



# Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring (FIM) Newsletter



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### A Message from the Chairman

#### Atlanta Metro Omega Law Enforcement Appreciation Lunch Drive-Thru

**Atlanta, GA** – “*Brothers You Are on My Mind*” was expressed in deeds as Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held an Omega Law Enforcement Atlanta Metro Drive-Thru Appreciation Lunch.

On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> the Men of Omega showed respect and gratitude as they prepared and handed out free lunches in the parking lot of the Ivy Center, in South West Atlanta. Law enforcement officers from Cobb County, DeKalb County, Douglasville, Fulton County, MARTA, Homeland Security and the City of Atlanta received meals.

The Fraternity’s Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman, S. Earl Wilson led the initiative to recognize the contributions and sacrifices law enforcement officers, many of whom are members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., make in protecting the metropolitan area. The enormous pressures and safety hazards police face daily in the mind of the Chairmen deserved more than just words of thank you.

The recognition amplified citizens’ gratitude in spite of the controversies plaguing Atlanta police as the result of the Black Lives Matter protest. The event allowed officers a minute to detox from the tensions. It gave officers an opportunity to

dialogue with brothers of the Fraternity in an effort to gain a better understanding of the challenge’s officers face.

Even during rain showers, officers drove up to receive fresh fish hot out the grease, bar-b-que chicken and other entrees. **COVID-19** PDP (Professional Development Program) guidelines were adhered to during the event.

Acting Atlanta Chief of Police Rodney Bryant, an Omega Man, came out and extended his gratitude to the Fraternity for their act of kindness. Officer Brian Salters, Dekalb County Police indicated that the lunch allowed the officers to personally experience the Omega mantra *Friendship is Essential to the Soul* as Fraternity members gave their time to show they appreciate the officers. Meals were also taken to Atlanta Police Department Zone 3 Precinct to accommodate officers. (See Photos in District 7<sup>th</sup> layout.) ///



**S. Earl Wilson, Chairman**

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*S. Earl Wilson, Chairman*

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## BruhZ VOTE: A Father's Duty and Responsibility!!



THE BRUHZ WILL  
**VOTE!**

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### We VOTE !

**100,000 Father Voters' Pledge Campaign**  
**OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**

**I PLEDGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Please check all boxes that apply:

☐ Father ☐ Grand Father ☐ Mentor

My age is: ☐ 60 + ☐ 50 + ☐ 40 + ☐ 30+ ☐ 18+

I am... ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorce

My state is \_\_\_\_\_

Confirm your vote at

<https://www.oppf.org/father-voters-pledge-campaign> by sending a photo of you at the voting poll.



**Your sons will follow your lead**



Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

**OMEGA PSI PHI**  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**100,000 FATHERS'**  
**PLEDGE**



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See the Fatherhood and Mentoring Information

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## Brother Robert W. Fairchild, Fatherhood Initiative Advisor

### About our Fatherhood Work: Fatherhood, Black Men and Boys - Police Brutality

#### "The Killing of Our People Must Stop"

**B**lack fathers, men and boys are facing a crisis that must be brought to an end. Many of the victims are fathers whose loss has had a devastating effect on the families. The thought that every Black man is potentially at risk of losing his life when stopped by a policeman for whatever reason is totally unacceptable. The de-escalation procedures that officers are to use when faced with a difficult situation goes out the window and result in the wrongful use of a gun or some life ending act. The ability to capture these incidents on camera has brought to light a terrible practice that has gone on far too long. It's time that police are held accountable for their actions. We have to move beyond the usual *no resolution* activity and routine that we go through when one of these incidents occur.

The real question is how these horrible acts can be brought to an end. Many of these individuals are fathers, sons, brothers, and it's having a serious traumatic impact on families. This is one more thing tearing at disrupting the Black family. The **Black Lives Matter** movement has brought to light the long list of names that have been victims of these senseless acts by individuals that are supposed to protect us. These violent acts are like a predatory disease that has gone on so long that it's the norm.

As a Black male organization working with fatherhood and mentoring, we have to take a stronger stand against such activity. We must voice our opposition and make it clear where we stand. We must take a position that pushes our legislators to address and make changes to the laws that will hold the bad actors accountable for their actions. Knowing that it takes time for legislation to go into effect, we have to be more aggressive in our efforts to work with fathers, young men and boys through our Fatherhood and Mentoring program. We must make a strong and continuous effort to teach them how to handle themselves in the presence of police. Two elements that make up a formula for disaster in our communities are: 1. *Members of the community don't know their rights and the laws and are afraid of the police.* 2. *The police in most cases don't know individuals in the community - which heightens their sense of fear.*

We can work in our communities to bring together members of the community and the police department with a focus on raising awareness, improving relations and reducing this potential for disastrous results. We need to work at considering every possible solution to bring these senseless acts to an end. Brothers, we have to step up and be the leaders that we are capable of being. Our communities need our help. Let's be about it! See the **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation/ALC OPPF** panel link <https://youtu.be/zs2RAMn1JnY>



*Brother Bob Fairchild*

### - NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**; information will cover  
October, November, December, 2020

**Our Goal: To include information from each District each quarter about Fatherhood and Mentoring Programs, e.g., Youth Leadership Conferences, Project Manhood, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Brother You're on My Mind.**

Please submit Information from your District each quarter to: [geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net)



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND BASILEUS



### Statement from 41<sup>st</sup> Grand Basileus, COVID-19: Implications for Achievement Week and Founder's Day - 2020

August 26, 2020

Dear Brothers,

At the time of this writing, almost 6 million individuals in the United States have been infected with **COVID-19** and over 178,000 have died (*ed note: CDC predicts more than 232,000 dead by October 24*). Worldwide, those numbers are almost 24 million individuals infected and 820,000 who have died. Many members of this fraternity are in those numbers. As this pandemic has continued, I have continued to be on conference calls with the Surgeon General, members of the CDC, the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the United States Congress, and other **COVID-19** experts. There continues to be no cure, no approved treatment, and no vaccine at this time for **COVID-19**. It is also expected that this will get worse in the fall of this year as we will be dealing with **COVID-19** and the flu epidemic at the same time. Get your flu shot early.

We are less than three months away from the annual celebration of Achievement Week, one of our mandated programs. This is observed each November and is designed to celebrate our founders, rededicate ourselves to our oath, and recognize our high school essay contest winners and those individuals at the local level who have contributed to their community. During Achievement Week, many chapters participate in community service and social action projects that lead up to a Founders' Day Program/Banquet. Given that we are still in this pandemic, in conducting these activities, it is very important to **make sure appropriate social distancing can be achieved, make sure appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available to all involved, ensure there are ample amounts of hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizer in place for all to use frequently, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces**. All participants should be contacted beforehand to ensure no one is sick. We will follow the laws and directives given from government officials in our respective cities and communities as it relates to **COVID-19**. For any events you are planning, you should ask any questions to and get approval from your district representative and follow the SEC submission process in your district. As it relates to a Founders' Day Program/Banquet, these events should be done virtually to ensure the safety of our brothers, families, and friends.

Founders' Day is one of the most important days of the year for an Omega Man. IHQ is working with various committees to produce a Virtual International Founders' Day Program to be held on November 17, 2020 at 19:11pm. I am asking brothers to join us during this historic occasion of paying homage to our founders. This program will be one you will not want to miss. As you can see, we will still celebrate this Founders' Day even in a pandemic, but we will live up to our collective responsibility and do so safely.

Fraternally,

David E. Marion, PhD  
41<sup>st</sup> Grand Basileus

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***“Men do not care much for people who do not care for themselves.”***

Frederick Douglass's comment during the Convention of Colored Men,  
**Louisville, Kentucky, September 1883.**

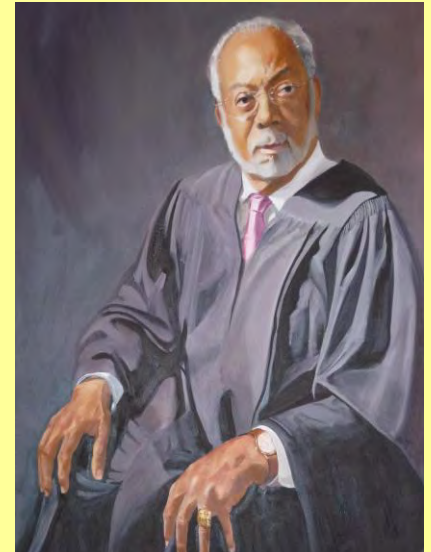
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**S**o recently have we been faced with righteous anger upon witnessing nationwide the unjustified murder of another Black Man, George Floyd, and many other Black men and women so situated. Indeed, he could have been any one of us, and for that matter, ***He Was One of Us***. The legacy of how we African American men and women have been mistreated over the last 400+ years is a profound disgrace of how this nation – *the nation of our birth* – has not seen fit, heretofore to accord us the equality earned as we built this nation, rights guaranteed by the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the US Constitution.

My charge, as you read this article, focuses upon the youngest readers, underscoring that despite the obstacles and road blocks placed on a path forward, we have never been deterred. As Maya Angelou said so often, *And Still I Rise!* Those four words have meaning far, far beyond just the recitation. So let me tell you the story of a Black family, the Quanders, one of the oldest, consistently documented African American families, who trace their US legacy to 1684, built in large measure upon the accomplishments of enslaved Africans who refused to accept the denial and deprivation that was the order of the day.

Rather, when faced with obstruction, they proved themselves to be true men, exercising their **MANHOOD** for all to see, until the objective, the goal was obtained. In some instances, the success was not immediate, indeed appeared to have been denied. But over time, centuries included, the men and women of the Quander family have risen to national stature and prominence, to the point where they serve as role models to many individuals, communities, and organizations.

While both the men and women worked together, my focus at the moment is upon the men. Beginning with Henry Quando, born in 1675, to the present generation of



**Oil Portrait of the Honorable Judge  
Brother Rohulamin Quander  
by Carmen Torruella Quander**

Quanders, the legacy traces **PERSEVERANCE** through several court cases and other circumstances.

- Henry sued to have his wife released of having to pay an annual slave tax (1702);
- Henry II demanded payment through court for completing a construction project (1742-44);
- Enslavement of body but never in mind, during involuntary service at George Washington's Mount Vernon plantation (1740s to 1801);
- Successful suit for freedom by Negro Harry Quando under a Maryland will, represented by Francis Scott Key (1830);
- Distinguished Civil War service by Corporal John P. Quander (1863-1865), laying foundation for four generals in the family;
- Several Quander men rising above their humble beginnings, to attain higher education, extending helping hands to lift as they climbed, themselves becoming teachers, doctors, lawyers, ministers, military leaders, business and community leaders, and scientists (**SCHOLARSHIP** and **UPLIFT**).

Through the many generations, the men in the Quander Family have responsibly distinguished

themselves, and are recognized for their seriousness of purpose. Three of the best examples of which I speak were my own immediate ancestors: Gabriel Quander (c1855-1893), John Edward Quander (1883-1950) and Omega Brother James William Quander (1918-2004), my great grandfather, grandfather and dad.

Gabriel Quander, born an enslaved man in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, never enjoyed any formal education. Yet, his dedication to his Catholic faith was a driving force for his sustained charitable work, both in the church and community at large. He co-founded several *Willing Worker* organizations, established to help widows, the disabled, and orphans, in the post-Civil War era.

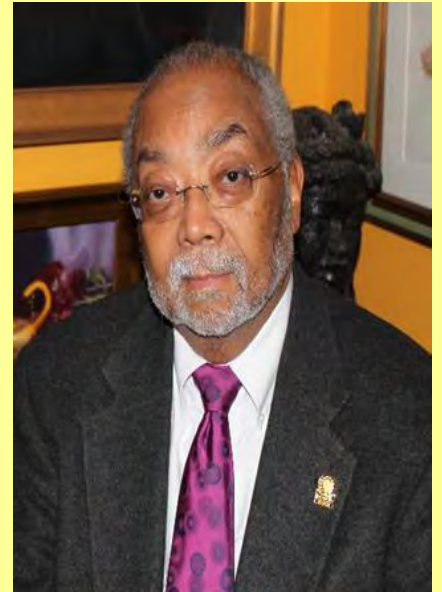
His son, John E. Quander, likewise born in Upper Marlboro, was the second of four children. With only a second grade of formal education, and orphaned at age 10, he assumed head of the household responsibility, walked 15 miles into Washington, DC to find work, and raised his surviving two younger siblings. Never fully literate, he was widely recognized as wise counsel to many who, recognizing John's plain common-sense approach, sought his guidance on various situations, especially in marriage counseling. Indeed, he had very little materially, but his legacy was his sharing so willingly to others.

James W. Quander, my dad, built upon the legacy of both men. Teacher, ordained Catholic minister, 34 years of federal government service, perhaps he is best remembered for his legacy of being a Type One diabetic. Predicted to not live 10 years, he prospered and survived 86 years, extolling that "Diabetes is not a death sentence, but a challenge to live!"

I am the product of this legacy. Born in 1943, I am a messenger, carrying the torch, and leading the way for those who come after me. Like my forebears, I am devoted to service (Omega Men meet homeless men, monthly; Omega Men feed homeless), during the football season; mentoring; active in Catholic circles; operate a 501 (c) 3 historic and education society to help others help themselves.

