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NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
BRO. VAN NEWBORN



MESSAGE FROM OUR

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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It is with great pride and profound pleasure that I present to you the Spring 2026 Edition of The Source. Our District was built by Brothers who courageously accepted the responsibility to lead regardless of the climate, circumstance, or challenge before them. Today, we stand on the shoulders of those giants while witnessing Brothers across the Ninth District who are actively leading, serving, and elevating Omega in real time through their commitment, vision, and action. As we look toward the future, we are confident that the Ninth District remains in good hands, with rising generations of Omega Men ready and equipped to lead the charge. As you examine each article and every page, let our history remind you of the sacrifices made and the standards established by those who came before us. This is our Testimony. We are the Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District.

Fraternally,
Bro. Marcus McCoy, M.A.
District Director of Public Relations

MARCUS MCCOY



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BRO. BRUCE THOMPSON'S HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

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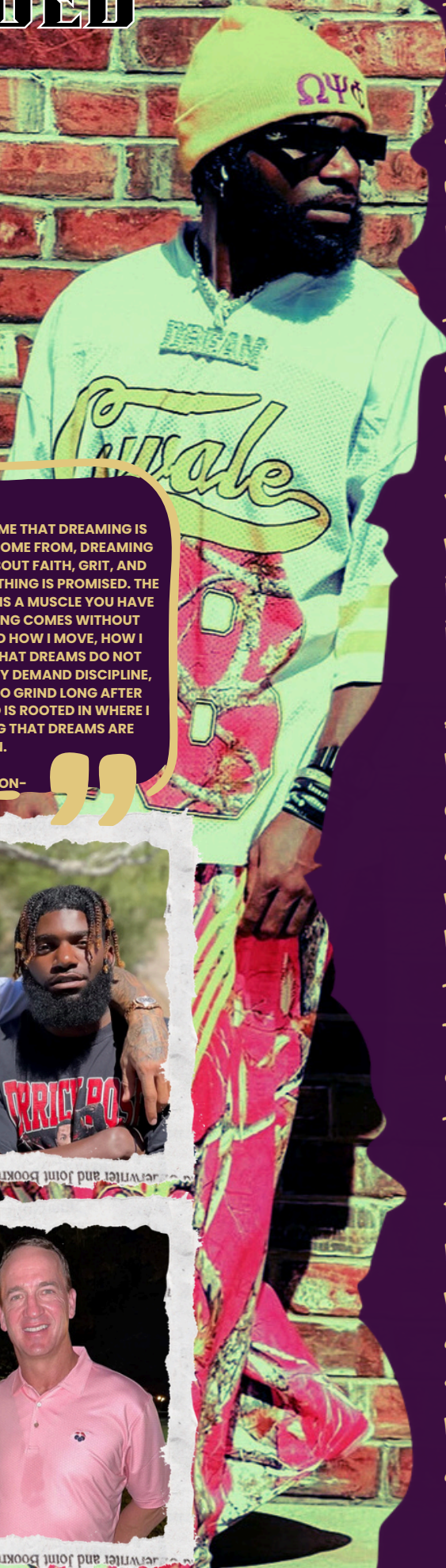


Bro. Bruce Thompson, a New Orleans native and Spring 2016 initiate of the Phi Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, has reached a major milestone in both his professional journey and entrepreneurial impact. Growing up in New Orleans molded the foundation for his creativity and the ability to dream beyond what was deemed impossible. New Orleans is the kind of city that can sometimes make or break a person. That ability to dream big is what led him to start his own company.

Bro. Thompson is the Founder and CEO of DREAMATHON, an innovative apparel brand and lifestyle movement that inspires perseverance, purpose, and belief in one's dreams. Dedicated to all the dreamers, DREAMATHON is built on the belief that anything is achievable as long as you keep going. Through its apparel, the brand empowers individuals to pursue their goals boldly and turn their dreams into reality. This is more than clothing. It is a lifestyle rooted in motivation, resilience, and forward momentum. He has worked with notable National Football League Players (NFL) such as Odell Beckham, Jr., and Rashee Rice to name a few.

BY: BRO. MARCUS MCCOY

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GROWING UP IN NEW ORLEANS TAUGHT ME THAT DREAMING IS NOT A LUXURY; IT IS SURVIVAL. WHERE I COME FROM, DREAMING WAS NEVER ABOUT FANTASY. IT WAS ABOUT FAITH, GRIT, AND LEARNING HOW TO KEEP GOING WHEN NOTHING IS PROMISED. THE TRENCHES TEACH YOU EARLY THAT HOPE IS A MUSCLE YOU HAVE TO WORK EVERY DAY, AND THAT NOTHING COMES WITHOUT SACRIFICE. THAT ENVIRONMENT SHAPED HOW I MOVE, HOW I WORK, AND HOW I BELIEVE. I LEARNED THAT DREAMS DO NOT DISAPPEAR WHEN THINGS GET HARD. THEY DEMAND DISCIPLINE, CONSISTENCY, AND THE WILLINGNESS TO GRIND LONG AFTER MOTIVATION FADES. EVERYTHING I BUILD IS ROOTED IN WHERE I COME FROM AND THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DREAMS ARE EARNED, NOT GIVEN.

-BRO. BRUCE THOMPSON-

That vision has now reached a national stage. In October of 2025, DREAMATHON officially secured a three-year partnership with the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA), a historic achievement that validates the brand's mission and expanding influence. This partnership places DREAMATHON alongside one of the most respected organizations in professional sports, highlighting its cultural and motivational impact.

Adding to the moment, NFL legend Eli Manning personally congratulated Bro. Thompson acknowledged his success and the powerful message behind the brand. The recognition serves as a testament to the authenticity of DREAMATHON and the work being done to inspire dreamers across the world.

Bro. Thompson's journey reflects his vision, leadership, perseverance, and achievement against the odds. His success stands as an inspiration to brothers everywhere and to anyone chasing a dream.






ARKANSAS

PROMOTING COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH OVERDOSE PREVENTION

BY: BRO. TIMOTHY R. WILLIAMS /
UPSILON CHI / NORTHWEST ARKANSAS



Thursday, November 13, 2025, Brothers of Upsilon Chi partnered with End Overdose Arkansas to take part in a vital service initiative focused on overdose prevention and community safety. Through this hands-on effort, Brothers worked together to pack and prepare more than 200 Narcan kits, which will be distributed throughout the community to help prevent fatal opioid overdoses and save lives.

Narcan is a proven, life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when administered promptly. As the opioid crisis continues to affect individuals, families, and communities across Arkansas and the nation, access to Narcan has become increasingly important. This initiative allowed the brothers to directly contribute to harm reduction efforts by ensuring that this critical resource is readily available to those who may encounter overdose emergencies.

Beyond assembling the kits, the partnership with End Overdose Arkansas provided an opportunity for education and awareness. Brothers learned about the signs of an opioid overdose, proper response techniques, and the broader role community members can play in addressing substance misuse with empathy and understanding. These conversations reinforced the importance of reducing stigma and approaching public health challenges with compassion and informed action.

The event also served as a powerful example of service through collaboration. By working alongside a community organization dedicated to overdose prevention, the Fraternity strengthened its ties to local partners and demonstrated a commitment to addressing real and urgent needs. The collective effort highlighted that meaningful service is most effective when it is proactive, intentional, and rooted in care for the well-being of others.



2025 ANNUAL OMEGA PROSTATE CANCER 5K RUN/WALK

BRO. JAY C. HARTMAN SR. / PI OMICRON / LITTLE ROCK, AR

September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. On September 13th, over 216 participants participated in the Pi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi's 13th annual Omega Prostate Cancer 5K Run/Walk. This event took the participants from the Little Rock side of Murray Park over the Big Dam Bridge to the North Little Rock side and back.

