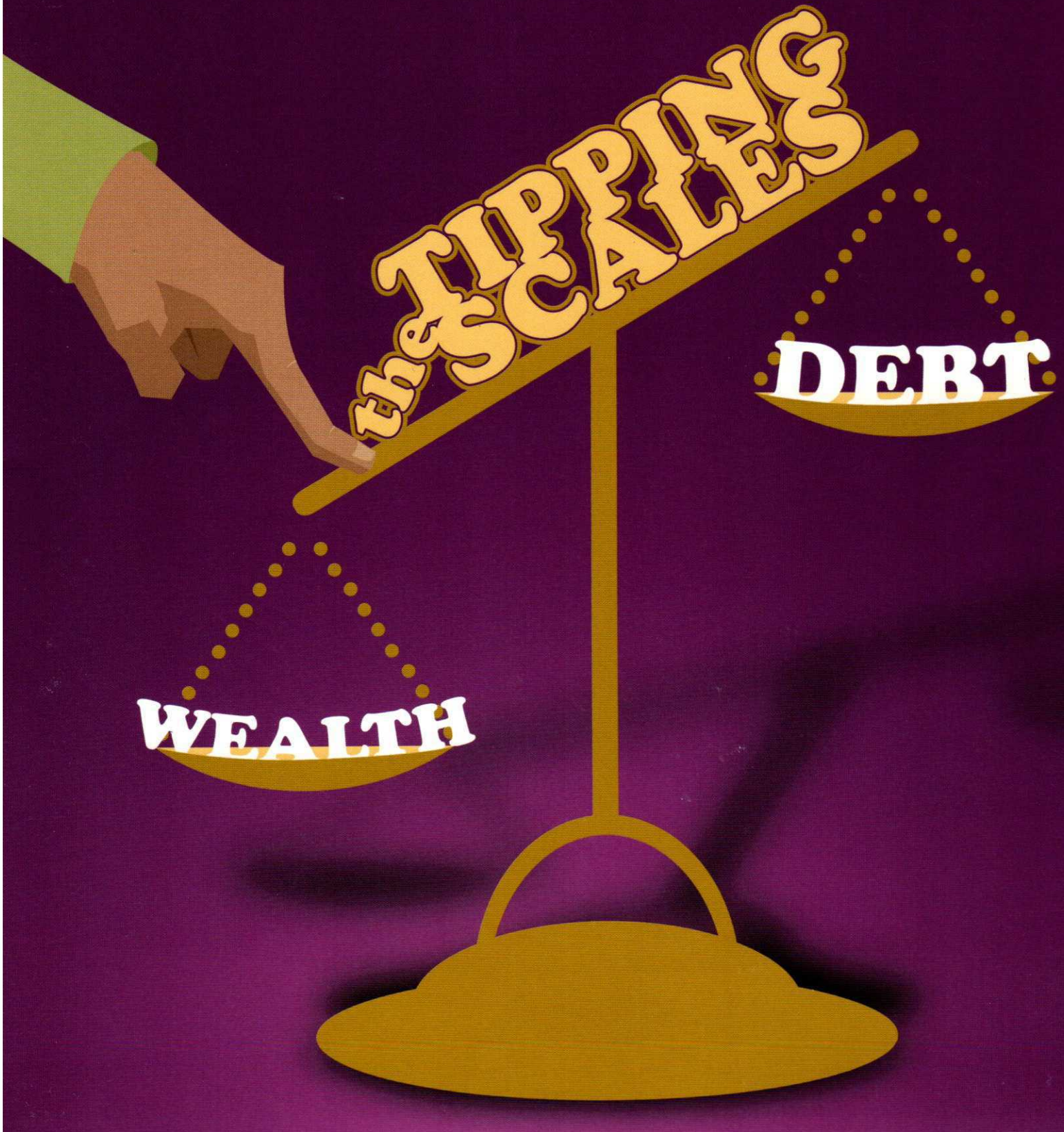


# THE SOURCE

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 9TH DISTRICT OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC.

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

#### PHASE I

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

#### PHASE II

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

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

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



SCAN TO REGISTER:

# MESSAGE FROM THE DR



Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,  
 Welcome to Dallas, TX, the site of the 78th Ninth District Meeting and to the District Meeting Edition of The Source. As we convene our regional conference, I want to take this opportunity to share some reflections and thank you for the last three years.

The primary objective of my three years as your 23rd Ninth District Representative was to take us back to some basic foundational elements in an effort to reconnect us with the fraternity on a level that would sustain us for the long term. Whether it was our basic training covered in our annual Summer School Sessions with Omega 101-103 or our Rededication or our Pledge to Make Omega Better our New Day In The Ninth or our Reclamation 1000: Birth Chapter Pride, it was intended to make us think about our commitment to Omega.

As I conclude my final term as your Ninth District Representative, I would like to thank you for your for all of the support you have provided me and 2) encourage you to rededicate yourselves to Live Omega.

Enjoy this edition of The Source and let's commit ourselves to fully support the next Ninth District Representative and his administration.

*E. Parquet*

Bro. Ernest E. Parquet  
 23rd Ninth District Representative

## Spring 2015

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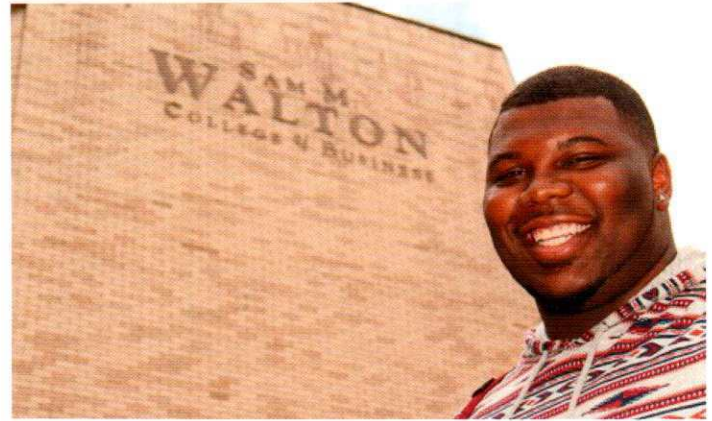
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# “SENIOR OF SIGNIFICANCE”

by Bro. Paul D. Adams, Ph.D.

## Fayetteville, AR

At a January 30, 2015 ceremony and reception, held at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (UAF), Brother Cameron Boyland, Basileus of the Gamma Eta chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, was recognized as a “Senior of Significance”. This distinction has been bestowed upon selected outstanding students, among other recognition mechanisms for outstanding graduating seniors at UAF for the past 50 years by the UAF Alumni Association. A total of 71 “Seniors of Significance” for the class of 2015, in honor of the year 1871, the founding year of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, were selected from a nomination pool of over 420 students. The awardees were selected based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, and significant campus or community involvement. The university press release of this announcement from the Alumni Association committee stated, “ We truly feel the selected students represent the very best of the Class of 2015.”



Brother Boyland is a senior Business Management major and Marketing minor at UAF. He aspires to become an influential business leader, business owner, and entrepreneur. He hopes that his education will help him to develop a business that will be effective in contributing to the advancement of our global economy as well as the African-American community. Brother Boyland’s personal goal is to “help create a better society with better academic settings that can be born from my career achievements”.



# OLL SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

by Bro. Terence Pippins

On Monday December 22, 2014, Omicron Lambda Lambda Graduate Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provided food baskets for families in Pulaski County. Families were pulled from local community based

programs.

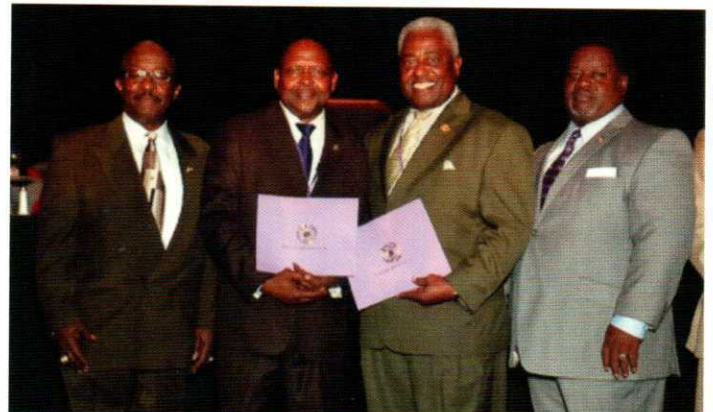
30 families were provided a food box that included a hen and all the trimmings. Brothers of the chapter provided the financing and their time to make this project a complete success.

# 40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN OMEGA

by Bro. Terrence Sesley

## West Memphis, AR

This year has been a long anticipated moment for the Xi Rho Chapter’s Basileus Brother Tandy Anthony and Vice Basileus Brother Oscar Young. They both received their 40 Years of Service accolade at the 79th Grand Conclave. This is an ultimate achievement for any Brother walking in the light of Omega. Basileus Tandy Anthony entered the fold at the Xi Rho Chapter in 1974 in West Memphis, AR where has dedicated himself to live nobly and unselfishly as he has served diligently. He has been a pillar in his community of West Memphis and the surrounding areas. Throughout his years of service, Basileus Anthony



has upheld the standards in his home by exemplifying the leadership qualities as an Omega Man. Brother Basileus instills values of leadership in every Brother that he meets.

Vice Basileus Oscar Young entered the fold at the Alpha Zeta Chapter in 1974 at Arkansas State University. Brother Young has been a model Brother as he has mentored many young men to steer far away those things that may harm them. He has been very punctual with the task of the Annual Achievement Banquet which recognizes those who serve their communities. The past banquets have been a success due to the compassion and drive that Brother Young has towards his duties. Brother Young has

been an example to the younger Brothers in the chapter as to what married life and commitment is all about.

It is always an honor for any Brother to receive the Forty Year recognition but to do it along side one another as Basileus and Vice Basileus speaks high volume. The Brothers were in great company in receiving their accolades in the presence of the past Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray and the current Grand Basileus Brother Antonio F Knox, Sr. The Brothers of Xi Rho would like to congratulate all of the Brothers that received their 40 year recognition and may they continue to serve as true Omega Men. We would also like to extend well wishes to both Grand Basileus in their endeavors.



**Ronald McNair – Innovative Astronaut**

In 1978, McNair was selected as one of 35 applicants from a pool of 10,000 for the NASA astronaut program. He flew aboard the space shuttle Challenger in February 1984, as a mission specialist becoming the second African American to fly in space. In 1986, McNair lost his life when the aircraft disintegrated 73 seconds after liftoff as the world watched.

NOTABLE OMEGA MAN

## GAMMA ETA BROTHERS EXUDE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CARDINAL PRINCIPLE

by Bro. Paul D. Adams, Ph.D.



Picture Caption: (From Right to Left): Bro. Dexter Payne, Bro. Anvon Ferguson, Bro. Andre Brewer, Bro. Cameron Boyland (Missing from Picture: Bro. Philip Bankston, Bro. Christopher Graham)

**Fayetteville, AR**

Each semester at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (UAF), the office of Greek Life, an entity of the Division of Student Affairs at the University, calculates and publicizes the overall semester Grade Point Averages (GPA), as well as rank of Greek letter organizations based on their affiliations on a semester basis. At UAF, 7 of the “Divine 9” NPHC organizations are active, inclusive of: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, and Zeta Phi Beta. For the Fall 2014 semester, the brothers of the Gamma Eta Chapter of Omega had the highest semester GPA among all NPHC organizations on campus. As these GPA calculations are important for consideration of University-related NPHC appointments, as well as individual chapter office designations, the Gamma Eta brothers’ representation of “Scholarship” has put them in prime position to not only proliferate the ideals of Omega at UAF, but also to possibly be considered for leadership positions within the Greek system at UAF moving forward.

# DELTA SIGMA THETA MENTORING PROGRAM

by Bro. Terence Pippins

## Little Rock, AR

Omicron Lambda Lambda Brother Ray Sturgis accepted the call to serve with members of Little Rock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on Sunday, December 14, 2014 for their Professional Development event. This event was part of a mentoring program for approximately 30 African-American high school senior males. The scheduled master of ceremony had a medical emergency and was not able to attend. Brother Sturgis accepted the call, and served as master of ceremony for the event. "I was happy to step in and assist another chapter of the Divine Nine in their own community service activity," Brother Sturgis said. As a member of Omicron Lambda Lambda, Brother Sturgis continued the tradition of chapter brothers working with the Professional Development



development event. In 2013, OLL Basileus James O. Williams served on a panel discussion on the issue of leadership.

# OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA FOOD BASKETS

by Bro. Terence Pippins



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30 families were provided a food box that included a hen and all the trimmings. Brothers of the chapter provided the financing and their time to make this project a complete success.

# "IN THE SPIRIT OF FOUNDERS JUST & COOPER: MENTOR / MENTEE...BROTHERS...FRIENDS"

by Bro. Paul D. Adams, Ph.D.

Undergraduate Brother Spends Summer in Research Laboratory Being Mentored by Graduate Brother

*"...The friends discussed the matter many times, and as a result concluded that they should have some guidance. Brother Cooper at once suggested Professor Just, who seemed to him to have a keen appreciation for the problems of youth. The next day after class was out, while working in the laboratory, Cooper discussed the matter with the young professor, who readily consented to serve as an advisor."*

- From the History of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, A Brotherhood of Negro College Men: 1911-1939

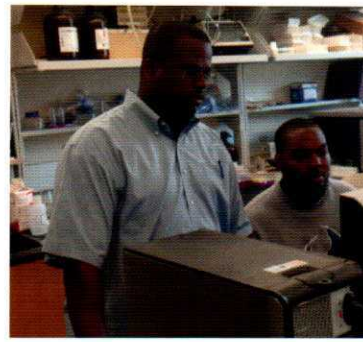
Bro. Herman Dreer



On May 20, 2014, Brother Michael Thomas of St. Augustine's University (5-Spr. '13-Kappa Epsilon) began the Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (UAF). This 10-week program, sponsored through a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) ([www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)) to UAF, had participants representing eight states, and one foreign country. Brother Thomas selected to study protein biochemistry in the laboratory of Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams (5-Spr. '89-Theta Kappa; Louisiana State University) (Presently a member of Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter in Northwest Arkansas), Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Cellular and Molecular Biology at UAF, who "readily consented" to serve as his faculty mentor for the summer program. Brothers Adams and Thomas originally began discussions on the possibility of Thomas coming to study in his laboratory in the summer of 2013 while networking at the 2013 International Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO. Upon starting the research experience in the laboratory in 2014, the two worked together to get Brother Thomas started understanding the techniques in the Adams laboratory necessary for optimizing the purification of a Ras (Rat Sarcoma)-related protein from *Escherichia coli* cells so that it could undergo biochemical and biophysical study, fields in which Brother Adams has expertise in. In addition to his daily research



activities with Brother Dr. Adams, the REU program offered exciting opportunities for Brother Thomas such as weekly group meetings, and dinner/dialogues that covered topics on research, ethics, interviewing skills, and business dinner etiquette. Off-campus trips included travel to Devils Den State Park in Northwest Arkansas and a visit to Futurefuels, a company that develops, manufactures and markets chemicals and biofuels based in Batesville,



AR. At the conclusion of the program, there was a student poster "Symposium in Miniature" where Brother Thomas presented the results of his research with Brother Dr. Adams, followed by a luncheon for all student researchers and mentors. At St. Augustine's University, Brother Thomas

currently serves as President to the Student Government Association. He is also the Immediate Past Basileus of the Kappa Epsilon Chapter. Brother Dr. Adams serves as 9th District Advisor Overseer for the State of Arkansas, and as Co-Chairman of the International UG Chapter Advisors Committee for the fraternity.

