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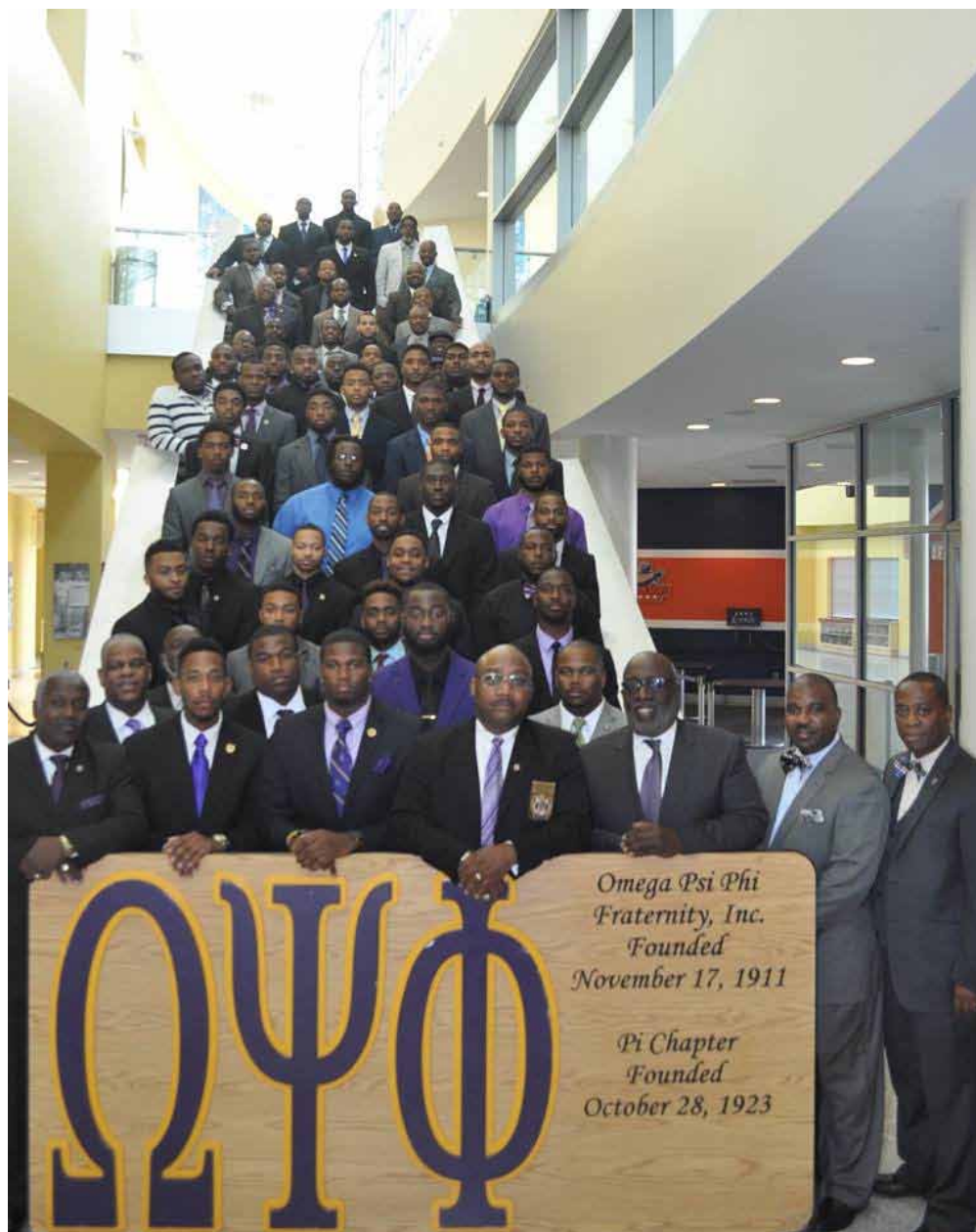
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# Second District Representatives Message



## Greetings My Second District Brethren and Guests,

It is an honor and privilege serving as your 34th 2nd District Representative. As we enter the 104 Anniversary Celebration period, I have several areas of thoughts for consideration:

### Need for Reclamation

On the weekend of October 16-18, 2015, I had the pleasure to celebrate 40 years in Omega at Virginia State University's Homecoming with the members of my line and those of Brother Kevin Woodhouse' line. Both of our lines are Nu Psi 1975 pledge lines, fall and spring, respectively. I was truly impressed with the brotherhood, the feeling of true friendship and the sheer examples of love shown by the Brothers to the community and to Omega Psi Phi. Convinced that we need to work even harder to get more of our Brothers reclaimed, we, as a Fraternity, are missing out on the resources they could provide to help us solve some of our vast problems. We also must recognize that we have to provide services and programs to inspire Brothers to be financial. Our leadership team and I will be working hard to ensure we make significant strides in this area.

### Need for Selection in MSP

From recent experiences, I have become aware that we have significant areas to improve our Membership Selection Process. Omega is not meant for everyone and we need to make sure the individuals we accept into our membership are motivated to do what it takes to make Omega better and NOT to use Omega as an entitlement opportunity. In other words, we need members that do not ask what Omega can do for them but what they can do for society as members of Omega.

### Need for Unity in the Community

Having had the opportunity to sit in the reserved section for the 2015 Million Man March, I was impressed by the family atmosphere and by all of the speakers of color. Some Brothers have been upset that we haven't, in their opinion, been as active in social issues as we should; it is my belief that we can only be successful as citizens of this universe if we continually strive to work together, as a community. As mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:12-17, "We are all of the one body but represent different important parts."

### Need for Violence Prevention

We, as a Fraternity, have been spending too much time and resources resolving issues that can only do harm to our great Fraternity. We may not all agree on the steps of required training across the Fraternity but the 2nd District is moving forward, beginning this Fall, to deliver required training to the brotherhood, both financial and un-financial, on the issue of Violence Prevention. Violence, of any form, is never accepted or condoned by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

You may not agree with everything, as previously stated, but we must to be an Army of one and work to make this Fraternity greater because you are a member. May GOD Bless You All!

Yours in Omega,

*Milton D. Harrison*

**Milton D. Harrison LM#4068  
34th 2nd District Representative  
October 2015**





## Director of Public Relations Message



**Brethren,**

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe and the Author and Finisher of My Faith, My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Second District host many events since 2015 Conference. Inside this issue is coverage of the State of Legal Affairs of the Fraternity by Grand Counselor, D Michael Lyles, Esq., 67th Second District Conference hosted by Nu Beta Beta and Upsilon Phi Chapters, James S. Avery, Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference hosted by Theta Omicron Chapter in Rochester New York, Undergraduate Summit hosted by Pi Chapter at Morgan State University, 2nd District Boatride hosted by Omegas' New York City Chapters and Omegas' presence at the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March.

Enjoy the pleasure of reading the first article written on Omega in the Howard University Journal, May 1912 Edition, by Founder Edgar Love and submitted commentary by Omega Men in our Opinion/Editorial Section. Submissions varied on topics from Suicide in the Black Community to President Obama's Face Needing to be Placed on Mt. Rushmore. Our 39th Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew A. Ray, is featuring a series of articles on "An Omega State of Mind" to be continued in subsequent issues.

Each year honors, scholarships and awards are given at the 67th Second District Conference Founders Banquet. 2nd District Achievement Week Chair, Eric Harley, was Master of Ceremony for the event, Grand Basileus, Antonio F. Knox, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Kenneth Rodgers, Grand Counselor, D. Michael Lyles, Esq. and 15 Past 2nd District Representatives were in attendance. Ted Childs of Phi Nu, J. Michael Breeden of Pi Omega, Charles Hines of Nu Upsilon and Nathan O. Thomas of Mu Omega were Stand-Ins for Founders Oscar James Cooper, Frank Coleman, Edgar Amos Love and Ernest Everett Just, respectively. The High School Essay contest 1st place winner was 1st place- Arthur Cockett of Xi Lambda Lambda. The complete list of the 67th Second District Conference Award Recipients is on page 12.

**Enjoy the 2015 Fall Edition of The Omegan  
"Voice of the Second District".**

**Fraternally,**

**Zanes E. Cypress, Jr. LM#7307  
Director of Public Relations, 2nd District  
October 2015**



# The State of Legal Affairs of the Fraternity



*Grand Counselor D. Michael Lyles, Esq.*

## Brothers,

The legal affairs of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is a complex mix of corporate, ritualistic and constitutional law. My job, along with District Counselors, is to advise the Supreme Council and the membership on the legal aspects of actions considered or taken. I have had a wonderful time doing what I do best and am hopefully putting the Fraternity in the best position to WIN! I appreciate the help of the District Counselors who have helped immensely and provide great assistance to me as we work through legal issues in the various states where Omega Psi Phi and its chapters are situated. I want to in just a few paragraphs give a summary of the top matters we have dealt with in the last year.

## The Legal Environment

As I explained to a reporter, who called me last fall inquiring about the Rho Chapter hazing allegations, besides our aggressive legal approach the public should know that the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in addition to being a brotherhood, is a large multi-national corporation of over 600 chapters active and inactive, with over 80,000 members active and inactive in 45 states and on 4 continents. To have only 5 hazing allegations—I would say that that is a pretty decent record and attests to our great record of curbing abuse. Any other well-known commercial enterprise, with that many employees and that few “grievances or allegations” would think it were a successful going concern. The message I hopefully got across is that even when we as active members and managers of this great Fraternity do everything right, things and members may still go wrong and be a reason for someone to sue the Fraternity in hopes of a big payday. I am certain that our current Supreme Council and all our committees are thoughtfully and intelligently thinking about ways

to continue to protect the Fraternity from those that would seek to bring us down, from within and without. I am proud to play a role in our success and support the vision of Grand Basileus, Antonio F. Knox, Sr.

## The Legal Agenda

Currently, I am focused on several legal agenda items: 1) Aggressively defending the Fraternity and local chapters (along with outside counsel) in 9 active and pending law suits in the states of South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Missouri, New York and Michigan. Only three of these are related to allegations of hazing and three are wrongful death allegations related to public events. The wrongful death allegations are surprising to most brothers, but point up the fact that when we host or attend events, we need to be more thoughtful about the event, we need to be more protective of the Fraternity when it comes to our involvement in events that are hosted by others, especially inactive brothers, because our colors and brand makes us an target for those wanting a big payday. Message: if it's not a sanctioned event and there are no contracts between the Fraternity, or Chapter, limiting our liability, than do not engage. 2) We completed a Rewrite of the Member Code of Conduct, which is available now. A month's long process, me and the District Counselor team moved to publish an update in order to remove redundant language, clarify confusing or contradictory provisions, simplify the overly legalistic language and make it easier to read and to comply with. 3) We developed and disseminated a Social Media Policy and Trademark Usage Policy. They may be downloaded from the Fraternity Website. They set a standard for protecting Fraternity marks, letters, shield, and intellectual property. When we protect our brand we increase its value and help keep your dues low. Each Brother must help us in this regard. If someone is using or selling our brand or displaying it in any form in any medium without OUR permission or as a licensed vendor than they are devaluing it and abusing the Fraternity and as a result increasing our costs as an organization. Help us protect the Omega Psi Phi brand let us know if you see someone selling or using our precious marks without proper authorization.

Brothers, if you need legal advice or an opinion regarding I am here to help, but if in involves Chapter affairs, please confer with your District Counselor first. Many times I will ask the District Counselor to provide his thoughts. If you have a legal question on International Fraternity affairs, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [grandcounselor@oppf.org](mailto:grandcounselor@oppf.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

**D. Michael Lyles, Esq.**  
**Grand Counselor**  
**October 2015**









## Past 2nd District Representatives



## Gamma Pi Large Chapter of the Year





## Executive Council Receives Oath of Office



## Pi Omega Social Action Chapter of the Year



## Omicron Iota Small Chapter & Social Action Chapter of the Year

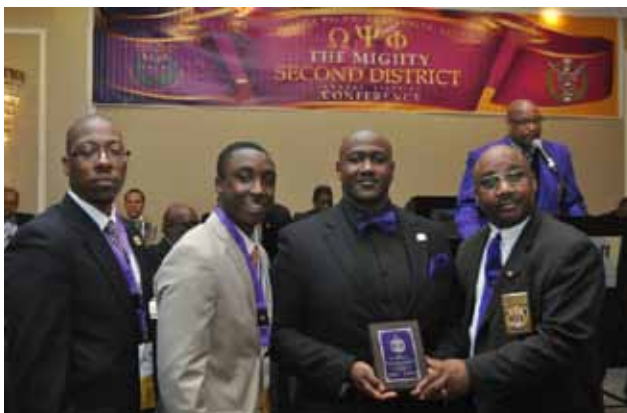
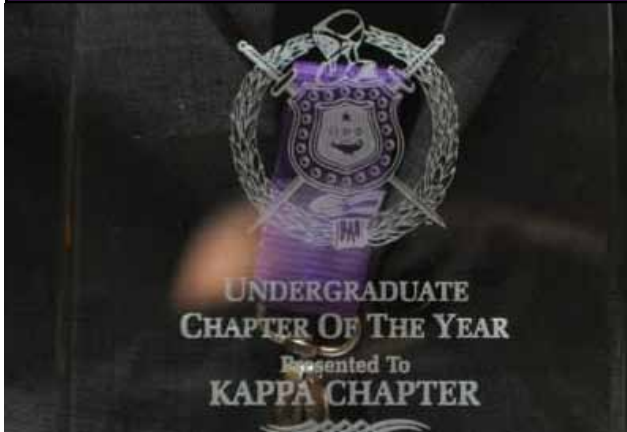


## Psi Iota 2nd Place Small Social Action Chapter of the Year





## Undergraduate Luncheon Scholarship Awards



## Second District Conference Award Recipients

### 2nd District Conference Award Recipients at the Founders Banquet

*Undergraduate Advisor of the Year: Derrick Carr, Chi Rho*  
*COL Charles Young Leadership Award: LTC Keith Harley, Alpha Lambda Lambda*  
*Citizen of the Year: Dr. Olivia G. White, Alpha Lambda Lambda*  
*Superior Service Award: Charles Coleman, Epsilon*  
*Founders Award: Robert Jamison*  
*Undergraduate Chapter of the Year: Kappa*  
*Small Graduate Chapter of the Year: Omicron Iota*  
*Large Chapter of the Year: Gamma Pi*  
*Small Social Action Chapter of the Year: Omicron Iota*  
*Large Social Action Chapter of the Year: Pi Omega*  
*Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year: Jamaul Jerido, Rho Lambda Lambda*  
*Graduate Omega Man of the Year: Sherman Charles, Lambda Gamma Gamma*

### The 2nd District 2015 Scholarship and Grant Awardees

#### Second District Scholarship Award Recipients:

*District Scholar of the Year: Federico Ghelli, Beta*  
*Grand Basileus Nominee: Tremayne McKenith, Tau Mu*  
*Founders Memorial Scholarship: Emeka Modubuogo, Tau Mu (Undergraduate)*  
*Christopher Irving, Lambda Upsilon (Graduate)*  
*Herman Dreer Scholar/Leadership Award: Hassan Dixon, Omega Delta Delta*  
*George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship: Sandile Manzini, Mu Gamma Gamma*  
*H. Carl Moultrie Legal Scholar Award: Marc Holloway: Theta Omicron*  
*W. Montague Cobb Medical Scholar Award: Richard Steward, Zeta*

#### Second District Grant Award Recipients:

*Roderick Jones, Pi Omega*  
*Omoniyi Lamidi, Beta*  
*Jeffery Sealy, Sigma Beta Beta*  
*Sylvester Hanner, Zeta Pi*  
*Brian Short, Delta Mu*  
*Garrick Beauliere, Alpha Delta Phi*  
*Richard Dickson, Iota Phi*  
*Dominick Carter, Pi Alpha*  
*Wayne Gersie, Iota Lambda Lambda*  
*Cameron Martin, Phi Epsilon*  
*Darien Carr, Chi Pi*  
*Shawn Diggs, Rho Lambda Lambda*  
*David Jackson, Kappa*  
*Leroy Antoine, Kappa*  
*Padraic Kane, Kappa*





## Omegas Hold Silent Vigil for Unrest in Baltimore





## James S. Avery Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference





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## 2nd District Undergraduate Summit





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## 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March





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## New York City Omega Boat Ride





## Iota Lambda Lambda Bro. Gregory Drane New Director of Athletic Bands at Pennsylvania State University



*Brother Gregory Drane with the Penn State Athletic Band*

**State College, PA. July 1, 2015.** Brother Gregory A. Drane, Ph. D. candidate, has been announced as the Director of Athletic Bands at the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) effective July 1, 2015.

Gregory A. Drane is a native of Miami, Florida. He received Bachelors degree in music education and music performance (saxophone) from Bethune-Cookman University, Initiated 1-98-Omicron Epsilon Chapter, he holds a Masters degree in music education from Penn State. Gregory's research interests include African American historical contributions to American music education, leadership in the music classroom, and historical music ensembles.

Drane serves as the assistant director of athletic bands, and is an instructor in the School of Music. He has been a charismatic and talented member of the athletic band staff for the past ten years. He is known for his creative drill-writing, his memorable half-time shows, and his contemporary arrangements, which have contributed to "one of the best atmospheres in college football (ESPN Magazine)."

Drane works closely with all aspects of the Athletic Bands program, serving as assistant director of the Penn State Marching Blue Band and director of the Pride of the Lions (POTL) basketball pep bands. Drane is active as an arranger and drill designer. In addition to his duties with the Athletic Bands program, Drane assists with conducting non-major concert bands and is an instructor for music classes offered to non-majors for General Arts credit. Drane is a member of Phi Mu Alpha and the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association.

Brother Drane has also had an article selected for publication in the Music Educators Journal, the primary journal of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). His historical article, "The Role of African American Bandsmen in the Integration of the United States Navy" was published in the journal's special military edition in March 2015.

The Brothers of Omicron Epsilon Chapter, and his current chapter Iota Lambda Lambda would like to say congratulations and wish him well in his new role as the first African American Band Director at Penn State as well as the first African American Band Director in the Big 10 Conference.

## 2nd District Gives Books to Rochester Boys and Girls Club

**Rochester, NY. September 12, 2015.** The Second District's Assault on Illiteracy (AOI) Committee presented 150 books to the Rochester (NY) Boys and Girls Club on Saturday September 12, 2015. The donation is one of the initiatives of the AOI Committee to donate books at major Second District meetings to organizations that are involved with fighting illiteracy. Bro. Dwayne Mahoney, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, accepted the book donation from AOI Committee Chairman Bro. John Berkley, assisted by Second District Representative Bro. Milton Harrison, and First Vice Second District Representative Bro. Carlton Lampkins.

The donation came at a good time for the Club. Recently there was a tragic incident following a basketball tournament sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club. This gesture from the District adds a level of support to the good work the Club is doing in the Rochester community. The elementary and middle school level books will be given to three of the facilities where the Club operates. The committee is working to donate another 70 books to the two other facilities the Club oversees.

The Assault on Illiteracy Committee thanks Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore, MD for their assistance in securing the books for this donation.



*2nd District Leadership giving book donation to Rochester Boys & Girls Club at the James S. Avery, Sr. Shirtsleeve Conference*

## Delta Upsilon and Iota Gamma Talent Hunt Competition



*Delta Upsilon Chapter and Iota Gamma and student contestants. Seated at the piano is Chapter Overall and District Classical Winner Axel Delakowski.*

**Trenton, NJ. February 28, 2015.** Delta Upsilon Graduate Chapter and Iota Gamma Undergraduate Chapter co-hosted their annual talent hunt competition on February 28, 2015, at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

The overall winner of the contest, Axel Delakowski; a 10th grade student at Hamilton High School East, received a \$200.00 cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to the Second District Talent Hunt competition where

he placed first overall in his category of classical piano and was awarded an additional cash prize. There were also first and second place winners in each performing category during the local competition.

“There are many local gifted and talented young people in the area,” and, while many of them have dreams of going on American Idol, Showtime at the Apollo, or America’s Got Talent, our Talent Hunt is a great place to start.” said Brother Khary J. Nickson, Talent Hunt Chairman.

## Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation Awards \$9000 in Scholarships

**Trenton, NJ.** Delta Upsilon Chapter and the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation awarded over \$9,000 to students in the greater Mercer County area planning to further their studies at four year institutions. In addition to the high school recipients, this year also marked the first year that the Chapter awarded a scholarship to a Mercer County College student planning to

go onto a four year school. This reflects the chapter’s commitment to assist all young people in their pursuits of higher education, whether it be someone fresh out of high school or someone who has proven themselves at the local community college.