The men of Omegas of Greater Little Rock have partnered with the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation for this event to support Prostate Cancer awareness. Too many men will hear the words "You have prostate cancer" in this calendar year. Our goal is to increase recognition, discussion, education, and promotion of yearly screenings for prostate cancer.

Overall, about 17%, or 1 in 6 men, will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime. More than 2.5 million men in America are now living with a diagnosis of prostate cancer. Reports show that prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men in the United States, accounting for about 11% of cancer-related deaths in men.

Thanks to our sponsors: Omegas of Greater Little Rock, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Fleet Feet Sports, AR Cancer Coalition, Coca Cola Consolidated, Southern Bancorp, Entergy, Baptist Health, UA- Little Rock, Keith Jackson, AR Health & Wellness, Healing Hearts & Sprints, Delta Dental, MLK Commission, AR Minority Health and CAW (who provided water and volunteers). We had another very successful event. Over \$13,000 was raised to support the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation and to provide scholarships for deserving high school students.

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The Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation partnered with the Pi Omicron chapter to provide FREE Prostate Cancer Screenings, and the Arkansas Minority Health Commission provided free preventive screenings, including blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, and weight checks, as well as offered home colorectal testing kits, all free of charge.



FEEDING HOPE: PHI MU MU CHAPTER MOBILIZES 2,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

BRO. CHARLES SIMMONS / PHI MU MU / CONWAY, AR

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Phi Mu Mu Chapter, in partnership with the Beta Delta Chapter, continue to demonstrate that effective service is rooted in trust, strategy, and meaningful community partnerships.

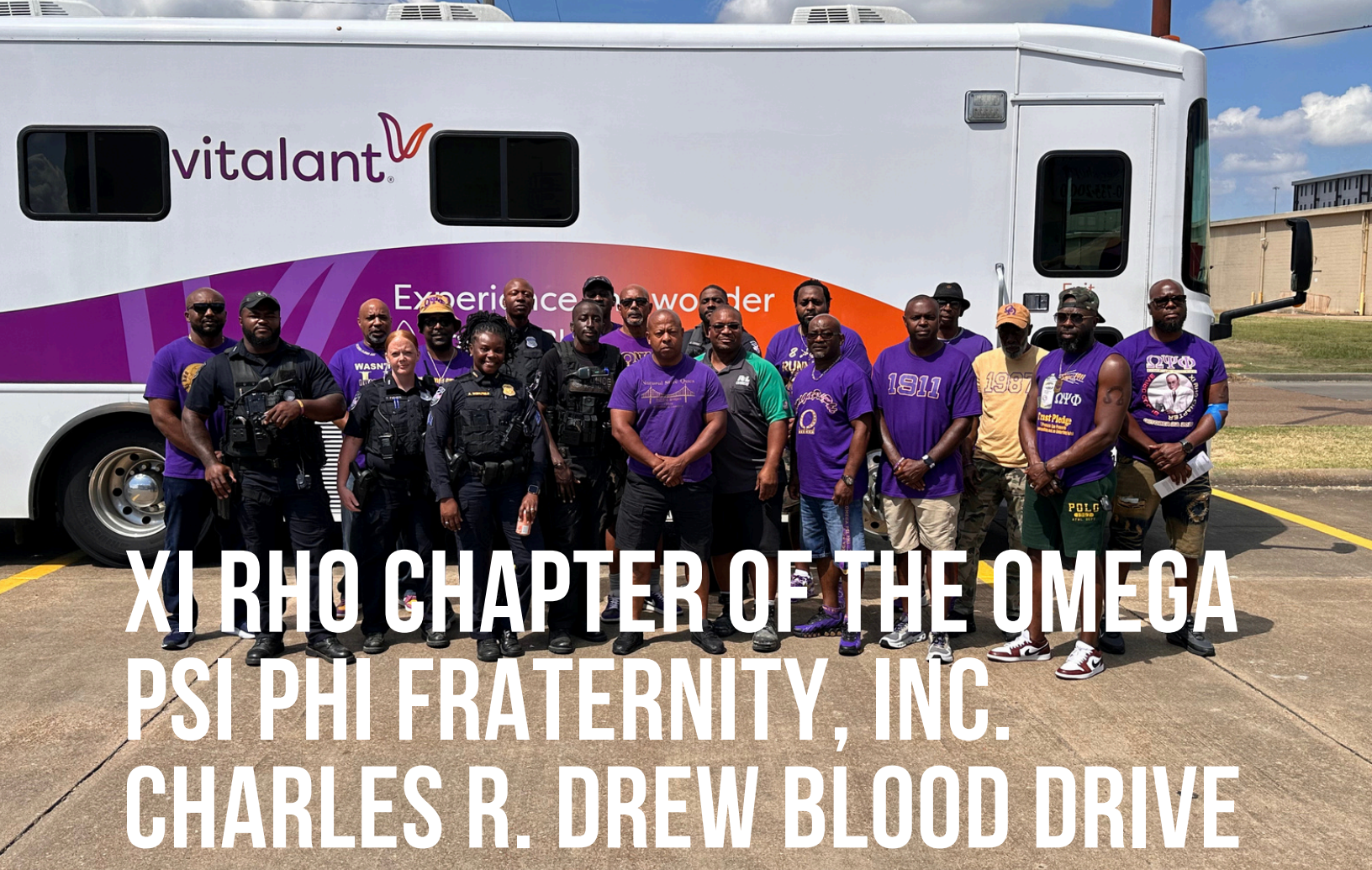
In a recent outreach initiative, Phi Mu Mu Chapter collected 2,000 pounds of food items to support families experiencing food insecurity. Rather than distributing the items independently, the chapter intentionally partnered with two local churches, recognizing their role as trusted conduits within the community—places where relationships already exist and needs are clearly understood.

The food items were evenly distributed between Connect Church, pastored by Bro. Charles E. Simmons Jr., and St. John Baptist Church, pastored by Bro. Melvin Wright. By working through these churches, Phi Mu Mu ensured that the food would reach families with dignity, care, and accountability.

This strategic approach highlights the chapter's commitment not only to service, but to effective service—leveraging established community leadership to maximize impact. Both churches serve as safe and trusted spaces where families can receive support without stigma, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in addressing real community needs.

Through initiatives like this, Phi Mu Mu Chapter continues to live out the cardinal principles while strengthening partnerships that extend the reach of their efforts. The collection and distribution of 2,000 pounds of food reflects the chapter's belief that sustainable impact can be achieved when brethren dwell/serve together in unity.

Phi Mu Mu Chapter remains dedicated to meeting needs, uplifting communities, and serving with purpose—one partnership at a time.



XI RHO CHAPTER OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE

BRO. DERRICK SYKES / XI RHO / WEST MEMPHIS, AR

On August 23, 2025, the Xi Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with Vitalant to hold its annual blood drive. Many members of the West Memphis, Arkansas, community came out to support the brothers during this noble endeavor.

The American Red Cross, which supplies about 40% of the nation's blood, has reported that national blood inventories experienced a 25% reduction as of July 2024. According to Vitalant Blood Donation, hospitals, surgery centers, and emergency treatment centers need approximately 30,000 units of red blood cells every day. This event is not only an opportunity to connect with the people in the community we serve, but a chance to meet a critical need for those most vulnerable.

A total of 20 units of blood were donated during this drive. Based on this number of units, the Xi Rho Chapter and the people of West Memphis could potentially save 60 lives. This has created some enthusiasm about the next Charles R. Drew Blood Drive, and we're already excited to get started. Our next correspondence should indicate that the units donated have exceeded 40, which will be our new goal.

Blood donations are pivotal in preserving the lives of many patients, not only during surgeries that produce excessive hemorrhaging, but also during times of war and conflict. When soldiers get wounded during combat and need blood to replenish losses, they rely on people like us to help them recover and come home safely.

