** For almost 2 years, the brothers of Nu Omicron have been actively engaged with approximately 20 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending PS/IS 138 in the Rosedale section of Queens, NY. The brothers meet with young men every Saturday from 10:00 - 12:30. The program is divided into three parts. The first part involves the young men speaking informally with the brothers about issues pertinent their lives. This opportunity allows for the brothers to connect and bond with the young men.

The second part of the program involves the young men participating in and interactive, brother- led workshop on topics developed by the students. Such topics include but not limited to: the importance of Academics, Family Support, Negative Influences, Money/Financial, Literacy, Health/Eating Healthy, Work, Ethics, Anger Management, Girls, Time Management, Teacher-Student Relationships, Friendship, Positive Influences, Peer Pressure Positive, Role Models, Goal Set-

ting, Bullying, Morals, Materialism, Education, Black History (Learning more about, )Career Exploration and Entrepreneurship.

The third and final part of the program involves the brothers and mentees engaging in a recreational activity together. The program begins and ends with a pledge created by the mentees with the help of the brothers of Nu Omicron. The principal and staff of the school praise the mentoring program as it significantly impacting the lives of the participating young men at the school. Teachers have noticed decreased absences, fewer behavior problems, and academic achievement in many of the mentees participating in the program and credit the brothers of Nu Omicron for their diligent efforts in working with the young men.

## Rho Lambda Lambda Social Action

**Orange NJ. January 18, 2011.** The Brothers of Rho Lambda Lambda Chapter hosted an afternoon of basketball games for local eight grade students. The brothers met several students at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and entertained them for several hours while watching the men’s and women’s basketball teams play. After the games the students were treated to lunch and given a tour of NJIT. The games are just one part of Rho Lambda Lambda and our commitment to mentoring the youth in our communities.



Rho Lambda Lambda Brothers with the children

## Xi Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt

**Nyack, NY. March 25, 2011.** Xi Lambda Lambda chapter hosted the Talent Hunt contest at the Nyack Center in Nyack, NY. This contest was professionally done from the venue to the crew. The talent that performed was awesome and a treat to behold. Brothers McGloster and Dinkins were excellent co-chairmen as demonstrated in the final production along with the Talent Hunt Team of Bros. Burrows, Sampson, McLeish, Inman, Watson, Clarke and Jenkins. Bro. Dinkins wife, Dawn, and his son Joshua for provided the photography and Mr. Charles Butler for videography. Congratulations to our 2011 Talent Hunt Contest winners, Ms. Brianna Martin, a senior at Ramapo High School and Ms. Meagan Washington, a sophomore at the Academy of Mt. Saint Ursula. These winners will represent Xi Lambda Lambda chapter at the 63rd District Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ.



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers with Talent Hunt winner Ms Brianna Marin

## Beta Alpha Alpha Book Reading

**Westchester County, NY. February 19, 2011.** The Brothers of Beta Alpha Alpha in partnership with the Westchester Alums of Sigma Gamma Rho, and other members of the Westchester Pan Hell held a book reading at the Mt. Vernon YMCA. The session was held between 11am-12PM before around 100 children. Each member of the pan hell read a book to the children and donated 5-10 books a piece for the children to take home for their own libraries.



*Brother Steven Schmidt reading to a child at the Book reading*

## Pi Chapter Social Action Project

**Baltimore, MD. March 2011.** Pi chapter at Morgan State University continues to set the pace throughout the state of Maryland by mentoring inner city youth. Brothers of Pi chapter recently visited Benjamin Franklin Community Academy at Masonville Cove to mentor middle and high school students. The visit was the first in many to the CCYD-Changz after school program in a mission to make a positive difference in the lives of youth who are vulnerable to becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. CCYD is a social service organization, which provides caring and comprehensive services; offers essential youth development opportunities; and an innovative learning facility that sets high standards of suc-

cess and achievement for disadvantaged youth. The evidence is clear in showing that a young person's participation in CCYD's Changz after school program supports higher scores and better academic grades; keeps them off the streets and out of trouble; and connects them to the community in which they live. Each visit usually involves five to ten chapter members with backgrounds similar to the children. As a result, the children can usually relate to the young brothers of Omega Psi Phi better than they can with the school staff. After the mentoring sessions they follow up with an hour of Step practice with the Changz step team.

