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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 77th Ninth District Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK in April 2014. Since that time, committee members have participated in many productive meetings to further develop the program. As a result we are already in the 2nd phase of the program's implementation.

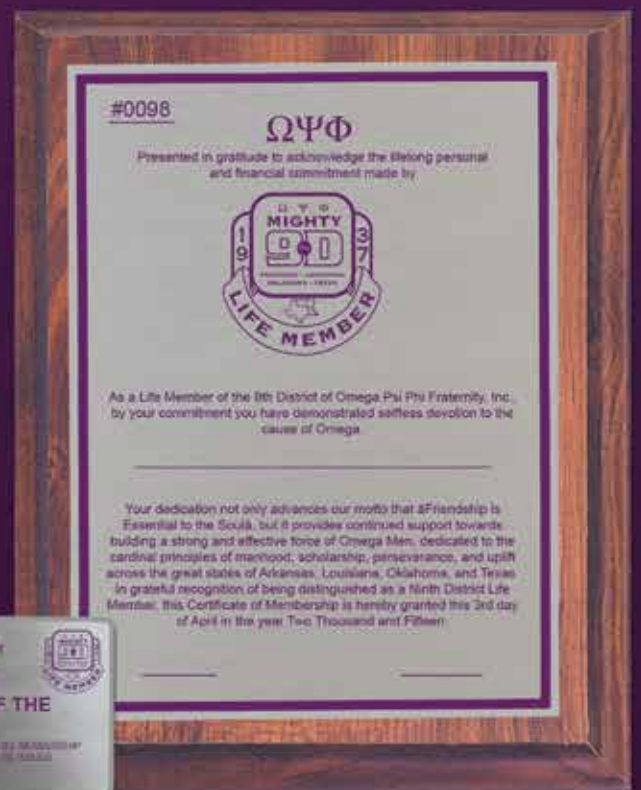
PHASE II

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

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

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE DR



Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

Omega Greetings!

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe and in the name of his son Jesus Christ. Brothers, I continue to be humbled by the outpouring of support from the brotherhood as we forge forward into the new fiscal and calendar year. That support has been integral in the smooth transition for myself, and the other newly elected and appointed district leadership. On behalf of the District, a special thank you should be given

to the 23rd District Representative, Bro. Ernest E. Parquet, for his cooperation and assistance during the transition phase. Bro. Parquet's leadership has truly been an inspiration to us all. Brothers, the state of our district is strong. However, we are not without challenges. With true cooperation amongst the brothers, including, state representative committee chairmen, and active engagement by the 9th District leadership, our District shall continue to prosper.

Now, as we move into the final days of this fiscal year, let us be mindful of some important events and activities that have occurred, or that are occurring in the Mighty Ninth District.

Over the course of this year we have completed:

- 1) Completion of detailed transition sessions for the Night District Representative Office.
- 2) Establishment of a "Leadership Academy", mentor based focus through a training environment for all Brothers.
- 3) Staffed fully, Per the Ninth District By-Laws, the Ninth District Council. The current council listing can be seen on the Ninth District Website, www.mightyninth.com.
- 4) Integration of the Ninth District Representative on the Supreme Council.
- 5) Establishment of standing meeting times and dates for monthly conference calls with the District Leadership, which includes: District Council, State Representatives and Chapter Basilei.
- 6) Selection of the host hotel for the 79th District Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 7) Selection of Dallas, Texas site for the 2015 Undergraduate Summit via the leadership of the 2nd Vice District Representative.

Fraternally,

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

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PI OMICRON DONATES \$2,000

by Bro. Major Banks, Jr

Omicron Lambda Lambda Brother Ray Sturgis accepted The Brothers of Pi Omicron Chapter presenting a check to the Arkansas Prostate Foundation for \$2000.00 raised in our annual Prostate 5K run.

Pictured (L-R) Chairman Bro. Charles Todd Co-Chairman Bro. Morris Williams, Sr. Basileus Bro. Tim Scott, Beverly Echart, Patrick Presley and Bro. Monroe Washington. This is Pi Omicron's 3rd time hosting this event.



BROTHER HONORED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

by Bro. Dr. Paul D. Adams



FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams, a member of Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter of Northwest Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Northwest Arkansas (NWA) Democratic Black Caucus at their third annual NWA Minority Educators Banquet held on May 16, 2015 at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House in Fayetteville. Brother Adams was recognized for his work as a biochemist, as well as for unselfish service rendered to the field of education to the Northwest Arkansas community, the state of Arkansas, and

internationally. The theme of the banquet was “Quality Education, A Community Commitment.” The event was hosted by actor Adrian Lockett, who appeared in *Furious 7*, with Vin Diesel and *Get Hard* with Kevin Hart. Entertainment was provided by comedian Terrance T. Jones whose appearances include BET’s “Comic View”.

In 2007, Brother Adams became the first African-American to be hired as an assistant professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (UAF), and in 2012 he was promoted with tenure to associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry. He is also a member of the faculty in the Cellular and Molecular Biology program and is an affiliate investigator with the Center for Protein Structure and Function at UAF. Adams’s research has been published in journals ranked in the “Top 100” of journals over the last 100 years in chemical biology according to Chemical and Engineering News. Bro. Adams has held regional and national scientific research advisory appointments with the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Health (NIH), the Ohio Cancer Research Alliance, NASA, and the Louisiana Board of Regents’ Scientific Research Program.

9TH ANNUAL QUE-NIC IN LITTLE ROCK

by Bro. Terrence Sesley

The Brothers of the Xi Rho Chapter in West Memphis, AR participated in the 9th Annual Que-Nic in Little Rock, AR on July 25th, 2015. Although the temperatures were a challenging 100 degrees with intense humidity, every Omega Brother persevered to make the day a very pleasant and enjoyable experience. Each chapter provided enough food for the guests, visiting Brothers, and family that were present. There were plenty of beverages to help everyone stay hydrated to allow the fellowship amongst chapters to be a great endeavor. The Brothers of Xi Rho are looking forward to the 10th Annual Que-Nic, which will be a grand celebration, to

provide the same support and greater fellowship.

We would like to thank our own Brother Michael Roberts (AZ 11-21-81) and his Team Roberts/Caldwell for their over and beyond the call of duty for the Brothers of Xi Rho. They provided a very hospitable stay and supported the event beyond measure with their time, equipment, nourishment, and many other insights to allow everyone to be comfortable and kick back for the weekend. Thanks Team!!!!



PI OMICRON SPONSORED CIVIL RIGHTS BUS TRIP

by Bro. Major Banks, Jr

The Brothers of Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., sponsored a bus trip to Memphis with students from Washington Elementary School. The stops included the Civil Rights Museum and the Stax Record Museum. Washington Elementary has been Pi Omicron's partner school for over 15 years. Special thanks to Brothers Oscar Dean, Willie Brewer and Morris Williams.