What started off as casual conversation among an undergraduate and graduate brother a year before developed into a subsequent summer experience that neither brother is likely to ever forget because, through Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, a "Lasting Bond" was created between a Mentor and Mentee... Brothers... Friends.

## OMICRON LAMBDA LAMBDA 2014 ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

by Bro. Terence Pippins

### Little Rock, AR

Members of Omicron Lambda Lambda delivered two \$1,000 scholarships to Infiniti Williams and Cambria Onick. Infiniti is a senior at Central Arkansas Christian High School. Infiniti earned one of two scholarships awarded during the chapter's 2014 Achievement Week Celebration. Infiniti is congratulated by (picture L to R) Brother Neal Sharkey III, and Brother Ray Sturgis.



Cambria, a senior at Sylvan Hills High School. Cambria also earned one of two scholarships awarded during the chapter's 2014 Achievement Week Celebration. Cambria is congratulated by (picture L to R) High School Principal, Tracy Allen, Brother Neal Sharkey III, and Brother Ray Sturgis.



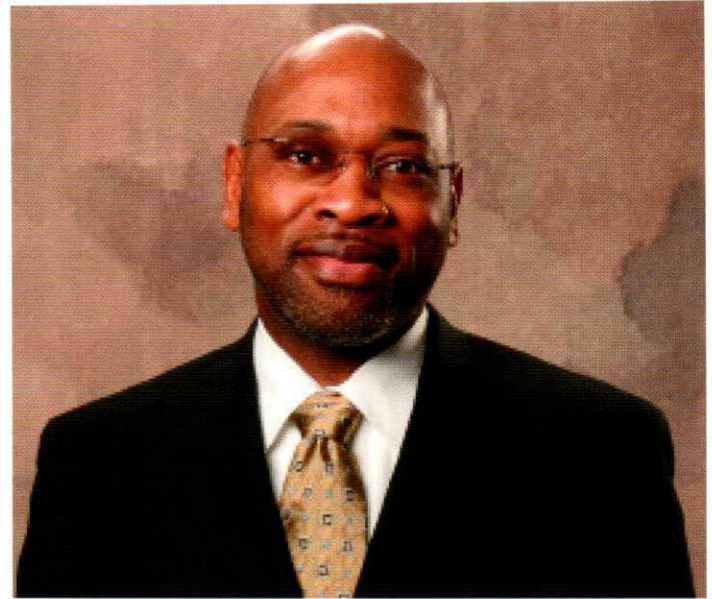
# BROTHER HAS AWARD NAMED IN HIS HONOR

by Bro. Paul D. Adams, Ph.D.

## Fayetteville, AR

In July of 2014, the Black Alumni Association at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville announced their Annual Awards Celebration to be held in April of 2015. One of the awards to be presented has been named in honor of Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams, currently Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Arkansas State University.

The Dr. Lonnie R. Williams Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed upon a deserving alumna/alumnus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville who has made significant lifetime achievements in their personal, professional and community service. This is yet another culminating, yet humbling moment for Brother Williams, who, throughout his career in higher education, has made significant contributions to his community, state and nation. Prior to moving to Arkansas State University, his service to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville included board of directors' positions for the Arkansas Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Society. In addition, he served on the Chancellor's Diversity Task Force, as well as the Multicultural Center Creation committee, the Silas H. Hunt Hall Dedication committee, and many other advising and governing bodies focused on improving collegiate experience for minority students. Brother Williams has also been lauded for his work in fighting for equality of educational opportunities for students and education of employees of color and those who are impoverished. Brother Williams' exemplary work in recruiting minorities has also been recognized across the state and nation. One of the hallmarks of his expertise has been his implementation of new programs that promote student success.



Brother Dr. Williams was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1974. He is currently a member of the Upsilon Chi Chapter of Omega in Northwest Arkansas and serves as Chapter Editor to the Oracle. He also serves Omega as State Representative-North, Arkansas. Congratulations to Brother Williams on a monumental honor of having the Dr. Lonnie R. Williams Lifetime Achievement Award named in his honor by the Black Alumni Society of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

- Excerpts from Ms. Danielle Strickland, Manager, Advancement Communications, the Office of University Relations, Arkansas State University, found at: (<http://asunews.astate.edu/SilasHuntAwardWilliams09.htm>.)

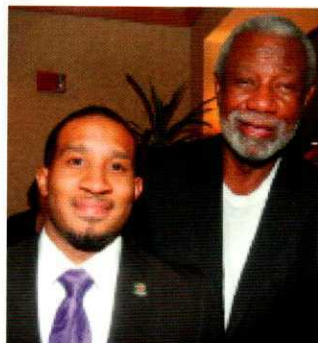
*“Using **CASH** will insure that you will never go into **DEBT**”*

by Dave Ramsey

## BIG BROTHER & BIG SISTERS ROAST

by Bro. Major Banks, Jr

Brothers of Pi Omicron chapter attending the Big Brother & Big Sisters roast of former Arkansas Razorback coach Nolan Richardson.





# THE DOMINO EFFECT



## OF STUDENT LOANS

by Dave Ramsey

When you were a kid, did you ever take the time to lay out a string of dominos, only to have one topple over before you were ready? All that work for nothing, and you were ready to scream.

That's a taste of the frustration that student loans can bring into your life. And much like those dominos, a school loan can knock stuff over in your life—and you'll be left to pick up the pieces. Here's a quick breakdown...

The average student loan debt for bachelor's degrees in America has increased from \$15,073 in 1993 to \$27,547 in 2011. The approximate amount of outstanding student loan debt is \$1.1 trillion, and one in eight borrowers owes 50 grand or more. If you have trouble finding a job after graduating (and 13.3% of newbies are), Sallie Mae will still want to be paid. She's harder to get rid of than Glenn Close in *Fatal Attraction*.

Those numbers are just the surface though. Let's go deeper. When you have a student loan payment, whatever you are paying is money that can't work for you. It can hinder your ability to buy a house or start a small business. You may

even feel queasy about getting married or having kids. It stops you or slows you, and there is too much opportunity in life to be held back like that.

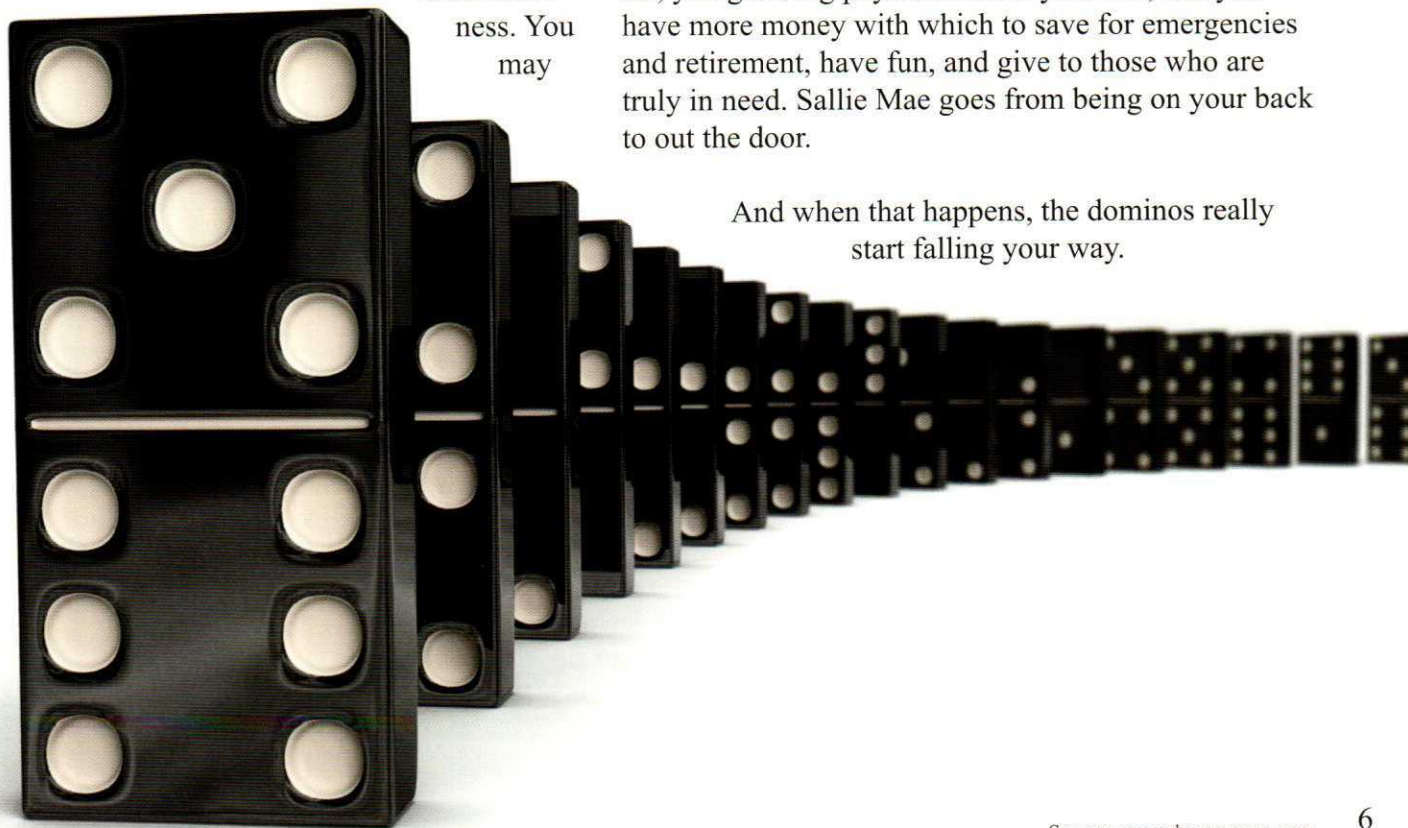
What good is it to graduate from school and take a \$35,000 job if you're \$25,000 in the hole from the get-go? It could very well take you 10 years to pay it back, and by the time that happens, a decade of your life has passed.

To put it another way...

Let's say you have a student loan payment of \$350 a month. If you graduate at 22 and spend 10 years paying the loan off, you can finally start investing that payment at 32. If you then invest that \$350 per month until age 65, you'll end up with \$1.6 million at 12% growth. Not bad, but far short of the \$5 million you would have had if you'd avoided debt and invested that \$350 a month starting at age 22. That student loan cost you more than \$3.4 million.

The sooner you get yourself out of debt (and student loans are often the biggest part of that), the sooner your situation gets better. You stop forking over interest, you get a big payment out of your life, and you have more money with which to save for emergencies and retirement, have fun, and give to those who are truly in need. Sallie Mae goes from being on your back to out the door.

And when that happens, the dominos really start falling your way.



# OMEGA FRATERNITY DISTRIBUTES BOOKS TO STUDENTS TO PROMOTE READING PROGRAM

by Bro. Terrence Marshall

## Baton Rouge, LA

The Lambda Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has partnered with the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program to provide books to underserved children in grades K-5 at seven local schools.

RIF began over forty years ago when a teacher brought a few used books to four boys she was tutoring. She didn't know her simple act of kindness would start a reading revolution. She discovered those children as well as others never knew the excitement of owning a brand new book because they did not have the resources to get one. And she knew it was time to act.

The schools whose students will receive over 3,000 books from the fraternity are Progress, J. K. Haynes, Howell

Park, Capitol, Bucannon, Cohn, and Port Allen Elementary Schools. RIF major sponsors include Dollar General, Macys, America's Charities, Nestles, and McDonalds.

Lambda Alpha's Book Distribution Committee is chaired by Dr. Claude Tellis. The committee members include Bros. John McGee, Harrell Brandon, Huston Williams, Calvin Beal, Willie McCorkle, and Terrence Marshall. Participating in Social Action Programs is one of the mandates set by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This Assault on Illiteracy program is designed to uplift and inspire young children to read, and motivate them to become lifelong readers.



Omega Psi Phi members pose with Allison Major, Librarian at Howell Park Elementary following their "Reading is Fundamental" book distribution at the school. Pictured (l-r) are Willie McCorkle, Calvin Beal, Huston Williams, Claude Tellis, Major, Harrell Brandon, John McGee, and Terrence Marshall.



Omega Psi Phi members Harrell Brandon, Willie McCorkle, John McGee, and Huston Williams present books to students at Howell Park Elementary during the Fraternity's "Reading is Fundamental" book distribution. The Omegas has distributions scheduled for six other schools in the area, and will distribute over 3000 books to provide uplift to the students and inspire them to read.

## MU LAMBDA / MU TAU ULM PRESIDENT'S DAY CLEANUP

by Bro. Skylar Brown

### Monroe, LA

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Mu Tau/ Mu Lambda Chapter in Monroe and Alcus Publishing Co. are once again hosting a benefit. ULM Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member Kealean Rocket prepare to pick up a Coca-Cola can on Bon Aire Drive on Monday during the President's Day Cleanup. The city of Monroe teamed up with a group of ULM students to participate in a President's Day Cleanup, a warm-up event for the 2011 Great American Cleanup.

The event was spearheaded by the Mu Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The fraternity was joined in the effort by the Student Government Association, Campus Activities and the other Fraternities and Sororities making up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Participants began at Fant-Ewing Coliseum and proceed north up Bon Aire Drive to Old Sterlington Road. The City of Monroe assisted with materials and supplies for the cleanup.



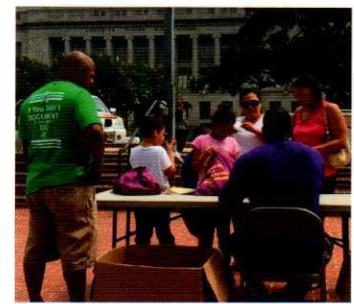
# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AND APPRECIATION

by Bro. Herb Guillory

## Monroe, LA

On August 9th, Mu Tau Chapter provided 100 bags of school supplies to young students that were beginning a new year of continuing education. The personalized bags consisted of all basic school supply needs, along with vouchers for young men to get haircuts and young ladies to get wash/roll sets. Monroe City Schools Superintendent Brent Vidrine attended in support of the event.

The Monroe brothers ended the evening with the Mu Tau Appreciation. The chapter invited the community to food, fun, and music to show appreciation for their efforts in



supporting Mu Tau's fund-raisers and community outreach events.