*Delta Upsilon Chapter Scholarship Awardees and Parents*





## Delta Upsilon's COL Walter Nall Appointed New Military Command

**Trenton, NJ. May 12, 2015.** Brother Col. Walter Nall, Basileus with Delta Upsilon Chapter was given command of the 57th Troop Command of the NJ Army National Guard. This command provides command and control for several logistical, administrative, and aviation units in the NJ Army National Guard. The Command also provides emergency response for floods and similar disasters along the New Jersey coast. The 57th Troop Command has subordinate Battalions that perform a variety of services or combat roles. These are the 119th Corps Support Battalion and the 1-150th General Support Aviation Battalion. The 57th Troop Command also has a Headquarters Detachment, which is responsible for pay, administration, and training for the command headquarters..

## Delta Upsilon Helps NJ Delta's EMBODI Program

**Trenton, NJ.** During the 2014-2015 program year Delta Upsilon Chapter and the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation were active participants in the local graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. E.M.B.O.D.I (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) program. The EMBODI Program is a Delta Sigma Theta national initiative that promotes and provides collaborative efforts to improve the quality of life for African American males, ages 13-17 in middle to high school. The programming focuses on education; culture; family and community; personal, social, and emotional factors; resilience and responsibility; leadership and mentorship; preventative health care and mental health counseling; financial; safety, and protection; conflict resolution and restorative justice; scholarship; and service learning.



*Brother Stan Davis, President of the Omega Delta Upsilon Foundation, Brother Dr. Charlie Williams, Embodi Instructor, and Brother Jeff Sumners, Scholarship and Education Chairperson*

## Delta Upsilon Sponsor Healthy Kids Healthfair



*Brother Ron Williams (left), Chapter event coordinator and Brother Marion Wingo (right) pass out information to youngsters attending the YMCA Healthy Kids health fair.*

**Trenton, NJ. April 25, 2015** Delta Upsilon participated in and co-sponsored the Trenton area YMCA Healthy Kids health fair. Brothers passed out health related literature and discussed the importance of making good food choices in their diet. This annual event brings the chapter closer to the community in efforts to eradicate obesity and support healthy eating and activities to young children and young adults.

## Delta Upsilon Bro. Sam Scrivens Receives 60 year Service Award



*Brother COL. Walter Nall, Basileus Delta Upsilon, presents Brother Sam Scrivens 60 year service Award*

**Trenton, NJ.** Brother COL. Walter Nall, Basileus, Delta Upsilon Chapter (on left) presented Brother Sam Scrivens with his 60 year fraternity service pin at a ceremony held in Brother Scrivens' honor during Delta Upsilon's April Chapter meeting. Brother Scrivens was initiated into the Delta Upsilon chapter in 1955. During the past 60 years, Brother Scrivens has been a mentor and advisor to many and an ardent supporter of Delta Upsilon's commitment to community service.



## Delta Upsilon Run For Dad Social Action

**Trenton, NJ. June 20, 2015.** On Father's Day, Delta Upsilon again participated in the annual Run For Dad Walk/Run in support of the American Cancer Society's fight against prostate cancer. The chapter raised over \$1500 dollars and was acknowledged as the team with the 3rd highest number of participants. Additionally, this year, the chapter took the op-

portunity to present a framed picture of immediate past Basileus Brother Earl F. Phillips to his wife and family at the event. Brother Phillips lost his battle with cancer last year but his spirit lives forever in the hearts of his family and Omega Brothers.



*Delta Sigma Theta Sister Carol Phillips, wife of the late Brother Earl F. Phillips, receiving a commemorative picture during the Run for Dad event on Father's day 2015.*

## Delta Upsilon Student of the Month Recognition

**Trenton, NJ. June 17, 2015,** Delta Upsilon Chapter completed its year-long Student of the Month recognition program by honoring six Trenton

high school students as Student of the Month for April, May and June for their academic excellence and community involvement.



*Delta Upsilon Scholarship and Education committee surround the final 2014-2015 Trenton High School Student of the Month Honorees.*



## Delta Upsilon Fatherhood Initiative

**Princeton, NJ. June 18, 2015.** The Delta Upsilon Chapter Social Action and Fatherhood Initiative Committee presented a Presidential Honor award to Ms. Karen Andrade – Sims and the staff of the Union Industrial Home of New Jersey (UIH) during UIH's Annual Robert E. Alston Plati-

-num Dads awards program. The Platinum Dad's program recognizes men in the community who exemplify the highest ideals of fatherhood. The program was named after the late Brother Robert E. Alston who was a stalwart supporter of the program for many years until his untimely death in 2013.



*Brother Thabiti Boone, Omega liaison to President Obama's Fatherhood Initiative, Brother Aula Sumbry Chairperson of Delta Upsilon Social Action Committee, Brother Dwayne King, UIH Board Member, Ms. Karen Andrade-Sims, Ms. Gloria Alston, widow of the late Brother Robert Alston, and Brother Garry M. Keel, Social Action Committee Member.*

## Gamma Kappa Chapter Reactivated

**Princess Anne County, MD. April, 2015.** Gamma Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered May 1, 1976 on the campus of Salisbury State College by Brother Jerry West of the Chi Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi. The chapter was the first black Greek letter organization on the campus of Salisbury State College. The brothers laid the foundation for other black greek letter organizations to join the campus. The charter line contained 7 members which are Preston Phillip, Theodore Foote, Kevin Milton, Alvin Macklin, Charles Elliott, Emmett Walker, and Wayne Clemmons. These brothers took the campus by a storm by implementing the fraternity's mandated programs. With such adversity and high racial tension it was hard for the chapter to sustain members. The Chapter's second largest line came in 1991 where four brothers were initiated and followed by another line in 1992 with four brothers. Those brothers' were the last initiates in the chapter until 2010.

Since then, Gamma Kappa has continued to stay active every year except for one and initiating a total of 14 brothers since the year of 2010. With the combination of initiated brothers from 2013, 2014, and 2015 Gamma Kappa was able to reactivate after being inactive for more than 20 years. With Basileus Raymond Thompson, Spring 2014, and Vice Basileus Maurice Kelley, Spring 2013; the three new initiates of Spring 2015, Charles Clark, Daniel Tekle and Aaron Manning, gave the chapter the sufficient amount of members to reactivate the charter at Salisbury University.



*Gamma Kappa's New Initiates Charles Clark, Daniel Tekle and Aaron Manning*

## Nu Nu Chapter Thomas Mayfield Scholarship Breakfast



*Nu Nu Scholarship Recipients*

**Mt. Laurel, NJ June 13, 2015.** The Brothers of Nu Nu held their 2015 Bro. Thomas H. Mayfield Scholarship Breakfast at the Ramblewood Country Club. The scholarship breakfast is named after Bro. Mayfield a Tuskegee Airmen, Zeta Sigma 1947, Omega Chapter. The breakfast is to honor the Nu Nu recipients of our scholarship. This year we had 4 winners. Each year there is an application process, we choose the outstanding students with the highest grades and the best essay. These students exemplify the high levels of achievement expected to win.

Bro. Don Scott, Beta 67, gave a moving speech to the scholarship recipients on "Failure is not an option" and putting forth the effort, having the drive, and confidence to succeed.

The recipients are: Ms. Nicole Higginbotham, graduating from Burlington Township High School, Burlington NJ., will be attending Temple University as a Business Major in the fall. Ms. Olivia Sandel, graduating from Pemberton High School, Pemberton, NJ, will be attending Westminster Choir College as a Sacred Music major in the fall. Mr. Jahson Saunders, graduating from Winslow Township High School, Atco, NJ, will be attending Virginia Tech as a Music Education and Physics major in the fall. Mr. David Sintim-Agyeman, graduating from Burlington City High School, Burlington, NJ, will be attending Rider University majoring in Finance in the fall.

## Nu Nu American Cancer Society Relay For Life

**Delran, NJ. Saturday June 6, 2015.** The Brothers of Nu Nu chapter, family, and friends supported the Relay for Life of River Towns at the Delran High School with TEAM CURRY. Each year the American Cancer Society has the River Towns event, at Delran High School where participants are urged to donate and walk the track to support the effort. Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. has adopted the name TEAM CURRY in honor of our Brother James "Pete" Curry, Omega Chapter, who fought a good fight with cancer.

TEAM CURRY is dedicated to helping make a difference in the lives of those who struggle against cancer. TEAM CURRY sponsored a 50/50 raffle in which many teams participated. Nu Nu Chapter sold raffle tickets at the Relay and with the help of other teams raised a total of 2500.00. Through the donations of Brothers, family, and friends NU NU raised an additional 1223.00 dollars.

*Bro. Ed Tyson, Iota Gamma 71, presents  
\$2500.00 check to the American Cancer Society*



## Nu Nu Chapter OCDI 2015 Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

**Mt. Laurel, NJ. Saturday May 30, 2015.** The Brothers of Nu Nu chapter and Omega Community Development, Inc. held there Applebee's Flapjack fundraiser to benefit OCDI. Each year, OCDI has the fundraiser to financially support the programs of OCDI. Applebee's provides, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and juice in a buffet setting. There is a 10.00 donation and the proceeds go to support such programs as the Omega Teens.

*Nu Nu guest at OCDI Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser*





## Nu Nu Burlington City Clean-Up

**Burlington City, NJ. April 25, 2015.** The Brothers of Nu Nu chapter and Omega Community Development, Inc. supported the Burlington City Clean Community Day, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This project allows city residents, community groups, and civic organizations to Work together, Build relationships, and Take PRIDE in their respective neighborhoods.

The City of Burlington uses funding from a grant to provide a \$300.00 stipend to each participating organization...each organization is required to have at least 20 participants (members/family/friends). We had 16 brothers on site, as well as 11 family and friends. We were joined by The Women's Ministry from Tabernacle Baptist Church and The Burlington City Police Explorers...they both reached their goal of at least 20 participants as well. They cleaned the Clarkson & York Street Playground, Clarkson St, and the Clarkson St. Lot. They cut the grass, raked the leaves, and removed all debris.

*Nu Nu Brothers bagging trash in Burlington City*



## Nu Nu Day of Service



*Nu Nu Brothers serving guest at Tabernacle Baptist Church*

**Burlington, NJ January 19, 2015.** The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter participated in a Day of Service at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The Brothers supported the Day of Service by serving food to the needy, organizing storage rooms, working on the grounds, and lending a hand wherever the Church Deacons told us they needed help. It was a great day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Nu Nu Memorial Service



*Nu Nu Brothers at the Memorial Service*

**Pennsauken, NJ. March 15, 2015.** The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter held their Memorial Service at St. Johns Baptist Church. The theme was "Omega Celebrating a Legacy of Strong Voices and Committed Service". The Reverend Terrance Morrison gave a moving sermon on the theme. The Brothers honored Rev. Bro Harold Bernard Branch Nu Nu who went into Omega Chapter

## Mu Omega 2015 Health Fair

**Philadelphia, PA. April 18, 2015.** Mu Omega Chapter hosted a "Men's Health Fair" at the Mu Omega Fraternity Center. Doctors and staff from Einstein Health Network, Philadelphia, Pa, provided information and answered questions on health topics critical to African American men. Topics included: Healthy Hearts; Diabetes; Prostate Cancer/E.D.



*Mu Omega Basileus, Garfield Jackson. receives blood pressure reading*

## Tau Lambda Lambda Assault on Illiteracy



*Brother Luther Clark reading to boys at the Forever Free Books event.*

**Waldorf, MD. August 30, 2015.** The Men of the Tau Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, in partnership with Forever Free Books, hosted the Books, Boys n Cuts initiative at The Barber Lounge for Men in Waldorf, MD.

In a continued effort to support Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Assault on Illiteracy Program, Tau Lambda Lambda partnered up with Forever Free Books, a locally acclaimed literacy program. The program circulates high-quality free books into student homes as well as holds sessions where volunteers read out loud with children to promote and encourage individual and shared reading as a family activity. Boys, ranging in age from preschool through middle school, were invited to attend the event which also included story time, book giveaways and free haircuts.

Reading experts agree that reading aloud to children may be one of the most important things that adults can do to prepare kids for success in school. Their vocabulary is enriched; they learn new information and the experiences of their world are expanded. Being read to can ultimately create a love for books and generate a desire to read.

Committee Chair, Kevin Turner stated, "It's a good feeling when you see how excited the children get about being read to and you are helping to promote the joy of reading". Championing the importance of reading is nothing new to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, as the Assault on Illiteracy Program had its conceptual roots established in January of 1980, when a group of publishers

associated with Black Media, Inc. (BMI) was made aware that approximately 44% of African Americans could neither read nor comprehend beyond the 4th grade. Omega Psi Phi and numerous other national organizations joined together to attack and ultimately reduce and eradicate illiteracy among African Americans through reading tutorial programs and other efforts.

Tanya Barnett, founder of Forever Free Books, and avid book lover, stated that her organization's mission is "to jump-start home libraries for disadvantaged children by conducting literacy events and distributing books in their communities, in order to foster a love for reading and to close the education achievement gap." As a surprise the men of Tau Lambda Lambda present Mrs. Barnett, with a check for \$500 and new books donated from 2nd District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Daniel Prater, the Basileus (president) of Tau Lambda Lambda, stated that "Tanya does so much to promote Assault on Illiteracy, it was the least that we could do." Special thanks to Sharon Harper and her team at The Barber Lounge for Men.

For more information on Forever Free Books and how to support the group, contact Barnett at 202-688-5922 or email [info@foreverfreebooks.org](mailto:info@foreverfreebooks.org). It also can be found on Facebook. For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda's Assault on Illiteracy and other social action programs, please visit [www.southernmdques.org](http://www.southernmdques.org).

## Tau Lambda Lambda Perseverance 5K Walk/Run

**White Plains, MD. September 19, 2015.** The men of the Tau Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, held its first Perseverance 5K walk/run at Indian Head Trail in White Plains, MD.

70 participants including men, women, and children came out to support as well as to spread the word about prostate cancer awareness. Each September, the eyes of the nation turn to focus on prostate cancer during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer) and has affected over 2 million men in the US. Prostate cancer mainly affects men over the age of 50 and the risk for development increases with age. The average age for men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer is between 70 and 74 years. If you are under 50, then your risk of getting prostate cancer is very low. Younger men can be affected, but this is rare. With proper diagnoses, it can often be treated successfully.

Bro. Michael Jackson, a member of Tau Lambda Lambda and prostate cancer survivor, spoke at the race about his personal battle with the disease.

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

Health committee chairman Akida Jordan stated "This even was a great opportunity for the Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter to provide a great event for the community. This event served as an opportunity to both spread the message of the importance of staying active as well as health awareness in our community. Overall, we were very excited and pleased with the outcome and attendance"

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda's health initiative and other social action programs, please visit [www.southernmdques.org](http://www.southernmdques.org).



## Iota Nu Visit Veterans at Perry Point VA Medical Center



*Iota Nu Brothers visiting veterans at Perry Point VA medical Cental*

**Perryville, MD, May 30 2015**, Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Harford County, conducted its biannual visit and cookout with the Veterans residing at the Perry Point Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center. As the largest inpatient facility in Maryland's VA Health Care System, the medical center provides a variety of inpatient, outpatient, and primary care services, including nursing home care, rehabilitation services, geriatric evaluation and management, respite care, chronic ventilator care, and hospice care.

More than 50 Veterans and their family members, hospital employees and Iota Nu family members attended the event. The Perry Point VA Medical Center Recreational Therapist, Marty McFadden, helped to organize the event and indicated that he is always looking for and developing interesting ways to help Veterans reconnect with their lives, friends, family and the community as a whole. The Men of Iota Nu are honored to support the continued effort and our Veterans. They did so by providing a day of

food and fun for the entire Perry Point VA community. In addition to the burgers, board games, and conversation, the occasion provided an opportunity for the Veterans to share their stories and experiences with younger Veterans and Iota Nu family members. Several Brothers of Iota Nu connected with Veterans with whom they shared similar backgrounds and hometowns. The Veterans expressed their gratitude and conveyed their enthusiasm for our return for the next cookout.

The Perry Point VA Medical Center is a leader in providing comprehensive mental health care to Maryland's Veterans, offering long and short-term inpatient and outpatient mental health care via a number of specialized treatment programs. "As an Army retiree, I know the services they offer are essential for supporting Veterans of all ages in various aspects of their lives," said Brother Melvin Adderley, Chair of Iota Nu's Social Action Committee, "We want our Veterans to know they remain a priority and their service is appreciated."

## Xi Phi Mental Awareness Workshop

**New York, NY, May 30, 2015.** "My Cry in the Dark", the suitably chosen title and theme for the Mental Health Month Awareness event put on by the Sorors of the New York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Brothers of the Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Set in the backdrop a sunny Harlem day, the organizations gathered with the registered guests and workshop facilitators for a day of sharing both joyous life experiences and hardships. The mini-workshops ranged from "Dealing with the Super Human Syndrome", whereas we feel compelled to stretch ourselves beyond our natural capacity; Healing Through Writing, where we learned that releasing pinned up feelings and thoughts through writing has proven therapeutic benefits.

On the topic of Suicide & Depression, Depression is Real; Tips and Possible Lifesavers facilitator, Dionne Monsanto shared the experience of losing her only child to suicide. Speaking on how she initially missed the signs of her daughter's depression and thus unable to provide therapeutic assistance in time. Ms. Monsanto shared how she learned to cope with the sadness and guilt she felt and associated with her daughter's transition.

The workshop that most attended, however was the Reclaiming Our Identity: "Overcoming The Traumas That Prevent Our Young People From Being Their Best Selves", facilitated by Shokry Eldaly, Passages Academy Teacher and Dr. Akeem Marsh, Psychiatrist. In this session, Mr. Eldaly & Dr. Marsh discussed the frustrations of today's youth and how we can as adults; assist them in setting up beneficial foundations for their futures through awareness of communal concerns and active listening.

The event concluded with attendees completing surveys and briefly fellowshiping with one another. In addition, they shared how much they

had enjoyed themselves and gained great prospective on the importance on communication in regard to mental health awareness in their families and surrounding community.



*Xi Phi Brothers & NY Alumni Deltas at the Mental Health Workshop*

## Phi Kappa Reinstated at Rowan University



*Phi Kappa Brothers at Rowan University*

**Glassboro, NJ, August 27, 2015** On behalf of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Kenneth Barnes, International Executive Director, confirmed that Phi Kappa at Rowan University is in good standing.

The re-activation process began in early 2014 and there were many problems to address. Perseverance was the key for Pi Kappa Kappa graduate brothers, if the undergraduate chapter at Rowan University was to be reinstated by Rowan University and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers Basileus, Mark Coston; Chapter Advisor, Joe English and Rowan Faculty Advisor, Brother Keith Dickens met constantly with the Greek Affairs Office and the Office of Community Standards at Rowan. Many topics were discussed, including past history of Omega brothers on Rowan campus, hazing, community service and scholarship. Mentoring, what a task this was for the graduate brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa but the rewards were great. The undergraduate brothers of Omega

Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. attending Rowan University rose to the task and did great things on campus and in the community. Participating with other Greek Organizations in mentoring incoming freshmen, clothing drives and meet the Greeks on Rowan Campus is just the beginning with better things to come.

They are now in good standing with the graduate chapter Pi Kappa Kappa in Sicklerville, NJ, the National Office of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and Rowan University. Rowan is looking forward to working closely with them in future campus involvement and personal and professional development.

Thanks to 2nd District DR, Milton Harrison; Corridor IV Rep., Delrecole Gales and all the other Omega men that helped Pi Kappa Kappa get Phi Kappa re-activated.

## Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter Donate Time and Clothing



*Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers distributing food at St. Bartholomew Church mission*

**Camden, NJ.** Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter provided clothing for the less fortunate and helps serve food in a local church soup kitchen.

The Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter collected various articles of men's, women's and children's clothing and visited two major venues for distribution. This past summer brothers traveled to Camden, New Jersey and distributed clothing to St. Bartholomew Church and the Camden Rescue Mission Center. The clothing collection drive was held for three

months prior to distribution and will be held at least three times a year. Clothing included shoes, coats, suits, dresses and casual wear.

