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Youth Leadership Conferences World-Wide

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This Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Newsletter features Youth Leadership Conferences as they have advanced in popularity in Omega-land - some attracting 600 to 800 or more youth and some with less than 50 youth. It is said that African American men have been absent from the home and the lives of their families; and, that the result has been the absence of the necessary guidance our male youth needs to become the man he is capable of being. We, Omega men, see things differently.

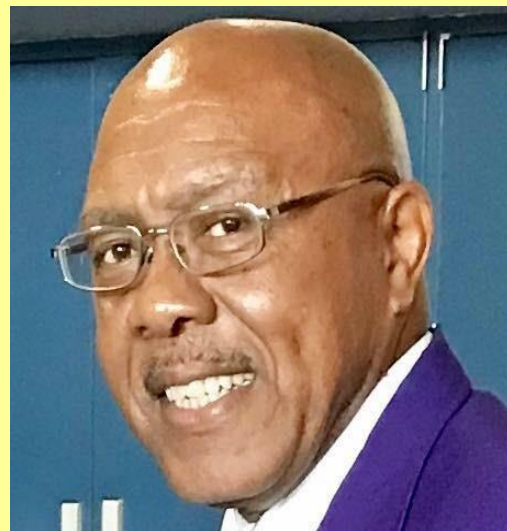
This Newsletter shows Omega men actively involved in the lives of their families, friends and most importantly youth in Chapters and Cities throughout Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's sphere of influence. The Fraternity has long supported the development of youth. It has consistently encouraged and lifted youth in tangible ways; it has insisted that our youth pursue education and/or skills-training and development that will enhance their ability and opportunity to be productive citizens in the communities where they reside.

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Whether through its signature Talent Hunt program that seeks to identify and encourage youth to display their God-given artistic talent – to sponsoring an International High School Essay Contest that addresses contemporary issues relevant to the African American community – to awarding hundreds of thousands of dollars in collegiate scholarship assistance for college-going youth to study Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) – to providing support to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital that aids in the care of children’s health and happiness, we men of Omega Psi Phi have been there.

From its humble beginning in 1911 at Howard University, the Fraternity in the year 2019 continues to span the Globe. The latest of its over 700 Chapters was chartered in Shanghai, China in November 2018. On June 22, 2019, the 13th District and Brothers living on the Baja-California Peninsular will welcome Brothers to Mexico to participate in the historic chartering of Beta Nu Nu Chapter.



**Brother John D. Cooper,
Vice - Chairman, IYLC**

About the International Youth Leadership Conference:

In 1988, the Fraternity, through the benevolent and tenacious efforts of **Brother Arnold Butler**, former Chairman of the International Social Action Committee, in conjunction with **Brother Grand Basileus Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr., 33rd Grand Basileus** in whose honor the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., International Leadership Conference is named, initiated the very first **Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)** in Dallas, TX during the 65th Grand Conclave.



**Alamo City Youth Leadership and Fatherhood Conference,
San Antonio, TX, March 23, 2019, See website below:
<https://www.psialphachapter.com>**

Rationale: When asked why he felt the need to initiate a Youth Leadership Conference at the International level, Brother Arnold Butler said, “the fraternity was in turmoil during that time” and something had to be done to give our youth a better picture of “who they were as Black people and who we were as a fraternity.”

Brother Butler said the fraternity needed to do some things differently “on the international level” to put into the minds of our youth a better picture of professional men who were very involved in providing leadership in

their communities, and, “who looked like them!” Brother Butler presented a proposal to Grand Basileus Norman; the Grand Basileus accepted and approved it and the rest is history. “Brother Norman and the Fraternity stepped up; he provided the funds to get the program started,” Butler said.

Brother Butler complemented Tau Tau Chapter and **Brother Ricky L. Lewis, 35th First Vice Grand Basileus**, in particular, for initiating and continuing the Youth Leadership Conference in the 12th District since 1993. He “wants to see it continue” throughout all of Omega-land. Brother Butler also appreciated **Brother Henry J. Porter**, who stepped up and continued the Youth Leadership Conference at the International level.

We wondered what was happening in the United States in the 1980s that may have provoked the Fraternity's interest in overtly nurturing young African American male leadership and talent:

Through our cursory review of recent history, by the end of the decade of the 1980s, times were ambiguous politically, economically and educationally for African Americans in some parts of the United States. Between 1973 and 1980, over four million jobs had vanished; a new drug - crack - (a derivative of cocaine) appeared on the scene in large urban U.S. cities, like Los Angeles, Oakland, Chicago and Detroit. In these large cities the job market was changing: 40,000 to 50,000 jobs in the apparel and textile industries in New York downsized. In 1983, the vanishing U.S. based "blue collar" industries impacted labor unions; US Steel and other major industries that employed large numbers of African Americans and paid high livable wages were declining. The impact among African Americans was felt - they represented about 27 percent of the U.S. unionized labor force.

During this same time, some colleges and universities continued to express an interest in ameliorating the imbalance in economic and educational opportunity for minorities and women (particularly African Americans); affirmative mitigation steps had begun during the aftermath of the civil dissonance in the late 1960s to address these issues. And, a vast number of programs for "at-risk kids" was begun in support of these groups to achieve the college experience. The Fraternity sought to do its part to bring African Americans into the changing socio-political times. It felt that there were not enough programs designed to recognize young Black males who were exhibiting positive academic and leadership abilities who, with guidance and professional role models "that looked like them," could be better prepared to serve their communities. Thus, the YLC was formed and adopted by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gdt///

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*** First YLC Chairman, 65th Grand Conclave**
**** First IYLC Chairman**
***** IYLC Vice-Chairman**

Several thousand youth around the world have benefited from the work of Omega men. To date, through the prowess of the International Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee and the Sub-committee on International Youth Leadership Conferences, the work continues!

For additional information about the next IYLC to be held in Tampa, Florida in July 2020, please contact: k.g.pemberton@poyfs.org

Join the Male Youth Mentoring Movement!
S. Earl Wilson, FIMC Chairman

FIMC's charge by Dr. David Marion, 41st Grand Basileus is to implement a male youth mentoring program in each chapter; You are asked to devise programs that counter unwarranted negativity and close the opportunity gap for our boys.

The Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee (FIMC) has taken on the challenge to help rebrand the fraternity's image and invest in the sustainment of quality future members through incorporating male youth mentoring at every level of the fraternity.

First, Chapters must appoint a FIMC Chairman and commit to engage the communities we serve. Our goal is to develop productive male youth citizens today and cultivate future leaders.

International Committee on Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Members



See the Fatherhood and Mentoring Website:

www.omegafandm.org



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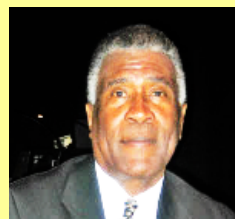
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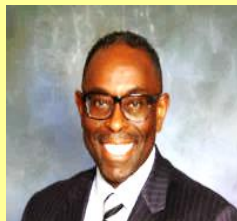
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Newsletter Goal:

“To include information from Each District Each Quarter about Fatherhood Initiatives and Mentoring: Youth Leadership Conferences, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Brother You’re On My Mind.”

Each District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman shall submit Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring information from their District each quarter to:

Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net. Next deadline for 2nd Quarter 2019: June 15th. Information will cover April, May and June 2019.

Omega Men With President Barack Obama in Oakland, CA

Brother Robert W. Fairchild, Fatherhood Initiative Advisor

Omega Men Attend My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Rising Summit

By Brother Robert W. Fairchild

Oakland, CA – February 2019 – Brothers Boone, Fairchild and Wilson attended the Obama “My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Rising Summit” along with other national mentoring leaders from the Divine Nine Fraternities.

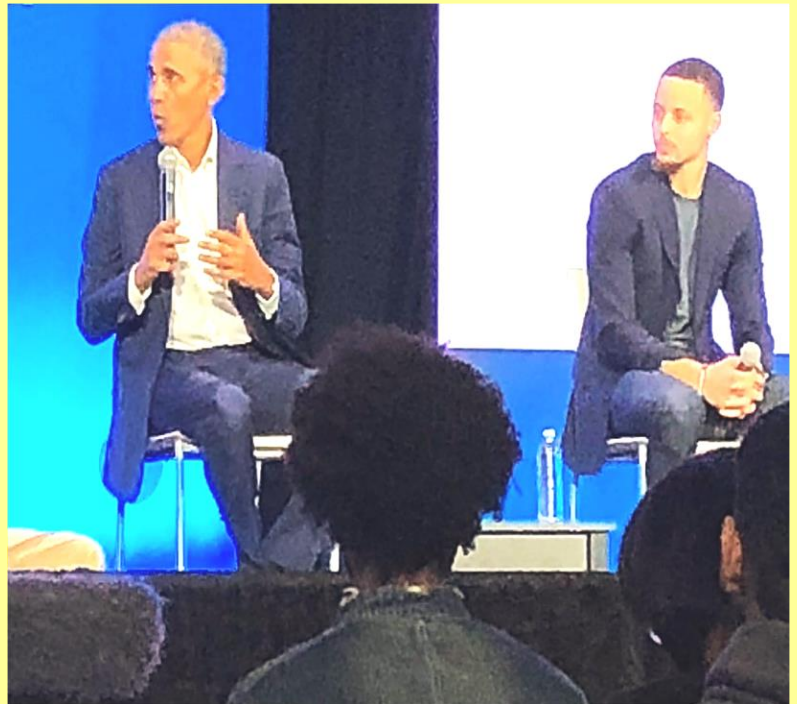
The summit brought together leaders in the field of mentoring, prominent organizations, elected officials, athletes, entertainers, practitioners and youth for a national gathering hosted by President Obama, the Obama Foundation and My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Alliance.

Highlighted by the summit were achievements, progress, challenges and next steps for advancing the lives of boys and young men of color.

