



# Fatherhood and Mentoring Newsletter

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~~ Brother Fairchild’s Corner ~~

**B**rothers, as we look back over the previous year, let us take time to be thankful for all of the things and the opportunities that we have been blessed to enjoy!



**Brother Robert W. Fairchild**  
Chairman, International Committee on  
Fatherhood and Mentoring

Going forward into the **New Year**, if you are a father examine and evaluate your relationship with your children. Be honest and ask yourself, “*Am I really involved enough to have an impact in their lives that will cause them to be successful in the future?*” Start anew if need be, brothers!

Being a father requires active participation. It is not just a title. It carries with it a serious responsibility. You must appreciate that your role and that of the mother are critical in the development of the whole child. Absent the father or mother, a substitute in the form of a mentor or surrogate in many cases must come into play.

Brothers, as we do this work in Fatherhood and Mentoring we should first take examination of ourselves and make sure that we are stepping up and being the best father, we can be. This self-examination will allow us to be very effective as we work to reach out and help others through mentoring young men and fathers helping them to be the best that they can possibly be!

Sharing our experiences and understanding all of the elements that impact us and those that we work with is critical to ensuring the successful future of our families. Every brother must be engaged because we all have something to offer. Do not think that your experiences are not important and worth sharing in helping others!

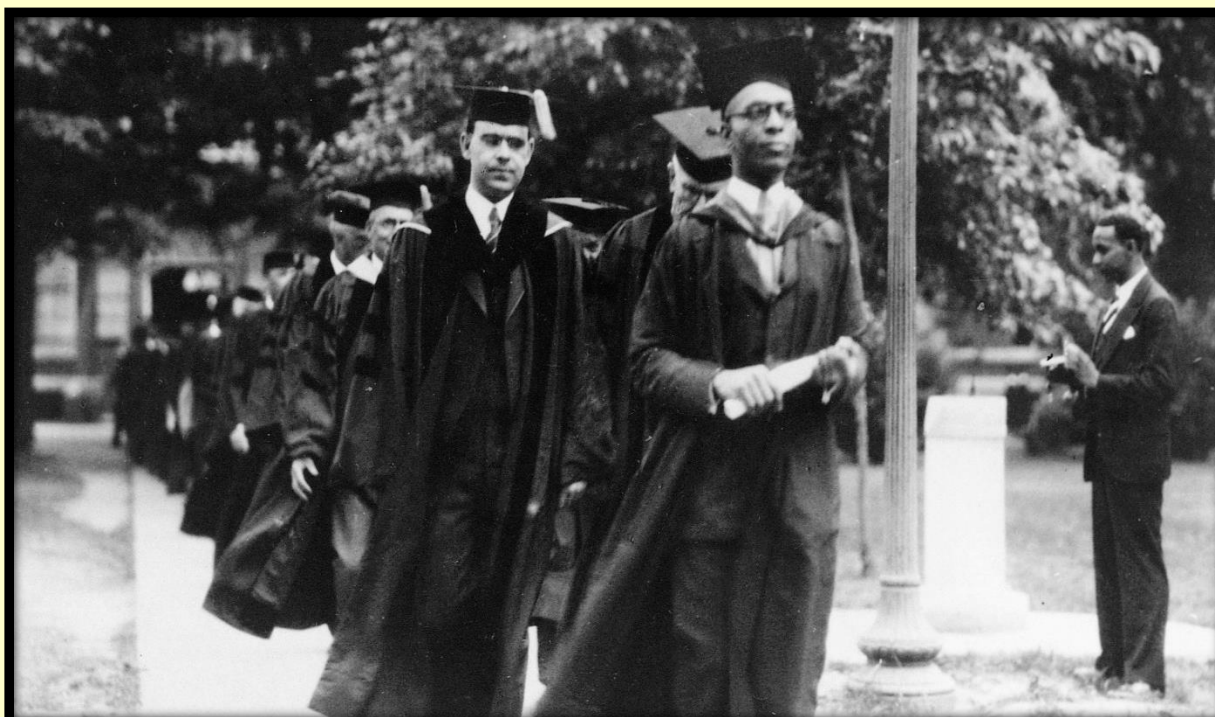
In Friendship,

*Bro. Fairchild*

## About This Newsletter:

**The goal is: to include information from each District each quarter about Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives. District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairmen should submit at least one Fatherhood Activity and at least one Mentoring Activity from their District each quarter to: Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: [geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net) Quarterly deadlines: December 15, March 15, June 15, and September 15.**

**Howard University, Washington, DC. Historic Photograph of the Omega Sundial  
(Circa 1920s)**



*The Long Walk:*

A historic photograph (circa 1920s) of the Omega Sundial (on the right) that was re-dedicated during a ceremony in September 2017 at Howard University. In the photograph is W. Mordecai Johnson (L), first African American president of Howard University. (Submitted by Brother Lee Edgecombe)

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Barack H. Obama, 44<sup>th</sup> president of the United States and Brother Thabiti Boone International Committee on Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives, December 2016

### **The White House**

**"They came from out of the sun;  
bringing with them the gift of the sun.  
Founders without heralds, benefactors without banners,  
they transformed the new land,  
creating the foundations of its wealth  
and giving it a new music and a new spirit\*."**

(\*A quote by Lerone Bennett, from Before the Mayflower, 1982 revised; taken from Ebony Magazine, 1984.)



## Our Undergraduate Leadership – Future Dad’s Program

**G**reetings Brothers: Happy New Year! I join with others in saying let’s make this year 2018, one of the very best in the history of our beloved Fraternity – a brotherhood founded on the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

As we return to our campuses throughout the vase land of Omega, join me in rededicating ourselves and our Chapters to the ideals that propelled our founders to act, even in defiance of Wilbur P. Thirkield, then president of Howard University, who advised the three undergraduates to join the Fraternity already on campus rather than found another one. Our founders said “no” and you know the rest of that story.

From what I have read about these men, three undergraduates and a faculty adviser, they sought to form a bond with men of like ideals who would go on in life to do great things for individuals and for the institutions that contribute to our livelihood and to our families, to our friends and importantly, to our society. I am sure that among each of us there is a Just, a Coleman, a Cooper and a Love.

Our commitment to fully implementing the **Future Dad’s Program** on each of our campuses is one specific initiative we can take to further the ideals of our founders. Therefore, beginning with your return to campus, during the spring semester or winter and spring quarters, whichever is appropriate for your campus, I ask you to partner with your graduate chapter and implement the **Future Dad’s Program**. A copy of the program plan is on the website [www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org).