I authored four books, bringing forth messages of focus and achievement - culminating in hope, lighting the way for future generations. My latest extended message of the historic journey is forthcoming, *The Quanders – Since 1684, An Enduring African American Legacy*.

This is my story! This is my song! And although very encapsulated for this publication, **my message to youth is that you cannot give up or turn away at the first sign of trouble or obstacle imposed in your path.** Be Purpose Driven and learn to sustain yourself. Focus! Focus! Focus! These strong words require your internal strength to accomplish. Let the Men of Omega point the way. ///



**About Legacy:** Crispus Attucks (c.1723 - March 5, 1770) was an American stevedore of African and Native American descent, widely regarded as the first person killed in the Boston Massacre and thus the first American killed in the American Revolution. Historians disagree on whether he was a free man or an escaped slave, but most agree that he was of Natick and African descent.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Two major sources of eyewitness testimony about the Boston Massacre published in 1770 did not refer to him as "black" nor as a "Negro"; it appears that Bostonians viewed him as being of mixed ethnicity. According to a contemporaneous account in the Pennsylvania Gazette, he was a "Mulattoe man, named Crispus Attucks, who was born in Framingham, but lately belonged to New-Providence, and was here in order to go for North Carolina."<sup>[4]</sup>





## **“When The Lights Come On”**



### **A Virtual NYC School Based Fatherhood Initiative**

**Bronx, NY** – Bro. Thabiti Boone facilitated a 3-month NYC Virtual School-Based Fatherhood Initiative called “When The Lights Come On.” This initiative focused on engaging and supporting Fathers whose children have been out of school due to the challenges of **COVID-19**.

Mr. Ronald Hartridge, Parent Coordinator at PS-153 in the Bronx was very appreciative of the work that Brother Boone was doing in the summer program. The school’s Keller Fatherhood program was held “in our remote school-based program called ‘When The Lights Come On’, a Fatherhood Initiative Program, facilitated by Mr. Boone,” said Mr. Hartridge.

The program was in partnership with NY Knicks Allan Houston Legacy Foundation and Real Dads Network NYC Fatherhood Advocacy Organization. The program seeks to provide assistance to Fathers and their children coming out of the pandemic and beginning the school year. The weekly lively sessions with the 15 Dads centers around 5 self-reflecting questions: *Who Am I? Where Am I going? How will I get There? Why Am I Here? and Where Am I? ///*



### **Omicron Chi Chapter Annual Back to School Initiative and Voter Registration Drive**

**Plainfield, NJ** – Brother Boone was honored to join and support the Brothers of Omicron Chi, in Plainfield, NJ, for their annual welcome back to school program, providing students with school supplies, greeting parents with words of encouragement as they prepare their children for school, under continued challenges, we're all facing in this **COVID – 19** environment.

Chapter Brothers also conducted a City-wide Voter Registration Drive for Plainfield residents. The Brothers were joined by elected officials, educational and community leaders reminding people about the importance of voting. The event was sponsored by Dunkin Donuts, providing free beverages and food. ///

*Brother Thabiti Boone*



## From Where I Sit: The Honorable Judge Brother Gregory C. Pittman, Esq.

October 2020



The Honorable  
Gregory C. Pittman,  
Esq.

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

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

I HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU is faring well through these days of *challenge* and *change*. This edition of commentary will be to the point...

**VOTE:** In the effort to provide for the safety, prosperity, health and welfare of all of our children, in all of our communities, our attention must turn to the upcoming elections of November 3, 2020. As fathers, we must turn out to vote. We must encourage others to vote, as well. We must vote to safeguard the futures of our children. We must vote as if the lives of our children are at stake...because they are!

**VOTE:** After a spring and summer of disease and protest, we must vote, this fall, for promise and change. The movements that have fomented as a result of civil disobedience and peaceful protest must find their resolution in the democratic exercise of our vote. Our vote must be the ultimate voice of these movements.

Our choices, for President, could not be starker and more revelatory. There is no middle ground or compromise choice to consider. Our children's futures are being shaped daily by a current administration that is incompetent, repressive, autocratic, chaotic, lawless, and virulently racist. Our children will live with the consequences of the course and direction charted by the ignominious leadership of the current inhabitants of the White House.

**VOTE:** Equally, if not more importantly, we must be wise and purposeful with our voting decisions as they relate to state, county, and local municipality elections; commonly known as "down-ballot" elections; down-ballot votes matter!!

Look no further than the stark differences that we see in the prosecution of the cases of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. The decisions to investigate and prosecute could not be more disparate.

The Taylor case is entering its 7<sup>th</sup> month of "investigation". No arrests, conflicting reports, questionable interviews, and allegations of plea-bargains that appear designed to besmirch the reputation of the victim and riddle the proceedings in Louisville, Kentucky. Clearly local, democratically elected officials/decision makers are dragging their feet and apparently unduly "influencing" the fact gathering process.

Comparatively, in Minnesota, the democratically elected State Attorney General exercised his prerogative, assumed control of the investigation, enhanced the charges

brought by the local prosecutor, and have suspects in custody, awaiting trial. All of this took place within about a two-week span, subsequent to the death of Mr. Floyd.

These cases highlight the fact that **we must elect state, county, and local officials** who will respond with the full weight of due process and expedience that true justice and fairness requires. The decisions that are to be made are local decisions. Our local elected officials must be accountable and responsive to the local communities they serve.

**VOTE:** As this column returns to the issues of fathering our communities, it should be our singular mission over the next 34 days to do everything within our means to vote and cause legal voting to occur in historic numbers everywhere across this country.

Take your children to the polls with you (safely).

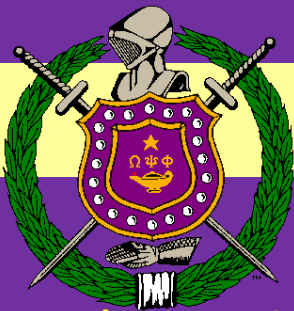
If you vote by mail, let your child be a part of your filling out your ballot. **And get that ballot submitted as quickly as possible!**

**Vote like your life and the lives of your family depend on it...  
Because it and they do!!**

In Friendship,

*Brother Gregory C. Pittman, Esq.*

**"IT WOULD SEEM AS IF THE RULERS of our time sought only to use men in order to make things great; I wish that they would try a little more to make great men; that they would set less value on the work and more upon the workman; that they would never forget that a nation cannot long remain strong when every man belonging to it is individually weak; and that no form or combination of social polity has yet been devised to make an energetic people out of a community of pusillanimous and enfeebled citizens."** — Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America Volume 2



## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Charles R. Drew\*

Memorial Scholarship Commission  
(CRDMSC)

### 82<sup>nd</sup> Grand Conclave (Virtual)

**The CRDMSC was formed to give recognition to future leaders of society  
and to foster scholastic achievement in our Fraternity**



SEE THIS CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP as presented at the Virtual 82<sup>nd</sup> Grand Conclave July 2020) and brought to us by the CRDMSC. \$145,000 was awarded in the form of Grants and Scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate Omega Psi Phi scholars from all 12 Districts. In making these awards, Brother Dr. E. Newton Jackson narrated the backstory of each celebrated scholar, depicting their actualization of the cardinal principles: Manhood, SCHOLARSHIP, Perseverance and Uplift.



# The Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission (CRDMSC)

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Brother Dr. Charles Richard Drew was born June 3, 1904 in Washington, D.C. His father, Richard, was a carpet layer and his mother, Nora Burrell, was a teacher. Drew and three of his four younger siblings grew up in Washington's largely middle-class and interracial Foggy Bottom neighborhood. He graduated from Dunbar High School, Washington, DC in 1922; he won an athletics scholarship to Amherst College in Massachusetts, from which he graduated in 1926. He joined the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as an off-campus member; Amherst fraternities did not admit blacks at that time.

Brother Drew attended medical school at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where he achieved membership in Alpha Omega Alpha, a scholastic honor society for medical students, ranked second in his graduating class of 127 students, and received the standard Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery degree awarded by the McGill University Faculty of Medicine in 1933. He died April 1, 1950 in Burlington, NC, from injuries sustained in a car accident while *en route* to a conference.

(<https://www.biography.com/scientist/charles-drew>)



## Founders' Memorial Award (UG)

Bro. Khalifah Ndir

6-2019-B

Beta Chapter

Lincoln University (PA) (2<sup>nd</sup> D)

Major: Criminal Justice & French (Double Major)

GPA: 3.48

\$5,000 AWARD





## Founders' Memorial Award (UG)

**Bro. Alan Harris, Jr.**  
3-2019-QL  
Theta Lambda Chapter  
Western Carolina University (6<sup>th</sup> D)  
Major: Biology & Chemistry  
GPA: 3.62  
\$5,000 AWARD



## Founders' Memorial Award (UG)

**Bro. Michael Parks**  
1-2018-HS  
Eta Sigma Chapter  
Lincoln University (MO) (8<sup>th</sup> D)  
Major: Civil Engineering Technology  
GPA: 3.43  
\$5,000 AWARD



## Founders' Memorial Award (G)

**Bro. Landon D. Ellison**  
2-2008-FG  
Eta Mu Mu Chapter  
University of North Texas (9<sup>th</sup> D)  
Major: Doctor of Philosophy  
(Higher Education)  
GPA: 3.8  
\$5,000 AWARD



Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew showed great athletic talent in his youth. He won several medals for swimming in his elementary years, and later branched out to football, basketball and other sports. After graduating from Dunbar High School in 1922, Brother Drew attended Amherst College on a sports scholarship. There, he distinguished himself on the track and football teams. (<https://www.biography.com/scientist/charles-drew>)





## Grand Basileus Award

**Bro. Kendall M. Jordan**

3-2018-PB

Pi Beta Chapter

Illinois State University (10<sup>th</sup> D)

Major: Recreation Management

GPA: 3.56

\$5,000 AWARD



## Dr. Ronald McNair Scientific Award

**Bro. Daniel E. Archibong**

3-2019-RH

Rho Eta Chapter

University of Kansas (8<sup>th</sup> D)

Major: Biology

GPA: 3.9

\$5,000 AWARD



## Dr. Herman S. Dreer Scholarship/Leadership Award

**Bro. Cameron R. Kinley**

2-2019-IMM

Iota Mu Mu Chapter

U.S. Naval Academy (2<sup>nd</sup> D)

Major: Political Science/Japanese

Student Body President (5<sup>th</sup> Black Person Ever)

Football Team Captain

GPA: 3.12

\$5,000 AWARD



Brother Dr. Charles R. Drew developed ways to process and store blood plasma in "blood banks." He directed the blood plasma programs of the United States and Great Britain in World War II, but resigned after a ruling that the blood of African-Americans would be segregated from others. (<https://www.biography.com/scientist/charles-drew>)



## George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship

**Bro. Darryle Albert**

4-1993-GI

Theta Rho Chapter

Capella University (13<sup>th</sup> D)

Major: Doctor of Philosophy (Education)

GPA. 3.75

\$5,000 AWARD



## H. Carl Moultrie I, Legal Scholar Award

**Bro. Justice H. Walters**

3-2015-A

Alpha Omega Chapter

Howard University School of Law (3<sup>rd</sup> D)

Degree: Juris Doctorate (Corporate Law)

\$5,000 AWARD



## Dr. W. Montague Cobb Medical Scholar Award

**Bro. Ian Cruickshank, Jr.**

4-2014-A

Alpha Omega Chapter

Howard University College of Medicine (3<sup>rd</sup> D)

Degree: Doctor of Medicine

\$5,000 AWARD



Through his outstanding work on blood plasma, Brother Dr. Drew helped save thousands of lives during World War II. The blood plasma bank he organized became the model for the system used nationwide today by the American Red Cross. In his position as chief surgeon and chief of staff at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C., Brother Dr. Drew trained many of today's distinguished black surgeons. <http://www.cpnas.org/aahp/biographies/charles-r-drew.html>





## Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr., Education Scholarship

Bro. Terrence Lewis

2-2015-BH  
Lambda Iota Chapter  
Columbus State University (GA) (7<sup>th</sup> D)  
Major: Masters in Education Leadership  
GPA: 3.81  
\$5,000 AWARD



## Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Divinity Award

Bro. Ulysses D. Allen<sup>2</sup>

1-2000-AD  
Xi Omega Chapter  
Phillips Seminary (OK) (9<sup>th</sup> D)  
Major: Doctor of Ministry (Homiletics)  
GPA: 4.0  
\$5,000 AWARD



## William Hastie Creative Research Award

Bro. Robert Fontaine-Holman

2-2018-HA  
Eta Alpha Chapter  
Lindenwood University (8<sup>th</sup> D)  
Major: Masters of Fine Arts (Creative Writing)  
GPA: 4.0  
\$5,000 AWARD



The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University is the repository for the Charles R. Drew Papers, which range from 1900 to the 1980s. The collection contains photographs, personal and professional correspondence, published articles, lectures, laboratory notebooks, and research notes, along with materials relating to his death and legacy. <https://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/spotlight/bg>



## Undergraduate Scholarship Grant Award

**Bro. Omarkrick L. Douglas**

7-2018-IDD

Iota Delta Delta Chapter

Southeast Missouri State University (8<sup>th</sup> D)

Major: Mass Communications (TV & Film)

GPA: 3.31

**\$5,000 AWARD**



## Graduate Scholarship Grant

**Bro. Rogers Hunt, III**

2-1994 - XO

Iota Omega Chapter

Auburn University (7<sup>th</sup> D)

Major: Doctor of Philosophy

(Adult Education)

GPA: 4.0

**\$5,000 AWARD**



**"While one must grant at once that extraordinary talent, great intellectual strength and unusual opportunity are necessary to break out of this prison of the 'Negro' problem, we believe that the 'Negro' in the field of physical sciences has not only opened a small passageway to the outside world, but is carving a road in many untrod areas, along**

**which later generations will find it more easy to travel. The breaching of these walls and the laying of this road has not been, and is not easy."**

**— Charles Richard Drew, MD**

**Thank You!**



## Life's Lessons from My Dad

By

D. A. Profit

**M**Y DAD WAS THE FIRST PERSON to steal from me. My Mom was the first person to put my life in danger. My parents separated early in my life. I grew up in the clichéd *single parent* household.

