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NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Make Push For International Leadership



I'm happy to announce that on November 1, 2014, we have officially kicked off the Ninth District Life Membership Program! The program was approved at the 77th Ninth District Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK in April 2014. Since that time, committee members have participated in many productive meetings to further develop the program. As a result we are already in the 1st phase of the program's implementation.

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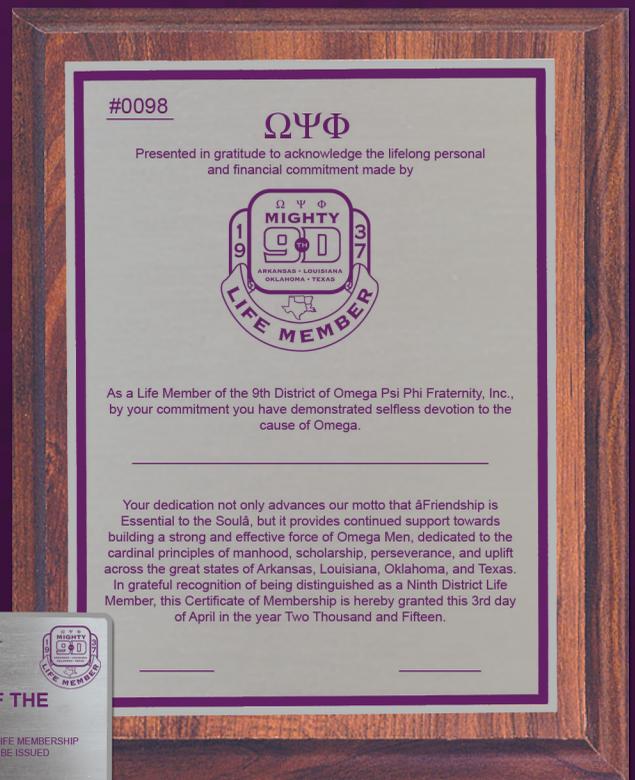
- The current fee for the Ninth District Life Membership is 20 times the Current Annual Dues, which totals \$1,000.00.
- A single payment of \$1,000 or two (2) payments of \$500 each within 6 months are now being accepted via Ninth District Life Membership link on the Ninth District Website (www.mightyninth.com).
- Ninth District Life Membership Status will be effective beginning Nov. 1, 2015, which means you are still required to pay your annual Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Ninth District Dues.
- Heritage Hundred commitments have been available for several months and will not be accepted after October 31, 2014.

PHASE II

- Heritage Hundred designations will be honored if paid in full by May 1, 2015.
- Ninth District Life Membership Status will be effective beginning Nov. 1, 2015.
- Beginning with Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016, Ninth District Life Members will be exempt from all future annual Ninth District dues.

The following items will be provided to Ninth District Life Members will be distributed by July 1, 2015.

- Life Members will receive a Ninth District Life Membership Plaque.
- Life Members will receive a metallic Ninth District Life Membership Card.
- Heritage Hundred Members will receive a special designation on their Life Membership Plaque and Card.
- Life Members will also be able to purchase an optional Ninth District Life Membership Lapel Pin.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DR



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Office of Ninth District Representative



"Our oath and our charge calls for us to always be poised and consider Omega first in all that we do while representing our predominant legacy."

BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT,

I humbly extend greetings to you across Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas! This last year has been filled with many lifechanging moments, many incredible and others hurtful and heartbreaking. We have lived through natural disasters that shifted the balance of our lives but with resilient brotherly assistance, we were instrumental in helping to restore hope with the best efforts of our compassionate and selfless humanity. We stepped up to answer the call as dedicated and committed Men of Omega should and I say to you, "Thank you for working tirelessly to serve, impact and help members of our community that truly needed us without consideration of our own needs."

We must remain steadfast in our efforts to increase voter registration. Lessons from the election have taught us that inaction and miscalculation can and do lead to unexpected and less than desirable results. We must step up to ensure that our voices are heard in the mid-term elections later this year. The mandates of legislation at hand require a solid move of strong response and resistance to the hateful and one-sided vote of the majority party that does not consider our community and our needs with the respect and output deserved. The issue of guns also needs to be corrected and the efforts of the largest organization continues to galvanize and ramp up efforts even in light of continued shootings at schools across the nation that result in the loss of precious lives. Our voices and efforts must be a real call to action to change these unfair practices. We can and must make a difference at the ballot box. Our country, our communities, and our families are counting on the leadership of the Men of Omega in their lives. We cannot let them down.

As leaders, we must remain diligent and keep our eyes on the pulse of issues. We are living in perilous times and we are required to be advocates of justice, equality and change. I am convinced that our members can and will rise to the occasion as only Men of Omega can. I pray that this letter finds you and yours in good spirits and I pray for the continued success and progress of our nation, community, the 9th District and our beloved fraternity.

Sincerely,

Bro. (Dr.) Kenneth Terrell
24th Ninth District Representative



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PINE STREET BACKPACK PROGRAM



The brothers of Phi Mu Mu graduate chapter and Beta Delta undergraduate chapter participated in the annual Pine Street Backpack program giveaway on Saturday August 12, 2017. This program was started by one gentleman along with the help of a friend giving out backpacks to his tenant's children along with other children in the neighborhood. The first year he gave out 50 backpacks. After the first year, he merged his vision with a local church and has been going strong ever since. This year marked their ten year anniversary and 1066 backpacks were given away. The brothers of both chapters were grateful not only to volunteer time but we also were able to give a donation to the program. The brothers also assisted in carrying backpacks to cars for people who needed assistance, food preparation and we also ran the snow cone machine. The brothers of Phi Mu Mu and Beta Delta were honored to be able to provide service to an organization that has been instrumental in the community.

EAA TURKEY GIVEAWAY

by Bro. Joseph Anderson

The Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. held its 8th Annual Turkey Give Away. The event was held on November 18, 2016 at Walker Court Apartments in Jonesboro Arkansas. The brothers gave away over One Hundred turkeys to needy families in the Jonesboro area. The event was a huge success. The brothers of Epsilon Alpha Alpha were proud to give back during this holiday season. This is one of many events held by the brothers Epsilon Alpha Alpha to support the greater Jonesboro community. Our turkey giveaway is one of our largest community service event of the year. I would like to give a special thanks to all the brothers who participated in the event and a special thanks to the Walker Court Apartments staff.



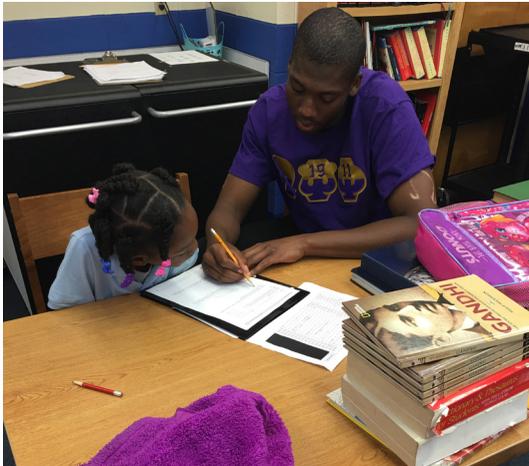
PHI MU MU & BETA DELTA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT IN FAULKNER COUNTY, CONWAY, ARKANSAS

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, Brothers of the Phi Mu Mu and Beta Delta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., helped out in organizing and cleaning up at the Habitat for Humanity of Faulkner County warehouse. Brothers in attendance were Brother Joe. Carter, Chris Akins, Siegfried Lewis and Basileus Derrick Flowers. Brothers from Beta Delta in attendance were Randy Smith and Kenneth Avery.

Brothers shared in many different tasks for the day as in cleaning and rearranging items to make room for newer items. In totally the brothers spent about 4 hours assisting in whatever way needed.

BIKE GIVEAWAY

The Brothers of Pi Omicron chapter (LittleRock) at our annual Bicycle giveaway at Washington Elementary School. Pi Omicron has partnered with Washington for 25 years. Each Christmas Pi Omicron gives bicycles to selected classes.



MENTORING YOUTH

by Bro. Josh Fletcher

The Tau Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi mentors youth at the Lighthouse Charter School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. We came up with the conclusion that if you want to make an impact in the community it starts with the youth.

ROOTS

by Bro. Kenneth Avery

ROOTS is a program geared toward helping African & African American students understand their roots, how the transatlantic slave trade brought blacks here, and how the systemic oppression of blacks through unseen governmental entities still are problematic for blacks today such as the prison-industrial-complex, and red-lining.

Pictured to the left is the guest speaker Dr. Michael Kithinji and to the right is Beta Delta Chapter Basileus Kenneth Avery Jr.



SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM: “STOP THE VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS”

by Bro. Kenneth Avery

Phi Mu Mu Chapter with the Conway Police Dept. hosted a lecture series for the public. About 60 participants to part of the event held at Conway High School. Det. Melissa Smith was the guest speaker on the date of the program. The emphasis was on various topics such as physical, mental, emotional and sexual abuse. The ages varied for the participants who attended from about 15 years of age to about 60. There were students from school along with parents and community leaders.