XI RHO PICNIC

by Bro. Terrence Sesley

The Brothers of Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi On June 13th, 2015, the Brothers of Xi Rho in West Memphis, AR combined their annual picnic with the annual Juneteenth Celebration with the West Memphis AKA Chapter, The Black Out Ryders and other sponsors. The aim of the event was to provide for the community with love and fellowship in the community and surrounding areas.

The Brothers participated within the ideals of the Fraternity as well as the in the interest of those in need for the attention. The event furnished jumpers, water slides, basketball, mobile video game truck, snow cones, and plenty of food. Every member of Xi Rho was on hand to participate and provide guidance in conjunction with the other sponsors. As we strive to be a family in the Xi Rho Chapter, we were a family on the humid and hot day in providing the children with an experience to remember. It is always an enjoyable sight to see our youth be themselves in a safe environment as they learn from the Brothers and Sisters of the Divine 9. The Brothers of Xi Rho always extends the invitation to come out and participate at any and all events.



LAMBDA ALPHA BROTHER FREDERICK THOMAS EXCELS AT NATIONAL MEETING

by Bro. Terrence Marshall

At the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Annual Training Conference held recently in Indianapolis, Indiana, Lambda Alpha Chapter Brother Captain Frederick "Link" Thomas of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office won the National Award as the Top Recruiter for the development of the most innovative membership recruitment initiative for 2014-2015. The Baton Rouge Middle District Chapter of NOBLE was also selected as the Nation Top Recruiting Chapter for 2014-2015. Furthermore, Brother Thomas was elected to the Executive Board as Region 5 Vice President, serving the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

NOBLE serves as the integrity of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. It represents over 3,000 members nationwide, primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at the federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. NOBLE attracts leaders from across

the world that includes law enforcement, corporate, government, education, civic, and the faith based community. Over 1,000 attendees participated in training workshops, youth leadership training, business meetings, regional caucuses, community outreach, and award celebrations. The highlight of this year's conference was the Opening keynote speech by Loretta E. Lynch, United States Attorney General.



RHO OMEGA GIVES BLOOD

by Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson



The Rho Omega Chapter (Shreveport, Louisiana), with the assistance of LifeShare Blood Center, recently held their annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive at Walmart (on Pines Road). The Rho Omega Chapter collected 20 pints of much needed blood. Brother Dr. Marlon Henderson is chairman of Rho Omega's Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. And, Brother Kenneth Thomas is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.

BROTHER RUDOLPH S. WHITE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP

by Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson

World renowned Omega Man, Rudolph S. White, recently celebrated 50 years of duty and service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Initiated into the Gamma Gamma Chapter at Grambling College on November 17, 1964, Brother White (Lifetime Member #4398) has consistently maintained active member-



ship and participation in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. As a proud member of the Rho Omega Chapter, he has served as Keeper of Finance, Reporter, Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship & Scholarship Awards Program Chairman, Serving Group Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the “Let The Good Times Roll Festival.” Brother White was inducted into the Unified Omega’s of Louisiana Hall of Fame in 2009. Additionally, he received the Rho Omega Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award (2008), Omega Man of the Year Award (2002), and Unsung Hero Award (2000).

Along with his fraternal involvement, Rudolph S. White is widely respected for his community service efforts. He is a retired educator of the Caddo Parish School System. And, he is a proud member of the Avenue Baptist Church of Shreveport. Brother White is also quite active with the Booker T. Washington High School and Grambling State University Alumni Associations.

In honor of Brother Rudolph S. White’s 50 year milestone, a “celebratory” program was held by members of the Rho Omega Chapter at the Shreveport-Bossier City Multi-Cultural Center. A plethora of tributes were presented by Brothers in attendance from across the Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, members of the Rho Omega Chapter, members of the Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and former students.

Remaining true to the oath taken during his initiation into the fraternity over 50 years ago, Brother Rudolph S. White continues to exemplify the motto, “Friendship Is Essential To The Soul,” as well as the cardinal principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. We salute and congratulate Brother Rudolph S. White!

BROTHER ANNOUNCED AS MEMORIAL HERMANN SR. VP AND CEO FOR NEW MEMORIAL HERMANN PEARLAND HOSPITAL

by Bro. Mel Lewis

Memorial Hermann announced today the appointment of Mario Garner, Ed.D., FACHE, as the first Sr. Vice President and CEO of Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital. Garner, who was recently named the Young Healthcare Executive of the Year by the American College of Healthcare Executives, will join Memorial Hermann on August 17.

“We’re excited to have someone with Mario’s experience and background to build and lead the team at Memorial Hermann’s newest hospital in Pearland,” says Erin Asprec, Regional President at Memorial Hermann. “Mario is a proven leader not just in healthcare but also in the community.”

Prior to accepting this role, Garner served as the inaugural President and CEO of the New Orleans East Hospital in New Orleans. Garner joined the New Orleans East Hospital in August 2013 while the campus was still under construction. During his tenure, Garner successfully recruited hospital leadership, staff and physicians to re-establish a full-service inpatient hospital to an area severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

“I’m grateful for my experience in New Orleans as it taught me a great deal about rebuilding both a hospital and community,” says Garner. “I’m now sincerely honored to be able to serve the community of Pearland and excited for the growth that lies ahead.



This is a chance to make a real difference because we're not just building a hospital; we also have the opportunity to build a culture of service in our community."

Prior to his leadership role at New Orleans East Hospital, Garner served as chief operating officer at HCA Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, Georgia. Garner held the same position for the Regional Medical Center of Acadiana in Lafayette, La.

A native of Lake Charles, La., Garner holds a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Louisiana State University, a master's degree in healthcare administration from Tulane University and a

doctor of education degree from the University of Houston.

Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital is currently under construction on the southbound side of Highway 288 near FM 518. The 64-bed hospital is scheduled to open in early 2016 and features an intensive care unit, operating rooms, cardiac catheterization labs, medical/surgical units, and women's and neonatology services.

For the latest construction updates at Memorial Hermann, visit Memorial Hermann's Breaking New Ground website: www.breakingnewgroundproject.org

RHO OMEGA HOSTS GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

by Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently held their Annual Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program at Booker T. Washington High School. Over 175 students from Caddo and Bossier Parishes were recognized and presented with commemorative certificates, medallions, and paperweights. Richard Ingram, a graduating senior at Captain Shreve High School, was the top scholarship recipient.

Frank R. Rayson, a former educator and Omega Man, started the Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program in the 1950's at Booker T. Washington High School. Dr. Michael Hicks and Mark Cooper, Sr. are respective Chairmen of the Frank R. Rayson Good Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Program. And, Kenneth W. Thomas is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.



LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION SELECTS OMEGA MAN

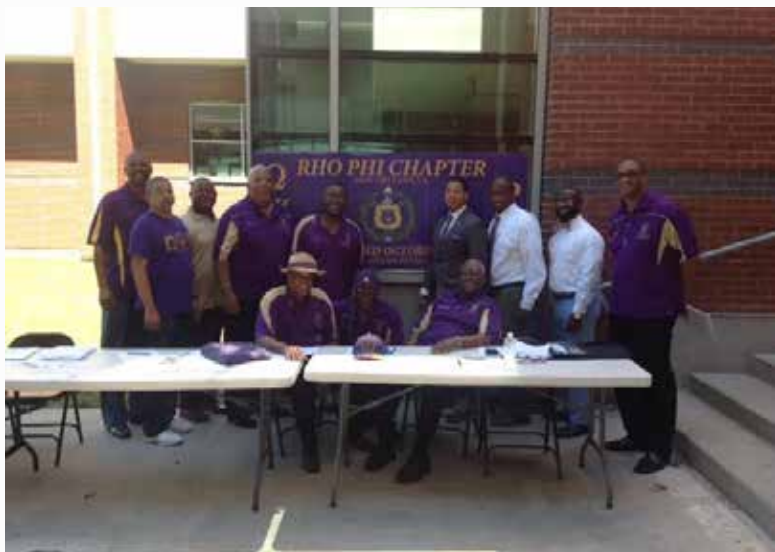
by Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson

Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, Ninth District Council Advisor Overseer-Louisiana & Immediate Past Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter, was recently appointed to the Louisiana Health Care Commission. The Louisiana Health Care Commission reviews and studies the issues affecting the availability, affordability, and delivery of quality health care in Louisiana. Dr. Henderson is a general dentist and owner of Henderson Dentistry, LLC in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is also the current President of the Pelican State Dental Association. Brother Henderson was recently the recipient of a Shreveport-Bossier City Chamber of Commerce “Top 40 Under 40” award. And, he was also recently featured in the “Top 40 Under 40” edition of Benco Dental’s Incisal Edge magazine. Brother Henderson is an International and Ninth District (“Heritage 100”) Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



RHO PHI HOLD VOTERS REGISTRATION EVENT

by Bro. Charles Brown



The brothers of Rho Phi held a voters registration event at McDonogh 35 High School located at 4000 Cadillac St in New Orleans on Wednesday, September 22, 2015. The event, which falls under the nationally mandated programs of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, was held from 11:30am to 2pm in an outside courtyard area of the school where students gather for the exchange to class or to go to lunch.

Altogether, about 90 or more students ages 17 and up registered to vote during that time frame.

Brothers were on hand to answer questions, help with filling out the paperwork, and take time to speak with the students about the organization and work we do.

Members of Delta Sigma Theta also attended and volunteered at the sign-in tables.



SHREVEPORT, LA

Saturday, August 29, 2015



Newly Appointed Northwest Louisiana State Representative – Shreveport, Bro. James Hawkins and the Local Rho Omega Graduate and Alpha Delta Omicron Undergraduate Chapter presented the conference. The event took place on the Campus of Louisiana State University – Shreveport, Saturday, August 29, 2015. This

mandatory training was very well attended with Brother representing all four states that make up the Mighty Ninth District, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. There was well over 100 Graduate and Undergraduate Brothers that attended the training session. Our District Representative,

“In this era the Fraternity has gone through major transactions. The Leadership Academy has gathered essential information to educate Brothers about the business of the Fraternity. It’s emphasis on bringing both Graduate and Undergraduate Brothers together in the same forum is beneficial to usher the Fraternity into a successful and prosperous future”.

*Bro. James Hawkins – Rho Omega Chapter
NWLA State Representative - Shreveport*

9TH DISTRICT

Bro. Dr. Kenneth Terrell was in attendance and was one of the presenters. Other presenters were Bro. Robert Terry, Immediate Past 2ND Vice DR, Bro. Dr. Paul Adams, 9th District Advisor – Arkansas, Bro. Kenneth Thomas, Basileus Rho Omega Chapter, Bro. Commissioner Lyndon Johnson, Bro. Terrance Forrest, Past North Texas State Representative, Bro. Oscar Epps, NWLA MSP Chairman, and last but certainly not least we had Closing Remarks from our 50+ Year Bro. Rudolph S.(Period) White, our NWLA State Rep, Emeritus. Thanks to all Brothers who worked hard behind the scenes to make this event the success that it was.



SAN ANTONIO, TX

Saturday, August 15, 2015



“Brother DR, I think the Leadership Academy was the best yet! All the presenters were very informative which prompted the brothers to ask questions. Good job Brother DR”.

Bro. Herman Burroughs – Rho Beta Beta Chapter

BATON ROUGE, LA

Saturday, August 15, 2015



“A hands-on leader! Brother Terrell and the Leadership Academy Committee have put together a solid program which promotes openness in a learning environment”.

Bro. Brian Bernard – Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter

“I appreciate the straightforwardness and openness of discussion with real examples that apply to how we actually run business”

Bro. Willie Banks - Epsilon Chi Chapter

My comment on the training in a word, “EXCELLENT”. In my mind that sufficiently covers it. However, sometimes it’s necessary to expound on comments. Let’s start with Rodney the District Council. What impressed me was Rodney’s ability to cover the information clearly and concisely and field all questions with answers that made sense and did not come across as made up. Next Bro. Seasay just breezed through his presentation effortlessly without selling WOLF TICKETS. Just the facts. Basically follow the rules or you don’t get to participate. Man!!! Let me end by just SAYING EXCELLENT.

Bro. Harold Allen – Theta Chi Chapter





The 9th District Leadership Academy seeks to foster the positive development of Brothers in the 9th District. The mission of the 9th District Leadership Academy is to facilitate programs that will result in the improvement of the Behavior and Attitude of all Brothers in Omega, and improve the quality of the Image of Omega. As such, training efforts under the auspices of the Leadership Academy will start by focusing on the development of approaches that will aid in the transition of undergraduate Brothers to financial AND active graduate members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Other objectives of the academy include leadership development, salient knowledge attainment of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity history, as well as current operations and procedures, and the fostering of a brother's personal and professional excellence development.

The 9th District Leadership Academy is being designed to incorporate the following approaches to enhance our Brothers of the District:

- Development of training programs that focuses on the “whole” brother at both the undergraduate and graduate levels;
- Assist brothers become positive and impactful leaders on their campuses and communities;
- Development of impactful relationships with Graduate Brothers/Chapters;
- Development of mentoring programs for younger Brothers; (undergraduate/graduate) during their early years in Omega;
- Development of programs and strategies that will combat the disproportionate amount of negative information and stereotypes disseminated about of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and its members;
- Development of programs that will foster positive moral character in Brothers;
- Development of programs to aid in the understanding of the importance of academic achievement as it relates to scholarship/ career development, as well as “Best Practices” to assist academic performance;
- Develop mechanisms that will assist in applying to and being successful in graduate/professional school;

Leadership Academy Efforts will also include program development in:

- Omega Etiquette- Personal, Professional and Public image of Omega
- Communication and Relationship building with fellow Omega men
- Protocol
- How to prepare for the workforce

Brothers, we are humbled to lead this charge for the 9th District. We are blessed to have the 9th District with us on this journey as we begin the development of strategies to improve Omega Psi Phi at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Regards,

Bro. Z. Jason Palmer

Bro. Dr. Paul Adams

Bro. Dr. Roger Watkins

Bro. Dr. Kenneth Terrell, 9th District Representative

BROTHERS OF THE MIGHTY 9TH DISTRICT LEAD AND SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED DEGREE COMMITTEE OF OMEGA

by Bro. Dr. Paul D. Adams

The International Advanced Degree Committee of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was created after the 79th Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, PA. The mission of this international committee is to promote excellence in the 2nd Cardinal principle of Omega, Scholarship, by establishing programs and resources that are expected to increase the knowledge base, as well as the development of skills of our undergraduate and/or graduate brothers seeking to further their education at graduate and/or professional schools.