While distributing clothing at St. Bartholomew Church, the brothers participated in serving all who attended the weekly "Soup Kitchen" meals. This was truly an event that gave meaning to the phrase..."serving your fellow man".



## Pi Kappa Kappa Welcome Santa to Winslow Township, NJ.

**Winslow Township, NJ. December 2014.** The Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter held its annual "Santa Comes To Town" event this past Christmas highlighting a Santa of color for minority children. Every child got an opportunity to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas, and each child received a gift from the Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa.

This joyous event was held at the DOT center in Williamstown, New Jersey, a community based organization that serves Camden and Gloucester counties with various empowering programs. DOT President and Pi Kappa Kappa Brother Bobby Harris gave a great performance as Santa and provided plenty of Christmas cheer to all who attended.

*PKK Santa with children*



## Pi Kappa Kappa Shorts & Sandals Scholarship Fundraiser



**Blackwood, NJ. August 2015.** Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter held its Annual Scholarship Event this past August titled "Shorts & Sandals".

Practically everyone in attendance worn shorts and sandals, and danced the night away in extreme comfort. The event welcomed some of the prettiest ladies from Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Pi Beta sororities. Of course the night would not have been complete without a step performance by the Omega Brothers of Phi Kappa Chapter, Rowan University. The event was held at the Gloucester Democratic Club in Blackwood, New Jersey, a venue that held over 125 party people.

This event has proven to become the Annual Signature Event for Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter, and will continue to fund their scholarship program for high school seniors entering college.

*Pretty ladies at PKK Scholarship Fundraiser*

## Epsilon Pi Brother Bryant Greene Awarded 2015 Franchisee of the Year by National ABC Organization

**Chester, Pennsylvania. July 2015.** Brother Bryant M. Greene is the owner and administrator of Always Best Care (ABC) of Philadelphia, Bucks and Delaware Counties in PA. At the annual meeting of Always Best Care, Bro. Greene was awarded the top honor of 2015 Franchisee of the Year by the National ABC organization in Roseville, California. He was selected based on his exemplary performance in the areas of caregiver relationships, support of fellow franchisees, sales achievement, participation in company-wide programs, support of corporate initiatives and giving back to the community. The founder and CEO of ABC says "Bryant is not only an outstanding leader for our company, but he continues to demonstrate exceptional success in business year-after-year. He has shown an unwavering passion for helping seniors and their families." Brother Greene was ecstatic to receive this honor from the corporation and from his peers. He has always had an affinity for seniors, as he was blessed to have both sets of grandparents well into his adult life. He spent a great deal of time with them; therefore, it is understandable that he would open a business specializing in non-medical, in-home care and assisted living for seniors.

In the almost six years that Bro. Greene has been at the helm of ABC, the business has grown to more than 1,200 employees in Philadelphia, Bristol, and Yeadon, PA, with a new office scheduled to open in Wilmington, DE in the Fall 2015. Additionally, supermodel Beverly Johnson will soon be featured in an ad campaign for ABC.



*Brother Bryant Greene*

Brother Greene serves on several Boards of Directors for professional organizations, hosts a radio show on 900 WURD, and is an active member of the Epsilon Pi Chapter in Chester, PA. He was initiated at the Nu Psi Chapter at Virginia State University on March 1, 1990.

## Scenes from the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair





## Pi Kappa Kappa Host Malcolm Bernard HBCU Fair



*Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers in service at the HBCU College Fair*

**Camden, NJ. November 18, 2014.** The Camden HBCU Fair was held November 18, 2014, at the Susquehanna Bank Center. This year marked the ninth consecutive year for the Camden HBCU Fair. The Camden "HBCU College Fair" reaches milestone of over \$5,000,000 in awards given to students. Over 40 HBCUs were represented as the event provided an opportunity for area high school students to learn firsthand about the many benefits and advantages of attending an HBCU. Since inception the fair has had over 4,000 given on site college admission.

The 2014 Camden HBCU Fair continued to provide unparalleled exposure and access for area high school students, their parents, school counselors and staff members to meaningfully interact with HBCU recruiters. The 2014 Camden HBCU Fair is the largest in the area and is hosted by three (Pi Kappa Kappa, Chi Upsilon, Nu Nu) Omega chapters. There were significant increases in student registration, attendance, admission applications submitted.

Omega brothers were kept busy talking to students and their parents about the advantages of attending an HBCU's.

As the Camden HBCU Fair grows it's geographic footprint is expanding past South New Jersey and now include schools North Jersey, Philadelphia, and parts of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The committee is hoping to include parts of Delaware in 2015.

### THE 2014 CAMDEN HBCU FAIR OUTCOMES

High Schools Participating	48
High Schools Students Registered	2,100
Admission Application Filed	1800
Students Admitted on Site	567
Total of fees waived	1800
Total Value of Fee Waivers	\$82,575
Scholarships Awarded	167
Total Values of Scholarships	\$1,257,485
Total value of 2104 Fair awards	\$1,340,060

## Pi Kappa Kappa Dress for Success

**Sicklerville, New Jersey. January 17, 2015.** The Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., partnered with the New Jersey Garden City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their second annual Dress for Success event as part of their EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) youth initiative program.

The young men received instructions on personal hygiene, personal responsibility and positive personal qualities to make that important first impression. Instruction was also given by the Omega men in attendance

on the proper ways to tie a necktie and present themselves as a well-dressed young man. They asked many questions and the Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter provided positive feedback on the fundamentals they learned from the objectives covered. The conversations were informative, thought provoking and fun.

There were 18 young men present and each received a brand new necktie and shoeshine kit. The EMBODI youth initiative program continues to grow as does the bond between young black youth, the community, the Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter and the Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc



*Pi Kappa Kappa Brothers teaching Young men the art of tying ties*

# Historical Perspective - Edgar Love's 1st Article on Omega Psi Phi

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But I think that it should be made a broader and more humane study than heretofore—that emphasis should be laid upon the literature, history, and philosophy of Greek and Latin. I feel, for example, that the special value of a study of classical Greek is this: that one gets, in small compass, the beginnings of almost every important human activity. To really understand Greek, one has to study not only the language—which happens to be not only a fine one—but also the beginnings of democracy and political theory, of astronomy, science, mathematics, the fundamentals of philosophy, and the first elements of poetry and art as they are generally understood by our Western civilization. The world has differentiated and split up in a hundred ways in modern times, while in Greek one gets all the main spiritual forces working together; so that if one begins by understanding classical Greek, one has, as it were, a clue to almost every great movement of thought that has taken place since. Of course there is also a clue to the bad movements as well as to the good.”

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## Commercial Banquet

Class of '13 in Honor of Class '12

One of the most significant social functions of the school year was the banquet given Friday evening, May 10th, by the Juniors of the Commercial College, in honor of their Seniors. In honor of the occasion the dining room of Miner Hall was elaborately decorated with banners and pennants of other classes, departments and Universities; most conspicuous of which were the colors of the class of 1913 and the class of 1912.

The real feature of the occasion began shortly after the social preliminaries. The menu was sumptuous and was served in courses. After the fourth course had been served, Mr. David E. Wells of the class of '13, introduced Mr. Daniel Leverette, '13, as toastmaster for the evening. In words most fitting for the occasion Mr. Leverette welcomed the class of '12 and other guests who were present. Mr. Henson Johnson of '12, responded to the toast, "The Commercial Spirit."

Immediately following, Mr. George Brice, '14, the star athlete of the Commercial College, responded to the toast, "Class Organization."

The informal part of the program was opened by fatherly words of advice from the Dean of the Commercial College, Geo. W. Cook. Mr. B. Marchant, an energetic instructor in this department, followed Dean Cook and spoke of the progressive spirit of the College. Mr. Dyson also spoke of the rapid growth and progress. Later Mr. Robinson, instructor of Mathematics in the Commercial College, was heard from. Succeeding Mr. Robinson, appropriate remarks for the occasion were made by some of the invited guests of the evening, Messrs. Walter E. Tibbs, '14, Clarence B. Cunley, '11, Louis H. Russell, '12, and Mr. Elisha Green.

This affair in the Commercial College is only one of many which has become a part of the Commercial Life and are now promoting the spirit of friendliness among classes and increasing the influential power in this College.

## Omega Psi Phi Banquet

On Friday evening, May 10th, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its first annual banquet at St. Regis Cafe, 14th Street near T Street. After a very elaborate six course dinner the toastmaster took up the more serious part of the evening's program, the toasts. First there were toasts given by the immediate founders of the organization covering the work which they had gone through and the opposition and obstacles which they had overcome in establishing the fraternity upon its present firm foundation. These men also outlined the purpose of the organization and the need it must necessarily meet in Howard University. In reviewing the need of the organization in Howard the first speaker declared that the Omega Psi Phi was not a spontaneous impulse or desire on the part of a few fellows for such an organization, but rather the result of several years of intimate and constant friendship on the part of many fellows in the University of like attainments and temperaments. Toasts were given by each of the charter members and by a representative of the progressive young professors of the University. The frank and plain utterances of all the speakers and the fine spirit and enthusiasm with which they were received by the late neophytes bespoke and established beyond a doubt the success of the Fraternity in attaining its prime object, the creation of sincere fraternal friendships among its members. With the fraternity shake passed around and a hearty good cheer, the master of ceremonies declared the function concluded. E. A. LOVE

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## Pi Kappa Kappa Sponsor Youth Cultural Trip



*Winslow Township Youth in Signer's Hall with the bronze statues of the Founding Fathers*

**Sicklerville, NJ. February 28, 2015.** The Brothers of Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter and Sorors of NJ Garden Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. celebrated Black History Month by sponsoring a free bus tour for Winslow Township community youth to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

The National Constitution Center main exhibition: Freedom Rising, The Story of We the People and the iconic "Signer" Hall" gave students an interactive museum experience which was very impressive to all.

Freedom Rising was presented in a theatrical production mode that illuminated the story of the United States Constitution. Students were able to imagine 200 years of Constitutional History, the American Revolution, the Civil War and present day historical facts.

The Story of We the People revealed how the United States Constitu-

tion is as important today as it was in 1787. Our Black Youth were able to view fascinating artifacts, including a rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation. Engaging with interactive screens they were allowed to learn about Black Americans who helped shape America's Constitutional history.

In "Signers' Hall" –the youth could actually walk alongside 42 life-size bronze statues of the founding fathers and relive the moment of the signing of the Constitution that launched a government ruled by "We the People".

It was a memorable day for kids and adults. A total of 47 kids, sorors of the Garden City Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, and Brothers from Pi Kappa Kappa Chapter from the Winslow Township community enjoyed participating in this educational event.

## Mu Rho Honor Coast Guard Hero

**Burlington, NC. December 16, 2014.** At a ceremony in his home town, Clemon Terrell was made an Honorary Chief in the U.S. Coast Guard by Master Chief of the Coast Guard Steven Cantrell. This recognition came to fruition due to the steady push of Bro. James Payton and Bro. CDR Terence J. Williams. Bro. Payton was made aware of the deeds of Mr. Terrell by his good friend Bro. Brandon Terrell. Brandon is Mr. Clemon's son. Bro. CDR Terence J. Williams confirmed the story and helped coordinate this monumental event with several other Coastguardsmen. Over the course of about a year, Bro. CDR Terence J. Williams nominated and justified the case all the way to the top, convincing the Master Chief and Commandant of the US Coast Guard to both honor PO Clemon Terrell with an Honorary Chief Certificate. Bro. Payton and Bro. CDR Terence J. Williams along with over 20 Coast Guard members drove down to Burlington, NC to take part in this ceremony. Bro. CDR Terence J. Williams gave the invocation, benediction, and he and Bro Payton and took a few moments to express how far Blacks have come since segregation and that we owe a lot to the sacrifices that PO Terrell and others have made to pave the way!"

Mr. Clemon H. Terrell grew up in Alamance County, North Carolina, and the day after graduation from Pleasant Grove High School, Burlington, NC, made the decision to join one of this Nation's services. He joined the United States Coast Guard in June 1950 and shipped off for training at Groton Ct. at the Coast Guard Academy. He arrived not as a new cadet to be trained as a future leader, but as a trainee in the Steward's Mate School, for Mr. Terrell was a 21 year old African-American and for him choices were not an option.

It was a time of segregation in America, and the Coast Guard as well as the entire nation, lived in two worlds. For a young black man to join any military service was difficult but for the Coast Guard and Navy, with its enclosed environments, it must have been even more trying. Mr. Terrell would make the officers' beds and shine their shoes, cook and serve food,

among other duties. Due to segregation, there were limited opportunities for advancement. It could have been the grounds for discontent and resentment but that was not the case. Mr. Terrell stated in his interview, "I was born on a tobacco farm and would have done anything to get off that farm. Nothing that could be thrown at me was as bad as that farm. We didn't think about being segregated, we enjoyed ourselves; in fact, my Coast Guard days were the best in my life. I loved it, I had a new life in the Coast Guard coming off that farm and anything was alright with me as long as I was treated alright." The experiences and the training received during his 20 plus years as a Guardsman prepared him for civilian life. After retiring in 1970, Mr. Terrell worked at several schools and businesses in the food management arena and later retired from Elon College as Food Manager. The Terrell's still lives in Burlington, NC.



*Clemon Terrell is promoted to Master Sargent by Master Chief Steven Cantrell*

## Xi Phi Voter Registration Drive



*Xi Phi Brothers Registering Voters.*



*Brothers digging up the old soil, laying new enriched soil, planting new horticulture to beautify the neighborhood.*

**New York, NY. April 18, 2015.** The Brothers of the Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in conjunction with the Tuskegee University Alumni NY Chapter, set out upon the streets of Harlem to promote Community Voter Registration, New York City Omega Black College Tour Initiatives, and Admissions information for Tuskegee University. Brothers Jamel Nedderman, Tyrone Goodman, Alan Grantham, Mujaheed Bey, Greg Harris, Harry Watson, Darryl Fleming and Ken Taylor along with Psi Lambda Lambda Brothers Shawn Brannon and Donnell Bolden set up in front of the famed & historical Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Brothers reached out and engaged the people of the neighborhood as they walked by the registration tables. Many members of the neighborhood embraced and Harlemites choosing to register to vote thanked the Brothers for their efforts to strengthen the community and bring hope and new opportunities to neighborhood youth. The high school students received information about the tour were intrigued by the idea of going to visit Historically Black Colleges & Universities away from the hustle and bustle of the New York City. The young scholars also learned what the tour required from them to be a successful experience; such as dressing the part, being prepared mentally, and possessing a great sense on maturity to conduct themselves as adults while visiting the individual campuses. The Harlem youth were very ex-

cited about the prospect of joining the next tour session. Before departing from the Brothers, the students were handed an informational flyer as well as the application packet for the tour.

They thanked the Men of Omega for assisting them in the process of getting politically involved in their neighborhood. Throughout the day a number of the older members of the Community came to the registration tables stating that they had never registered to vote before and were very grateful for the opportunity to do so. Through the efforts of the Brothers of Xi Phi & Psi Lambda Lambda, 22 men and woman of various walks of life became registered voters, twenty five informational fliers and applications for The New York City Omega Black College Tour left in the hands of scholars ranging from the 9th – 12th grade.

Harlem Grown is a non-profit organization founded in 2011 with a mission to inspire youth to live healthy and ambitious lives through mentorship and hands-on education in urban farming, sustainability, and nutrition. The organization was digging up old agricultural plots in front of the Schomburg.

The brothers assisted in digging up the old soil, laying new enriched soil, and planting new horticulture with the goal in mind of beautifying the neighborhood. It was a truly humbling experience for the Brothers, working with the youth of the community to beautify the neighborhood.

## Mu Rho Talent Hunt



*Mu Rho Talent Hunt Participants*

**Glen Burnie, MD. May 16, 2015.** The Mu Rho Chapter hosted their talent hunt at Southgate Elementary School. This event proved that there is talent in Anne Arundel County. Singers and instrumentalists came and showed their talent. The Old Mill High School Step Team came out and

performed. The audience enjoyed their performance. Brother Dwight Johnson was the Master of Ceremony. Brothers Mitchell Coates and Joseph Buchanan were the co-chairs of the event and did an excellent job. Everyone is looking forward to next year.



## Mu Rho Suicide Prevention Walk



*Mu Rho Brothers at Suicide Prevention Walk*

**Annapolis, Md. September 12, 2015.** The rain did not dampen the spirit of the large crowd that attended this important event. The walk raised over \$95,000 to support suicide prevention in the state of Maryland. The walks raise awareness about depression and suicide, and provide comfort and assistance to those who have lost someone to suicide. Many people who were affected by suicide within their families came out in droves

to support the event. In 2013, suicide claimed the lives of over 40,000 people. A suicide attempt is made every minute of every day, resulting in nearly one million attempts are made annually. Realizing the importance of this issue, the Mu Rho Chapter partnered with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to sponsor the event. It was a great day for all.

## Mu Rho 3rd Annual Old School Greek Cookout



*Mu Rho Brothers with Grand KRS Kenneth Rodgers at their 3rd Annual Old School Greek Cookout*

**Annapolis, MD. August 15, 2015** The Brothers of Mu Rho Chapter sponsored their 3rd Annual Old School Greek Cookout. Friends were treated to good food, great music and wonderful conversation. Grand KRS Brother Kenneth Rodgers and District KRS Brother Michael Littlejohn joined the Mu Rho Brothers in celebrating their event. Brother

vendors were there to sell their wares. Members of Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Alpha as well as many brothers from neighboring chapters came to show their support. It was a perfect day for the event. Everyone who attended had a great time. The food was great and the music kept everyone energized. It was a day to remember.

## Tau Pi 40th Anniversary

**Columbia, MD. Sunday, April 19, 2015.** Tau Pi Chapter had its banquet to commemorate 40 years of dedicated community service to Howard County. Our Master of Ceremony was our 10th Basileus John R. Brown. We were blessed to have 7 out of 30 Chartered Brothers in attendance. Reverence and a moment of silence were given for eight Chartered Brothers who have transitioned to Omega Chapter.

Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield, accompanied by his wife Blanche, received an honorable service medallion from Bro. Jerry Watkins. Initiated in December 1940, he has been financial for all of his 75 years in the Fraternity

and received his 75 year Service Award this year.

Tau Pi fourth Basileus Charles R. Mitchell was the recipient of the chapter Omega Man of Year for the 40 year period. Bro. Mitchell has served for many years as the Chairman of the Second District Achievement Week Committee. He received his 50 year Service Award at the Leadership Conference in Jacksonville, FL. He is currently the Second District Protocol Chairman. Over its 40 years, Tau Pi Chapter has had 21 stalwart Basilei. Bro. Daniel W.C Brown Tau Pi 2nd Basileus transitioned to Omega Chapter in 2013.



*Tau Pi Past Basileus- Seated are Bro. Arthur C. Colbert, Jr.(16th), Bro. Chester K. Williams, Sr.(18th), Bro. William C. Wall, III (First), Bro. David K. Charon, Sr.(21th), Bro. James H. Kerr, Jr.(20th); Standing – Bro. James C. Carothers (14th), Bro. Stephen W. Williams (11th), Bro. Charles R. Mitchell (4th), Bro. Alfred Bracey (5th), Bro. Calvin C. Zellars (6th & Former DR), Bro. A. Clinton Sellers (8th), Bro. Michael A. Littlejohn (9th & DKRS), Bro. John R. Brown (10th), Bro. Julius Chapman (12th), Bro. Luther M. Clark (13th), Bro. Samuel T. Foster, III (17th)*



*Bro. Charles Mitchell (2nd from left) receives Omega Man of the Year*



*Bro. Gerald Q. Greenfield, accompanied by his wife Blanche, receives honorable service medallion from Bro. Jerry Watkins*



## Tau Pi First Mentee Graduates



*Tau Pi Mentee Malachi Dorfat*

**Columbia, MD. May 26, 2015.** Tau Pi Chapter's first mentee, Malachi Dorfat graduated from Atholton High School. During the fall of 2015, he will be attending Alabama A&M to study digital photography and graphic arts. Unlike many of our other mentees, he joined us as a High School senior. During his only year, he became a valuable asset to our program since he was able to share his High School experience and journey with the younger students. Significantly was his ability to provide personal

knowledge with the group on taking the SAT and ACT college entrance exams.

Malachi with the assistance of his mother, Paula who is a High School Guidance College Counselor in Baltimore Public School System, was able to get a scholarship to pay for his tuition for four years. He applied and received scholarships from Howard County Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta Sororities. In addition, he received a scholarship from Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, Inc. Needless to say, he also received scholarship money from Tau Pi Chapter. Tau Pi Chapter also has several brothers who have established their own individual scholarship with the Foundation. He also received their financial gifts.