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At the conclusion of the event there were two awards of appreciation given out to the Guest speaker, Det. Smith and to Mrs. Debra Calvin for her outstanding service willing to help in anyway needed.

The Brothers of the Phi Mu Mu Chapter are always striving in Social and Political Action within our community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Bro. Morris Williams Pi Sigma '67 was nominated for an Arkansas Community Service Award for continuing efforts as a Big Brother at Washington Elementary School. Bro. Williams is a graduate of Washington in the early 50's. Bro. Williams was recognized by Big Brothers earlier this year.



NEIGHBOR AND NEIGHBOR

The Tau Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi donated can foods to the "Neighbor and Neighbor" non-profit organization and the "Casa" non-profit organization.

CHRISTMAS BASKET DRIVE

Bro. Billy McFarland led Pi Omicron's annual Christmas Basket drive for our seniors at Con Ive Towers. The Brothers of Pi Omicron met the Thursday before Christmas to fill baskets with fruit, socks, candy and other goodies for the residents. Pictured from left to right are Bro. Morris Williams Sr., Bro Billy McFarland, Bro. Charles Williams, and Bro. Ron Paige.





RELAY FOR LIFE

The graduate brothers of Delta Kappa Kappa Chapter served dinner The Tau Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi volunteered at the “Relay for Life” event at the Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Due to this event, the Tau Sigma chapter was recognized in the Pine Bluff Commercial newspaper for giving back to the community.

BROTHER RECOGNIZED BY UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS HONORS COLLEGE WITH DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Fayetteville, AR- The Honors College at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville recognized six faculty members at the annual Honors College Faculty Reception on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The awards were in two categories, the Distinguished Faculty Award and the Distinguished Leadership Award. Brother Dr. Paul Adams was a recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. Honors College Dean Lynda Coon presented Brother Adams with a bronze medallion and he also received \$1000 in academic funding. Brother Adams is an associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and cellular and molecular biology.

Figure legend: Brother Dr. Adams with Dr. Joseph Steinmetz, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville after receiving the Distinguished Faculty Award.



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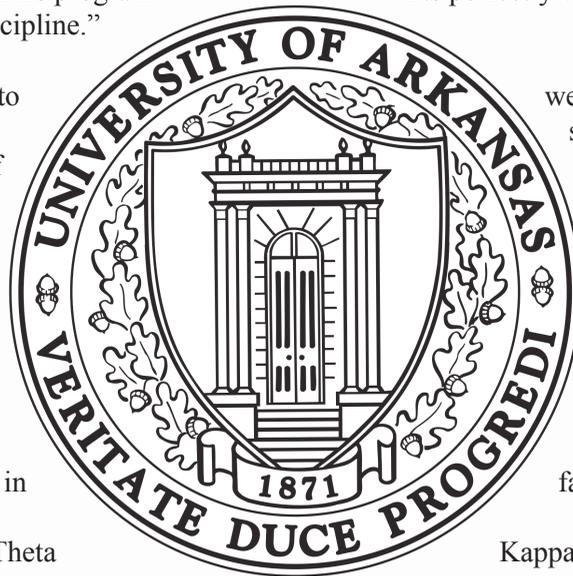
BROTHER SERVES AS PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR ON AN NSF GRANT TO HELP UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS HONORS COLLEGE RECRUIT STEM STUDENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The National Science Foundation recently awarded \$999,847 in grant funding to the University of Arkansas' "Path to Graduation" Program, which aims to increase the number of low-income students, especially those from rural regions of Arkansas, who graduate with a degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, the STEM fields. Brother Dr. Paul Adams, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry as well as cellular and molecular biology in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, will direct the program. He has mentored more than 70 students at undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral levels since coming to the U of A in 2007, and said he decided to participate in the program based on his own experience growing up. "I'm not from a rural area or underprivileged background, but STEM disciplines were not discussed in my home nor in my community as a potential career option," Adams recalled. "This program fits perfectly with my desire to continue to lift as I climb as an academic professional in a STEM discipline."

As principal investigator, Adams will help to on campus and will contribute to ongoing progress throughout their career at the U of to prepare these students, help them and immediately be immersed in re- two groups of 18 STEM students per able scholarships of up to \$4,500, or College. These students will also benefit program, shared housing, academic suc- ing, and on-campus or industry-based on Jan. 1, 2018, and will extend through Graduation Scholars will arrive on campus in

Bro. Adams was initiated in 1989 into the Theta He is currently active with the Upsilon Chi graduate served as the chapter advisor to the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Currently, Adams serves as the 9th District Advisor-Arkansas, and Internationally as the Co-Chairman of the International UG Chapter Advisors' Committee and the Chairman of the International Advanced Degree Committee for the fraternity.

Photo Caption: Bro. Dr. Adams in his laboratory, while Mr. Djamali Muhoza, a doctoral student in the cellular and molecular biology program at the University of Arkansas, is working in the laboratory.



welcome the students when they first arrive support, in addition to reporting on their A. "We look forward to the opportunity choose the appropriate major in STEM, search," he said. The grant will support year who will receive annually renew- \$5,500 if they participate in the Honors from an in-residence summer bridge cess advising, faculty and peer mentor- research opportunities. The grant began Dec. 31, 2022. The first cohort of Path to fall 2018.

Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University. chapter of Northwest Arkansas. Since 2008, he has the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Currently, Adams



EPSILON CHI PROVIDES SUPPORT TO LOCAL SCHOOL

by Bro. Willie Banks, Jr.

Alexandria, La. On November 13 2017 the Brothers of Epsilon Chi reconfirmed their commitment to Scholarship on day two of week long activities celebrating the Founding of our great Fraternity . Members of the chapter journeyed to Alexandria Middle Magnet School to present a check in the amount of \$500.00 to support the school's Band program. During the visit, Brothers were given an orientation on the Schools Goals, Objectives, and Accomplishments, as well as a tour of the entire physical facility. Brothers were also

given an opportunity to observe and interact with students in a classroom setting. School Administrators expressed sincere thanks for the Chapter's support.

Pictured, are brothers observing as Basileus Wayne Davis present a check to Principal Dennis Stewart. To the right of Principal Stewart is Brother Thomas Gibbs, newly appointed school band director.

GAMMA RHO MLK

by Bro. Dex Nunnally

On 26 APR 17, the Brothers of Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated sponsored a Blood Drive on Fort Polk, Louisiana. The Committee Chair, Brother Tyrone Powers, worked with LIFeShare Blood Banks to put together a successful event. The Chapter raised 15 units of blood for the community – the best showing on Fort Polk for a blood drive conducted with LifeShare. The following Brothers participated by giving blood or encouraging Fort Polk personnel to give blood: Brother Basileus Derrick Johnson, Brother Vice Basileus Marcus Branch, Brother Garland Dease, Brother Dwayne Patton, Brother Tharus Nixon, Brother Geno Fewell, Brother Steve Johnson, Brother Wayne Griffin, Brother Tyrone Powers and Brother Dex Nunnally.



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SERVICE AWARD

On January 2, 2018, Brother Frederick Link Thomas of the Lambda Alpha Chapter #557 was presented with the Law Enforcement Meritorious Service Award from the Military Order of World Wars, LTC. Troy H. Middleton Chapter. Brother Thomas was awarded for his outstanding service to the citizens of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



MU TAU CHAPTER DONATES WATER TO THE COMMUNITY OF TALLULAH, LOUISIANA

by Bro. Keith Jackson



The Brothers of the Mu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity rolled up their sleeves on Saturday January 27, 2018 to secure desperately needed water for the community of Tallulah, Louisiana. Due to a frozen main water line the citizens of Tallulah were in dire need of water. The Mu Tau Chapter in coordination with the Monroe Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and the young men of Theta Mu donated several cases of water to the community of Tallulah.



PI TAU WELCOMES FALL 2017 BROTHERS



Pi Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Grambling, Louisiana, welcomed a new group of brothers as Omega men in Fall 2017. Now enjoying life where Friendship Is Essential to the Soul are, left to right, : Calvin Bowman of Monroe, LaMon Wimberly of Ruston, John Dennis of Ruston, Barry Calahan of Grambling, Everett Todd of West Monroe, Sam Jones of Ruston, Richard Bates of Ruston, Byron Hassen of Sheveport , LaQuann Wimberly of Ruston, Christopher Dennis of Shreveport, and Kendall Damond of Ruston.



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RHO OMEGA OBSERVES ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

by Bro. Marlon Henderson

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently observed Achievement Week at Little Union Baptist Church (Dr. C.E. McLain, Pastor). Achievement Week, created by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, was designed to focus more attention on the study of African-American history and to recognize individuals at the local and international levels who have contributed to community uplift. The following Rho Omega Chapter Awards were presented: Superior Service Award – Kenneth W. Thomas, Founders Award – Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, Omega Man of the Year – James D. Rhodes, Omega Citizen of the Year – Darius Z. Kimble, Omega Unsung Hero – Doug Thomas, Colonel Charles Young Military Award – Master Sergeant Phillip Williams. The winner of the 2017 High School Essay Contest was Top Ladies of Distinction Beautillion Participant and Captain Shreve Senior Cameron Washington. “What Actions Can You Take to Promote Social Justice and Embrace Diversity of All People?” was the topic of the essay contest. Major Rolland Coleman is the Chair-



man of Achievement Week. And, James F. Hawkins is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.



THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY

by Bro. Marion Floyd

The Brothers of Rho Phi Chapter continued their annual Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away to needy families in the Greater New OrThe Brothers of Rho Phi Chapter continued their annual Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away to needy families in the Greater New Orleans Area. The chapter donated food baskets and gift cards to 13 families and 8 to a local Domestic Violence Shelter.



EARS OF BUDDHA: MYSTICAL POWERS

February 17, 2018 - March 31, 2018 - Koelsch Gallery
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A group exhibit of over 10 visual artists highlighting the theme Ears of Buddha: Mystical Powers, which was inspired by the curator, Franny...

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RHO OMEGA CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY

by Bro. Marlon Henderson

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Shreveport, Louisiana) recently celebrated Founders Day. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911 on the campus of Howard University (Washington D.C.) by Undergraduate Students Edgar A. Love, Frank Coleman, Oscar J. Cooper, and Graduate Advisor Professor Ernest Everett Just. The motto of the fraternity is “friendship is essential to the soul.” And the cardinal principles are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Founders Day/Week activities included: Monday Night Football, Family Night, Community Service Night - Clothing Drive, Working Hard for Omega Day, Fraternity Meeting, and Movie Date Night. Clothing items were donated to the Caddo Community Action Agency: Eddie Jones and David Raines Centers. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson is the Founders Day Chairman. And, James F. Hawkins is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.



THE FIRST NEGRO TO GRADUATE FROM LSU MEDICAL SCHOOL

by Bro. Daniel Banguel

Dr. Claude Tellis was born November 27, 1944, in Washington, DC. His parents relocated to Baton Rouge, LA in 1945. Tellis attended Southern University Laboratory School where he held

the position of President of the Student Council in his 10th and 12th-grade year. Tellis was always a stellar academic achiever during his tenure at Southern University Laboratory School. Tellis graduated as the Valedictorian of Class of 1962. Upon completion of high school, Tellis attended Michigan State University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry in 1966. While attending Michigan State University, Tellis joined the Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. February 9, 1964. Tellis held the position Keeper of Records. Also, during his tenure at Michigan State University, he was active in ROTC; he was awarded ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate.

After his completion at Michigan State, Tellis was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant of the U.S. Army. Tellis relocated back to Ba-



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ton Rouge where he attended Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. While attending LSU, he received the Bick Psychiatry Award; presented annually on behalf of the Louisiana Psychiatric Association to the Senior student who has shown outstanding interest and achievement in this area of medicine. Tellis completed LSU Medical School in 1970 as the first black negro graduate.

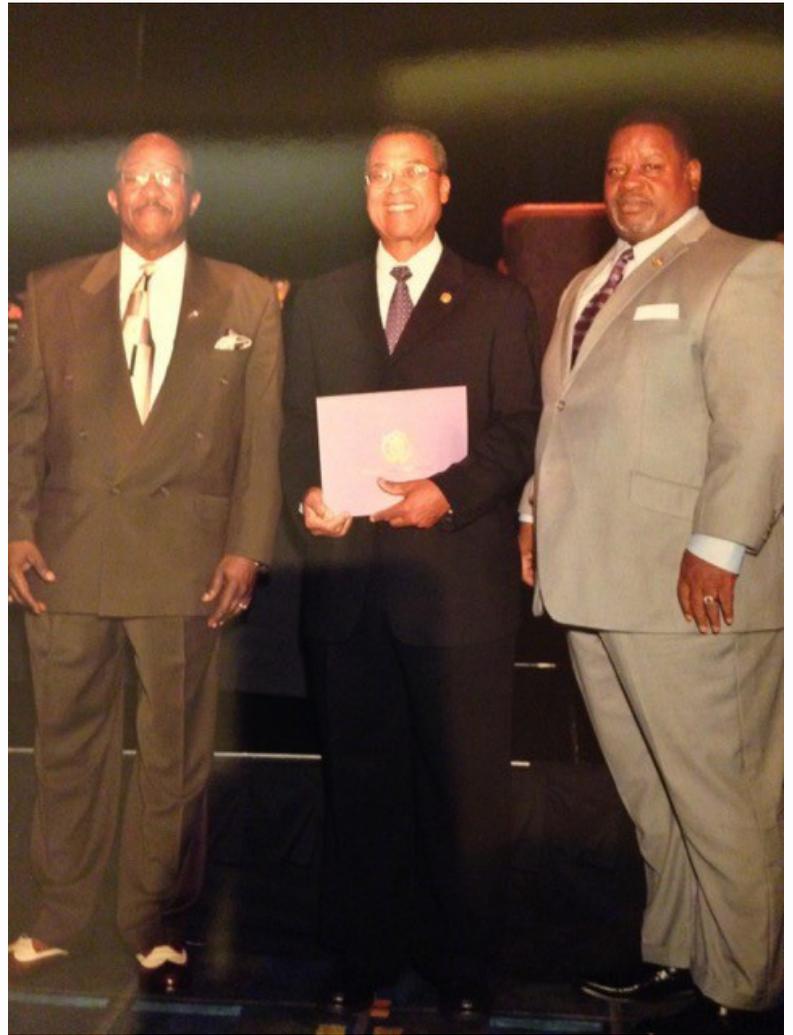
After leaving Medical School, Tellis returned to active duty in the military where he began his career at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; the largest military medical center in the United States. Tellis remained at Walter Reed National Military Center for 19 years. In 1989, Tellis retired from Walter Reed as Chief of Pulmonary with the military rank of Colonel, after 20 years of service.

In 1989, Tellis relocated back to Baton Rouge where he joined the medical staff at Ochsner Medical Center and the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Tellis remained with Ochsner Medical Center for 24 years. Tellis retired as Head of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine and as Associate Medical Director.

In retirement, Tellis is a volunteer at Together Baton Rouge and Together Louisiana Organization. Tellis is the Vice Chairman of Commission on Environmental Health for the National Medical Association. Tellis is also a member of the Steering Committee of The Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health.



Dr. Claude Tellis was initiated February 9, 1964, in the Sigma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, at Michigan State University. Tellis held the position of Keeper of Finance.



In 1989, Tellis joined the Lambda Alpha Chapter located in Baton Rouge, LA where he has held numerous of positions: Charter Member of Viente, Chairman of Lambda Alpha Foundation, Chairman of Reading Is Fundamental. Tellis has also received many fraternity awards such as 2X Omega Man of the Year Award Recipient, Outstanding Medical Achievement Award Recipient, Lambda Alpha Chapter Founder's Award Recipient for Support of Cardinal Principals of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, Lambda Alpha Chapter Superior Service Award, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 50 Year Service award. Written by: Daniel Banguel

THETA SIGMA MR. DILLARD UNIVERSITY

by Chapter Reporter

Mister Dillard University: Kyle Avery Reiss is a 21-year-old graduating senior from Mobile, Alabama. He is a twin brother to Kayla Reiss and the son of Quintonna Ward and George Reiss. Kyle is a Public Health major with a concentration in Health Sciences from the College of Arts and Sciences. Throughout his time at Dillard, Kyle has been involved in numerous of organizations including: Collegiate 100 Black Men, Men of Dillard, Biology and Public Health Club, University Ambassador, First-Year Experience mentor, and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated where he has served as Chapter President during his junior year.

In his spare time, Kyle enjoys watching football and spending time with his family and friends. He is a member Antioch Missionary Baptist Church where he is on the youth usher board. Kyle lives by the statement, “it takes a village to raise a child,” and his greatest motivation for success is his family. He knows without the love and support of church members, high school administration, mentors, and friends and family, he would not be where he is today.

After graduation, Kyle plans to become a Biology teacher in his hometown, where he can educate and empower youth in his community. He later plans to obtain his Master’s degree and doctorate in Educational Leadership and become a high school principal. Kyle believes that the younger generation is full of potential to lead our society and change our world and desires to be a part of their transformational experience. Kyle is particularly focused on black male achievement and strives to encourage young black men to break out of their comfort zones and try new and different things. He has structured his platform as Mister Dillard around men’s issue on campus, pushing his peers to grow from boys to men who are focused and career-oriented.

Kyle’s favorite quote is, “If you figure it all out today, what would be the point of tomorrow? Enjoy the process of being a work in progress.” His advice to other young men is to persevere through adversity, stick together through challenging times, and be your brother’s keeper -- lift others as you climb.