We had an opportunity to get a better understanding of the MBK effort and programs, meet and interface with many of the program participants and supporters and present what our efforts have been in working with young men and boys of color. We have been working in coordination with the

Obama Foundation, My Brother’s Keeper and the Divine Nine Fraternities on engaging in a collaborative partnership relationship. This partnership would allow us to work together in support of each other in our efforts to have a significant impact, ensuring that boys and young men of color would have access to quality caring adults and mentors.

We also had the opportunities to meet and talk with a brother who had an active fatherhood program in the city of Oakland. We met with some of the local brothers and encouraged them to work with and support the brother’s program. After our presentation we met with several MBK local chapter attendees from around the country and shared information with the intent of looking at potential opportunities to work together.



President Obama Holds Town Hall Meeting with NBA Player Steph Curry



MBK Day of Service photo with Oakland Alameda County Fathers Corps Fatherhood Organizations

See the Website: www.omegafandm.org

Below is a quick overview of the Summit:

Monday: The Summit began with a Day of Service visiting schools and community programs focusing on mentoring in Oakland & San Francisco.

Monday Evening: A community dinner that allowed Summit attendees to network and establish connections with one another.

Tuesday: A day of breakout sessions, main stage plenary and town halls on all aspects of mentoring. The sessions covered a wide range of topics, violence prevention, examining the impact of mentoring, community partnerships, the role of fraternal organizations in mentoring, educational and career opportunities for young men, impact of trauma on boys and more. President Obama held a town hall with NBA player Steph Curry and entertainer John Legend discussing key strategies, success and challenges of mentoring. The town hall included hearing comments and questions from some of the young men and boys.

Tuesday Evening: The Obama Foundation sponsored a free City of Oakland dine-out in partnership with city upscale restaurants. Summit attendees were placed in dinner groups giving everyone the opportunity to share, discuss respective mentoring programs, best practices and activities. The goal of the city dining experience was to create an intimate eating gathering for mentoring leaders and organizations.

Wednesday: The last day of Summit was another day of breakout sessions, plenary and town halls meetings. We had the Divine - 9 (D9) Fraternities (Sigma, Alpha, Kappa, Iota and Omega) session on this day.

Title of Session: Partnering with Greek Organizations: Black Fraternities Impact and Influence on Mentoring.

Description: The panel discussion focused on how fraternal organizations have remained leaders in their ability to implement, scale, strengthen and sustain programming in support of young men and boys of color for more than half of a century. ///

Birthing “Project Manhood” as a prototype initiative for mentoring male youth is the call to action. FIMC representatives throughout the fraternity have band together to establish program guidelines that will be introduced at the district meetings, leadership conference and Chapter training for implementation during FY 2019-2020. Getting input from Chapters that already have mentoring programs is essential to the success of the initiative.

A critical aspect of the Project Manhood is the bi-annual Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC). The YLC forums will aid chapters in providing youth and parents with life skill tools that empower family growth. Also, a financial literacy segment, Youth Business Summit will educate students and parents about employment opportunities, wealth and entrepreneur principles.

An HBCU YLC Series starting with institutions where Omega Men are Presidents are being formed. Alabama State University, Gamma Sigma, Sigma Phi and Omega Iota Iota Chapters will host the first conference on May 4, 2019 in Montgomery, Alabama. In addition, plans are underway to host HBCU/YLCs at Florida A&M University, Rust College, Alabama A&M University, Jackson State University, Southern University, Morehouse College and Texas Southern University.

S. Earl Wilson, Chairman



**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."**

**Presiding Judge
14th Circuit Court
Family Division
Muskegon County
State of Michigan**

Greetings Brothers:

Happy Spring!

I greet you with the optimism that the annual change of seasons from Winter to Spring offers to us all.

In our last column we began to touch on situations that are real for particular populations of Fathers all across the spectrum of Fatherhood.

It is my pleasure to share with you the observations of our Good Brother from the 12th District, **Brother Alonzo Duncan, III (2-LO-10)**. Bro. Duncan will share with us, in this column, the unique perspective that he has as a consequence of his work as a State of California Corrections Officer and now Parole Agent. Bro. Duncan works with incarcerated fathers as they transition back to relationship with the families.

In Friendship...

Bro. Gregory C. Pittman

What Happens When A Father Goes to Prison Leaving Family Behind? How Does He Reconnect?

Having been employed with the state of California for the past 25 years as a correctional officer and parole agent, I have interreacted and assisted with both fathers getting ready to be released from prison as well as those trying to cope with fatherhood out of prison.

Some of the challenges that fathers who are considered "long term" offenders have shared with me during my time as a correctional officer are: not being able to help with

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and friendship..."**

homework, not being able to take sons to get haircuts, not attending sporting or school award events and just the typical everyday interaction that one may have with their child while in the home.

Ten years ago, I transitioned from being a correctional officer to a parole agent. Since then, I have gone from hearing the challenges and fears these fathers foresee when they get out of prison, to actually witnessing and eventually assisting them with their transition to fatherhood.

The majority of the cases that I have experienced regarding this topic is exemplified by the following example: a father goes to prison leaving behind a 5-year-old child, he is released 20 years later and the child he left behind is now 25 and have kids of his own and a family. Even if visitation was given while the father was incarcerated, the mindset of being an absent father is

still there. The challenge here is although you are labeled as the father, you are not considered what society deems as the typical father because trust, respect and a relationship has not been established.

Being distant or having a poor relationship with the child, not being financially able to provide, addiction, and no stable housing are some other challenges faced by fathers upon their return to their communities and in particular becoming responsible fathers.

As a parole agent with a specialize case load that oversees long term offenders who have been incarcerated for fifteen or more years and are now being released from prison, I often have to assist them in their transition into becoming a productive and responsible father.

My first directive to them is to try not to be the adult father figure and pick up where you left off 20 years ago by trying to be the disciplinarian or overseer just because you have the title of “father”. You have to first build a relationship and bond based off of trust and friendship.

Next, I advise them to do something to show that they are trying to get back to being a productive and responsible citizen in society, to show the child that they have or are trying to change. I inform them that it is an ongoing relationship process that is not formed overnight, in a day, but may even take months or years – depending on the damage that was done.

Some suggestions that I offer to assist with the challenges and transition are to: enroll in parenting classes, participate in family counseling with the child, get involved and try to be supportive in what the child is doing now, and when the opportunity presents itself have family or individual outings with the child.

In conclusion, the overall objective in most cases where fathers who have been estranged from their children, is to start by building a relationship. Trying to be the dominant figure or take on the role of disciplinarian will only cause more distance and discomfort between the father and child left behind. **By Brother Alonzo Duncan, III (2-LO-10) ///**



Brother Alonzo Duncan, III



1875 – Apr 3, 1950

“What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world, void of national bias, race, hate and religious prejudice.”

Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson,

~ The Man Behind African American History Month ~

Three Factors of Being a Father
Fidelity to Fatherhood, Family and Friends:
A (Real) Conversation between an Omega Man and his Adult Son!

Omega Man (Dad): My son, now that you are a father, based on your own experience as a father, what three factors do you consider to be important in being a father of boys? In your own words, please explain why you chose to list each factor.

Son: *Here you go dad!*

Factor #1: “Being Present”

Why? *Most important is to be there as often as possible in their lives, coaching them and observing and answering tons of questions they have. You also have to take time to play with them and enjoy their company. You do this so they know that they are a priority in your life and hopefully later you become a priority in their lives.*

Factor #2: “Showing Them Love”

Why? *If you are affectionate with them, they will learn good skills that will help them become compassionate and caring adults. Helping them to build friendships and loving relationships in the future.*

Factor #3: “Treating Their Mother with love & respect”

Why? *Boys intuitively know whether you are treating their mother like she is a priority in your life. She is most definitely the ONLY priority in their lives, so they need to know that you love her and care about her in a deep and meaningful way.*

Dad: “Of the three factors you listed, which do you consider the **MOST** important?”

Son: *I consider #3 most important. In my situation as a stepfather, I think it’s important to show the boys that their mother is a priority and someone who should be loved and respected.*

Dad: Thank you my son. I love you!

1st District: Brother Anthony Lilley, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

Lambda Rho Chapter Sponsors College Tour Granville Academy Celebrating 29 years of service

Waterbury, CT (March 12, 2019) – Lambda Rho Chapter sponsored a college tour for its students of Granville Academy. Students visited University of North Carolina, Duke University and NCAT&T University. In addition, fifty (50) Granville Academy students will attend the National Society of Black Engineers Conference March 27-31, 2019 in Detroit, Michigan. This will be an opportunity for students to attend various workshops and interact with elementary and high school students from across the country.

Granville Academy also announces that 10 of its graduating seniors have received early admission into the University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, Howard University and Hampton University. Granville Academy of Waterbury was founded in 1992 by brothers Earnest Mosley, Lambda Rho Chapter and his brother, Judge Maurice Mosley. Granville is Celebrating 29 years of service to the Waterbury Community.

Granville was designed to give students Fifth grade through 12th grade an introductory knowledge of business and STEM. Granville is open to students within the Waterbury School District and outside the city of Waterbury. Lambda Rho has been mentoring students since the creation of the program. Mentoring takes place every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm. Class size varies and can be anywhere from 20 to 40 students. ///

Iota Chi Chapter's Triple Threat at the February Brunch & Ball

Boston, MA (February 17, 2019) – Brothers of **Iota Chi Chapter** had the pleasure of hosting their fourth session of its monthly mentoring initiative “**Brunch & Ball**” for the 2018-2019 fiscal year! This landmark event takes place the third Sunday of each month at their host location the Dorchester YMCA, which service the inner-city youth of the Greater Boston area. This is where **young men are given the tools** to break the “so-called” societal glass ceilings. The Brunch & Ball mentees are taught to shoot for the stars and not just hoops. In the game of life there are no “time outs”. Because, let’s face it ... the biggest game occurs off the courts and outside the gymnasium.