This international committee is off to an excellent start and brothers in the Mighty 9th District are at the forefront of these efforts. Of the seven members who serve on this committee, three are from the 9th District, led by committee chairman, Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams, member of Upsilon Chi graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR. Other international committee members from the 9th District include Brothers Dr. Generique Stewart, member of and Keeper of Records and Seal of Pi Tau graduate chapter in Grambling, LA; and Alfred Dowe,

also of the Upsilon Chi graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR.

Salient accomplishments of this committee have included the organization and facilitation of the first Graduate/Professional School fair in our Fraternity's history held at the International level, hosted during the 2015 International Undergraduate Summit in Atlanta, GA. While over 40 schools from all over the United States participated in the fair, the committee is soliciting more Graduate/Professional School support for future international meetings of the Fraternity. In addition, this international committee has developed seminal workshop presentations focused on "Best Practices" to aid in the development of competitive graduate/professional applications for all brothers of the Fraternity. This committee is committed to the development of novel pedagogical and programmatic approaches that are expected to position the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as a national leader and resource in contributing to diversity of the global workforce.



Bro. Alfred Dowe
Member
International Advanced Degree
Committee



Bro. Dr. Generique Stewart
Member
International Advanced Degree
Committee



Bro. Dr. Paul D. Adams
Chairman
International Advanced Degree
Committee

QUARTERLY ADOPT A HIGHWAY INITIATIVE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On August 8, 2015, Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., conducted its Quarterly Adopt a Highway Initiative. Each quarter, Psi Upsilon Chapter picks up trash, and conducts additional maintenance and cleanup of a two mile stretch of Oklahoma Highway 62 in both east and west directions. This two mile stretch of highway is known locally as Rodgers Lane. In our society, there is an increasing sense of environmental awareness and social responsibility. By adopt-

ing a highway, Psi Upsilon Chapter is displaying positive model citizenship to the local community. It lets the community know that Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is committed and contributing to a cleaner environment while depicting positive name recognition. The Lawton/Fort Sill, Oklahoma area really appreciates the men of Psi Upsilon Chapter volunteering their time and efforts to assist the local agencies in helping to keep the local area clean and beautiful.



2015 ANNUAL DR. CHARLES DREW BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On August 18, 2015 the Omega men of the Psi Upsilon Chapter once again reached into the Lawton/Fort Sill community to help uplift its citizens by promoting good health practices. Psi Upsilon Chapter teamed up with the Oklahoma Blood Institute (Lawton Donor Center), and Cameron University where the Blood Drive was held. The Blood Drive was a huge success, and received an abundance of support and exposure.

entrance of the site. The raffle provided an opportunity for students to win bags of school supplies and late night snack foods. These will certainly come in handy when students are up late nights with growling stomachs studying for exams.

After a rigorous screening process, donors were given the opportunity to either donate plasma or whole blood. The entire donation process, from start to finish, took approximately 45 minutes and each successfully donor was rewarded with a donor t-shirt and a variety of snacks and refreshing drinks. Additionally, Psi Upsilon raised money for the Psi Upsilon Scholarship Fund by selling raffle tickets to all blood donors as they came through the

Some of the Brothers were unable to donate due to recent overseas military deployments, but those that had returned from overseas deployments, and had been in the Lawton/Fort Sill area for more than a one year period were eager to give. Psi Upsilon Chapter continues to be a pillar in the Lawton/Fort Sill community keeping in accordance with all mandated programs and uplift to the area.

The Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive Chairman is Brother Michael Forrest.



PSI UPSILON HOLDS ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MEMORY OF BROTHER CLARENCE WILSON SR.

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

Each year on April 19th, the Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hold a memorial service in memory of Brother Clarence E. Wilson, Sr. He was born in Lawton, Oklahoma August 8, 1945. Brother Wilson graduated with honors from Lawton Douglass High School in 1963. Brother Wilson was born into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in 1965 at Eta Iota Chapter. In 1968, Brother Wilson was the first Black person to earn a Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma. Continuing his educational endeavors at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law, he was awarded the Juris Doctorate in 1971. While practicing law since 1972, Clarence additionally held leadership positions in numerous organizations, one of which he cherished, he was the Legal Counsel and Board of Directors Representative for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

His office was on the eighth floor of the Murrah Building facing Fifth Street, where Timothy McVeigh set off a massive fertilizer-and-

fuel bomb packed in the back of a 24-foot rented truck at 9:02 a.m. April 19, 1995. At the time of his death, Brother Wilson was Chief Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Oklahoma City. He was among 35 victims in the HUD offices.



Countless other lives were immeasurably altered in that instant when a third of the Murrah Building collapsed around a gaping pit left by the blast 7 feet deep and 28 feet in diameter. More than 300 other buildings in a 16-block radius were damaged. Dozens of cars parked nearby were incinerated. Most of the 168 who died, including 19 children in the America's Kids Day Care Center on the second floor, had no chance of escape.



The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter assumed responsibility for the maintenance and up keep of the Clarence E. Wilson, Sr. Monument in Lawton, Oklahoma.

PSI UPSILON BROTHER WILLIAM "NATE" JOHNSON, NAMED U.S. ARMY COACH OF THE YEAR

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

Brother Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) William "Nate" Johnson, was named U.S. Army 2014 Coach of the Year! It is often said that when he dons the uniform he may be LTC William "Nate" Johnson, but on the court he is simply "Coach." It's a title he's embraced for more than 18 years, which makes being named the 2014 U.S. Army Coach of the Year that much sweeter. "I never thought that anything like this could happen to me," says Brother Johnson, Chief of Officer Education for the Directorate of Training Development and Doctrine (DOTD) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Brother LTC Johnson stated "Coaching is my life dream. It's something I love doing. It made me feel like all my hard work after these 18 years has come full-circle."

to," Brother Johnson says. "All we hear about is war, Soldiers getting wounded, and just work, work, work!" This gives the Soldier an outlet! A lot of the personnel that we get have either had



"All-Army Sports gives Soldiers something else to look forward



aspirations to play at a higher level, or they played college ball, but still are missing something else. All-Army Sports is between college and the next level—it gives them something to work to-

ward. It gives you pride and bragging rights, because there's only a select few Soldiers who compete for All-Army."