I close using the divine words of **Brother Rohulamin Quander**, when he spoke at the re-dedication of the Omega Sundial in September, 2017 at our mother campus Howard University: *“Never forget that it is imperative that we lift up the lives of others as we climb, for indeed that is what Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, complemented by Service, are all about.”*



**Brother Cody Charles,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS!**

**Ω Fatherhood and Mentoring Tools and Tips website:  
[www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org)**

**Lambda Epsilon: Home Again, 14 Hardcore!**



**Tuskegee University**

Of the 14 Inductees, all are steeped in **STEM**: Architecture, Construction Science, Engineering, Forestry, Nursing and Psychology; of the engineers 3 are advanced ROTC Cadets. The Average Grade Point of the “14 Hardcore” is 3.4 on a 4.0 scale. See story pages 21 & 22.



**The Honorable  
Gregory C. Pittman,  
Esq.**

**"From time to time, I  
will share commentary  
and thoughts, from a  
legal perspective on the  
issue of Fatherhood."**

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**Presiding Judge  
14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court  
Family Division  
Muskegon County  
State of Michigan**

**Happy New Year, Brothers!** Let's make 2018 the best year ever for our children, our families, our communities and for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

So, let's resume our discussion of the issue of **Child Support**.

I would guess that most of us either know someone, or know of someone who has been brought before the court, to answer for the allegation that they have failed to pay child support.

Remember, court-enforced payment of child support is based upon a legitimate court order to pay child support. What does this mean? It means this...if there is no written court order to pay support, there is no basis by which any court can compel the payment of child support, by anyone!

There should be no mistaking or being unaware of whether there is a court order requiring the payment of child support. Due process dictates that before the imposition of an order of support goes into effect, the prospective payer, usually the **Non-Custodial Parent (NCP)**, is served with written notice of the proceedings to establish an order of support. That written notice also informs the NCP of the time constraints that apply and the fact that the NCP must act within that proscribed time. This is basically the best opportunity for the NCP to have input on if and how much support is to be paid and under what terms those payments are to be made.

Another issue to consider is the remedies at the court's disposal. While the establishment and enforcement of child support is considered a matter of civil law, the utilization of incarceration is far too often a consequence that results from failures to pay. Why does that happen?

Failure to comply with a legitimate court order to pay child support carries the same remedial consequence as the failure to comply with any other legitimate court order...**Contempt of Court!**

A finding of Contempt of Court in the context of child support orders allows the court to use all available means to compel compliance with the court's order to pay support. The most extreme of those means is incarceration. Normally incarceration is reserved as a consequence for criminal behavior. Failure to pay child support, generally, is not a criminal matter. It is, as said before, a civil matter. But in instances where the court determines that its order is not being complied with, it can impose a jailing of the contemnor (non-payer) until said contemnor does something that "purges" or adequately satisfies the finding of contempt.

**This is a lot, so let's break it down a bit:**

- Non-Custodial Parent (NCP) receives a legitimate Court order to pay support; NCP fails to pay;
- At some point NCP is brought before the court to “Show Cause” (explain) why NCP should NOT be held in contempt of court for failure to comply (i.e. pay child support) with the court’s order;
- If the explanation offered is inadequate, a finding of contempt of court will be ruled against the NCP, by the court;
- In certain cases, the court orders the incarceration of the NCP until NCP is able to purge the contempt.
- That purge is usually the payment of an agreed upon amount of “back child support”. That payment purges (satisfies) that finding of contempt and allows the NCP to proceed with a “clean slate” going forward.

I’ll end here with a couple of points to help bring some context to the above process.

- Most courts have a great number of steps that it will take short of contempt of court, that rectify failure to pay issues. The NCP can work with court personnel to avoid having a judge impose a term of incarceration. NCP **must** engage and work with these folks, at the early stages of nonpayment!
- NCP can also be proactive and seek modification of the current order to pay when the NCP’s ability to pay is compromised, (i.e. loss of job; salary decrease).
- If NCP is facing incarceration, in all honesty, NCP has been very derelict in dealing with their nonpayment issues. The NCP has put the court into a last resort type position. All that is left is the imposition of a jail sentence!

We will discuss some strategies to help NCP’s better deal with the managing of child support orders in the next column.

In Friendship...

**The Honorable Brother Gregory C. Pittman, Esq.\***  
**Presiding Judge, 14th Circuit Court**  
**Family Division**  
**Muskegon County, Michigan**

\*Brother Pittman is Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman for the 10<sup>th</sup> District

**Our Website Is Filled with Useful Tools and Tips: [www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org)**



... In My Opinion: "What you know, Bruh?" by Brother Rev. Oliver Williams  
5<sup>th</sup> District Fatherhood Chairman

**W**hat is the impact of #MeToo and sexual assault incidents on our college campuses? Should training on sexual assault come to the forefront of the agenda? This column is committed to enhancing the ways men and fathers navigate relationships. Its aim is to promote healthy relationships and reduce violence within our communities.

Sexual Assault incidents on college campuses appear to be on the rise across the country. According to a 2013 report from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the number of sex crimes reported on U.S. college campuses soared by 50% over the course of a decade. In the 2016 report from the same agency, the data suggests the number of reported forcible sex crimes on college campuses increased from 2,200 in 2001 to 6,700 in 2014 (a 205 percent increase).

Will our beloved fraternity be at risk if we are idle and unaware? Brother Bryan White, 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative, proactively engaged attendees in training during the 5<sup>th</sup> District Fall Council Meeting, November 4, 2017 in Bowling Green, KY. Brother Howard Jackson, 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative, invited the training to the Brothers in the 6<sup>th</sup> District during their Second Council Meeting Saturday, December 2, 2017 in Charlotte, NC.

The training is a start toward prevention. The collaborative potential exists to train every District in the Fraternity. The Hope Center at Grace in Memphis, Tennessee has been credentialed by the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council to offer training and technical assistance for college campus programming and intervention. It is so important that our collegiate members are not only engaged on this matter, but also enlightened and educated in ways to handle situations that could lead to accusatory and criminal actions against them. Let's continue the momentum in preventive areas. To schedule training in your area, please contact: Oliver Williams, (901) 323-3900 or [oliver@hc-grace.org](mailto:oliver@hc-grace.org).



Brother Rev. Oliver Williams  
[www.hc-grace.org](http://www.hc-grace.org)



L-R: Photos of 5<sup>th</sup> District and 6<sup>th</sup> District Council Meetings.