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What made this month’s session interesting was the “Triple Threat” of presentations. The program featured not one, not two, but three facilitators and/or presenters. In this case, we like to refer to this experience as a “Triple-Double”. Three facilitators; two of whom were members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Mr. Jamaal Camah, Brothers Leo Ferrine and Jihad Scudder the current Brunch & Ball Chairman.

Mr. Jamaal Camah is a former professional basketball player, collegiate scholar athlete, and Massachusetts State High School Championship Basketball player. He is currently a Special Education Coordinator for Boston Public Schools. Brother Leo Ferrine is a former NFL football player (Philadelphia Eagles), who most recently served as a Director of Player Personnel and Recruitment Specialist for the Boston College football program. Every mentor/volunteer committed time based on their love for the game, as well as their love for inner-city youth.



After a brief introduction by Brother Scudder, Brother Ferrine hit the ground running without hesitation. In honor of Black History Month, he kicked off the presentation with a “Who’s Who?” trivia type photo collage of historic African-American athletes who broke the barriers and color-lines of professional sports.

Brother Ferrine took-on an “If we know where we come from, we’ll know where we are going” approach. He utilized this ice-breaker to spark interest and promote healthy conversation amongst the participants. This approach began to open up the dialogue into the “How?”; which was that of academics and education.

Both guest speakers emphasized the importance of SCHOLARSHIP, as it pertains to the overall assurance of success throughout one’s lifespan. Brother Ferrine spoke about his experience as a college-level athlete. He did so eloquently, while reiterating the skills necessary to successfully reach one’s athletic goals. The second half of the presentation introduced the physical component of the day. Mr. Jamaal Camah immediately got the attention of the mentees with his charismatic delivery of information.



Although most athletes are born with natural ability, often referred to as “God-given talent”, effective practice, discipline and consistency can have a huge impact on performance. The implied discipline can be applied to “real life” situations as a tool for perseverance and resilience. Mr. Camah introduced the mentees to a series of agility and conditioning drills that he used as a college athlete.

As the intensity and rigor of the drills increased, the enthusiasm of the participants never decreased. The presenter maintained the energy level from the mentees with Iota Chi, Chapter’s Triple Threat at the February Brunch & Ball. ///

**“It is not your environment, it is you - the quality of your mind,
the integrity of your soul and the determination of your will that will
decide your future and shape your life.”**

**Brother Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
1940 to 1967**

Eta Pi Chapter - 2019 Father and Son Conference

By
Brother Brian Harris

East Orange, NJ (February 16, 2019) – The Mighty Eta Pi Chapter hosted its first **Father and Son Conference** at the Sojourner Truth Middle School. The program theme - "Building Bridges, Intentional Actions, One Day at a Time" set the tone for the day as participants and guest speakers quickly bonded during the morning session. The overarching goals of the conference were to: 1) create a platform that would encourage families to spend quality time together, 2) share relevant health and wellness information, and 3) provide homeownership, mortgage options and connect participants to community resources.



Participants, Guests and Eta Pi Brothers - Eta Pi Chapter 2019 Father and Son Conference

This powerful program opened with an African history presentation which included the history of African civilizations, the African diaspora and its impact on the new world. Participants also learned how to trace their genealogy back to the Motherland of Africa.

Throughout the day a variety of workshops were conducted which included topics such as physical fitness and nutrition, self-defense exercises, Yoga and Mindfulness, gaming and video game development and more. The program received corporate and community sponsorship from **PNC Bank**, **UIH Family Partners** and the **Big Brother/Big Sister** program. In addition, each agency provided a 15-minute presentation on their products, services and programs.



Guest speakers included East Orange Mayor Ted Green, Fatherhood expert Devon Bandison, Oranges & Maplewood NAACP President, Tom Puryear, Second District Health and Wellness Chairman, Brother Tony Hayes, East Orange Public Schools Liaison, Brother Marion Bell, Second District Mentoring Committee Member and NJ Chairman, Brother Matthew Stevens, Program Moderator and First Vice Basileus, Brother Barry Devone, and committee members Brothers George Williams and Ron Williams.



The Eta Pi Chapter is proud to have partnered with the City of East Orange, the East Orange Board of Education and the Greater Essex Community Uplift Foundation to provide quality programming to East Orange residents and the community at Large. ///

2nd District Ques on The Move Podcast with Divine Nine Guest

By Donald Williams II, 2nd District Chairman

New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland –Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 2nd District Fatherhood Chairman kicked off the new year with guests from the Divine Nine Fraternities that are providing leadership for their fraternity mentoring programs. He facilitated a passionate conversation on the importance of mentoring and its impact on the next generation.

The 2nd District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring (FIM) mission is clear and strategically driven. There are approximately 80 Chapters actively engaged in mentoring Dads and young males in their communities across its five-state geographic area. In supporting this initiative, we are excited with the continuation of our Ques on the Move Podcast ([facebook.com/WBGR/Entertainment/QuesOnTheMove](https://www.facebook.com/WBGR/Entertainment/QuesOnTheMove)). Every Tuesday from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00p.m., tune in and follow us on Facebook and listen to the incredible mentoring work that Chapters are doing in our community across the five states.

We are excited to connect the FIM message to a broad spectrum of listeners. Our recent segment of “Ques On The Move” highlighted the importance of mentoring programs by the Divine Nine, Black Greek Fraternities with each fraternity sharing information about their programs and the difference they are having on the lives of our young people, especially our male students.

The key message to the community and listeners was: Encourage everyone (Greek or Non-Greek) to mentor one student – just have a heart to serve our young people; we are stronger together. By working side-by-side, we can change and shape the “trajectory” of the next generation of young people, especially our male students. Mentors can truly impact lives of our youth in many ways; we can help in building self-esteem, realizing potential, and providing access to life changing experiences. By mentoring a young person, mentors aid in equipping them with strategies and skills to help them grow as individuals, succeed academically, athletically and personally. We have a responsibility to help shape, nurture, teach, and impact young people lives in a positive way. Mentoring Matters!

The potential of the podcast to connect us with listeners unfamiliar with what we do gives us a chance to further our outreach efforts and have a greater impact in our communities. Mentors aid families to help children reach their full potential in all areas in their lives. It truly takes a village. The Urgency is Now to Save Our Sons and Daughters!



L-R: Chris Thompson, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter; Donald Williams II, 2nd District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman and Basileus Mu Nu Chapter; Robert Brown, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Sigma Beta Club Coordinator; and, French Pope Jr., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

For more on the Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring, check out Ques on the Move Podcast this year on WBGR Entertainment. ///

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Psi Iota Chapter: MENTORING PROGRAM

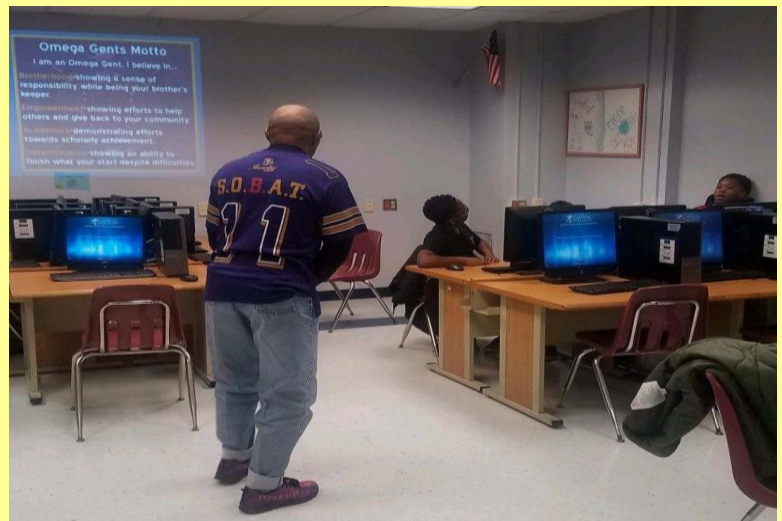
By Brother Gregory Bunkley

Delaware – Psi Iota Chapter answered Grand Basileus Dr. David Marion's Call to Action to have every Chapter establish a mentoring program that meets at least twice monthly. Psi Iota is the first Chapter in the 2nd District to establish a mentoring program in the new year. The mentoring program, "Omega Gents," will target middle school young males.

The mentoring program first meeting was January 31, 2019 at William Henry Middle School and plans to meet weekly on Thursdays. The men and youth were excited to engage in establishing goals, objectives, and ground rules for starting the Omega Gents Mentoring Program.

The first topic discussed for the new mentoring group was the first cardinal principal of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., "Manhood." Future discussion topics will center on academic strategies, cultural enrichment, and self-development. Omega men are excited to mentor these young males and teach them leadership attributes while modeling excellence as successful adult black males that are role models.

Key Message: The Urgency is Now to Save Our Sons! Project Manhood Mentoring is being rolled out across the Nation to encourage Chapters to step out on faith and mentor our young males in your community. If your Chapter does not want to go it alone you can team or seek a teaming partnership with reputable like-minded organizations in your community such as the local Big Brothers/Big Sister, Social Services, and other local organizations that's intentional about mentoring young males. Project Manhood which is simple mentoring program requires Chapters to report "Data Points" under four tenants: Personal Development and Academic Achievement, Leadership, Public Service and Financial Literacy. ///



NOTE TO DISTRICTS:

District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairmen should submit Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Articles Each Quarter to:

Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net, Next deadline for 2nd Quarter 2019 will be: June 15th. Information should cover, April, May, June 2019.