Consider donating blood today. Find additional resources in your area by visiting Vitalant.org. or RedCross.org.



CHAMPIONS WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV / KAPPA CHI / MAGNOLIA, AR

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, demonstrated their commitment to community service by partnering with the Alzheimer's Association as sponsors for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. This powerful collaboration brought together brothers, families, and community members united in the fight against a disease that affects millions worldwide.

Alzheimer's disease remains a devastating global health crisis. Worldwide, more than 55 million people live with dementia, with Alzheimer's representing 60-70% of cases. Every three seconds, someone in the world develops dementia. The disease not only steals memories but also places tremendous emotional and financial burdens on families, with global costs exceeding \$1 trillion annually.

For the Kappa Chi Chapter, this cause carries profound personal significance. Brothers Rufus Woods III and Rufus Woods IV walked with heavy hearts and determined spirits, honoring their father and grandfather, respectively, Mr. Rufus Woods Jr., who bravely battled Alzheimer's disease before passing away in 2024. Their participation transformed statistics into faces, reminding everyone present that behind every number is a beloved family member whose essence slowly fades while their loved ones watch helplessly.

"Walking in his memory keeps his spirit alive," shared the Woods family, whose journey through Alzheimer's mirrors that of countless families worldwide.

The fraternity's sponsorship exemplifies Omega Psi Phi's cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. By supporting research, raising awareness, and providing resources to affected families, the Kappa Chi Chapter brothers demonstrate that brotherhood extends beyond Greek letters—it encompasses compassion for all humanity.

As purple and gold colors mingled with the Alzheimer's Association's signature flowers along the walk route, one message resonated clearly: together, we can end Alzheimer's disease.

BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH SERVICE: PHI MU MU CHAPTER SUPPORTS FAMILY-FOCUSED OUTREACH

Bro. Charles Simmons / Phi Mu Mu / Conway, AR

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Phi Mu Mu Chapter continue to demonstrate their commitment to service by supporting initiatives that uplift families and create safe, positive experiences for youth.

In partnership with Bridge 2 Success, Phi Mu Mu Chapter played an active role in helping ensure the organization's Trunk or Treat event was a resounding success. Bridge 2 Success is dedicated to empowering youth and families through mentorship, education, and community support, making the collaboration a meaningful alignment of mission and impact.

The Trunk or Treat event provided a fun, family-friendly environment where children could safely enjoy the Halloween season while families connected with community partners committed to their well-being. Brothers of Phi Mu Mu assisted through volunteer support, engagement with families, and hands-on participation that helped create an inviting and organized atmosphere for attendees.

By contributing candy and treats, enthusiasm, the trunks of their vehicle, and brotherly presence, Phi Mu Mu Chapter helped enhance the overall experience of the event—ensuring it was not only enjoyable, but also reflective of strong community partnership and care. The collaboration emphasized the importance of positive alternatives for youth and reinforced the value of community organizations working together for a shared purpose.

This initiative stands as another example of Phi Mu Mu Chapter's dedication to service beyond the letters. Through intentional partnerships like the one with Bridge 2 Success, the chapter continues to support programs that foster connection, encouragement, and opportunity for families and youth.

Phi Mu Mu Chapter remains committed to serving where it matters most—building bridges, strengthening communities, and leaving a lasting impact through purposeful action.





FOX 13 NEWS MEDIA LITERACY TOUR

XI RHO / WEST MEMPHIS, AR

Omega Uplift Academy equips our young men with tools to lead, serve, and thrive. One critical tool we launched is media literacy—understanding how news is gathered, verified, and reported. The news cycle shapes public opinion and influences decisions at every level. Teaching them to question sources, recognize bias, and value truth builds resilience against misinformation and empowers civic responsibility.

The recent Fox13 Memphis news station tour gave mentees a firsthand look at journalism in action. They observed live broadcasts, explored behind-the-scenes roles like editing and camera operation, and spoke with anchors about fact-checking and ethical reporting.

A highlight was participating in a mock news segment, which boosted confidence and demonstrated how the power of images can control the narrative. This experience transformed abstract concepts into tangible career possibilities, showing how integrity and technology intersect in modern media.

They learned that journalism is more than a job—it's a calling to inform, inspire, and hold power accountable. Careers range from: Reporters and Editors, Videographers and Camera Operators, Social Media Managers, Data Analysts and Multimedia Producers. The immediate takeaway was that these roles combine storytelling with technology, offer travel, provide access to influential events, and create transferable skills like research, communication, and leadership.

A hot topic of discussion was how artificial intelligence is transforming newsrooms. AI tools streamline tasks like transcription and data analysis, but they also introduce ethical dilemmas—bias, transparency, and the risk of eroding journalistic integrity. Deepfakes and AI-driven misinformation challenge truth verification, while automation pressures traditional roles. We saw in real-time how journalists must master digital tools without sacrificing accuracy, diversity, and accountability.

Through Omega Uplift Academy, we are able to integrate media literacy into Civic Engagement—and offer enrichment like news station tours, guest speakers, and AI literacy discussions. We hope that these experiences prepare youth for a world where technology and truth intersect, ensuring they remain informed, adaptable, and purpose-driven.



SERVING WITH PURPOSE THROUGH LAUNDRY LOVE

BRO. TIMOTHY WILLIAMS / UPSILON CHI / NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

On Friday, December 1, 2025, Brothers of Upsilon Chi proudly served a hot meal to families and individuals participating in Laundry Love - Rogers, Arkansas, continuing our commitment to service and community uplift.

Laundry Love is a national initiative that partners with local laundromats to assist neighbors in need by providing free access to wash and dry clothing and bedding. While families and individuals were able to take care of this essential task, Brothers were present to offer warm meals, fellowship, encouragement, and genuine hospitality.

These efforts helped create an environment rooted in dignity and respect, reminding participants that they are seen, valued, and supported.

Throughout the evening, Brothers engaged in meaningful conversations and built connections with members of the community, reinforcing the importance of presence and empathy in service work. The experience highlighted that impact is not only found in what is provided, but also in how it is delivered. A shared meal, a listening ear, and a welcoming smile can go a long way in uplifting spirits and strengthening community bonds.

The Brothers were honored to participate in this impactful program and to serve alongside community partners who share a dedication to care and compassion. Through initiatives like Laundry Love, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated continues to demonstrate that service, when delivered with purpose and heart, can make a lasting difference.

OMEGA PSI PHI BROTHER SHERIFF LEROY MARTIN II SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER THROUGH SHOP WITH A COP

Bro. Rufus Woods IV / Kappa Chi / Magnolia, AR

Brother Leroy Martin II, Sheriff of Columbia County, continues to exemplify the principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through his dedicated service to the Magnolia community, most recently demonstrated through the heartwarming Shop with a Cop initiative.

The annual program provides young children and families in need the opportunity to shop safely alongside law enforcement officers, ensuring they experience a bright and joyful Christmas season. Under Sheriff Martin's leadership, the initiative has become a beloved tradition that strengthens the bond between the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the families it serves.

"Shop with a Cop is about more than just providing gifts," said Sheriff Martin. "It's about building trust, creating positive interactions, and showing our young people that we are here for them."

Bro. Martin's commitment to service extends far beyond his badge. A proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. since Spring 1996, he was initiated through the Delta Eta Chapter and has remained an active and engaged brother for nearly three decades. He currently holds membership in the Kappa Chi Graduate Chapter, where he serves as Vice Basileus, demonstrating continued leadership within the organization.

His dual role as Sheriff and fraternity leader allows Bro. Martin to embody the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift daily. Whether patrolling the streets of Columbia County or mentoring the next generation of Omega men, his dedication to excellence remains unwavering.

The Kappa Chi Graduate Chapter celebrates Bro. Martin's tireless efforts to represent the fraternity with distinction while serving as a pillar of the Magnolia community.