# LAMBDA ALPHA BROTHER DR. CLAUDE TELLIS RETIRES

by Bro. Terrence Marshall

## Baton Rouge, LA

After an illustrious career in the field of medicine, Dr. Claude J. Tellis of Baton Rouge, La. has called it a day. Dr. Tellis graduated from Southern University Laboratory School in Baton Rouge in 1962 as Valedictorian and President of the student council in high school. He then enrolled in Michigan State University where he pledged Sigma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1964. He graduated from MSU in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, as well as being a Distinguished Military Graduate. In 1966, Tellis entered Louisiana State University Medical School as the first African- American medical student. He became the first African- American to graduate from LSU Medical School in 1970, where he received the Bick Award, which is awarded to the most outstanding student in Psychiatry.

Tellis was accepted as an intern at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and served on active duty during that time. After receiving training in several medical fields and passing several state board examinations during the next few years, he held various positions within the ranks, became Chief of the Pulmonary Department until he retired from the US Army in 1989. He was promoted to full Colonel during this time, and received the Legion of Merit Award.

After he retired from the Army, Dr. Tellis returned to Baton Rouge. He came to Ochner Clinic as the Head of the Pulmonary Department, a position he held until he retired in December 2013. In 2007 he was named Physician of the Year of the Baton Rouge Region of Ochner Clinic. He



linked with Lambda Alpha Chapter in 1990, where he has since served the chapter well in various positions. He was twice named "Omega Man of the Year" by Lambda Alpha Chapter, and serves on numerous medical, civic, social, and church boards.

Dr. Tellis is married to the former Evelyn Robinson, and is the father of two children, Natalie and Claude, Jr. He is a member of Camphor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. His hobbies are reading, jogging, tennis, and photography.

We, the members of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. salute our Brother Dr. Claude J. Tellis on his retirement.

# OMEGA PSI PHI AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL GRADUATES

by Bro. Terrence Marshall

To help further their education, three recent high school graduates were awarded scholarships from the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The Lambda Alpha Scholarship Committee selected three local high school graduates to receive scholarships from the Fraternity. They are: Tiara Johnson of Baton Rouge High; Yoseff Banks and Kenneth Terry II, both graduates of McKinley High School

the importance of the intellect in all matters pertaining to the advancement of humankind. As such, they made scholarship the foremost of the Fraternity's four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Scholarship is an integral and deep-rooted initiative of the fraternity. Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are dedicated to scholarship, and seek to identify future leaders of society, foster scholastic achievement, and assist students achieve their educational goals by:

The Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recognized

1. Increasing awareness of and the importance of scholarship.
2. Encouraging high academic attainment.
3. Encouraging Chapters to reward high academic attainment by providing scholarship aid to students.
4. To encourage meaningful and creative productivity among all people without regard to race, creed, or sex.

Any graduating senior is eligible to apply for a scholarship from Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Serving on the Scholar-

ship Committee were Terance Vessel, John Glenn, Robert Signater, Fredrick Thomas, and Dominique Richard.



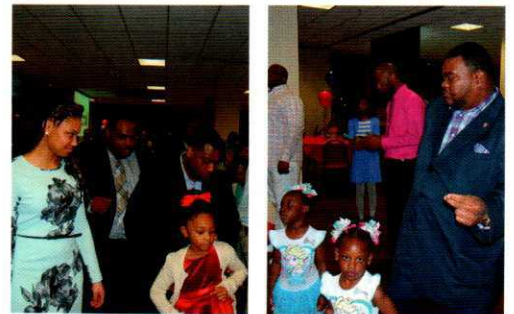
Pictured (seated L-R)-Kenneth Terry II, Tiara Johnson, Yoseff Banks Standing L-R)-Terance Vessel, John Glenn, Robert Signater, Fredrick Thomas, Dominique Richard.

## Daddy Daughter Dance 2015

by Bro. Herbert Guillory

### Monroe, LA

The Brothers of Mu Tau Chapter continued their FatherHood Initiative as they hosted their 4th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Fathers, Father figures and mentors gave their princesses a "night to remember" as these lovely ladies danced their way into a night of elegance and fun!



## RHO OMEGA CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY/ WEEK 2014

by Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson



### Shreveport, LA

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in Shreveport, Louisiana recently observed Founders Day/Week 2014. Highlights from Rho Omega's Founders Week celebration included: an Achievement Week Program at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Pastor-elect, Dr. Henry L.

Armington), serving dinner at the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission, a clothing drive (with donations being made to the Caddo Community Action Agency –Eddie Jones and David Raines branches), a family night, attending the Highland Jazz and Blues Festival (featuring Kermit Ruffins), and Monday Night Football fellowship.



The following Achievement Week Awards were presented: Omega Man of the Year – Bro. Lawrence Anderson, Omega Citizen of the Year – Bro. Kirby Dawson, Omega Unsung Hero – Bro. Phillip Williams, Superior Service Award – Bro. Kenneth Thomas, Founders Award – Dr. Marlon Henderson. The winner of the High

School Essay contest was Caddo Parish Magnet High School Senior & Top Ladies of Distinction Beautillion Participant, Isaac McFarland. The winning essay entitled “Vote or Die” will now be entered into the Ninth District Omega Essay Competition.



# PHI IOTA IOTA HONORS THE LEGACY OF MLK

by Bro. Derron Cook



## LaPlace, LA

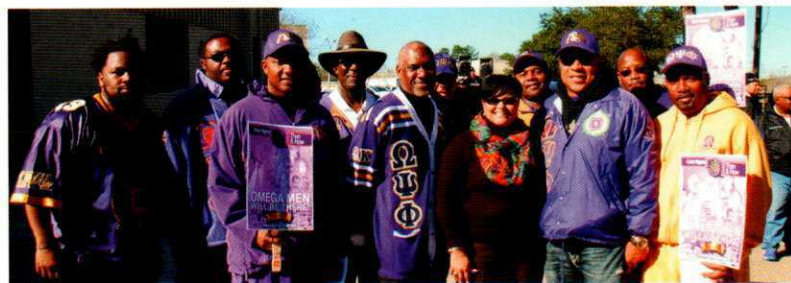
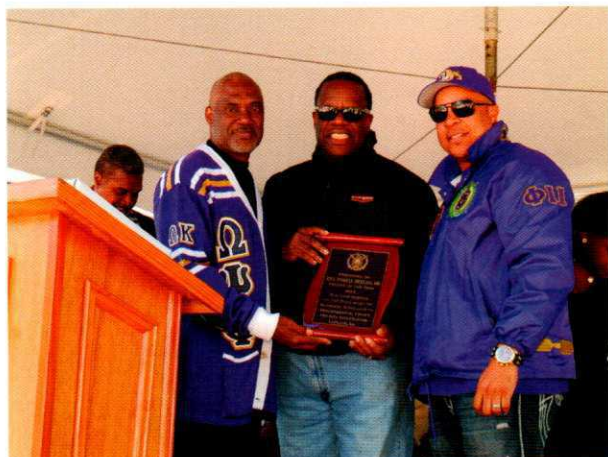
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other brother of our great fraternity, through signage, that stand tall in the face of adversity to protect the civil rights of minority citizens, past and present.

This year we had the privilege of presenting the citizen of the year award to Pastor Forel Berling, MLK walk organizer, for his commitment to keeping the dream alive in the River Parishes. In addition, the brothers honored Dr. King as well as

Joining us this year were media and students from East St John High School. Just by being in their presence, the students were excited to interact and take in our friendship. This is the pathway to mentorship.

Thanks brothers for your continued work through and in Omega. May we continue to build and lift as we climb.



# PHI IOTA IOTA ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD GIVEAWAY

by Bro. Derron Cook

## LaPlace, LA

I would like to express gratitude to all brothers that participated in our annual toy and food giveaway. Despite our unusual budgeting situation, we were able to bless families with the joy of the season through service and unselfish living. This year we gave out fourteen turkeys and an estimated \$700 dollars in toys and bikes, all through individual and corporate donations. Special thanks to brother Ron Tassin's company for its \$200 donation.

Also in the spirit of giving, Phi Iota Iota partnered with Motion-Phics Studios to offer photos with Santa, free of charge, at a local Toys 4 Tots. An estimated 400 children were in attendance and more than 1000 toys were given. Again brothers thanks for your generosity.



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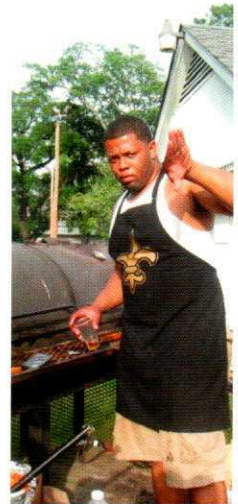
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On May 26, 2014, the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity celebrated its 78th anniversary at the fraternity house in Baton Rouge, La. The brothers also used the event to hold a Reclamation and Retention Day, an initiative to retain active brothers and attempt to return inactive brothers to full participatory status in Omega.

It was during the Great Depression that six young men felt the need for fraternization. They had heard of an organization whose motto was "Friendship is Essential to the Soul." Through the Lampados Club, the initiates learned about the fraternity and its four cardinal principals of

Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. On Friday, May 8, 1936 these young men received the charter, and the Lambda Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was born.

Many current and inactive brothers came out to celebrate the day. The brothers enjoyed a day of food and fellowship. They played horse-shoes, tossed the football and softball around, and swapped tales about what they have done in Omega. It is hoped that inactive brothers will return to the folds of Omega and enjoy all the benefits the fraternity has to offer.



# IOTA GAMMA GAMMA SUPPORTS LOCAL WOMEN SHELTER

by Bro. Willie Banks, Jr.

## Deridder, LA

The brothers of Iota Gamma Gamma recently gathered at the entrance of the Deridder Walmart Super Center to collect toiletries and other household items to be used by residents and children housed at the June Jenkins women shelter. Walmart patrons were greeted by the brothers as they entered the store and were provided with written and verbal information on the object of the project. Walmart shopper response was overwhelming, resulting in better

than expected donations. In addition to items collected, the chapter presented the shelter with a check in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars. Pictured Left to right are, Brother Ralpheal Moore, Chapter Basileus, MS Ruth Barbier, Shelter Director and Brother Elijah Fennell, Chairman Social action/ Stop the violence.



# NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL PARTNERSHIP

by Bro. Charles "Chuck" Brown

For sixteen (16) years in succession (with the exception of Hurricane Katrina) Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Brotherhood has donated, paid by Jazz Fest, volunteer work time to raise funds to issue university scholarships. Specifically, the scholarship recipients are from Historically Black Colleges / Universities in the greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area (Dillard, Southern, and Xavier Universities).

The Committee Chairman Brother Honorable Judge Benedict Willard and Co-Chairmen Walter Martin and Marion

Floyd assembled a minimum 91 (ninety one) brothers who manned gates, collected Jazz Fest tickets and volunteered a total of 637 (six hundred thirty seven) man hours toward the scholarship fund.

The Rho Phi fund raiser generates thousands of dollars each year.



# BRO. ERIC JONES - LAWMAN OF THE YEAR

by Bro. Terrence Marshall

In recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service, Brother Lieutenant Eric Jones, an East Baton Rouge Parish (county) Deputy Sheriff and a member of Lambda Alpha Chapter in Baton Rouge, La. received the 2012-2013 Lawman of the Year Award sponsored by the 6th District (Louisiana) American Legion.

In a ceremony held April 6, 2013 in Plaquemine, Louisiana, Brother Jones was recognized for his excellent and diligent approach to his work, which includes supervising investigations of significant sources of supply and demand of illegal drugs in and coming to East Baton Rouge Parish. Those investigations have led to the arrest of and prosecutable criminal cases, financial seizures, and convictions of these sources on both the State and Federal levels of Government.

Currently an active member of Lambda Alpha Chapter, Lt. Jones holds the title of Chaplain. He has performed community related service from working with Habitat for Humanity where he helped to build houses and gardens,

to preparing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. He participates in Back to School supply programs, Omega Talent Hunt, and Reading is Fundamental programs in various elementary schools. He further serves the chapter as the chairman of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive that is hosted yearly by the chapter. He has received the chapter's Superior Service Award and is a candidate for the chapter Omega Man of the Year Award for demonstrating the service demanded by Omega Psi Phi.

Brother Jones holds the title of Chaplain in Lambda Alpha. He is an active member of the Love Fellowship Ministries where he serves as Deacon and spreads the word of God by teaching Sunday School and Bible Study. He also gives the word of exaltation during regular Sunday service. He helps with providing food for the needy during holidays. Brother Jones is married with two children and one grandchild. Lambda Alpha salutes Brother Lt. Eric Jones on being named Lawman of the Year.



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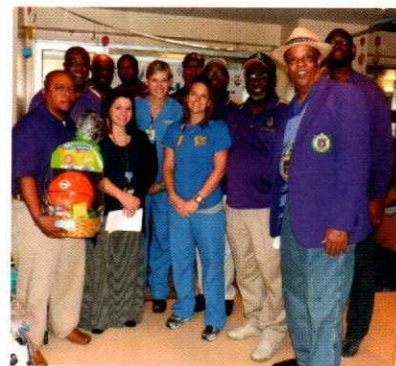


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For the past 20 plus years without interruption, (except for the year after Hurricane Katrina), the Rho Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has distributed Children Storybook Bibles, stuffed

animals, and large Easter Baskets to hospitalized Children & Transitional Housing Facilities. This year's event is scheduled Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 12:30pm at Ochsner Hospital.

The fraternity started the tradition several years ago with the idea that if the children are not released before check-out time on Saturday, they will be in the hospital that Easter Sunday. It is truly a heart-warming event to see the sparkly eyes of the children in their hospital beds receiving the various baskets, toys and religious articles, which uplift their spirits, with the same effect at the transitional facilities. The hospitals that will be served include: Tulane Medical Center, Ochsner Hospital, and West Jefferson Hospital. Over 100 baskets are distributed each year.

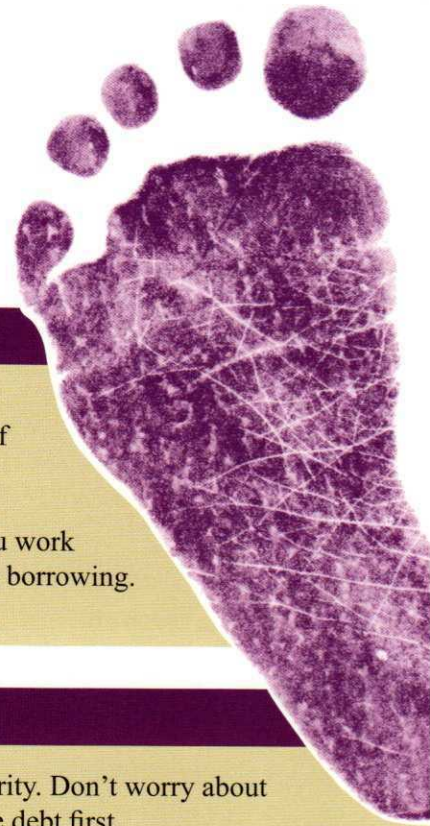




# BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TO FINANCIAL PEACE

*Get out of debt the same way you learned to walk*

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## BABY STEP 1 - \$1,000 Emergency Fund

An emergency fund is for those unexpected events in life that you can't plan for: the loss of a job, an unexpected pregnancy, a faulty car transmission, and the list goes on and on. It's not a matter of if these events will happen; it's simply a matter of when they will happen.