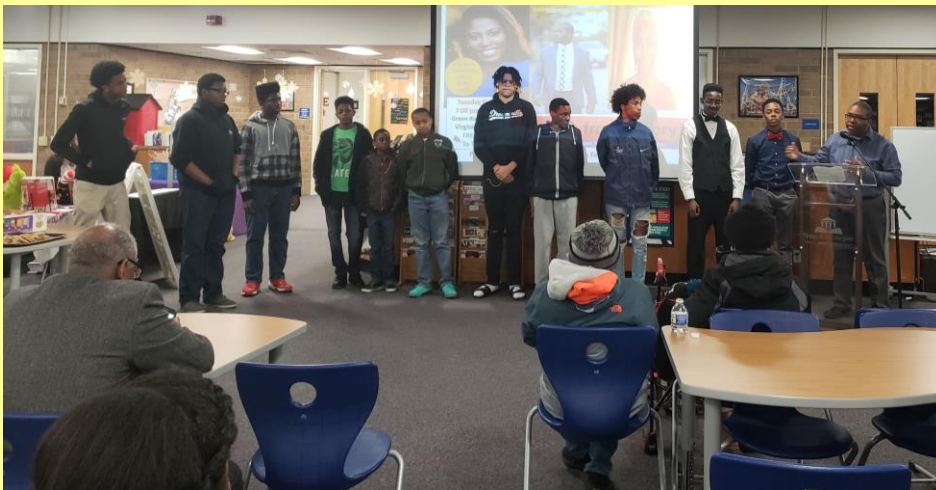
Quarterly submission deadlines: December 15, March 15, Jun 15, and September 15 of the year.

3rd District: Brother Raymond Bell, Chairman, Fatherhood initiative and Mentoring

The Golden Fold Mentorship Program Host, Carter G. Woodson Leadership Series “Lessons from History” Gamma Xi Chapter



Virginia Beach, VA – February 26, 2019 – It was an evening spent with story tellers of their history in America. The Carter G. Woodson Series is a three-part educational session sponsored by The Golden Fold (TGF) and the 200 plus Men of Hampton Roads, Inc. Students and parents received a session of storytelling history lessons from guest of The Golden Fold; Author, Ms. Jondahlyn Holston of “Jondahlyn the Fearless Storyteller” and Author, and Eugene Holloman and Dr. Margaret Bell. There were approximately 25 students in attendance along with several parents. The Golden Fold also sponsored a food drive during the evening in an effort to support the newly constructed Virginia Beach Housing Resource Center.



The month of February also conveyed an invitation to young leaders of The Golden Fold to attend the Virginia Beach Chapter of NAACP’s “History Makers” gala. The invite came from the keynote speaker Brother Rev. Gary McCollum. The Young Leaders of TGF also received an introduction to entrepreneurship. The session was instructed by Brother Fredrick Foard.

The Golden Fold Mentor Movement is a mentorship program serving young males and fathers. We serve 6th – 12th grade youth by

providing Leadership and S.T.E.M. activities in Virginia Beach, Virginia's Green Run High School, as an evening activity of Green Run's GMAC mentor program. We serve the concept of improved/involved fatherhood by providing fatherhood mentorship activities. The Golden Fold is a "Brothers and Others" Community Improvement activity of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and the Gamma Xi Uplift Foundation. ///

4th District: Brother Jerry Leftwich, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

The Big Brother Thing....

By Brother Jerry Leftwich

Cincinnati, OH – For more than a hundred years, Big Brothers/Big Sisters has provided mentoring support for youth across the country. Their Mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1 to 1 relationships that change their lives forever.

I committed to be a “big” seven years ago in Cincinnati. My “little” is Andre Burns. Andre was eight years old when we were matched by the agency. He is now 15 and finishing his sophomore year of high school. Andre and I are now family. We meet every week. We celebrate big and small victories, discuss life lessons and generally enjoy each other’s company. Believe it or not, I feel like I get more out of the match than Andre does.

Our Challenge....Mentoring is a key pillar for the Fraternity. Challenging work schedules and family obligations make it tough for Brothers to commit to the Big Brothers guidelines for mentoring:

- One-on-one mentoring
- One-year commitment
- Time commitment of one hour a week

But really...when you consider how much time we spend on social media, fellowshiping in spots bars and the like, is it too much to commit 4 hours a month to change the life of a young man?

More than 70% of children waiting for a Big are boys, but only 3 out of every 10 inquiries to volunteer come from men. Disproportionately, the children served and those waiting to be matched are African-American and Hispanic boys. The organization’s call for volunteers includes an especially passionate appeal to men of color.

The Ask...I wanted to lead by example and be the first in **Beta Iota Chapter** to step-up and volunteer to be a Big Brother. I would love for each Chapter in the **Fourth District** (Ohio and West Virginia) to follow and have at least one Brother commit to being a Big in 2019. The Fraternity has had a partnership with Big Brothers/Big Sisters since 2007 and the need has not diminished. ///

“Let’s Save a life, One kid at a time, Please!”



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Beta Iota Chapter Supports the Cincinnati Herald Daddy Daughter Dance



Cincinnati, OH – On 26 Jan 2019 the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Beta Iota Chapter) stepped up to a higher calling in service. In an ongoing relationship with the Cincinnati Herald and in conjunction with their 16th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance, Publisher Jan Michelle Lemon-Kearny asked the chapter to co-coordinate volunteer efforts for the event. The Brotherhood stepped up in a major way and provided volunteers to man numerous stations at the Duke Energy Center. While 20 or so brothers from the Chapter volunteered, another 10 to 15 brothers continued the chapter's tradition of attending with their daughters. The event, attended by at least 1200 this year, traditionally includes dinner, dancing, free giveaways and a keepsake photo. The entire event was a priceless memory for all!

The support that the Beta Iota Chapter provides through its participation and volunteering is fitting given this is an event conceived by the wife of Beta Iota member Brother Robert Rinfrow. The Chapter's presence at the event does not go unnoticed and is what led to the Cincinnati Herald approaching the brotherhood with the opportunity to co-coordinate the volunteer effort this year. ///

5th District: Brother Oliver Williams, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

“Dressing for Success – In Memphis”

By Brother Oliver Williams

Memphis, TN - On Friday, February 22, 2019 several brothers of the Epsilon Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc participated in a student intervention session called Straight Talk. The brothers were tasked with providing insight on the principles of “Dressing for Success” with the 5th through 8th grade boys at Riverview K8 School. During the forum, students were asked to explain what dressing for success means to them and give examples. Several of the young men voiced their thoughts and opinions on the subject. The men of Omega candidly discussed the pros and cons of dressing properly at school and home.

The brothers emphasized to the young men how their outward appearance assists them in making a good first impression along with speaking clearly, appropriate diction, and using the proper tone. The brothers provided the students



with examples of how to properly dress for school, work, job interviews, church, and other events. The brothers closed the session by presenting each student with a striped necktie in the school's colors; royal blue and orange. Then they taught the students how to properly tie their new neckties. ///

Brother Chis Carter Xi Xi Basileus 2017-18, 2017: Omega Man of the Year

By Brother Carlos Bates, CPT USARMY HRC (US)

Xi Xi Chapter Basileus

Fort Knox, KY – Brother Christopher L. Carter, MAJ USARMY USARAF (US), Xi XI Chapter, Fort Knox, Kentucky, was deployed to serve a 12-month tour to Djibouti in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa. Djibouti is in East Africa. Despite being deployed, Bro. Carter has continued to uphold his cardinal principles in support of uplifting the Community.



Each week, a group of service men and woman, volunteer their time to provide educational classes for over 70 local Djiboutian children in an effort to build relationships with the local community through education. The volunteers meet each week to develop lesson plans to help facilitate conversation with children that range from Pre-school to High School. Brother Carter stated, “This has been an opportunity of a lifetime that I will never forget. I really feel like I’m making a difference within the kids and the community. This is truly international uplift.”

The service members enjoy the excitement of being around the children while teaching English. At the same time, Djiboutian students are eager to learn English and are always challenging their ability to spark a friendly conversation with service members. The Community, administrators and teachers of the school are very grateful for the service members’ time. They believe it brings a sense of hope to the children that people in the world really do care. ///

Barbering & Styling: A Community Outreach & Mentoring Initiative

Submitted by Bro. Reginald T. Bailey, Editor to the Oracle, Psi Pi Chapter



Clarksville, TN - Queen City College and the Psi Pi Chapter Manhood Academy sponsored an event benefiting the Clarksville Tennessee community recently. The title of the event was: Barbering & Styling (A Community Outreach & Mentoring Initiative). The event was held on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Queen City College. The barbering and styling aspect of the event was entirely performed by students of Queen City College. This included haircuts for the young men, women's styling, manicures and nail polishing.

The event also offered instruction for the young men on how to properly tie neck ties and bowties as well. While offering this instruction, mentors from the Manhood Academy gave valuable life lessons to the young men. The young men received the instruction and information very well and we truly believe that this event was a success. A total of 80 young men and women attended the event; we were extremely pleased with the turnout. The event was coordinated by Brother Clifford Greer and assisted by Brothers John C. Howard, Brian Hutchenson, Joseph Chatman III, Tariq Muhammad, Ayo Alé-Finks and Reginald T. Bailey. We will continue to strive to make a difference in our community by sponsoring events like this in the future. Lifting as we climb. ///

6th District: Brother Melvin Williams, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

North Carolina – The Mighty 6th District has been hard at work promoting and implementing the Future Dads Program. With growing attention to fathers between the ages of 16-25 the district has decided to work with local and state partners to address the population of Dads on our HBCUs camp uses. At present,



the District has formed a partnership with HBCU campuses in North Carolina and the State Division of Child Support and Early Childhood and community grassroot organizations as well as the faith-based community. The Carolina Panthers has been invited to the table as a partner; details of the partnership are being worked out. The District has done focus groups with Winston Salem State University and North Carolina Central University. This spring Fayetteville State University, Livingstone College and Johnson C Smith University will conduct focus groups in collaboration with the Carolina Panthers.



The Future Dads Program will be based on 6 Pillars:

1. Education
2. Workforce Development
3. Parenting
4. Mentoring
5. Sexual Assault Prevention
6. Healthy Living

In the Fall of 2019, the following campuses will have a Future Dads Program.