As the head coach for the U.S. Armed Forces Women's Basketball team this past summer, Brother LTC Johnson guided the team to a 5-1 record during the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM/International Military Sports Council) Championship, earning them a silver medal. Brother Johnson had even better success with the 2014 All-Army Women's Basketball Team, which received a gold medal at the 2014 Armed Forces Championship, finishing with a 7-0 record throughout the competition. He will go on to serve as the head coach for the 2015 U.S. Armed Forces Women's Basketball team at the CISM competition in France.

PSI UPSILON UPLIFTS THE COMMUNITY WITH GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

Psi Upsilon Chapter conducted and hosted its Annual Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser July 25, 2015 at the Lawton/Fort Sill Regional Airport Golf Course and Club House. This event raised funds for the Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship Fund. The Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser was a huge success, and all the proceeds go directly to assist local high school seniors that meet academic high academic standards, and high personal, and moral standards, and are in good standing with their high school(s). Several teams were

formed and entered the tournament, and included several local business and community leaders. Several local businesses gave donations to support the event if even if they could not physically attend.

The 2015 Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser was led by Brother Chairman Adrian Pittman.



PSI UPSILON LAUNCHES MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On January 13, 2015, the Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter, Lawton/Fort Sill, OK launched a mentorship program focused primarily on male students attending Central Middle School (CMS). This effort was led by Co-Chairmen Brothers Albert Johnson, Sr., and Eugene Deloach, Sr. The program launched with 44 students, and consisted of (17) 6th graders, (15) 7th graders, and (12) 8th graders.

male students finished the mentorship program in its entirety, and consisted of (8) 6th graders, (5) 7th graders and (3) 8th graders.

Members from the local community also participated in the program in mentorship roles. Key mentors from the community were Brigadier General (BG) Retired (R) Michael Cross, Colonel

(COL) (R) Albert Johnson Jr., Pastor Michael Turner, and Brother Allan Niles Sr., Chapter Basileus. The program was conducted January 13, 2015 through March 31, 2015. The Chapter Brothers and local community leaders met with the students to discuss several topics that would benefit the students. Several topics were discussed during the mentorship sessions that were held each third Tuesday. Self-respect, mutual respect, expectations of self, parents, school administrators, and discipline were amongst topics that were discussed.

On May 14, 2015, CMS held an Academic Awards program. Two students who completed the mentorship program received certificates of participation and medallions for academic achievement. Students Patrick Martin and Chris Richardson both excelled! Martin achieved a 94% improvement in math, and Richardson achieved a 96% improvement in reading!



PSI UPSILON ESSAY CONTEST WINNER HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIP

by Bro. Warren Stewart



On May 19, 2015 the Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented the Annual Essay Contest Award to Anna Kirchen, a senior at MacArthur High School, during their annual awards day program. Students were asked to write an essay answering the question, "Considering the political climate in the United States and the world, how much value do you place on your right to vote?" Anna was awarded a \$100 scholarship to be used toward her college tuition next year. The scholarship award is being awarded by Brother Mike Forrest.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

by Bro. Warren Stewart

On May 19, 2015, the Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented the Oliver Jenkins Scholarship Award to Christine Murrain, a senior at Eisenhower High School, during their annual awards day program. Christine will be attending The University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK this fall and majoring in Political Science. Each year the Psi Upsilon Chapter provides a \$500 scholarship to deserving seniors from each of the local high schools in the Lawton/Fort Sill, OK community.



PSI UPSILON BRO. JOHN VEAL NAMED U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OFFICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

Former Ninth District Keeper of Finance, John D. Veal, Jr. has been named Deputy District Director for the Oklahoma District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Veal returns to the Oklahoma office after serving as Supervisory Business Opportunity Specialist for the Richmond District Office.

“We are excited to have John back in the Oklahoma Office,” Dottie Overall, SBA Oklahoma District Director said. “John brings a wealth of knowledge with him and understands Oklahoma small businesses.”

Brother Veal previously worked for the Oklahoma District Office as a Business Opportunity Specialist and Veterans Affairs Officer.

“I am excited to be back in Oklahoma and look forward to helping start and grow Oklahoma small businesses,” Veal said. “Our District Office is committed to Oklahoma Small Business and I would encourage any

small business, whether brand new or established, to find out what SBA has to offer.”

Prior to joining the U.S. Small Business Administration, Brother Veal served as the Defense Military Pay Officer at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Brother Veal was also a Business Coordinator with the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center (OSBDC). While with the OSBDC he received recognition from U.S. Small Business Administration Region VI and the Oklahoma District Office as the Veteran’s Small Business Champion of the Year.



Brother Veal holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from Oklahoma City University. He has received the recognition of Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC). Brother Veal retired from the U.S. Army in 1995 at the rank of First Sergeant, having served for more than 23 years.

PSI UPSILON CONDUCTS 2015 VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted its Annual Voter Registration Drive July 18, 2015 at a local prominent and popular barbershop named Ice Tre’s Barbershop, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Each year, the Psi Upsilon Chapter Voter Registration Drive strives to provide people in

the local area an opportunity to have a voice in the community, express their views and positions to elected officials, by having an influence in local, State, Federal, and National elections. Most economists and political experts agree that the greatest benefit of voting is that it’s the most effective way for the general population to communicate and provide feedback to the political powers-that-be. In addition to the political benefit, voting has other positive effects including that voters are more likely to be politically informed, to volunteer in their communities and to contact local community officials on important issues.

The 2015 Voter Registration Chairman is Brother Triton “Tank” Mayberry.



ALPHA IOTA IOTA 2015 FALL-OWT

by Bro. Rod Delph

The Fall-Owt is the annual picnic hosted by the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter. The 2015 Fall-Owt was held on September 12, 2015 and was scheduled in conjunction with the Chapter's 26th charter anniversary. The Fall-Owt serves as a donation event designed to receive items such as toiletries, personal care items, and household items from the picnic's attendees. These items are used to donate to the Alpha Iota Iota community service partner Forest Green Manor a Dallas Housing Authority community for seniors. Chapter T-Shirts were sold to fund the picnic's facility, music,



and food. Social media was used to invite the entire North Dallas community to fellowship with the North Dallas Ques, and the Fall-Owt serves as a big conduit for Retention and Reclamation. Several Brothers have been reclaimed due to this fellowship over the last several years allowing the chapter to be one of top Retention and Reclamation Chapters in the Ninth District. Brothers are always impressed with the positive endeavors they discover the chapter is involved with and how this event does not alienate any Brother regardless of his status with the Fraternity.



N. DALLAS ALUMNAE DST HEALTH & FITNESS FAIR

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer



On Saturday March 7th, 2015, the brothers of Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter, assisted the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., in conducting a community health fair. The project was an educational and interactive event designed for outreach to provide basic preventative maintenance, exercise, and health screenings to people in the community. The event was extremely successful, and attendance exceeded 200 guest/participants.

OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA FIGHTS HEART DISEASE

by Bro. Kent Deamon

The brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the ladies of Chi Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha have partnered together to fight heart disease. To help educate and prevent heart disease in Black Americans a

cash donation of \$1000 dollars were provided to the American Heart Association on May 1, 2015.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. More than 600,000 Americans die of heart disease each year. That's one in every four deaths in this country. This disease is even more prevalent in Black Americans, where we are at greater risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke than White Americans.



NAACP BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY AND SYMPOSIUM

by Bro. Joe Holston



Killeen, Texas – On August 15, 2015 the brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter, in conjunction with Killeen Branch of the NAACP, participated in a back-to-school rally and symposium. The event's aims were to encourage students for the upcoming school year, provide needy students with backpacks and school supplies, and to provide age-appropriate talks to the participants.

Bro. Desi Roberts gave a talk to a class of fourth and fifth graders. His presentation focused on internet safety with an emphasis on the users' responsibilities and precautions. He immediately gained the attention of the fourth and fifth graders and they became actively engaged in the experience. Bro. Roberts' passion for uplifting and providing guidance to our future leaders was evident in his presentation and will surely be retained by those in his class.

CHILDREN ON THE MEND 5K RUN & WALK

by Bro. Gerald Singleton

On March 14, 2015 the brothers of Omega Psi Phi, Pi Upsilon graduate chapter participated in the 2nd annual Anti-Violence 5K Run/Walk. The walk against violence was a fund raiser for the "Children on the Mend Organization". This annual event attracts support from local churches, communities, and sorority and fraternity groups. The funds are needed to maintain / continue the after school tutoring and mentoring programs. Children on the Mend



also provide opportunities for the kids to attend cultural plays, sporting events and skating parties. Members of the business community make frequent visits as well. The ultimate goal of the program is build self-confidence and help establish law abiding, productive citizens. The brothers of Omega Psi Phi along with the local community plans to support this organization in future events.

PSI ALPHA CHAPTER 2014 ACHIEVEMENT WEEK NATIONAL SOCIAL ACTION DAY REPORT

by Bro. Gerald Singleton



This year the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter joined forces with Big Brothers Big Sisters South Texas, the African American Mentoring Initiative Advisory Council (AAMIAC), S.J. Davis Middle School and Sam Houston High School in San Antonio Council District 2, to provide school-based mentoring focused specially on at-risk African-American boys. For the 2013/2014 academic school year, the Psi-Alpha Chapter is sustaining one-to-one mentoring relationships with 10 Davis Middle School 6th grade students, and seven 9th graders who attend Sam Houston High School. Our mission is to help these kids beat the odds and reach their potential through weekly one-to-one mentoring visits in their classrooms. We try to teach the boys self respect, self confidence, and self worth to help them grow into becoming

responsible men.

To celebrate the Nation Social Action Day campaign, the Brothers are expanding the Chapter's weekly mentoring session by extending an invitation to the parents of the Little's to join us for a special school-hour visit focused on fostering the link between the teacher, child and mentors. Parental involvement is a key component of our success and underscores the Chapter's shared

responsibility for high student academic achievement.

Through our mentoring endeavors, the Alamo City Ques continue to strengthen its commitment to BBBS, and our youth in the greater San Antonio Independent School District.

Total number in Attendance – 22

Total Number of Omega Brothers - 10

THETA ALPHA BROTHER KEYNOTE SPEAKER

by Bro. Dr. Christopher L. Davis



Each year, the SMU McNair Scholar Program holds an induction ceremony that both recognizes the high level of achievement among its inductees and provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on the high standards of the program. Dr. Christopher L. Davis, an alumni of SMU and active officer of the Theta Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. served as this year keynote speaker. He challenged students to not shy away from the

challenge of “living in a fishbowl”, but instead use their platforms to encourage and influence everyone around them to accomplish great things. Named in honor of Dr. Ronald E. McNair, the second African American to fly in space and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the McNair Scholar Program is geared towards helping low income, first generation college students achieve their dreams of high academic achievement.

ETA LAMBDA LAMBDA TALENT HUNT

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter conducted its annual Talent Hunt Competition on March 20th, 2015, at Paul Quinn University. The talents of local students were proudly displayed and appreciated by friends, families, and the community. The competition was won by Tina Tyler of Justin F. Kimball High School. Ms. Tyler will be attending Texas A&M Commerce. Second place was won by Eboni Davis of Justin F. Kimball High School. Ms. Davis will be attending Texas Southern University. The event was a huge success, and the chapter would like to thank the parents, supporters, performers, and Paul Quinn University for assisting us in making the event extremely successful.



OGG SAYS THANKS TO ALL MOTHERS

by Bro. Mike Jones

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., volunteered at the Annual Mother's Day Luncheon held at the Hillside Community center in Fort Worth, TX. This community service event pro-

vides the mothers of the southern sector of Fort Worth a “Thank You”/ “You are Appreciated” lunch and program each year. This was Hillside’s 12th year in hosting this community service event, the Men of Omega have participated in the past 5 years and look forward to it each year. Over 70 Mothers in the community enjoyed a great program and as always thanked the Men of Omega for making them feel special and appreciated.



A BROTHER’S HEART

THE LOS ANGELES GRAND CONCLAVE IN 1955

by Bro. Kevin Baker

In Response to Current Events and a Brother’s Heart - This section will focus on current issues that we face as Omega men and provide an avenue for any brother to submit an uplifting article.

Bro. Willie Hinchon Chapter Advisor and former Ninth District Representative.

Seeing the need to press on and lessen the encumbrance on the undergraduate chapter assessments Bro. Hinchon completed a campaign focused on completing the Life Membership challenge. Now as a successfully concluded project both chapters share the benefit of membership in an organization with sustainable relevance and pride.

This year 2015 represents the 60 year anniversary of the Pi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Hawkins, Texas. This year also is the 60 year anniversary of the 41st Conclave’s Supreme Council challenge under the leadership of Bro. John F. Potts 22nd Grand Basileus to attain membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). To help commemorate this milestone the Pi Upsilon Graduate Chapter and the Phi Beta Undergraduate Chapter of Hawkins, Texas have each fulfilled the Silver Life Membership and have received their fully paid membership certificates. This comes as an “honor and a tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Marshall L. Lanier for his hard work in establishing our watch word in the community” said

The Los Angeles Grand Conclave in 1955 initiated a program whereby each graduate chapter would purchase a Life Membership from the NAACP. Between 1955 and 1959, chapters contributed nearly \$40,000 to the NAACP. Every district and chapter of the fraternity is required to maintain a Life Membership at Large in the NAACP. All members of the fraternity are encouraged to join the NAACP. During this era, social action became Omega’s primary programmatic thrust. Thousands of Omega men became actively involved in the fight to eliminate racial discrimination. (August 31, 2015; http://www.oppf.org/about_omega.asp)

PSI ALPHA CELEBRATES 15TH YEAR OF ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

by Bro. K.D. Singleton

If you are driving down N. New Braunfels Avenue in the vicinity of Martin Luther King Plaza on San Antonio’s East Side, you will notice how well this section is kept. Who is doing such a great job, you ask? The answer is, of course, Psi Alpha Chapter. In the early 80’s, Psi Alpha became a member of the Adopt-A-Highway program in San Anto-

nio through the efforts of Brother James Blair (Omega Chapter) as part of the Chapter’s Social Actions Program. The site selected for the Chapter, on San Antonio’s East Side, traditionally had been neglected due to transiency and residential neglect. Today however that paradigm has changed as the Chapter’s diligence



over the years has come to fruition. Nowadays the Brother's trash eradication work, once every quarter is commonplace and is greatly appreciated by the residents and Council members representing San Antonio's East Side. The Brothers take great pride in continuing the Chapter's legacy of service and Uplift through the Adopt a Spot community beautification. Most importantly,

the 2-mile thoroughfare surrounding Martin Luther King Plaza always looks fantastic. Thanks goes out to the QUEs who have been instrumental in creating a transformed environment for city residents.