At a very early age I learned that I must take care of myself. How to navigate the concern that my Mom and Dad were not going to be people I could rely on was something I frequently thought about. It caused great pause and confusion in my young mind. The individuals that I grew to know as my mom and dad were individuals of great contradiction.

My dad would make excuses to not do something, e.g., too tired, back hurts, no time, too busy – just to name a few – which I saw by his actions as a ruse. I have learned that, by standing on principles, I can confidently go through life able to accept myself and talk about the things I've done. ***It's a vexed spirit that goes through life hiding one's own perceived shame.***

My dad doesn't drink, smoke or curse; he served in two branches of the Armed Forces and goes to church regularly. Church is a very big part of his life. During my upbringing he worked two or three jobs at a time, but he has serious flaws *as we all do*. As I saw it, he nurtured me in a way that was in conflict with my interpretation of the Bible, my parent's lessons, teachers, police and basically what anyone of authority was saying, doing, and/or expressing.

My dad puts on an effort to be noticed, always trying to impress others. But to us children he would "cry the blues," as my mother would say, complaining he doesn't have any

money. Then after my parent's quarrelling and squabbling ends, he would say to me "budget your money". Mind you, I was too young to understand what budget meant. The take away from this lesson was: ***learn to live at my means so money is never a worry or concern because one should never have to talk about finances with children.***

In actuality, my dad didn't prepare me for the realities of life. He didn't talk to me about society or the world for that matter. He didn't introduce me to any part of life that I would need as an adult. He didn't sit me down and explain the facts of life, the birds and the bees, flowers and the trees. He didn't observe my growth to adulthood nor direct me into a career that I would excel based on my personality and character.

The bickering, arguing and tensions between him and my mom seem to ease when I realized he might have curbed his beliefs to ensure the safety of his children. Had he changed? When I was in college, I learned how to learn. This was about the time I made the decision to talk with my dad – man-to-man, adult-to-adult.

The question I posed to myself was: "Is my Dad the type of person I would hang-out with if he weren't my dad"? My answer was "no". No way would I associate with him had I not been born into his family. I discovered a method that would satisfy my being okay with the contradictions I saw in him. If I wasn't sure of what to do, I'd say to myself ***"just do the opposite of my dad's actions."***

I had an *epiphany*. I came to realize that: ***once my dad was young trying to live in a society of systemic racism***

***doing his best to maintain his journey on a straight and narrow path - on a road that is all but smooth.***

I accepted my dad – a stranger I'd been made aware of since birth. I learned and recognized that my dad was a person before I came into this world; he had his own set of beliefs, values, empathies, truths, and motivations *before me* - which makes him an individual – like any other stranger.

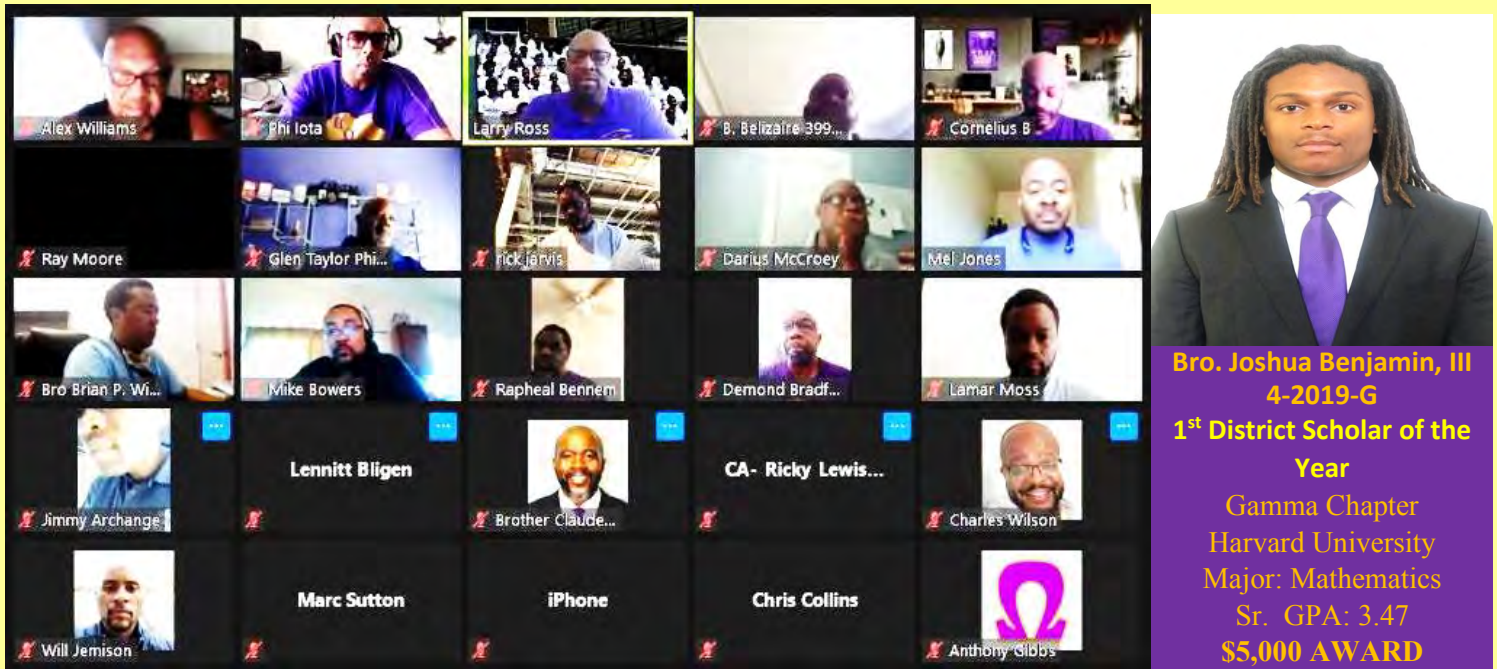
Whoever he was before I was born – he is now. I determined ***I must become comfortable with his values and his ideals no matter how they may differ from mine.*** I began to change, to make a decision, an adult decision. I learned to communicate with others to insure we both understood each other's position; respected each other's space because we are *all* going through something. I also learned: ***Do not stay in a toxic relationship no matter what!***

IN CONCLUSION, my dad wasn't a regularly fixture when I was growing up. He came, he went. He was absent for most of the milestones in my life and I don't recall him ever being present at any sports event where I participated, college graduation or other significant life changing moment. We were always at odds until one day at a relative's funeral he said, ***"Why do you talk to me the way you do? You don't like me"***. I responded, "No, that's not true. I love you Pop's. You just never got to know me". He agreed.

My dad is 85 in this time of **COVID-19**. I check on him as often as I can. We work on projects together; we converse more and increasingly, we laugh together. ///



### 1<sup>st</sup> District: Brother Anthony Lilley, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



### 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICTS COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE FATHERS:

**Immediate Past DR Francois R. Fils-Aime II, of the Formidable 1<sup>st</sup> District and  
Basileus Lourenco Lopes, Jr., of the Massive and Progressive 12<sup>th</sup> District**

ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21, 2020, the Brothers of Phi Iota Chapter, Phoenix, AZ, 12<sup>th</sup> District, and Iota Chi Chapter, Cambridge, MA, 1<sup>st</sup> District, gathered in *virtual* harmony. The Chapters hosted the inaugural **"Father's Day: We Celebrate One Another"** Zoom call. The call included words of wisdom and reflection led by Bro. Francois R. Fils-Aime, II, Immediate Past District Representative of the First District and Basileus Bro. Lourenco Lopes, Jr., of Phi Iota Chapter.

This epic celebration also included the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Districts and a riveting message from Grand Basileus, Dr. David E. Marion. Bro. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis also shared prophetic words. Former 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus Bro. Carl Blunt spoke and provided sincere sentiments relative to Father's Day and what this day meant to him.

Brothers had an opportunity to express what Father's Day meant to them individually as well. This event was moving and emotionally charged. The Grand Basileus was thoroughly impressed when young undergraduate Joshua Benjamin, III, Gamma Chapter, spoke. Brother Benjamin, III, described how his father, an Omega man, continues to leave an impression on him, through communication and the sharing of relevant life lessons.

Brothers look forward to having this virtual celebration again. This celebration will expand to all Districts to bring consciousness to Father's Day and the wonders of Fatherhood. The opportunity for Brothers who are fathers, mentors, and guardians to share their experiences will be priceless. This virtual celebration of Fatherhood is a first across the Divine Nine. As such, it will be a model for others to witness and view on a grand stage and platform. ///

## 2<sup>nd</sup> District: Brother Donald Williams, II, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



**Bro. Jason Nunley, Jr.**  
 5-2018-YE  
 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scholar of the Year  
*Psi Epsilon Chapter*  
*Delaware State University*  
 Major: Accounting  
 Minor: Business Economics  
 Graduated in May  
 GPA: 3.69  
 \$5,000 AWARD

**Many Have Died So That You Can**  
**VOTE**  
**It Is ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR CONTROL**

### VIRTUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING ZOOM MEETING A SUCCESS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020** the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Committee for Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring conducted the first virtual Strategic Planning Zoom Meeting. The meeting was extremely well attended with an opening prayer from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chaplain, Reverend Ronald Williams.

The set theme for the new Omega year is: **MENTORING IN THE MIDST OF A CRISIS!** The aim is to encourage chapters leadership teams in this pandemic to focus their efforts on doing the important work of mentoring our men to help them become effective Dads and help our young people, especially our young males to reach their full potential.

The featured guest was Brother S. Earl Wilson, International Chairman of the Fatherhood Initiative and

Mentoring Committee, who shared encouraging words of uplift and the importance of mentoring in this moment. He shared one of the top priorities from IHQ a **100,000 Father Voters Pledge Campaign**. Brother Wilson was followed by Brother Delrecole “Rico” Gales, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative who shared his passion for mentoring across the District. Brother Rico believes the key to mentoring in this pandemic is the frequency and consistency that mentors demonstrate “*we care*” and have the students’ best interest at heart.

A lot happens in a 30-day period – let’s keep the young people engaged or we will lose them. All participants enjoyed an enthusiastic discussion and information sharing about mentoring effectively in this virtual environment. ///



**2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT PRIORITIES:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Priorities encourages chapters to adjust their thinking about mentoring by using virtual platforms such as the Zoom Cloud based platform. Special training planned for September will help reinforce and provide strategies chapters can use in a virtual environment to stay connected and engaged with young people and dads in the new Omega year. Mentoring our youth is more important now than ever before in this rapidly evolving **COVID-19** pandemic.

We are excited about the newest initiatives that encourages “collective impact” by having chapter chairmen identify significant planned mentoring events. We will create a District-wide calendar that reflects key mentoring opportunities and more importantly connect mentees and families to planned events from across the five states of NY, NJ, PA, DE, and MD. For example, last spring Eta Pi Chapter conducted Omega Investment

workshops: Get Wealth Workshop (2020) that reached families and students beyond New Jersey. Mu Nu Chapter will be hosting the #Back2School Game Changer Conference for Young Males on October 24, and Tau Lambda Lambda will be hosting a virtual College Fair on February 20, 2021. The bottom line is this is an opportunity to increase the impact of mentoring programs beyond a local region and reach globally!

The committee chairmen look forward to the next Zoom Meeting to share Best Practices with an eye on encouraging and increasing the number of chapters to join the important work of mentoring our men to help them become effective Dads and help our young people, especially our young males to reach their full potential. By Donald Williams II, 2nd District Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee, Immediate Past Basileus Mu Nu Chapter. ///

### **MENTORING IN THE MIDST OF CRSIS: YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS MOMENT**

By Donald Williams, II, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman

*Brothers, Fathers, Parents, Mentors, Coaches ---- Stay connected and engaged with your family, sons, daughters, nephews, nieces and mentees.*

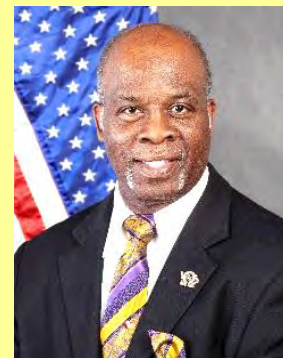
**A LOT IS HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD.** We are fighting two pandemics – **COVID-19** and *social injustice*, a hurricane season causing flood devastation in the southeast, wild fires in the west, an unseasonal snow storm in Colorado, and an election season that requires our active engagement today to continue and advance the successes of the next generation!