1. Winston Salem State University

2. North Carolina Central University
3. Fayetteville State University
4. Livingstone College (Depending on Funding)
5. Elizabeth City State University
6. Johnson C Smith University (Depending on Funding)

TRIANGLE UPLIFT FOUNDATION BUILDS ON SUCCESS OF INAUGURAL YOUTH INNOVATION SUMMIT WITH SECOND ANNUAL STEAM-FOCUSED EVENT

Raleigh, NC – Triangle Uplift Foundation partnered with the Triangle MLK Committee to bring area families, corporate partners, and community organizations together to explore innovative ideas at the Second Annual Youth Innovation Summit. The summit was held at Cary Academy on January 19, 2019.

The event provided 5th-12th grade students hands-on activities to explore how art and creativity work hand-in-hand with the sciences, technology, mathematics, and computer science to create change in our society. The event featured a collaborative environment to ignite students' interests and understanding of pathways to a successful future in S.T.E.A.M. related fields.

The goal of event was to reach minority, female, and other underrepresented students by providing an opportunity to increase confidence and identity, and to be inspired to be a future innovator. The students heard from local and nationally recognized speakers and engage in a variety of hands on workshops and participatory activities. Examples include: Drone Aviation, Robotics, Programming, Digital Music, Biotechnology, Analytics and TV/Film production.



Also, there were innovation immersion sessions for parents to equip them with tools to help inspire, support, and develop their students' interest in S.T.E.A.M. learning.

The Triangle Uplift Foundation was pleased to announce 8-year-old Amoy Antunet as the keynote speaker. Amoy Antunet is a third-grader from Atlanta, Georgia who shared her passion for science. Amoy is wowing the internet with her science experiments and big dreams of one day becoming a neurosurgeon. She has racked up over a million views on her Facebook page, which features explainer videos ranging from neurotransmitters to cell division. ///



Raleigh, NC – Beta Phi, Iota Iota and Xi Mu Mu Chapters hosted their annual Father Child Prayer breakfast with their community partners Martin Street Baptist Church and Proud Fathers, Inc.



This year marks the ninth year of the breakfast with a showing of 100 plus fathers and children attending. This event has become a signature event within the district with over 15 chapters hosting a breakfast.



“The Goal is for every Graduate Chapter in 6th district to host a breakfast by 2024.”

7th District: Brother Jonathan Gaines, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

The Black Rhinos of Alabama Experienced “The Hill”

Bro. Albert Ike, Jr. - State of Alabama, Chairman



Brothers of Beta Mu Nu and Nu Epsilon Chapter, Alabama A&M University - SGA, Parents, Chaperones and Mentees of the Black Rhinos Youth Mentorship Program gathered in front of the Joseph F. Drake Memorial Learning Resource Center during their College Tour on the campus of Alabama A&M University -Normal, Alabama.

Calera, AL - Beta Mu Nu Chapter provided an opportunity to inner city youth to participate in a college tour of one of Alabama's prestigious historically black colleges and universities.

In conjunction with the Black Rhinos of Alabama Mentoring Program of the Lifting As We Climb Foundation, 501 (c) 3, the men of Beta Mu Nu Chapter served as chaperones/mentors during the campus tour of Alabama A&M University. The College Tour was sponsored in part by the institution's Student

Government Association and the brothers of Nu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. Over 100 young men of the GEAR UP Birmingham program from G.W. Carver, Huffman, Jackson-Olin, and Wenonah High school were very appreciative of this field trip.

The young men had the privilege of learning the history and tradition of Alabama A&M University. They learned about Huntsville, AL and its national recognition on having the second-largest research park in the country in Cummings Research Park. The Research Park's main focus is in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. They also learned about the renowned U.S. Army Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. In conjunction with the National Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, the men of Beta Mu Nu Chapter are committed to modeling and uplifting our future leaders of tomorrow. ///

Financial Planning and Smart Money Management

Bro. Harry Belafonte Williams - State of Florida Chairman

Gainesville, Florida - On behalf of the Beta Pi Chapter and Manhood Youth Development Foundation, Inc., we extend a sincere thank you to Mrs. Yantz for her committed time in hosting a Smart Money Management Session with our Male Youth Mentees.

The Money Management Session was hosted at the Caring and Sharing School on Saturday January 5, 2019. Mrs. Yantz, a successful business owner located in Tallahassee, Florida did an outstanding job. She led the young men in developing financial plans and budgets. Immediately following the Smart Money Management Session, Mentees visited the Bank of America Tower on 43rd Street in Gainesville, Florida to experience banking operations first hand. Special thanks to Brothers Chaney and Peterson for their assistance with transportation. ///



The Just, Love, Cooper, Coleman Mentoring Program

Bro. Sam Henderson - State of Georgia Chairman



Albany, GA - The Brothers of Eta Omicron Chapter hosted guest Chief Michael J. Persley of the Albany Police Department and Retired Army Sargent Major John M. Poole for a “Life Lesson Talk” with The Just, Love, Cooper and Coleman Youth Mentoring Program of Albany, Georgia. The Mentees in attendance were able to receive valuable advice to embrace the various aspect of manhood. The Life Lesson Talk Session is one of a series of talks scheduled to address and provide valuable life experiences. Also, mentees received scholarship monies as a reward for their academic excellence during the recent academic reporting period. ///



Omega Mu Mu Chapter Initiates Omega Lamplighters Youth Mentorship Program

Bro. Terrance Course - State of Mississippi Chairman

Tupelo, MS - The Brothers of Omega Mu Mu Chapter take aim at servicing the area of North Mississippi by adopting Tupelo High School to initiate their Omega Lamplighters Youth Mentorship Program. The purpose of the Lamplighters Program is to mentor Young African American Males from 13 - 18 years of age. The Omega Mu Mu Chapter joins the ranks of many local chapters throughout the state of Mississippi, Seventh District and International in Omega’s collective effort to mentor and develop youths to become productive citizens. The program’s core focus will center on high academic attainment, life skills, college prep and higher education. ///

8th District: Brother Skyler Johnson, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman

Chi Phi and Omega Leadership Academy Participate in Job Shadow

Denver, CO, February 16, 2019 – Brothers of Chi Phi Chapter accompanied the Omega Leadership Academy (OLA) to St. Anthony Hospital’s Lakewood campus for a “Job Shadow” event. Upon arrival, Dr. Mark M. Murry, MD, Ph.D. greeted the OLA participants and acted as the group’s host for the day. This event was designed to expose young men to diverse careers in healthcare and to interact with African-American healthcare professionals.



After remarks by St. Anthony’s CEO and Brother Mike Williams, the young men participated in a panel discussion with healthcare professionals. The panelist included a doctor, a C-suite administrator, and marketing director of a medical device company. The

participants learned about the varying paths the panelist traveled towards success in their current jobs. A recurrent theme from these gentlemen centered on the importance of education, creative problem solving, and sheer perseverance. Very important skills to have in their toolkits for success.

Following the panel, OLA participants divided into small groups where they acquired hands-on experience with a Neurovascular Simulator. The young men learned how to remove an aneurysm from a simulated patient.



This was a treat considering doctors in their residency rarely have an opportunity to use this state-of-the-art device.

Subsequently, the OLA participants embarked on a tour of the hospital itself where they visit the Emergency Department and Operating Room. While in the Angio Suite, they learned about careers in radiology, specifically Interventional Radiology. The tour concluded with a helipad tour. There, the young men were able to visit an actual helicopter and had a discussion with the Flight For Life crew. The day concluded with lunch and discussion regarding various healthcare related opportunities they otherwise may not have thought about. Many thanks to St. Anthony's Hospital and staff for the enriching experience afforded to these most deserving young men." ///

Brothers of Beta Omega Making A Difference In Young Men's Lives

Goon Squad (Graduation Outlook On Nobility)

Kansas City, Mo – Brothers Jerry Washington, Merced Bain, and George Ricketts have taken the lead and began a mentoring program called GOON Squad (Graduation Outlook On Nobility) at Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy. The students in the mentoring program are young men who are very bright when it comes to their academics but are considered a nuisance in terms of negative behaviors in the classroom. Brothers Washington, Bain, and Ricketts know that community uplift is important, and they are striving to turn young boys who are labeled as problematic into model students.



Brothers Jerry Washington and Merced Bain speak to students about this the importance of displaying positive behaviors in the classroom.

At the Youth Leadership Conference:

"Our Youth saw possibilities that can become dreams. Dreams that can become goals. Goals that can become realities!"

Brother Paul Turner,

Youth Conference Coordinator - Omega Educational Foundation

Los Angeles - 2018

@Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy On behalf of the Brothers from Beta Omega Chapter

The GOON Squad came together and helped pass out food and supplies to those in need before the holidays. This event started at 7:00am. We are proud to mention that all of our boys showed up at 6:30am on a Saturday. The GOON squad was spread across 3 stations and we received a lot of accolades about our GOON squad being well behaved while assisting other adults at each station.



Teaching our boys how to be gentlemen by helping women and the elderly carry groceries to their cars.

9th District: Brother Sedric Myers, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman

Alamo City Ques Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring and Project Manhood

San Antonio, TX – Each Chapter throughout Omega is attacking the multiple initiatives that are activities we have done before. Now placing them under new committees and titles is the challenge we face this Omega Year. Psi Alpha Chapter is facing the challenge of forming and managing a Fatherhood Initiative, Mentoring and Project Manhood initiatives. Project Manhood meets all year and each year this committee manages our Youth Leadership Conference each March.