## Kappa Omicron Toys For Tots

**Harlem, NY. December 2011.** Spreading the spirit of giving and cheer, members of Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held their Annual Toys 4 Tots Program at the Children's Aid Society, in Harlem, NYC. This event on December 24, 2010, was part of our Chapter's community service and outreach efforts. There were over 100 parents, children, staff and Omega Brothers in attendance. Kappa Omicron Chapter was able to provide over 75 gifts to children in the Harlem Community for the Holiday Season. To the joy of the chapter and the children alike there was plenty of smiles and happiness for children who might not have any toys for the holiday season. All of this was coordinated by the Director of Children's Aid Society in Harlem, NYC, Mr. Casper Lassiter and The Toys 4 Tots Committee consisting of long time chairman, Bro. David Wilson, and Bros. Chad Musgrove, Lenett Bligen, Corey Williams and Monty Witherspoon-Brown. The Basileus of Kappa Omicron Chapter is Charles Johnson.



*Members of Kappa Omicron Chapter shown with delighted kids who received toys.*



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On this Centennial year of our beloved Fraternity, the Corridor IV family of Brothers, Quettes, Sweethearts and Friends, wish the Brothers of Nu Nu a successful 63<sup>rd</sup> Second District Conference.

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Chi Upsilon  
Delta Upsilon  
Eta Pi  
Lambda Upsilon  
Mu Gamma Gamma  
Nu Beta Beta  
Nu Lambda Lambda  
Nu Nu  
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Bro. Wayne Hammer  
Bro. Craig Harris  
Bro. Carlos Henriquez  
Bro. Clinton Hall  
Bro. Pascal Faustin  
Bro. George Giles  
Bro. Thomas Highsmith  
Bro. Joe Holloman  
Bro. Sean O'Reilly  
Bro. Lou Ferdinand  
Bro. Eric Mayo  
Bro. Jeff Carter

### Omega Man

Bro. James L. Watkins  
Bro. Leslie Hinton  
Bro. Ken McKendra  
Bro. Clinton Hall  
Bro. Samuel T. McGhee

Please remember Bro. Erwin Ponder and Bro. Lt. Colonel Paul B. Lewis who have passed on to Omega Chapter.

### Special Commendations

- Bro. Jim Key (Omicron Chi) as he represents founder Bro. Ernest E. Just.
- Bro. Michael Sharp (Nu Nu, Beta Iota Iota), Bro. Sloane Basptise (Tau Zeta), assistance from Bro. Mr. and Mrs. JT Thomas (Nu Zeta) on Operation Endure 497. Retracing the 497-mile trek from Wilberforce, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., made by Gen. Bro. Charles Young in June 1918.
- Brother Marvin Bazemore (Eta Pi) recipient of the U.S. Presidential Service Award.
- Bro. Bas. Craig Harris and brothers of Nu Lambda Lambda, Corridor IV Baselius and Chapter of the year.
- Spring February 12, 2011 Nu Lambda Lambda Brothers.
- Spring April 9, 2011 Nu Lambda Lambda and Omicron Delta Delta Brothers.
- Spring April 23, 2011 Omicron Chi, Nu Nu, Eta Pi, Rho Lambda Lambda Brothers.

*Friendship is Essential to the Soul!*

## Tau Lambda Lambda Purple Boot Mentoring Project

**Southern MD** The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter can't think of many better ways to start the year off, than by having January be National Mentoring Month. Like many of the other national months, it can be said that this month should be every day. The Brothers agree.

The website, [www.nationalmentoringmonth.org](http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org), has a list of 10 things to do in January and the top three are: 1. Become a mentor in your community; 2. Learn more about mentoring 3. Partner with a mentoring organization. What an awesome list.

The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter have always supported mentoring since the chapter was chartered in Hughesville, MD in 2004. TLL began operating the Purple Boot Initiative (PBI) in 2009. PBI is a program that focuses on the development of young boys aged 7 to 14 in Southern Maryland. The program began at Indian Head Elementary School and the chapter is currently looking to expand it.