Our Mentoring Committee has benefited immensely from having Malachi as a mentee. He was able to share his High School journey with the younger students. He provided tips to them on how to take the ACT and SAT college entrance exams. His mother Paula conducted several Saturday sessions with the Parents to teach them how to complete a college application and how to research websites for financial aid.

The Mentoring Committee has documented Malachi experiences and will use the information to enhance its curriculum. In essence he was a role model for our mentees. They were able to see first-hand how good grades, hard work, studying and a positive attitude can lead to a bright future. We all wish him the best of luck.

## Tau Pi Mentoring Program Midyear Celebration



*Tau Pi Mentees receive certificates and McDonald's gift cards for academic achievements*

**Columbia, MD. March 21, 2015.** The Mentoring Committee held its Midyear Celebration at Guilford Elementary School. Ms. Tanya Holland, Alternative Coordinator at Guilford ES in conjunction with the Tau Pi Chapter Mentoring Steering Committee held the celebration for the second consecutive year. Omega men on the Steering Committee are Bro. Richard Layne, Bro. Frank Miles, and Bro. Jerry Watkins. In its inaugural year in 2014, we were elated with the outcomes. Parental participation and awards rejuvenated the Mentees and motivated them to perform better for the 3rd and 4th quarters.

This year we allowed the Mentees to be more participatory in the program. Students Jashua Morton and Rocklin Curtis provided the opening and closing prayers, respectfully. After the Welcome by Ms. Holland, parent Paula Dorfat gave an exhilarating presentation on parent's responsibilities in raising their sons. As a College counselor in the Baltimore City School System and having son Malachi who is a senior in the Howard County School System, she was able to share her professional and personal experiences with her four sons' ages 14, 16, 18, and 20.

Rocklin Curtis, Daniel Darko, and Shem Darko, our 10th graders gave an outstanding PowerPoint presentation on their HBCU tour in November 2014. Camren Purcell, a middle school student also gave an outstanding PowerPoint presentation on his famous Omega Man Count Basie. To ensure that our mentees learn our Omega history, each is assigned a research project of a famous Omega man. Mentors assist the Elementary and Mid-

dle School students. High Schools students have been issued laptops to do their research. In addition, the mentors encourage them to go to the library to conduct a more in-depth research. To build their confidence in public speaking, all are required to make a presentation to his respective age group. The group will at the conclusion of each mentee presentation provide constructive criticism.

To round out the program, Certificates and McDonald's gift cards were presented to students for academic achievements for the 1st and 2nd quarters. Subjects recognized and awarded were Math, Science, Social Studies, English, and Spanish. Certificates were also given to students with improvements in learning behaviors, school attendance, and Omega mentoring attendance sessions. This year we included Chess as part of our Elementary and Middle Schools curriculum. Bro. Chester Williams the coordinator recognized the students with the best attitude, knowledge and progression of the game.

The program concluded with a light meal and fellowship between the parents and the Omega Mentors. This gave parents the opportunity to talk to Mentors about their sons. Many parents have shared that they can see the development and growth in their sons since entering the program. Mentors also shared areas where the student needs improvement. We continue to re-emphasize the importance of the parent's involvement and reinforcement of our mentoring efforts.

## Brother Gary Tuggle Selected to Lead Philadelphia Field Division of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration



*Brother Gary Tuggle*

**Columbia, MD.** With over 30 years of law enforcement experience, Brother Gary Tuggle, a Baltimore native, began his law enforcement career as a Baltimore City Police Officer. In 1992, he joined the DEA and was assigned to the Baltimore District Office after graduating 1st in his Basic Agent class. He later transferred to the Miami Field Division, where he worked on a number of complex international drug investigations. In 1995, he was transferred to the Bridgetown, Barbados Country Office where he served as the Assistant Country Attaché for an eight (8) country area of responsibility. He served in this capacity until 2001. Gary was transferred to the Chicago Field Division where he was promoted to the position of Group Supervisor, supervising a highly productive enforcement group from 2001-2004.

From 2004 – 2007, he served as the DEA Country Attaché at the US

Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad. His duties required extensive coordination with USG entities, including the Intelligence Community, DOD, and the U.S. State Department. Under his direction, the Port of Spain CO (POSCO) initiated Operation Port of Call, an anti-money laundering initiative under AGEO Operation Sovereignty, as well as other Enforcement and Intel programs that significantly increased the drug law enforcement capacity of the Caribbean region.

In 2010, Gary was selected to serve as Executive Officer to the DEA Administrator. Prior to this assignment, he served as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Fusion Center (OFC) where he directed a number of operational, intelligence, and administrative programs; all focused on identifying, investigating, and prosecuting members of high-level drug trafficking and organized criminal enterprises. Before joining the OFC, Gary was a Staff Coordinator and Acting ASAC in the Latin America and Caribbean Section of DEA's Special Operations Division (SOD). During this time, Gary was one of two Staff Coordinators chosen to handle high profile Colombian cocaine enforcement operations. In 2012, Gary was assigned as an Assistant Special in Charge of DEA's Washington Field Division where he subsequently led the Baltimore District Office until his promotion to the DEA's Senior Executive Service and appointment as the Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Field Division.

Gary holds a Master Degree in Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Arts Degree (MA) in Government with a concentration in National Security Studies from John Hopkins University. He completed his undergraduate studies with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Management Science at Coppin State University. During his career, he has received numerous service awards and accolades. Brother Tuggle was initiated on November 10, 2012, Tau Pi Chapter, Columbia Maryland.

## Tau Pi Receives Howard County NAACP Young Trailblazers Award



*Bro. Jerry Watkins, Bro. Frank Miles, Tanya Holland, and Bro. Richard Layne receive NAACP Award*

**Columbia, MD. May 1, 2015.** The Howard County Branch of the NAACP presented the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Tau Pi Chapter, Mentoring program it's Young Trailblazers Award. This distinguish award was given to Tau Pi Chapter at the Howard County Branch's NAACP 36TH Annual Freedom Fund Dinner.

The Plaque reads "The award acknowledges the contributions of young leaders within the Howard County community who are forgoing a positive path for their peers to emulate. The Young Trailblazer is actively engaged in the community through excellence in leadership, scholarship, service and cultural pursuits while encouraging and inspiring others to do the same. They are the future leaders of America and the global economy."

The Dinner Guests included the County Executive, several State Delegates, several County Councilpersons and over 350 members. The award was given to Tau Pi's mentoring program for its thorough innovative approach to the nourishment of young black minds.

Tau Pi initiated its mentoring program in 1994 at Howard County's Guilford Elementary School. The goal of the program was and continues to be the achievement of academic success, culture enrichment and elevating the self-esteem of mentees through meaningful associations with successful adult black male role models. Mentees consist of students ranging from 3rd to 12th grades.

The program comprises of two separate elementary mentoring sessions each week and one session every other Saturday with elementary, middle and high school mentees. During the weekly sessions, elementary mentees are assisted with homework, behavioral compliance with school and social norms, and self-esteem building.

Saturday sessions consist of a wide range of presentations and tutoring sessions relative to math, writing skills, proper decorum, drug awareness, SAT/ACT preparations (high school mentees), and anger management. Field trips are also conducted to museums, college campuses, the White House and other points of interest.



## Tau Pi Innovative STEM Program



*Bro. Steve Grice address students in STEM Program*

**Columbia, MD. August 2015.** Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education not only increases science literacy in elementary, middle and high school students, but also creates a practical interest in the sciences and enables the next generation of innovators. It is estimated that jobs in computer systems design and related services are projected to grow 45% by 2018, Early STEM education is key to continued interest in the sciences, and mentoring can help inspire the next generation of technological leaders.

Supporting STEM activities is important to LGS Innovations, and many LGS employees are involved in STEM programs. Steve Grice, TSS Systems Engineer for the LGS ART group, applies his passion and talent for the sciences to volunteer work in the Tau Pi chapter Mentoring Initiative of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, which provides a mentoring program for approximately 30 male students grades 4 through 12. Recently, Steve was primarily responsible for writing a grant that was accepted to help the mentoring program continue to grow its STEM activities. The process consisted of responding to a grant opportunity written by United Sortation Solutions (USS), a local Maryland company and, in response, USS bestowed granted \$3,500 to the Mentoring Initiative to be used for the promotion of STEM activities.

A volunteer for the last five years, Steve is motivated by the need he sees for mentors in the sciences. "Too many kids are growing up not learning the basics of Math and Science," he said. "There are good job opportuni-

ties for those with STEM knowledge, and I want these students to have those opportunities."

Operating since 1994, the Tau Pi Chapter Mentoring Initiative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity focuses on academic support and cultural enrichment, as well as character development, career discovery, self-discipline, college readiness skills, and personal responsibility. These skills are developed through subject-specific tutoring, homework assistance, educational and cultural field trips, guest speakers for career exploration, one-on-one and group discussions, and oral presentation instruction.

"I see the fraternity as a way to grow my outreach and friendships," said Steve. "Through the Tau Pi chapter I have worked with students on skills like public speaking and the steps of applying for college programs.

With 4 in 5 college students (78%) saying that they decided to study STEM in high school or earlier (and 1 in 5 deciding in middle school or earlier), and 57% of STEM college students expressing that their interest in STEM was piqued by a teacher or class before college, mentoring programs have the potential to change lives.

"Several people inspired me to turn my academic studies toward STEM," said Steve. "I had a great high school physics teacher who sparked my interest in the sciences, and when a friend told me about a summer program at Carnegie-Mellon University I decided to apply and was accepted. Although I had not yet started my senior year of high school when the program finished, I was offered the opportunity to attend Carnegie-Mellon, and I accepted the offer."

## Tau Pi Compete in Howard County Pan Hell Fitness Challenge

**Columbia, MD. May 2, 2015.** The Howard County National Pan Hellenic Council took part in a fitness challenge called The Savage Run. The Savage Run is a 4-6 mile run thru 28 world class obstacles. Obstacles that includes but not limited to; crawling under barbed wire, swinging across trees, climbing over and under logs/trees and swimming through ice cold pools.

The signature obstacle is called the Colossus. The Colossus is the hardest and the most exciting obstacle. You are running up a half pipe skater ramp and you must grab a hanging rope and pull yourself up to the top of the ramp. Once you reach the top, you must slide down this 20 foot water slide and land in a pool of muddy water. Finally, from there you jump over a fire pit and cross the finish line. The whole experience leaves you with an adrenaline rush and sense of accomplishment of finishing and pushing yourself to the end.

Bro Eric Astrop Jr. is our Omega Representative for the Howard County National Pan Hellenic Council. He was the chairman of this event. Bro. Astrop presented the idea to the council in hopes of starting a new health program for Howard County Pan Hell. His reason was that this event is

[www.opp2d.org](http://www.opp2d.org)



*Tau Pi Fitness Challenge Savage Run Competitor Team*

not something you can just decide to do at the last minute. You must train your body to run 4-6 miles in conjunction with strength building to complete the obstacles. Everyone who took part in the event did some kind of pre-training whether it was marathon running or strength building.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi were the four Greek organizations that participated in the event. Overall, the majority of the participants were really impressed in how the event was well organized. Hopefully there will be an encore next year and subsequent years to come.

## Xi Lambda Lambda 2015 Football Combine



*Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers with 2015 Football Combine Participants*

**Hillburn, New York. May 23, 2015.** The Brothers of the Xi Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (The Rockland Ques) held its 4th Annual Football Combine (Health Initiative) for high school football players on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015. The combine was held at the Torne Valley complex in Hillburn, New York (40 miles north of NYC). The event was underwritten by MODEL'S Sporting goods and the Rockland Omega Community Development Foundation, Inc. (ROCDEF), a 501c3 tax exempt corporation founded in 2004. The combine features athletic related events: agility drills, power ball toss, quarterback throwing, and many other drills; that test the participants speed, power, agility, reaction, and quickness (SPARQ). Nationally recognized standard events chosen were designed to allow the participants to showcase their athletic skills and talents and to see how they compare to other high school athletes in the county and region. Results which are kept and tabulated by the brothers and other volunteers will be sent to various the high school and college coaches in the area and posted on our website ([www.rocklandques.com](http://www.rocklandques.com)) for all to see.

This year as in previous years over 100 local high school boys participated. Strong representation came from Rockland County NY, Westchester County NY and, Bergen County NJ. High schools. Once again the combine was spearheaded by Bro. Carl Jenkins (Spring 2009). The following individual(s) were winners of the events activities: Overall Winner: Cluientz Alexis (Ramapo HS), 40-Yard Dash: Jardin McKay (Lincoln HS), Vertical Jump: Michael Porco (Clarkstown North HS), Power Ball Toss: David Hernandez (Lincoln HS), Shuttle: Jack O'Shea (Clarkstown South HS).

With academics always at the forefront of what we do we again had an essay contest. The participants were asked to write a 150 word essay on the following question; "What is your position on athletes who have used performance enhance drugs? Should they be forced to forfeit their titles, medals, and fortunes?"

The essay contest winners were as follows: 3rd place: Jose Bueno Lincoln HS (Yonkers, NY), 2nd place: Darren Jean Spring Valley HS (Spring Valley, NY) and 1st place: Colson Cupak Lincoln HS (Yonkers, NY).



*Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers with Overall Winner Cluientz Alexis of Ramapo High School in Spring Valley, NY.*



*Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers with 1st place Essay Contest Winner Colson Cupak of Lincoln High School in Yonker, NY.*



## Xi Lambda Lambda Foxwood Casino & Nordic Lodge Outing



*Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers and guest at Nordic Lodge*

**Nanuet, New York, September 19, 2015.** The spirit of fellowship was bestowed upon the Mighty Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter, home of the “Rockland Ques” as they planned their first annual bus trip to the Foxwood Casino (located in Mashantucket, CT) and then to the Nordic Lodge (located in Charlestown, RI). The true Omega spirit was shining upon us all as brothers along with friends and family assembled together in unity for this joyous outing. We started early in the morning offering all our guest a little snack (coffee, juice, bagels and donuts) to curb any appetites with the expectation of the excitement of an all you can eat Lobster Buffet and a host of other wonderful foods such as shrimp, prime steak, crabs and of course a host of different types of delightful desserts (such as pastries, cakes, pies and Hagen Daz ice cream) for those that have a sweet tooth. As we departed to our venue, some of the brothers provided the throwback 70’s movies such “Car Wash” and “Claudine” for our entertainment which was well received. The vibe on the bus was electric and soulful.

Once we arrived at The Foxwood Casino, many of our guests felt lucky by heading into the casino with the hopes of becoming a millionaire! No one became a millionaire (just a millionaire at heart). However, some of the guest did really well. Others took the opportunity to do a little stopping at the Tanger Outlets which opened over the Memorial Day weekend. Some brothers just checked out the scenery, while our wives and significant others shopped until they dropped.

At the completion of guests pressing their luck and shopping until they dropped, EVERYONE WAS HUNGRY! We then took a short ride to The Nordic Lodge where the scenery looking upon the lakeside and its surroundings was outstanding. Many of our guests were overwhelmed from our greeter who came on the bus and introduced herself and provided all of the information to our waiters and waitresses. It was truly a unique dining experience that many will cherish and we planned to do it again. The excursion was organized by Bro. Tyrone Bailey (Nu Tau’85). Xi Lambda Lambda is led by Bro. Tony Dinkins, Basileus.



*Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers at Nordic Lodge*

## Zeta Iota Iota Easter Baskets from Omega to Philadelphia



*Zeta Iota Iota Brothers and Bridge Builder Mentees pose with Easter Baskets*

**Philadelphia, PA. April 4th 2015.** The Social Action Committee of Zeta Iota Iota Chapter requested the presence of its chapter and fellow omega men for its annual Easter Basket Drive/Giveaway. The brothers of Zeta Iota Iota distributed Easter Baskets to deserving children at the Salvation Army located at 715 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA. The event was coordinated in conjunction with Zeta Iota Iota's Bridge Builders Mentoring Program.

After a hearty breakfast and mentoring session the Brothers of Zeta Iota Iota chapter and the mentees of the Zeta Iota Iota Bridge Builders Men-

-toring Program went into the heart of the city to the Salvation Army. Zeta Iota Iota's exuberant and super-active Social Action Committee consisting of Brothers Richard Faison, Jr., Le'Jean Thompson, Damaas Stephens, and Keir Pemberton coordinated delivery of over forty (40) Easter baskets to less fortunate families. The Easter baskets included delicious treats and toys and were greatly appreciated by the children and families. Positive feedback was also obtained from the Site Director and other employees of the Salvation Army. The efforts of the Brothers in the committee and the chapter were greatly appreciated once again

## Zeta Iota Iota Hervie Blyther Memorial HBCU Tour



*Zeta Iota Iota Brothers and students on the steps of Thirkield Hall at Howard University*

**Philadelphia PA. March 30 – April 3, 2015.** The Zeta Iota Iota Chapter held its Hervie Blyther Memorial HBCU Tour which included visits to 10 colleges and universities this year. 43 students got a chance to visit a good portion of the storied HBCU's on the east coast. They were Lincoln University, Cheney, NCCU, NC A&T, Hampton, Norfolk, Va State, Va Union, Howard and Morgan University. The com-

-mittee scheduled appointments at all universities for the students. Meals were provided each day at hotel and university cafeterias. The committee chairs were: Bro. David Thomas and Bro. Qasim Rashad with committee members: Bro. Keir Pemberton, Bro. Al Dorsey, and Bro. Larry Bell. The tour was funded by the student families, the HBCU Flap Jack fundraiser, and various donors.



## Zeta Iota Iota 2015 Talent Hunt Competition



*ZII Talent Hunt Chair, Bro. Hassan Newberry, ZII 2015 Talent Winner Maxwell Chambers & ZII Basileus, Kier Pemberton*

**Philadelphia, PA. March 27, 2015.** The Zeta Iota Iota Chapter held its Annual Talent Hunt Competition at Audenreid Charter High School, in Philadelphia, PA. The competition showcased the various talents of 18 high school students from all over the City of Philadelphia. The crowd enjoyed the student's offerings in the categories of Art and Performing Arts.

Talent Hunt Committee Chairs, Brothers Hassan Newberry and Walter Wilkie, were able to acquire support from 5 judges. Brother Wilkie also served as the Master of Ceremonies.

All of the students that performed were blessed with unique gifts and talents. The Talent Hunt competition gave them the opportunity to showcase these talents and encourage them to believe that one day their dreams can come true. The judges had a difficult task ahead of them but were able to pick an overall winner in the Arts and Performing Arts categories. Ms. Tianna McNair was the winner in the Art Category, and Mr. Maxwell Chambers was the winner in the Instrumental Category & Overall Winner of the talent hunt competition. Mr. Maxwell will represent the Zeta Iota Iota Chapter at the Second District Leadership Conference held at the Marriott Hotel in Teaneck, New Jersey on May 2, 2015.

## Gamma Pi Visit Youth at Detention Center on Fathers Day



*Gamma Pi Brother visiting the Cheltenham Detention Center*

**Cheltenham, MD. June 2015.** Father's Day weekend 2015 turned out to be special for some of the most forgotten and overlooked young males in the Metro Washington area who are locked away from mainstream society. At a time when fathers are looking forward to spending time with their own children and grandchildren, the men of Gamma Pi struck out from home early on the morning of June 20, the day before Father's Day, and headed inside the Cheltenham Youth Facility to interact with young men being held as juvenile offenders.

For many of the youth, it was as close as they would ever come to being with their fathers on Father's Day. As in recent years since the project started, Gamma Pi used the visit to share knowledge with the incarcerated young men about how to look at their detention as a new starting point to dream, build and conduct productive lives in the larger community when they get the opportunity to leave the facility. It was an opportunity to show them how to "man up" about their lives and take responsibility. This staged image was used to generate discussion about perception and stereotypes. Because the young men are in a secured facility with armed guards, entry is restricted. Once inside, the electronic gates topped with barbed wire are slammed shut behind the visitors just like the penal facilities we see on TV. The youth are housed in a collection of small cottages behind the iron perimeter gates where the doors are locked to outside entry and exit and all activities take place under the watchful eye of the guards.