\*"What you know, Bruh" is designed to stimulate conversation about what often occurs but is never talked about within a context of prevention. "What you know, Bruh," is an **opinion piece** that aims to promote healthy relationships and reduce senseless acts of violence toward women in our communities. "What you know, Bruh?" by Brother Reverend Oliver Williams, 5<sup>th</sup> District



## Georgia Supports Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives



**Albany, GA.** – On Saturday, October 7, 2017 during the 54<sup>th</sup> Georgia State Meeting, Brother S. Earl Wilson, Co-Chairman of the Fraternity’s Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, thanked Brothers Marvin Broadwater Sr., W. Frank Wilson, Tarquiann Bates, and Rickey Jackson, for their assistance with another successful event held during the state meeting. Brother Broadwater, is the current State Representative, Brother Wilson, served as the State Marshal, Brother Bates, served as Chairman of the event, and Brother Jackson, serves as Chairman of Eta Omicrons’ Just, Love, Cooper, Coleman Mentoring Program, which provided a large well-dressed group of young men for the event.

Several speakers, including the Chief of the Albany Police Department, local brothers that work with youths in various capacities, and others from around the state addressed the youth. These men spent time with the young participants as well as their parents discussing a wide variety of topics, including: *how to become a better person, how to deal with encounters with the police, and how to navigate life as a man of color.* “This was the second consecutive year that the State of Georgia, has welcomed this event to take place during its state meeting. Both have been well received by the parents that attended,” said Brother Wilson. (Submitted by Brother Marc Styles)

**Los Angeles: 24 Consecutive Years, Saving Young Lives – “One Handshake at a Time”**



**The Fall 2017 Class of Participants in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc/Omega Educational Foundation, Youth Leadership Conference, University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, California**



**L-R: Omega man The Honorable Arthur L. Burnett Sr., First African-American U.S. Magistrate Judge greets Regina Burden, vice president for student affairs, Tuskegee University and Oita C. Coleman, vice president for research and development (SAS Institute). They were in Los Angeles to speak to students and parents at the Omega Psi Phi/Omega Educational Foundation’s Youth Leadership Conference, Saturday, October 21, 2017 at USC. (See Story pp 24 & 25.)**



## THE DISTRICTS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> District - Fatherhood Initiative: Expanding the Message Via Social Media

By Donald Williams, II

2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman, Fatherhood and Mentoring and Basileus, Mu Nu Chapter

**L**argo, MD, Thursday, November 30, 2017 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> District’s Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee launched its newest initiative to raise awareness of the Fatherhood and Mentoring Work Chapters are doing to “strengthen families” in five states, NY, NJ, PA, DE, and MD.



Brothers bottom (Left-Right): Shaun Ratliff, Mu Nu, Jeffery Diggs, Mu Rho Basileus and Donald Williams II, FMP Chairman and Basileus Mu Nu Chapter Kappa Psi Omega Men recent graduates. Second Picture Bottom Right: Brothers (Left-Right): Front Row Shaun Ratliff, Mu Nu, and Donald Williams II, FMP Chairman and Basileus Mu Nu Chapter; on back row Jeffery Diggs, Mu Rho Basileus, Kappa Psi Omega Men recent graduates.

Two Chapters, Mu Rho and Mu Nu were guests on **WBGR Podcast Live Stream Radio Talk Show** hosted by Stacey Jordan of Real Husbands of Largo, Maryland. The Facebook Podcast reaches an audience of approximately 300,000 millennials. The 2<sup>nd</sup> District desires to expand the message about the District’s incredibly successful Fatherhood and Mentoring programs. “We want our communities to know that there is a Chapter near them that is committed to teaming with local organizations such as Social Services, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and like-minded organizations that are intentional about helping DADS to help their children grow into healthy young adults,” said Brother Donald Williams II, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman. The 2<sup>nd</sup> District believes that these initiatives will result in stronger families.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has engaged communities for a very long time with meaningful parenting and mentoring programs:

**Montgomery County, MD** – Men of Mu Nu Chapter are collaborating with the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County in its **24/7 Dad’s Program**. The purpose of the program is to provide fathers with career counseling, communication training and tools to strengthen family bonds.  
**Anne Arundel County, MD** – Men of Mu Rho Chapter are working in partnership with the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS administers an Adult Fathers Mentoring program that helps fathers to develop skills to better participate in building and maintaining stronger families.

From the partnership with the historic 44<sup>th</sup> Presidency of Barack H. Obama to the new administration, the Fraternity’s leadership with Fatherhood and Mentoring continues to be vital in the African American communities. “The work we do is extremely important, purposeful, and meaningful, and impacts the entire family,” said Williams. “Our experience working with dads show that engaging fathers in the well-being of their children is vital. Dads make a tremendous difference in the healthy growth and development of their children and significantly impacts the entire family,” he emphasized.

The Fraternity’s aim in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District is to persist in increasing the awareness of the importance of responsible fatherhood. It will expand its partnerships with like-minded community organizations, public agencies, schools, and advocates of responsible parenting. To that end, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District seeks Corporate Sponsorships, partnerships and teaming arrangements to work with men to become better Fathers with the goal to strengthen the entire family. For additional information: CALL-N-Number: (301) 429-9247 or [www.facebook.com/realhusbandsoflargo](http://www.facebook.com/realhusbandsoflargo) or download WGBR app [www.wbgronline.com](http://www.wbgronline.com)

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### **Eta Pi Chapter Mentoring Program**

By Barry R. Devone, Eta Pi Chapter, Chairman,  
Mentoring Program Committee

**East Orange, NJ, November 2017** – Eta Pi Chapter established their Ernest Everett Just Male Mentoring Program twelve years ago in an effort to provide young males with opportunities to engage in workshops that focus on the following: leadership, character building, career exploration, life skills development, financial literacy, public speaking, conflict resolution, as well as recreation and cultural enrichment events.

On October 21, 2017, the Chapter’s 2017-2018 mentoring program was launched. The program contains two cohorts; Grades 6-8 facilitated at the Sojourner Truth Middle School; Grades 9-12 facilitated at the Ambrose Rose Mansion in East Orange, NJ. On the third Saturday of the month Chapter



mentors meet with middle school students during the morning and in the afternoon, they meet with high school students.

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, Eta Pi hosted a public Mentoring training seminar in collaboration with the Greater Essex Community Uplift Foundation and the Greater Newark CARES Mentoring Movement. The training was offered to the public and designed to address the needs for organizations that either have an existing program or are considering adding a mentoring program to their community services portfolio. Participants engaged in group discussions, role playing and action planning. The Greater Newark CARES Mentoring Movement is an affiliate of the National CARES Mentoring Movement founded by Susan B. Taylor, former editor of Essence Magazine.

During the mentoring program sessions on Saturday, November 11, 2017 students enrolled in the Grades 6-8 cohort participated in a program facilitated by Dr. Rosiland Carmichael. The students discussed the book “**Khalil’s Way**” and engaged in several group activities to explore their beliefs around bullying and respect for others.