The Purple Boot Initiative was created in 1996 by Brother Etu Evans at the Harlem Day Charter School in Harlem, N.Y. Brother Evans believes that the impossible becomes possible when we raise the levels of expectation, resources and exposure of young



*Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter Brother mentors to children*

boys. In less than a year of its inception, the Purple Boot Initiative increased the academic and behavioral performance of its mentees by more than 50 percent. TLL is proud of this success.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Fuller House Social Action Project



*Tau Lambda Lambda Brothers volunteer at Fuller House Fish Fry*

**Waldorf, MD** – Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter recently provided its annual fish fry luncheon and conducted a canned food drive for the Robert Fuller Transitional House. This program has existed for several years and past years have also included community donation drives to provide suits and suit accessories to the men so they may have professional dress during job interviews.

“One of our greatest commandments is to love our neighbors as ourselves,” said Brother Ike Templeton as he led the lunchtime prayer during the event.

Brother Jeffrey Cowins, the current Keeper of Finance for TLL, provided the expertise in the kitchen for the morning. He shared that volunteering is vital not only to the chapter, but also to

himself. “It’s important that we really connect with the residents and share more of ourselves.”

The New Revival Center of Renewal, lead by Bishop Paul Wells, has managed the transitional home since 2006. The home services an average of 20 men at a time with varying life circumstances, to include the areas of addiction, counseling, mental diagnosis, homelessness, and those in need of job placement.

“Bishop Wells has been a God-send to this shelter and myself,” said Derrick Holmes, a house manager at the shelter. Holmes is a former inmate who uses his experience as one of the ways that he connects with the residents, especially those whom have also served time in prison. TLL invites the local community to continue to be transformed by participating in the service projects the chapter provides to Southern Maryland.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Talent Hunt Competition

**Waldorf, MD** A stool and a microphone is all that Kaytlin Medley asked for from Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc during the chapter's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Talent Hunt competition held February 26, 2011. Kaytlin, a sophomore at Westlake High School, supplied the instruments; an acoustic guitar and an amazingly sweet voice. In return, the audience offered cheers and an applause that seemed to make Kaytlin blush. The Brothers of TLL Chapter presented her with something else: First place and a \$500.00 cash award.

The Talent Hunt is a nationally mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the event provides an avenue for high school students to show their talent in an encouraging environment. Winners are recognized for their achievement and receive cash awards. Brother Jake Prater chaired the event for the second year in a row. "I'm glad that the event was a success," he said. "And we're proud today because each student came out and gave 110%. In our eyes, they are all winners and we want to encourage them to continue to hone their talents."

First and second runners-up were Darnell Williams and Robert Harris, respectively. Darnell is a junior at North Point High School and had the audience clapping their



*Brother Jake Prater and Talent Hunt Winner Kaytlin Medley*

hands with his energetic tap dance routine. Robert is a senior at McDonough High School and had fingers snapping and toes tapping while he shared his talent of singing. Denise Brown, a resident of Waldorf, brought her two middle school aged children to the program. "Although my kids aren't old

enough to compete yet, I wanted to bring them to plant the seeds of success in their minds," she shared. "This event is good for the youth in Southern Maryland." Medley will travel to Cherry Hill, NJ, in April to compete in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Second District Conference's Talent Hunt Competition.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Youth In Technology Summit

**Southern, MD** The Brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda (TLL) Chapter believe that technology runs the world. In order for our youth, the leaders of tomorrow, to fully grasp and maximize their potential, it is necessary for them to embrace technology and also be prepared to ride its waves of changes. This adaptability allows our young people to stay abreast of the latest technological offerings and be creative with ideas to remain ahead of the curve. This approach is aligned with TLL Chapter's core values of empowering and educating our youth and citizens of Southern Maryland. It was not only our duty and our pleasure to have volunteered for the third annual Youth in Technology Summit recently at the College of Southern Maryland's La Plata campus, but also our honor. Many of our members have school-aged children who have attended the summit in current and past years. Our members understand firsthand the benefits of technology and what the summit has to offer our youth.