Brothers could not just walk into the Cheltenham yard. Each member of the chapter involved in the project had to pass through a security checkpoint individually, shedding phones and electronics, much like boarding

an airplane. After all, many of the youth have been brought in on violent offenses, so it is not like visiting young men at your neighborhood recreation center. Many of the young men are judged incorrigible. But to the Brothers of Gamma Pi, it is about hope and never giving up on anyone, especially on young black males, who make up the large majority of Cheltenham's population which in many respects mirrors the adult male prison population.

The theme for this year's visit was "Perception." More specifically, the young men, as young as age 13, were asked how they thought they were viewed by the outside world. The question was posed to the young men in a PowerPoint presentation that kicked off a discussion about self-image and self-pride. Led by Brother Otis Fowler, who has headed the excursion in the past couple of years, Gamma PI Brothers, more than 50 strong in attendance, displayed a series of negative images to the youth to get reactions from them about how perception works.

"I think these young men have a different idea of what manhood is, and we offer them a better description of what manhood is and should be," said Brother Fowler. "We don't have to wear a suit and tie to be a better definition of what manhood is and should be."

The chapter may have gotten the young men to take notice with jaw-dropping statistics about crime and violence: African American make up 13% of the population but commit more than half of all murders and 93% of black murder victims are killed by other blacks. The Cheltenham effort began in 2011. The chapter is discussing with facility staff the possibility of expanding the project to include more regular visits and is forming a committee to develop discussion topics, events and other activities.

## Gamma Pi Leads Effort to Enhance Bro. Ernest Everett Just Statue



*Omega Brothers at the unveiling of the enhanced Ernest E. Just Statue*

**Prince Georges, MD. August 14, 2015.** The students at Ernest Everett Just Middle School noticed something new as they arrived on the campus for a new school year. The statue of Dr. Ernest Everett Just was recently enhanced and unveiled at a ceremony that paid tribute to the pioneer African American biologist. The tribute was organized by the Ernest Everett Just Foundation and was held, fittingly, on Ernest Just's 132nd birthday, August 14.

In addition to celebrating Dr. Just's 132nd birthday, the tribute was in honor of the 100-year anniversary of Just receiving the first Spingarn Medal from the NAACP. More than 50 members of the community attended to pay tribute and learn more about the life of a man who made landmark scientific, educational, and cultural contributions to our country and the world. The attendees were comprised of members of the Ernest Everett Just Foundation, the Prince George's County Public School System, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. (Dr. Just is one of the founders) and other community and education-based organizations.

The tribute featured speakers including Dr. Carlton Lampkins (1st Vice District Representative, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.) who discussed the significance of Dr. Just's selection as the first Spingarn medal recipient; Mr. Jamar Watkins (Student at Charles Flowers High School) explaining Dr. Just's scientific legacy and how it has inspired him to pursue a career in science; Dr. Shawn Joseph (Deputy Superintendent, Prince George's County Public Schools) emphasizing the implications that Dr. Just's educational legacy holds for all students, and Mr. Kenneth Rodgers, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., providing insight into Dr. Just's cultural and community legacy and the importance of honoring the innovators and torch bearers that allow our dreams to be pursued. There were also representatives from the USA Science and Engineering Festival and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore who gave presentations on current programs that engage underrepresented students to interest them in

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

Before the unveiling of the statue enhancement, a proclamation from the Prince George's County Council (prepared by County Council Member Derrick Davis) was read. The actual enhancement to the statue of Ernest Just consists of two metal plaques that now adorn the foundation of the statue. These two plaques emphasize the scientific and education side of Dr. Just's legacy. One metal plate depicts Ernest Just analyzing cells using the microscope and the other will depict Ernest Just teaching students at Howard University. The two primary objectives of the Ernest Just Foundation are to garner and provide support to students interested in STEM fields and promote the legacy of Dr. Ernest Everett Just.



Many of the conversations held after the unveiling centered on establishing partnerships to further support students in their scientific pursuits. As students return to EE Just Middle School for the new school year, they hopefully will view the statue as a source of inspiration to know that they can achieve their dreams and that there is community surrounding them charged with continuing the legacy of Dr. Ernest Everett Just to support their aspirations.



## Gamma Pi Brother Arranges Full Scholarships for Three High Achieving Chapter Offspring to Tennessee State University

**Prince Georges, MD. June 2015.** The spring can be a stressful time of year for families with high school seniors who are about to graduate. Not only are they burdened with tasks related to graduation, but many are anxious about the upcoming cost of college. Even those who get scholarship funds and financial aid still find themselves short to cover the escalating costs of higher education. For three families in Gamma Pi, the expense of college was significantly lessened recently thanks to the coveted “full ride” scholarships their daughters were awarded to attend Tennessee State University (TSU).

There is a definite Omega Psi Phi connection. The students are all from families of Gamma Pi chapter Brothers. Shayla Danielle Simmons of Grace Brethren Christian School (Bro. Tommie Boone and wife Gayle); Kirsten Beverly of Gwynn Park High (Bro. Rodney Beverly and wife Josette); and Victoria Gourdin of Saint Stephens and Saint Agnes (Bro. Vaughn Gourdin and wife Kelly), will all be attending TSU in the Fall to become members of the Class of 2019. To attend Tennessee State, tuition alone (without room and board) is approximately \$11,000 per semester for out-of-state students. And here is another Omega link: The husband of TSU president Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover is a member of Omega Psi Phi, having pledged the Fraternity at Tennessee State soon after Gamma Pi's Bro. Harrison Foy, DVM.

The Omega connection came through Bro. Dr. Foy, a Tennessee State alumnus (Rho Psi '67), who personally pitched the students' academic and personal qualities and is a friend and fellow TSU alumnus of school president Dr. Glover. As a result they were offered four-year “full ride” scholarships. A fourth student, Brandon Jones, who participates in Gamma Pi's Project ENRICH college preparatory program, was offered in-state tuition rates. All students will begin classes at the school in the Fall. The families held a celebratory dinner on Sunday, April 12 at the Fort Washington home of Bro. Gourdin. It was an opportunity to meet each other and also to share their aspirations of leaving home together to attend college far away. The young women revealed their career interests: Victoria is interested in law and computer forensics, Shayla in journalism and Kirsten is interested in pediatric dentistry. Brandon Jones and his family were unable to attend due to a prior scheduling conflict.

Dr. Foy was also joined for the occasion by his wife Dr. SanYvette Foy, DVM (Alabama A&M undergrad) and Bro. Willie Hines, who directs Gamma Pi's Project ENRICH program. Bro. Dr. Foy and Bro. Hines have been investigating ways to create more scholarship opportunities like TSU through Project ENRICH. The families presented Bro. Dr. Foy with a watch – to be inscribed -- as a token of their appreciation for his tireless work on behalf of their students.



*Scholarship recipients present Bro. Harrison Foy, DVM a gift watch in appreciation.*

## Gamma Pi Backpack and School Supplies Giveaway

**Landover, Md. August 28, 2015.** Gamma Pi, the Super Chapter helped students and parents in the Kentland Community get a head start on success in the new school year with a Back To School event that included a Backpack and School Supplies Giveaway.

Young children and parents stood along the back wall of the room. They were there to receive not just the much-needed free supplies, but to take in the special messages of inspiration and aspiration that were delivered by members of Gamma Pi and partnering organizations. Those organizations were Sisters4Sisters and a local chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Even though it was a backpack giveaway, the underlying purpose was to give students in one of the most economically depressed areas of the county a running start on the school year. The program served to educate and motivate both parents and students to do their best and strive for the top this coming academic year. The Kentland Community is the home of Gamma Pi's Que KidzDayz program that provides fitness, health and cultural to youth from Kentland one Saturday each month. Many of the youth at the event were from Que Kidz Dayz.

About 200 people attended the event. In addition to the backpacks, book bags and supplies, students and parents were treated to energetic and moving motivational speeches by Gamma Pi Brothers: Reggie Pickett, Damian Goins and Donald Belle.

Brother Pickett brought a strong uplifting message of self-awareness and

self-esteem to the students. You are just as important as the President of the United States. I am here today to talk to the most important people in the world and that is you. You are world-changers.” Brother Pickett, a minister, related the story of being put in the lowest reading group in elementary school and by middle school he had been labeled Talented and Gifted.

Brother Goins, an elementary school principal, challenged parents and students to get engaged and stay engaged throughout the school year. He had some strong advice to parents: if students are not pulling their load at school, they should feel a difference in the amenities they have access to at home

Brother Belle, who is a science coordinator for the Prince George's County Schools, talked about his program as well as an upcoming camping expedition at the county's Camp Schmidt location.

The youth also were treated to a spiritual-focused magic and puppet show by The Wonder House Unlimited mother-daughter team. The chapter also shared information about county school activities and programs.

The highlight for many of the attendees was an abbreviated “hop show” put on by three of the most recent members to enter Omega Psi Phi through Gamma Pi: Kevin Ford, Jr., Wilbur H. Lucas III and David Jackson.

Congratulations to Brothers Orlando McDowell, Kevin Greenwood and the entire Que Kidz Dayz crew for an outstanding event.

## Pi Omega Comcast Cares Day



*Pi Omega Brothers making birdhouses for neighborhood distribution at Comcast Cares Day*

**Baltimore, MD. April 27, 2015.** Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter participated in Comcast Cares Day. Comcast partnered with The Living Classroom Foundation and many civic and fraternal organizations to clean and beautify Middle Branch Park and the shoreline of the Patapsco River that terminates at the park. This middle branch feeds the harbor of Baltimore and is a source of recreation and relaxation for the surrounding community and the larger city. It is also the home of The Baltimore Rowing Club. The projects that the brother participated in were: Pruning, weeding, and mulching around the Park, 'Canoe N Scoop' cleanup of the Middle River shoreline via canoes (adults only), Sanding and Repainting picnic tables and benches, Painting and decorating new trashcans for use in the park, Cleaning up trash around the park, Making Hula Hoops to be used by Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) for public programming and given away through BCRP's Children in Nature program, Making Flashcard sets and other summer kits for Recreation and Parks and Liv-

Flashcard sets and other summer kits for Recreation and Parks and Living Classroom's summer programs, Making bird houses for distribution in surrounding neighborhoods

Comcast Cares Day brings together employees, their families, friends and community partners around the world to volunteer and make change happen in local communities. Comcast Cares Day is a celebration of year-round commitment to service, and has grown to become the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer event. In 2014, a record 95,000 volunteers contributed 570,000 hours to improve more than 820 parks, schools, beaches, senior centers and other vital community sites around the world. Since 2001, more than 600,000 Comcast NBC Universal employees, their friends, family members and our community partners have volunteered more than 3.7 million service hours at nearly 6,000 projects in communities across the United States and around the world.

## *"Lifting As We Climb"*

### Pi Omega Provide Black Male High School Students Attire for Senior Prom and Job Interviews

**Baltimore, MD. May 14, 2015.** The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter sponsored several students from Francis M. Wood Alternative High School. They purchased the students suits, shirts, and ties. The purchase of the suits has enabled these young men who ages were between 19 and 20 to be able to participate in their Senior Prom and well as go on job interviews. Each young man had a very compelling story to tell from either being homeless, a victim of abuse, or even had to take care of their family. Francis M. Wood Alternative High School is a public adult high school located in Baltimore, Maryland, part of the Baltimore City Public Schools. At Francis M. Wood Alternative High, the student body makeup is 61 percent male and 39 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 99 percent. Francis M. Wood Alternative High is 1 of 43 high schools in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Alternative schools are public schools that offer nontraditional education for students whose needs cannot be met in a regular, special education, or vocational school. While alternative schools are distinct from regular, special education, and vocational schools in their teaching approach or classroom environment, they can provide similar services and/or curriculum for students. Alternative schools include schools for potential dropouts, residential treatment centers for substance abuse, schools for chronic truants, and schools for students with behavioral problems.



*Brothers Lamonte Tyler, Brian Hairston and Travis Winstead with Students at Men's Warehouse purchasing suits*



## Pi Omega Receives 2013-14 International Social Action Chapter of the Year Award at 2015 Leadership Conference



*Pi Omega Basileus C. Donald Bowser, Jr., Social Action Chair Dwayne White & Social Action Co-Chair John Berkley receive award from 2nd District Representative Milton Harrison*

## Pi Omega Our Daily Bread Donation

**Baltimore, MD. June 15, 2015.** At the solicitation of the Grand Basileus Antonio F. Knox and 2nd District Representative, the authorizing of Omega Healing Baltimore Project has proceeded with Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter gave 25 cases of nourishment to Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread is located 725 Falls-way, Baltimore, MD 21202. Every container contained canned soft drinks, canned merchandise, treats, and bread. Our Daily Bread helps individuals in need with an everyday hot dinner, case management, employment preparing and livelihood advising. Their qualities instigate them to welcome

everybody who comes to them looking for a superior day and a superior life. Every woman, man, and child comes to them with a quick need, and without regard to their circumstances, they open their doors and hearts. Catholic Charities of Baltimore serves kids and families, individuals living in destitution, people with scholarly inabilities, immigrants, and seniors. Their services address prompt needs and in addition backing and arrangement for autonomy and full lives. With sympathy and a standard of greatness second to none, they proceed with a legacy of philanthropy that started with the foundation of the Catholic Church right here in Baltimore in 1792.



*Pi Omega Brother Lamonte Tyler delivering 25 cases of nourishment to Our Daily Bread*

## Pi Omega Conducts Self Defense Class at Messiah Bible Church



*PiOmega Brothers Brian Hairston and Lamonte Tyler teach self defense techniques to women at Messiah Bible Church*

**Forestville, MD. May 31, 2015.** The Brothers of Pi Omega were asked to conduct a Women's Self-Defense Class for the ladies from The Messiah's Bible Church which is located 7794 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, Maryland 20747. Topics covered were kidnap, rape, choke, and sucker punch defense. Cost to the chapter was zero.

The Messiah's Bible Church is a non-denominational church that pro-

-vides individuals with an informed opportunity to choose spiritual rebirth through Jesus Christ and disciples them on their journey to develop mature Christ-like character. We equip believers to effectively apply biblical truth to their mental, emotional and behavioral dimensions resulting in transformed lives and the ability to disciple families, communities and nations by lovingly sharing the inspired word of God to His glory.

## Pi Omega Conducts Self Defense Class for Zetas



*Pi Omega Brothers Travis Winstead, Jr. and Lamonte Tyler with Zeta Archonette Club at self defense class*

**Parkville, MD. May 23, 2015.** The Brothers of Pi Omega were asked to conduct a Self-Defense class for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Archonettes' Retreat at the Rosedale Branch of the Baltimore County Library - 6105 Kenwood Avenue, Rosedale, MD 21237. Topics covered were kidnap, rape, choke, and sucker punch defense.

The Archonette Club is designed for young ladies ages 14-18. It is also designed to help young girls to grow culturally, socially and educationally. The Archonette Program provides activities that present opportunities to: encourage the individual to accept responsibility, develop new interest, work toward creating happiness for others, develop an aware-

ness of the need to share responsibilities and to understand one another in order to achieve a common goal, develop the individuals own unique personality, and broaden the life experience of the participant by providing them opportunities to make responsible decisions, to develop social confidence and to relate to peers, parents, and adults in general. Potential members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Archonettes are: Young ladies in junior and senior high school, young ladies who are able to demonstrate the potential for good leadership and are willing to work as part of a group. Young women who believe in and are willing to commit themselves to community service activities.



## Pi Omega Annual 4th of July & Labor Day Feeding and Clothing Baltimore Homeless



*Pi Omega Brothers distributing food and goods to Baltimore Homeless*

**Baltimore, MD. September 8, 2015.** On the 4th of July and September 5, 2015, Brothers from Pi Omega participated in the Annual 4th of July and Labor Day Feeding and Clothing Giveaway. The Brothers prepared sandwiches and provided bottled water, chips, and gave away blankets, tennis shoes, and five 42 gallon trash bags filled with clean clothes. This event took place at St. Vincent de Paul Church Park which is located 120 North Front Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202. Directly across the street is The Phoenix Shot Tower.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish is administrated by the Congregation of the Mission – Western Province, also known as the Vincentian Priests and

Brothers. The Vincentians were founded by Saint Vincent de Paul in 1625 and have served in the Lincoln Park neighborhood since 1875.

The Phoenix Shot Tower, also known as the Old Baltimore Shot Tower, located in downtown Baltimore near the Jonestown, and Little Italy communities of East Baltimore, Maryland. When it was completed in 1828 it was the tallest structure in the United States. The tower was originally known as the “Phoenix Shot Tower”, then the “Merchants’ Shot Tower”, and now is also sometimes called the “Old Baltimore Shot Tower”. It was designated a National Historic Landmark on November 11, 1971.

## Pi Omega Backpack and School Supplies Giveaway

**Baltimore, MD. August 26, 2015.** Brothers from Pi Omega Chapter donated a total of 10 backpacks filled with school supplies to Frederick Elementary School located 181 North Bend Rd, Baltimore, MD 21229. The cost to the chapter was zero. Walmart has partnered with Champions for Kids to help kids in the communities get the items they need to thrive at school! All around the country, Walmart stores are selling pre-filled backpacks that are stuffed with \$40 worth of school supplies and a coupon booklet with \$55 worth of coupons. These backpacks are being sold for only \$16.58!!

Each backpack was filled with great supplies like Crayola Colored Pencils, Expo Dry Erase Markers, Crayola Broad Tip Markers, Purell Hand Sanitizer, Kleenex Facial Tissues, Fiskar Scissors, Elmer’s Glue Sticks, Folders, Notebooks, Pencils and Pencil Sharpener, 3 Ring Binder and Ruler. Best part is, for every 5 backpacks donated and shared on social media, Savings.com will donate one as well! The more we give, the more they give and the more children benefit! Simply share with the #Simple-ServeSave!!

Champions for Kids makes it simple to give kids in your community the resources they need to thrive! Champions for Kids was founded in 2004 as a result of escalating needs of children in communities. Champions for Kids began with three core commitments. It began with a commitment to provide help for all children—not some children. In the early years, they never focused on a single issue or cause. The needs were too great.

Second, they focused on a solution rather than the problem. The solution is in the leverage of people. People care about children. And if asked to help, they will do what they can. Thus the name, Champions for Kids. Champions for Kids has always been about people who are and will be Champions for Kids. Three, their core values have remained their driving commitment. All children should have: Someone who cares; a Place to belong; Hope for tomorrow and provisions for their journey. Their mission has always been focused on the mobilization of people. The Mobilizing MILLIONS theme is new, but the mission is not. The theme simply is a way to bring focused attention to the power of people and the leverage they can bring.



*Pi Omega Brother Lamonte Tyler delivering backpacks to Frederick Elementary School*



## Pi Omega's Omega Baltimore Foundation Partner with Joel Gamble Foundation to Host Free NFL Play 60 Football Camp

**Baltimore, MD. July 11, 2015.** Pi Omega's Omega Baltimore Foundation partnered with The Joel Gamble Foundation to host Free NFL Play 60 Football Camp at Easterwood Recreation Center in West Baltimore. Over 100 youth registered and participated at the camp. Each partici-

pant received a commemorative T Shirt, NFL Play 60 eye black patches, certificates of participation and autographs from over 12 NFL Alumni players. Both foundations are grateful to Pi Omega Chapter Brothers for setup, organizing, managing and cleanup of the cookout for the campers.

### Scenes From The NFL Play 60 Football Camp







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### Brother Dr. Eugene Gadson - Omega Chapter

**Trenton, NJ.** Brother Dr. Eugene J. Gadson peacefully entered Omega chapter on November 25, 2014 with family by his side. Reared and educated in New York City Public schools, he received his Doctor of Psychology degree from Rutgers University Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology. Brother Gadson was the first Black Psychologist employed by

the State of New Jersey at Bordentown Reformatory. He served the Trenton Board of Education for 26 years and established Trenton Psychological Services, Inc., a multi-ethnic organization devoted to providing Psychological Services to inner city populations. Dr. Gadson retired and continued working part-time with teenagers in special programs under the aegis of the Juvenile Justice Commission. He created his current organization Genesis Paces P.A., a multidisciplinary professional association dedicated to Psychotherapy, Counseling, Psychological and Educational Assessments and Evaluations. He served as the first Executive Director of the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton. Brother Gadson was an Army veteran. He received his 50 year pin in 2014. During his more than 50 years of service to the Fraternity, he served Delta Upsilon Chapter as Vice Basileus and Housing Chairperson and was seen as one of the Chapter God Father's offering advice and direction to the chapter.