A shift appears to be occurring and we must transform. The Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee aims to have every chapter engage their community with Project Manhood. We have an urgent need for every chapter in each state to establish a virtual mentoring program. Chapters can consider seeking partnerships with like-minded, reputable organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Social Services, **other Greek Letter organizations** in our local service area that are intentional about mentoring young people.

We must continue to positively engage our community while adhering to social distancing guidelines. Take time to talk and listen to your family, friends, community, and each other. The uncertainty of the future is a concern for many. As mentors, we can assist our communities in navigating the social, educational, financial, political and

psychological challenges we are facing today to ensure a better future for all.

My Brothers, were you born for this moment? Have you considered that God purposed you at this time to fulfill not only His plan for your life but for those around you? My Friends, in faith, I believe He has. God has a specific assignment for you. It might be to identify and use technology where needed, develop community partnerships, envision solutions for the next phase or many other possibilities. Let's not pour new wine into old wineskins!



As stated on the Omega morning prayer call, our beloved Fraternity has been chosen by God to lead. Our communities need us to lead by example and be a light to shine through darkness. Our families and mentees are counting on us to find innovative ways to continue to strengthen and grow even in adversity and we are capable of meeting that challenge. Brothers know that I personally thank you for all you do in your community and for making Omega shine! ///





## Eta Pi Chapter Coping with **COVID – 19** Virtual Town Hall Meeting

By Brother Matt Stevens, Eta Pi FIMC Chairman.

ON JULY 29, 2020, BROTHERS of The Mighty Mighty Eta Pi Chapter hosted a virtual Town Hall meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Town Hall focused on helping student athletes cope with the impact of dealing with **COVID-19**. An expert panel consisting of several members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 2nd District Corridor IV, included: Brothers Benjie E. Wimberly (State Assemblyman), Bobby Brown (Former College and NFL Player), Glasgow Bart (Mental Health Advocate), and AJ Calloway (TV Personality).

The Town Hall meeting was conducted as an extensive question and answer period where youth were encouraged to engage with the moderator and participants. Guest speaker Cliff Omoroyi was first to answer questions which focused on his journey to becoming one of the best basketball players in the Country. He talked with the young people and boldly stated that his journey was made possible by **hard work, belief in himself and the support of his family**.

Brother Wimberly discussed moving forward into college as a student athlete as well as working with coaches and guidance counselors to ensure that your video, grades and required classes are in order. He told youth and parents to ensure that they maintain a disciplined routine focused on their goals and for safety reasons parents should strongly consider the option of distance learning versus in-person learning this school year.

Nurses Yolanda Jackson and Brenda Porter, (NJ Integrated Black Nurses Association) provided an array

of resources and answered pointed questions about the safety of playing sports. Both nurses indicated that organized sports are safer based on protocols put into place by coaches including wearing masks, frequent hand washing and social distancing.

Brother Glasgow Bart, an advocate for Men's Mental Health, joined the call to notify young people that **"It is OK, Not To Be Ok!"** as it related to seeking mental health services. The Youth Partnership (YP) program, affiliated with the Family Support Organization of Essex County (FSOEC), shared two public service announcements that they produced. They offered the services of the program to all youth at their website [www.FSOEC.org](http://www.FSOEC.org). Dereck Martinez, YP member expressed how the YP has helped him, *"I feel secure in the fact that I can talk to someone about my feelings."* The Chapter is working to create a stigma free environment for those seeking mental health services.

The next session, **Virtual Mentoring 101**, will provide strategies for coaches and mentoring programs to conduct and measure the impact of virtual mentoring. Mentor Newark will facilitate the session on September 19, 2020 on Zoom. Register at [www.Etapichapter.org](http://www.Etapichapter.org). These events are a collaboration between The Mighty Mighty Eta Pi Chapter and the Greater Essex Community Uplift Foundation.

The article and YouTube video for the Student Athlete Forum held July 29 can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/a0fFTNCM8xk> ///

### 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Brother Cameron Mix, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



Papa Mintah-Adu, rising sophomore at Potomac Middle School moderated an Omega U Bridge Builder Town Hall with selected panelist to discuss the importance of voting and education for young Americans

# Omega U

*"Never be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."*

**U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-GA  
(1940 – 2020)**



**Bro. Merrick O. Simms, II  
4-2018-A  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Scholar of the Year  
Alpha Chapter  
Howard University  
Major: Sports Medicine  
Graduated in May GPA:  
3.3  
Graduate School at UAB  
\$5,000 AWARD**

Prince William County, Virginia - August 26, 2020 - Pi Lambda Lambda - The Omega U Program hosted its second Bridge Builder Town Hall featuring select panelists who discussed voting and education in Prince William County (PWC) Virginia. The panelists included Bro. Conrado Morgan, Colonel (Ret), Third District Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Founder and CEO, Conrado's International, Inc.; Mrs. Andrea Olivia Bailey, Potomac District Supervisor of PWC; Bro. Jeffrey Allen, Basileus, Pi Lambda Lambda; Mrs. Rae Belle, Founder & CEO, Beyond the Belle Academy.

The Bridge Builder event featured Papa Mintah-Adu, student moderator. The eight-question discussion centered around educating and promoting earlier voting among teenagers and young adults. Panelists shared with the students the importance of building a relationship with the political process as early as possible to make voting a lifelong habit. Panelists also stressed to students to remain vigilant in building strong study habits and establishing routine schedules during the current pandemic and virtual learning environment. Fifteen (15) fathers participated in this event with their sons.



**Bro. Albert Woods with the late Honorable U.S. Representative John Lewis (D-GA)**



**Bro. Conrado Morgan, Colonel (Ret)  
Third District Representative  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

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**Ms. Andrea Bailey  
Potomac District Supervisor  
Prince William County, VA**



**Bro. Jeff Allen, Basileus  
Pi Lambda Lambda  
Third District**



**Ms. La'Sontayia Belle  
Founder & CEO of Beyond the  
Belle Academy**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Jerry Leftwich, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



**Columbus, OH** - On June 18, 2020 the **Zeta Beta Chapter** of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held a virtual conversation on fatherhood. The discussion was facilitated by Bro. Antonio Caffey. Brothers Kendall Lee, Renell Bell and Nate Oliver appeared on the panel. Brothers discussed various topics related to fatherhood and the various approaches that they take in raising their kids. ///

### Omega Gents Mentoring of Columbus

**Columbus, OH** – The Omega Gents mentoring program received national recognition as being the best mentoring program in the fourth district. The program received a \$5000 stipend from the fraternity to continue our efforts for year four. This program will be entering its fourth year serving middle school and high school youth in the Columbus Central Ohio Community.

All Mu Iota mentors have been trained and certified from the Mentoring Center of Central Ohio. The Omega Gents mentoring program is designed to teach and encourage middle school and high school males to positively define, plan, pursue and achieve their life goals. The ultimate goal of the Program is to reduce delinquent behavior among urban male adolescents and improve academic achievement.

The program strives to help all young men visualize their life goals regarding higher education and career planning. It is our belief that once these young men are aware of their responsibility to self, family, and the community, they are more likely to become today's young scholars and tomorrow's community leaders. It is

our aim to help these youth recognize the greatness that they possess within.

### Mentoring Services

Our mentoring Services include monthly education modules that deal with real life scenarios, guest speakers, workshops, teen summits and symposiums, career exploration field trips, college preparation counseling, community service opportunities, and life coaching. Our education modules come from the National Character Education Curriculum for middle school and High School.

The topics covered during our bi-weekly educational programing and workshops include: Self-identity, Self Esteem and Self-Assessment; Goal Setting and Planning; Academic Achievement and College/Career Readiness; Developing Positive Relationships; Etiquette and Respecting Women; Community Service; Health and Well-being; Financial literacy; Goal setting; Dealing with life challenges; Virtual Educational Fieldtrips

This program starts in September and concludes in June of each year. The Omega Gents mentoring program emphasizes the group mentoring model. The program is facilitated and Co-chaired by Brothers Sheldon Smith, and Darrell Strickland. Brother Zach Hill serves as lead mentor. Together, under the direction of Basileus Kenyatta (Kenny B) Marshall, the brothers of Mu Iota Chapter, work together to provide resources and guest speakers for the program.

We meet twice a month every second and fourth Saturday at the Columbus YMCA North. Due to the pandemic, we will meet virtually to start the upcoming school year. We will also be collaborating virtually with other youth programs within the fraternity. ///



**Bro. Juwaun D. Tye**  
**1-2018-SY**  
**4<sup>th</sup> District Scholar of the Year**  
**Sigma Psi Chapter**  
**Ohio University**  
**Major: Integrated Media (Film)**  
**Graduated in May**  
**GPA: 3.5**  
**\$5,000 AWARD**



## 5<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Oliver Williams, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



Dee D. Mawl Muldrow,  
Basileus, Theta Omega

### Keeping The Focus ... Staying In The Fight!

**Louisville, KY** – The Civil unrest here in Louisville has wrought trying times for not only Louisville, but the whole world. **Breonna Taylor's No Justice, No Peace** movement over the last 6 months has garnered the energy of black, white, young and old souls. The most significant experiences have been the times I was able to protest and march with my children, Shandin, Kiki and Tahjena; so that they can see what direct action looks like in order to affect immediate change.

During the entire process it was very important for them to know that hitting the streets in protest is only one aspect of the action. I made sure my children were aware of my role as a Community Leader. I was in the meetings with the Mayor and staff making demands for immediate change in our community. Breonna Taylor's case was a horrible travesty, but it also served as gateway to leverage and lobby for better resources in our community, such as, education, affordable housing, police reform, minority business support, funding for youth learning facilities, and more.

My children truly understand what it's all about and how important it is to VOTE especially on the local level to change those in office who support those policies that negatively affect our people.

I am so proud of my young King and Queens that my children are growing into. It's my role to keep fighting so the process will be easier for them. However, they will be ready for that same fight if faced with the same world.



Bro. Tyler M. Newkirk  
6-2019-KS

5<sup>th</sup> District Scholar of the  
Year

Kappa Sigma Chapter  
Lane College

Major: Mass  
Communications  
Graduated in May

GPA: 3.81  
\$5,000 AWARD



RALPH ELLISON

**"Power doesn't have to show off. Power is confident, self-assuring, self-starting and self-stopping, self-warming and self-justifying. When you have it, you know it. After years of trying to adopt the opinions of others I finally rebelled. I am an invisible man." From the book, The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison, March 1, 1913 – April 16, 1994.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Melvin Williams, Jr., Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

**Raleigh, NC** – The Mighty 6<sup>th</sup> District like all other districts had to be reformed this summer to serve our communities through this pandemic. Currently, the 6<sup>th</sup> District is working on a virtual meeting with our undergraduates to have open discussions that will be centered on the five pillars of the Future Dads Program. This event will take place November 2020. Topics of discussion are: Celebration of life as a Father or Mentor; Healthy Relationships with Family and Community; Healthy Living; Spiritual Development (mind, body and soul); and, Healthy Financial Living. ///

### Omega C.H.A.M.P.S.

**MISSION: OMEGA C.H.A.M.P.S.** seeks to transform the next generation of African American males and other ethnic males into our future leaders. We will accomplish this by providing a relationship with a caring adult male, enriching summer camp experiences along with exposure to a variety of culturally enriching activities to assist young men in avoiding problem/high risk behavior.



Omega C.H.A.M.P.S. Program has been busy this summer keeping the mentees engaged in what's going on in the world and in their communities through virtual meetings. It's been a challenged but the young men have been very open on how they feel about what's going on in the world today. They all have participated through their verbal communication skill which is one of the pillars of the program.

Because of the stay home order in North Carolina all programming was done virtually except for the back pack give away. This is one of the signature programs sponsored by Omega C.H.A.M.P.S. Even though these young men themselves need assistance and support, they understand it's important to help their fellow man.

This isn't the only way these young men give back to the community. In the winter, they give away hats, socks and coats to needed students in the community through the program Uplift. Currently, there are 16 young men in the program and because of the pandemic the Rites of Passage Program was cancelled. There are two young men who are aging out of Omega C.H.A.M.P.S. and will participate in the Rites of Passage celebration later this year. ///

### Omega Manhood Institute

[OmegaManhood1@gmail.com](mailto:OmegaManhood1@gmail.com)

**Lexington, NC** – THE OMEGA MANHOOD INSTITUTE'S SUPERDAD series: "Let's Talk About It" focuses on health, financial, mental health and racial issues men deal with and educate their children about. The ongoing series through July 20<sup>th</sup> focused on **"We Must Save Our Sons"** - preparing fathers to handle the racial unrest that has arisen.

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**Bro. Alan Johnson, III**  
7-2019-EL  
**6th District Scholar of the Year**  
**Epsilon Lambda Chapter**  
**Morris College**  
**Major: History**  
**Graduated in May**  
**GPA: 4.0**  
**\$5,000 AWARD**

The weekly men's only support group will restart in October, 2020. The format will remain the same by having subject matter experts from each field come and give a 10-minute presentation on a specific topic and answer questions. The slogan for the support group is **"Men Uplifting Men to Help Build Stronger Families"**.