This beginning emergency fund will keep life's little Murphys from turning into new debt while you work off the old debt. If a real emergency happens, you can handle it with your emergency fund. No more borrowing. It's time to break the cycle of debt!

## BABY STEP 2 - Pay off all debt using the Debt Snowball

List your debts, excluding the house, in order. The smallest balance should be your number one priority. Don't worry about interest rates unless two debts have similar payoffs. If that's the case, then list the higher interest rate debt first.

The point of the debt snowball is simply this: You need some quick wins in order to stay pumped up about getting out of debt! Paying off debt is not always about math. It's about motivation. Personal finance is 20% head knowledge and 80% behavior. When you start knocking off the easier debts, you will see results and you will stay motivated to dump your debt.

## BABY STEP 3 - 3 to 6 months of expenses in savings

Once you complete the first two baby steps, you will have built serious momentum. But don't start throwing all your "extra" money into investments quite yet. It's time to build your full emergency fund. Ask yourself, "What would it take for me to live for three to six months if I lost my income?" Your answer to that question is how much you should save.

Use this money for emergencies only: incidents that would have a major impact on you and your family. Keep these savings in a money market account. Remember, this stash of money is not an investment; it is insurance you're paying to yourself, a buffer between you and life.

## BABY STEP 4 - Invest 15% of household income into Roth IRAs and tax-advantaged retirement accounts

When you reach this step, you'll have no payments—except the house—and a fully funded emergency fund. Now it's time to get serious about building wealth.

Dave suggests investing 15% of your household income into Roth IRAs and pre-tax retirement plans. Don't invest more than that because the extra money will help you complete the next two steps: college savings and paying off your home early.

Why shouldn't you invest less than 15%? Some people choose to invest a small amount, if anything, because they want to get a child through school or pay off the home in a hurry. But the kids' degrees won't feed you at retirement, and if you throw all your money into your mortgage at this point, you'll end up having to sell the house and buy the book *72 Ways to Prepare Alpo and Love It*. Bad plan.

## BABY STEP 5 - College funding for children

By this point, you should have already started Baby Step 4—investing 15% of your income—before saving for college. Whether you are saving for you or your child to go to college, you need to start now.

In order to have enough money saved for college, you need to have a goal. Determine how much per month you should be saving at 12% interest in order to have enough for college. If you save at 12% and inflation is at 4%, then you are moving ahead of inflation at a net of 8% per year!

Never save for college using:

- Insurance
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The best way to save for college is with Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and 529 plans. Remember, college is possible without loans!

## BABY STEP 6 - Pay off your house early

Now it's time to begin chunking all of your extra money toward the mortgage. You are getting closer to realizing the dream of a life with no house payments.

As you attack this last debt, you will gain momentum much like you did back in the second step of the debt snowball. Remember, having absolutely no payments is totally within your reach!

## BABY STEP 7 - Build wealth and give!

It's time to build wealth and give like never before. Leave an inheritance for future generations, and bless others now with your excess. It's really the only way to live!

Golda Meir says, "You can't shake hands with a clenched fist." Vow to never hold your money so tightly that you never give any away. Hoarding money is not the way to wealth. Save for yourself, save for your family's future, and be gracious enough to bless others. You can do all three at the same time.

# TAKE ACTION!



Budgeting tools to get you started



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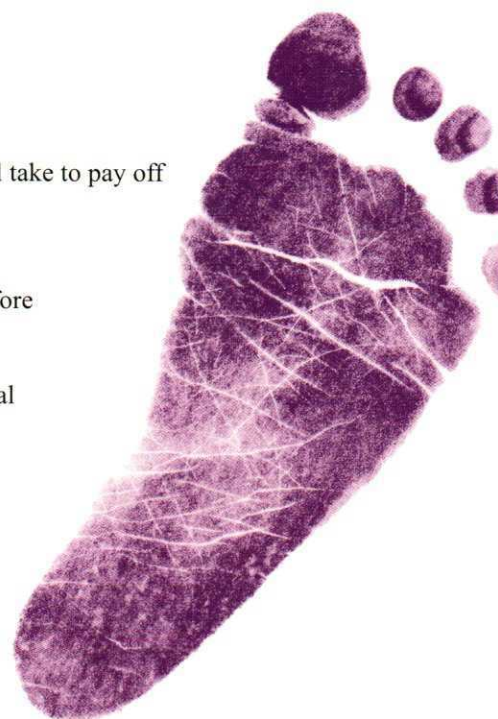
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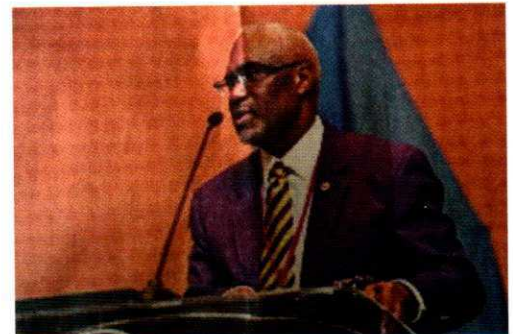
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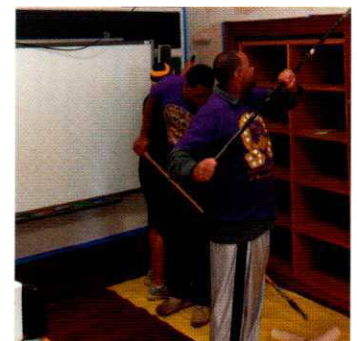
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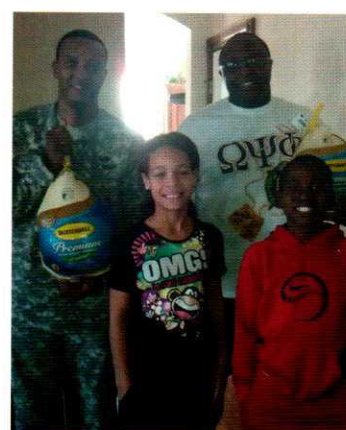
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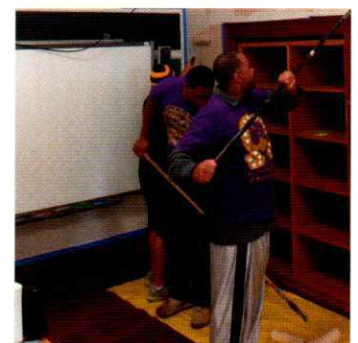
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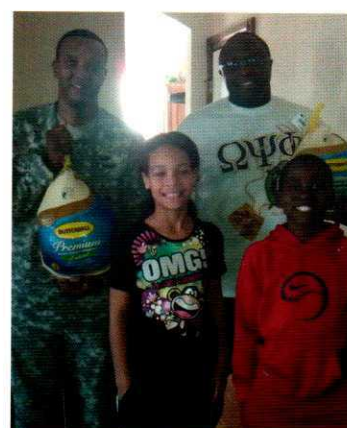
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# PSI UPSILON ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT WEEK BANQUET & AWARDS DINNER

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd

## Lawton/Fort Sill, OK

On November 15, 2014, Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Lawton/Fort Sill Oklahoma conducted its Annual Achievement Week Banquet and Awards Dinner. It was a spectacular event held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Lawton, OK. During this annual event, local community leaders, to include local business owners are recognized for their noteworthy and extraordinary contributions to improving and uplifting the communities. Select members of Psi Upsilon Chapter are also recognized for their outstanding contributions not only to the Fraternity, but to the local community as well.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Colonel (COL) Retired (R) Roosevelt J. Lewis United States Air Force (USAF). Colonel (R) Lewis is 2nd Generation Tuskegee Airmen. He earned a B.S. Degree in Chemistry from Tuskegee University (formerly the Tuskegee Institute) in Tuskegee, Alabama. He earned his M.A. Degree in Transportation & Business. While attending Tuskegee University, Lewis enrolled in the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Lewis Served in the U.S. Department of Defense in five Pentagon positions. Lewis was a presidential scholar at the University of Alabama and served as a congressional intern with the Public Works & Transportation Committee for the U.S. House of Representatives. Lewis also serves as Chairman & CEO of Air

Tuskegee Ltd., and Global One Jets.

During his speech to the audience, COL (R) Lewis put great emphasis on Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.'s four Cardinal Principles Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift! He used great examples during his life where he relied on those principles to propel him to the highest of levels in his exemplary career!



## SECOND GENERATION TUSKEGEE AIRMEN VISITS LAWTON

by Bro. Allan M. Niles Sr.

### Lawton/Fort Sill, OK

The Tuskegee airmen, from the first moment they stepped on the tarmac they made history as America's first African American airmen to join the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Roosevelt Lewis Jr., one of the second generation airmen trained by the original Tuskegee airmen visited Lawton this weekend.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity incorporated held their Annual Achievement Week Banquet with Tuskegee airmen Colonel Roosevelt Lewis Jr. as the guest of honor.

"If we want to go to the next level. If we want to achieve things. We have to have breakthroughs. So don't be afraid to be an individual who wants to learn how to fly or to be

an entrepreneur in your community or to be a leader do not shy away from being a leader," said Colonel Roosevelt Lewis Jr., Second generation Tuskegee airmen.

Lewis was 16 when he joined the air force. He got his first flying lesson from Tuskegee airmen Alfred "Chief" Anderson known as the Father of Black Aviation.

"And then he turned and said hi I'm Chief Anderson would you like to go for a flight. My two buddies almost fell down backing up out of the way but he helped me in the airplane," Lewis said.

You could tell by the light in his eyes that moment when he first met his mentor was life changing.

“He says alright it’s saying it wants to fly. Ease the stick forward so the tail will come up. It did and my goodness I got very excited.”

Lewis is now retired. Holding a long list of accomplishments including working in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Also being voted best major in command by his unit for four years. Moton air field where he and most of the Tuskegee airmen learned to fly. He hopes to pass on his knowledge and experience to the next generation.



Now Lewis owns and most of the Tuskegee airmen learned to fly. He hopes to pass on his knowledge and experience to the next generation.

The Tuskegee airmen legacy will live on for generations to come thanks to Lewis and his never-ending dedication to giving people the wings to take to the skies.

“The fact that these young eighteen to twenty-six year olds did the things that they did during that period of history in the forties it taught me that our young people can do an awful lot now. Do not give up on your dreams. Don’t let anybody tell you that you can’t do something.”

Since retiring in 1991, Colonel Roosevelt Lewis Jr. has been training new pilots and three hundred of those have gone on to get their pilots license.



### Dr. Charles Drew – Trailblazing Doctor

Dr. Drew is credited with perfecting the first blood transfusion and out of his work came the American Red Cross Blood Bank. This great accomplishment was awarded with a U.S. Postal stamp in 1981. He joined Omega Psi Phi in 1923 at Howard University and became the first African American to earn a Doctor of Science degree from Columbia University.

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## OKLAHOMA CITY COLEMAN LOVE ST. JUDE GIVE THANKS. WALK

### Oklahoma City, OK

On November 22, 66,000 people joined the St. Jude Give Thanks. Walk and the brothers of the Eta Iota Chapter along with the Oklahoma Sooner City Alumnae (OSCA) chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was represented in that number. The St. Jude Give Thanks. Walk Oklahoma City National Pan-Hellenic Greek Meet-up, hosted by the Eta Iota Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on November 21, 2014 raised a grand total of \$1,164.00 exceeding our \$1,000.00 goal.

Over 30 Brothers, Deltas, family and friends, registered with the Oklahoma City Coleman Love walk team, in order to help raise awareness and funds for St. Jude

Children’s Research Hospital. Per St. Jude, our donations allow families to never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food, because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.





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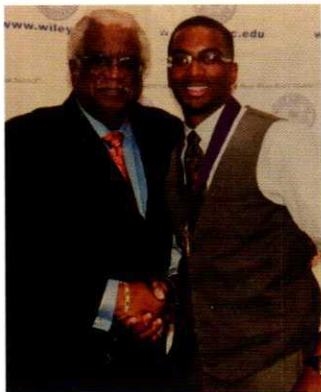
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# RHO XI'S BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

by Bro. Jason Johnson

Brother Jakarta Edwards from the Rho Xi Chapter played a vital role in organizing a Black History Program on the campus of Freeport Intermediate. The program was held on Wednesday February 26, 2014. Brother Carl Henderson was invited to be the guest speaker. He gave an insightful presentation and spoke in depth about black inventors and the impact their creations had on mankind all around the globe.



## PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF HONOR

by Bro. Robert Knox

Wiley College President Strickland congratulated senior and Brother Tayler Jacobs on earning the President's Medal of Honor, the highest honor that can be awarded to a student at Wiley College." Bro. Jacobs was presented with the award in April at the Seventh Annual Center for Excellence Student Recognition Banquet in Alumni Gymnasium. An active, engaged student, Jacobs is president of the Financial Literacy Organization of Wiley College and a Student Professional serving in the the area of Admissions and Recruitment. He is an honors student majoring in Secondary Education. He hails from Cedar Hill, Texas and is a member of "Mother" Theta Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## ALPHA IOTA IOTA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

by Bro. Carlton Young



On Saturday, July 19th 2014, the men of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter teamed with the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and future home owner Ms. Bush. With much enthusiasm these men of Omega assisted Ms. Bush with the construction of a single family home which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2014. Since

its incorporation in 1986, the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and its contributors have served over 1,400 families and revitalized more than 25 neighborhoods. Dallas Habitat is able to provide qualified families a tangible asset at below cost with \$0 cash down payment and a 0% mortgage for 25 years, saving families \$105,000 over the

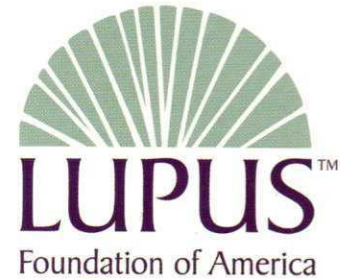
duration of their home loans. In lieu of a down payment, homeowners are required to contribute "sweat equity" by building on their own home and the homes of their neighbors. The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. has been providing community uplift in the North Dallas area since becoming chartered in 1989. The men of Alpha Iota Iota congratulate Ms. Bush on being a soon to be homeowner, and thank her and the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity for the opportunity to allow them to be a part in building her future home.



## DELTA XI STEP OWT TO FIGHT AGAINST LUPUS

by Bro. Asonye Ordu

On April 5th, 2014, the Delta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. participated in the, "Dallas/Fort Worth Walk to End Lupus." Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body (skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body). According to the Lupus Foundation, Lupus affects 1.5 million Americans, and millions more worldwide. Now the actual cause of lupus is unknown, however it is believed that genetics and hormones play a huge role. The majority of populations that battle with Lupus are young women. As a matter of fact an estimated 90% of the female population show signs of development of the disease between the ages of 15 and 44. The reason that Delta Xi chose to partake in the walk is because Lupus is just one of the many diseases that is affecting the African American community, especially our African American women. What I also uncovered from the Lupus Foundation is that African American women



are three times more likely than Caucasian women to get lupus, and develop severe symptoms. A study known as LUMINA (Lupus In Minorities: Nature Vs. Nurture) was conducted in order to learn about the effects of Lupus. Lupus findings in African American women showed to have a higher frequency of neurological problems such as seizures, hemorrhage, and stroke. The Delta Xi Chapter was proud to partake in such active events to spread the word and help make the metroplex more aware about the seriousness of Lupus. At the event we came across another brother from the Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi participating in the walk as well. He introduced us to a young lady who was actually battling the disease, and it was a humbling feeling knowing that by us walking together, we're helping spread the word about this disease, and that maybe one day something can and will be done to help conquer it.