Columbia County is fortunate to have a sheriff whose heart for service extends to every resident, especially during the holiday season.

Congratulations, Bro. Sheriff Leroy Martin II, on your continued impact and leadership.



OMEGA PSI PHI'S XI RHO CHAPTER SPREADS HOPE AT 8TH STREET MISSION

XI RHO / WEST MEMPHIS, AR

This past Saturday, the Xi Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. brought brotherhood, service, and compassion to West Memphis during our Omega Day of Service at the 8th Street Mission for Jesus Christ.

From 12–3 p.m., Brothers came together to support more than 30 Mission residents with food, fellowship, and a powerful reminder that they are seen, valued, and never forgotten.

With 81 active members across our service area, Xi Rho answered the call by donating gently used and brand-new clothing for men, women, and children. The outpouring was incredible—bags full of jackets, garments, and essential items poured in, reflecting our unwavering commitment to Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The 8th Street Mission—led by Pastor Tommy Banks—continues to be a lifeline in Crittenden County, offering meals, shelter, transitional support, and hope to those facing life's toughest challenges. Pastor Banks shared his appreciation, saying:

“I’m grateful that the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi took time out to think of those whom society sometimes overlooks. Their presence reminds our residents that they are not forgotten.”

In true Omega fashion, the brothers also fired up the grill and served hot dogs, drinks, and plenty of encouraging conversation. The laughter, connection, and unity throughout the afternoon made this more than just a service project—it became a moment of meaningful impact.

One Brother captured the spirit of the day perfectly: “We just want the residents to know that society has not given up on them. We’re here to walk with them, support them, and believe in their breakthrough.”

The gratitude shared by Pastor Banks and the Mission residents was immediate, but the impact will go far beyond the weekend. Xi Rho is already committed to returning in 2026 with an even greater show of support.

Saturday wasn’t just a day of service—it was a beacon of hope. And the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Xi Rho Chapter continue to prove that service isn’t just what we do...it’s who we are.



TO PROTECT & SERVE

BRO. RUFUS WOODS IV / KAPPA CHI / MAGNOLIA, AR

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chi Chapter, proudly celebrates Brother Taylor Waters, a Fall 2025 initiate, on his graduation from the police academy and his new role as a deputy with the Little Rock Police Department.

Bro. Waters' achievement represents the fraternity's core principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift in action. His commitment to serving and protecting the Little Rock community exemplifies the organization's dedication to developing leaders who make meaningful contributions to society.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," said Chapter Basileus, Bro. Rufus Woods III. "Bro. Waters has demonstrated the determination and character that Omega Psi Phi men are known for. We are incredibly proud to see him answer the call to serve his community in this capacity."

As a newly initiated member of the historic Black Greek-letter organization, Bro. Waters joins a legacy of Omega men who have dedicated their lives to public service across law enforcement, military, government, and civic leadership. Founded in 1911 at Howard University, Omega Psi Phi has produced generations of men committed to uplifting their communities.

Bro. Waters expressed gratitude for the support he received throughout his academy training. His graduation marks the beginning of a career devoted to public service.

The fraternity encourages the community to join in congratulating Bro. Waters on this milestone achievement. His willingness to serve stands as an inspiration to fellow brothers and young men considering careers in law enforcement.

As he pins on his badge and begins this new chapter, Bro. Taylor Waters carries with him the pride of his fraternity and the hopes of a community he has sworn to protect. Congratulations, Bro. Waters. Friendship is essential to the soul.





PACKED WITH PURPOSE: PHI MU MU CHAPTER PARTNERS WITH CAPCA TO SERVE CONWAY COMMUNITY WITH OVER 600 CARE PACKS

BRO. CHARLES SIMMONS / PHI MU MU / CONWAY, AR

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Phi Mu Mu Chapter continue to exemplify the fraternity’s commitment to service through meaningful community partnerships and impactful outreach.

In a recent initiative, Phi Mu Mu Chapter partnered with CAPCA (Community Action Program for Central Arkansas) to provide over 600 large care packs to individuals and families in need throughout the Conway area. CAPCA’s mission is to reduce poverty, revitalize communities, and empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency, making this collaboration a natural alignment of purpose and service.

Each care pack was thoughtfully assembled to meet practical, everyday needs. Items included disinfectant wipes, antibacterial wipes, socks, boxes of tissue, and other vital hygiene and household essentials—resources that provide both relief and dignity to recipients during challenging times.

This partnership reflects Phi Mu Mu Chapter’s ongoing commitment to addressing real needs within the community through strategic collaboration. By working alongside CAPCA, the chapter was able to extend its reach and maximize its impact, ensuring that essential resources were distributed efficiently and effectively to those who needed them most.

More than a single act of service, this initiative represents the heart of Omega Psi Phi’s cardinal principle of Service. The brothers of Phi Mu Mu Chapter remain steadfast in their dedication to uplifting communities through intentional action, strong partnerships, and a shared belief that just like friendship, service is not optional—it is essential.

As Phi Mu Mu Chapter continues to move forward, initiatives like this reaffirm the chapter’s role as a consistent and trusted presence in the community, committed to excellence, compassion, and the ongoing work of making a tangible difference.

THE ART OF HEALING: A PINK & PURPLE EXPERIENCE

BRO. TIMOTHY WILLIAMS / UPSILON CHI / NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

The Upsilon Chi Chapter proudly partnered with the Phi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to host The Art of Healing: A Pink & Purple Experience, an inspiring evening centered on healing, awareness, and community empowerment.

Held on Wednesday, October 29, at Wild Brush Revival in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the event brought together fraternity and sorority members, community partners, and supporters for a meaningful night of art and advocacy. The Pink and Purple theme symbolized the dual focus of the evening, raising awareness for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence, two issues that deeply impact families and communities nationwide.

Guests were guided through a therapeutic painting experience led by MyTByDesign, who skillfully encouraged participants to express healing and resilience through art. The atmosphere was one of reflection, creativity, and unity, reinforcing the idea that healing can take many forms when a community comes together with purpose.

We are also deeply grateful to representatives from Peace at Home Family Shelter and Lighthouse Solutions, who shared powerful messages, vital resources, and insight into the ongoing work being done to support survivors and promote safe, healthy communities.

Attendees were encouraged to bring donations for Peace at Home Family Shelter, further demonstrating a collective commitment to making an impact beyond the event itself. The generosity shown by those in attendance was a true reflection of Uplift.

The Art of Healing was more than an event. It was a reminder of the power of collaboration, compassion, and community action. Together, we continue to heal, uplift, and empower those we serve.





HONORING BROTHER JOE CARTER: A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE

BRO. CHARLES SIMMONS / PHI MU MU / CONWAY, AR

On September 7, 2025, during Phi Mu Mu Chapter's Evening Meeting, Brother Joe Carter was honored with his 50-Year Service Award—a milestone that reflects both his devotion to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and his lifelong commitment to excellence. Brother Carter's journey began at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA), where he left an indelible mark as a student-athlete. He was named All-AIC First Team in both 1976 and 1977, and in 1977 earned First Team NAIA All-District honors. His impact on the field was later immortalized when he was inducted into the UCA Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2007.

In 1975, Brother Carter crossed into Omega Psi Phi through the Beta Delta Chapter, as a member of the historic "Mad Dog Express" line of 15—the largest line in Beta Delta's 53-year history. His initiation began a lifetime of brotherhood, service, and leadership that continues to inspire. Within the Phi Mu Mu Chapter, Brother Carter has served faithfully as Talent Hunt Chair and Achievement Week Chair, along with other roles that highlight his dedication to uplifting youth, fostering achievement, and advancing the fraternity's mission. His work exemplifies the four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The recognition of Brother Carter's 50 years of service is not only a testament to his loyalty to Omega Psi Phi but also to the countless lives he has touched along the way. The brothers of Phi Mu Mu proudly celebrate his legacy and look forward to the impact his example will continue to make for future generations.