The **"SUPERDADS"** held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fatherhood Prayer Breakfast via Zoom on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. The first virtual prayer breakfast was well



received and appeared to be enjoyed by all in attendance. Special thanks to Brother Freddie Bradshaw (MC), Brother Delray Anthony (Welcome), Brother Charlie W. Bethea (Purpose), Quette Sharon Anthony (Scripture), Mr. Jordan Spears (Soloist), Mentee Elijah Grant (Children Prayer), Mrs. LaTanya Graham (Mothers Prayer), Brother Jamal Scott (Fathers Prayer), Sixth District Chaplain – Brother Travis Alexander and Fatherhood Initiative Chair – Brother Melvin Williams (Remarks & Blessings). We really appreciate the outstanding job by all presenters.

Due to the Shelter-In-Place order in North Carolina, we continued weekly Tele-Mentoring of the 31 mentees in our **Omega S.T.A.R.R.S. Mentoring Program**. All birthday gifts for mentees from June 2<sup>nd</sup> until August

31<sup>st</sup> were mailed to them. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, all Back-to-School supplies were delivered to all 31 of the Omega STARRS to ensure they had the necessary items to be successful.

We started our Single Moms Food Pantry to assist our mentees families with food during the summer months to help fill the gap of the backpack program. We delivered groceries to our mentee's homes on weekly bases from June 9<sup>th</sup> until August 11<sup>th</sup>. These times have been challenging but we believe with every challenge comes opportunities. Our faith is in God to help us continue to uplift our community and make the most of each moment. ///

## 7<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Jonathan Gaines, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

# FATHERHOOD

## — Conversation —



**October 13, 2020**  
**VIRTUAL**  
 via Waycross, GA  
**6:00PM – 7:30PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82195805639?pwd=NzVzYU9rU2lPQUZKU0FsbEdPR3Btdz09>  
**Meeting ID: 821 9580 5639 Passcode: 620973**

**SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:**

Driver's License Reinstatement – Child Support Services – GED Enrollment –  
 Job Training – Job Search/Placement – Volunteer Work Opportunities –  
 Support Order Modification (where applicable)

**For More Details, Contact:**  
**Marvin Broadwater, Sr.**  
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**Live Streaming via FACEBOOK:**  
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 \*Georgia Department of Human Services



Georgia State Organization  
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DHS | Division of Child Support Services



**Bro. Eddie T. Ford**  
**1-2019-BH**  
**7th District Scholar of the Year**  
**Beta Eta Chapter**  
**University of Alabama**  
**Major: Education**  
**Human**  
**Performance/Exercise**  
**Science**  
**Graduated in May**  
**GPA: 3.9**  
**\$5,000 AWARD**

**The power of the ballot we need in sheer defense, else what shall save us from a second slavery? W. E. B. Du Bois**



# Lambda Tau Chapter Fatherhood and Mentoring Program

By Brother Barrette Walker [walkerbarrette@yahoo.com](mailto:walkerbarrette@yahoo.com)



support of other organizations donated \$20,000.00 to Ahmaud Arbery Family.

On February 23, 2020, Mr. Ahmaud Arbery was murdered while jogging in the Satilla Shores housing area in Brunswick, GA. He was a graduate of Brunswick High School where he played football and ran track. He was known to be an avid runner around Brunswick, GA. He was murdered, allegedly, by three Caucasian males who were seen on video chasing Mr. Arbery while he jogged through the neighborhood. He was able to avoid the men on several occasions, however, these individuals were able to box in Mr. Arbery, an altercation occurs, and Mr. Arbery was killed.

A loud outcry was raised in the community of Brunswick, Georgia, our Nation, and countries around the world. Since the death of Mr. Arbery, this small coastal community known for its beautiful beaches and southern hospitality is known around world, where a racist murder occurred. There have been numerous rallies in Brunswick communities throughout Georgia and around the world. ///

**Georgia** - Lambda Tau started its Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Program August 1, 2020, in Glynn, McIntosh, and Camden counties. Its mission is to provide leadership and mentoring to both African American men and youth in these counties. In support of that mission statement, Lambda Tau Chapter with

## “Ques March with Quez”

**LAMBDA TAU CHAPTER WILL** conduct quarterly Fatherhood Initiative Forums and Youth Forums on topics that affect African Americans in communities we serve. Our goal is to ensure that African Americans in our communities understand the impact when you support Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Our great organization will uplift and inspire our communities.

Lambda Tau Chapter Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Program have participated in several community events: “Ques March with Quez” rally in support of Mr. Ahmaud Arbery; Support Brunswick, GA first ever Juneteenth celebration at Historic Selden Park; Feed Southeast Georgia Health System employees as they fight COVID19 pandemic. ///



Out of abysses of Illiteracy, Through  
labyrinths of Lies, Across wastelands of  
Disease... We advance Out of dead-ends  
of Poverty, Through wilderness of  
Superstition, Across barricades of Jim  
Crowism... We advance.

— Melvin B. Tolson —

AZ QUOTES

February 6, 1898 – August 29, 1966

## Lambda Tau Feed Local Health Employees Who Fight **COVID - 19** Daily in Glynn and Surrounding Counties.



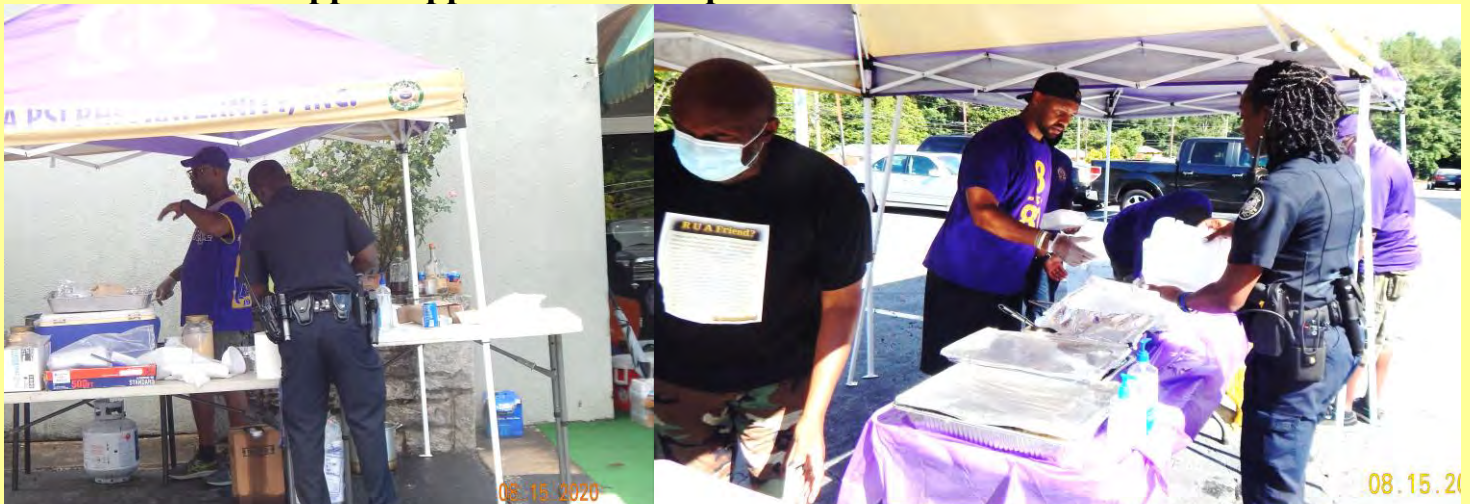
**LAMBDA TAU CHAPTER** has been supporting the communities in Glynn, McIntosh, and Camden Counties for over 60 years. As we continue to find ways to support our communities, **COVID-19** has caused major health issues here and around the world.

The Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS) has been at the forefront in fight against **COVID-19** in Glynn, McIntosh, and Camden counties. SGHS has given out over 5,000 masks and hand sanitizer in support of community events.

The front-line heroes in the Community Support Section of SGHS

have participated in a rally for Mr. Ahmaud Arbery, a Juneteenth celebration, and numerous other events. Lambda Tau Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Program was grateful to serve with other members of Lambda Tau Chapter in support of this event. Submitted by Lambda Tau Chapter Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Chairman Brother Barrette Walker. ///

### Kappa Kappa and Tau Chapters host Law Enforcement Lunch



Atlanta Police Department Officers Served by Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE  
of the Newsletter is: December 15, 2020  
Send to: [geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net) in word format. No pdf.**





## The 7<sup>th</sup> District – 2020 Youth Mentee High School Graduate and College Freshmen Salute

Submitted in part by:

Brothers James Lovejoy - Sigma Phi; Royle King - Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi; Harry B. Williams - Omicron Tau;  
Cedric B. Hall, Esq - Omicron Beta Beta Chapters

THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT - FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE AND YOUTH MENTORSHIP Committee salutes our 2020 Youth Mentee Senior High School Graduates from across the great states of Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia. We wish them continued success as college freshmen at their selected university and/or college of choice.

In addition, we salute the 7th District Family Village consisting of State/Local Chapter Youth Mentorship Chairmen, Fraternity Brothers, Parents and our many Community Partners for their committed service in mentoring our Youth. The 7th District continues to pray and provide guidance for their development as young men, and academic scholars. ///



**Brandon Salter**

SLW Centennial High School  
River State College – Business  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter –  
Fort Piece, FL



**Curtis Greene**

Lincoln Park Academy  
University of Florida -  
Animal Science  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter -  
Fort Piece, FL



**James Johnson Jr.**

Vero Beach High School  
Coastal Carolina University -  
Physical Therapy  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter - Fort  
Piece, FL



**Camryn Davis**

Fort Pierce Central High School  
Southern University - Computer  
Science  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter –  
Fort Piece, FL



**Chase Sabari**

Somerset College Preparatory  
College  
Stetson University - Political  
Science  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter –  
Fort Piece, FL



**Jeremiah Mackey Jr.**

Hillsborough Community  
College - Nursing  
Fort Piece Westwood  
Academy  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter –  
Fort Piece, FL



**Andarious Porter**

Booker T. Washington Magnet  
High School  
Morehouse College - Biology /  
Physiology  
Omega Sparks Youth Program  
Sigma Phi Chapter -  
Montgomery, AL



**Phelps Heath**

Park Crossing High School  
Trenholme Technical  
College - IT  
Omega Sparks Youth  
Program  
Sigma Phi Chapter -  
Montgomery, AL





**Cam'ron Davis**  
Fort Pierce Central High School  
Southern University -  
Business Administration  
Lamplighter Youth Group  
Omicron Tau Chapter -  
Fort Piece, FL



**Saiah Moorer**  
Brewbaker Technical Magnet High School  
University Alabama  
Birmingham - IT  
Omega Sparks Youth Program  
Sigma Phi Chapter -  
Montgomery, AL



**Ylon Gipson**  
Booker T. Washington Magnet High School  
Morehouse College -  
Economics  
Omega Sparks Youth Program  
Sigma Phi Chapter -  
Montgomery, AL



**Darrun Smith**  
Dunbar High School  
Saint Thomas University -  
Business Marketing  
Omega Lamplighter Mentor Program  
Omicron Beta Beta Chapter-  
Fort Myers, FL



**Andre F. Howard II**  
Carver High School  
UAB - Computer Science  
Omega Sparks Youth Program  
Sigma Phi Chapter -  
Montgomery, AL



**Knowledge Bland**  
Dunbar High School  
Saint Thomas University -  
Business  
Omega Lamplighter Mentor Program  
Omicron Beta Beta Chapter-  
Fort Myers, FL



**Lapadre Proctor Jr.**  
Crossroads Academy  
FSU - Mechanical Engineering  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



**Victor Clark Jr.**  
North Florida Christian HS  
Florida A&M University - Business  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



**Torris Bethea Jr.**  
Florida State University Schools  
University of Central Florida -  
Biology  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



**Maverick Gunn**  
Florida State University Schools  
Florida A&M University -  
Pharmacy  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



**Kelvin Harper Jr.**  
James S. Rickards High School  
Florida A&M University -  
Criminology  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



**Landon Gardner**  
Amos P. Godby High School  
Wylie College - Business  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



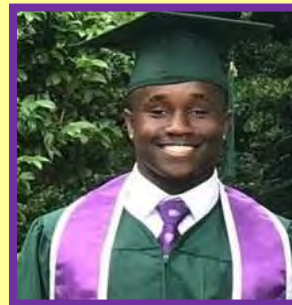
**Jordan Garner**

Florida A&M University Research School  
Florida A&M University - Business  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL



**Travis Cooper Jr.**

Amos P. Godby High School  
Valdosta State University - Biology  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL



**Willie Williams**

Lincoln High School  
Edward Waters College - Psychology  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL



**Curtis Jones II**

Lincoln High School  
Florida A&M University - Computer Science  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL



**Jeremiah Outley II**

Gadsden County High School  
Florida Memorial University - Sports Management  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL



**Wreylon Moya**

John Paul II High School  
Alvernia University - Sports Management  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL



**Mykel Keith**

Wakulla County High School  
Florida State University - Engineering  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL



**Jeremiah Norton**

James S. Rickards High School  
Albany State University - Business  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi Chapter  
Tallahassee, FL

### ABOUT LEGACY:



**Isaiah Baker**

Lincoln High School  
Florida A&M University - Business  
Omega Lamplighters Youth Program  
Chi Omega/Upsilon Psi  
Tallahassee, FL

*"Find a need and fill it. Successful businesses are founded on the needs of people." A.G. (Arthur George) Gaston (July 4, 1892 - January 19, 1996). He was an American businessman who established a number of businesses in Birmingham, AL, and who played a significant role in the struggle to integrate Birmingham in 1963. In his lifetime, Gaston's companies were some of the most prominent African-American businesses in the American South.*





**OMEGA SPARKS PARTNERS WITH "D.A.T.S.M.O.M":  
Health Initiative for Families of Children on the Autism Spectrum**

Submitted by: Bro. James Lovejoy  
Omega Sparks Youth Program  
Sigma Phi Chapter - Montgomery, AL



**MATTHEW JONES IS AN EXCEPTIONAL OMEGA SPARKS.** He is 16 years old and has an autistic level 1 diagnosis. Level 1 is the least severe autism diagnosis. People in this category have social difficulties that require support. They can find it difficult to initiate conversations with others and may respond inappropriately or lose interest quickly. As a result, it can be challenging for them to make friends, especially without the right support. Matthew has not let his diagnosis stop him and has found support, fellowship, and alliance with his fellow Omega Sparks.