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PHI IOTA IOTA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE RIVER PARISHES

by Bro. Derron Cook



The weekend of December 29th marked a quarter century of life at the Phi Iota Iota Chapter. Dec. 30th, 2017, the Phi Iota Iota Chapter (affectionately known as PI2) gathered to celebrate 25 years of service under the banner of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The chapter hosted a black tie affair at Choice the Event Place in LaPlace, LA. This event brought together brothers from near and far to partake in these celebratory festivities. The guest speaker for this event was Omega Psi Phi's own 1st Vice Grand Basileus David Marion, who took brothers and guests to church as he encouraged the brothers to keep being men and working for our the uplift communities. He reminded us that Omega

Psi Phi 's principals are the only of the fraternities that contains Manhood. Manhood is the first principle because the others could not exist without manhood, Christian manhood, as its foundation. He reminded us that our community needs men; as men we need God.

The evening not only took the time to fellowship, but to honor the past as they awarded founding charter members with tokens of appreciations. Members also took the time to appreciate local civil leaders for their continued partnerships. Bro. Derron Cook acknowledged those persons by stating that as Friendship is

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Essential to the Soul, our civic partnership are vital to the community outreach that we perform as a fraternity. The partnerships of our community's first African American Sheriff, District Attorney and Parish President has proven to be beneficial to the uplift we perform.

The previous night, brothers gathered at Don Villavaso Cigar Bar where the chapter hosted a mixer where brothers from across the country to relive PI2 memories. Brothers from the surrounding New Orleans chapters came out to celebrate in this evening of fraternal bonding.

Sunday, December 31st, brothers joined in a celebratory ceremony of the religious kind at New Wine Christian Fellowship. Brothers were ecstatic to join in this fellowship of praise despite the very frigid and rainy weather.

The chapter, in its commitment to service, had been providing outstanding service to its surrounding community consistently for these twenty-five years; this year was no different. The chapter has been busy working on social action activities and mandated programs of the fraternity. As of lately, Phi Iota Iota has been working on projects as bingo with the elderly, numerous blood drives, MLK Walk, Talent Hunt, Quiz Bowls, Annual School Supply Giveaway, Hwy Cleanup, UNCF Walk, American Diabetes Foundation Walk, Thanksgiving and Christmas Turkey Basket Giveaway, Toy Giveaway, Night Out Against Crime, Women's Football Camp, July 4th Weekend Pearl Jam Scholarship Fund-raiser, Toys For Tots, and Memorial Service to name just some of the chapter's accomplishments.

After a quarter century of work in the community, Phi Iota Iota's steadfastness to Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift are values that will keep the chapter going strong for the next twenty-five years and beyond. Long live the works of Omega Psi Phi and the bonds of the Phi Iota Iota chapter.



FOREVER FINANCIAL

HOW A FALL 1998 LINE BECAME INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT LIFE MEMBERS

by Bro. Herbert D. Guillory



¹ Bro. Michael Johnson - LM #8924/9DLM #198 • ² Bro. Avery Matthews - LM #7288/9DLM #98
³ Bro. Ricky Brown - Omega Chapter • ⁴ Bro. Otis Drew, MD - LM #8955/9DLM #177
⁵ Bro. Antwan Holmes - LM #7176/9DLM #192 • Bro. Herbert Guillory - LM #6965/9DLM #57

December 19th, 1998 became a great day in Omega when 6 young men were initiated into the fold at Northeast Louisiana University (now UL-Monroe). Along their journey in Omega, they were reminded through various road trips, meetings and brethren to always be “OWT”, remain active and be financial. *“Our line was always highly competitive,”* says Bro. Herbert D. Guillory. *“Greek shows, events, service...you name it. We were always in the mix. Victory and success was embedded within us. Our older chapter brothers always talked about their times on campus and their accomplishments. So we wanted to be better than them. We wanted to be trendsetters.”*

Throughout the years, family and careers have expanded these line brothers to various cities across the 9th District. But tragedy struck on January 8, 2013 when “The 6 Paths of Destruction” lost one of its sturdy trees. Bro. Ricky Brown...father, brother, son and coach; lost his life due to a heart attack. He was 35. *“This hit us very hard,”* said Bro. Antwan Holmes. *“Many people don’t understand our bond with each other. We felt invincible. We just knew that we would grow old together.”* Bro. Mike Johnson stated, *“One of the things that made us so close and unique was that neither one of us had any brothers, only sisters. So the stars were aligned perfectly when we were brought together.”*

The impact of “The Great” Fall 1998 was evident at Bro. Ricky Brown’s funeral. People from his community and across the country gathered to pay their respects in a packed church. It was even more evident when you see nearly 200 Omega Men linked together, soul to soul, to say their last good byes. His parents were overwhelmed with tears of joy as they realized their son’s impact within the community and amongst his fraternity brothers. At this point, we felt that as a line we could do more. A college fund has been created for all three of his children and a non-profit foundation has been in the works on his behalf. And because of our love for him and our extended love for Omega, we made it our goal to become life members.

It is now 2018 and we are celebrating 20 years into the fraternity. I am proud to say that “The Great Fall 1998 - Mu Lambda Chapter, 6 Paths of Destruction,” are full Life Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Mighty 9th District has established a life membership program and I am happy to say that we are all 9th District Life Members as well. *“This is a great feat and accomplishment for us,”* said Bro. Avery Matthews. We hope that we can be an influence on others to become fully active in Omega. *“If you have a love for what you do, whether if it’s being with family, work, friends or fraternity, it is not hard.”* Bro. Dr. Otis Drew stated, *“The tasks become natural instincts and when you love something, you will make time for it and provide the various elements for success. My line brothers are businessmen, educators and leaders of Fortune 500 companies. I am a surgeon. It was definitely a struggle throughout the years. But we love each other, we love Omega and we love her cause.”*

Throughout years we have served in various capacities in the fraternity. Campus advisors, MSP Chairman and 9th District committees have all been graced with our presence. We currently have two brothers on the 9th District Council, Bro. Avery Matthews (9th District Keeper of Records & Seal) and Bro. Herbert D. Guillory (9th District Director of Public Relations). Bro. Guillory also serves as a videographer for the 9th District and International Talent Hunts. We would like to thank our chapter brothers for instilling the things needed to grow as Omega Men. We also send a special thanks to Bro. Freddie Noble, for his mentorship and consultation. He is an awesome chapter brother and friend who has guided us and gave us the drive to compete. We give thanks to Bro. Desmond Nunnery, our LB from Alpha Delta Delta. We are glad that you have grown with us in this life. Thank you to our parents and all the brothers who have been involved in our lives. These experiences, journeys, friends, and brothers of Omega have put us in the position to be... **Forever Financial!**



OKLAHOMA ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET

by Bro. Glenn Brooks

The Annual Achievement Week Banquet was held at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

The chapters in attendance were:

- (Eta Iota) Graduate Chapter Oklahoma City, Okla.
- (Pi Delta) Oklahoma University
- (Sigma Kappa) Central State University
- (Phi Psi) Langston University
- The speaker for the Banquet was the Honorable David B. Lewis, Okla Court of Criminal Appeal. Bro. Jeff Trevillion Jr. served as the Chairman of the Program.



ASSAULT ON ILLITERACY

by Bro. Daniel Olaleye

On November 17th, 2017, the Mighty Omicron Lambda Chapter of Omega promoted the 'Assault on Illiteracy' and took a trip to the Renaissance Daycare in Stillwater to read to children between the ages of 3 and 7. We stressed the importance of reading, and Bro. Darrion Daniels brought a variety of children's books for the

kids to choose from. We split into 2 groups, each reading with the kids and getting to know them. We stuck around and played with them afterwards. Our relationship with the Daycare continues to grow each time we visit and continue to make a difference in the kids' lives.

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PSI UPSILON DONATES COATS TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity conducted their first coat drive on December 18, 2017 at Lawton High School (LHS). LHS is the largest High School in Lawton. This will become an annual event in which the chapter will rotate among the three High Schools. The “Boom Boom” Ques presented LHS assistant clothing closet chairperson, Mrs. Almeter Vines, with three tables of coats to give to students who do not have winter jackets. The chapter’s motto for this event: “No Student should be without a winter coat during the winter season.” LHS is a 70% free/reduced lunch school, which means that many of the students come to school without coats. This is the reason that LHS was chosen as the first school to receive coats. Mrs. Almeter Vines was very grateful for the coats that the chapter provided for the students. The coats will be given without cost to the appropriate students. Next year, the chapter will conduct an annual coat drive with Eisenhower High School. The second largest high School in Lawton.



REAL TALΩ

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On November 15th, 2017, the Mighty Omicron Lambda Chapter of Omega of our Real TalΩ Social Discussion Series. We invited students to come speak openly about topics that they wanted to. We spoke about identifying healthy and unhealthy relationships in college, race relations regarding current events related to law enforcement and African-Americans, and what type of image to maintain on social media. However, we also included lighter topics such as what kinds of hairstyles to wear. We started the talk by having everyone write down topics or questions on a strip of paper then placed all those strips into a hat for random selection. After we got through a few of topics we had an open floor discussion. People got the chance to explain their perspective on a topic without interruption and receive insights from other students. It was a pleasure to see students of different races and backgrounds speak and listen to each other in a comfortable environment.