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA SUPPORTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

by Bro. Kevin Williams

On Saturday, May 23, 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., partnered with Special Olympics to provide support for 2015 Special Olympics Texas Summer Games, which were held at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The rain held off and the brothers of OGG helped Uplift athletes participating in cycling and track & field events. The brothers were time keepers for cycling, escorted track & field athletes off the track and provided cheers of encouragement to athletes at all venues. Smiles, laughs and a good time were had by all.



PSI ALPHA TRAINS FUTURE BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER MENTORS

by Bro. K.D. Singleton

On 6 Aug 2014, Psi Alpha Chapter volunteers lead a breakfast training session for 40 mentors. The session took place at Cafe College in San Antonio. Brothers shared successful techniques, encouraged attendees, and shared best practices developed in our mentorship program at Davis Middle School. Ms Sheppard, our

Davis Middle School program coordinator also attended. After the session, brothers were given a standing ovation and asked to do it again.

Feedback from Big Brothers and Sisters' key staffers:
(Director and CEO)
Charlie/Keith,

Thank you both SO much for yesterday's presentation to our site based mentors. What an amazing impact you are having on the kids in our community. Your passion and commitment was surely not overlooked by the attendees.

I hope that we can arrange for the Omega's to present in a happy hour setting sometime in late August or September. I have copied Denise and will narrow down a few dates that might work on our end. Please feel free to send me dates to avoid, or your suggestions as well.

Thank you!

Clare McCoy
Director of Site Based Programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas
You guys are the best. Hands down – we just love you! Can't wait to do it again.

Denise Barkhurst
President & CEO
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA STANDS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

On Thursday July, 16 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., we able to provide the SafeHaven Women's Shelter of Arlington, TX, with a \$400 cash donation and over \$1000 in donated goods (clothes, toiletries, hygiene, etc...). These donated items will assist SafeHaven in its mission

to end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention and social change.

SafeHaven is the largest and most comprehensive agency in Tarrant County providing services at no cost to domestic violence victims. Established through the 2006 merger of The Women's Shelter and



Women’s Haven, their emergency shelters have served domestic violence victims in Fort Worth, Arlington and the surrounding areas for almost four decades. With two 24-hour emergency shelters, counseling, legal services, children’s programs and more,

SafeHaven helps women rebuild their lives and move from fear to freedom. Omicron Gamma Gamma has committed to become a partner and share SafeHaven’s mission to eradicate domestic violence.

PSI ALPHA GIVES GIFT OF LIFE: CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE & MARROW REGISTRATION

by Bro. K.D. Singleton

The need for Blood is critical and urgent. It is said the reason people don’t give blood is that no one asks. 12 years ago the Brothers of Psi Alpha were asked and they answered with an Annual Blood Drive and Marrow Registration which is hosted each year as a part of the City of San Antonio’s Official Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative March. As a result of the San Antonio King March being among the largest in the Country, the Psi Alpha Chapter’s Drive is a widely supported Blood Donor event. The Chapter’s Charles R. Drew Blood Drive & Marrow Registration, as it is entitled, operates in partnership

with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center, on the day of the King March. Through the Brothers due diligence, the donor mobile are positioned at the YMCA Park which is the termination/rallying location of the parade. The Drew Blood Drive is a key part of the Chapter’s Social Action Program committed to “Uplift” through community outreach. This year Psi Alpha’s efforts led to over 246 blood donations provided for the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center. The City of San Antonio has a highly urgent need for Blood and Marrow, and through the leadership of Psi Alpha a large part of the need for Blood is being met!



☞	Monday, Jan 19, 2015	Complete	28	33	1.50	32	34	1.42
☞	Monday, Jan 20, 2014	Complete	47	47	1.42	30	34	0.92
☞	Monday, Jan 21, 2013	Complete	63	65	1.08	32	32	0.52
☞	Monday, Jan 16, 2012	Complete	43	47	1.34	60	60	1.44
☞	Monday, Jan 17, 2011	Complete	34	39	1.18	39	41	1.24
☞	Monday, Jan 18, 2010	Complete	33	38	0.99	42	45	1.17

OMICRON GAMMA COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

On July, 25 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma showed their civic pride by driving a community clean up activity. The brothers have adopted two miles on Robinson Road in Grand Prairie, TX. Our mission is to beautify surrounding area by clearing off any litter or debris. Robinson road is a major thoroughfare as it connects citizens to the local Boys and Girls Club, elementary schools and the neighborhood housings. OGG hopes to drive social change in this area by creating a litter free environment that will increase civic pride. The brothers are responsible for cleaning the area on a quarterly basis. Through our physical presence and actions we are creating a lasting image of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in this community.



PSI ALPHA PAYS TRIBUTE TO FATHERHOOD BY VISITING SICK AND SHUT IN BRIDGE BUILDERS

by Bro. K.D. Singleton

Each Quarter, the Brothers of Psi Alpha conduct “Que Fathers Visits” by visiting the residences of sick and shut in members of the Fraternity. The Father’s Day weekend visits are especially heartfelt not only because of the love it engenders among the Brotherhood, but also because of the special bond it creates/ reinforces with the families and caretakers as well. “We have come to cherish these visits”, said Basileus Brother E.J. Moore, “because this unites us collectively to take care of our own and really live our creed.” Often the visits last up to one hour during which stories are shared, photo’s taken and memories are created that last a lifetime. Most recently the Brothers visited three Brothers, one of which was recovering in a Rehab center. This occasion presented the opportunity to show our colors as a large group in a setting where many residents don’t receive visitation and fellowship in the spirit of our great Fraternity. As you can imagine all eyes were on the Brothers as the group swelled in size and laughter as only the Ques can do. Psi Alpha takes care of her own. And in this manner the strong legacy of Friendship abides among the Brothers in the Alamo City.



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA 2015 BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

On Thursday August 27 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Arlington Alumni Chapter partnered together to deliver back packs and school supplies for needy children Adam’s Middle School in Grand Prairie, Texas. In total, one hundred back packs filled with supplies were provided to the students. These back packs and supplies will be utilized by the student to achieve academic excellence.