Students in the Grades 9-12 cohort had a busy day as well. Bro. Lennon Register, Chief Financial Officer of New Jersey Performing Arts Center spoke on the importance of building a financial portfolio and financial careers in the entertainment industry. They also viewed the short film “**Drop – A story of Triumph**” and participated in a group discussion facilitated by representatives from the New Jersey Integrated Black Nurses Association.

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

**D**umfries, Virginia – Fathers and students from the Omega U youth mentoring program of Pi Lambda Lambda of Omega Psi Phi Inc. of Dumfries Virginia participated in a college tour and men’s basketball game on the campus of George Mason University.

The purpose of the event was to facilitate a father and son experience exposing prospective college students to the potential opportunities and programs offered by GMU on the campus in Fairfax Virginia on December 9, 2017 courtesy of Apple Federal Credit Union (AFCU).

The Omega U sponsored event facilitated the attendance of 100 students ranging from elementary age to graduating high school seniors an opportunity to have a collegiate level experience. Omega U provides pre-college initiative mentoring to 90 registered students from Prince William and surrounding counties in Northern Virginia.



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Current President of Eta Delta Delta of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and GMU student athlete Brother Tejon Anthony, Eta Delta Delta, 2016, spend time with the Omega U Students from Henderson Elementary and Hampton Middle School of Prince William County Virginia on December 9, 2017 at Eagle Bank Arena.

Tejon currently wrestles for the Patriots and is a junior majoring in computer science at the University. Brother Louis Hyman, Zeta, 1992, serves as Director of Omega U at Osbourne Park of Manassas Virginia. (Submitted by Brother Raymond Bell, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairman, Fatherhood and Mentoring.)



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## 4<sup>th</sup> District

### In Cincinnati, OH - Beta Iota Distributes Thanksgiving Dinners

**C**incinnati, OH – November 21, 2017 – The Brothers of Beta Iota Chapter led their families in a service project to help other families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

This activity started as a request



for five Brothers to provide boxes filled with Thanksgiving food that we could deliver to other families. The Brothers responded in force,

and we were able to bless 12 families.







Brothers were asked to put together a Thanksgiving Dinner Box, and make it a family activity that included the children. They were asked to shop together for the food items, assemble the Dinner Box at home together, talk with their children about the importance of service, and why they were doing this activity.



Then, as a group, we met up at 8:00 p.m. on November 21st, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, to deliver them to the 12 families that were selected. After getting their delivery assignments, the Brothers and their families split into three teams to make the deliveries.



In keeping with the Fatherhood Initiative pillar of *Partnering with Others*, the families that received the dinners were selected by the Boys and Girls Club, which we had partnered with for our Fatherhood Celebration Weekend and other activities.



The families we encountered were very appreciative, and a few recognized the Omegas from other activities, such as mentoring and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club.

It was great statement to them that the men of Omega Psi Phi live our commitment to service every day.



Forty family members participated in preparing the boxes, and 19 were able to participate in the delivery of about \$500 worth of food.

Altogether, this was a great activity for fathers to share with their families while being of service. (Submitted by Brother Jerry Leftwich and written by Brother Quintin Sweat)

**The Great Question**

**How can the [www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org) website help me?**

**Answer:**

**[www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org) has Fatherhood and Mentoring Tools and Tips - for Your Use, for example**

- **Fatherhood/Mentoring Tool Kit**  
Logics Models and Performance Metrics
- **My Brother's Keeper**
- **Future Dad's Program**
- **Brother, You're On My Mind**

**See the Website:**

**[www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org)**

**Fatherhood Chronicle: Chapter 6, In the Hood**

by **Brother DeSean Grayson**

**M**emphis, TN – It is hard to believe that she turned six years old today, my sweet baby girl. No hood has ever made me more nervous to enter than FATHERhood. I remember the angst I felt and still feel at the thought of protecting her against a world with a stacked deck against her and nurturing her into a confident person. She had my heart from day one when I heard that little voice call me “Daddy” for the first time; I was done for. I pray that we are able to instill strong confidence, compassion, and high esteem in her as she continues to blossom. I pray that our village never abandons her and that it reinforces, enhances, and supports her. Whatever the journey brings ahead, her daddy is here for it all. #TheHoodChronicles.



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**“The strong men keep a-comin' on  
Gittin' stronger\* ...”**

(\*From a poem by the late Howard University Professor Brother Sterling Brown)



## 5<sup>th</sup> District Mentoring: The Academy Memphis

**Memphis, TN** – The Academy Memphis is a Non-Profit Organization started by Brother Derrick Brown of Sigma Lambda Lambda Chapter in Memphis. Formed in 2013, The Academy has implemented two strategic programs that target students from low income neighborhoods. The first program is **Camp “AddNoE”**, which simply means Add No Excuses.



“**AddNoE**” is a residential camp held at Christian Brothers University. Each year students from Memphis come to campus to get an idea of what campus life is about. During that week, students are roomed with a fellow student as they experience the life of a College Student. Leadership courses, vocational courses, literacy courses and even a daily mandatory Community Service project are some of the activities students experience.

Students also work on an Enduring Project entitled “How can I make my city a better place.” During presentations, they create movies, act and even sing about their love for their city; they make public vows to city leaders on how they will impact their surroundings.

The first week of Camp “**AddNoE**”, students are put through rigorous leadership activities and fun challenging brain games that allow progressive struggles which lead them to the no excuse mindset.

The second program is the Job Readiness Program. Students complete an interest inventory asking them questions about their future. That information is used to

pair them with a local business in the city. The Academy has partnered with businesses around the city that allow students to come in and shadow employees while doing small tasks that will give them a sense of what it is like to work for that company. This allows students to get financial compensation while doing so.

Students are taught how to start their own business; some begin the process as young as age 14. They also participate in college tours and are provided information about FAFSA and Financial Aid so that when time comes, they will have a better understanding about their options for furthering their education.

“We are now in the process of adding more companies as we would like to have something for every student. We are currently planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program as we have had 2 wonderful years where we have seen students make drastic changes that will aid in the success of cities all across America,” said program Founder Brother Derrick Brown.





Brown Graduated from University of Memphis in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He received a Master's Degree in Special Education from Christian Brothers University in 2013. He is working on a Doctorate in Transformational Leadership at Concordia University. Brother Brown has received several awards and honors including Superior Teacher of the Year (2014), Special Education Teacher of the Year (2015), Spark Award city of Memphis (2016), Distinguished Alumni Award (2016), Omega Psi Phi District Scholar SLL (2015) and numerous school awards.

## 6<sup>th</sup> District

### C.H.A.M.P.S: Stand Tall, Walk Proud, Shine Your Brightest!

**R**aleigh, NC – Friday is the start of the weekend. But for children, their prospective would be that it is the last school day of the week.