PSI UPSILON CHAPTER ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr.

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on November 20, 2017. Brother Wallace McLoyd, Jr. was the Chairman for this event. With the assistance of Lawton High School Principal Dr. Regina DeLoach, and Aspire Home Care manager Mrs. Ginger Veal, the Chapter identified nine families in the community that may be in need of assistance in ensuring their families can enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal. The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter divided the food items responsibilities among themselves resulting in over 60 food items per family, and over 560 individual food items ensuring each family was able to prepare, provide and enjoy a great Thanksgiving dinner! Each family was extremely thankful for Psi Upsilon Chapter providing the meals. The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter were happy to have made a difference by uplifting those less fortunate in the community. The food items were assembled, packed, and delivered to each of the families homes the evening of November 20, 2017.



PSI UPSILON HELPS LAWTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, REGISTER TO VOTE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On Sep 27, 2017, Psi Upsilon Chapter held a voter registration drive at Lawton High School. The registration tables were opened at 7:45 a.m. and stayed opened until 3:00 p.m. in hopes of getting many High School Seniors registered. They also told the seniors that in order to become the leaders, who will propel us in the right direction in the future, they must first become voters. Students were also informed that it was very important for them to vote in the upcoming local election because there will be a bond on the agenda that will effect Lawton Public School System. During the course of the day, approximately 70 students were registered.





The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Houston Coalition of Chapters consists of 12 chapters. The coalition, serves the Houston community as one; a single unit with ~1500 members participating as diverse arms - united reaching across and throughout the communities.

August 25, 2017, Houston Metropolitan was struck with one of history's most damaging natural disasters (Hurricane Harvey). This event changed the lives of many Houstonians and the way Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. shall be perceived by the community forever. The gentlemen who brandish the colors of Purple and Gold emerged to help save lives, provide hope, smiling faces, a warm embrace, and strong helping hands to those in need.

During the recovery process, the Houston Coalition of Chapters emerged as community leaders and ambassadors of unselfish service in Houston's darkest hours. These men putting their own homes and challenges aside; Omega Men were able to work in teams throughout the city of Houston assisting residents after the impact with the cleanup process such as: gutting houses, pulling up carpet, removing excess debris and furniture out of homes of those in need.

Realizing the community was still suffering and determining how to make a greater impact to reach victims in a larger mass; the coalition sponsored several events. The Coalition established a collective impact initiative by involving the International and Regional members, Churches, Friends-of-Omega and other non-profit organizations; organizing and hosting events such as: receiving and delivering clothes, food, cleaning supplies and other needed items.

The Coalition was able to provide over 1000 meals to citizens along with warm Omega Man spirit. Hosting an event at the local YMCA to help displaced victims that suffered loss during the hurricane, by having a day-party to take the edge off the victims and giving them emotional support by playing music, singing, dancing and serving food. One chapter teamed up with a local church in Dickinson, TX and hosted an event consisting of Consoling, providing clothing as well as cooking food and serving to those that came to collect necessary items; as well as delivering to the community members that were still working on their homes. Many community members were unable to go out and buy food nor was there the ability to cook, therefore this endeavor was greatly appreciated.

Hurricane Harvey happened as the school year was about to begin. While participating in the cleanup, the coalition witnessed many school students were in need of both school supplies and school uniforms. In partnership with the International Headquarters and Ninth Region, the

coalition was able to secure and award over \$200,000.00 to several organizations to assist with this endeavor.

Many of the events that the coalition hosted yielded an overwhelming out pour of love and showered the emotion filled residents of Houston. The Coalition was honored to be guardians and answered the call when Houston was in its darkest hours ever.

Their only desire was to offer a piece of hope and love that our city and its residences needed during this time.



TEXAS A&M UNIV. – COMMERCE RENAMES BUILDING HONORING BRO. DR. DAVID A. TALBOT, SR.

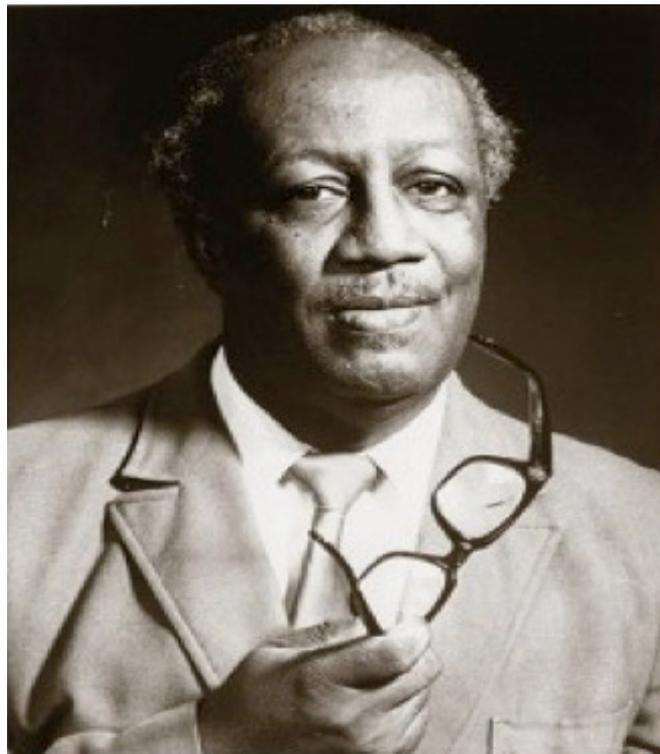
by Curtis O. Hill, Ed.D. and Charles E. Lovelace, Jr.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 was a historic day in the 9th District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Dr. David A. Talbot, Sr. who was instrumental in chartering Theta Theta (undergraduate) and Delta Xi (graduate) chapters while at Texas A&M University – Commerce received one of the highest recognitions in the Texas A&M University System by having a building named in his honor. The Hall of Languages building located on the campus of Texas A&M University – Commerce is now “David Talbot Hall” bearing the name of this iconic Omega Man. He entered the Omega Chapter March 9, 2003. This is the first building in the entire Texas A&M University System—apart from HBCU, Prairie View A&M University—to be named in honor of an African American. The Texas A&M University System consists of 11 independent colleges and educates nearly 143,000 students.

Another nostalgic impact of this building being renamed is that it parallels Thirkield Hall on the campus of Howard University the birthplace of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The “David Talbot Hall” is the birthplace of Theta Theta chapter which was founded February 1, 1970. There were over fifty alumni from the Theta Theta chapter that were present on campus along with several hundred other participants who took part in the luncheon, building dedication ceremony and reception. To further mark this historic event civil rights activist, ambassador and former mayor of Atlanta, Andrew Young spoke at the building dedication ceremony. A highlight of the luncheon was Dr. Kenneth Terrell, 9th District Representative, reading of the proclamation citing April 18, 2017, Dr. David A. Talbot, Sr. Day in honor of the occasion. In addition to the dedication, the Theta Theta Alumni Foundation presented a donation to Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M University – Commerce for the David A. Talbot Scholarship Endowment Fund in the amount of \$25,000. The Talbot endowment supports the endeavors of African American students attending Texas A&M – Commerce, which was near and dear to Dr. Talbot’s heart.

Dr. Talbot was truly a man of many talents and migrated to the United States from Guyana, South America to attend college. His heart for service lead him to enlist in the United States Army where he served as a translator under the command of General George S. Patton in World War II. He spoke seven languages and was an ordained minister of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church pastoring several years in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. A devoted family man, spirit-filled leader and gifted intellectual he dedicated himself to serving people from all walks of life. He received his formal education by earning a bachelor’s degree from Morris Brown College,

in Atlanta, GA. During his stay in Atlanta he even had an opportunity to babysit the young Martin Luther King, Jr. who of course later became one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time. Immediately upon graduation he joined the faculty at Morris Brown College to teach mathematics. Dr. Talbot was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. via the Alpha Sigma chapter (Morris Brown College) in 1936, and was a dedicated member of our fraternity for 67 years.



RHO XI CHAPTER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

by Curtis O. Hill, Ed.D. and Charles E. Lovelace, Jr.

The Mighty Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was born on August 31, 1977 at the Shrimp Hut Restaurant in Surfside, TX. The application for the graduate chapter charter was made to the Supreme Council of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Ninth District Representative, Bro. Samuel W. Prince on June 10, 1977 in Freeport, TX. Bro. Prince and the South Texas State Representative, Bro. John Captain presented seven mighty Omega Men of various chapters with the charter for service to the Brazoria County Area.



The Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter are known for their hard work and dedication to the Brazoria County and Houston communities. With a rich history of service, and a proud legacy of accomplished members, Rho Xi has contributed greatly to fraternal and community advancement. Over the years, many Brothers from Rho Xi Chapter have held leadership positions such as, Omega Life Membership Foundation Secretary, Omega Life Membership Foundation Region Nine Representative, Ninth District Representative, Ninth District First Vice District Representative, Ninth District Keeper of Records and Seal, Ninth District Chaplain, Ninth District Counselor, Ninth District Director of Public Relations, Ninth District Talent Hunt Chairman, Ninth District Marshal, Lone Star State Ques President, Lone Star State Ques Secretary, Southeast Texas State Representative and Southeast Texas Membership Selection Process Chairmen, just to name a few. In addition to the numerous leadership positions held over the years, countless awards have been conferred upon the members of Rho Xi Chapter, including the Shelly Steward Award, Omega Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year. The Ninth District Talent Hunt program was renamed in honor of Bro. James Doss (Omega Chapter), one of Rho Xi Chapter's Charter Members. Since being chartered 40 years ago, Rho Xi Chapter has awarded more than \$100,000 in academic scholarships. The chapter has also awarded scholarships exceeding \$20,000 to local talent hunt winners. The Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter have held quarterly blood drives, walked the communities to register, educate and mobilize voters, participated in activities that uplifted the community and donated time and money to a host of other worthy causes. Rho Xi Chapter has been recognized six times as the Ninth District Graduate Chapter of the Year for its hard work, dedication and service on behalf of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Rho Xi Chapter, the Brothers held their Annual Picnic and School Supply Drive as well as a formal banquet celebration. Approximately 150 people gathered at Dunbar Park Pavilion in Lake Jackson, TX on August 19, 2017. Attendees donated a plethora of school supplies to disburse to schools in Brazoria County. A performance by the Rho Xi March Team, a DJ and plenty of other entertainment was provided for everyone in attendance. Volleyball, soccer and a bounce house was available for the children in attendance while the adults played games such as kickball, corn hole, horseshoes, bid whist, spades and dominoes.



SANTA QUES

by Bro. Larry Johnson

The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter Of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. annual Christmas giving initiative, “Santa Ques” donated to the residents of City House this year. City House provides emergency shelter and transitional residential services to children and teens who are in need due to abuse, neglect or homelessness. The chapter was honored to have the opportunity to fulfill residents Christmas wish list as the Santa Ques initiative continues to impact lives during this special time of year.



OMEGA MEN COACHES INSPIRE ATHLETES

by Bro. Clarence Brooks

A year ago, Dak Prescott was No. 3 on the Dallas Cowboys’ depth chart and preparing for his first NFL training camp. Now a year later, on Saturday, June 24, 2017, after winning Rookie of The Year honors, Dak Prescott was at Lake Dallas High School in Corinth, Texas hosting his first youth football Pro Camp. The camp was for athletes in grades 1st – 8th. Throughout his two-day camp, Dak Prescott enlisted the help of some of the best and brightest coaches from around the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Several of these outstanding coaches were men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. These coaches offered tips and hands-on instruction, including lectures, fundamental football skills stations, contests, and non-contact games in a high-energy, fun, and positive environment. Campers were placed in small groups by age to ensure that each child received maximum instruction.

One of the coaches, Brother Tony Culton, of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter, stated “This was a great experience for the campers and myself. It was a very comprehensive camp. It allowed athletes of all skill levels, to be able to learn or sharpen fundamentals, and allowed myself to give fundamental tips and hands-on direction to age groups younger than what I usually coach, as a high school coach. In addition, having the ability to positively impact and uplift several communities throughout the Metroplex, by using a common interest such as football, allowed me to live out my principals as an Omega man and contributing member of society.”

Brother Larry Johnson of the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter added “I thought the level of competition was great all day, because the campers knew individual and team awards were going to be given in each age group. I felt that campers came out with a willingness to learn and be inspired. Most of these campers and were provided with an experience of a lifetime and were able to achieve it, at an affordable price.” In addition, each attendee received:

- A souvenir autograph from Dak Prescott (item provided – outside items not permitted)
- A camp team photo with Dak Prescott
- A limited-edition Dak Prescott Football ProCamp t-shirt

CAREER DAY

by Bro. Terrance Smiley

Brother Shawn Brewer attended Thomas Rivera Elementary School in Denton, TX. The event was their annual career day, where professionals take advantage of an opportunity to present careers and education curriculums to elementary school kids. Brother Brewer attended on behalf of Omega Psi Phi, Eta Mu Mu Chapter and Peterbilt Motors Co. to promote design, engineering and STEM. The primary focus was imprint upon all of the students the importance of education and how it can translate to lucrative careers in Engineering



2018 MLK GRANDE PARADE - NU PHI CHAPTER'S FIRST PARADE FLOAT

by Bro. Dannie Harwell

As the nation celebrated the 32nd recognition of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday, so did the brothers of Nu Phi Chapter. On Monday, January 15th, the chapter participated in the 24th Annual MLK Grande Parade in Houston, TX. The Parade is the third largest in the country behind The Rose Parade and The Macy's Day Parade.

The float entered into this year's parade was built and constructed by members of the Chapter. The vision was casted by our newly elected Basileus, Bro. Karlos Jackson, who had annually attended the parade with his children. The theme of this year's MLK Grande Parade was "The Color of Unity". The Chapter also had their own float theme, "Lifting As We Climb". Both themes were boldly displayed on our float's banners. The parade kicked off at 10:00 am filled with over 60 bands, 15 floats, multiple J.R.O.T.C. clubs, local and national politicians, dance troops, and a host of others. The brothers thoroughly enjoyed interacting with children and youth, launching beads and candies into the massive crowd. Along the parade route the common phrase that could be heard over and over again was "Get ready here come the Ques!!!"



FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE DADDY - DAUGHTER DANCE

by Bro. Don Viel

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter (Arlington, TX)) joined forces with the management staff of Hillside Recreation Center in Fort Worth, Texas to participate in a daddy daughter dance. The Brothers stepped into the void and bridged the gap for five young ladies without a male figure in their life. The Brothers presence allowed these young ladies to fit into event and enjoy themselves. It is an absolute outpouring of outreach from the community in regards to this much needed event. So much so, that there are requests for a more frequent showing of support from the Brothers involved and for more potential Fathers and volunteers to show.



CHILI COOK-OFF BENEFITING “HABITAT FOR HUMANITY”

by Bro. Tawan Williamson

Killeen, Texas – On October 14, 2017, the brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter participated in a fundraising event sponsored by Realty Executives Charity Fund. The event was their Annual Chili Cook-Off benefiting the Fort Hood Chapter for Habitat for Humanity. Instead of hammering nails for Habitat for Humanity, we connected with one of our community partners to help raise funds to buy nails and other needed supplies required to build decent, and affordable houses for the needy.

The chapter’s members petitioned Bro. William T. Bowser to prepare our entry for the chili cook-off. There were ten entrants for the day’s event. Bro. Bowser’s entry won rave reviews from the guests, and he still had a line when his pot of chili was sold out. We raised \$1,094.00 in sales and donations for this most worthy cause which will help in uplifting the needy in our community. Pictured to the right is our chili chef, Bro. William T. Bowser (far right), who accepted the trophy for most money raised for the event. Also pictured from left to right are Bro. Ron Walker (Vice- Basileus), Ms. Raye Mayhorn (CEO, Realty Executives of Killeen), and Bro. Willie J. Miller (Basileus).



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SERVICE BREAK DURING SPRING BREAK WITH BLESSED ANGELS COMMUNITY CENTER

by Bro. Orlando M. Richards



Psi Alpha Chapter in participation with many other organizations led by the Blessed Angels Community Center provided food for more than 150 families. This food and service was much need to ensure our young minds have the necessary food and nutrition to sustain their body while education sustains their minds. Due to recent and alarming trend among our kids throughout San Antonio lacking the basic nutritional needs met, the community decided to assist in eradicating this issue before it becomes an epidemic. Psi Alpha Chapter participants assisted in all facets

of the event – to include parking, setup/teardown, sorting/bagging/ carrying food for families due to massive amount provided. Brothers attending the event representing Psi Alpha Chapter were as follows: William Watson, Tim Netters, Michael Womble, James Lofton, Alvin O’Neal, Lionel Lyde, Orlando M. Richards, Charles Whittaker, and Michael Smith. The many families receiving the food was very grateful and hopes this event may continue and not limited to Spring Break.

WESLEY TABERNACLE UMC HOMELESS BREAKFAST MINISTRY

by Bro. Richard Gardner

Saturday Feb 18th, 15 members of Rho Nu Chapter volunteered at Wesley Tabernacle UMC’s Homeless Ministry, which provides free breakfast to the homeless and anyone in need every Saturday morning. The brothers did all the cooking, serving and clean up as part of this volunteer effort. The chapter funded the breakfast for the day and will again fund the breakfast for the 3rd Saturday in March, with plans to volunteer at a future breakfast.



The Breakfast Ministry is the legacy of the late Perry Joy Jackson, former pastor of WTUMC. Rev. Jackson left an endowment to the church to continue the ministry after her death. In addition to the weekly breakfast, the church distributes pantry items and clothes to the needy every Wednesday.