### Brother Earl Phillips - Omega Chapter

**Hamilton, NJ.** Brother Earl Franklin Phillips, made his peaceful transition to Omega Chapter on May 7, 2014, at his residence after a courageous five-year battle with cancer. Brother Phillips earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Charleston Southern University in Charleston, SC, and a master's degree in psychology from Capella Uni-

versity in Minneapolis, MN. He was working on his doctorate dissertation in industrial psychology from Capella University until his passing. Brother Phillips served in the US Navy aboard the USS Bancroft, and was awarded numerous medals for his outstanding service during the Gulf War. Brother Phillips was employed as a senior human resource generalist with Atkore International in Philadelphia, PA. An active and engaged member of the fraternity since 1976, Brother Phillips was initiated at Tau Beta chapter, Glassboro State College in 1976. He was an active member of Eta Pi chapter in Montclair and the Delta Upsilon Chapter in Trenton, NJ. At Delta Upsilon he served two terms as KRS, and was elected Basileus and served in that capacity until his death. He also chaired the Annual Chapter Anniversary and Legacy Breakfast, which was renamed the Earl F. Phillips Legacy Breakfast in his honor.



### Brother Eugene T. McCray - Omega Chapter

**Princeton, NJ.** Brother Eugene Thomas McCray transitioned to Omega Chapter peacefully in his home on Friday, February 6, 2015. He was a tirelessly devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather. Gene attended Schenley High school where he excelled scholastically in the classroom as well as athletically in football, track and field, and graduated in 1950. In 1951, Gene enlisted in the Navy and achieved the rank of Electricians Technician-Petty Officer Second Class and was honorably discharged in 1955. He enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned

a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1959. While attending Pitt, he also became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Gene also earned an M.S. in applied physics from Adelphi University in 1965. Gene started his career with the Grumman Corporation on Long Island where he worked as a Navy aircraft contracts specialist. In 1966, he left Grumman and returned to the Navy as a civilian navigational engineer for the Naval Applied Science Laboratory, which later became the Naval Air Development Center (NADC). Gene spent the rest of his career with NADC, retiring in 1992. Gene's professional life was a very small part of what gave his life meaning. Always engaged and widely interested, he truly found his stride after retirement. Gene found great joy and fulfillment in his many volunteer and board roles over the years. A longtime and dedicated member of the Fraternity and most recently with the Delta Upsilon chapter where he served as co-chair of the Social Action Committee. Additionally, Brother McCray was an avid theatre goer and enjoyed the arts working in a number of different mediums but his favorite was painting, in both oil and water color. He was also an active member of Princeton Friends Meeting and a passionate advocate for secondary education. Brother Gene served as a founding board member for the Mercer Street Friends charter school, Capital Prep Charter High School, and Friend of Foundation Academy. He also did volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity.

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### Bro. Lawson T. McElroy - Omega Chapter



Trenton, NJ The Honorable Brother Lawson Riley McElroy, one of Trenton's proudest sons, transitioned to Omega Chapter at The University of Pennsylvania Hospital on Monday, September 9, 2013. Brother McElroy was an extraordinary man who personified generosity and service. Brother McElroy graduated from The Pennington Preparatory School in NJ, then attended Lincoln University in MO for three years before returning home to earn a degree in Science Education from Trenton State College. He received his Master's Degree in Counseling from Kean College and afterwards worked at Trenton State as an Equal Opportunity Fund Program Evaluator. In 1974, Lawson became the Assistant Director of

Financial Aid and Admissions at Rider College. During this period, he received his Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law School and, by the mid 1980's, Lawson opened his law practice as a member of the New Jersey & Pennsylvania Bar Associations. Lawson became a prosecutor in Trenton and was later appointed a Municipal Court judge by Mayor Palmer. After retiring as a judge, he continued to serve the community by providing legal representation in court. Lawson served on the Boards of several non-profit organizations, including the NAACP. In 2007, in recognition of his service, Rider College alumni established The Honorable Judge Lawson R. McElroy Endowment Fund, which provides educational opportunities to African-American students

He began his proud Omega career at Lincoln University in 1960. In 2010, he received his 50 year fraternity pin as an active member of Delta Upsilon Chapter, Trenton, NJ. He served the chapter in numerous capacities included 2 terms as Basileus, annual chapter representative to the Conclave, Housing Chairperson, and as the chapter legal advisor.



### Brother Robert E. Alston - Omega Chapter



Lawrence NJ. Brother Robert E. Alston, entered Omega Chapter on November 12, 2013, at Moss Rehabilitation Center at Einstein, Elkins Park, Pa. Born in Henderson, N.C., he was a longtime area resident, living in Trenton for close to 20 years before moving to Lawrenceville. Robert graduated from J.P. Stevens High School in Edison and earned his Bachelor of Science degree at The College of New Jersey (the former Trenton State College). He also graduated from the Tri-State Institute for Training and Development which was sponsored by the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education. He received a New Jersey Teacher of the Handicapped certificate for grades K-12. Robert worked as a financial aid officer at TCNJ for 34 years. He was proud

Robert worked as a financial aid officer at TCNJ for 34 years. He was proud of achieving the position of associate director of financial aid.

Robert was initiated into the Fraternity through Iota Gamma Chapter at Trenton State College in 1973. After graduating, Brother Alston was active with the Delta Upsilon Chapter in Trenton serving on the Achievement Week Committee, Scholarship committee and Fund Raising Committee. Brother Alston's community involvement included serving as president of the West End Little League and on Trenton Mayor Palmer's Youth Services Commission, the Board of Isles, Inc., the Jamesburg Board of Trustees and the Community Planning and Initiatives Committee for the United Way of Mercer County and as Lawrence Township emergency first responder. Brother Alston was recognized numerous times for outstanding achievement and community involvement. Among his awards are the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Outstanding Educator Award; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, Iota Gamma Chapter - Community Award; Union Industrial Home Fatherhood Program/2013 Annual Legacy of Fatherhood Platinum Dads Award and Aspira - ETS Collaboration Award.

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### Bro. Silas Williams - Omega Chapter



**Aberdeen, MD.** Brother Silas L. Williams entered Omega Chapter Monday June 8, 2015. Brother Williams was 47-years old. He was initiated into Iota Nu Chapter in 2014. He graduated from Cumberland Regional High School in 1986. While attending High school, Silas was a standout wrestler and football player. He graduated Cum Laude from Trident University International with the Bachelor's of Science degree

in Business Administration. Brother Williams joined the United States Army in 1992 and served honorably until March, 2013 when he retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. Silas thoroughly enjoyed his memberships in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Masonic Lodge as well as his love in riding his Harley V-Rod with his endeared Buffalo Soldiers. He founded the Aberdeen Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Motor Cycle Club in May 2012. Brother Williams leaves to cherish his memory his children, Brianna Williams, Marleigh Williams and stepson Michael Williams; his Aunts, Mary Singletary, Allie Van Jones, Betty (Howard) Corey, Elena Henry, Rose Chew, Bernestine Flournoy; his Brothers, Sanford Williams, and Jason Williams; stepbrother, Melvin Williams; Sister, Keleigh Williams. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews, as well as close friends and family

### Brother Robert C. Lowman - Omega Chapter



Columbia, MD - Brother Robert Charles Lowman was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on April 30, 1983 through Tau Pi Chapter as number five of the Nine Synergistic Gents. He entered into Omega Chapter on July 20, 2015. Bro. Lowman was born on August 24, 1941 in Baltimore, MD. He graduated in 1959 from Paul Lawrence Dunbar HS and subsequently attended college at Morgan State University. In 1963, he was inducted into the United States Army servicing two years as a Military Police. When he re-

-ceived his honorable discharge, he went back to school to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Baltimore and a Master of Science Degree from Coppin State University. His degrees were in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice. Bro. Lowman was accepted into the Baltimore City Police Academy. While attending college, he worked as a foot patrol policeman. When he relocated to Columbia, MD in the seventies, he was able to secure a position with the Department of Parole and Probation as an Agent. He served as the chapter's Keeper of Finance from 1986 to 1987. He was a force to be reckoned with as a very active member of a number of different committees such as Holiday with Omega and the Selection and Education Committee. He also played a key role in the establishment of the Ronald E. McNair Youth Leadership Program with several of his Line Brothers.

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## The Omega Brand

#### 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!

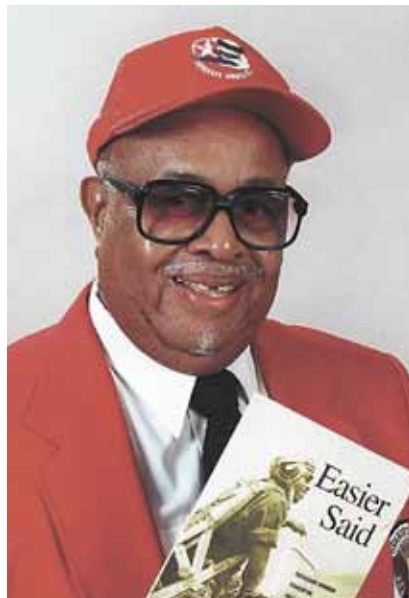


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### Bro. Leroy A. "Boots" Battle - Omega Chapter



Brother LeRoy "Boots" Battle, born in Harlem on Dec. 31, 1921 transitioned to Omega Chapter on March 27, 2015, grew up in New York City. As a drummer, he won a philharmonic scholarship and attended the Juilliard School of Music. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through Pi Chapter at Morgan State College in 1948. After receiving a degree in music from Morgan State College and a degree in education from the University of Maryland, College Park, he worked as a jazz musician in New York, performing with notables such as Billie Holiday and Pearl Bailey.

Drafted in the military, he worked his way up in rank to second lieutenant as a Tuskegee Airman. Honorably discharged in 1945, after the war, he became a graduate assistant at the then-Morgan State Teacher's College in the music department. In 1950, he worked for Prince George's County, Maryland Public Schools and served as teacher, band director, guidance counselor and vice principal.

He was the lead and drummer in the jazz/swing quartet Roy Battle and the Altones from 1950 to 2002. Battle was also a drummer in the Washington Redskins Marching Band for 17 years, Battle-Singletary said. He was most recently a motivational speaker for the Tuskegee Airmen's Speaker's Bureau.

Brother Battle won numerous awards throughout his life, some of the most prestigious being the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007, a Governor's Citation in 2012 and the United States Department of Education's Bridge Builder award in 1997. He was a member of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter.

He also wrote two books, "Easier Said" and "And the Beat Goes On." My squadron's mantra was stay focused, stick to it, and get it done!

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### "The Omega Type . . . "

By CHARLES E. KING

The use of the expression "the Omega type" is widely known wherever Omega is known. A prospective "lamp" is either referred to as being the Omega type or not the Omega type. There is great probability that the expression of "the Omega type" is often used without very much meaning. It is most important that "type" be given consideration for it is the "type" that makes Omega Omega, but we should be clear in our minds about what the type should manifest.

The "type" should exhibit the qualities of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. In exhibiting manhood he should be a gentleman, but none-the-less a man. He should be reliable, self-confident, able to have convictions of his own, fair in his dealings with others, have respect for authority, but not the type to cringe before or court favor with authority. In exhibiting scholarship grades alone cannot be used as the criterion of measurement. The type should exhibit this quality further by showing the ability to master facts and interpret them into application for practical situations. Perseverance should be exhibited by the tendency of plugging ahead in face of obstacles. The tendency to keep pushing forward despite difficulties until the aims have been accomplished. The type should show the quality of

uplift by having interest in any activity that tends to make for the improvement of the well being of individuals and society.

The fraternity does not make men. Men make Omega. Therefore it is imperative that careful observation be undertaken before a prospect be taken "across the burning sands to the mystic shrine of Omega". The fraternity can never be better than its constituents. If the fraternity is to promote manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, the type of men taken into it must possess these qualities and it is up to the Omega men to see to it that these men are the possessors of these qualities before they are made into the fraternity for once he is made there is no "turning out."

If brotherhood is to be made realistic in the realm of Omega it must recruit men who have the trait of open-fair-mindedness and a desire and appreciation of fellowship.

The Omega type is not something to be loosely considered, but rather something that must gain our most serious attention. We must keep the standards of Omega high; we must keep Omega meaning something. Therefore it is essential that we determine if the prospect is the type that will build Omega to be what we want it to be.



# What's On the Minds of Omega Men

## Opinion/Editorial Section



### An Omega State Of Mind - Part 1

The Omega State of Mind is an exceptional one. Our Esteemed Founders saw Omega Men as a cut above and set apart for consecrated usefulness. Whether one is on the college campus or the world stage; being more and doing more is a way of life.

Growing up in the segregated south and enduring the headwinds of the Civil Rights Movement, it caused me to become a "quick study" in analyzing a condition and crafting an appropriate response...often times my life depended on both. An incorrect analysis and/or response, rarely allowed for a do over without significant cost.

In honing my analytical and response skills, I had broad shoulders to lean and stand on. A cadre of men, formally and informally educated, who had gone ahead of me and planted illuminated markers along the road that I would travel. In lighting my path and building bridges over the rivers and chasms they knew I would have to cross; it caused me to wonder, individually and collectively---"what manner of men were they?"

The answer to the aforementioned question became clearer upon my entrance to Southern University as a freshman. Moving back and forth across campus as preparations were in high gear for Homecoming, I saw my High School Teacher and Coach conversing with my Dormitory Director. Eagerly, I approached to say hello to both. After exchanging warm greetings, I inquired as to why he was on campus? He responded that "I am here for Homecoming and to fellowship with my Fraternity Brothers. He concluded that Omega Men always reconnect, no matter the distance, time or location."

While in the presence of one of my mentors, a contingent of students, attired in purple and gold, approached my teacher and Dorm Director with a greeting that was unknown to me. Shortly thereafter, an increasing number of men attired in purple and gold join the assemblage and began embracing each other and singing. To this gathering, a very large group of very attractive ladies arrived, all dressed in red and white and began cheering and singing with the men. The men started "stepping" and the ladies rendered their respective version of the same. The warmth and comradery of the moment, made a lifelong impression on me. It launched what was to become an element in the OMEGA STATE OF MIND.

Throughout that faithful day, I saw several of my junior and senior high school teachers. More than a few were attired in purple and gold. I started to have reflective moments of how I had been impacted by their formal teachings and life lessons they shared over time. My experiences had been abundantly filled with serious subject matter study, tough lessons in sports competitions and laughter about the situations in which one can derive valuable lessons along life's journey.

These men had coached me to winning statewide academic competition, to being a strong participant in sports and a positive spirit in human interactions...fertile soil to develop Omega.

Dr. Andrew A. Ray,  
39th Grand Basileus

### Recommitting to Dedication

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the universe. It is my honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to address you.

Brothers, in this season of spring MSP we should reflect on our almost 104 years of existence and the organizational blueprint that our four great founders laid out well ahead of their time in 1911. As we reflect on their exceptional accomplishment (though that task can be one of a gargantuan order), we must be clear in our thoughts. It is our responsibility to maintain a reverence for the totality of their endeavors, but allow this momentous season to serve as a rebirth/re-dedication to excellence (of Omega caliber).

If you have ever had the opportunity to attend an official initiation or rededication ceremony and retake the oath, I hope you drank deeply from the Pierian spring; you should attempt to find the excitement and vigor that you had when you first had your hoodwink removed and you were truly new into the light. But before you repeat the words think well of what you undertake.

I would like to highlight a few topics and remind you that 2015 is a hinge point year in the sustainment of our significance/existence. This past year we fought to round 13 with insurance companies to maintain the ability to grow our organization with the immersed '8'; we saw black men gunned down at an alarming clip; we witnessed a significant turnover on the supreme council and most recently a significant changing of the guard on the

national level at the last mid-term elections.

To the uninitiated those events may seem like a dichotomy of topics, but for the initiated and talented tenth, this is an Omega symbol shining brightly in the dark night calling on her sons of excellence to draw nigh. We must continue to evolve with the times and rededicate ourselves, or face irrelevance, which is synonymous with death. We need to be as resolute as ever as we guide the spring 2015 lines into this ever-evolving Omega. When they cross, embrace them, teach them something, not just about the secrets of Omega, but about life.

Men, as you rededicate yourself, we ask you to commit to a life of selflessness. We ask you to do something a bit audacious; again, to the uninitiated it would seem counter-intuitive; but, we ask you to jump, jump off the plane of self without a parachute, and leap with faith, knowing that there is an Omega man lurking that will save your life and guide you through life's trials with a vision of the fullness of joy.

In closing brothers, remember, we are tasked with undertaking a responsibility that make supermen wilt. Embrace it. Let us share all things...

Brother Amir Shareef  
Iota Mu Mu





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### A Case for Courage

Last year, I attended and watched the movie *Selma* with my 92 year old father. Having lived much of his formative and adult years in Jim Crow North Carolina, my father was one of those Black men who was steadfast and unwavering to the cause of racial freedom and justice. He walked the lines, held up signs, attended rallies, and went to jail. I always saw my father as a proud chauvinistic macho Southerner who never showed emotion. I am sure he has feelings, but showing them is not something he would normally do in front of one of his offspring.

When the movie ended and the marchers crossed the Edmond Pettis Bridge, I glanced over and saw a tear running down by father's cheek. I was so surprised by his reaction to the movie that I asked him what moved him to tears. He whispered to me (perhaps needlessly embarrassed) about how much courage those people had to have to stand against insurmountable odds. He was sure that those people feared for their life, but their dream and the desire to make it better for others far outweighed any personal immediate threat and for that he was so very touched and proud.

Shortly after attending the movie, I attended the annual MSP training session. During training, I could not help but to think back to my father's statement about the role that courage plays in order for real change to occur. I further thought back to 1911 and the unwavering courage that the Founders must have had just to think about and to finally organize our Beloved Omega. The entire school administration and most likely most of their peers was negative about their idea. But those 3 undergraduates and one graduate HAD to have courage to fight for what they believed. And all "true" Omega men today are here today because of their strength and courage against those odds.

It then dawned on me that perhaps one reason why we often find ourselves continuously fighting against inappropriate action by some of our members (not "True" Omega Men) is that unfortunately they have either lost or never had the courage necessary to fight for a better way. Most

would agree that there is no place for any form of hazing in our efforts to bring new young men into the Fold. Yet when the time comes to be courageous in the face of those who wish to do irreparable harm to the future of Omega, too many members become complacent and reluctant to step in. Where has the courage exhibited by the Founders gone? Unfortunately, we have some members who will stand by and watch a young man being needlessly hazed and rather than take a courageous stand by saying "stop", they either leave the scene or worse yet put their heads in the sand like they don't see it or it isn't happening. In such a situation, these members are exhibiting what most would call cowardice rather than courageous behavior.

How can we continue to grow a strong and resilient Omega if some members choose to either leave or hide when they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation? How can we as an institution wish to define ourselves as the quintessential Black Greek organization and at the same time have members in our ranks who show limited courage during difficult and unjust times? Where is the courage to stand against what most would agree is a wrong. If only one Brother would stand and say enough is enough, it is likely that the wrong doers will get the message.

Since, the selection of new members is the lifeblood of our future and it is likely that the new recruits will take on the characteristics of their big Brothers, it is imperative that those charged with bringing those into the sacred shrine of Omega exhibit the characteristics like those walking across that bridge in *Selma* 50 years ago and those who started the greatest black Fraternity over 100 years ago, they will have to exhibit and stand for courage.

Brother Garry M. Keel, Ed.D.  
Iota Gamma, Spring 1977

### Overcoming Arrested Development

Arrested development is a medical term that is described as the stoppage of physical or mental development. However, if we extrapolate this term and apply it to the African American community, unfortunately for us, it is very fitting.

We stalwart and exceptional Omega men must draw nigh to invoke the spirit of W.E.B. Du Bois and save our race as we fight to transcend race in this country. The ability for common black folk to ascend to greatness is muddled with many an obstacle, pitfall, future closed door, glass, wood, and steel ceiling; in concert with those who are ever ready to scream about your failures and go mum on your accomplishments.

However, given all of the aforementioned there are times it appears that we are more willing to bash each other than extend the right hand of fellowship.

What are we as a community doing to embrace cooperative economics? Ground floor developments? Building indestructible bridges that span the tide? Aggressively, tackling the most gargantuan of social issues without fear of reprisal? Celebrating the men who fight for the cause of the common man and below? Sometimes it is easier to acquiesce and eschew the most difficult of issues. But why is it easier to be demonstrative in the face of ingenuity and audacious thought; especially when those ideals emerge

from those in our community? The stifling of audacity must cease or our collision course with greatness will be derailed.