# RUN FOR OUR VETS 5K – UTA

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

On March 29, 2014 at the University of Texas at Arlington, Brother Boozer and Brother Grimes assisted a local DFW Veterans Association with their 5K walk/run for Veterans. The organization also hosted a health fair in addition to the run. Blood pressure screening, diabetes awareness, and various other

medical professionals were in attendance as well. The walk and health fair were a huge success. Brother Boozer and Grimes assisted in setting up booths and tables for health fair, in addition they helped register runners for the event.



## William "Count" Basie – Ground breaking Musician

The first leader of a Kansas City style swing band to rise to international fame, Basie is considered one of history's most influential jazz musicians.

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# RHO NU WINS TEXAS CITY JUNETEENTH PARADE

By: Bro. Richard Patterson

Galveston, TX – Rho Nu chapter, home of "The Island Bruhz", took home 1st Place in the Fraternity/Sorority category of the Texas City Juneteenth Parade on June 14, 2014. In the sweltering heat and humidity of a typical coastal summer day, young bruhez rotated carrying the chapter banner, while older bruhez rode on a tropical island themed float, throwing beads and trinkets. Wanting to make this a family affair; spouse and children rode on a toy train, provided by Bro. Darwin Dawson, throwing candy and trinkets, and blowing on toy vuvuzelas. The "Omega Train" was the highlight of the parade, for both parade viewers and brother's children. The train also stimulated interest from parade participants for Bro. Dawson's rental business; for use in upcoming children parties and family reunions. Pictures of Rho Nu's float and toy

train were also featured in two issues of the Galveston Daily News.

Not only has the Texas City Juneteenth Committee requested that Rho Nu be in next year's parade, but the African American Heritage Committee of the Galveston Historical Foundation has also requested that the chapter participate in their 2015 Juneteenth Parade commemorating the 150 anniversary of the date on which slaves in the State of Texas were informed of their freedom. Rho Nu is looking forward to not only defending their title in Texas City's parade, but also taking home first place in Galveston's parade. The "Small Chapter – Doing Big Things" and keeping Omega's train rolling along.





# QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Jason Johnson



## Lake Jackson, Texas

Rho Xi Chapter conducts quarterly blood drives as a part of our fraternity mandated programs. Brothers partnered with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to host a blood

drive at Wal-Mart in Lake Jackson, Texas on Sept. 27 2014. 40 units of blood were collected to assist in the large effort to save lives in the Texas Gulf Coast Area.

# MANHOOD 101 MENTORING OUTREACH

by Bro. S. Rock Jones

## Missouri City , TX

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the black incarceration rate in state and federal prisons is 3,161 per 100,000 compared to the white incarceration rate of 487 per 100,000. The Brothers of Theta Chi Chapter in Houston, Tx asked the question: how can we hold our Black youth to a higher standard, raise the value of their reality and raise their expectations for the quality of their lives? The Chapter's response to this long existing crisis was the Manhood 101 Mentoring Outreach program. A program designed to help young black males learn to refuse to listen to their own excuses, demand integrity, commitment and persistence from themselves and others in all of their undertakings.

The Manhood 101 Mentoring Outreach program was created by Theta Chi due to the increasing sense of urgency concerning the lives of African American young men. The goal of the mentoring outreach is to align college educated professional African American mentors with at-risk high school students that exhibit a propensity to underachieve. The target students exhibit academic challenges, social issues and/or emotional deficiencies. However, the students

The 101 Mentoring Team effectively provides positive mentoring to young men enrolled in Greater Houston area high schools through the establishment of mutual trust, sharing of knowledge, coaching, modeling and meeting of clear and defined expectations. Approximately 15-20 participants are accepted into the program each year. Each student is assigned to at least one of the fraternity members as a primary mentor. Participants meet one Saturday per month as a group from 10am-1pm but have constant access to their primary mentor(s). Each monthly session is designed to address the specific needs of the students and covers the essentials of how to create a road map to success. The program coincides with the academic school year.

This outreach program achieves its goals thru means of mentoring. It employs positive males as the catalyst for open and honest discussions concerning daily trials, tribulations and obstacles faced by the young men and those to come in the near future as well as later in life. The program utilizes field based experiences that range from the high events like sports outings, historical sites, university campuses/classrooms and board rooms; to the low



that enter into the program must be open-minded and aspire to better themselves first and foremost as young men, students, potential collegiate students and overall product citizens. The program aims to work in conjunction with the efforts of school officials and help to reduce juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, truancy, and other high-risk behaviors.

events including detention rooms and jail cells. Lastly, the mentoring program provides opportunities for taking on leadership roles and responsibilities to establish creative thinkers, future leaders and positive role models. Theta Chi's program activities incorporate character building initiatives that instill confidence and demand personal growth along with providing the necessary tools to shape male youth leadership abilities.

# JAMES BLAIR AWARD PRESENTED TO BROTHER K.D. SINGLETON

by Bro. PJay Johnson

## San Antonio, TX.

Brother Keith Singleton, a member of Psi Alpha Chapter, received the 2014 James Blair Award presented by Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas. As Volunteer of the Year, Brother Singleton served more than 3,500 hours of his time to support BBBS and Omega Mentorship activities in San Antonio's East Side Promise-Zone. The Agency presents the James Blair Award annually in honor of the community service legacy of late Deacon Brother James L. "6-FO" Blair, #4 Tau Delta Spring 1981; an instrumental

leader who passed away suddenly in 2010. The Award epitomizes the personal commitment, involvement and tireless effort that Brother Singleton and Psi Alpha Mentoring Brothers provide to make a positive difference in Bexar County. Brother Singleton was recognized during a special award ceremony at the Ratama Park Equestrian Raceway, Cibilo, TX. Over 20 Brothers serving as Mentors of the Psi Alpha mentorship group were in attendance.



# CARRY THE LOAD

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

On Sunday May 25th, 2014, Brother Boozer and Brother Grimes of Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter participated in the Cary The Load Walk. The mission for the organization Carry The Load program is provide an interactive way for Americans to remember, honor and celebrate Memorial Day in dedication to those who sacrifice for us daily. Funds raised during Memorial May

programs allow Carry The Load to grow its vision and execute its mission, as well as provide existing nonprofit partners with valuable visibility, resources, and meaningful connections. Brother Boozer and Grimes walked 20 miles during the event, carrying 10 pound logs. Eta Lambda Lambda also raised and donated. \$200.00 for the worthy cause.



# OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA DONATES TO THE SALVATION ARMY

by Bro. Dante Williams

## Arlington, TX.

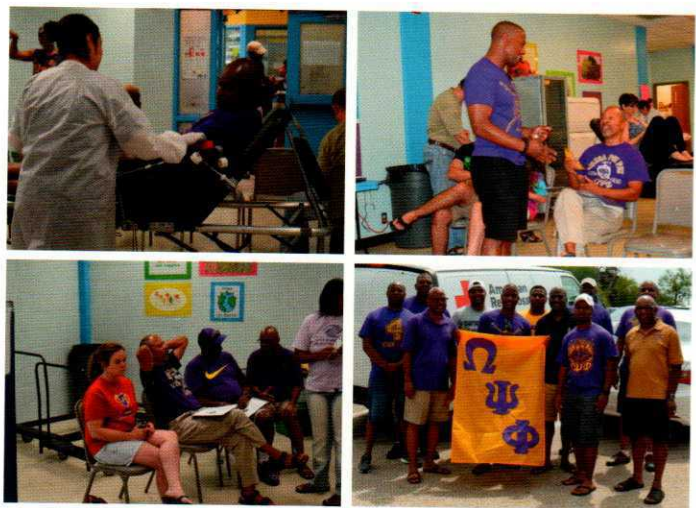
The brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donated toiletries, and African Americans haircare products to The Salvation Army in Arlington, Texas on May 16th, 2014. The shelter provides

homeless families with shelter at no cost. The chapter was insured these donations would not be sold back to the public but given inclusively to the shelter residents. All items were welcomed especially the haircare products which included hair brushes for the shelter's young black men.

# ALPHA IOTA IOTA CHAPTER HOLDS ITS ANNUAL DR. CHARLES DREW MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Carlton Young

The Men of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter held its annual Dr. Charles Drew Memorial Blood Drive, Sat. June 21st, from 9am-1pm, at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County/Plano Douglas Center. Dr. Charles Drew embodies the true representation of what Omega men strive to become; not only for his contributions to Omega Psi Phi, but to all mankind. His brilliance has saved the lives of a countless number of people in the world. This year the blood drive was held in conjunction with the annual Plano Juneteenth celebration and health fair. The memorial blood drive was the largest and most successful one the chapter has had to date. A total of 28 units of blood were collected from 33 donors that participated. The collection of 28 units of blood will go towards saving a potential 84 lives! Increasing African American donations is vital as blood types O and B, the blood types of approximately 70 percent of all African Americans, are the blood types most in demand and least supplied. All received an abundance of support



from the North Dallas/Plano community, as they strive to continue his legacy. A special thank you to the American Red Cross, the Douglas Center, and all volunteers.

# RHO XI TALENT HUNT DURING 77<sup>TH</sup> NDM

by Bro. Jason Johnson

The Brothers of Rho XI played an instrumental role in orchestrating the 2014 Ninth District Talent Hunt in Oklahoma City, OK under the leadership of Bro. Ernest Parquet, the Ninth District Representative and Bro. James Doss, Ninth District Talent Hunt Chairman. It was a spectacular event that took place at the Cox Center on April 18, 2014 with contestant Lewis Warren Jr. winning first place and representing Theta Alpha.



# THE BOOT BRUHZ AND THE CHILDREN OF COMMERCE

by Bro. Stephen Polk

On September 18, 2014 Theta Theta the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. participated in a community service project at the Children's Learning Center in Commerce, TX. The original proposal we presented to the director of the learning center was to come each Thursday from 3:00P.M.-4:00P.M. to workout with the children and also read to an early childhood group. According to one of the workers of the learning center, "the students are always eager to work out and are just excited to spend time with you gentlemen when you arrive." When we first

arrive to the learning center, we set up an obstacle course and organize the students into two competitive groups as they get ready to endure a light moderate work out. After the thirty minute workout is complete, the brothers then engage in a reading activity with the students in an animatic way to help regain focus from a great days work. The Theta Theta brothers are always happy and very humbled to be able to work with the children at the learning center, and we will continue that work for as long as we can.

# NU PHI BROTHER APPOINTED VICE CHANCELLOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

by Bro. Miron P. Billingsley, Ed.D

## Houston, TX.

The Nu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated the recent appointment of Brother Dr. Miron P. Billingsley to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at North Carolina Central University.

A financial and active member of Omega Psi Phi since Spring, 1989, when he was initiated into the Alpha Zeta Chapter at Arkansas State University, Dr. Billingsley has more than 15 years of experience in higher education as a professor, dean, director and vice president. Prior to his appointment at NCCU, he served as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, a post he held since 2008.

At Prairie View, Dr. Billingsley provided vision, direction and review of student service operations. Under his leadership, he established a Counseling Center on campus, created a Veterans Center to recruit and retain military veterans and cultivated partnerships with all areas of the university to deliver seamless service to students. Additionally, Dr. Billingsley formed a Parent's Association and instrumental in the building of a 98,000 sq. Recreational facilities and Bowling Center, led Student Affairs through a successful reaccreditation self-study and campus evaluation visit.

Prior to joining Prairie View A&M, Dr. Billingsley served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, Ark. He has also worked as an adjunct professor at Texas Southern University in Houston, Director of Training and Development for PeopleSoft at the University of Houston and Director of Public Relations and Marketing at Langston University.

"Under Dr. Billingsley's leadership, I am confident that the Division of Student Affairs will develop and maintain of an atmosphere conducive to total student involvement and success in co-curricular and curricular endeavors," said NCCU Chancellor Dr. Debra Saunders-White.

Dr. Billingsley earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Master's in telecommunications from Texas Southern University, and Doctor of Education degree from Oklahoma State University.



He completed post-doctoral studies at Harvard University Graduate School of Education and the Executive Leadership Institute through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

He has been a proud member of Alpha Zeta (Arkansas State), Eta Iota (Oklahoma City, OK), Nu Phi (Houston, TX). As a member of Nu Phi, he has held the positions of Vice Basileus and Keeper of Records.

He is a member of numerous professional associations including: the National Academic Advising Association; National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC); National Association of Student Conduct Administrators (NASCA) and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

In 2013, he was named Communicator of the Year by Texas Southern University. Dr. Billingsley is married to national bestselling author, ReShonda Tate Billingsley and is the father of four children.

# “THE US ARMY AND OMICRON PI BIDS FAREWELL TO NOT ONLY A HERO BUT ALSO A BELOVED BROTHER”

by Bro. Shawn Woodard

## Killeen, TX.

On or about December 1, 2013, the brothers of the Theta Rho Chapter (Germany) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were informed that a member of their brotherhood, Sergeant First Class Ernest Bower, was wounded during an attack while serving in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and would arrive at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) via medical evacuation within a matter of hours for surgical treatment. LRMC is the largest and premier medical facility in the Department of Defense inventory located outside the continental United States and receives all service members wounded in Europe, the Middle East and Africa that require specialty care before returning to their units or transferring to a state-side facility for further treatment.



Without hesitation, the brothers utilized ingenuity and contacted chapter members who worked in and within the vicinity of LRMC and devised a plan to ensure Bro. Bowers received the uplift and brotherly support that only a friend could give during such a turbulent time. Bro. Major Ryan Goodwin spearheaded the effort and coordinated with brothers Command Sergeant Major Anthony Robinson, Colonel Myron McDaniels and Technical Sergeant Bernard Edwards, who received Bro. Bowers and provided assistance during his preparation for surgery and the initiation of the rehabilitation process.

During his stay at LRMC, Bro. Bowers received a special visit from the Ambassador of the United States of America to Luxembourg, the Honorable Robert A. Mandell, who was visiting other wounded Warriors.

Theta Rho brothers managed to get Bro. Bowers out for a brief meeting regarding fundraising activities which he thoroughly enjoyed. He stated that the uplift provided by the Germany Ques not only helped him physically, but also emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Because his recovery went so well, Bro. Bowers was able to travel back to the United States in time to spend Christmas and New Year’s Eve with his family.