Omega Sparks supports **Disability as an Ability Toward Success: Moms on the Move**, also known as "D.A.T.S.M.O.M.", a 501 (c) (3) organization for families of children with Autism. Its mission is simple: inspiring, motivating and challenging families of children on the Autism Spectrum or with related developmental challenges. The goal is to provide a platform to help parents with the knowledge, resources, and tools necessary to become effective advocates. More information can be found at: <https://datismom.org/au-tastic-spectrum-ride-initiative/>

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Regions Bank Partnership  
Financial Literacy – Job Opportunities**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is partnering with **Regions Bank** to improve financial literacy in underserved communities and increase diversity at all levels of their organization. One component of this program focuses on entry level and internship opportunities. On Thursday September 24, 2020 Regions Bank hosted a WebEx where various members of its leadership team offered insight into the company and its Emerging Talent Program. The program offers rising sophomores and juniors with a 3.0 or above GPA and a demonstrated interest in banking the opportunity for a 10-week paid internship with a 90% chance of permanent placement upon completion. If you qualify and are interested, applications are found at <https://www.regions.com/about-regions/careers/emerging-talent>. Scroll to the bottom of the page to the "search current open positions" tab where you will apply for a specific internship position. Once you have completed your application please send a confirmation email to Brother Steven Boyd at [slbque@gmail.com](mailto:slbque@gmail.com) and Brother Robert Cunningham at [JCSU80@aol.com](mailto:JCSU80@aol.com).



## 8<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Skyler Johnson, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

### Lambda Delta Delta Omega Leadership Academy Goes Virtual



**Aurora, CO** – The Omega Leadership Academy (OLA) Mentorship Program based in the Colorado front-range area has adjusted to the **COVID-19** crisis by turning to virtual tools to continue its mentorship efforts for young men with the help of volunteers from the newly formed Lambda Delta Delta Chapter. Starting in April OLA began hosting virtual member check-ins at least once a month via Zoom to keep members connected and to keep the mentorship efforts going.

The check-ins have allowed mentors to speak with and provide encouragement to the young men as they have had to deal with **COVID-19** forcing students into distance learning as well as allowing volunteers to discuss the social unrest around police violence in our country. Virtual meetings have also included a U.S. Forestry service job shadow that took members virtually to the El Yunque National Tropical Rainforest in Puerto Rico with Bro. Keenan Adams who is a Forest Supervisor stationed there. El Yunque National is the only tropical rainforest in the national forest system Other virtual workshops have covered investing and saving as well as mental health. Moving into the Fall, OLA will continue to operate virtually with upcoming workshops focused on first aid and a virtual aviation job shadow. ///



**Bro. Dominique D. Hampton**  
**3-2018-IS**  
**8th District Scholar of the Year**  
Iota Sigma Chapter  
University of Central Missouri  
Major: Digital Media Production  
Minor: Business Administration  
Graduated in May  
GPA: 4.0  
**\$5,000 AWARD**

## 9<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Sedric Meyers, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



NPEC Board Members – Lawson Howard, Courtney Miller, Glenn Gundy, Dyrren Davis



**Bro. Oris D. Granger, III**  
**2-2017 Scholar of the Year -UQ**  
**9th District**  
Upsilon Theta Chapter  
Lamar University  
Major: Industrial Engineering  
Jr. GPA: 3.47  
**\$5,000 AWARD**

## **Nu Phi Chapter: Omega Nu Phi Education Center**

### **Houston, TX - August 2, 2020 –**

The Nu Phi Chapter and Omega Nu Phi Education Center provided a blessing to the Youth Organization, HYPE Freedom School, Garden Villa Giants and Stefan Cotton, President/Coach of the Southside Rams Youth Football League. Even during a Pandemic, youth need to be uplifted and mentored. Uniforms and equipment were donated to these organizations.

Nu Phi continues to help young people to expand career interests and encourages steps for them to take to achieve their goals. Our efforts are to increase college awareness, build better attitudes toward school, increase social and emotional development and improve self-esteem. An \$800 donation plus equipment was contributed to this program.

HYPE Freedom School, Inc., is a non-profit organization that has been serving children and families in the Southeast/Sunnyside area of Houston since 1999. Its mission is to empower people with knowledge for successful living by providing education enrichment services to families beyond school hours and by sponsoring the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools. Nu Phi Members - Bert Simmons (FIM Chairman) and Sedric Myers were also present with the Omega Nu Phi Education Center (ONPEC) board members. ///

## **Psi Alpha Chapter: Fatherhood Initiatives**

**Houston, TX –** The Psi Alpha Chapter Fatherhood Initiative Committee participated in 7 events during the months of July, August, and September 2020:

**On July 13, 2020**, the Fatherhood Initiative Committee conducted a Zoom Panel Discussion entitled "*Critical Conversation with Dads: A Listen in On Critical Discussions from Fathers in the Community in 2020*".

During the 1½ hour event, Brothers Anthony Peay (Vice Chairman, FI Committee) facilitated the discussion on various fatherhood topics and 3 facilitated questions. Panel members were: Brothers Archie "Ice" Peay, Jr., Eddie Pinchback, Alan Thompson, Ken Tyson, Morris "Butch" Allen, Pastor Les Bramlett (Pastor, Cleft of the Rock Church), Mr. Greg Marshall (Director, San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign) and Mr. Sam Gomez (San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign Member).

On August 1, 2020, Bro. Archie "Ice" Peay Jr. (Chairman) facilitated a 2-hour Zoom discussion with 35 Men of Cleft of the Rock Church on the topic: "*My Brother's Keeper: Helping a Brother When They're Going Through It*". Bro. Rev. Anthony Peay was also in attendance, as well as Bros. Earl Howell, Odell Sidberry and George Mayers.

The purpose of the discussion was to talk to the men on the meaning of a Brother's Keeper, things that brothers go through and examining 3 panel questions. The meeting went over the allotted time because the men were motivated, emotional, and engaging. On August 2, 2020, the FI Committee pioneered the "Fatherhood Facts," which means, on a monthly basis, the committee will disseminate to the

community electronic posters on the positives and negatives when a father is involved in the lives of his children.

On August 19, 2020, the Psi Alpha Fatherhood Initiative Channel was officially launched on Facebook and YouTube. Brother Archie "Ice" Peay, Jr., and Brother Anthony G. Peay provided an introduction of the channels to the members and are looking forward to continued engagement and collaboration of fatherhood.

On August 20, 2020, Brother Archie "Ice" Peay, Jr., and Brother Anthony G. Peay presented the Father of the Quarter award for the 3rd Quarter of Omega Year 2020. The award was presented to Mr. Greg Marshall (Citizen Category). Mr. Marshall will receive an engraved mug along with a Certificate of Appreciation. On August 27, 2020, the FI Committee conducted a FI Panel Discussion on the shooting of Mr. Jacob Blake. We wanted to cover it not only from a police brutality angle, but also from a Fatherhood Initiative perspective.

On September 2, 2020, the FI Committee conducted training to the Psi Alpha Chapter on "**10 Ways of Being a Better Dad.**" A total of 12 brothers attended and the goal was to discuss ways of being a better dad and to encourage discussion as an involved father community. ///

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

**Mentoring** – On Friday evening, June 26, the Psi Alpha Weekly Mentoring Program Initiative led by Brother Jeffery August and facilitated by Coach Quincy Stewart, Head Football Coach at Sam Houston High School, hosted Brother Jerry Ball who shared his life experiences with students from Young Men’s Leadership Academy, Davis Middle School, Sam Houston High School, St. Augustine High School (New Orleans), and Westbrook High School, Beaumont, TX). Brother August invited Bro. Derek Morton and

the Omega Lamplighters to share in the event.

A total of 47 participants (32 kids, 15 adults), including First Vice Grand Basileus Brother Ricky Lewis, were on the Zoom call. Brother Ball provided a wealth of knowledge for the young and seasoned participants. Nicknamed “Icebox”, Ball is a 1984 initiate of the Nu Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

On Friday, July 17 at 1800 hours, CFL Hall of Famer and Saskatchewan Rough Riders Wide Receiver Don

Narcisse volunteered to conduct a Zoom mentoring session with mentees in the weekly and monthly mentoring program. In attendance were students from Sam Houston High School, Young Men’s Leadership Academy, Luna Middle School, University of Houston, and Texas Southern University. In total, there were 34 participants for the session. ///

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**Alamo City Lamplighters** – On July 29, 2020, the Alamo City Omega Lamplighters (ACOLL) of Psi Alpha conducted its virtual Quarterly Spiritual UPLIFT mentor event. Our special guest, Elder Cory Mobley, of True Vision Church in San Antonio, TX discussed the theme, **“As we follow Jesus, we will not get distracted.”** He presented a powerful message of how to deal with distractions from social media and what life creates.

On August 12, 2020, the Lamplighters (ACOLL) conducted a virtual forum on Racial Inequality, Policing, and Legal Rights. The panel was moderated by Bro. Derek Morton, ACOLL Chairman, and Bro. Nathaniel Jenkins. Panelist included Officer Doug Greene from the San Antonio Police Department, Councilman Noah Washington (06-Lambda Iota), Place Two of Selma, Texas, and Attorney at Law, Bro. Lionel Richardson (96-Alpha Theta). In attendance with the Lamplighters were mentees from Psi

Alpha weekly mentoring program, several Omega Men and other guests.

On September 5, 2020, the Alamo City Omega Lamplighters of Psi Alpha conducted a virtual mentor session to develop their 5-Year Life Plans. Former mentees, Carl Clay, currently enrolled at Texas Southern University studying Computer Science, and Derrick Potter, presently enrolled at Texas State studying Electric Media Mass Communication, opened the discussion.

On September 12, 2020, the Alamo City Omega Lamplighters (ACOLL) conducted its virtual Quarterly Spiritual UPLIFT mentor event. Our special guest, Pastor Dominique Jones of New Birth Community Church in San Antonio, TX discussed the theme, “Having a Life Plan.” Pastor Jones delivered a powerful message dealing with pressures that young black men deal with today that attempt to derail from one’s life plan. ///

events with the lamplighters to see how they and their families are doing and to discuss current events. ///

## **Rho Beta Beta fatherhood initiative and Mentoring**

Submitted by Stephen Jackson  
PBB Public Relations Chairman

**HOUSTON, TX** – OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, Rho Beta Beta has continued to work in the community with Omega Lamplighters, our youth mentoring program. The Chapter held several check-in calls and virtual

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The brothers felt it was crucial to extend our right hand to these Lamplighters and their families. We understand what we do in Omega is a shining example for the world, so we extended “Brother, You’re On My Mind” to these lamplighters. We saw a need for continuous, regular connections as a means of providing more normalcy to their lives and determine where they may need more help.

The current racial climate is a critical aspect of Lamplighter’s lives. They are young black men so they



will see these events through a different set of lenses. They may see a world of confusion, anger, and hope. We recognize the need to help these young men navigate this world with the knowledge and tools to succeed. We held several virtual events with the Lamplighters to discuss critical topics such as policing, legal system, health, and race relations. We did this over the course of several virtual events and meetings.

***A part of any successful society is the development of its youth.*** At Rho Beta Beta, we understand the pandemic cannot stop this and we are dedicated to doing our part. We have adapted to this virtual world to still make a meaningful impact and we look forward to continuing to do so. ///



**How to handle police situations discussion**

**Criminal justice discussion with Harris County DA Kim Ogg**

**Lamplighter check-in**



**DALLAS, TX**—THETA ALPHA CHAPTER is involved with four male mentoring programs; Omega Sparks, T. W. Brown Middle School Mentor Program, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Intercepted Mentorship Program. This quarter we would like to discuss the Intercepted Mentorship Program. This program was established by Judge Shequitta Kelly of Dallas County Criminal Court 11.