Fatherhood Initiative (FI) - On February 6, 2019, the KSAT-12 San Antonio news team came to the Psi Alpha Chapter's Fraternity House and interviewed several of the Chapter's Fatherhood Initiative (FI) Committee members, along with the Basileus and Vice-Basileus. The title of the segment was entitled "Creating Black History in San Antonio: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity leads by example – Members shape fatherhood through fraternity's brotherhood". The team discussed their efforts with reinvigorating the program and the ultimate goal of closing the gap of not only African-American absentee fathers, but all fathers within the San Antonio community. In addition, the team put in a plug to advertise the February 23, 2019 Psi Alpha Talent Hunt competition at St. Philips College, in addition to the upcoming Youth Leadership Conference/Fatherhood Initiative on March 23, 2019 at Sam Houston High School. The piece aired on February 12, 2019 and was well received throughout the entire community. The entire interview can be seen on <https://www.ksat.com/black-history-month/creating-black-history-in-sa-omega-psi-phi-fraternity-leads-by-example>



On February 26, 2019, the committee was requested to attend the San Antonio Independent School District's (SAISD) Fathers-in-Action meeting at the Pickett Family Center to provide a brief description of the FI program. On February 28, 2019 and March 7, 2019 FI committee members attended a strategy meeting at Sam Houston High School along with the San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign, 100 Black Men and several other organizations to come up with a FI plan for the high school. During the March 23, 2019 Youth Leadership Conference/Fatherhood Initiative, the FI team presents a program educating fathers on the (1) Purpose of the Fatherhood Initiative; (2) Establishing a Budget for Beginners and (3) The Man Box, facilitated by their partners – the San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign.

Mentoring - Each Week our mentoring committee mentor's youth on three campuses. On Tuesdays the committee starts at Sam Houston High School then leaves for Davis Middle School. On Wednesdays the committee mentors at the Young Men's Leadership Academy.

A new lesson is taught each week and the Brothers must shape the lesson to fit the High School and Middle School audience. On Tuesday, February 26, 2019 Financial Responsibility was taught and the young men at both the High School and Middle School were given "hands-on" skills and taught the importance of a budget and how to manage their money.



On Wednesday, February 27, 2019 the mentors taught Internet Security and the importance of safeguarding their personal information and Internet etiquette. Last year we graduated our first group that we followed from 6th grade through High School and the committee prides itself in the personal bond that is made with the boys they assist in shaping into men.

Youth Leadership Conference and Project Manhood - On January 26, 2019, San Antonio School District hosted a National School Choice Week event at the Martin Luther King City Park. This event was attended by various Middle and High Schools within the district. The Youth Leadership and Project Manhood Chairman and Vice Chairman displayed a booth to encourage young men to sign up for the Youth Leadership Conference scheduled for March 23, 2019 at Sam Houston High School. The theme of the YLC: "Creating Leaders and Developing Men" was explained to a group of men and parents. The YLC is open to grades 7th-12th graders and will have various focus groups that will examine pertinent issues facing young males.

On February 26, 2019, Project Manhood held an open house at the fraternity house. The focus was on the importance of additional mentoring within Psi Alpha Chapter. Project Manhood incorporates the tenants (1) Personal Development and Academic Achievement, (2) Leadership, (3) Public Service and (4) Financial Literacy. Project Manhood encompasses the mentorship program of Psi Alpha Chapter for middle and high school age young men. The program strives to develop character and talents of these young men toward their becoming leaders within their schools and local community. ///

10th District: Brother Gregory Pittman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman



10th District-Omega Delta Skate Event V2-Upsilon Pi.JPG: The brothers of the Upsilon Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are having a big impact on the community through service in partnership with the Upsilon Gamma Undergraduate Chapter and the Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Graduate and Undergraduate Chapters Team Up with the Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta to Serve the Community

The brothers of the Upsilon Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are having a big impact on the community through service in partnership with the Upsilon Gamma Undergraduate Chapter and the Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Kalamazoo, Michigan

Kalamazoo, MI – The Brothers of Upsilon Pi Chapter, the graduate chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Michigan communities and the Upsilon Gamma Chapter, the undergraduate Chapter at Western Michigan University teamed up with the Kalamazoo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on November 27, 2018 for the Get Right Skating Health Initiative Event. The event was held at the Great Skate Roller Rink and was designed to encourage friends and families within the community to exercise and stay active in fellowship, fun and networking during the cold and snowy season.

The Game of Chess: A Strategy for Manhood Development

East St. Louis, IL – The Nu Chi Foundation (NCF) hosted its inaugural Project Manhood chess tournament at the Mary Brown Center Illinois on February 2, 2019. Twenty contestants ages from 12 to 17 represented their organizations including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Project Manhood mentoring program. Students competed in four timed brackets. This year's winners were: First Place, Loyal Flanders; Second Place, Kendall Ausmer, Third Place, Michael Clayborn, Jr.; and Forth Place, Demetrius Moore.

Each competitor received plaques and chess sets; medals that were provided by the Chess Society of St. Louis, Missouri. Barry Evans, Quinton Bellamy and Will Robinson, Nu Chi Foundation members, and creators of the



tournament, stated “the purpose of the tournament was to encourage students to think critically, enjoy their competitive spirit, and to work as a team while also promoting the game of chess. Moreover, the game enhanced their confidence, discipline, and playing skills.”

The tournament would not have been possible without the support of the St. Louis Chess Club, which donated chess boards, medals, and scoring materials. According to Kyle Weber, the club’s representative, “We’re very happy to support Nu Chi Chapter of East St.

Louis, Illinois, with this endeavor. It’s our mission to share the game of chess with our youth. Chess helps them develop skills such as planning, goalsetting, sportsmanship and critical thinking. Our dedicated staff and national partners are committed to maintaining a strong community outreach presence. Since our inception in 2008, we have served more than 8,000 students in the local area.”

Rich Weathers, the Nu Chi Foundation President, said it best, “We have wonderful young adults in our community. It’s our goal to grow them into strategic thinking leaders both in the classroom and in our community. The game of chess is a unique platform that helps us achieve this goal.” ///

Chi Lambda Lambda Deliver Gifts to Children of Absent Parents and their Families Angel Tree Program

Chicago and Matteson, IL – Every December, two weeks before Christmas, the brothers of Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Matteson, IL, answer the call to deliver over 1500 Christmas gifts to children whose parents are imprisoned throughout the Chicagoland area and its surrounding suburbs.

Through the Angel Tree Program, sponsored by New Faith Baptist Church International, where Bro. Rev. Dr. Trunell D. Felder is the Senior Pastor, these brothers mount up and becoming the bearers of GOOD news for countless deserving children. Children that are likely never to receive a gift, let alone one provided on behalf of an incarcerated parent.

Under the leadership of Bro. Vernon Cornelison, the Chapter’s Chaplain, these brothers deliver gifts in approximately thirty (30) of the fifty (50) Wards located throughout Chicago. In addition to covering 60 percent of the Chicago area, they deliver to twelve (12) out of the twenty (20) surrounding south suburban villages. The gifts, furnished by the congregation of New Faith Baptist Church, are bagged, labeled and arranged by zip code. Thereafter, the brothers arrived in numbers to obtain over 500 plus bags designated for deliveries before the holiday.

Men of Omega, know that there is nothing more rewarding than providing service. When Brother Cornelison was asked why the brothers show up in numbers to do this every year with enthusiasm, he replied “There is nothing more humbling than seeing the smile that comes across a child face when an Omega man delivers that gift to the door. The excitement upon their face reminds us of what our purpose is on this earth.” From the looks of the turnout year after year, there is no doubt that



these brothers will continue to answer the call and continue to be a beacon of LIGHT FOR OMEGA, in Chicago's south suburbs and continue to fulfill their purpose here on this earth. ///

Brothers Delivering Water In Flint Michigan

Flint, MI – Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Genesee County hosted their annual breakfast on Monday January 21, 2019 at Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy headquarters in Flint Michigan. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi



Fraternity Incorporated Omicron Rho were there to support the guest speaker Past 2nd District Counsel Brother Charles F. Coleman, Epsilon Chapter. Chapter Basileus Judge Nathaniel Perry presented the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Genesee County with a \$2,500 donation for their programs continuing an annual pledge for the past five years. The Brothers of Omicron Rho continued their day of service by working with

Brother Coleman and his black superhero organization to distribute a truckload of water to the residents of Flint Michigan. ///

12th District: Brother George D. Taylor, Chairman Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

"I Believe it's up to us – those who 'escaped' the bucket – to step forward and create positive options for our young people who might be lost to our communities."*

Brother James Walker, Immediate Past 12th District Representative

***Taken from the article, "A Drop in The Bucket: Mentoring Young African-American Men" The Oracle, Summer/Fall 2018, pp30-31**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Youth Mentoring Program Open for Enrollment

January 23, 2019

Oakland, CA - Sigma Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity launched the Omega Gents Youth Mentoring and Tutoring Program to address the many challenges facing African- American males.

The Omega Gents Program is designed to inject an optimistic environment, attitude and message into the lives of African-American school-aged males by teaching and encouraging them to positively define, plan, pursue and achieve their life goals. Annually, our mentoring services include several educational workshops and outings, two academic enrichment symposiums, community service projects, social and recreational outings, local college campus tours, and career visibility/development outings.

Our formal program runs between September and June to match the school year, but we remain engaged with program participants during the summer with recreational activities to include our annual Youth Mentoring camping trip done in conjunction with youth from our other Northern California Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Sigma Iota Omega Gents Program Overview:

Participants in the Omega Gents Program benefit by experiencing personal development essential to their long-term success. They develop academic ally, socially and emotionally. They grow through various support services and exposure to new positive experiences that reinforce critical life skills. These young men also develop a sense of community by participating in a wide range of service projects. They build the confidence necessary to visualize, believe and pursue their dreams. Finally, our young men complete our program with a network of friends to provide continued support.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have been participants in the program. For application or information about the program contact Brother Alifea Davis, Program Chairman at: (510) 314-9527chairmar@omegagents.org; Brother Godfrey P. White (225) 505-0415, gpwhite48@yahoo.com, Bro. Tony Anderson (415) 298-5760, tonyanderson146@aol.com ///



Kit Carson International Academy 1735 D St, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Submitted by Brother Larry Clarke



Las Vegas, NV (January 23, 2019) – King Solomon Lodge #2 PHA, Queen Esther Chapter #2 OES PHA, Ophir Temple 211 A.E.A.N.O.M.S., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Beta Mu Mu Chapter collaborated with other non-profit community partners, and members of the United States Air Force to volunteer for a day to assist Junior Achievement's financial literacy instructions at Kit Carson International Academy.