Bro. Bowers is from Ridgeland, SC and served as a unit supply specialist. He recently retired from service on October 31, 2014 after serving 23 years honorably. During his tenure, he completed eight deployments with his most recent assignment being with the 163rd Military Intelligence Battalion. Bro. Bowers

is now transitioning into the civilian sector and reuniting with his family in Alabama where he stated he will continue to serve the community just as he did in Texas.

Bro. Bowers was initiated into the fraternity in 2009 through the Psi Phi Graduate Chapter in Winston Salem, NC and currently affiliated with Omicron Pi in Killeen, TX.

# STUFFED TURKEYS / SOCIAL ACTION

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

## Desoto, TX.

On November 16, 2014 at Desoto Nursing Home, the members of Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter, donated food, and served the residents a festive dinner. The event closed out the fraternity’s Achievement Week Celebrations. Good food, fellowship, and a good time was had by all attendees. The chapter

contributed several boxes of catfish, greens, sweet potatoes, and cake to the organization, for preparation by the center’s dietician and food staff. The chapter served 40 to 50 residents and staff. This was successful event, and the chapter is planning to make this an annual event.



# ALPHA IOTA IOTA SERVES THE SENIORS

by Bro. Carlton Young



## Plano, TX.

Each year the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi honor the Plano area Senior Citizens and serve lunch in their honor during a special program. The 2014 luncheon was held December 17th at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano. The seniors were saluted for their wisdom and appreciated



as pillars of the community. Omega Psi Phi prides itself in honoring the bridge builders like those who were honored at this luncheon. The Brothers of the North Dallas Ques are always humbled by the love and gratitude the room full of honorees show in return for recognizing them is the most relevant people of our community.

# BOOT BRUHZ PRESENT “QUE FLEX ZONE”

by Bro. Stephen Polk

## Commerce, TX.

On the date of October 1, 2014 The Theta Theta Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Inc. held an event called “Que Flex Zone” at the Sam Rayburn Student Center on the campus of Texas A&M University Commerce. The purpose of the event was to stress the importance of health and wellness and how daily physical activity is very beneficial to the human body. According to statistics, over the years Americans have become less physically active and because of this major health issues are increasing in society. So in order to help bring attention to this current trend we wanted to present this event to the students of Commerce, to encourage and motivate them to become more physically active on a day to day basis. Even if they’re not physically active day to day, we encouraged them to at least make

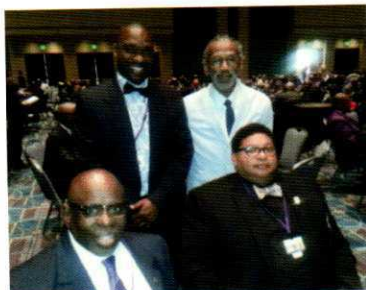
exercising or any type of physical activity a part of their regular routine. We had over thirty participants come out to the event, and each of them came with a positive attitude and participated without any complaints or resentment. Even when the volunteers we had to come help out went through a variety of vigorous workouts. The exercises that were performed varied from warming up just to get a good blood flow going, to working out different sections of the body such as the upper body, lower body, the abdomen area etc. To make the workout session more interesting, we even made a little competition for the participants. At the end of the event we stretched, took pictures, and came to conclusion that we would like to try to put on an event like this at least once a month, and based on the crowds response, it is very likely that it will happen.

# RHO XI BROTHERS RECEIVED THEIR 40 YEAR SERVICE REWARD

by Bro. Jason Johnson

Bro. Charles Mayberry and Bro. Ross Cahee received their 40 Year Service Reward. (From Left to Right) Charles Mayberry, Ross Cahee - Rho Xi Scholarship Committee Chair. The Rho Xi was well represented at the 79th Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, PA. In attendance was (Top Row From Left to Right) Jason Johnson - Rho Xi KRS, James Doss - Ninth District Talent Hunt Chairman. (Bottom Row From Left to Right) Freddy

Blanks - Rho Xi Basileus, Jeffery G. Williams - Region 9 Life membership Director, Omega Life Membership Foundation Secretary.



# 2014-15 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

by Bro. PJay Johnson

Psi Alpha Chapter held its 2014-15 Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Leroy "Woody" Woods Fraternity House 1135 Virginia Blvd) at 4pm. The speaker for the occasion was (Bro.) Dr. Derrick F. Varner. Dr. Varner's speech was entitled, "Scholarship: Steps to Success" and it was inspiration to all in attendance. The attendance for the occasion was approximately fifteen (15) brothers and twenty (20) guests which included award recipients and family support.

The Psi Alpha Chapter awarded total of eight (8) \$1500 scholarships with six (6) given in conjunction with the Psi Alpha Scholarship Foundation and the remaining two (2) provided by generous donors of the chapter (Freddie H. Sewell Memorial Scholarship and Leroy and Priscilla Earle Performing Arts Scholarship). The chapter received more than sixty (60) applications to review by the committee. The committee hopes of one day awarding all applicants with monetary support, but this year was able to make this dream come true for eight (8) students.

The recipients were as follows:

**PSI ALPHA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP:**

**GREGORY L. HARDAWAY II**

*Wagner High School*

**JVONI BADIE-JONES**

*Sam Houston High School*

**DEMETRIS KENO, JR.**

*Wagner High School*

**ASA TAYLOR**

*Brennan High School*

**BREANNA MOORE**

*Sam Houston High School*

**QUINTEN DJ WILLIAMS**

*Judson High School*

**FREDDIE H SEWELL SCHOLARSHIP:**

**JASMINE BLAIR**

*Antonian College Prep. High School*

**LEROY AND PRISCILLA EARLE PERFORMING  
ARTS SCHOLARSHIP:**

**ANDRES POPE**

*Int. School of the Americas*

Recipients will be provided instructions of how to receive monetary support once 2014-15 enrollment has started with his/her respective institution. It will be imperative to act as soon as possible not to forfeit the monetary support which will be provided in the post-scholarship award letter. All recipients are encouraged to contact the scholarship chairman and/or member of the organization (provided on the website) if letter is not received by 1 August of the awarded year.

Once all documents have been received by the recipients from the committee, it will be the responsibility of the recipient to have his/her institution provide a certified letter to the organization showing the student's enrollment status BEFORE any (of the two – rep 1st and 2nd semester) installments of money will be released. The letter provided

will clearly state the cut-off time for letter submission for both 1st and 2nd semester allowed not to default or lose this monetary support.

Again, we appreciate all the financial, moral and personal support of the community, parents, counselors, friends and businesses to allow the awarding of such scholarships. We want to say good luck in your future endeavors graduates and make a difference in your community, school or someone's life as you strive for excellence. Remember as we try to assist those in need, we as members of Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated ask you to also give back. Again, we want to say congratulations to our 2014-15 scholarship recipients and best endeavors in furthering your education.



# PSI ALPHA FATHERHOOD AND MENTORING

by Bro. PJay Johnson

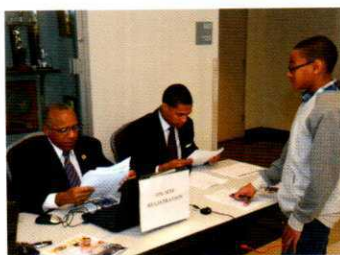


In 2012, the Schott Foundation for Public Education issued a report on the high school graduation rate for African American males in the United States. The report- titled “The Urgency of Now: The Schott 50 State Report on Public Education and Black Males,” indicated that the national gap between white students and black students has only decreased 3 percentage points in the last 10 years. The author of the report states; “at this rate of progress, with no large scale system intervention, it would take another 50 years to close the graduation gap between Black males and their White counterparts.” Although much progress has been made in decreasing the graduation rate for Black males, the persistent gap needs to be addressed. Researchers Cornell University studied the persistent gap between black and white students, but also looked at why African American males in particular continue to drop out of high school at a higher rate than their white counterparts. According to their research, two of the major reasons for the disparity is the lack of mentors and fathers absent from the home. The epidemic reached a national level when President Obama issued a challenge to communities across the nation when he started a National Conversation on Responsible Fatherhood and Strong Communities and made the issue of fatherhood and at-risk youth one of the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships’ four key priorities. The Schott Foundation study concluded the following; In Texas, the data from the 2009-2010 cohort of students reports that the high school graduation rate for all students is 86%, African American students is 81%, however the rate for African American males who graduate high school in 4 years is 53%. One could surmise from the findings that there is a direct correlation between education (lack of) and employment, income and incarceration-with black males leading the way in all categories.

It was these findings that led to the Basileus of Psi Alpha Chapter (Billy Fair) stating; “the data suggested that something had to be done and we can start at the local level by bringing in our young boys and their fathers (and father figures) to begin the conversation of intervention.” To help address these critical needs, Bro. Fair formed a committee to convene a Youth Leadership Conference and Fatherhood Initiative. Held on the beautiful campus of St. Philips College in San Antonio, TX. The call was made to young boys and their fathers throughout the city and hundreds responded. The day was filled with guest speakers and breakout sessions. The boys were instructed on proper study habits, proper grooming habits and how to navigate through school and life. The fathers/father figures participated in their own roundtable discussion with leaders of various religious and community organizations revealing that they themselves grew up without a father, but someone intervened in their life and they are now able to tell their stories. The day was capped by a keynote address from Min. Nuri Muhammad, who made a passionate plea for the young boys to “stay the course,” when it comes to their education and life. Min. Muhammad eloquently painted the picture of his own life and how sports and academics assisted him to reach his goals in life- but insisted that it was education that made the true difference in his upbringing.



The local undergraduate chapter (Alpha Delta Lambda) ADL, chartered on the campus of the University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA), also provided uplift to the young participants. When speaking to the young men of ADL, it was noted that of the original men who chartered the chapter only a few years ago (March, 2008), their graduation rate is nearly 100%. The undergraduate advisor (Bro. Jamal Hasty) mentioned that the rate would be 100%, but two members entered military service before graduation. In the years to come, Psi Alpha Chapter will continue to mentor and host the city’s young boys with activities and provide more leadership and training as these soon to be young men enter adulthood and begin their lives as responsible husbands, fathers and leaders.





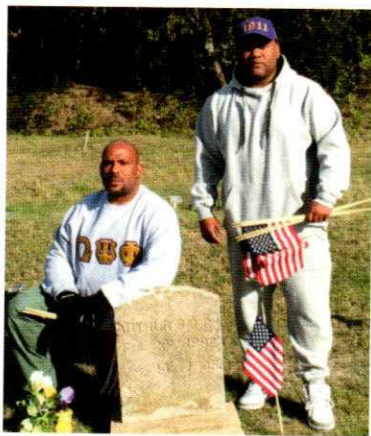
# ALPHA IOTA IOTA'S SANTA QUES

by Bro. Carlton Young



On December 23, 2014 the Alpha Iota Iota chapter delivered gifts to a family in need for this Christmas holiday. The "Santa Ques" initiative was created to assist a family during the holiday season that upon certain circumstances may not have been able to provide a Christmas for themselves or their loved ones. During this season

of giving, The North Dallas Ques were blessed to have an opportunity to be a blessing and Uplift this family. This single Mother of 3 boys showed and abundance of gratitude to the brothers for such a generous thought during this time of year.



## GRAVEYARD CLEAN-UP/ VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

Brother Boozer and Brother Grimes assisted the NAACP, and the South Grand Prairie High School History Club on November 11, 2014 at the American Memorial Cemetery in Grand Prairie Texas. Brother Grimes and Boozer assisted with

mowing, cleaning, headstone restoration, and other various duties during the project. The event was a successful collaboration with NAACP and South Grand Prairie High School History Club.

## OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA HELPS TO SAVE 78 LIVES

by Bro. Dante' Williams

On August 2nd, 2014, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were able to give 26 units of blood with the help of 27 donors donating to Carter Bloodcare. Carter had a mobile unit parked in a prime location in front of Wal Mart located adjacent to

AT&T stadium (home of the Cowboys) in Arlington, Texas. OGG set personal chapter records with these numbers for donors(27) and units (26) donated. With the amount of blood donated Carter informed the chapter it was able to save 78 lives.



# OMICRON PI SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Shawn Woodard

On August 9, 2014, the Omicron Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. sponsored its annual blood drive in conjunction with Carter BloodCare at the Killeen Mall in an effort to support the local community.

“Having you and your organization assisting us is a huge help especially during critical months like this one”, said Ms Vickie Carpenter, manager of recruitment operations for Carter BloodCare. “Summer blood drives are critical and there is high demand for all blood types”.

The brothers of the Omicron Pi Chapter routinely participate in community service projects. Our Charles R. Drew blood drive is one of annual health initiatives. Many of the brothers in the chapter are soldiers which gives them an extra incentive to donate their time and blood for such a worthy cause.

According to Ms Carpenter, there are request from several facilities throughout Killeen and Waco to include Darnall Army Hospital located on Fort Hood. She said that there were 31 blood drives in the area to accommodate the demand from over 10 different hospitals. However, she urged different non-profit organizations such as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to continue offering their services to ultimately save precious lives.

“I have worked several blood drives as a member of the Omicron Pi Chapter,” said Bro. James Elzie, Blood drive chairman. “I have high expectations for this year’s blood



drive with the assistance of the Carter representatives and the Chapter members we have volunteering their time.”

Although the Chapter members began their day with a targeted number of donations, Carter Blood Care has its targeted numbers as well. Ms Carpenter stated that Carter BloodCare aims for approximately 1100 units of blood a day from its different collection sites. She also stated that, within the central Texas region, approximately 18,000 units of blood are needed annually.

The Omicron Pi Chapter finished the day with 31 units of blood donated and an additional 31 units from recurring blood drives in the community. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will continue to serve the community and partner with different organizations to accomplish shared goals such as that of our annual Charles R. Drew blood drive.

## FIESTA MASQUERADE PARTY

by Bro. PJay Johnson

The Psi Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its 13th Annual “Fiesta Masquerade Party” at the beautiful San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade on Friday, April 11th, 2014. A crowd of some four hundred guests who were dressed to impressed filled the facility and danced the night away.

The Fiesta Masquerade Party is one of only one

hundred Fiesta San Antonio Commission sanctioned events during the 14 days of Fiesta San Antonio celebration. Psi Alpha Chapter utilizes this scholarship fundraising event to showcase its organization as a key community service contributor in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area.

A highlight to the night’s activities was the attendance at the Fiesta Masquerade Party by the Fiesta San Antonio Commission President





Marilyn Eldridge and her staff to include: the Chief Executive Officer and two Senior Vice Presidents. President Eldridge addressed the assembled party-goers and fraternity members, expressing her thanks for all that Psi Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. does for the citizens of San Antonio through scholarships, free haircuts, working at the food bank, and mentoring. Chapter Basileus Brother Billy Fair, along with Co-Chairman Brothers

Greg Thompson and Joe Monroe were presented with gifts from the San Antonio Fiesta Commission.

There was plenty of food, drinks, and door prizes, along with a costume contest monetary gift for first place. The Disc Jockey did not disappoint as the dance floor remained full through the evening and well into the morning.

## RHO XI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RECEPTION

by Bro. Jason Johnson

The Rho Xi Chapter conducted its Annual Scholarship Contest. On June 14, 2014, the Rho Xi Chapter's Scholarship Committee held a reception for their scholarship recipients and their family at The Houstonian Country Club. Each of

the following recipients received a \$1,000 scholarship: Erica Jefferson, Samoya Grove, Rachel Mack, Symone Powell, and Ryan Woods.