Adams Middle School was a 2014 Recipient of the NIET School of Promise Award. Adams is a learning community which sup-

ports the growth of the whole child – socially, academically and physically.

Adams Middle School mission is to partner with parents, students, and the community to develop high-achieving learning that empowers college and career bound leaders and productive citizens of good character. In this aspect Adams and the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma are aligned and will continue to progress toward achieving this goal.



PSI ALPHA SUPPORTS AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION 2014 STEP OUT WALK TO STOP DIABETES

by Bro. K.D. Singleton

Psi Alpha Chapter joined participants from across the city to share in the excitement of the 2014 Step Out event which was held at Mission County Park, 6030 Padre Dr., San Antonio, TX 78214. The Step Out March is a national event held to unite thousands of people to help STOP DIABETES. The Brothers of Psi Alpha enjoyed great entertainment while hearing from community leaders and learned about the toll diabetes is having on the city of San Antonio and throughout the country. Team Psi Alpha, with its Royal Purple and Old Gold colors, lit up the park and helped motivate other teams to build enthusiasm for taking steps to stop diabetes. Through its generous fundraising, the Chapter donated \$500 in online contributions to monetarily support this worthy cause. Please join the Brothers of Psi Alpha next year as we show our colors again to stamp out diabetes in support of our community and the American Diabetes Association!



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon



On August 22, 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in conjunction with Carter Blood Care hosted our annual Dr. Charles Drew blood drive. The blood drive was held at the Neighborhood Walmart Store in Arlington, TX.

The brothers were able to garner participation from 21 volunteers. In total 20 units of blood were donated. Carter Blood Care and the Neighborhood Walmart deemed the drive a success. These donations will aid in saving lives in the DFW metroplex.

PSI ALPHA CHAPTER MEMBER ELECTED SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN

by Bro. K.D. Singleton

On December 14, 2014 Brother Alan Warrick, 6 03 Upsilon Psi, and current Psi Alpha Chapter member was elected as San Antonio 2nd District Councilman.

Challenger Bro Alan Warrick defeated District 2 Councilman Keith Toney in a runoff election Tuesday night.

Just over 3,000 votes were cast, amounting



to a 5 percent turnout. Warrick said he was told that no more than 1,500 people would vote in the election, which is less than the 1,786 votes he earned. Bro Warrick, who turned 34 on Sunday, said he's going to give voters a little bit of a break but will be back out on the campaign trail soon. His seat, along with the nine other council districts and the mayor's office, are all up for election in May.



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA VOTERS REGISTRATION

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

Omicron Gamma Gamma understands that substantial change in the community can only be achieved through being politically active in our community.

On September 8, 2015, the Brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma (Graduate) and Mu Beta (Undergraduate) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., partnered together to host a voter's registration drive on the Campus of the University of Texas at Arlington.

Our goal was to show a unified Omega presence on UTA's campus. Voter registration is the beginning for students' education on the political process and ensures they will be taking advantage of the rights of all citizens to vote. The brothers enjoyed a day of fellowship and outreach with the student body. With the allotted time brothers were able to register 21 individuals from Tarrant and Dallas counties.



INSPIRATIONAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP UPLIFT PROGRAM (OMEGA GENTS) ENTERS 4TH YEAR

by Bro. K.D. Singleton & Bro. Paul Booker

Psi Alpha Chapter's Aspiration Uplift mentoring program has entered its 4th year and has been expanded to include all Middle School grade males who we call "Omega Gents." The program is designed to help young men mature and reach their full potential. This is accomplished through group discussion, sports activities, motivational speakers and field trips. The Chapter has established agreements with Metzger Middle School (located in Northeast San Antonio) and the Judson Independent School

District, to identify 6th, 7th and 8th graders who meet specified criteria. The Chapter then interviews and selects students best suited for the program in consultation with the parents. The support base includes tutoring, counseling, listening, reading and extracurricular activities. This is in addition to monthly sessions covering subjects ranging from "study skills", to "etiquette" as well as field trips to sporting events and some Chapter functions. The program takes a tremendous amount of coordination and sacrifice but each year the Chapter's POC, Bro. Paul Booker and his committee members have continued to meet the challenge.

PSI ALPHA VERY INVOLVED MENTORING SAN ANTONIO YOUTH THROUGH “IN-SCHOOL” AND “AFTER SCHOOL” MENTORING PROGRAMS

by Bro. K.D. Singleton & Bro. Paul Booker

Psi Alpha Mentoring Brothers conducted a Year End Celebration Party on the Campus of S.J. Davis Middle School highlighting the Chapter's fifth consecutive year of in-school Youth mentorship. Over 30 people attended, including Parents, Teachers, Brothers and mentees. From August 2014 through May 2015 (Yearly) the Brothers of Psi Alpha have been conducting mentorship programs at S.J. Davis Middle School, and Sam Houston High School, both located on San Antonio's East Side in the City's "Promise Zone" area. These are predominately minority schools, in an economically challenged part of the town. Many of the children attending these schools, particularly African American students, are identified as "at risk" by the school system; however Psi Alpha goes the extra mile to spend time with these youth one school day every week. Our mission is to help these children beat the odds and reach their potential through weekly one-to-one mentoring visits in their classrooms. We try to teach the boys self respect, self confidence, and self worth to help them grow into becoming responsible men. For the 2015 academic school year, the Brothers of Psi Alpha have sustained one-on-one mentor relationships with 12 Davis Middle School

students and 9 high School students attending Sam Houston High School. The Chapter's school-based mentoring focuses specifically on at-risk African-American boys and is conducted through

partnerships with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), the African American Mentoring Initiative Advisory Council (AAMIAC), Sam Houston High School and S. J. Davis Middle School. Parental involvement is a key component of our success and underscores the Chapter's shared responsibility for high student academic achievement. The Chapter recently instituted a Little Brother of the Month" program to stimulate a positive focus on good behavior expected of young men. Many of the young men selected have never received awards and the change in their demeanor shows the excitement they place in such recognition. Because of the success in opening up channels of communication with the kids, the school has cited the Mentoring Brothers as assets worthy of emulation at other schools. Next year the Chapters mentoring program will continue its focus on building

men and teaching them the importance of Manhood. Through our mentoring endeavors, the Alamo City QUEs continue to strengthen their commitment to community service of San Antonio.





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Theta Alpha - Mu Sigma (Init.) Chapter

BRO. LENTHON B. CLARK

Upsilon Chi - Theta (Init.) Chapter

BRO. DR. BOBBY STINSON

Sigma Omicron - Sigma Sigma (Init.) Chapter

BRO. BILLY FAIR

Psi Alpha - Epsilon Omicron (Init.) Chapter

BRO. CRAIG BERRY

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BRO. JAMES GUESS SR

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DATE:

March 23 - 26, 2016

79TH DISTRICT MARSHAL:

Bro. Terrence Augillard

HOST HOTEL:

Hyatt Regency Hotel

601 Loyola Avenue

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- **Undergraduate** - \$115
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- **Quette** - \$140

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