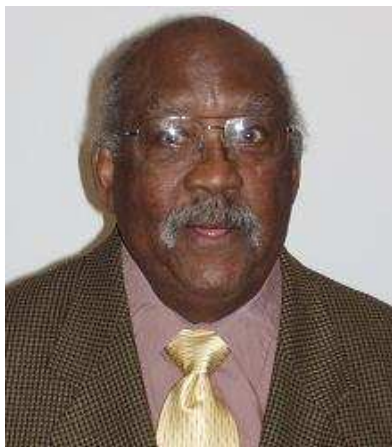
TLL Chapter has been a steadfast supporter of the summit since its inception, in 2008, because we believe the information and workshops that the summit offers our community are vital.

These offerings include opportunities to network with peers and intermingle with adult professionals who work in varying areas of technology, post-high school educational, financial and career planning, workshops and hands-on, interactive technology demonstrations.

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter looks forward to continuing to support the annual technology summit and other programs in Southern Maryland that directly cater to the needs of our youth and neighbors.



## Brother Clarence Henderson - Omega Chapter



*Brother Clarence Henderson*

**Baltimore, MD. March 2011.** Brother Clarence Henderson entered Omega Chapter on March 6, 2011. He became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1948. Bro. Henderson had over 63 years of dedicated service in Omega and nearly 40 of those years, in Baltimore, as a member in Pi Omega Chapter. Bro. Henderson, affectionately known as "Punchy" to some, was initiated through Upsilon Chapter at Central State University, Wilberforce Ohio in 1948. Bro. Henderson matriculated and graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Music in 1949. Bro. Henderson furthered his Scholastic achievements with a Master's degree from Columbia University, in New York City. Brother Henderson moved back to Baltimore in 1955, and soon took the position of Choir Director at Morgan State College, and served

several years in this capacity.

Bro. Henderson also gave 35 years dedicated service to the Baltimore City Public Schools as music teacher and as an Assistant Principle. Brother Henderson was the Founder and Director of the Choir, the Olton Singing Society. With this esteemed experience, our Brother was an ideal choice for Pi Omega Chapter's Talent Hunt Committee chair, where he served for 10 years in the 70's and 80's Bro. Clarence Henderson has been an ideal role model of an Omega Man and exemplified Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Every month at Pi Omega's monthly Chapter meeting we saluted our Brother Henderson during roll call with a standing ovation for his 60 years of service to Omega.

## Tau Pi Reflections on the Centennial Memorial Service

**Columbia, MD. March 2011.** Though buoyed by years of great Omega experiences, and opportunities that increased our membership's understanding of Omega mysteries, strangely, many of the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter had never visited the gravesites of our Beloved Founders. However, when the announcement arrived inviting Brothers to participate in the Centennial Founders Memorial Service, it not only opened our eyes, but reminded us all that our continued education in Omega was still on-going.

Early Saturday morning, forty-five chapter brothers boarded a scheduled motor coach to the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Suitland, Maryland, where Founders Dr. Ernest E. Just, and Professor Frank Coleman were interred. To our delight, we viewed a well maintained cemetery and plots where our Founders' lay. Former Grand Basilei attended and added a necessary measure to this most solemn of occasions. Reflecting back on our first Memorial Service of the day, the Brotherhood felt a proud heartfelt sense that the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity stands strong today, and an even prouder future to come.

Next we journeyed to Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Baltimore to visit the final resting place of Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love. Cold and cloudy, we were greeted by the good Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter who served as worthy hosts. Closely grouped, the Brothers listened intently to the Memorial Service led by Brother George McKinney. We were joined in prayer with members of Founder Love's family. The Brotherhood once again stood with their heads high after the ceremony. They reflected that although Founder Love deserved a better resting place, that someday, somehow the Lord would prevail and provide a way to improve conditions by which he is buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Our final trip of the day took us to where Founder Oscar J. Cooper was buried at Whitmarsh Memorial Park, in Ambler, Pennsylvania. By now, the sun was bright and high in the sky, and more and different Brothers were in attendance. There was ample room for the brothers to surround the grave of Founder Cooper.