We need more men who aid in the alleviation of our plight instead of ingratiating those who transgress against us. The fact is too often the behaviors of those from our community stimulate the actions of those who transgress against us; public berating of leaders, usage of the N-word, turning a blind-eye to subversive dialogue, and most recently, embracing of those in racist fraternities and blatantly racist civil servants. We must look deep within ourselves such that we may deduce the origins of these issues.

We will never grow and ascend to the levels that God intended for us until we put our own houses in order. I recommend we take time to reflect, look at our communities and decide how we will move forward smartly. The 21st century continues to be daunting times for the Black community.

We must be better. We need to strive for that which is most difficult of attainment in life. We need to aspire to be great; pursue seats in congress, the best business, law and medical schools, superintendent of schools, CEO positions, etc. Furthermore, in this pursuit we cannot tear each other down.

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### Overcoming Arrested Development (cont.)

Arrested development has become an issue within our community because the question has always been why you can't, a reason why you will fail, instead of saying here is a helping hand on how to get to the next level. I humbly request that we continue to strive while aiding each other in our most audacious endeavors.

Lastly, remembering the difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer!

Brother Amir Shareef  
Iota Mu Mu

### President Obama's Face Should Be On Mount Rushmore

President Barack Hussein Obama will go down in history as one of the top five presidents of United States of America. President Obama, inherited a country that was suffering with high unemployment, a stock market in turmoil, two unrelenting wars, a collapsed housing market and the fact that he was the nation's first African-American President.

In his first 90 days the President of the US, was tasked with cleaning up the failing bank industry. Too big to fail was the GOP talking points, TARP (Trouble Asset Relief Program) started in the Bush administration and increased during Obama. A net revenue of \$441.7 billion on \$426.4 billion invested. The federal bailout and bankruptcy restructuring of General Motors saved 1.2 million jobs and preserved \$34.9 billion in tax revenue. The numbers don't lie. The unemployment rate went from over 10% to 5.25. The S&P 500 is up over 200% since the bottoming out in March of 2009. Again, the numbers don't lie.

This country was led to believe that President Obama is the devil and we were all going to hell in a hand basket under his leadership. We know that this is not true and African Americans should be armed with the truth. Mr. Obama has received numerous accolades and honors; was given the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. The book on the 44th President is not over. I believe his biggest accomplishment was when he left the safety of the white house to join the centennial celebration of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc., let us cherish our beloved president and carve a new face on Mount Rushmore.

Brother Eric Harley  
2nd District Achievement Week Chairman  
Life Member #6154



### Race, Racism and Eugenics

Think about it-- there are no constructive reasons to pass judgment on a person's character very quickly if there were no races that we recognized as a springboard to make that judgment. The universal reasons that we believe races exist is because we were taught that they exist. However, the real reason that we believe races exist is because we understand the concept of social classes through race relations. The American concept of race was formed in the late 1600s and it was theorized that the three races were the Negroid, Mongoloid, and the Caucasoid.

Researches and scientists today argue that there is no scientific basis for race. Anthropologist Audrey Smedley, author of *Race in North America: Origins of a Worldview*, said even though there was really no such thing as race, race is used as a term to categorize in the English language like "type" or "sort". According to John H. Relethford, author of *The Fundamentals of Biology Anthropology*, "race" is a group of populations that share some biological characteristics and by this definition makes "race" a social construct.

Theories are built on a set of assumptions. Theories are unproven facts and if they are never challenged, they can achieve a gospel status (and that is why unproven facts are called theories). That is also why in the absence of scientific evidence, the public often accepts many answers to life's questions as facts. Therefore, when a theory evolved and claimed that it could improve the genetic features of human populations through selective breeding and sterilization, a

Eugenics is the study of humanity by controlling mating.

Eugenics is based on the theory that it is possible to create a superior group of people by the inbreeding of certain people that are assumed to carry certain characteristics. Please notice all of the eccentric attributes mentioned in the study of eugenics that some people had to believe to form the basics of eugenics. To begin with, improving genetic features is a very nebulous concept; selective breeding and sterilization are loaded with a string of assumptions; and controlling mating can be considered as playing GOD.

Racism can be defined as oppressing a group of people because of nothing more than their religion, color of their skin and/or national origin. The concept of "race" was created to deny some people deserved opportunities simply because of their unacceptance into a particular society or to grant certain people undeserved opportunities only because they have been accepted into a particular society. We should never forget that people in the 1600s also once believed in the theory that the world was flat. Therefore, as long as theories remain unchallenged, it is so easy to believe a concept (eugenics) that could physiologically elevate a group of people that could reap social benefits from a loosely woven string of assumptions.

Bro. Wesley Jarmon  
Gamma Pi





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### Suicide in the Black Community

Suicide and related pathologies and mental health issues are subjects that many in the black community find difficult to discuss. Compared to other ethnicities, our rates for suicide are low 5.4 percent among blacks, compared to 14.2 percent among whites, according to a 2013 Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report (the most recent year for which full data is available).

But the statistics are a bit misleading. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) reports suicide is the third leading cause of death among young black men age 15–24 and the sixth leading cause of death for those age 25–44. In a recent year, over 80 percent of all black suicides were males. Women of nearly all ethnicities attempt suicide at a higher rate than men, yet men complete the task at a higher rate, with a firearm being the most commonly used instrument. Black women are less likely than other American demographics to commit suicide.

“It’s important that we understand that suicide can be a concern for any individual, regardless of race or ethnicity,” she continues, “and that making assumptions about whether a person is likely to be suicidal based on race, gender or any other demographic variable can impact whether that person will believe that they can seek help.”

Some of these risk factors include: age, chronic pain/illness, substance use and abuse, having a friend or relative who committed suicide, poor response or an unwillingness to participate in mental health treatment and lack of social support.

Persons exhibiting any of the following “warning signs” may be contemplating suicide: expressing a wish to hurt or kill themselves, looking for ways to kill themselves, talking about death, dying or suicide, self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc., giving away prized possessions, hopelessness, feeling like there is no way out, anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings, feeling like there is no reason to live, rage or anger, carelessly engaging in risky activities, increasing alcohol or drug abuse and withdrawing from family and friends.

If you have concerns that someone may be contemplating hurting themselves or committing suicide, be bold and act. Ask if they are considering suicide. Studies show that people do not start thinking about suicide just because someone asks them about it. Don’t be afraid to ask whether they are considering suicide, and if they have a specific plan in mind. Having a plan may indicate that they are farther along and need help right away. Sometimes people who are thinking about suicide won’t tell you because they don’t want you to stop them. Your direct, non-judgmental questions can encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings. Regardless of their response, if you suspect that the person may be suicidal, get help immediately. There are many local and national resources available for assistance. Several on these are on-line including The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) at <https://www.afsp.org>.

James W. Trapp Jr.  
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### Sherman Charles Receives Second District Omega Man of the Year Award for Second Time

**Teaneck, NJ. May 2, 2015.** Bro. Sherman Charles’ dedicated service to Omega is just one of the many reasons why he was bestowed the 2nd District Omega Man of the Year for a second time at this year’s 67th Second District Conference in Teaneck, NJ. The first time was in 2010 at the 62nd Second District Conference in Syracuse, NY. What’s more remarkable is that Bro. Charles has received 6 different Omega Man of the Year awards in 3 different chapters. Living unselfishly, Bro. Charles states “this award is a symbol of excellence for all Brothers in all chapters in which I have been affiliated and is a testament to those Brothers at Rho Theta that taught me the real meaning of fraternity and service as they relate to the uplift of our community.”

For Bro. Charles, initiated in Rho Theta in 1978 at Prairie View A&M University, fraternity and service are a way of life. Since his crossing, Bro. Charles has been a member of chapters all around the world and served in just about every Executive Council role and committee leadership position there is. Whether at Theta Rho, Iota Nu, Lambda Xi, Gamma Pi and most recently, Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG), “Shorty Bang Bang,” as he is called, rolls up his sleeves and gets to work.

Some of Bro. Charles’ other accolades throughout his stays at chapters in the 2nd, 9th and 13th Districts include being Deputy Grand Marshal at Centennial Grand Conclave in 2011, District Marshal at the 66th Second District Conference (2013 – 2014), International Founders Award Life-long Service (2012). Bro. Charles has received the Omega Man of the Year in LGG Chapter in 2006, 2009 and 2014.



*Bro. Sherman Charles receives 2nd District  
Omega Man of the Year Award with his wife by his side*

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Completes Annual Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive



*Blood Donors at the Lambda Gamma Gamma Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive*

**Capitol Heights, MD. July 19, 2015.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter completed its annual Dr. Charles Drew Memorial Blood Drive. This event falls under our fraternity's mandated programs and is so important to the Brothers as well as the recipients of the donations. Over 20 donors heeded the call to provide blood to those in dire need. As in past years, The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square provided the venue and additional pub-

licity for this worthwhile event as part of their annual health fair. Eleven Brothers donated blood and the total amount collected in this year's drive was 20 pints. Brother Marc Pina was the chair of this year's event and he was aided by his co-chair, Brother Tyrone Ruffin, who is also a member of The Kingdom at Sanctuary Square.

## Corey Jennings Appointed to Excellence in Governance Fellows Program

**Washington, DC. September 15, 2015.** Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter's Corey Jennings has been selected by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where he serves as a Special Counsel in its Office of International Corporate Finance (OICF), to serve in the prestigious Excellence in Government Fellows (EIG) program.

The EIG Fellows program, which is sponsored by the Partnership for Public Service, offers participants the opportunity to work with other leaders from across the federal government, non-profit organizations and the private sector. During the course of the year-long program, fellows remain in their full-time jobs, and meet regularly as a group for coursework and to work on special projects. Once completed, Bro. Jennings will be even better equipped with complex problem-solving skills to address the challenges of today.

Bro. Jennings currently serves as a Special Counsel in the OICF and has been with the SEC for a total of 16 years. Since joining OICF in 2009, Bro. Jennings has specialized in filings and issues related to China, the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands and Japan. Bro. Jennings does

presentations on U.S. financial systems with the U.S. State Department on behalf of the United States to delegates from these and other countries. He is also involved in analyzing, negotiating and constructing numerous policies that enhance the SEC's workforce and program efficiencies.

Prior to the SEC, and prior to completing law school at the University of Virginia, Bro. Jennings served a two-year appointment as a Governor's Policy Fellow for the State of Maryland and received his master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago's Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy.

In each of the past five years, Bro. Jennings received leadership awards for forensics, labor management relations and employee advocacy. Outside of the SEC, he has received a Governor's Citation from the State of Maryland for Excellence in Public Policy and a

Mayor's Proclamation for community service projects for the District of Columbia. Brother Jennings has been a true model citizen and LGG is extremely proud of his accomplishments, both personally and professionally.



## Lambda Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt Competition

**Springdale, MD. March 7, 2015.** The Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter held their annual Talent Show at Charles Herbert Flowers High School on Saturday, March 7, 2015. Twenty-one high school students participated in the categories of Dance, Visual Arts, Instrumental and Vocal. Brother Antonio Ferguson was the Chairman of this year's event and the Co-Chairman was Brother Yahari Butler. Both Brothers expressed how fortunate they were to have "such a deep roster of amazing high school talent."

The winners for the Talent Show 2015 are as follows:

1st Place Drama – Malik Arnett (12th Grade – Perry Prep School)

1st Place Dance – Cydney Hill (12th Grade Duke Ellington School of the Arts)

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1st Place Vocal – Tasia Young (12th Grade Bowie High School)

1st Place Instrumental – Kyla Frank (11th Grade – Duke Ellington School of the Arts)

1st Place Visual Arts – Pearline Muckelvene (12th Grade – Charles H. Flowers High School)

The 1st Place Overall Winner and the student representing Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter in the 2nd District Talent Hunt on May 2nd, 2015 in Teaneck, NJ will be Malik Arnett (12th Grade – Perry Prep School – Pantomime Performance). Brother Ferguson went on to state that he has every confidence that the participants and chapter will be positioned well at this year's 2nd District Conference Talent Hunt.



## Lambda Gamma Gamma Breaks Records at Annual Patron Appreciation Barbeque

**Upper Marlboro, MD. August 15, 2015.** Each year Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") hosts its Patron Appreciation Barbeque (QBQ) to show appreciation to its patrons who support the chapter's events throughout the year. Rosaryville State Park was once again the venue for this year's event, which was frequented by hundreds of patrons and numerous vendors. Bro. Erick Tyrone, better known as "Big E," chaired the QBQ again this year and says that one of this year's highlights was,

of course, the huge turnout, but secondly, the annual Colonel Charles Young Scholarship Raffle. The Raffle is held in conjunction with the Uplift Foundation and has as its primary purpose the funding of the annual Scholarship Contest. Bro. Tyrone was assisted this year by Bro. Tony Munson. The weather was a perfect backdrop for the music, food and beverage and plentiful children's games.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma BBQ Battle A Huge Success

**Washington, D.C. June 27 – 28, 2015.** Each year the Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter (LGG) participate in the Annual Safeway Barbecue Battle in downtown Washington, DC. The BBQ Battle has raised millions of dollars and donates tons of food to local charities like the Boys & Girls Clubs, the Capital Area Food Bank, the USO and Wounded Warrior Project.

One of LGG's stalwart brothers, Bro. J.C. Bozeman, led this committee continuously for many years. He often said it was among his favorite committees. After Bro. Bozeman's passing in 2014, Bro. Benson Macon and Bro. Corey Sanders, chair and co-chair of the BBQ Battle Committee,

respectively, suggested that the committee be renamed the "J.C. Bozeman" Boys & Girls BBQ Battle. The committee and the members of the chapter unanimously agreed to the renaming of the committee.

Continuing our annual tradition, the Brothers of LGG provided superior customer service at the beverage station serving water and soft drinks to the patrons of the BBQ Battle. Despite rain for much of Saturday, the crowds increased on Sunday as patrons came in droves. The overall event raised more than \$55,000 for local charities including Butler-Wyatt Clubhouse #2, United Service Organizations USO (Metro Area), and the Capital Area Food Bank.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Recognizes 2015 Scholarship Recipients

**Washington, D.C. April 15, 2015.** Every year, the Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter, in partnership with the LGG Uplift Foundation, conducts its annual Colonel Charles Young Scholarship Program and awards scholarships to talented, college-bound high school seniors in the Southern Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. area. The chapter prides itself on providing financial assistance to aspiring college freshmen in their pursuit of higher education through accredited colleges and universities. The scholarship winners are selected on various areas from high academics, community service, and monetary need. In addition, the chapter supports previous winners who are currently in college through the continuing education component of the award. This year's recipients received over \$30,000 for college tuition or continuing education funds. The committee is chaired by Bro. Marc Pina. Pina stated that "As a chapter, and I know the Foundation agrees, we are happy that we're able to play such a vital role in funding the education of such a talented group of kids. Proceeds from our parties and our raffle continue to be the lifeblood of our scholarship funding and we're also thankful for the success of those endeavors."

**This year, LGG is providing over \$30,000 in scholarship funds to the recipients below:**

### Royal Purple Winners (\$1,500)

Aleah King	Springbrook High School
Marcus Ragland	Charles Herbert Flowers High School

### Royal Purple Winners (\$1,500) cont.

Jairus Hampton	Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Federico "Grant" Waldron	Osborn Park High School
Simone Marie Convert	T.C. Williams High School
Symone Richardson	James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School
Nicie Jenell Grier-Spratley	Thomas Edison High School

### Old Gold Winners (\$1,000)

Boakum Apesemaka-Vital	St. Mary's Ryken
Giavanni Powell	South River High School
Ashley Marshall	Westlake High School
Georgia Benson	Westlake High School
Gary Wood	Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Justen Howard	Charles Herbert Flowers High School
Geordan Rashad Clark	North Point High School
Kelsey Crimiel	C.D. Hylton High School
Victoria Smith	McKinley Technical High School
Jelani Robinson	The Park School of Baltimore

### Book Scholarships (\$500)

Markel Gale	Bishop McNamara High School
Jyra Perry	Riverdale Baptist High School
Briana Malcom	Meade High School
Megalya Marquez-Lopez	Duke Ellington
Nana Asumadu	Mount Vernon High School

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Takes Over 130 Area Kids to Six Flags

**Upper Marlboro, MD. August 23, 2015.** Brothers from Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") completed its annual trip with local boys and girls to Six Flags America. This year was different, though. The number of children was almost two times more than it was in years past. There were also more Brothers and parents and friends participating. This year's event was chaired by Brother Cedric Guyton and co-chaired by Brother Henry Johnson.

All told, over 130 area youth were treated to free entry into the park. Those kids were treated to field games, a hula hoop contest and free lunch.

If that wasn't enough, the Brothers provided over 60 book bags and \$250 in gift cards to kids ages 5-17.

The annual trip to Six Flags continues to be LGG's premiere event for children. It grows each year in terms of participation from area youth as well as patronage from Brothers and chaperones. What the numbers don't tell you is the look on the faces of the children when they received their prizes and gifts. And that is the reason LGG holds this event; to uplift children in the DC area and to provide a little bit of joy to children each year who truly look forward to this end of summer trip.

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Gold Stroke Golf Classic



*Lambda Gamma Gamma Golf Tournament contestants ready to start Two Man Scramble*

**Camp Springs, MD. June 12, 2015.** The Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted another successful Gold Stroke Golf Classic this year, this time at The Courses at Andrews. The theme of this year's event was Prostate Cancer Awareness: Saving Our Men. The format was a two-man scramble and the \$125 fee covered greens fees with a cart, a gift bag, an awards ceremony and luncheon.

Awards were given out for the 1st through 3rd place winners in Men's, Women's, Mixed, and Uplift (youth) categories. Additionally, prizes were given out for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. Unfortunately, no one won the Hole In One prize which was a lease on a Porsche Boxter from Porsche of Annapolis.

Brother Aaron Combs, this year's chairman, was pleased with the turnout

of over 120 Brothers and patrons who played in the tournament, the 11 premiere sponsors, the 53 hole sponsors and the in-kind donations from 4 companies. Some of the sponsors for this year's tournament included Porsche of Annapolis, BMW of the Hudson Valley, Creative Business Solutions, MARQ Solutions, Desai, Holmes, Sheer, MD, The Ferguson Group, LLC, Wete & Company, Marriott, Holiday Inn Solomon's Island, SA Tech, UniverSoul Circus, Food Lion and Loving Touch Caterers. Bro. Combs continued to say that everything aligned perfectly this year, the help from the Brothers, the support of the patrons and sponsors and, of course, the weather. "We couldn't have asked for a more perfect outcome for this event promoting prostate cancer awareness and we look forward to continuing this great LGG annual tradition next year."

## LGG Hosts Another Successful Easter Egg Hunt



*Children and families at the Easter Egg Hunt*



**Ft. Meade, MD. April 4, 2015.** On Saturday, April 4th, Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Ft. Meade Youth Services Center located in Ft. Meade Md. The event is held annually and is open to the military as well as the community. The event, chaired by Bro. Tommie Bennett, continues to grow each year with a standing room crowd anticipating the start of the event. The ages of the participants range from infants to 13 years old. The children are divided into four age groups, which are 0-2, 3-5, 6-9 and 10-13. The LGG Easter Egg Hunts provides fun activities for the children to participate in such as a coloring contest, raffles, dancing contest, and the opportunity to take pictures with our special guests, Ronald McDonald and the Easter Bunny. This year's event included local McDonald franchise owners, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell McPherson of Baltimore, MD and Mr. & Mrs. Danny Bell of Odenton, MD, who contributed and participated in the event. The McPherson's contributed Happy Meal toys, gift certificates as well as a cash donation. The Bell's ensured the appearance of Ronald McDonald and also provided McDonald's coupons for the participants.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt hosted over 362 registered children representing 175 families. The number of children and families surpassed all of

the previous Easter Egg Hunts conducted by LGG showing the success of the event as it grows each year. There were three Easter baskets for each age group given to winners of first, second and third place of the coloring contest, bringing the total to 12 baskets presented to the winners. The event also presented three lucky winners of the event raffle with a \$25.00 gift card to Ruby Tuesday's and two \$10.00 McDonald's gift cards. The children were also treated to McDonald's dessert coupons.