In many urban-areas those same children parlay thoughts of school straight to their local community center. And, the atmosphere in those centers are full of energy – kids are excited about the weekend.

On the second Friday of the month you can find a group of young men in purple t-shirts excited about the start of another Omega C.H.A.M.P.S group session at Garner Road Community Center in Raleigh, N.C. The group sessions are supported by the Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in which C.H.A.M.P.S., (Committed to Helping American Males Pursue Success), is an affiliate. Iota Iota Chapter also celebrate Mentees transitioning out of the C.H.A.M.P.S. program with a Rites of Passage ceremony, a celebration that occurs when a Mentee(s) leaves the program.

One highlight of the Rites of Passage ceremony is when an Elder Brother, leads the group in a prayer with all Omega Men in attendance placing their hands on the head of the Mentee(s), blessing the Mentee(s) on their journey to Manhood. The program looks forward to seeing the growth of each individual Mentee during their participation in the C.H.A.M.P.S. program.



Being a Mentee offers the opportunity to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> District Boys Summer Camp in King, NC. The camp annually provides boys ages 8 – 14 the opportunity to spend one-week at camp. The camp's focus is on enhancing self-esteem, self-confidence, plus a wide variety of team building activities and adventures.

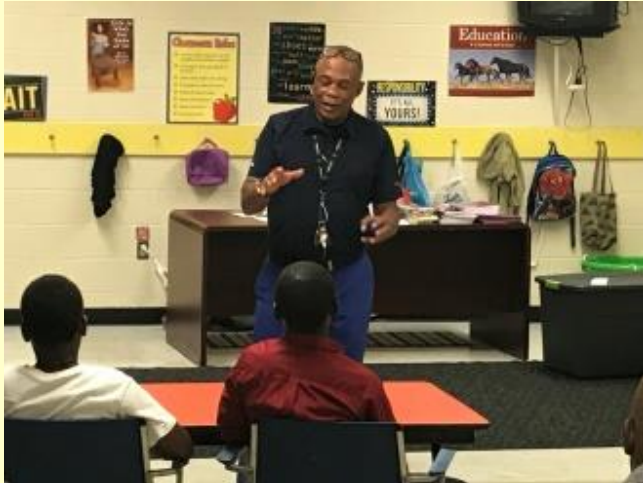
**At C.H.A.M.P.S. our mission is to: "...build the next generation of African American males and other ethnic males into our future leaders ... by providing: a relationship with a caring adult male;**

**enriching summer camp experiences; and, exposure to a variety of culturally enriching activities to assist young men in avoiding problem/high risk behavior."**

Brothers serve as Mentors to male youth between the ages of 9 and 14. Mentees are exposed to various topics during their monthly group sessions such as: Gang Awareness, Peer Pressure, and Bullying, Social Media Do's

and Don'ts, Etiquette and Communicating Effectively, Tapping into Your Spirits, Veterans Day Tribute and African-American History.

Activities are not limited to only group sessions. In recent years, Mentees have been exposed to enriching activities that include trips to National Historic Landmark-Fort Fisher, North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher in Kure Beach, NC., US Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington, NC., Duke University Football and Bulls Baseball games in Durham, NC.



As the weather starts to turn each year during the holiday season, the C.H.A.M.P.S. mentees participate in their first community service project, a clothing drive - "Hats, Socks, and Gloves." Beginning in November, the C.H.A.M.P.S. program participants collect items to give to others by way of the Helping Hand Mission in Raleigh. This helps to teach our mentees the importance of giving back to the community. Omega C.H.A.M.P.S. motto is "Stand Tall, Walk Proud, Shine Your Brightest!" We pray the seeds that are planted in our Mentees during their participation in the program will grow and inspire them as they become our future leaders. (Submitted by Brother Dontae Smith, Executive Director)

## 7<sup>th</sup> District

**M**arianna, Florida – The Lamplighters of Marianna, Florida delivered food gift baskets to community residents of Jackson County during their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.







**2017 - 2018 Lamplighter Mentorship Class  
Lamplighters Mentorship Program**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL** – Zeta Chi Chapter welcome parents and the 2017-2018 Lamplighter Male Mentorship Class at the 2017 Achievement Week Banquet. In addition to presenting the awards for Superior Service, Omega Man and Citizen of the Year, the Achievement Week Committee presented the Lamplighter of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and youth leadership.



**2017 FAMU vs BCU  
Florida Classic**

**Tallahassee, FL** – The Black Male College Explorers Program (BMCEP) at Bethune-Cookman enjoyed a weekend outing at the 2017 FAMU vs BCU Florida Football Classic. In addition to the game, parents and youths had the opportunity to

attend the Florida Classic College Fair and various college prep seminars. BMCEP is designed for at-risk males in grades 6-12. It promotes academic excellence and holistic male development.



## Lambda Epsilon: Home Again

### Iota Omega Chapter inducted 14 into Lambda Epsilon Chapter

*A Personal Note: by Dr. George D. Taylor, Lambda Epsilon – Fall 1961*

**Tuskegee, AL** – At the beginning of this New Year, join me in welcoming Lambda Epsilon Chapter back home to mother Tuskegee, a home for me when I joined LE in December 1961. Lambda Epsilon Alumni world-wide have *“been waiting for this moment”* to welcome you back. You’ve been gone too long; we have much work to do.

In a conversation while out getting in my 10,000-steps, I continued to get these text messages from LE Brother Rodney Stone, Basileus, Iota Omega. When all was said and done, he shared with me the news: “They’re back,” he exclaimed with great vivacity. “Who’s back,” I said with equal fervor. He replied, “The Hardcore Fourteen. That’s with a 1 and a 4.” “And who are they?” I asked. He described them – texting all the while I was trying to get in my 10,000.



**10 of 14 new LE Brothers standing under the out stressed arms of Booker T. Washington. There is a direct connection between Howard University, Hampton University, Tuskegee University and Omega Psi Phi. [What/who is it?](#)**

“Their collective grade point average is 3.4, they are mostly science, technology, engineering and military science majors. There were seven legacies on the line,” he added. Then, Brother Stone text the bomb-blast: “Please note that Brother Dr. Saul T. Wilson, LE Charter line 1948 went through the entire MSP process with them.”

He continued, “Many in the Fraternity never had the honor of being overseen through read-in by a Charter Line member.” Brother Wilson is 89 years young, Brother John Fears also was there, he is 90 years and a 1951 LE.

Under the “watchful eye and cerebral guidance” of Brother Joseph T. Williams, International Intake Chairman and Member of Iota Omega Chapter, these 14 undergraduates became LE Brothers.