## ALPHA IOTA IOTA ACHIEVEMENT WEEK HONORS

by Bro. Carlton Young

On November 15, 2014, Achievement Week was celebrated with a luncheon to highlight the hard work Alpha Iota Iota chapter has dedicated itself to over the last year. Not only

until the work is compiled, is it realized just how involved the chapter is in the community. Over the last year, listed below, are a few items AII has been involved in:

Habitat for Humanity home building

25th Annual Talent Hunt

Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive

Forest Green Manor Seniors Activity Days

Undergarment Drive for tornado victims in Arkansas

Prayer Breakfast

Tutoring at the Boys and Girls Club of Plano

Food 4 Kids with North Texas Food Bank

Memorial/Omega Services

Reclamation and Retention

Award Scholarships - HS Essay contest

Plano Martin Luther King Holiday events/Unity Parade

9th District Meeting in Oklahoma City

Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, Pa

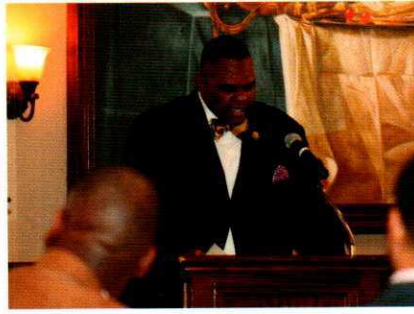
Achievement Week is not only to salute those who the Brotherhood selects as deserving of special recognition, it's designed as a form of appreciation for what all Omega men do to keep our 103 year old fraternity viable to its dedication to service and friendship. Upon joining this band of brothers, service has been highlighted to each man, and to each man knowledge and possession of the cardinal principals together teach us how Friendship Is Essential to the Soul. I encourage each brother to take the endeavors the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter is involved in with great enthusiasm; allow it to be your duty to as if you're a Neophyte to provide help where help is needed, numbers when the counts are low, and support when Brothers grow weary from the toils of life and fraternity.

Because of our chapters dedication to service, a Recognition of Service Award was added this year and presented to the Lambda Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, for the outstanding work they've done and partnership they have created with the North Dallas Ques.

The following Brothers were awarded for their dedication and service to our great fraternity by the works they do as members of the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter:

- Brother Rod Delph -**  
*2014 Lawrence Carriere Brotherhood Award Recipient*
- Brother Horace Satisfield -**  
*2014 Citizen of the Year Award Recipient*
- Brother John Williams -**  
*2014 Superior Service Award Recipient*
- Brother Larry Johnson -**  
*Omega Man of the Year Recipient*

An unplanned yet prevalent theme of the luncheon was taken from the poem Live Your Creed. It was quoted by the program's emcee Brother Larry Johnson, mention in the Sermonette by Brother Daryl Amos, and read to introduce the Omega Man of the Year Brother Johnson. I encourage each Brother to continue to strive to Live Your Creed.



**Earl G. Graves** – *Chairman and CEO of Black Enterprise Magazine*  
Earl Graves, Sr. is an American entrepreneur, publisher, businessman, and philanthropist. A graduate of Morgan State University, he is the founder of Black Enterprise magazine and chairman of the media company Earl G. Graves, Ltd. He is the current director for Aetna and Executive Board member of the Boy Scouts of America.

NOTABLE OMEGA MAN

## ETA LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER PHOTO

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

First meeting of the fiscal year. 18 Brothers and 2 additional visiting brothers present at the meeting. One of the visiting brothers was 1st Vice Dr. Kenneth Terrell. Brother Terrell was present to swear in the newly elected officers of the chapter. Brother Terrell also spoke about the direction in which Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc is going. He also encouraged our chapter in the importance of service and the characteristics of what an Omega man should exhibit.



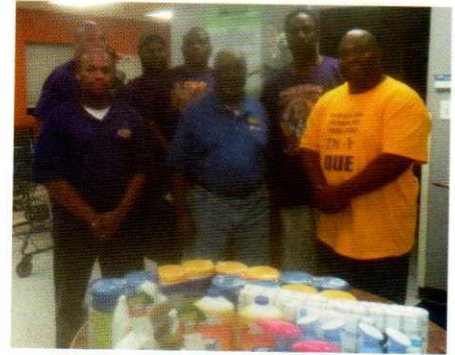
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# OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA DONATES TO THE ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER

by Bro. Dante Williams

The brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donated household supplies in the form of bed sheets, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to the Arlington Life Shelter. The shelter provides homeless

families with shelter for the night and resources to help the adult members find jobs throughout the day. The items donated was selected from the the shelter's wish list and were donated August 2nd, 2014.



# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ENDORSE PSI ALPHA CHAPTER MENTORING PROGRAMS

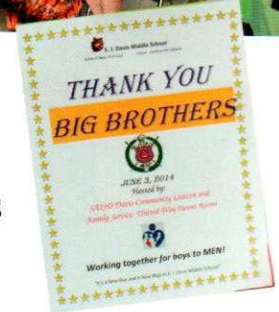
by Bro. PJay Johnson

The Director of Site-Based Programs, BigBrothers BigSisters South Texas, championed continuation of Psi Alpha mentorship matches with Little's at Sam Houston High School and Davis Middle School in San Antonio's East Side Promise-Zone. This year the Chapter's mentorship campaign expanded to two campuses because mentoring Brothers have retained matches with Middle School Little's who graduated to Sam Houston High, and take on new matches with another group of 6th graders at Davis Middle School. "We are now the Davis Middle School / Sam Houston High Mentorship Group!," said Brother Orlando Richards, a San Antonio Independent School District staffer.

Mentoring Brothers matched with Little's attending Sam Houston High will be part of BBBS' traditional school-based programs which meet either as individuals or as a group. The Davis Middle School group will continue to



meet weekly focusing primarily on group and academic progress. The Psi Alpha mentorship sessions resume for the 2014-2015 Academic School year when BBBS and School Administrative Offices complete student application and interview processes.



# OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA ADOPTS A SCHOOL

by Bro. Dante Williams

The brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has adopted Adams Middle School in Grand Prairie, Texas. OGG will conduct a mentoring program during the school's "Saturday Remix" program. There are several projects planned for the year. To kick off this partnership, OGG along with the assistance of the Arlington Delta Sigma Theta chapter donated 141 backpacks stuffed with school supplies on August 27th, 2014. This was a special collaboration as the principal,



Mrs. Neka Benard, is a member of the DST and the vice principal, Mr. Jubalani Satcher, is an Omega Man.

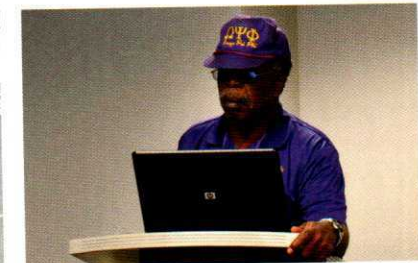
# YOUTH FLY-IN

by Bro. PJay Johnson

On May 3rd, 2014 the Psi Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in conjunction with the Bronze Eagle Flying (BEFC) of Texas conducted a Youth Fly-In activity at Stinson Airport (KSSF) in San Antonio, TX. The goal of the Youth Fly-In was to introduce minority youth to some of the many facets of aviation. It included an introduction to the airport, a briefing with Air traffic Controllers, one-on one discussions with members of the Bronze Eagle Flying Club of Texas, and free introductory rides in small airplanes. In addition, Psi Alpha provided lunch for each of the young flyers.

There were over 50 participants. Psi Alpha Bros. included Charlie Masters, W. Watson, K. Singleton, and Eligah Hanks.

Each young flyer was given a gratuity bag of aviation oriented material which included model airplanes, brochures on airport operations, pens, key chains and other memorabilia. Lastly before each flight they were briefed on the safety aspect of small aircraft operations. Overall the youth had a memorable experience with several of them expressing an interest in becoming a professional pilot (in the future).



## Langston Hughes – Prolific Poet

Hughes became an Omega man while attending the historically Black institution, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Hughes is best known for his work during the Harlem Renaissance period.

NOTABLE OMEGA MAN

# WILEY COLLEGE FRATERNITY HOLDS SUIT DRIVE

by Bro. Robert Knox

Theta Chapter at Wiley College in Marshall is sponsored a “Dress for Success Suit Drive” during February. According to LaDarius Clark, 20, chapter president, the purpose of the drive is to provide male college students with formal dress clothes to help prep them for job interviews and professional settings. Clark, a junior at Wiley College, came to Marshall from Dallas. Calling himself a “nerd,” Clark said the idea for the drive came from a leadership training that he and others in the fraternity attended. Chapter Vice President Joel Wiggins, 21, a senior at Wiley College, came to Marshall from New Jersey.

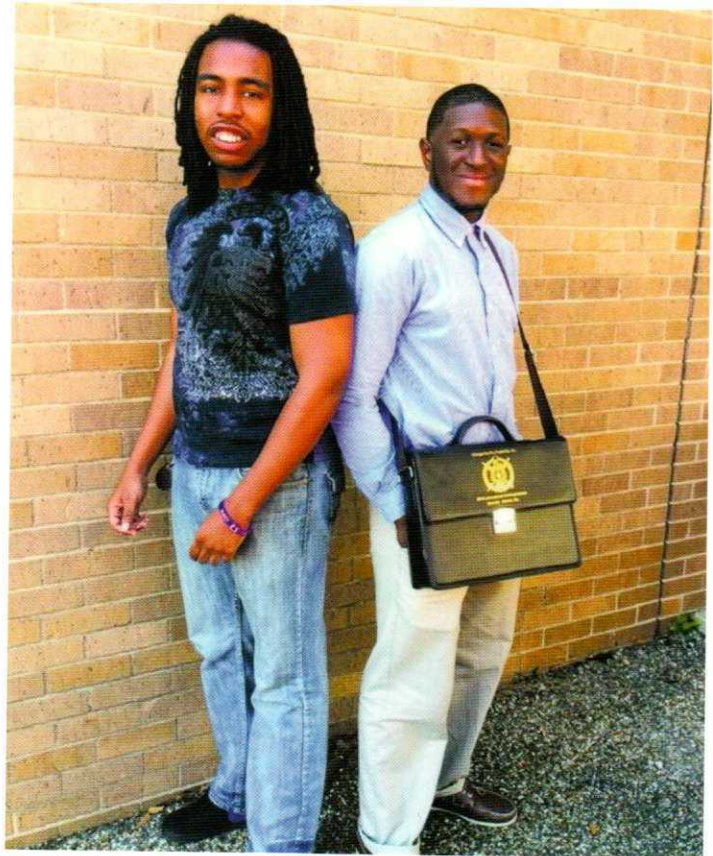
Both Wiggins and Clark are excited about the opportunity to help college men like themselves better themselves. “We want to give male students the opportunity to have things that they may not have ... to help them dress for success,” Clark said. “Our chapter is about community service. We have fundraisers, and we even go every week to New Bethel Baptist Church and tutor kids. We have had a drunk driving seminar, and we are doing a blood drive Feb. 3 in Alumni Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,” Wiggins said. “For us, having the suit drive is another way to give back ... we’re giving our fellow male students an outlet to represent themselves appropriately in a way that they may not have not known before,” Clark said.

Wiggins said when they were undergraduates, he remembers going to a conference, and there was a room full of ties, sport coats, dress shirts, pants, belts, neckties, bow ties and dress attire. “And they told us to just get what we needed.”

For Clark, having the suit drive will help the fraternity to help others like themselves project a better image. “It is time that we step up and change, and lead by example,” he said. “First impressions are everything,” Clark said. The

suit drive is not associated with Wiley College, Wiggins said. “It is all Omegas,” he said.

The fraternity is accepting suits, sports coats, dress shirts, pants, belts, neckties, bowties, sweaters and dress shoes. Items can be mailed or dropped of at 209 Belmont Drive



in Marshall. “If someone has these items and they want to donate, we will be glad to pick them up, if it is in a 30 mile radius,” Clark said.

For more information about the suit drive, call Clark at (469) 258-0878 or email [lclark1@wileyc.edu](mailto:lclark1@wileyc.edu).

## BACK TO SCHOOL HAIR CUTS AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

On August 25, Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter along with the Lady’s of Oil social club provided hair cuts and school supplies in Ft. Worth TX. Bro. Greg Johnson, owner of the barber shop where the annual event is held. Brothers Boozer and Grimes picked up the donations.



# OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA SPRING 2014 INTAKE

by Bro. Dante Williams

OGG Ques extends its right hand in friendship, and welcomes the newest members of the chapter as they crossed the sands on April 13, 2014, as 'The Tricky Tragic six of IF.' OGG welcomes:

The Ace, Greg Harris, 'Follicle Que' is 41 years old and from E. St. Louis, Illinois. He is employed at KPMG (Accounting Firm) as a Project Manager in HR. He graduated from the University of Phoenix and holds a BS in Business Administration. He is married to Lisa Harris and they have three kids. Follicle Que aspires to assist with the Talent Hunt Program.

The Duece, Kenneth Ray Deamon Jr., 'AQilles' is Age 43 and from Dallas. He is employed at Ericsson Telecommunications as an Engineer Manager 2. He graduated from Prairie View A&M and holds a BS in Electrical Engineering. AQilles has been married for 12 years to Andrea Deamon and they have 3 kids, ages 25, 10, & 9. AQilles aspires to assist in the Golf Tournament, Social Action, and improving the chapter web page and assisting with communications.

The Tre, Marlon James Shields, 'Quedaver' is single and graduated from DeVry University with a BS in Technical Management, with a concentration in accounting. Quedaver is 29 years old and aspires to work with Social Action.

The Four, Amos L. Williams, 'Bluto da Que,' is from Dallas, and works for DeSoto ISD as a 4th grade math teach. Bluto graduated from the University of Phoenix and holds a BS in Business Administration and a MBA. Bluto is married to Sharon L William and they have three kids, ages 18, 15, & 13. Bluto aspires to work in the chapter wherever needed.



The Five, Eric Kearney, 'Que Blanco,' is from Washington DC and now lives in Grand Prairie. Que Blanco works for United States Bowling Congress as a Managing Director. He graduated from North Carolina A&T, and holds a BS in Business Administration and a MBA from UTA. Que Blanco is 41 and married to Kim Kearney. They have two kids, ages 14 & 2. Que Blanco aspires to work finances and scholarship.

The Six, Tail, Don Viel, 'DonQueleone.' He is from New Orleans and currently works for Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) as a Contract Auditor. DonQueleone graduated from Grambling State University and holds a BS in Business Management with a concentration in Accounting. He is 46 years old and married to Tresse King Viel, they have three kids ages 21, 18, and 13. DonQueleone aspires to work with Reclamation.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

by Bro. Antwuan Boozar

On November 26th, 2014, Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. donated Thanksgiving Baskets to local families. The chapter success-

fully purchased and distributed food boxes and dry goods to the families to assist in the Thanksgiving celebration.