Each year, one "golden egg" is hidden in each age group's area. The finder of the "golden egg" is the winner of their age group's grand prize. The grand prizes consisted of bicycles appropriate for their age and size. LGG thanks the McDonald's owners that participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt and we look forward to their participation again in future events. LGG would also like to thank the staff of the Ft. Meade Teen Center who helps to make this event possible each year giving LGG the use of the center, equipment and staff participation. Last, but not least, the event's operation would not be possible without the assistance of the LGG Easter Egg Hunt committee members and the members of the chapter attending the event. All in all, this year's was a tremendous success.



## 34th Second District District Representative Milton Harrison

**Montgomery County, MD. October 2015.** District Representative Milton Dewey Harrison has been serving Omega as the 34th 2nd District Representative. He provides leadership and oversight to over 106 undergraduate and graduate chapters located in the states of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland with over 2,600 financial brothers. Previously he has held other positions at the 2nd district level including 1st Vice District Representative, Keeper of Records and Seal and Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal and also as 2nd Vice DR for the 3rd District. He has also served at the national level in the fraternity in various capacities including as Assistant Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and as a member of the National Membership Selection Committee. Brother Harrison has served at the local level as Basileus, Vice Basileus and Chaplain for Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County Md.

Brother Harrison started his walk with Omega in 1975 at Nu Psi Chapter (Virginia State University) where he served as Basileus and Parliamentarian. Since his years as a young neo he has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Omega Man of the Year, 2nd District, District Representative Appreciation Award, 2nd District, Omega Man of the Year, Mu Nu Chapter (two awards), Basileus Appreciation Award (multiple awards), 3rd District Scholar of the Year, Nu Psi Chapter, 3rd District Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year, Nu Psi Chapter.

Brother Harrison is an accomplished and successful Senior Engineer and is currently employed by IBM as an Associate Partner in charge of Global Business Services. He previously worked as a Director for Lockheed Martin in charge of International Programs. Brother Harrison is married to the former Shelia Johnson a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.



*34th 2nd District Representative Milton Harrison and family*

for 34 years and has two daughters, Tiffany and Bridget. He is the 10th of 13 children born to the late James Berkley Harrison, Sr. and Elnora Macklin Harrison.

Brother Harrison personal message to the Men of Omega is that “we must protect Omega for our children and grand-children and live up to the cardinal principles established by our founders”.

## Kelvin Ampofo Elected Mu Nu Chapter Basileus



**Montgomery County, MD. October 2015.** Bro. Kelvin K. Ampofo has been elected as the 24th Basileus of Mu Nu Chapter (Montgomery County, Maryland), which was chartered in 1970. Mu Nu Chapter is the home to the current 34th District Representative Milton D. Harrison and Host chapter of the 68th District 2 Conference. Bro. Ampofo (“Pof”) entered into Omicron Epsilon chapter in

Daytona Beach Florida (Bethune Cookman University). He has served in all positions at the chapter level at least one time and has served twice as Vice Basileus and now Basileus for 2 different chapters in the 2nd

District include assisting previous Corridor 1 Representatives by reviewing and disseminating paperwork and providing logistical support related to Corridor Meetings and MSP. Bro Ampofo is also currently serving as a deputy Corridor 1 Representative.

Bro. Ampofo is a member of Reid Temple AME Church where for the last 11 years he has managed the security operations for all of the church’s campuses and also serves as the Sports Ministry Director. Bro. Ampofo is employed by the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority where he serves as a Supervisory Officer for Airport Operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Over the years he has received numerous awards and commendations for outstanding service and has received countless accolades from the traveling public, co-workers, and management staff. Bro Ampofo has been married for 7 years to the former Phyllis Quartey a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and has two sons that he is raising to be future Omega men. We look forward to Bro. Ampofo’s leadership and direction as we move forward into this new fiscal year.

## LGG Assault of Illiteracy Program Student Wins BG&E Internship

**Springdale, MD. April 14, 2015.** Gary Wood, 17, a senior student from the Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter Assault on Illiteracy Program (AOIP)/Manhood 101 Program at Charles Herbert Flowers High School was awarded a paid summer internship by Baltimore Gas & Electric. Wood is looking forward to interning at BG&E in the electric distribution division before he enters North Carolina A&T and majors in engineering. Wood, who is participating in his 3rd year of the Assault on Illiteracy Program/Manhood 101 Program, stated “I was elated and relieved when I heard back from BG&E and learned that I received the internship. I knew the competition was fierce so I answered every question with confidence and assuredness. I felt confident that I gave it my best shot.”

Speaking specifically of the Manhood 101 portion of the program, Wood stated, “Manhood 101 has been my guardian angel. The men of Manhood 101 have impacted my life in a big way. They taught me that not having

my father in my life is not an excuse anymore. Manhood 101 has taught me how to take responsibility for my actions and to earn respect from my peers and elders. I have grown as a student and as a young man due to presence of the Manhood 101 mentors.”

Bro. Bart Griffin, a senior project manager at BG&E, is a mentor in the Assault on Illiteracy Program and an active member of the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Bro. Griffin brought this opportunity to the young men of the AOIP/Manhood 101 Program at Charles Herbert Flowers High School.

For the past three years, the Brothers of the Lambda Gamma Gamma chapter have worked with the young men at Flowers High School. Spearheaded by Bro. Bleu Colquitt, AOIP/Manhood 101 strives to educate, empower and uplift the young men at Flowers High School through its weekly mentoring program.

## Lambda Upsilon Participates in the Rev. Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. 5K Run and Walk



*Lambda Upsilon Brothers participating at the 5K Run Walk*

**Paterson, New Jersey. July 25, 2015.** The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the annual Rev. Dr. Frank Napier Jr. 5K Run and Walk.

As part of its internationally mandated programs, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. raises money to provide financial assistance to students and non-members by providing scholarships to deserving students. A goal of the 5K walk and run is to provide a safe environment where athletes can earn points in a USA Track and Field certified event. The event also is a

chance for members to fellowship and helps raise awareness for scholarships. The racecourse started in scenic Paterson Eastside Park and took the athletes through the eastside of Paterson and eventually finished back in Eastside Park. The Lambda Upsilon Chapter was founded and chartered in Paterson, New Jersey in 1951. The members of Lambda Upsilon Chapter are from Paterson and the surrounding counties. The chapter participates in community activities that provide uplift to the community.

## Lambda Upsilon Back to School Backpack Giveaway

**Paterson, New Jersey. August 20, 2015.** The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in a Back to School Backpack giveaway.

As part of its internationally mandated programs, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participates in activities that will uplift their communities. Over 200 children and parents from Paterson came out for the free backpacks that contained supplies from pencils, folders, glue sticks, and more. Lambda Upsilon was one of co-sponsors of the annual event.

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*Lambda Upsilon Brothers at the Backpack Giveaway*

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Linen and Sundress Soirée

**Arlington, VA. August 22, 2015.** Each year Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter ("LGG") raises over \$30,000 to fund its annual scholarship program. One of the major fundraiser events for this year's scholarships was the Linen and Sundress Summer Soiree held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Headlined by the Just Friends Band and DJ Droopy, the Summer

Soiree proved to be a success by all accounts. According to Bro. Carl Pinkney, this year's chairman, "patrons grooved to old school and new school R&B and go-go by Just Friends and then got to party to DJ Droopy. They definitely got big bang for their buck with two great music offerings."

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Mardi Gras

**Linthicum, MD. March 28, 2015.** Bro. Johnny Sidbury was the chairman of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) chapter's Mardi Gras this year which was held on Saturday, March 28 at the BWI Marriott. DJ Big John from Washington, DC's 93.9 WKYS spun tunes for LGG and its over 670 patrons. This year, LGG welcomed two new sponsors to our Mardi Gras celebration, Maker's Mark and Courvoisier. Both provided free samples

of their products to our patrons. Bro. Sidbury stated that he "was overwhelmed by the turnout and support by Brothers from all over the world, the number of vendors and the addition of corporate sponsorship to our event." This year's event should prove to be a template and building block for years to come.



## Lambda Upsilon Scholarships to College Bound Students.



*Lambda Upsilon Brothers with Scholarship recipients*

**Paterson, New Jersey. June 21, 2015.** The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented Book Scholarships to two deserving youth.

As part of its internationally mandated programs, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provides financial assistance to students and non-members by providing scholarships to deserving students. This year's winners of the book scholarships displayed qualities of leadership, academic excellence as well as athletic excellence.

This year's scholarship recipients are Isaiah Reed and Dehstin Smart. Isaiah Reed is a senior at Rosa Parks Performing Arts High School. Isaiah

will be attending Howard University in the fall semester. Dehstin Smart is a senior at Hackensack High School. Dehstin will be attending Utica College to play football in the fall semester.

In addition to presenting scholarships, attendees were treated to an afternoon of Jazz that was provided by students from Rosa Parks Performing Arts High School.

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## Lambda Upsilon Sponsors T-Ball Team in Paterson, N.J.



*Lambda Upsilon Brothers with T-Ball Team*

**Paterson, New Jersey. June 27, 2015.** The Men of Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. sponsored a T-Ball Team in Paterson N.J. Lambda Upsilon Chapter provided volunteer coaches that taught the Team basic fundamentals of batting, catching and base running. Most importantly the team was taught the value of teamwork. The T-Ball team met each Saturday in Putnam Oval and practiced for about 90 minutes. The Men of Lambda Upsilon also provide hot dogs,

snacks and juice, each Saturday. The Team was supported by an enthused group of parents that actively participated in drills with kids and serving the kids food.

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## Delta Mu Chapter



*l-r Bros. Siddiq Iddrisu, Larry Gibson, Brian Short, Cadell Williams and Adebawale Sodeke.*

**Ithaca, NY. May 19 2015,** The Brothers of the Delta Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. taken their photos for the chapter. Here is each Brother and little bit about each one. These pictures were taken on West Campus. The Photographer was Ms. Jennelle Gordon who is appreciated so much for helping the Brothers. The purpose for this was to get some professional pictures for the upcoming website and other media outlets that will be utilize in the upcoming semesters.

The Brothers of Delta Mu are as follows:

**Basileus,** Brian Short from Baltimore, MD. Major: Mechanical Engineering.

**Vice Basileus,** Cadell Williams from Brooklyn, NY.. Major: History.

**Keeper of Records and Seal,** Siddiq Iddrisu from Staten Island, NY. Major: Applied Economics and Management.

**Chaplin,** Larry Gibson from Charlotte, NC. Major: Industrial Labor and Relations.

**Keeper of Finance,** Adebawale Sodeke from: Houston, TX. Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

## Neophyte Showcase “Delta Mu Back on Cornell Campus”



*l-r Bros. Siddiq Iddrisu, Larry Gibson, Brian Short, Cadell Williams and Adebawale Sodeke*

**Ithaca, NY. April 25, 2015.** Five Undergraduate Students with the help of there Advisors, Brothers Chavez Carter and Chase Wheeler, help reactivate the Delta Mu Chapter at Cornell University. The event started at 10:11pm and concluded at 11:30pm. This event was to showcase the new members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for the Cornell community to see. This event had over 300 people in attendance. While this occurred there was a Barbeque in conjunction with the neophyte showcase. The show consisted of marches, singing songs and greetings to Brothers of the fraternity and other fraternities and sororities. There was a level of excitement that went through the building as many students from Cornell University, Ithaca College, Cortland and other universities came to watch the neophyte showcase. After the neophyte showcase there was a party in the Townhouse Community Center, which was right next to the showcase. The last time Omega Psi Phi was present at Cornell University was

in 2006. On the 150th year of Cornell University existence, that changed. The Delta Mu Chapter was founded at Cornell University in 1982. These 5 are called the “5 Bad H.A.B.I.T.S.” (High Aspiring Brothers of the Ses-quecentennial).

Many people were excited as one of the Cornell students said “ this was great, I truly enjoyed myself and I am happy Omega Psi Phi is back on campus”. Another student say, “ It has been too long that the Ques have been back”.

Special Thanks to Brothers Benjamin Jeffers, James Jordan, Ricardo Morlas, Joe Rowe, Graciano Carrena, Herb Dunmore, Anthony Cerebin, Darien Carr, JR Claiborne, Tony Dinkins, Brian Monroe, Robby West, Robert Alfonso and the rest of the Delta Mu Chapter Brothers for all of your leadership, knowledge and support



## Delta Mu Study Break Event with Sigma Lambda Upsilon



*Delta Mu Brothers with the Sisters of Sigma Lambda Upsilon*

**Ithaca NY. May 16, 2015.** The Brothers of the Delta Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated collaborated with the Iota Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon Senioritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. (SLU) had a study break during finals week for the Cornell Community at Ujamaa Residential College. The event started at 6:00pm and concluded at 8:00pm. As Cornell is considered on the most stressful schools



*Students playing a game as they enjoy the study break event*

in America, the Brothers thought it would be a great idea to provide an outlet for students to relax. With collaboration with SLU, we were able to get together and make the study break happen. This gave a chance for students to unwind for a couple hours with food and board games. Over 50 students attended the event.

## Delta Mu Wins 1st Place in Step Show

**Ithaca, NY. May 2, 2015.** The Brothers of the Delta Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Cornell's Step, Stroll and Salute competition. This was at the Court Kay Bauer Courtyard. The event started around 8:00pm and concluded at 11:00pm. There was over 200 in attendance. The Brothers participated in the Step competition against the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Mu Gamma Chapter. The Brothers felt that it would give a chance for the Cornell Community to see the Brothers showcase themselves to those who did not come to the Neophyte Showcase. The Brothers had just got back from the annual 2nd District conference. This shows the commitment that the Delta Mu Chapter has in entertaining the Cornell community. They were able to win first place in the step competition as they edged the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. by one point.



*Delta Mu Brothers with 1st Place trophy*

## Delta Mu Raise Awareness for Injustices Against People of Color

**Ithaca, NY. April 28 2015.** The Brothers of Delta Mu Chapter stand together in solidarity with other members of Multi-Greek Letter Council at the Die-In to raise awareness for the injustices enacted towards people of color. The event occurred at 11:00am and at 1:00pm students got together and marched all the way to the Cornell Ezra statue and concluded the event around 1:20pm. This event had many people from the Cornell community come together. This took place at Ho plaza. The event had many students, staff and faculty express their feeling towards the injustices that have occurred in our society. During the event, all of the participants laid on the ground with eyes closed which showed solidarity to the community. With all that's going on in the world, the Cornell Community came together to make our voices heard and honor those who have been targeted, silenced, erased, and taken from us too soon. Over 100 people were in attendance.



*Delta Mu Brother poses in dead body chalk line*

## Delta Mu Moves In First Year Students

**Ithaca, NY. August 21, 2015.** The Brothers of the Delta Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Greek Movers & Shakers which is a program that allows fraternity and sorority students to help first-year students move into their residence halls. The Brothers helped the first year students of Ujamaa Residential College, a hall of primarily African-American students. The Brothers felt that it would be best for the first-year students to know that Omega Men were there to serve them. The move-in process started at 12:00 and concluded at 5:30pm. Brothers helped move in boxes, furniture, and mattresses. Fraternity and sorority members come back a day early to train with orientation leaders, provide assistance to first-year families, and get freshmen acclimated to Cornell and fraternity and sorority life. Parents were thrilled with the helpful nature of the fraternity and sorority students, and they were left with an improved perception of the fraternity and sorority life at Cornell. The program is getting stronger every year, and with the help of Campus Life it has been a great success. Parents were happy to see Omega Men helping out the children. One parent said "Thank you Men for helping us today, its great to know men like you all are here for my son".



*Delta Mu Brothers help freshman unpack bags from parents car*

## Delta Mu Loaves and Fishes Community Service

**Ithaca, NY. August 24, 2015.** The Brothers of the Delta Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in our monthly community service initiative of going to the Loaves and Fishes community center. The community service started at 11:00am and concluded at 1:00pm. Brothers Siddiq Iddrisu and Larry Gibson went and helped prepare meals for the weekly dinner. The Brothers prepared mashed potatoes, ground turkey and steamed vegetables. The Brothers also helped clean the kitchen and washed dishes as well. Lending a helping hand and interacting with the workers led to inspirational and impactful discussions about life. Workers there said, "It was great to have Cornell students here, especially Omega Men as JR Claiborne is great with us". Brother JR Claiborne is an event coordinator at Loaves and Fishes. This is a monthly initiative that the Brothers will continue to do, the next time the Brothers will be there is Latino heritage month as the Brothers will lead other fraternities and sororities into cooking and serving for the Loaves and Fishes community service.

**Ithaca, NY. Oct. 8, 2015.** The Brothers of Delta Mu went to Loaves and Fishes to lend a helping hand for a special dinner in celebration of Latino Heritage Month. The Brother led other fraternities and sororities in assisting the workers of Loaves and Fishes. The event started at 2:30pm and ended at 7:30pm with cleanup. Loaves & Fishes of Tompkins County is a place where all are welcome to dine and fellowship. However, this dinner event was aimed at helping community learn more about, and appreciate, Latino culture and history. To aid this, the Brothers particularly welcomed those who wished to share the culture via entertainment (dance, music, or other appropriate entertainment) and decoration. The Brothers served food such as tacos, salsa, baked goods, and more. The event went very well, people being served said "thank you very much for coming and volunteering your time". We would also like to thank Brother JR Claiborne for giving us the opportunity to participate in Latino Heritage month.



*Delta Mu Brothers serving patrons at Loaves and Fishes*



## Delta Mu Alumni Panel



*Delta Mu Alumni Panel- Robt. Jackson, Robby West, Ralph Solage, Quick Mack, Ricardo Morales*

**Ithaca, NY. September 18, 2015.** The Brothers of the Delta Mu chapter hosted an alumni panel for the Cornell University community. The panel marked the beginning of homecoming weekend. The event occurred at Ujamaa Residential College, the historic African themed dorm at Cornell. The event started at 7:00pm and concluded at 8:30pm. The panel consisted of distinguished panel Omega Men who graduated from either Cornell University or Ithaca College. The panelists were Brothers Quick Mack (2000, Real estate), Robert Jackson (1982, Engineering), Robby West (1983, Insurance), Ralph Solage (2015, Statistics) and Ricardo Morales (1988, Education). The Brothers talked about their experiences in their respective fields, internships opportunities and they also offered advice as students further their college career. The event started off with each

Brother introducing themselves, which was followed up by questions for the panelist to talk to the audience. After the bevy of questions from the moderator, Brother Siddiq Iddrisu, the audience had the opportunity to ask questions that had not been previously discussed. After the audience portion, the event concluded with a thank you to the panelist. This even got positive reviews, a Ujamaa resident Shanice Maxwell said "I gained a lot from this event, Quick Mack was great and I will be connecting with him about my future career goals. Another student said, "As someone in engineering Robert Jackson helped me a lot, when he spoke about how to navigate Cornell as an engineer it spoke to my heart, I am glad I came". The Brothers of Delta Mu stayed after the event's conclusion to network with the students. There were over 50 people in attendance for the event.

## Delta Mu Tailgate Cookout Event



*Delta Mu Brothers in attendance at the Tailgate*

**Ithaca, NY. September 19, 2015.** Brothers of the Delta Mu chapter hosted a tailgate cookout for the Cornell University community. The event started at 10am and concluded at 4pm. The tailgate took place during homecoming weekend as Cornell alum come back to enjoy the festivities. For the African- American community at Cornell University, there had not been an event where they could come together during homecoming and enjoy each other's company. The Brothers of Delta Mu felt the need to provide an event for the community. The tailgate menu included chicken, ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni and cheese and other sides and desserts. The tailgate provided an opportunity for alumni to engage

with current students on campus. The homecoming football game started at 1:00pm, in which Brother Debo Sodeke played as many tailgate attendees offered their support. It was a great showing from the Delta Mu lineage; Brothers from the 1980's all the way to the 2000's came back to campus to support. Dr. Renee Alexander, Associate Dean and Director of Intercultural Programs, said "In all my years at Cornell I have never seen so many of our alumni together like this, thank you to the Omega Men who did this". The event had over 400 hundred in attendance and there was no shortage of food. The tailgate gave students and alumni to harness their school pride.

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**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.

Zeta Psi	Nigel	Rawlins
Zeta Psi	Nathaniel	Patillo, III
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Psi Epsilon	Rashon Q.	Jackson
Psi Epsilon	Burditt	Bridge
Psi Epsilon	Jacque	Scott
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Omega Delta Delta	Lascelles A. ``	Chambers
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Chi Rho	Leonard W.	Wright, III
Chi Rho	Charles	Obijuru

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