IHQ: Omega World Center Still Vibrant 30 Years Later

Brother Dr. Jesse J. Hargrove

On December 5-9, 1995, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, celebrated the opening of its new Omega World Center. This event was historic! The Fraternity was now relocating to a region where there was a growing influence of Omega men and an increasing presence of African Americans relocating to the "Deep South." To move the Omega Headquarters from the Nation's Capitol, then located at 2714 Georgia Avenue NW in Washington, DC, to an anticipated sprawling suburban area located at 3951 Snapfinger Parkway in Decatur, Georgia, would indeed be a daunting experience. However, Omega would be up for the challenge. "The Difficult We Do Immediately" could be heard to resound throughout this arduous process of relocating. The spirit of Founder Edgar Amos Love was still with the brotherhood during this time of moving. Brothers recalled when our Founder, Love, had spoken at the 50th Anniversary on the importance of "The Difficult." The news that the official headquarters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was relocating to the Deep South echoed around the nation faster than the "Sounding of the Drum." Soon, Omega would be opening its doors to the public. Thus, it became the first African American Greek-lettered organization to locate its headquarters in the Deep South. The idea was conceived under the administration of Brother C. Tyrone Gilmore, Sr., who served as the 34th Grand Basileus, 1990-94.

"It's Miller's Time" became the slogan that ushered in the new administration of Brother Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, who served as the 35th Grand Basileus and one who would have both the task and honor of implementing the plan to relocate and dedicate this new "Omega World Center." Grand Basileus Dorsey Miller struck gold when he named the capable First Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Adam E. McKee, Jr., as Chairman of the World Center Dedication Committee. The Dillard University-trained alum had been tutored by Brother Dr. Albert W. Dent, the 16th Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi and served as Dillard's President, 1941-69. McKee observed the unique history of the first four Presidents of Dillard University being Omega Men (William Stuart Nelson, LL.D., 1936-40, Albert W. Dent, L.H.D., 1941-69, Broadus N. Butler, Ph.D., L.H.D., 1969-73, and Samuel DuBois Cook, Ph.D., L.H.D., 1974-1997). History reveals that the Omega Psi Phi's first history book, written by Brother Herman Dreer, was commissioned under Brother Dr. Albert W. Dent when he served as the 16th Grand Basileus. So, Grand Basileus Dorsey Miller had made a golden crown with the Morehouse and Dillard connection and training of Omega mentees and alumni who rose to become College Presidents between the two HBCUs and Bro. Benjamin E Mays.

This building, which had previously housed the Georgia Association of Educators, is now preparing to be the third headquarters for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The first headquarters that was purchased by the fraternity in 1949 was located at 107 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC. There were several rented spaces before this Rhode Island location. However, in 1964, the founders purchased and moved the Fraternity into its second permanently owned headquarters located on the property, 2714 Georgia Avenue NW, which was Omega's headquarters for 31 years, until 1995. The 35th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Dorsey Miller, was ready to open and formally dedicate this grand headquarters on December 5-9, 1995, with Saturday, December 9, 1995, as the date for the formal dedication. Highlights of the five-day event leading up to the dedication included the historic presentation of nine living Grand Basilei who interacted with the brothers in attendance. The membership at the time of the dedication was 120,000 brothers. The brothers honored the multi-year Housing Assessment fee, and shouts of "It is Ours! It is Ours!" echoed throughout Omega Land when Grand Basileus Dorsey Miller signed the closing papers on December 30, 1994. There were many changes in the United States in the year after the signing of the headquarters, such as the acquittal of the O.J. Simpson verdict on October 3, 1995, followed by the "Million Man March" scheduled on October 16, 1995, both of which preceded the Omega Dedication scheduled on December 9, 1995. Other notable events included the unveiling of the Dr. Ernest E. Just Postal Stamp. This was a joyful and heartfelt assemblage of Brothers who gathered in a huge tent that housed nearly 800. In another plenary session, Neophytes who crossed with our distinguished Brother Shaquille O'Neil were revealed on December 8, 1995. (Photo by Dr. Jesse J. Hargrove)



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Brother Dr. Moses C. Norman, the 33rd Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, was the Presiding Official over this historic Dedication Program on Saturday, December 9, 1995. This Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new "Omega World Center", over time, became recognized and acknowledged as the International Headquarters (IHQ) when yours truly began to jostle with the distinguished Brother Dr. John S. Epps on the distinction and value of national vs. international designation. Some of the program highlights of the Dedication included a Parade of Colors by the Buffalo Soldiers, Tenth Calvary - Troop A, invocation by Brother Ferrell J. Duncombe, DD., Grand Chaplain, Occasion by Brother Dr. Adam E. McKee, First Vice Grand Basileus; Greetings by Honorable Thurbert Baker, Georgia State Representative, District 70, Honorable Liane Levetan, Chief Executive Officer, Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, Honorable Elizabeth Wilson, Mayor City of Decatur, Honorable Bill Campbell, City of Atlanta, and Brother C. Tyrone Gilmore, Thirty-fourth Grand Basileus. Music was provided by the "Omega Chorale" under the direction of Brother Henry Porter. The Introduction of Speaker, Brother Milton D. Johnson II, Chair, World Headquarters Building Fund Committee. The Dedication Speaker was Brother Earl G. Graves, Publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine, and Chairman and CEO of Earl Graves, Ltd. There was another selection from the Omega Chorale followed by Special Presentations from Brother Warren G. Lee, Grand Keeper of Finance; Brother Calvin L. Brown, Esq., Grand Counselor; Brother Mark E. Jackson, Second Vice Grand Basileus; Brother Robert W. Fairchild, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; Honorable James E. Clyburn, House of Representatives; and Mr. Spurgeon Richardson, Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. The unveiling of Dr. Ernest E. Just Founder's Stamp was introduced by Brother Dr. John Epps, Executive Director. The Presentation of the Dr. Ernest E. Just Stamp was by the Honorable Legree S. Daniels, Governor, U.S. Postal Service. The Presentation of Keys to the Grand Basileus was made by Brother Leon B. Babridge, Chair, Housing Authority. Acceptance and Remarks were made by Grand Basileus, Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, followed by a Dedicatory Prayer by our distinguished Brother, the Reverend Dr. Mack King Carter, Ph.D., Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Buffalo Soldiers were directed to "Retire the Colors," and Chaplain Ferrell Duncombe rendered the Benediction.

Following the formal program, the brothers and community witnessed a historic "Ribbon Cutting" Ceremony and Reception in the James Andrew Elam Auditorium. Brother Richard H. Smith, Assistant Executive Director, hosted this Open House. The Supreme Council was present, prominently represented and included Mark E. Jackson, Second Vice Grand Basileus; Tony Collins, Grand Marshall; George Grace, 7th District Representative, and Ricky L. Lewis, 12th District Representative. There were notable members representing Districts, including Owsley Spiller, 10th District, and Kenneth Brown, 3rd District. There were five Atlanta Area Chapters hosting the Dedication: Eta Omega, Kappa Alpha Alpha, Tau Chapter, Chi Gamma Gamma, and Alpha Sigma. There were twenty (20) notable Brothers on the World Headquarters Building Fund Committee, each representing 20 Pearls. In 2026, the IHQ will be 31 years old and will equal the age of its second permanently owned headquarters at 2714 Georgia Avenue N.W. in Washington, DC. The then 35th Grand Basileus Dorsey Miller challenged this International Co-Chair, Artifacts and Memorabilia, to write an assessment of the IHQ as it approaches its re-dedication year in 2026. In his admonition, he gave terse words to "Plan for Future Generation of Omega Men." The Omega Museum is an opportunity to witness his advice in action. Planning for 50-100 years from now was 1995 back then. The old committee used to be "Afro-American Life and History." Today, the new committee is "History and Archives," thanks to the memory of Brother Dr. Johnnie Harris, under whom I served as his Co-Chair. So, let Omega Men know the importance of learning their history. Let Omega Men go into the year 2026, marking the 100th Birthday of African American History Month, and reminding the world that Omega's beloved Brother, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, established a dedicated month in February to kick off the study of a great people, and our Omega World Center is a part of this great history.