Kit Carson is a Title I School with a

diverse population that is at risk and disadvantaged. Junior Achievement's financial literacy curriculum is instructed in classrooms by the volunteers with the assistance of the assigned classroom teacher and consists of a full academic day. Junior Achievement is a 501(c) non-profit and the goal of the financial literacy curriculum is to empower at risk and disadvantaged Students with the assistance of community partnerships and volunteers.



"America is woven of many strands. I would recognize them and let it so remain. Our fate is to become one, and yet many.

This is not prophecy, but description."

Ralph Ellison



Pictured above: L-R Monty P. McCoy (Senior Warden King Solomon Lodge #2), Jasonia Martin (Associate Matron Queen Esther Chapter #2 OES) Daniel Bastine (Secretary King Solomon Lodge #2) Noble David Dent (Master Mason King Solomon Lodge #2/ Ophir Temple 211), Bobby Gentry - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Beta Mu Mu Graduate Chapter), and Dr. Leary Adams - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Beta Mu Mu Graduate Chapter).

Beta Mu Mu and Tuskegee Airman Teach Black History

Submitted by Brother Larry Clarke

Las Vegas, NV – On February 26, 2019, the men of Omega Psi Fraternity, Beta Mu Mu Chapter (The Las Vegas Ques), partnered with the James B. Knighten Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Las Vegas, to provide a Black History Month presentation to fourth and fifth graders at Kit Carson International Academy. The students were presented with the history of Black History Month and the contributions Dr. Carter G. Woodson made by researching and recording the history of African-Americans. Students were encouraged to become historians like Dr. Woodson by interviewing and documenting the history of family and community members. The students were excited about getting home to interview parents, grandparents and great grandparents about their family's past.

Finally, the Tuskegee Airmen presented the history of the first African-American military aviators and their superior accomplishments during World War II. Students were also told of different careers in the field of aviation.

Developing Tomorrow's Leaders in Pasadena and the Inland Empire!

Pomona, CA – March 16, 2019 – The Inland Empire Uplift Foundation with support from Members of the Zeta Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and brothers from several over Southern California Chapters held its Tenth Annual Youth Leadership and Parent Conference.

Two featured distinguished guests welcomed the students and the fathers and mothers to the conference: Dr. Devorah Lieberman, President of the University of La Verne and Brother Dennis Martinez, 12th District Representative. Each made exceptional cases for why we focus on



Youth Exploring Science in the STEAM Van in conjunction with the IVUF Youth Leadership Conference at the University of La Verne

encouraging our youth to be bigger and better citizens and to continue to strengthen habits that build stronger family structures.



L-R: Dennis Martinez, 12th District Representative; Dr. Devorah Lieberman, President, University of La Verne; and Brother James "Jim" Wilson, Program Coordinator

and a separate session for Mothers. This arrangement has worked well for each group each year. The theme for the Fathers Session was: "Fatherhood and Family: My Obligation, My Duty, My Responsibility!"

The purpose of the Fatherhood Session was: To Share Information and Knowledge About Being a Father. We appealed to each Father to *"Bring your son to the 10th Annual Youth Leadership Conference."* Fathers, grandfathers and in some instance's great grandfathers participated in an experiential session on the process of communication led by Brother Dr. Steven Webb. Fathers also talked about *Values*, personal, family and values as they relate to their jobs.

Other subject matter included: Best Fatherhood Practices? Conversations we should be having with our sons to keep them safe? Am I an "effective" Communicator? What would my son/family say about my effectiveness? What do I need to know about preparing my son for 21st Century Community Living? The Fatherhood session was well received by the fathers. Speakers included: Brothers George D. Taylor, EdD; Dennis "Dan" Braxton; Steven Webb, PhD; Damon Martin, Esq; and Rodney Jones, Retired, Detective Supervisor." ///

This Year's Youth Leadership Conference Theme was: "Developing Tomorrow's Leaders". The YLC was held on the campus of the University of La Verne, Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Youth Conference curriculum focused on: College Preparation, Financial Awareness, STEAM Career Exploration and the need to pay attention to Developing Life Skills that will aid our youth in becoming productive citizens.

The Conference combined a daylong session for Fathers



Dr. Steven Webb taking fathers through a communication exercise to assess their effectiveness in receiving and transmitting a message!

Friends Become Our Chosen Family

By Brother Larry Hammond, Vice Chairman
Zeta Tau History Book Committee

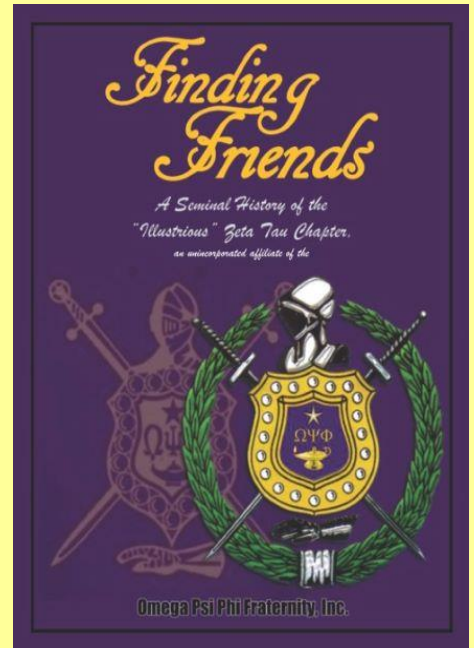
Pasadena, CA - "Friendship is Essential to the Soul". Understanding the meaning and the essence of that aphorism has been a lifelong journey of exploration and examination. The evolution of that journey has manifested itself into the **Finding Friends** concept.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "The only way to have a friend is to be one". Instilled in this reciprocal philosophy, the four founding members of Omega Psi Phi had a dream to create an organization that bonded men from different backgrounds and perspectives into to a cohesive group poised to cultivate the creed of friendship. That dream included creating a network of like-minded men that endeavor to exemplify the Fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles; Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Friends come in all shapes and sizes. A true friend really gets you, flaws and all. They know what to say and more importantly, when to say nothing at all. They are people that you can count on that are there with you through thick and thin – to the end. Like myself, many Fraternity Brothers traveled from the East Coast to the West Coast for a variety of reasons; new jobs, new relationships and new lives. When I made my transition from Washington, D.C. to Pasadena, CA, I was introduced to The Illustrious Zeta Tau Chapter where I found my new friends – a variety of brothers from a range of backgrounds, ages and experiences. Finding others with common values and goals was a key element to acclimating to new environments. I found support, comradery and brotherhood at Zeta Tau.

Seven years ago, the Zeta Tau Chapter embarked on a quest to document the history of the chapter over the last 60 years. Our research led us to the fact that the history of the Chapter was lastingly intertwined with the history of African Americans in the Pasadena area. The "Finding Friends" idea references the fact that many men in the fraternity migrated to the West from other parts of the country and found their way in their new lives through affiliating with new friends, through the Fraternity. New lives were forged through these new relationships and a thriving community was born.

In 2019, Zeta Tau will launch its new book depicting the evolution of African American History in the Pasadena Community titled, *Finding Friends: A Seminal History of the Illustrious Zeta Tau Chapter*. This book chronicles the notion that everybody needs help and, that success, happiness and security are rooted in powerful relationships. No one does it alone. Having true friends is the best way to "level up" in life therefore validating that friendship is truly essential to the soul! ///



Fiends Friends: A Seminal History of the Illustrious Zeta Tau Chapter

13th District: Brother Michael Robinson, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Hosted 2nd Annual Dr. MLK Birthday Observance

By

Brother Michael Robinson

Okinawa, Japan – The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter held their 2nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther



Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter at 2nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance

King, Jr. Birthday Observance Banquet on Saturday, January 19, 2019. The event was held at the Kadena Officers Club on Kadena Air Base in Okinawa Japan. Brother Kenric Stevenson served as the guest speaker. He is the Executive Officer for Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistic Group in Okinawa, Japan. Brother Stevenson and his wife Laronda are proud parents of three sons: Donovan 12, Devon 7, and DJ 1.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance featured youth from the community of Okinawa performing praise dances, spoken word, singing and personal testimonies. In addition, the highlight of the event included representatives from the Divine Nine performing a bell ringing ceremony in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly-impossible goals. During his acceptance speech of the Noble Prize in 1964, “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.” ///



Brother Phillip Buggs an E-5, Second Class Petty Office, holding his new born son Phillip Marcus-Lindsey Bugg, Jr. (PJ) born Thursday, January 31, 2019 weighing 5.7 pounds and 18.5 inches.

TIPS FOR DADS and FUTURE DADS: What You Need to Know Before Baby Arrives

By Brother Michael Robinson
Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter

Okinawa, Japan – Men becoming fathers are faced with many challenges and advise on how to prepare for the greatest task in life becoming a dad. The National Fatherhood Initiative sums this up for future dads in three simple steps:

- 1) **Look in** – Assess who you are and ask yourself if you’re ready for the lifelong commitment of being a father.
- 2) **Look out** – Think about how family and culture will impact your role as a father.
- 3) **Look up** – Assess your values and morals to ensure that you can set the proper moral “compass” for your child.

Here are twelve additional important tips dads need to ask themselves such as becoming a role model, being ready to be a parent and how to invest in their child’s life.

Tip #1 – Are you ready to commit for life to the mother of your child?

Tip #2 – Do you know how important it is to be involved in your child’s life?

Tip #3 – Do you have the drive and desire to be a good dad?

Tip #4 – Do you know how to be an involved dad?

Tip #5 – Are you prepared to provide?

Tip #6 – Are you prepared to nurture?

Tip #7 – Are you prepared to guide?

Tip #8 – What is your own fathering history?

Tip #9 – Do you know that parenting is a team sport?

Tip #10 – Do you know that children spell love “T-I-M-E?”

Tip #11 – Are you ready to be a role model?