*Members of Tau Pi Chapter, pose with Ms. Kathy Just Robinson, granddaughter of Founder Ernest E. Just.*

The best way to reflect on this day is to say thanks to all the wonderful Tau Pi Chapter Brothers, but especially Brothers Steve Williams, and Joseph Alston for the pictures they have shared of the Centennial Founders Memorial Service events and to Brother Milbert Brown for making himself available to shoot photos at Founders Just and Coleman's gravesites; Brother Charlie Mitchell for ensuring that the Brothers ate well on this day; Brothers Eric Clark (Basileus), Jay Kerr (Vice-Basileus), and Milton Darby (Keeper or Records and Seal) for representing the Tau Pi chapter leadership; and Brother Henry Bell who I knew had our backs covered medically. Thanks to Brothers Jerry Watkins, Kelvin Rawls, Jetty Viot, Bart Griffin, Oliver Jackson, Richard Layne, Ramsey Alexander, Lawrence Pittman, Julius Chapman, Frank Fennell, Chuck Brown, the Hebron Brothers – Andy and Eric, Mint Basnight, Jason Sumter, Devore Irick, Henry Jenkins, Carlos Robinson, Anthony Smith, Peter Higginbotham, Chester Williams, Bobby McGlotten, and all of the rest. I thank you all for making our trip an immense success!



## Gamma Pi Mardi Gras 2011

**Prince George's County, Md. March 18, 2011.** For nearly 40 years, Gamma Pi chapter has made its annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance Extravaganza a "can't miss" social event in Prince George's County. This year's event, held Friday night, March 18, was also "can't miss" and for those who did miss it, it was truly something special as a sellout crowd of just over 900 rocked and dined the night away at the Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt.

Besides the good time and the outstanding music of The Soul Patrol band, the event was made special by the appearance of Grand Basileus Brother Dr. Andrew Ray. It was the first time the chapter's Mardi Gras has ever been graced by a Grand Basileus. During intermission, Bro. Dr. Ray addressed the crowd and related the importance of the 2011 Centennial as a special once-in-a-lifetime event for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., inviting them to share in Omega's international celebration during the coming months.

In addition to the Grand Basileus, Second District Representative Brother Kenneth Rodgers, a former three-term Basileus of Gamma Pi, was in attendance. He was joined by several local political and government dignitaries who were also on hand including newly elected Prince George's County Executive, Brother Rushern Baker II. Brother County Executive Baker, who was initiated at Alpha chapter, is also a member of Gamma Pi chapter. Another special guest was Brother Carl McNair, of Atlanta, who is the blood brother of the late NASA astronaut hero Brother Dr. Ronald E. McNair, who perished aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event was observed earlier this year.

This year's Mardi Gras was billed as the Centennial version and featured a 1970s theme as the focal point of the costume contest. The theme was so popular that it spawned a long, winding carnival style parade of costumes during intermission, something Gamma Pi Brothers had not seen in recent years. Cash prizes were awarded for costumes in several categories. Mardi Gras also crowned the King and Queen for this year, which was Brother



*Gamma Pi Mardi Gras 2011 Costume Contest*

Dr. Lester Miles and his daughter, who received the honor for selling the highest number of tickets. Bro. Dr. George Edwards, a 55-year member of the Fraternity, was the 2010 Mardi Gras King.

Mixing in oldies from the 1970s with more contemporary hits from the hip-hop genre, The Soul Patrol rocked the house in a way that will be remembered for years by Gamma Pi and its patrons. In between dancing and fellowshiping with members of the Fraternity and friends, patrons were able to dine on

The chapter also held its popular Silent Auction as part of the Mardi Gras. Each year, the Silent Auction and the dance and dinner provide Gamma Pi chapter with the bulk of funds needed to run its expansive social action programs throughout the year. These include programs for homeless families, men down on their luck, children, youth headed to college and seniors who are often overlooked and forgotten.

Brothers Alfonzo Powell and Ronald Swann chaired the Mardi Gras committee and were congratulated by the brothers on a stellar job. They are already starting on planning next year's event. Only the Super Chapter!