WHAT KIND OF CHAPTER ADVISOR AM I?

Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams

What kind of chapter advisor am I?

Am I a chapter advisor to say I am in the “Now” of Omega Psi Phi, or am I a chapter advisor to nurture and guide the “Future” of our brotherhood? Am I a chapter advisor for “Me” and my “Ambitions”, or am I a chapter advisor because of my desire to “Continuously Aspire” to help my younger brothers?

Do I want to let what I want to accomplish for myself override how I choose to positively contribute to the lives of my younger brothers as I try to accomplish the professional goals I have set for my life?

Do I want to always “Speak about what I have done for the fraternity” or do I want the work I do on behalf of the fraternity “Speak for Me”? Should I “lift as I climb”, or tell my young brothers that the ladder is... "Over there...climb it yourselves, because I don't have time"?

What kind of a chapter advisor am I???

For if I evade guiding/mentoring my younger brothers as they grow into men of their prospective communities, can I blame any other brother coming after me for misguiding the little man (My Son) I have in tow? Should I help my young brothers to really understand all that should be understood by the phrase “See it through”...Or is it good enough to just say, well, all that mattered was “I was owt too!!!

What kind of a chapter advisor am I?

Well, I should be proud to serve my younger brothers as that guiding, steady hand, and voice of logic for many reasons... Because if I don't, is it possible that my beloved Omega Psi Phi may run “Owt” of seasons???. While I should not feel the need to be “appointed” or “elected” to mentor my young brothers from going awry...

I do, however, need to know for myself, that when the moment calls for it most, with my young brothers coming into Omega as Undergraduates is...what kind of a chapter advisor am I???



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A black and white photograph of the Louisiana State Capitol building, a tall, Art Deco-style skyscraper with a prominent spire. The building is centered in the background. In the foreground, a wide, paved walkway leads towards the building, flanked by low, manicured hedges. The sky is clear and bright. The word "LOUISIANA" is overlaid in large, stylized purple letters with a gold outline across the middle of the image.

LOUISIANA

DESIGNING LEGACY: BRYSON PAYNE'S JOURNEY THROUGH ART, IDENTITY, AND IMPACT

Bro. Bryson Payne / Theta Sigma / New Orleans, LA



My name is Bryson Payne. I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. I am a student-athlete on Dillard University's baseball team, a graphic design, illustration major, an intern with McCallman Co./ slow foods program of Dillard University, and a proud member of the Theta Sigma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. I intend to become one of the world's most influential artists, designers, and curators, leaving an everlasting impact through my creative vision. Growing up in Chicago, I was constantly surrounded by vivid forms of self-expression—murals, graffiti, fashion, and the textured rhythm of urban life. These elements shaped my early understanding of creativity and became the foundation of my artistic journey. Over time, I refined my creative voice through graffiti, painting, and illustration, while also expanding into photography and graphic design. Each medium gives me a unique language to connect with people, especially as a young Black creative navigating diverse communities and artistic spaces.

My education at Dillard University in New Orleans has further strengthened my practice. Since 2023, I've been fortunate to participate in a range of exhibitions and creative opportunities, including the O-What a Night Gala and Auction, showings with the 312 Art Collective in Chicago, multiple fashion show collaborations, the Gathered Gems Art Show, Mr. Wolf's Big Art Sale, and a solo exhibition with Main Squeeze Juice Co. This solo show marked a turning point, reinforcing my belief that art can live powerfully within everyday environments. I've also exhibited work in both the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and NoMA. I also designed booths for brands during Summer Smash 2025. I've been fortunate enough to also have had Brand collaborations with companies such as Blick Art Materials, Posca, Tones of Melanin, Historically Black Since, Main Squeeze Juice Co., and a recent Puma advertisement displaying a custom bag I designed, which have taught me invaluable lessons about the intersections of art, audience, and community. Today, my practice blends tradition with innovation. As I continue expanding my skills and visual storytelling, I aim to build a global brand that inspires, resonates, and leaves an everlasting mark long after my time.



UNITY TASTES BETTER: COOKING WITH THE CANNONS

BRO. SHELDON CANNON / PHI IOTA IOTA / LAPLACE, LA

In Louisiana, food tells the story before the people do. For my wife, Gabrielle, and me, cooking together did more than creating good meals. It created understanding, harmony, and eventually a business rooted in service to the Mighty Ninth District states. Gabrielle is from Monroe, Louisiana, where cooking is simple, soulful, and grounded in family tradition. Recipes are respected, pots are lighter, and seasoning is measured with care. The food reflects comfort, consistency, and the belief that Grandma already perfected the formula, so you do not touch it. I am from Edgard, Louisiana, where cooking is bold, layered, and unapologetically seasoned. Down here, food is jazz. There are no measurements, no holding back, and no stopping until the ancestors say, "That's enough." Our roux cooks a little darker, our pots are heavier, and every meal is meant to speak before you ever take a bite. Two different kitchens. One family, The Cannon's.

When we got married, those differences collided in both funny and meaningful ways. She would ask why I was adding so much. I would ask why she was not. What began as playful banter slowly became a space for connection. Cooking became where we talked, laughed, compromised, and learned from one another beyond words. In that space, something bigger was born. Our shared love for food grew into Chef Cannon's Catering, a business that has proudly served thousands of people and completed over 100 events across the country. That love for food also turned into our live Facebook show "Cooking with the Cannons", where we discuss everything food, business, and family! Even our son joins in, sometimes choosing his mother's northern comfort, other times craving his father's southern heat. Watching him enjoy both reminded us that Louisiana's strength is not in division, but in fusion. Today, Cooking with the Cannons is more than content or a business. It is our family's love language, a celebration of culture, and a commitment to community. Every plate we serve carries the same message: Unity tastes better.

LAMBDA ALPHA CHAPTER READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF) ANNUAL BOOK GIVEAWAY 2025

BROTHER TROY BOATNER, LAMBDA ALPHA, BATON ROUGE, LA)

The Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. uses its Annual Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Book Giveaway on December 28, 2025, to exhibit 2 of the Cardinal Principles: Scholarship and Uplift to over 1000 students at four elementary schools in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

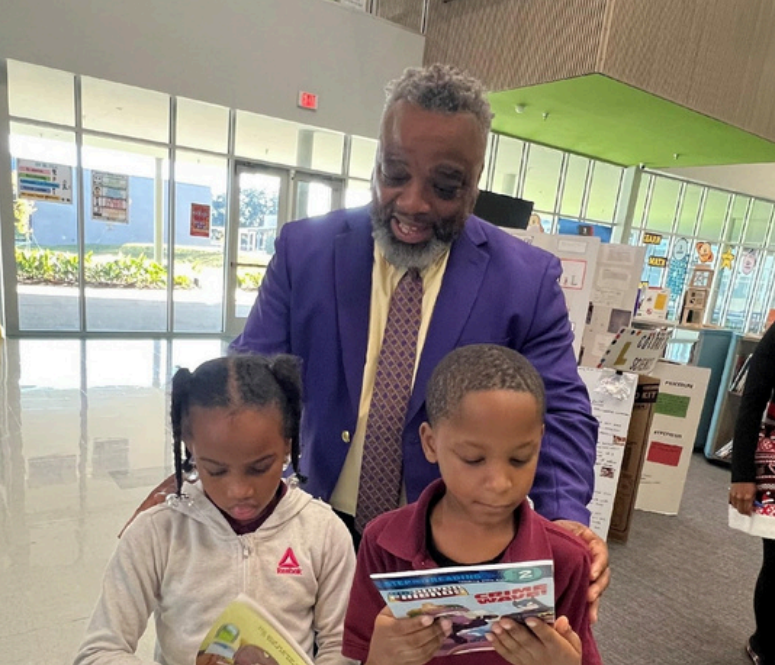
The RIF Initiative is one of the cornerstone events done by the Lambda Alpha Chapter in Baton Rouge.