Brother Stone added: “They’re volunteering monthly at the local food bank; on January 15 they are doing a joint project with Iota Omega working with the community replacing the floor in a home for the elderly – a Martin Luther King Day project; in February they have planned an emergency preparedness event (training) and blood drive. Their Omega week is in February.”

“These young men have deep roots,” he said. They’ve been influenced by many including Brothers Dr. Gregory Prichard 1964 LE, Rodney Stone 1978 LE, and Russell Newman 1993 LE. “The line is committed to scholarship,” he said. For example, “Brother Ramses McKinstry is a USDA 1890 Scholar in Environmental Science, USDA pays his tuition, fees and books and provides summer employment; following graduation there is potentially full-time employment if all tenants of the program are met.”

Five years prior was the last viable class of undergrads on campus for consideration. This line signals a clean slate and fresh start for LE. “We have instilled a business casual dress code and formal dress on Fridays,” said Brother Stone.



To the new Brothers of Lambda Epsilon, we say to you, Welcome home: You stand on the shoulders of giants in Omega Land too numerous to mention.

See a copy of: **The History of Lambda Epsilon 1947-2012**, written by LE Brothers: Dr. Julius Chapman, Principal Researcher and Writer; Isaiah Miller, Contributing Editor; Ed B. Massey, Contributing Researcher and Editor; Dr. George D. Taylor, Contributing Researcher and Editor; Dr. Saul T. Wilson, Jr.; Contributing Researcher and Advisor; and Eien Williams, Research Assistant.

Brother Dr. Chapman extends his personal congratulations. He wants you to know that we are proud of you and your accomplishments. He said, “tell them that whenever they step outside of their personal space, remember that they are representing all of us. Indeed, they stand on the shoulders of giants in Omega – worldwide.”

The new brothers of Lambda Epsilon are: Ian McNeal (Architecture); Jonathan Reese (Psychology); Bryan Barnes (Mechanical Engineering); Quinton Stewart (Construction Science Management); Jalen Luter (Nursing); Ramses McKinstry (Chemical Engineering & Environmental Science, his Dad’s a brother, LE 90); Austin Cary (Forestry); Tyler Anthony (Chemical Engineering); Ian Feaster (Aerospace Engineering – Army ROTC); Chester Hutcherson (Mechanical Engineering); LeGerett Mosely (Architecture); Terrance Mixon (Music/Computer Science, Drum Major/Band, following TU Trustee Brother Floyd Griffin); Victor Hinton (Electrical Engineering – Army ROTC); and Rynel Marshall-Aerospace Engineering – Marine ROTC). [www.tuskegee.edu/give](http://www.tuskegee.edu/give),

## 10<sup>th</sup> District

### About Project Manhood

**E**ast St. Louis, IL – Nu Chi Chapter’s mentoring effort, Project Manhood, absolutely embodies the Fraternity’s 2017 Founders Day theme, “When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer”.

These dedicated brothers persevere diligently and honestly, in helping their community address the plight of young men trying to see their way through difficult life circumstances, to reach manhood. When East St. Louis, Illinois, as a community, called for action to save and uplift its young men, Nu Chi Chapter answered that call!





Time for a “break”

The template created by Nu Chi Chapter is a phenomenal example of how Omega can and should impact young men, and by extension, communities across our nation and world. What is truly impressive about the Project Manhood initiative is that the Brothers involved are constantly evaluating and refining their approach to impacting these young men. Project Manhood

essentially seeks to address the ever-changing dynamics of East Saint Louis, IL, through scholarships, strategies, and engagements that offer real time, real world answers.



“The Judge, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, and his Crew!”

It would be easy to rest on “what already works”. The challenge and reality are, however, that making a difference with young people requires healthy self-evaluation, innovation and where practicable, collaboration. Nu Chi Project Manhood checks all of those boxes. (Submitted by Brother Gregory Pittman, 10<sup>th</sup> District Fatherhood Chairman.) ///



## **Tau Tau Chapter/Omega Educational Foundation, Holds 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Leadership Conference**

**By Dr. George D. Taylor, Editor to the Oracle, Zeta Tau Chapter**

**Los Angeles, CA (October 21, 2017)** – Southern California Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., led by Tau Tau Chapter and the Omega Educational Foundation, Inc., sponsored their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) on the sprawling campus of the University of Southern California (USC).

This year's conference, with the theme "I am ...", attracted 575 male youth ages 8 to 18, 140 mothers, 50 fathers and over 200 Omega men plus volunteers and sponsors including the Black Employees Network (BEN) of Blue Shield, USBank, California Bank and Trust, Avery Denison, Northrop Grumman Corporation and Harrison Jones/Honda Corporation.

Significant this year was the presence of executive level Vice Presidents from two HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), Alcorn State University, founded in 1871 and Tuskegee University founded in 1881. Also present was alumni representation from Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL founded in 1876.

They brought scholarship offerings for students who were prepared to be interviewed by the top-level university executives from Alcorn State and Tuskegee University. More importantly, these executives brought with them the stories about these institutions; how and why they came into existence and why they are as vital today in the education of students and the enlightenment of society as they were when they were founded.

Amongst the 575 largely but not exclusively African American male youth were 12 graduating seniors who brought with them their transcripts and test scores as requested by the universities. Each official laid out its case for why these students should consider attending their university.

Dr. Donzell Lee, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Alcorn State University mentioned types of scholarships available for qualified students. Alcorn State university grew out of a Presbyterian-affiliated four-year college reserved for whites in 1871. According to Dr. Lee, "Oakland College, was purchased by the state of Mississippi and named Alcorn State College after the sitting Governor at that time," James L. Alcorn.

Regina Burden, vice president for student affairs at Tuskegee University mentioned the scholarship and financial aid available for qualified students. Ms. Burden spoke of the rich history of Tuskegee University, founded in 1881, its founding president Booker T. Washington, its famous scientist Dr. George Washington Carver and other notable facts about Tuskegee University. Ms. Burden engaged the students in an exercise of decision-making.

Brother Clifford Jones, an alumnus of Stillman College, introduced Stillman College. He noted Stillman's founding in 1876 and its contribution to youth. Stillman College is a small liberal-arts, private church-related institution. It is committed to fostering academic excellence and providing high quality teacher education for students. Stillman has a proud tradition of preparing students for leadership and service in society.