RHO THETA PARTNERS WITH COMMUNITY TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

by Bro. Ivory Jenkins

The brothers of the Rho Theta Chapter, have recently accepted Omega's charge to combat Domestic Violence by hosting community-wide workshops. The chapter was responsible for organizing a workshop to address the issue of Domestic Violence, which continues to affect communities nationwide. The chapter partnered with multiple students organizations and the university to host the program. The workshop was hosted at Prairie View A&M University located in Prairie View, Texas with the title being "Can We Talk?" Furthermore, with the help of the community, university, and student organizations the program generated well over 200 participants.



GANG AWARENESS WORKSHOP by Bro. Jason Johnson



On October 22, 2017 the Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter partnered with members of the Houston Police Department to present a brief history and current trends of gangs to a group of young men at the Meridiana Conservatory in Rosharon, TX. The presentation included information on gang cues, signs and symbols to be aware of as an indication of gang activity, ways to work with law enforcement and safety tips when dealing with suspected gang members. Bro. Freddy Blanks and Bro. Jason Johnson of Rho Xi Chapter discussed the four cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and how the young men can adapt them to their lives each day.

2017 TARRANT COUNTY GREEK DAY OF SERVICE

by Bro. Clarence Brooks

The idea for a Greek Day of Service formed for many reasons, but the main stimulus of the project was to highlight the service potential of our Greek community. Fraternities and sororities are often criticized for their passive approach to philanthropy, with a focus on raising money rather than participating in service projects, so to change that perception, along with several other misconceptions, the idea for Greek Day of Service was developed and established.



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For the last three decades, the Tarrant County Greek Day of Service has put a spotlight on volunteerism and community service projects, by Greek lettered organizations. It's one of the biggest days of the year for community service, with thousands of NPHC men across the county taking the time to devote their day to others. The Omega Men of the chapters of Sigma Lambda and Epsilon Alpha were very enthusiastic and proud to champion this cause once again, on April 22, 2017. The Omega men served at three different locations, in three different capacities. They cleaned up J.T. Stevens Elementary School Park to serve and impact ACH Child and Family Services, served the homeless food in Unity Park, and packed groceries at the Tarrant County Community Food Bank.

ALPHA IOTA IOTA SPECIAL RECOGNITION

by Bro. Larry Johnson

The Alpha Iota Iota chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. receives Document of Special Recognition from Mayor Harry LaRosiliere and the City of Plano for being a pillar in the community and providing 28 years of uplift to the youth, seniors, and all residents in between. The Chapter would like to express extreme gratitude to the City of Plano for this honor.



DR. MLK JR. DAY 2018: HELPING HANDS PROJECT

by Bro. Larry Johnson



MLK Day, as it is affectionately known and referred to in many communities, is a federal and school holiday, but more importantly, it has become an annual Day of Service celebrated across the country. The Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. along with the North Texas Metroplex Omegas, honored the memory and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by volunteering to improve not only the community, but the fabric of it. This was exhibited, as the spirited men of Omega, participated in one of their namesake projects entitled "Helping



Hands”. Helping Hands are project-based activities, in which the men of Omega use their hands to help out others in many ways. Past projects undertaken on MLK Day of Service have included tutoring elementary school students, upgrading school classrooms and resource centers, painting, landscaping and remodeling houses for low-income families and homeowners, and giving away coats and clothing. They believe that small changes can have a huge impact within their own neighborhood.

ETA MU MU - TEACHER OF THE YEAR

by Bro. Terrance Smiley

OMEGA MAN VOTED TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2017

Brother Lennard Gilham, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. (Eta Mu Mu Spring 2017) serves as a coach and culinary/hospitality teacher at Apollo Junior High School, Garland TX. Coach Gilham was voted the Elective Teacher of the Year 2016-2017. This is a very special award because this award is voted on by the student body. This award comes as no surprise because Coach Gilham continually goes above and beyond to build relationships with students. Brother Lennard Gilham holds a unique talent where he holds kids to extremely high standards while building strong personal connections



OGG – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

by Bro. David Washington

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. Omicron Gamma Gamma collaborated with Trinity Habitat for Humanity to help build houses in the Lake Como area of Fort Worth, TX. The brothers worked hand in hand with Habitat build site leaders and the Mberwa family who will be the recipients of the home to frame and wrap the home. The work was hard but fair and the brothers left knowing we had provided some Uplift to the community.

FORT HOOD QUES “RELAY FOR LIFE”

by Bro. Olandus Smith

On May 6, 2017 at Shoemaker High School in Killeen, Texas, the brothers of OMICRON PI Chapter supported the annual “West Bell County Relay for Life” presented by The American Cancer Society. The yearly walk was held from 1 to 11 pm with several members of the chapter participating in the walk throughout scheduled shifts to ensure that someone from the chapter’s team was on the track until the completion of the event. The chapter aided the cause by contributing food, drinks and snacks to the other participating Relay for Life teams. There was great fellowship amongst the brothers of OMICRON PI, our fellow Greeks and the local Killeen, TX community. The day stressed the importance of those still fighting, those who support their fight with Cancer, and continuing to relay as much information of the importance for supporting the fight against Cancer! The night closed with the luminaire ceremony, a moment of silence, and giving respect to the remembrance of those who have passed away from their fight with cancer. It was very nice to see the Killeen and Fort Hood community banding together to support such an important cause.



PAC BROTHER JERMAINE COLEMAN SR. HONORED

by Bro. Orlando M. Richards



Judson ISD teacher, coach, mentor, and Psi Alpha Chapter Brother Jermaine “J-Cole” Coleman Sr. was recognized by the City of Live Oak on Tuesday, 2 May 2017 during the Teacher Appreciation Day for all his positive qualities and making a difference in the lives of students at Judson Early College Academy (JECA) and the Live Oak community at large. Mr. Mendell D. Morgan, Jr., elected Live Oak City Councilman Place One 2013 and President Elect, Greater Randolph Area Kiwanis Club presented the Recognition of Appreciation Resolution and Presentation for Brother Coleman’s outstanding job performance as a teacher, coach and mentor; and more importantly the outstanding service in the Live Oak community.

Brother Coleman has served his students and community with tireless energy, including over 2,000 hours of volunteer time this year going above and beyond his regular hours on and off campus with flair; exudes confidence and energy, influencing his students to reach their full potential with pride; recognized by Judson Early College Academy (JECA) with the “Spirit of Judson Award for Staff”; developed a wonderful rapport with his students to inspire them as a positive role model, mentor and friend; known as a “gentle giant” who is really there for his students; motivates his students to reach beyond their grasp and excel; and leads as the teacher sponsor for Key Cub as part of the International Kiwanis family improving one child and one community as a time. Brother Coleman was very appreciative of the award and thankful he was able to have family, friends and brothers to share in the moment of achievement.



DONATIONS TO GALVESTON & HOUSTON SCHOOLS

by Bro. Rodney Brown

On Friday, October 27, 2017, members of Rho Nu Chapter presented L.A. Morgan Magnet School in Galveston, Texas with a check for \$500 and delivered several boxes of school supplies collected during its annual Friends and Family Cookout in September. Chosen by the Rho Nu Chapter, L.A. Morgan School in Galveston and Lockhart Middle School in Houston, Texas both received checks for \$500 on September 16, 2017 as part of the Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts. In addition the Chapter made it's annual donation of school supplies and uniforms to the L.A. Morgan School as part of it's Alvin Stevenson Adopt-a-School program, in honor of a PN Charter Founder.



OMEGA DAY AT THE TEXAS STATE CAPITOL

by Bro. Jason Johnson

During its 20 plus years of existence, the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC) has been a leading voice in the African American business community. It is a non-profit organization and serves as a “think tank” for its members, thereby strengthening, stimulating and providing positive advocacy, while disseminating useful data that is beneficial to African American businesses and communities. Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. wholeheartedly supports TAAACC. Black Business Day and Omega Day at the Texas State Capitol occurred as a joint experience in Austin, Texas. On March 31, 2017 approximately 50 Brothers from Rho Xi Chapter and other chapters from around the state attended Omega Day at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, TX.



EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

by Bro. Clarence Brooks

On November 11, 2017, over a hundred and thirty turkeys will be handed out this year for Epsilon Alpha's 4th Annual Turkey Trot. They set a goal of just helping the community by giving out fifty turkeys, but the love and generosity from the chapter (Epsilon Alpha members),

as well as the community, touched us, as they continued to pour donations into us, allowing us to be able to bless over 100 families. I am in amazement and happy all at the same time.” The Turkey Trot giveaway was from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Hillside Community Center in Fort

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Worth, TX. The Turkey Trot was a free event designed to benefit lower income families and provide them with food, fun, and a means to hopefully a better life. It was a joint effort event in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department of Fort Worth and several other community and non-profit business and organizations.



HEALTH INITIATIVE- COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

by Bro. Clarence Brooks



own personal business. The event was Held at Meadowbrook Community center in Arlington, TX and serviced hundreds of community members. The brothers also held their annual Charles Drew Blood drive with Carter BloodCare and collected 26 pints of blood.