The program is a nine-month pre-trial diversion program for adults charged with a misdemeanor assault case. There are several Theta Alpha Chapter brothers providing mentorship to these young men. Our goal is to work closely with the offenders and Judge to change both their attitude and perspective on life. During the **COVID-19**, the brothers have been working with their mentees virtually. ///

**United Way Awards Funding Grants to Local Civic Organizations**



Representatives from the Gateway Region YMCA; **Nu Chi Foundation**; Youth Arts and Technology Center; Community Performance Ensemble at Sunshine Cultural Arts Center; Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America; Arthur Johnson Foundation; Boys & Girls Club; Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation; Catholic Urban Programs; The Biz Spot Community; Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. From left to right, second row: committee members Treena Thompson, Monica Grandberry, Francella Jackson, Lisa Gould, Burdett Rice and Jill Dixon-Young.



**East St. Louis, IL** – The United Way of Greater St. Louis recently awarded 11 community enhancement grants totaling \$130,000 to local nonprofits, community agencies and faith-based organizations that provide programs and services to youth in the Greater East St. Louis area and surrounding communities. The funding will allow organizations to support an additional 650 youth through summer and afterschool programming.

Brothers from the Nu Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and Nu Chi Foundation receiving their Community Grant of \$20,000 to support their community service initiatives such as Project Manhood, Talent Hunt, School Supplies and Scholarships. Nu Chi Foundation is a local charity devoted to community growth, service and education under the guidelines of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

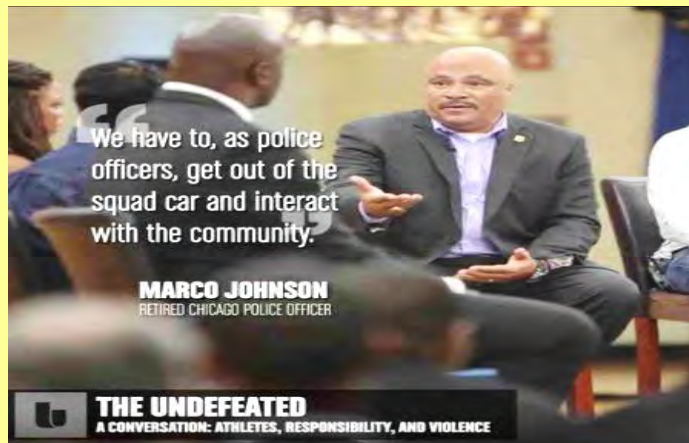


**Bro. Colton R. Haymon**  
4-2018-SB  
**10th District Scholar of the Year**  
Phi Mu Nu Chapter  
Butler University  
Major: International  
Business & Marketing  
(Double Major)  
Graduated in May  
GPA: 3.5  
\$5,000 AWARD

Its purpose is to support families living in the St. Clair County, Illinois community. The Nu Chi Foundation offers: Professional and personal mentoring opportunities for young African American males developing positive self-images, leadership and life skills, and participate in academic, social, and community activities; Scholarships to qualified, college-bound high school seniors; Leadership opportunities via community service projects including food drives for needy families, blood drives, voter registration, and initiatives to combat illiteracy and drug abuse; Support programs, seminars, and symposiums covering topics vital to community interests, including crime, violence, teen pregnancy, healthcare and wellness, and social injustice; Information and support for elderly care. ///



**TALENTED 10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT FATHERHOOD AND MENTORING:  
GREAT MINDS IN SERVICE  
The Honorable Brother Judge Gregory Pittman**



WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE SAYING, “GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE”. Our Fraternity in general and the Tenth District in this particular instance is blessed with great minds who are on the same accord when it comes to our continual development of Fatherhood and Mentoring.

In early 2020 (before the advent of COVID-19) past 10<sup>th</sup> District Representative the Hon. Steven Watkins and long-time Chicagoland youth mentoring activist and advocate Bro. Marco Johnson began a conversation with 10<sup>th</sup> District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman, the Hon. Gregory Pittman, about how best to improve District mentoring activity and, importantly, capture data that documents the efficacy of Omega’s efforts to improve the quality of life for our young people and their communities.

The significance of the timing of the aforementioned dialogue is that at the international level, Omega has begun to tap into corporate support for mentoring activities. The key to that breakthrough and the growth that is starting to come about is that data and evidence-based programming will be needed more than ever.

Against this backdrop The Talented Tenth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has embarked upon an ambitious district-wide effort to create commonalities of focus in programming, and the evaluation/measurement thereof. The 10<sup>th</sup> District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee is taking lead in this work.

Tasked with spearheading the development of this structural alignment across the District is Committee member, Bro. Michael Durrett, M.S. Ed.

Bro. Durrett is an educator based in the State of Indiana, and is President of the faith-based nonprofit organization Above All Else, Inc. Bro. Durrett’s vision is to “provide structure that aligns with the goals of the International Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee.” Each chapter’s basic program structure will continue to be at the discretion of that chapter. Clearly the needs and resources available to address those needs vary from chapter to chapter. Accordingly, each chapter should retain the autonomy to operate in the way that best fits that local chapter in its effort to serve its community. That structure and program delivery must, however, include “*expanding the knowledge of and the application of:*”

- 1. Healthy Living**
- 2. Social Awareness**
- 3. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Living**

These are the three “Domains” that each chapter should include as focal points of the programming they provide to young people. Within those “Domains” are numerous “sub-domains” or subject areas that are open for exposure, instruction, and ultimately evaluation.

As the District Committee goes forward with this work, which is anticipated to be ready for implementation in the Fall of 2021, watch this space for updates and progress reports in this worthy and consequential journey. Our next discussion here will focus on the pre and post evaluation instruments that are in development for use by local chapters. ///



## 12<sup>th</sup> District: Brother George D. Taylor, EdD, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

### The Massive & Progressive 12<sup>th</sup> District

#### Community-Oriented Policing Taskforce

Brother Kwame Dow, 34th Twelfth District Representative

OMEGA MEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT of not only what is just, but what is right. The 12<sup>th</sup> District Community-Oriented Policing Taskforce (COPT) is another example of this. The brainchild of Brother Immediate Past District Representative Dennis Martinez, the Taskforce's focus is to develop a working professional understanding and relationship with law enforcement and the communities they serve. The work of this committee has never been so critical and timely than it is today.

Brother Dr. Ben Harrison has been tasked with chairing the 12<sup>th</sup> District Community-Oriented Policing Taskforce given his extensive background in training and impacting the culture of law enforcement departments in Oakland and across the country. Not only his training but his personal story makes him the right person to lead this Taskforce. Harrison shared, *"In 1975, my younger brother was shot in the back and killed by a white police officer...my family had seen this on the news for three whole days before we got the call that it might be John, my younger brother...I not only hated the police but could not watch a cop show on television for quite some time."*

#### Operation Omega Relief – July 2020

On July 31, 2020, the Massive and Progressive 12th District of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated donated over 8,000 pieces of hospital grade Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to hospital workers and first responders in underserved communities. This effort was to ensure that those on the front lines have the critical protection needed to win this battle against **COVID-19**. The Operation took place in chorus at 10 am PST in Compton, CA, Phoenix, AZ, San Francisco, CA and Tacoma, WA. For additional info, please visit the Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mighty-Tau-Tau-of-Omega-Psi-Phi-Fraternity-Inc-113720082049927/>

COPT's objective is to work with local Chapters to establish meaningful policy that will influence and leads to better understandings with police departments and unions within communities they serve and protect. Brother Chairman has assembled an all-star team of Omega men representative of the five areas within the 12<sup>th</sup> District.

The team is comprised of Advisors, Area/State Reps, and Brothers with a wide range of experience and relationships to bear. For more information about this taskforce reach out to:

**Bro. Dr. Ben Harrison at:**

**408-988-0932; or**

[bharrisonassociates@gmail.com](mailto:bharrisonassociates@gmail.com)

[BenHarrisonAssociates.com](http://BenHarrisonAssociates.com)



**Bro. William Campbell**  
**2-2019-AR**  
**12th District**  
**Scholar of the Year**  
**Alpha Rho Chapter**  
**Cal State Univ, E. Bay-**  
**Haywood**  
**Major: Communications**  
**Jr.**  
**GPA: 3.87**  
**\$5,000 AWARD**



Brother DR Kwame Dow and 12<sup>th</sup> District brothers delivers PPE to Essential Workers at King-Drew Medical Center



**Operation Omega Relief**



**Eric Washington (Alpha Phi Alpha), Brother Keith Parker, Assemblyman Mike Gipson (Kappa Alpha Psi), brothers Derrick James, and Keith Tate**

## **Tau Tau's Inaugural Father's Day Walk**

**Compton, CA – June 21, 2020** – Brothers from Tau Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Inaugural Father's Day Walk. This event took place at the Nickerson's Garden Gym, located at 11251 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, Ca 90059. The purpose of this event was to provide mentoring for youths and to promote the importance of Fatherhood.

This event was coordinated by brother Keith Parker and sponsored by 360 Foundation. Other sponsors were Nickerson Gardens RMC, Watts Gang Task Force,

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## **BHERC Operations Love – Father's Day Event**

**Compton, CA - June 21, 2020** – Brothers from Tau Tau Chapter participated in the Black Hollywood Education and Resource Center (BHERC), Operation Love Father's Day Event. Brothers assisted with assembling special gift baskets for the Dads. The baskets include essential personal items and dinners for Fathers who have been forgotten, who are seniors, are homeless and/or living in shelters.

BHERC dedicated that weekend in commemoration of the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth. The day that recognized the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy in Texas in 1865. This event took place in Los Angeles and was covered by KTLA Channel 5 Live, Los Angeles, and KABC -TV Eyewitness News Channel 7, Los Angeles. ///

WLCAC, Watts Bike Riders, Children's Institute, Inc., LA Housing Authority, 15<sup>th</sup> District Council Office, WCC Foundation, 360 Foundation, and Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Other sponsors included Nickerson Gardens RMC, Watts Gang Task Force, WLCAC, Watts Biker Riders, Children Institute, GRYD, SEA, LA Housing Authority, 15th District Council Office, WCC Foundation and Community Safety Partnership (CSP). All participants were asked and expected to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Address questions to: [360foundation@gmail.com](mailto:360foundation@gmail.com) ///





## Dadhood:

### Engagement by Dads, Granddads, Uncles

Ghangis D. Carter

**Los Angeles, CA** – The Zeta Rho Chapter Fatherhood Initiative Committee (FIC) has been engaged since late June 2020 in a weekly Friday evening Zoom conference call discussing the triumphs and challenges of being a Dad. The Children's Institute Project Fatherhood's Men in Relationships Group (MIRG) private Zoom conference call gives Dads the tools and efficacy to become and maintain their role as a an actively engaged parent.

On Friday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. PT, the virtual supportive engagement among Dads, Granddads, Uncles as well as "Dadvocates" is as rich as it is revealing. Bro. Keith Parker, director of Project Fatherhood, skillfully and thoughtfully guides the weekly anticipated event. For more information see: [childrensinstitute.org/project-fatherhood](http://childrensinstitute.org/project-fatherhood).

Finally, the FIC will participate in the 12th District's Virtual Friendship Walk on Saturday, September 26, 2020, 10 a.m. PT. As we move into FY 2020-21, please anticipate additional initiatives from Zeta Rho Chapter's FIC as we endeavor to embrace, exalt and experience Dadhood! ///

The Social Action/Health Initiative Committee of the Massive and Progressive 12th District invites you to a....

**DISTRICT WIDE**

**SYNCHRONIZED Friendship Walk**

**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020**  
**10:00 AM PST.**

**THE MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US ON A VIRTUAL WALK.**

Connect with us virtually from your favorite track or trail

Encouraging engagement with movement, healthy habits and dialogue among brothers & the community

Friendship Walk  
Meeting ID: 949 5308 8650  
Passcode: 671433

zoom OPP12THD

**JUST THE FACTS**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau,  
**19.5 million children,**  
more than 1 in 4,  
**live without a father in the home.**

**National Fatherhood Initiative**  
www.fatherhood.org

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau. (2018). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1990 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

**JUST THE FACTS**

**Men with absent fathers are more likely to become absent fathers themselves.**

**National Fatherhood Initiative**  
www.fatherhood.org

SOURCE: Pougnet, E., Serbin, L. A., Stack, D. M., Ledingham, J. E., & Schwartzman, A. E. (2012). The intergenerational continuity of fathers' absence in a socioeconomically disadvantaged sample. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 74(3), 540-555.



## Brother, You're On My Mind:

### I'm just looking for a Friend!

By Steven A. Webb, PhD  
Omicron Mu, SPR04ZT

**C**an you help me, I've been looking for a Friend? Let me describe what he looks like. He loves to wear Royal Purple and Old Gold. Often throws up the hooks when he hears Atomic Dog playing (and begins to heel/toe to the beat).

He became missing at the beginning of 2020 when **COVID-19** hit after we couldn't BE OWT anymore. Truthfully, I've noticed that for years he had started to change a little bit, but I just chalked it up to time and old age, but he was certainly different. He lacked that Enthusiasm he used to have, that sense of Family that embraced his spirit, the presence he had when he walked into a room...regardless of how I tried to play it down...he had changed.

I know that with 45 being so divisive and creating a dividing line with citizens, sociologically, things have been different, but he was never one to take a back seat to anything. He would be the first to voice an opinion, lead a March, organize a Food Drive, distribute backpacks to the community, but something happened that changed my Friend.

I've noticed he has been much more reserved, hesitant to speak and distancing himself from me which is not the norm. Of course, **COVID-19** prevents us from SETTING IT OWT, but that never prevented him from swinging past just to say...hey.