Tip #12 – Are you ready for the in-laws and the rest of the family?

(<https://store.fatherhood.org/brochure-12-questions-to-ask-before-your-baby-arrives>)

Fathers around the world and future dads are encouraged to use the three simple steps of look in, look out and look up to help them tackle many of the challenges they will face as a parent. In addition, the twelve tips will help dads open up their eyes to fatherhood.

The most important takeaway from this article is for fathers to be committed to their children and involved with them over time. Research from Mrs. Marie Hartwell-Walker, Ed.D. “Fathering in America: What’s a Dad Supposed to Do?” points out when this responsibility is taken seriously by dads, their children are more likely to do well in life and the dads have fewer regrets.

Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter Promoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

By Brother Michael Robinson



Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, January 15, 2019 – Brothers Randy Pringle and Michael Robinson visited five classrooms of 3rd and 4th grade students at the Sullivan’s Elementary School on Yokosuka Naval Base to discuss the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After the presentation all students participated in a group activity called “clouds”.

Using information, learned from the presentation, each group completed the following: Describe the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., using one word; The American Dream (Dr. King had a dream. What is your dream?); Hopes and Dreams (What is your hope and dream for your family, friends, America and the earth?); Describe what you can do and what you will do to keep the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Dream alive?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His birthday became a national holiday by an act of Congress in 1983.



SGG LEADS BOYZ TO MEN(TORSHIP) CAR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

By

Brother Cortez Pree

Okinawa, Japan – The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Graduate served as key facilitators for the Boyz to Men Program (B2M) was conducted on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Chapel 3 aboard Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The Boyz to Men (Worship) Program is open to all males ages 5 to 18 in the Okinawa Community.

The purpose of B2M is to mentor and educate males through the interaction of sports, cooking, guided discussion and more. The primary goal is to ensure our youth are mentored and guided down the right path to manhood in order to become productive citizens for our society. Basileus Brother Cortez Pree serves as the lead facilitator and he stated that WE must train our males the right way to deter them from obstacles that may hinder their lifestyle.

The mentees cooked a variety of breakfast dishes that included breakfast burritos, sausage, bacon, egg and cheese biscuits, pancakes, and waffles. Once the mentees finished their breakfast, they sanitized the kitchen and eating areas. The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Chapter conducted a guided discussion that included subjects in the area of bullying, violence, empathy, disrespectful behavior. The program concluded with young men conducting car maintenance under the supervision of the older males. Boyz to Men is conducting every other month and SGG continues to take the lead as mentors for our young males.



Phi Gamma Gamma Fatherhood & Mentoring Event

By

Brother Dorian K. Green



Brothers Dorian K Green, Mentoring Chairman and Jonathan Holden

Kaiserslautern, Germany – Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted their monthly Fatherhood and Mentoring meeting on 20 FEB 19 at 1800 hrs. in Kaiserslautern, Germany. During this meeting, the local youth of the Kaiserslautern military community interacted with the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma as they learned the importance of Manhood and the true character of being a Man amongst Men. In addition to learning the many qualities of Manhood, the youth received briefings and training on Teen Drug and Alcohol Awareness. ///

Zeta Xi Chapter Partners with the Elrod Hendricks West Little League

By
Brother Neville Amey



Elrod Hendricks West Little League softball teams coached by the Brothers of Zeta Xi Chapter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands – The Brothers of Zeta Xi Chapter partnered with the Elrod Hendricks West Little League (E.H.W.L.L.). This partnership provides an opportunity for youth in the local community to participate in an organized, enjoyable, and educational baseball or softball experience. Brothers of Zeta Xi volunteer their time and efforts to teach children teamwork, dedication, fundamentals and good sportsmanship. Other volunteer positions such as board members, managers, coaches and umpires assist the E.H.W.L.L. in development of children for life. ///

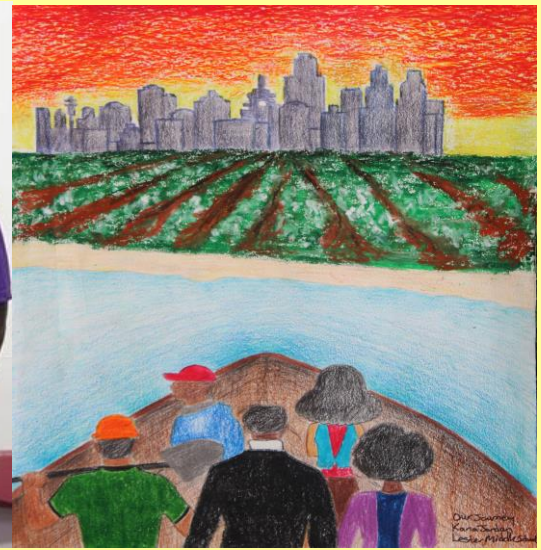
Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Holds 4th Annual Black History Month Art Contest

By
Brother Kadrack Johnson

Okinawa, Japan – The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter held their 4th Annual Black History Art Contest from January 29, 2019 – February 18, 2019 in recognition of Black History Month. Middle School students in grades 6th – 12th participated in the art contest. The artwork was based upon this year's Black History Month Theme: "Black Migrations". The winners were announced during the Black History Month Program sponsored by the Okinawa Diversity Council at Ryukyu Middle School on February 23, 2019. The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter presented a total of \$175 to the following contestants:

1st Place - \$100 "Our Journey" by Kana Jordan – Lester Middle School
2nd Place - \$75 "The Journey" by Maui Fili – Kadena Middle School

Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter's goal is to continue supporting opportunities for our youth to display their talents and uplift the community.



Basileus Cortez Pree and Brother Marcus Thomas of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter with 1st Place Black History Month Art Contest Winner Kana Jordan from Lester Middle School in Okinawa, Japan. 1st Place Black History Month Art Contest Presentation “Our Journey” by Kana Jordan



Brother Marquis Jones and Basileus Cortez Pree of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter with 2nd Place Black History Month Art Contest Winner Maui Fili from Kadena Middle School in Okinawa, Japan. 2nd Place Black History Month Art Contest Presentation “The Journey” by Maui Fili

NOTE TO DISTRICTS: District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairmen should submit Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring articles from their District each quarter to: Brother Dr. George D. Taylor: geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net. Next deadline for 2nd Quarter 2019 will be: June 15th. Information should cover, July, August, September 2019.

**Quarterly submission deadlines: December 15, March 15, Jun 15 and September 15 of the year.
Unless Otherwise Noted!!**

“We’re just trying to save a life; that’s what Fathers do!”

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In Memoriam

Brother Harold G. Reese, Sr.



August 18, 1952 – March 26, 2019

Brother Harold G. Reese, Sr., was inducted into Omicron Sigma Chapter March 4, 1972 and became a member of Zeta Tau Chapter during its 50th year anniversary celebration in 2007. Brother Reese entered Omega Chapter March 26, 2019 at 11:10 p.m.

Brother Reese was a vital part of Zeta Tau Chapter serving as Keeper of Records and Seal, member of the History Book Committee and member of the Zeta Tau Foundation, Inc. A significant contribution Harold made to the Chapter and the Foundation was initiating our annual health initiative – our **Pre-Father's Day Walk Around the Rose Bowl** which brought families, friends and fraternity together.

To say we will miss Harold and his voice is an understatement. We delighted in being around him and hearing his opinion – whatever subject was discussed or debated, Harold was always in the mix and we loved it. We will miss the backyard barbeques, which were faithfully held each year in May where he and his wife Galene again gathered families, friends and fraternity brothers.

Brother James “Jim” Wilson, Zeta Tau Chapter Brother, remembers Harold to be similar to the brothers he met when he first joined the Fraternity. About Harold, Jim said, “My relationship with Harold reminded me of the relationship that I had with brothers when I first joined the Fraternity in the Spring of 1961. I will miss the conversations we had.”

Harold was a conversationalist, a thinker, a planner, a decision-maker; one who did not mind rolling up his sleeves and doing the work that needed to be done! Those who knew Harold or had been around him knew him to be one who moves fast with great vigor and zeal. He had a passion for his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., his wife Galene and sons Harold Glenn and Brian.

We will remember him and may his journey to a better place be:

“... good and pleasant ... like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.”

Submitted by Brother George D. Taylor

Brother E. Charles Adams



Civic/Community Servant Leader

October 9, 1930 – March 26, 2019

Brother E. Charles Adams entered Omega Chapter on March 26, 2019. He was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on 30 January 1987 through Xi Gamma Gamma Chapter as a part of their second line of four men. Brother Adams immediately began the work of Omega in his chapter and served in several leadership positions during his lifetime: Editor to the Oracle (1988-1994), KF (1992-1994), KRS (1995-1996), Chaplain (1997-1999), and Vice Basileus (2000).

Through his diligence and work ethic, Brother Adams earned the respect and admiration of his chapter members. He was the recipient of the following awards: Citizen of the Year (1999), Superior Service Award (2003, 2005, 2006), Founders Award (2008, 2011, 2012), and Omega Man of the Year (2005).

He was a stalwart leader of his community who served on the Board of Trustees of Mira Costa College and eventually became the President of the Board in 2015. Brother Adams began a mentoring program for African American students at Mira Costa College in 1993 and continued his devotion to his community by initiating the Girard PREP program at Oceanside High School from 2001-2007.

Brother Adams was selected by the City of Oceanside as the City of Oceanside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Award Recipient for 2015. His civic, community and fraternal accomplishments were many, but his pride in serving his country as a member of the U.S. Navy was always at the forefront of his life.

He retired from the Navy after serving 30 years at the rank of Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman. He was a highly decorated combat veteran and one of the few African Americans who supported the Naval Special Forces Units during his era. Brother Adams was a warrior, a scholar, a civic/community leader, and an Omega man. He will be missed most by his wife of 60 years, Lillian Adams, his son Donald and his two grandchildren.

Submitted by Brother Eddie Bickham

"Friendship Is Essential To The Soul"