The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter (Arlington, TX)) and the Arlington Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta held a joint community Health and Economic resource fair. The fair featured local vendors and their products related to healthy living, live workout sessions, and important economic sessions on how to managed your AARP accounts, how to save for retirement and establish and grow your

OMICRON PI AWARDS TEN SCHOLARSHIPS TO CENTRAL TEXAS SENIORS

by Bro. Rodney Brown



The ten recipients and the college they plan on attending are: Loveless Gatewood -University of Texas at Austin, Texas; Tiffany Cavin- Stephen F. Austin State University; Tiara Cavin – University of Texas at Arlington, Texas; Tiara Kinnebrew – Texas A&M University; Emma Holt – Texas Tech; Madison Henry & Kristoff Crayton - University of Mary Hardin Baylor; Imari Neal – University of Texas at Austin, Texas; Kamyrn Mayberry – Midwestern State University of Texas State University; Brittany Harris – Texas State University or University of Texas at San Antonio.

Scholarship is an integral and deeply-rooted component of this organization. On May 7, 2017 in Killeen, Texas, the annual National Pan Hellenic Council Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held. The Basileus of Omicron Pi Chapter, Willie Miller, along with the Scholarship Chairman, Melvin Brown, and brothers from the chapter presented ten outstanding Central Texas area high school seniors \$1,000 each during this event.

The students were selected from 6 area high schools located in the cities of Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights and Temple. Selections were based on Grade Point Average (GPA), honors and awards, extra-curricular activities and a written 700 word essay on, “Can Economic and Political Empowerment Lead to Social Change”.



PAC RETREAT 2017 - A DAY FOR US

by Bro. Orlando M. Richards

Psi Alpha Chapter have become so involved in the community sometimes we as brothers lose sight on what drew us to this illustrious and unique organization. At times like this we need to refocus and understand how it all started and more importantly why. With this being the center of the current state, Psi Alpha Chapter planned and executed a retreat for its members. The idea was well received by the members and greatly anticipated. The chapter scheduled the event 10-12 March 2017 at the T Bar M (New Braunfels, TX). Psi Alpha Chapter had more than thirty brothers in attendance for the weekend which included reflections, strategic planning, fellowship, and food. The event was long overdue by the chapter and very much



appreciated by the members in attendance. The brothers enjoyed faith, fellowship and food for three days uninhibited by outside noise which was excellent for reflection and refocus . . . and definitely can't wait until next year's retreat.

HOUSTON'S REAL MEN READ *by Bro. Rodney Brown*

The Rho Nu Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. has partnered with the Houston Coalition of Omegas and Houston Independent School District to promote and Houston's Real Men Read. Houston Real Men Read is a mentoring program in which gentlemen who are business and community members from across the greater Houston area volunteer one hour of their time once a month to read to students in third grade in HISD schools. The program reinforces three fundamental principles: Reading is fun; the community cares; and a commitment to education can ensure success.



STEM TRAINING

by Bro. Jason Johnson

After Rho Xi donated fifty computers, monitors and printers to several different non-profit organizations in April of 2017, the Brothers saw a need to teach computer skills to underprivileged children in the Houston area. As a result, Rho Xi created a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program with the mission to increase the amount of disadvantaged people, especially young women, studying and practicing STEM subjects, to effectively close the huge opportunity gap that exists in STEM fields. To close this gap, Rho Xi Chapter targeted the gender stereotypes that form from a young age, with the desired outcome of increasing young women's confidence in STEM

courses and providing underprivileged children with the training and resources to pursue STEM studies. Rho Xi conducted two training classes on July 19, 2017 and July 22, 2017. More than thirty children attended the training sessions. Bro. Billy Williams created the agenda and taught the lesson for both days. Bro. Freddy Blanks, Bro. Chris Mathis, Bro. Norman Nelson and Bro. Jeffery Williams were instrumental in securing the computer equipment and creating the STEM Program.

OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA - NAACP ACT-SO

by Bro. David Washington



On April 1, 2017, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma and Mu Beta served as facilitators and judges during the NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO). This event was held at James Bowie High in Arling-

ton, Texas. The brothers were blown away by the talent displayed by the students. Future scientists, filmmakers, musical artists and leaders were on full display.

EPSILON IOTA TALENT HUNT

by Bro. Gene Wills

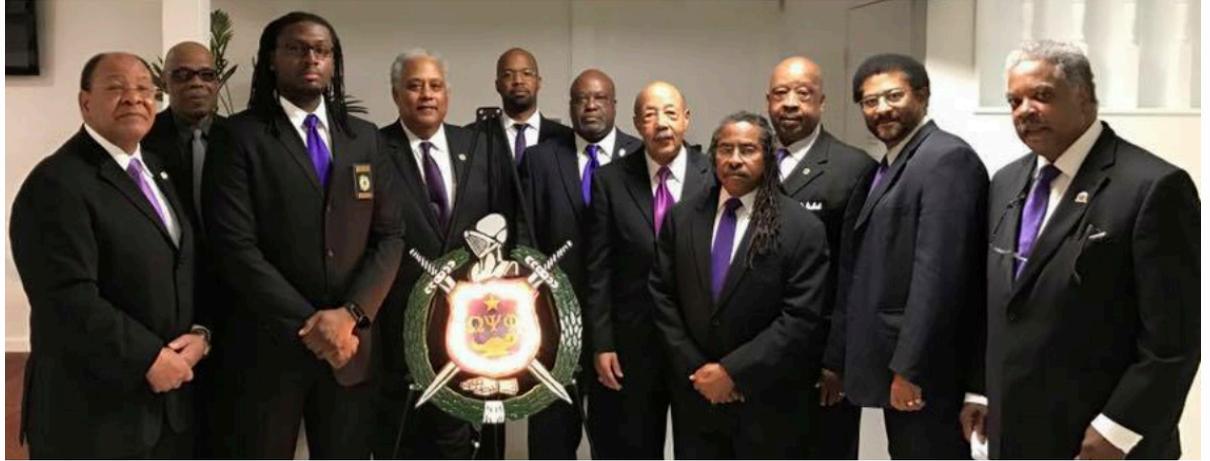
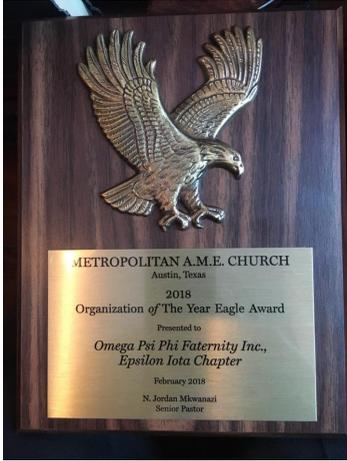
The Epsilon Iota Chapter, of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, held its annual Talent Hunt on 02/24/2018. The Talent Hunt was held at Huston-Tillotson University with 15 contestants competing. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place won scholarship awards in the amounts of \$500, \$300, and \$200. .



EPSILON IOTA AWARD RECOGNITION

by Bro. Gene Wills

On, 02/25/2018, the Epsilon Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity Inc. received the 2018 Organization of The Year Eagle Award for community service from The Metropolitan AME Church The Foundation of Praise, Austin TX.



LONE STAR STATE QUES HALL OF FAME

by Bro. John D. Cooper

The Epsilon Iota Chapter, of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, held its annual Talent Hunt on 02/24/2018. The Talent Hunt During the LSSQ Annual Meeting, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Houston, Texas, February 10, 2018, Brothers Wendle Van Smith, John Douglas Cooper, and Dr. Kenneth Terrell were inducted into the LSSQ Hall of Fame. This prestigious award recognition was established in 2017 to honor Brothers who have demonstrated sustained contribution and achievements that reflects lifelong service to the Fraternity. The Brother is recognized for his contributions to the Fraternity at the Chapter, District and International Levels for a minimum of 25 years of membership. In addition, consideration is given to his impact on society that has enhanced the wel-

fare of mankind. Applications are accepted from Texas Chapter Basilei, along with selections are made by the HOF Committee members and previous HOF Inductees.



The LSSQ HOF Committee was established in 2016 under the leadership of then President Eligah Hanks with membership made up by Brothers Terry Forest, Russell LeDay, and Terry Gordon (Chairman). Brothers Steve Braimer, Warren Lee, Albert Benefield, Willie Hinchin, and James Doss (posthumous) were members of the inaugural class (2017) of HOF Inductees.



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BRO. WESLEY BERNARD HARRIS

RETIRED FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

Brother Wesley Bernard Harris entered Omega Chapter on January 12, 2018. Brother Harris was initiated through Pi Sigma Chapter in spring 1972 at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AR and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in May 1974.

Brother Harris became the first black National Bank Examiner in Arkansas with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, U. S. Department of the Treasury. After leaving the Department of the Treasury, Brother Harris completed his professional career with Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield as Manager of Medicare Part B.

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