There have been multiple opportunities for him to get involved in the community whether it be to pass out PPE's, distribute food to school age children during the summer, helping

constituents to register to vote...multiple things...yet he has been absent. Even with the recent uptick on attacks of our brothers and sisters, (which he surely would have had an active role in calling people to action) ... my Friend is missing.

Please help me find my Friend. Tell him I need him. Tell him I miss him. He has been such a vital role in shaping who I am that it is hard for his presence to be absent, because it feels like I have a large gaping hole in my spirit.

With certain groups in America *amping* up their racial rhetoric, as well as their violent tactics, I admit, I am even concerned with my own life that could easily be taken by a traffic stop gone wrong or a quick trip to the grocery store. It was my friend's constant presence that gave me constant comfort that if ANYTHING ever happened, he would be there ... but I can't find my Friend!

When you see my Friend, tell him the community needs us. Let him know that we have to play an active role in trying to change this current Administration by getting out to our Community and **REGISTERING PEOPLE TO VOTE**. Tell him that it is up to us, it's our charge to make this happen because another 4 years of this Administration is unthinkable.

Let him know that we have to put pressure on our elected officials on the **George Floyd, Breonna Taylor** and other murders to ensure that there is legislation created to protect us as American citizens our basic liberties - as well as severe punishment for those who violate that law.

Remind him that the hands of time are slowly going backwards to a time when we were treated as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens with the Voting Act, Affirmative Action and other pieces of

legislation crafted to protect America's melanin induced citizens, being dismantled, pushing us out from under the cover of LIBERTY with which America is supposed to cover us.

With these random attacks on us, (and he used to love to stop by and check on the family), let him know that I often think that if something ever happened to me, who would stop by and check on my family to make sure they are good? I would have never doubted before, but because my friend has been absent, it now crosses my mind after every new attack on us.

Don't forget to remind him that the community has been looking for him. They don't need anything in particular; they just need his presence because when he showed up, (and you felt when he did), the Community knew it was gonna be alright...just because he was there.

Please help me find my Friend. I miss him, and I know if you know him, you miss him as well. Let him know I need him, my family needs him, right now...America needs him. Can you help me find my Friend? Even if he is a little shaken because of **COVID-19**, a lost job, relationship issues, whatever it is, let him know I got his back, I support him, and it doesn't matter what he has been through...he is my Friend and I love my Friend.

***If you see my Friend...tell him I'm looking for him...! ///***

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

## 13<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Michael Robinson, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



Top: Bro Craigie Mickins, Jake Palmieri \$5000 winner (1st Place), Bro Douglas Wilson, Bro James Holman (in uniform). Bottom: Craigie Mickins, Daphnee Fagaragan \$2000 winner (2nd Place), Bro Douglas Wilson, Bro James Holman (in uniform).

### Lambda Beta Beta Presents Scholarships to High School Seniors

By Brother Randy Brown

**Honolulu, Hawaii** - The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta (LBB), presented two scholarships on 28 May 2020 for \$5,000 and \$2,000 as part of its annual Scholarship Awards Program. The two recipients were Jake Palmieri and Daphnee Fagaragan.

Jake received the first-place scholarship for \$5,000 and will attend the University of Southern California. Daphnee Fagaragan received the second-place scholarship for \$2,000 and will attend Concordia University, Irvine. The presentation was held at

Radford High school in Honolulu, Hawaii with the parents of both winner's present.

Bro. Holman, of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter initiated by Lambda Sigma in 2005, chaired the scholarship committee for 2020. He heralded both candidates for their exceptional scholastic achievements in school and within their community as the winners move on to the next phase of their academic success.

There were thirteen candidates in the 2020 Lambda Beta Chapter Scholarship competition. The contest was open to all college bound, high school seniors in the Oahu School Districts. The Scholarship committee committed to ensuring the best candidate prevailed, surveyed and vetted each application thoroughly through an anonymous rubric to determine the overall winners.

The founders of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., recognized the importance of intellect in all matters pertaining to the advancement of humankind. Scholarship is one of the foremost of the Fraternity's four cardinal principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Scholarship is an integral component of the organization. The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta have served the community for over 35 years and will continue the commitment to academic excellence by providing scholarship opportunities for deserving college-bound high school students. ///



**Bro. Othniel Duncombe, Jr.**  
**1-2019-AEB**  
**13th District Scholar of the Year**  
**Alpha Epsilon Beta Chapter**  
**University of the Bahamas**  
**Major: Accounting**  
**Graduated in May**  
**GPA: 3.53**  
**\$5,000 AWARD**



## Upsilon Lambda Lambda Participate in Diversity Run/Walk Event at Yokota Air Base

Brother Lymas Johnson



**Yokota, Japan** - Brothers representing Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter at Yokota Air Base assisted in an organized proposal by MSgt Demetris Johnson, (Wife of Bro. Lymas Johnson) for the Diversity Run/Walk event. The approval process by the 374<sup>th</sup> Air Wing required multiple meetings with the Base command during the month of June. As a result, the final coordination plan allowed 400 participants in four different time slots (6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 9:00 a.m.) with multiple guest speakers to promote diversity and inclusion on Yokota AB with social distancing in place.

The event was also supported by many concerned community members and organizations who were on the side of finding solace in support of the equal treatment of African descendants. Left to Right: Bro. Paul Jordan, local members from the community, Bro. Scottie Jarret and the sons of Brother Lymas Johnson participated in the Diversity Run/Walk held on Saturday, July 2, 2020; Event coordinator MSgt. MSgt Demetris Johnson with volunteer. ///

## Upsilon Lambda Lambda Welcomes New Brothers and Family Members

By

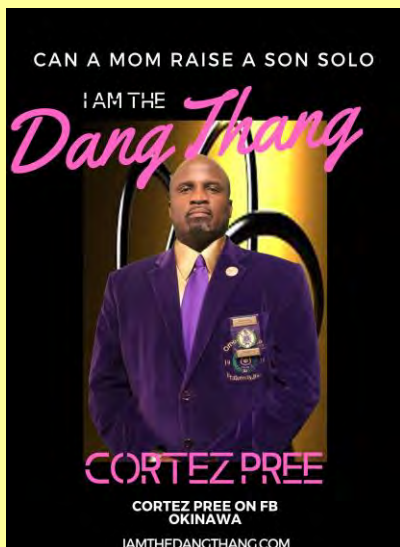
Brother Michael Robinson

**Yokosuka, Japan** - The Brothers of Upsilon Lambda Lambda held a Purple Jacket Presentation for their 2020 Spring Line featuring Brother Scottie Jarrett, Brother Earle Arnold and family members. Highlights of the event included a fellowship meal, gifts and words of inspiration from various Brothers. The event took place on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at the Yokosuka Naval Base Officers' Club in Yokosuka, Japan.



Brothers of Upsilon Lambda Lambda "Home of the Samurai Ques" Front: Left to Right: Bro Lymas Johnson, Bro Earle Arnold, Bro Scottie Jarrett, Bro Michael Robinson, Bro Randy Pringle, Bro Charles Hicks, Bro Leslie Dinkins. Back: Bro William Hogan, Bro Kyle Stewart, Bro David Days and Bro Marcus Snoddy





## Sigma Gamma Gamma Basileus featured in Prove Magazine

Submitted by Brother Robert Townes

**Okinawa, Japan** - Sigma Gamma Gamma Basileus, Brother Cortez Pree was featured in **Prove Magazine**. **Prove** is a newly featured magazine that focuses on addressing topics of relevance in the African American Community. Latonya Mechelle, is the owner as she conducted the interview titled: "Can a Mom raise a son Solo? Basileus Brother Pree is an avid mentor in Okinawa, Japan and served as the lead facilitator for the Chapter's Boyz to Men Mentorship Program. He was raised in a single parent home and believes that single mothers can raise a son solo with the support of the community. The interview can viewed in its entirety at: <https://www.tygereyez.com/let-me-tell-you-about-my-mom.> ///

## Sigma Gamma Gamma Host a Men Health Luncheon

Submitted by Brother Robert Townes



SGG Basileus Brother Cortez Pree present a Certificate of Appreciation to Brother Tarail Vernon; SGG Basileus Brother Cortez Pree present a Certificate of Appreciation to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. District Representative Dr. Yolanda King.

**Okinawa, Japan** – The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter in Okinawa, Japan continued their quest in promoting Men's Health by conducting a luncheon on July 2, 2020 at Terra Restaurant aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Butler in Okinawa, Japan.

Brother Robert Townes coordinated the event that provided some much need instructions to the Brother's pertaining to Men's Health. Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity's very own Tarail Vernon and Dr. Yolanda King of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., were co-speakers for the event. Brother Vernon is a Nurse in the United States Navy and Dr. King is a Psychotherapist.

Brother Vernon provided guidance on how to detect testicular cancer and the importance of nutrition and how it can enhance your health. Dr. King provided important information about how to deal with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and anger management. In a follow-up

interview, Dr. King stressed that, direct or indirect exposure to trauma, "could cause some individuals to experience the symptoms of a mental health disorder, be it posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, or paranoia." She added, when possible, one should "limit your exposure to traumatic videos or articles. Mental health is just as, if not more important than physical health." Dr. King highlighted the fact that the mind is the body's control center; "when you are not your best mentally, it can lead to physical ailments, such as fatigue, weight loss or gain, or other somatic issues," she said.

Although the brothers were separated throughout the room due to COVID restrictions, the message was well received. ///



## Sigma Gamma Gamma Tackles Issues in Community

Submitted by Cortez Pree

**Okinawa, Japan** – Sigma Gamma Gamma Basileus, Brother Cortez Pree created a virtual chat group with various males in Okinawa, Japan titled: Oki Manhood. The group was created to discuss current topics that are relevant in the local community and the United States. The focus of effort was to provide a means to discuss issues to promote unity worldwide. The COVID pandemic and civil unrest that is occurring in the United States were topic of discussion. The first meeting was conducted on June 15, 2020 via ZOOM and brothers of all races attend and provided valuable input to promote unity. The group will meet twice a month to uplift the local and national community.



**Okinawa, Japan** –Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter hosted on a Father/Son Golf outing on June 6, 2020 at the Chibhana Golf Range aboard Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. Basileus Brother Cortez Pree and Brother Robert Townes organized the event. The purpose of the event was to educate the youth on a sport that is not a part of the school sports curriculum.

The youth were paired with a non-related adult. The topics range from peer pressure, drugs, self-discipline, anger management, and current events that are affecting the African American Community. The event concluded with additional conversation over a pizza sponsored lunch. Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter will continue to uplift our youth through innovative measures amidst of COVID restrictions. *(SGG Brother Robert Townes provided Golf instructions to Jaquay Tucker)///*



## Delta Nu Nu Chapter Mentoring Youth Into the Future

By  
Bro. Brandon Morton



Jaylen Hunter

Mentee Jaylen Hunter



Dr. Darius M. Walker

Brother Dr. Darius M. Walker

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates** – Brothers Dr. Darius M. Walker and John David Lewis have served as mentors during the past year since the charting of Delta Nu Nu Chapter located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The devoted time and dedication using Zoom has assisted three mentees in the United States with school, life skills and various other activities.

Brother Dr. Walker served as a mentor through the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association's Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP). His participation in AMP gave him the opportunity to help with the growth of a rising Junior Engineering major, Jaylen Hunter. Bro. Walker's mentoring role included routine video conferences, helping Jaylen set S.M.A.R.T. goals and reviewing Jaylen's resume. During their weekly video conferences Dr. Walker was able to engage and advise on a host of topics ranging from academics, career planning, sports, family and fatherhood. Bro. Walker was honored to assist in the growth of a wonderful young man and scholar!

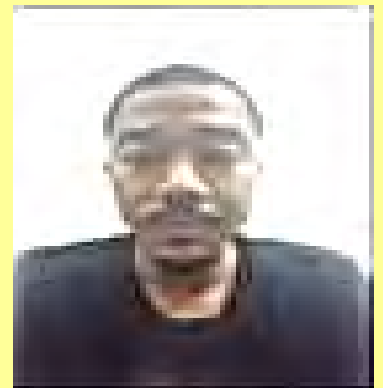
Bro. John David Lewis had the pleasure of mentoring two students this past semester. The first student, Iman Abdelrahman, is now completing her teacher certification program through **TEACH-NOW** Graduate School of Education at Moreland University, a U.S. nationally accredited university. He helped her navigate the environment with new strategies and innovative ways to impact tomorrow's youth.

The second student, Justin Levy is completing his Master's in Educational Leadership at the American College of Education. He is in his final year. John had the opportunity to help Justin view the educational setting through a different set of lenses. Topics of interest included working on ideas in educational reform, behavioral management, and strategic ways to impact not only students but the staff in the school.

Delta Nu Nu Chapter is committed to mentoring our youth into the future. Brothers Darius M. Walker and John David Lewis plan to continue serving as role models and providing guidance to young males and females striving to reach their lifetime goals. ///



Brother John David Lewis



Mentee Justin Levy



## 2020 International Undergraduate Scholar of the Year



**Bro. Dominique D. Hampton**

**3-2018-IS**

Iota Sigma Chapter

University of Central Missouri

Student Athlete: Wrestling (Team Captain)

**\$10,000 AWARD**

**Friendship is Essential to the Soul!**