*Brother Brian Monroe*

## Bro. Brian Monroe Establishes Scholarship at Cornell University in Honor of His Father

Brother Brian Monroe, Cornell University alumnus, establishes a scholarship providing financial assistance to deserving students at his alma mater, Cornell University's ILR School.

The Byron K. Monroe Hope Scholarship, named for Monroe's father, will benefit undergraduate students. It will focus on African American students who have financial need, but who have demonstrated "exceptional leadership potential" and active in community service.

He created the Scholarship to honor his father, who made incredible sacrifices to further his education. Brian describes his father

as the foundation of his success. There were not many resources available during the time my father was financing my education and somehow he made a way. The scholarship will be used to support students at Cornell University's ILR School, a leading school of the applied social sciences focused on the study of workplace practice and policy. Monroe graduated from the ILR School in 1994.

Brother Brian Monroe is currently an attorney with the Target Corporation in Minneapolis, Minn., a member of Zeta Psi Chapter and resides in New York City.

## Nu Upsilon Achievement Week Celebration

**Wilmington, DE. November 2010.** Nu Upsilon celebrated Achievement Week with two spectacular events – OmegaFest and Founders’ Day.

OmegaFest 2010, chaired by Nu Upsilon’s Vice Basileus, Bro. Troy Grant, is a community event that focuses on providing uplift for our young people and the opportunity for them to demonstrate the best of scholarship. Youngsters, ranging in age from 5 – 17, participated in an afternoon of basketball skills competitions, face painting, a trivia contest, and the signature activity – The Spelling Bee. The event was held at the William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center in Wilmington, DE, and was attended by 100+ young people and 50 adults.

The basketball skills competition involved approximately 45 students (divided by age groups), demonstrating their abilities to shoot free throws and to sink three-point shots. The top two scorers, in each of the three age groups, received specially designed trophies.

The trivia contest, based on the hit TV game show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, provided 25 students with the opportunity to answer trivia questions related to Delaware, Black History, and Current Events. Each student received one lifeline but had to answer five consecutive questions. There were 12 successful students, and each received a crisp \$20 bill.

Prior to the final activity, attendees enjoyed light refreshments and a fantastic “stepping” exhibition by the ladies of the Epsilon Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the brothers of the Nu Upsilon Step Team.

The highlight of the day was the Spelling Bee. Approximately 50 students, grouped by grade levels, were given the opportunity to spell words, ranging from two letters for the younger students to words with twelve or more letters for the middle and high school



*2nd District DR, Bro. Kenneth Rodgers, Corporate Recognition Awardee- Delmarva Power, Ms. Enid Wallace-Simms, Nu Upsilon Man of the Year Bro. Kevia W. Evans, Nu Upsilon Basileus Bro Vandell Hampton,*

students. When all was said and done, the top four spellers received \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100, respectively. As one of the patrons said, “...that was fun!”

Nu Upsilon’s Founders’ Day Celebration was organized by Bro. Robert Adams with assistance by our Grand Chaplain Bro. Christopher Curry and Bro. Michael Taylor, and was held at Ezion Fair Baptist Church in Wilmington, DE. The evening can best be described as being inspiring and spiritual, as more than 60 men of Omega were in attendance.

The evening’s program began with a heartfelt invocation by Grand Chaplain Curry, followed by a tone-setting narrative of the occasion by Bro. Michael Jenkins. The history of Omega was delivered with the best of oratorical skills by Bro. Carlton Lampkins, and rousing, musical renditions by the Ezion Fair mixed choir and the male chorus were truly uplifting and enjoyed by all in attendance. There was also a stepping exhibition by the Holy Steppers, a group of young males from the church; hopefully, they will be Men of Omega.

The major attractions for the evening were the Founders’ Tributes given by Bro. George B. Winston, III – former Basileus of Nu Upsilon; Bro. Theodore Greer – former 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative; Bro. William Rhines – Chaplain, Nu Upsilon; and Bro. Gerald Folsom, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chaplain. Each of the honors was delivered with dignity and in a tone that would have made our founders extremely proud!