# DR. DERRICK VARNER ORDAINED AND ELEVATED TO “ELDER”

by Bro. PJay Johnson

## SAN ANTONIO, TX

Bro (Dr.) Derrick F. Varner, PhD was one of three faithful men “first-ever” to be ordained and elevated as “Elder” at Now Word Covenant Church 12525 Nacogdoches Road San Antonio, Texas to co-Pastor with Senior Elder Pastor Keith Graham.

Also, Bro Varner was invited to be one of the guest speakers for a “Men Reaching Men” annual Conference held during September in Panama City Florida. His assigned topic is “Living the Sanctified Life.”

Bro Derrick “DV” Ferdinand Varner was born on May 21, 1967 in Chicago, IL to Freddie and Mae Varner (now Campbell). His siblings are Roderick Varner, Shalanda Varner (deceased), Elodia Floyd and William Campbell. He has been faithfully married to Karine “Yvette” Gibbs since December 2, 1989. They are the proud parents of three daughters: Brittany, Kiana, Alexis and Orlando.

Bro Varner spiritual journey began under the pastorate leadership of Dr. James L. Henderson in 1989 in Minot ND. He heard the unadulterated gospel and received Christ as his Lord and Savior. In 1996, God moved him to Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD where assisted the senior lay minister in serving at the Chapel Gospel Service.

In 2000, Bro Varner received further spiritual nurturing from Bishop James Kelly at Free Spirit Community Church in Panama City while stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. In 2003, Bro Varner was reassigned to Randolph Air Force Base San Antonio TX and attended Now Word Christian Church. He was captivated by what God was doing in and through Pastor Keith Graham.

In 2005, he served with the Chapel Gospel Service on Yokota Air Base, Japan under Captains (Dr.) Michael Myers, Ronnelle Armstrong and Major Dee Stanley. Amazingly, the same year Bro Varner pledged at Upsilon Lambda



Lambda Chapter home of the Samurai Ques, he was called to the ministry in June 2007.

In 2009, after much prayer Bro Varner was blessed to be reassigned back to San Antonio under the tutelage of Pastor Keith Graham at Now Word Covenant Church.

Professionally & scholarly, Bro “DV” matriculated with academic honors with an Associate of Science Degree in Radiology from the Community College of the Air Force in 1994, Bachelors of Science Degree in Radiology from Minot State University in 1996, Bachelors of Science in Physician Assistant Science from University of Nebraska Medical School in 2000, Masters in Physician Assistant Science from University of Nebraska Medical School in 2001, and Doctorate Degree of Philosophy in Research and Health Science from Trident International University in 2011.

Bro (Major) Varner was recognized as the “First-ever” active duty Air Force Physician Assistant to achieve a PhD degree. Bro Varner has served honorably in the United States Air Force for 27+ years and has practiced Family Medicine for 14 years as Primary Care Manager. He is currently the Chief of Bioeffects and Vision Science Section on Fort Sam Houston in the Tri-Service Research Laboratory, but will moving on to be the Clinical Director for Inter-service Physician Assistant Program on Fort Sam Houston.



# THETA CHI ADOPT-A-BLOCK

by Bro. S. Rock Jones



## Missouri City , TX

The Adopt-A-Block program is an initiative that has been taken on by the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in collaboration with the City of Houston's "Keep Houston Beautiful Program." This has been an attempt to uplift the historical Third Ward community and has become a quarterly event for the Theta Chi Chapter. In order to make our goal a reality, we have partnered with the City of Houston and the local residents with one common goal, to make their neighborhood and Houston a more beautiful place to live.

The event takes place at the corner of Scott and Southmore; normally consisting of 10 to 15 Theta Chi Members. The brothers pick up trash and beautify six city blocks starting from 5000 Scott to 5300 Scott north and south

bound. The Theta Chi Chapter picks up clean up supplies (equipment and trash bags) from the City of Houston and takes to the streets with many people from the local area. In most of these inter-city areas, volunteers have always been welcome, as it is a great opportunity to meet new people and work toward a productive goal with like-minded individuals.

The brothers of Theta Chi come out in large numbers as an expression of leadership and to stand up for the community in hopes to instill pride for the future of all those who live there. The benefits are numerous: a litter-free and more attractive community, recognition for our Chapter as leaders in the community, and knowing that the individuals involved are making a difference in their community with our help. Theta Chi is dedicated to helping these families improve their areas by providing assistance to help keep their areas clean, safe and a happier place to live. An additional scope of this program is to help add character, to keep the area free of litter, and debris while improving the quality of the storm water that is recycled into drinking water throughout the city. It also has the added benefit of stopping illegal dumping by the installation of features such as trees that serve as physical barriers while at the same time providing habitat for birds and contributing to carbon sequestration.

The Program has become a wonderful occasion for the brothers to fellowship with each other while meeting and supporting the local community. Additionally, it has developed into a vibrant mentoring initiative allowing our youth to see Black male representatives working in their local community and providing an opportunity for them to network and socialize with accomplished Black role models.

## ELL L.A.W. MENTORING

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

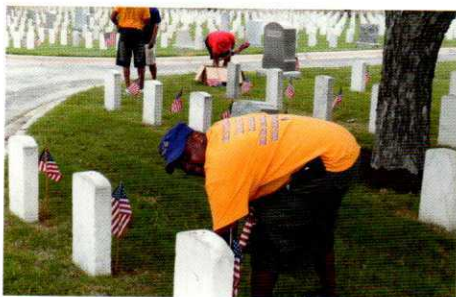
### Red Oak, TX

On September 20th, Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi assisted in a mentoring banquet for young men. The organization LAW stands for "Love, Accountability and Wisdom. It is lead by our Brother Greg Johnson The speaker of the night was brother Ronald Pugh. For entertainment the brothers performed a hop that included brother Ricky Gonzales from XI Beta. The theme revolved around biblical verses that expressed Manhood and Perserverance.



# MEMORIAL DAY - FLAG LAYING CEREMONY

by Bro. PJay Johnson



## San Antonio, TX

On a day where most are partaking in celebrations of sort, Psi Alpha Chapter continues to live up to their dedication of duty by honoring some of America's heroes'. The tradition of Psi Alpha rendering of flag honors began around the 2004 timeframe when the late Brother James "6-Fo" Blair, a member of the Psi Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., along with the Boy Scout Troop of which he served as Den Father, partnered together and organized the first laying of flags on the gravesite of the cities fallen.

The San Antonio National Cemetery, located on the East-side of San Antonio (517 Paso Hondo Street, San Antonio, Texas) was discovered as another opportunity to provide some basic labor and contribute to uplifting the community by Brother Blair, the Troop and the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter. Under the guidance of Blair (also a member of Second Baptist Church) the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter and his Troop would continue to participate in the honor of laying and retrieving the flags until 2007, when the Troop disbanded due to unforeseen changes amongst the young Troop and its membership.

It was then that Psi Alpha Chapter adopted this as a sole

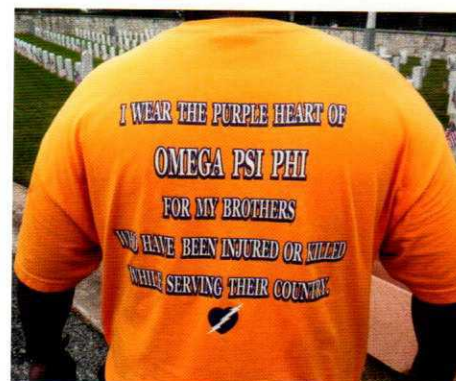
tradition, to be carried out every year around Memorial Day. Around the same time, a local San Antonio news station (KSAT News) heard of the selfless acts being performed by the chapter and decided that this newsworthy event should receive public notification, which would bring the National Cemetery the recognition it deserved.

Today the cemetery stands as a U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is groomed to perfection year round. The Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter continues with the legacy of notably recognizing the heroes buried in this National Cemetery and pledge to continue to uplift the community through their untiring efforts.

## Notable interments

Private David B. Barkley, (Medal of Honor recipient for action in World War I); Second Lieutenant George E. M. Kelly, (namesake of Kelly Air Force Base); Corporal Harry M. Wurzbach (Spanish-American War, as US Congressman served 1921 until his death 1931); Private William H. Barnes, (Medal of Honor recipient for action at the Battle of Chaffin's Farm in the Civil War); Private George W. Smith, (Medal of Honor recipient for action in the Indian Wars); Corporal John J. Given, (Medal of Honor recipient for action in the Indian Wars); Four Medal of Honor recipients are buried in the cemetery as unknowns.

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Antonio\\_National\\_Cemetery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Antonio_National_Cemetery)) 281 Buffalo Soldiers



## Rev. Jesse Jackson – Revolutionary Civil Rights Activist

Jackson was involved with community outreach through his fraternity long before he became the founder of the Rainbow Coalition and a Civil Rights activist. He joined Omega Psi Phi at North Carolina A&T University.

NOTABLE OMEGA MAN

# WINTER COAT DRIVE

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

## Red Oak, TX

On November 24, 2014 at the 3R's Cigars in Duncanville, members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter conducted a winter coat drive. The chapter collected 50 new and gently used winter

coats. The coats were distributed to various churches, shelters, and nonprofit organizations in the Greater Dallas Area. Special thanks to 3R's for facility usage and collaboration on the project.



# THETA CHI CONTINUES THE WORK OF BRO. CHARLES DREW

by Bro. S. Rock Jones

## Missouri City, TX

Bro. Charles Drew was an example of a great American who did not work for financial gain for himself, but for the betterment of his fellow man. He researched in the field of blood transfusions, developing improved techniques for blood storage and applied his expert knowledge to developing large-scale blood banks during World War II. His experiments on preserving blood plasma allowed medics to save thousands of lives of the Allied forces. As the most preeminent African-American in the field, Drew protested against the practice of racial segregation in the donation of

ity health improvement. This very important action helps local hospitals and medical centers in Houston transform the future of health care. With every drive, we help to turn science into practical benefit and turn hope into reality. The chapter accomplishes this through support for exquisite care, innovative research and vital education focused on eliminating blood shortages and increasing the success of major operations. The chapter supports this great cause by establishing blood drive donation days and also provides referrals of potential donors to the Blood Center Representative. The donors that the chapter recruits to our



blood, as it lacked scientific foundation, an action which ultimately cost him his job. Bro. Drew's distinction in his profession was finally recognized later in life and his work became the foundation for the operation the American Red Cross Blood Bank (which he help establish) and all of the blood banks operating today.

The need for blood continues today as it did during Bro. Drew's era. Cancer patients, accident victims and others with bleeding disorders need red blood cells and platelets today more the ever. Frequent blood donations make saving lives possible. Accordingly, Theta Chi has established a partnership with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to make a difference in people's lives. This effort brings together courageous and inspired individuals to donate blood and produce a safe and ample blood supply, while advancing cutting-edge research and embracing continuous qual-

blood drives are instrumental in saving lives. Additionally, the chapter encourages Houstonians to Commit for Life by donating and enrolling in the Center's Commit for Life program. With this program, donors can give at a variety of locations throughout the Houston area. Furthermore, each person who donated, or attempted to donate, and credits the "Theta Chi Blood Drive" received a commemorative blood drive T-shirt to show our gratitude for their actions. The goal is to heighten awareness for reasons to give blood. Bro. Marvin Castex stated "Many of us know someone whose life has been touched by blood drives such as these and that makes our efforts all the more worthwhile. There is nothing worse than feeling that you are at the mercy of forces beyond your control in your time of need. But through these blood drives—we give people a lot more power than they realize."

The Blood Drive Chairman Bro. Dexter Hadnot affirmed “Our goal is to create an environment where people can engage in a meaningful effort to support their families and others in the community. In addition to focusing attention on this great cause, it is also a great way to pay homage to our dear brother—Dr. Charles Drew and his lifelong work.” The chapter does this by scheduling in advance & reminding supporters, increasing visibility (and walk-in

blood donors), using a data base to attract repeat contributors and overall—making it fun. Ms. Vanessa Jones, a repeat blood donor said “These outstanding individuals from Omega Psi Phi have a genuine passion for giving back to the community that is contagious and they have inspired many of us to do more and increase our efforts. Thank you for being leaders in the community creating opportunities for donors to share their health and life-saving blood.”

## ETA LAMBDA LAMBDA BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

On June 7th, 2014, Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi held its annual Dr Charles Drew Blood Drive. The blood drive was held at Southwest Center Mall, Dallas Texas. In a successful partnership with Carter Blood Care, the blood drive drew 24 participants. Out of the 24 participants, 19 were able to donate. Carter Blood Care’s Area Director deemed the event a success, and is excited about expanding next year’s

event, and adding an additional mobile blood bus for the drive. During the event, the chapter also set a Voters Registration Table inside of the mall. Chapter members collected and turned in over 50 Voters Registration Cards. The mall director was very pleased to see the men of Omega putting in service and asked that we come back next year.



## THETA CHI VOTERS’ REGISTRATION DRIVE

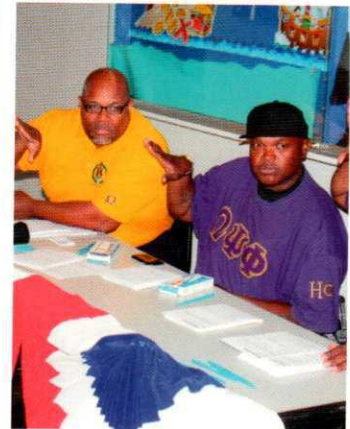
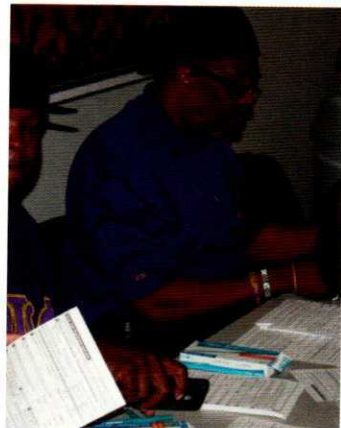
by Bro. S. Rock Jones

### Missouri City , TX

Theta Chi recognizes the key to achieve these goals is to be politically active in our community. In order to be successful in achieving these aspirations, the chapter focused on the most basic act that a citizen can perform – voting. The chapter partnered with Tau Epsilon chapter and developed a three phase strategy to insure that the needs of our community are addressed and that our community is involved in the political process as registered voters who exercises their right. That strategy consists of “Voter Education, Registration and Mobilization”.

Theta Chi former Basileus Cliff Hodrick, avowed “Sometimes we take for granted the great opportunities that we

have in this country. When we do so, it is an insult to everyone that has fought and sacrificed to make sure that certain rights were available to us as a people. We made an impact assisting many individuals in to the political process. However, we could have and should have done even more. As Omega Men and true leaders of the legacy that is Omega, we should continue to do more and expect more!” Mrs. Sheila Grover, President of Everest Institute wrote “To the men of Omega Psi Phi, Theta chi Chapter: Thank you so much for coming to our campus to get our students registered to vote. Your efforts are greatly appreciated”.





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- be provided with an opportunity to meet and network with outstanding African-American business leaders in their fields of study,
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