It gives the chapter brothers a sense of pride and joy as they pass the books out to the students. The smiles on the faces of the students receiving the books are heartwarming and a reminder of the importance of Lambda Alpha promoting reading in our Inner-City Schools.

Students at four schools: Claiborne Elementary School (420 students), Capital Elementary School (495 students), McKinley Elementary School (625 students), and Progress Elementary School (537 students) were recipients of books this year. The total number of students receiving books this year was 2,077.

The Assembly/Book Distribution dates were Thursday, December 4th, Progress Elementary; Thursday, December 11th, McKinley Elementary; Friday, December 12th, Claiborne Elementary, and Thursday, December 18th, Capitol Elementary. All these schools are in Baton Rouge, La.

The partnership with The Lambda Alpha Chapter and the participating schools is led by the RIF Committee Chairman, Dr. Bro. Earl Perkins (4-Zeta-72).



READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Spreading Hope and Holiday Cheer Through Service

**BRO. BRANDON THEUS & BRO ANTWONE JACOBS, GAMMA
OMICRON,
MINDEN, LA**

Spreading Hope and Holiday Cheer Through Service
Christmas is a time of joy—a phrase often taken for granted. Around the world, many go without food, shelter, or family during the holidays. In the true spirit of Omega brotherhood and service, the chapter tries to conclude the year with impactful community outreach initiatives that bring hope, joy, and tangible support to families throughout the Minden community. It is here that our very own Bro. Tyrone Grider shines the brightest.

For over a decade, Brother Grider’s family has dedicated themselves to serving the Minden community. On the morning of December 25, 2025, the chapter partnered with Brother Grider’s “Beautiful Secret Foundation” and New Light Baptist Church to participate in the Community with Love Project. The day begins with preparing home-cooked meals for homeless and less fortunate families. Chapter brothers and members of our Omega Mentoring Group also assemble gift bags and ensure each plate is personally delivered. Through this effort, more than 150 families received hot Christmas meals and a token of our love, spreading the spirit of the holiday across Minden.

The chapter’s outreach continued through a collaborative Bike and Toy Drive with Brother Grider. Leading up to Christmas, brothers donated and collected bicycles and toys for less fortunate youth in the community. On Christmas Day, several bicycles and numerous toys were delivered to children, creating unforgettable moments of joy and reinforcing the chapter’s dedication to youth development and community care.

Through partnerships, service, and intentional outreach, the chapter remains steadfast in its mission to uplift the community while exemplifying the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Brother Tyrone Grider stands as a shining example of service and duty. As one brother reflected, “Working alongside Bro. Grider, every year, reminds me what true service looks like. It’s inspiring to give back in such a meaningful way.” These initiatives are a testament to what can be achieved when brotherhood meets purpose and compassion.





2025 CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE

BRO. KEITH TAYLOR / RHO PHI / NEW ORLEANS, LA

Rho Phi Chapter held its 30th annual Charles R. Drew blood drive. This year, the event was held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the old WBOK radio station building located at 1639 Gentilly Boulevard from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The purpose of the event was to address the urgent need for adequate blood supplies at local hospitals in New Orleans, La. This is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and one of the many health initiatives that the fraternity organizes in the local communities each year. “Dr. Charles R. Drew, a member of our fraternity, was the developer of techniques for storing and transfusing blood plasma and the first Director of the American Red Cross Blood Bank, and we feel that the Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive is one of our most important programs held annually”, said Darrin Browder, Basileus of Rho Phi Chapter. This year’s donations were 39 units of blood. Seven were first-time donors, and three donors did the double red donation. Double red is a specialized type of blood donation where the donor gives two units of red blood cells (RBC) in a single session. It provides twice the amount of RBC as a whole blood donation. It is important because this donation can help meet the critical need of RBCs for patients with anemia, blood disorders, and those undergoing surgery or trauma. Also, several blood donors had the rare RH+ Sickle Cell Negs factor, which allows these units of blood to go directly to patients that are in need of this blood type. “The little bit of time a donor takes to donate blood is a life line two patients in our area who need blood to remain healthy”, said Bobbie Smith, Rho Phi’s Blood Drive Committee Chairman. “The units of blood collected this year at the blood drive represent saving over 100 lives, and since blood cannot be manufactured, patients rely heavily on the generosity of volunteer blood donors every day”, said Ms. Rose Lodrigues, a blood drive coordinator at the New Orleans Blood Center. It is estimated that every 3 seconds, someone needs blood. “There’s a lot of work that needs to be done in this area to highlight this critical issue. Events like this allow Rho Phi chapter and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to Shine Our Light”, said Christopher Hamilton, Co-Chairman of the Blood Drive Committee.



2025 DOLL AND TOY FUND DISTRIBUTION

BRO. KEITH TAYLOR / RHO PHI / NEW ORLEANS, LA



The Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that began in 1896, whose mission is to bring joy to children of families in need in the greater New Orleans area. The fund has fundraising activities throughout the year for monetary donations in order to purchase toys, school supplies, snacks, and more for as many children as possible. The Fund holds an annual toy distribution on the Saturday before Christmas Day, where all children ages 12 and under are welcome to attend. For the last 8 years Rho Phi chapter has partnered with the Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund to sponsor the event. Brothers from Rho Phi also volunteer to distribute snack bags to the families as they leave the event. The event this year was held at Xavier University's Convocation Center on December 13, 2025. Rho Phi's participation in the event began through the efforts of chapter brother Charles Allen, III, a former member of the fund's board. Brother Allen, III stated that "the gift distribution is the day that we all work so hard for! It's a day filled with excitement and joy as we get to play Santa's elves and help thousands of children and families during the holiday season". Brother Allen, III's father, Charles Allen, Jr., was also a member of the Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund for many years.

THREADS OF BROTHERHOOD: DELTA TAU COMMUNITY DRIVE

By: Bro. Hakeem Rhodes



The men of the Delta Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., proudly partnered with Our Brother's Keeper to host a clothing drive supporting women and children in the Plaquemine community. This initiative was inspired by the fraternity's enduring commitment to uplift and empower local families, embodying the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Acknowledging the ongoing needs within the community, the chapter sought to provide essential clothing items that could bring comfort, confidence, and dignity to families facing hardship.

Over several weeks, the brothers organized and promoted the drive throughout Plaquemine and surrounding areas, encouraging residents, businesses, and fraternity alumni to participate. The Delta Tau House served as the central drop-off location, where community members could conveniently bring gently used and new clothing donations. The collected items included school uniforms, jackets, shoes, everyday wear for children, and professional attire for women. The brothers worked diligently to ensure that all items met quality standards, reflecting respect and care for those who would ultimately receive them.

Once the collection phase was complete, the men of Delta Tau sorted, packed, and transported all donations to Our Brother's Keeper, a trusted community partner dedicated to supporting families in need. The organization will oversee the next phase of the initiative by coordinating a future distribution event, ensuring that the clothing reaches women and children who can benefit most. This collaboration allows for a thoughtful and organized process that maximizes community impact while maintaining dignity and accessibility for recipients.

Throughout the effort, the brothers of Delta Tau demonstrated strong teamwork, servant leadership, and a deep sense of community responsibility. Each member contributed — whether by organizing logistics, assisting with transportation, or helping promote the initiative. The clothing drive also provided an opportunity for the chapter to strengthen relationships with local organizations and reaffirm its role as a pillar of service in the Plaquemine area.