Another visitor to the YLC was Ms. Oita C. Coleman, a vice president at SAS Institute and member of the board of trustees of North Carolina Central University. While on the airplane in route back to North Carolina Sunday morning, she wrote:

*I've been fortunate to have strong men in my life (my father and both my grandfathers). They were men that I admired because of their strength and hard work.*

*In today's world where there are so many negative news stories and media images about the black male, what I witnessed this weekend truly shines a light on this as "fake news". The Men of Omega proved that black men are intelligent, driven, and compassionate.*

*The best description that comes to my mind is—you have the audacity to be unapologetic. Unapologetic for caring about your families and community. Unapologetic for standing proud. Unapologetic for expecting the best from our youth and giving them the best of yourselves. Unapologetic for showing emotion. Unapologetic for commanding and receiving respect.*

In the typed statement sent to Brother Ricky L. Lewis, Ms. Coleman thanked Mrs. Lewis for the hospitality she received and others who made her visit warmer and welcoming. In a summary message to all, conference organizer and executive director of the Omega Educational Foundation, Ricky L. Lewis, said the conference "has had a major impact on the lives of 7300 youth and we are not finished yet." Already, he said, plans have begun for the Silver Anniversary Youth Leadership Conference next October 20, 2018 at USC. (For information about the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Youth Leadership Conference contact: [info@omegaectionalfoundation.org](mailto:info@omegaectionalfoundation.org) or [rickylewis@earthlink.net](mailto:rickylewis@earthlink.net))

## **Zeta Tau Chapter Continues Commitment – Uplifting Families**

**By Dr. George D. Taylor, Editor to the Oracle, Zeta Tau Chapter**

**Pasadena, CA – Saturday, December 16, Zeta Tau Chapter held its traditional Fatherhood Initiative and Clothing Drive in partnership with other organizations.**



**L-R: Brothers Raphael Briscoe, Qudus Agoro, Ed B. Massey, Jim Wilson – Chapter Fatherhood Initiative Chairman, George D. Taylor -12 District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman, and Harold Reese. Photo by Johnie Drawn.**

The purpose of the annual Clothing Drive is to support homeless Youth and Families. The Chapter collected gently used men's, women's, bed and bath linens, stuffed animals and small appliances.

The Chapter participates in many activities that involves bringing uplift to the family. Programs and activities include a focus on mentoring

in local schools and helping to find job opportunities for youth in the Inland Empire and in the greater Los Angeles area.

In Pasadena, the Chapter conducts an annual pre-Father's Day "Rose Bowl Walk" coordinated each June by Harold Reese and family. "We are committed to helping to close the gap of father absence in the life of their children, especially young boys," said James Wilson, Chairman of the Zeta Tau Chapter Fatherhood Initiatives Committee.

Wilson said, "On March 3, Zeta Tau Chapter, in partnership with Inland Valley Uplift Foundation and other organizations will conduct its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference at the University of La Verne. We are expecting at least 400 students plus parents." The conference promises to be much larger than before and Wilson says many different opportunities will be offered to parents as well as the youth to get information that will help them in pursuing their educational, financial and/or vocational goals. (For additional information about the conference, contact James Wilson at: inland.ivuf@yahoo.com or call at (909) 923-8100.)



**Brother Lorin F. Akers,  
Chi Phi, Spring '89, #2**

### **Phi Iota Desert Ques: Advancing the Reality of Fatherhood**

**Phoenix, AZ** – The Phi Iota Desert Ques had a fantastic quarter; by taking a huge leap in the advancement of Fatherhood. On November 11th, Brother Lorin F. Akers opened the event by welcoming everyone and setting the stage for what was about to take place – the formal introduction of his just released Book.

The event included a deeply felt discussion of Fatherhood issues: What do you know about Parental Alienation? What happens when you have to quickly rise to the challenge of not only Fatherhood, but parenthood -- when the mother of your 3-day old twin premature babies abandons the kids after birth while they are still in the hospital? What does it take to be a Foster Parent? What are the legal implications once

entered into the custody battle? Are Fathers active in the lives of their children? Do Father's feel? What are Father's willing to do to be present!?

Brother Akers' book, **NOT BY MY HAND: A Father's War Room Whispers**, encourages Fathers to be present in the lives of their children during and after a custody battle. The focus of the event, however, was not so much on the book sales, but on educating Fathers and the public-at-large about the current state of Fatherhood and what it means for Fathers to remain in the lives of their children if in a custody situation. Brother Demond McClendon made a heartfelt presentation about what he endured and his call on God to help him overcome having to step up very quickly when called by the hospital that the preemies were abandoned while in the hospital! Powerful Message! Brother Lawton Connelly spoke about the legal challenges as it relates to the Arizona court system. Other presenters for the event included Pastor James White and Actor Mark Dixon.



**NOT BY MY HAND: A Father's War Room Whispers** was released on Amazon.com in October, 2017, and was an immediate hit with many fathers who have been involved with the court system in one way or another. The book is the fictionalized memoir of a Father embroiled in a child custody battle and the heartfelt prayers that gave him strength to endure. This powerful story centers on a Father's candid conversations with the Holy Spirit and his unconditional love for his daughter. Throughout his trials and triumphs, doubts and fears, his faith served as his anchor, helping him overcome adversity including the forfeiture of his career, love life and financial stability. The Father's inspirational journey proves, that although his life is not perfect, having a relationship with his daughter is more than enough. **NOT BY MY HAND: A Father's War Room Whispers** can be found on Amazon.com; the **Fatherhood Rights Panel Discussion** was recorded and can be found on [www.notbymyhand.com](http://www.notbymyhand.com).

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## 13<sup>th</sup> District

### On Being a Better Dad

By

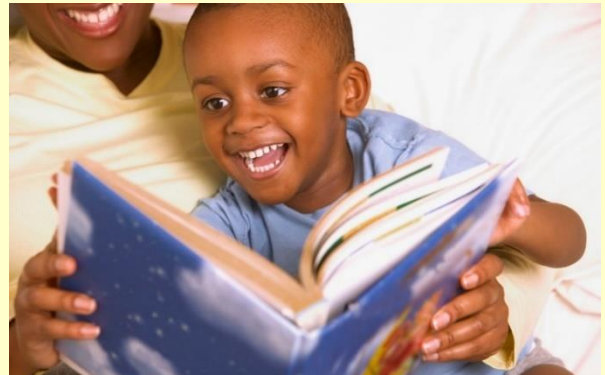
Brother Michael Robinson

**O**kinawa, Japan – In today's rapid changing environment Dads all over the world are faced with the challenges of relating to their children. The bond and relationship between a father and his child will pay huge dividends of success if it is nurtured in a positive way.

The National Fatherhood Initiative recommends the following ten ways to be a better dad:

1. Respect your children's mother
2. Spend time with your children
3. Listen first. Talk second
4. Discipline with love
5. Be a role model
6. Be a teacher
7. Eat together as a family
8. Read to your children
9. Show affection
10. Realize that a father's job is never done

After high school when a teenager has grown up and ready to leave home, dads should continue to play a major role in their lives. This might include providing a listening ear, guidance and most of all wisdom.