Nu Upsilon also presented its Achievement Week awards to: Bro. Kevin W. Evans – Omega Man of the Year; Bro. Jack Perry – Citizen of the Year as the Founder and Executive Director of Prestige Academy, the first all-male, charter middle school in Delaware; and Ms. Enid Wallace-Simms – Corporate Recognition Award for Delmarva Power.

The evening concluded with a host of remarks and a light reception, which provided the opportunity for brothers to socialize with their families and friends who supported this event. We all were inspired and blessed by the experience and occasion to pay homage to the illustrious founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## Nu Upsilon Promotes Reading Literacy

**New Castle County, DE. February 2011,** The Brothers of the Nu Upsilon Chapter, under the leadership of Bro. Craig Wolfrey, Social Actions Chairman, conducted its Annual Read-a-Thon at elementary schools throughout New Castle County, DE. This project not only involves reading to the students but engaging them in the activity through the use of a variety of questioning strategies to enhance their comprehension skills and to build their vocabulary.

This year, Bros. Spencer Busch, Carlton Lampkins, Gregory Scudder, and Rick Wiley visited two schools, sharing the joy of reading to approximately 500 students in grades K - 5. The

reading selections included different genres of literature such as fiction, non-fiction, and poetry by some of the world's most renowned, award-winning African American and multicultural authors and illustrators. At the end of each session, brothers presented each student with a designer bookmark.

The ability to read well is a skill that lasts a lifetime. Brothers are encouraged to be a part of the "educational village" by promoting reading in their communities. You won't regret this significant contribution towards the academic and career success of our young people.

## Pi Omega Fatherhood Initiative Male Mentoring Project

**Baltimore, MD. March 11, 2011.** The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter hosted a Father Son/Male Mentoring Breakfast in conjunction with their community partner Matthew Henson Elementary School. Pi Omega Basileus, Zanes Cypress and Pi Omega Brothers provided mentoring and life skill building tools for these phenomenal young boys at the Father/Son Breakfast. More importantly, it was a pleasure to see many fathers and male relatives in attendance actively participating the lives of these young boys. Pi Omega Chapter is an impor-

tant sponsor of Matthew Henson Elementary School in providing not only mentoring, but any level of support needed to enhance the school within the community. Brother Dr. Gary Rodwell must be commended for taking the lead in this effort. As a result of Pi Omega's commitment to strengthening and enhancing their community partnership with Matthew Henson, it was honored by Matthew Henson Elementary School as Outstanding Partner for its dedicated service to the students and staff. Through relationships such as these, Pi Omega will continue to strengthen its community and serve its people.



*Pi Omega Brothers participating at the Father/Son Breakfast*



*Certificate of Recognition given to Pi Omega Chapter from Matthew Henson School*



*Pi Omega Bros. Robb Ferguson, Thomas Dawson and Mike Greene interact with Matthew Henson School boys at Father/Son Breakfast*



*Food being served at the Father/Son Breakfast*

### Pi Omega Social Action Projects

#### Eyeglasses Donation to National Federation of the Blind

**Baltimore, MD. March 2011.** The National Federation of the Blind collects eyeglasses twice a year for those who can benefit from them. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter donated 163 pair of eyeglasses to the National Federation of the Blind. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter would like to thank all of those who donated and participated to aid in this cause.



*Bros. John Bekley, Brandon Swails, and Social Action Chair, Dwayne White with National Federation for the Blind Representative*

#### My Sister's Place Women's Shelter Donation

**Baltimore, MD. February 2011.** The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter donated over 160 items of women's undergarments, 15 bottles of detergent, and 3 bottles of bleach to My Sister's Place. My Sister's Place is an organization that provides assistance to the homeless women and children of Baltimore City. This organization offers shower and laundry facilities, parenting classes, life skills workshops, GED preparation, along with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter are honored to lend assistance to such a cause.



*Social action Chair, Bro. Dwayne White and Bro John Berkley with My Sister's Place Representative*

#### Scenes from Healthy Lifestyles Community Fair with Deltas



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