Dad sharing laughter while reading to his son.



Dad reads to son and daughter

## SGG Participates in Boyz to Men Mentoring Event

By  
Brother Michael Robinson



Brother Michael Robinson help mentees (Justin Williamson, home school; Colby Riley Kubasaki, High School and Eugene Robinson, Kadena High School) prepare pancakes



Mentees serve breakfast to mothers attending Saturday morning Bible Study at Chapel 3 on Kadena Air Base

**Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan** – Brother Cortez Pree, Vice Basileus of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter, coordinated a mentoring event called Boyz to Men.

Dads and male volunteers including Basileus of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Brother Michael Robinson demonstrated and taught the mentees how to set up and prepare breakfast. This included cooking Belgian waffles, pancakes, eggs and bacon. These young men were reminded of the importance of safety in the kitchen and sanitation. The key phrase “clean as you go” kept ringing throughout the session. Next, the mentees served food to all of the ladies attending Saturday morning Bible Study at Chapel 3.

After the meal, each mentee assisted in cleaning up the facility. Before the ladies departed, the mentees conducted an inspection of their cars by checking the following items: windshield wiper fluid, oil, transmission fluid, lights, brake fluid, coolant and tire pressure.

Mentees, Dads and male volunteers from the community participated in

the first mentoring session held on Saturday September 16, 2017 at Chapel 3 on Kadena Air Base. Over 20 boys ages 5 to 18 participated in the following events: preparing breakfast, performing a car inspection and question and answer session on life topics.

The mentee session ended with an open discussion on topics about life that the mentees wanted to know about and share. Brother Pree stated “we want our mentees to know that we care about them. Most of all we want to see them succeed in life.”



Brothers Cortez Pree and Michael Robinson of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter with mentees, Dads and Volunteers at Boyz to Men Mentoring Event at Chapel 3 on Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan

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## Community Fun-Day: Bridging Gaps while Lifting as We Climb

By

Brother Corey Nowell

**London, England** – Chi Mu Mu Chapter’s continued success has historically hinged upon the establishment of positive partnerships with institutions within the community. As part of the activities to build stronger partnerships and mentor within the community, Brothers from the Chapter as well as visiting Brothers volunteered their time to collaborate with seven other agencies in London making the community fun day a success.

Along with the mentorship from the Brothers of Chi Mu Mu, live music, stalls, games and laughter was shared with everyone attending the community fun day at the Marcus Lipton youth Hub in London to unify the people of the surrounding neighborhoods and push the initiative of non-violence within the community. Despite all of the turmoil and tragedy that has struck in London over the past year from random terrorist attacks to the fire at the Grenfell Towers, the Brothers of Chi Mu Mu were present to uplift by donating goods to victims and those who are in need of extra support whilst bringing everyone closer together as we stay united.



Brothers: Nakuja Guyan (KRS); Berhan Kaleb (current VB); Akogwu Obekpa (previous VB: FY16-17)



An event at Marcus Lipton Community Enterprise,  
Community Centre, Minet Road, Brixton, United Kingdom

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**Theta Rho International Chapter Makes Annual Donation  
to Wiesbaden High School Basketball Annual Tournament**

By  
Brother Kirk Devezin



Brothers of Theta Rho International Chapter: Jeffery (JD) Mack, Theta Rho Basileus, Kirk Devezin, 13th DKRS, Kevin (KD) Williams, Social Action Chairman, and Marius Price, Theta Rho KRS, present donation to official of Wiesbaden High School, Wiesbaden, Germany.

**Wiesbaden, Germany** – The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Theta Rho International Chapter, continues to support the youth within the community by contributing selfless service and monetary donations. Living up to the spirit of Omega, Theta Rho provided support to the Wiesbaden High School Booster club's annual Boys Basketball Holiday Classic for the Department of

Defense schools in Western Europe. This event is held annually to promote' friendship through sports' for our young men within the communities.

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**Achievement Week Banquet**

By

**Wilbert Fair (Chairman/Current Vice-Basileus)**

**Honolulu, Hawai'i** (November 18, 2017) – The Brothers of LBB conducted their Achievement Week Banquet on 18 November 2017 at the Hyatt Regency, Waikiki, 2424 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii. The mentees were dressed to impress and displayed great character and manners while at the banquet. They were able to apply some of the skills they learned from some of the classes taught throughout the year to properly prepare for the event, especially from the Wear and Appearance class taught in September. Each mentee was able to take a photo with Brother Daniel B. Jones (Grand Keeper of Finance), receive a medallion, and a certificate of achievement from the chapter. The mentees shared an elegant night fulfilled with the True Omega Spirit!

**Ω Fatherhood and Mentoring Tools and Tips website:**  
[www.omegafandm.org](http://www.omegafandm.org)



**The Grand KF with Brothers of LBB and the mentees of Project Aspiration**

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**NBA Basketball Game in Honolulu**

**By**

Wilbert Fair (Chairman)

**Honolulu, HI** (October 2, 2017) - With the support of the parents on a school night, the Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta (LBB) were able to watch the Toronto Raptors play against the L.A. Clippers, at the Stan Sheriff Center, 1355 Lower Campus Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i. Everyone was very excited to attend the game because this was a first-time experience for the majority of the group. Of the mentees, 10 of the 11 actually play basketball for their school or either a league. They were able to attend a live game, see physical players, and learn new moves in order to reach an obtainable goal

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**The Brothers of LBB with the mentees of Project Aspiration – Enjoying the moment!**

## **Dress and Appearance**

By

Wilbert Fair (Chairman)

**Honolulu, HI** (September 2, 2017) – The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta (LBB) conducted their monthly mentorship program event at Hickam AFB, Ka Makani Community Center, Owen Street, Honolulu, HI 96853. Noah Davis (mentee) blessed us with a prayer before we indulged into any activities. Brother Wilbert Fair explained the importance of the class and introduced Brother Eric Silver (Basileus) as the instructor.

Brother Silver presented a slide presentation as for how to tie a tie/bow-tie. He explained that every event required certain attire. Each mentee received a tie/bow-tie in which to practice their newly learned skill. Jalen Vaughn (mentee) blessed us with a prayer for the food that we were about to receive. During this event we BBQ'd hamburgers and hotdogs. Afterwards we sang Happy Birthday and presented cupcakes to everyone with Birthdays from Feb until present.

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The Brothers of LBB with the mentees of Project Aspiration; Brother Lance Ford shared a unique leg technique in order to teach mentees how to successfully tie a necktie; Bro Silver (Basileus) briefing his class.

*Happy New Year, Brothers, Families, Friends!!!*

International Committee on Fatherhood and Mentoring  
**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**