By the conclusion of the project, hundreds of articles of clothing had been collected and donated to Our Brother's Keeper. The success of the initiative serves as a reflection of the fraternity's motto, "Friendship is Essential to the Soul," as it brought together brothers and community members in a unified effort to serve others. Through this act of service, the Delta Tau Chapter continues to demonstrate the true meaning of uplift — not only by addressing immediate material needs but also by building bridges of compassion and hope within the community.

The men of Delta Tau look forward to continuing their partnership with Our Brother's Keeper and participating in the upcoming distribution event, where they will once again be able to serve families directly. This clothing drive stands as another example of Omega men working together for the greater good, transforming brotherhood into action and service into impact.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH COMMUNITY EVENT

Brother Dr. Derrick D. Johnson, Iota
Gamma Gamma, Fort Polk, LA



The brothers of the Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter located at Fort Polk, LA, participated in the Jubilee Park Committee annual Back-to-School Bash on August 9, 2025, in the city of Leesville, LA, at the Martin Luther King Jr event center. The event was an incredible opportunity to serve, connect, and make a positive impact within our community. The event brought together families, students, educators, and volunteers for a day filled with excitement, encouragement, and generosity as we prepared our children for a successful school year.

From the moment the event began, there was a spirit of joy and unity in the air. Volunteers worked tirelessly to distribute backpacks, school supplies, and resources to families, ensuring that every child had the tools they needed to start the year with confidence. Beyond the tangible items, the event provided a space of hope—reminding each student that their community believes in them and supports their journey toward success. Local businesses, churches, and organizations joined together to make the day special with food, games, and live entertainment. Parents expressed gratitude for the support, and children's smiles reminded us all why serving others matters. It was more than an outreach—it was an investment in our future leaders.

Participating in the Back-to-School Bash reinforced the importance of community partnerships and shared responsibility. When people come together with a common goal, powerful change happens. This event was not just about supplies; it was about sowing seeds of encouragement, unity, and love.

As we reflect on the success of the day, we remain thankful for every volunteer, sponsor, and supporter who made it possible. Together, we demonstrated that when a community stands together, no child is left behind. We look forward to continuing this mission of service and support in the years to come, ensuring that each new school year begins with hope, purpose, and the strength of a caring community.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY

BRO. DR. DERRICK D. JOHNSON, IOTA GAMMA GAMMA, FORT POLK, LA

On November 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., the Brothers of the Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Fort Polk, LA, proudly partnered with New Birth Missionary Baptist Church of Leesville, Louisiana, along with several committed local businesses, to serve the community through their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giveaway. This collaborative effort exemplified the spirit of service, unity, and compassion that defines both the fraternity and the church.

It was truly an honor and a pleasure to participate in such a meaningful and impactful outreach. This year's initiative was intentionally designed to support military families and federal workers who were directly affected by the government shutdown. These individuals and families, many of whom faithfully serve our nation and communities, faced unexpected financial strain during a critical season. The food drive sought to ease that burden by ensuring they had access to nutritious meals and essential Thanksgiving food items.

Beyond the distribution of groceries, the event also provided hot, freshly prepared meals to families in the surrounding communities. Volunteers worked tirelessly to create an atmosphere of hospitality, dignity, and care, reminding every recipient that they were seen, valued, and supported. Smiles, words of encouragement, and genuine fellowship filled the space, transforming the event into more than a giveaway—it became a moment of shared humanity and hope. This initiative was made possible through the combined efforts of fraternity brothers, church leadership, community volunteers, and generous local businesses who donated resources, time, and support. Together, they demonstrated the power of partnership and the importance of giving back, especially during the holiday season.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive and giveaway served as a powerful reminder that when organizations come together with a common purpose, they can make a lasting impact. Through service, generosity, and love, this event strengthened community bonds and embodied the true meaning of Thanksgiving—gratitude expressed through action.





RHO CHI TOY DRIVE GIVEAWAY

On December 20, 2025, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rho Chi Chapter hosted its Annual Christmas Toy Drive Giveaway in Lake Charles, Louisiana, continuing a cherished tradition of service and generosity. The event took place within the local housing authority's affordable homes community and welcomed more than 100 children along with their family members for a joyful holiday celebration.

The committee chairman, Schuyler Olivier of Rho Chi Chapter, partnered with Walmart Store 521, Children's Miracle Network, Raymond Laborde Correctional Center, Commitment 2 Change, and several other community philanthropists to make the event a memorable success. These partnerships displayed the power of community collaboration and shared commitment to improving the lives of local families, especially during the holiday season. The giveaway was fueled by an abundance of Christmas cheer as children received bikes, scooters, and a wide variety of toys. The excitement and gratitude were evident in every smile and joyful reaction, reminding everyone of the true meaning of the season. Beyond the gifts, the fraternity ensured that every attendee was warmly welcomed and cared for throughout the morning.

As a bonus, Biscuits and Jamz, a beloved local restaurant within the same community, donated coffee and hot chocolate for families to enjoy. Members of the Rho Chi Chapter provided additional food and pastries, ensuring that no one left hungry. This act of hospitality reflected the fraternity's dedication not only to service but also to fellowship and community connection.

The event was a powerful demonstration of true Omega spirit and the fraternity's longstanding commitment to uplifting children and families in need. For the brothers of the Rho Chi Chapter, the toy drive is always a highlight of the year. It offers them a chance to relive the magic of their own childhood Christmas memories while creating new ones for the next generation.

Through compassion, teamwork, and service, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rho Chi Chapter once again proved that impactful community engagement can change lives. The Annual Christmas Toy Drive Giveaway remains a beacon of hope, joy, and unity in Lake Charles, reinforcing the fraternity's enduring mission of service to all mankind.



"THOSE WHO HAVE NO RECORD OF WHAT THEIR FOREBEARS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED LOSE THE INSPIRATION WHICH COMES FROM THE TEACHING OF BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY."

-CARTER G. WOODSON-

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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A PIVOT WITH PURPOSE: THE JOURNEY OF BRO. AARON “QUEFESSOR” TRAMMELL

Brother Aaron Trammell (6- Fall 14 - FI), proudly made in the Mighty Sixth District, has lived a life shaped by service, discipline, and faith for over twenty years. He has lived his life with an unwavering commitment to the ideals of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. His story is not one of a single path, but of a pivot, a deliberate, courageous shift that transformed a decorated military career into a newfound calling as an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor. It is the story of a man who learned to power aircrafts, protect the mission, uplift the brotherhood, and ultimately power his own purpose.

Roots in Service: The Making of an Airman

Bro. Trammell's journey began in 2004 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force. His first assignment was at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina; there, he worked on electrical and environmental systems on the F-15E Strike Eagle. "We were responsible for everything that kept that aircraft alive," he recalls. "From cabin pressure to environmental controls, wiring, power systems, our job was to make sure the jet could fly, drop bombs on foreheads, and come home safe." His role demanded precision, discipline, and an uncompromising attention to detail. Whether inspecting systems, troubleshooting malfunctions, or handling cryogenic maintenance, he quickly learned that lives depended on his hands and his mindset. His first deployment came in 2006 to Qatar; short, but long in impact. It confirmed for him that the military was where he was supposed to be, at least for a season.

A Shift in Destiny: From Cockpits to Contracts

After completing his bachelor's degree in 2005, Bro. Trammell felt a stirring desire for something aligned with his growing interest in business and leadership. In 2009, he cross-trained into Air Force Contracting. "I didn't know if I was built for an office," he admits. "I missed being outside on the flightline. But I knew contracting could take me further."

As a Contract Specialist (6COX1), he learned a new mission:

Acquire supplies, technology, and services the Air Force needs responsibly, ethically, and strategically. From drafting solicitations to leading multifunctional teams, negotiating with contractors, and ensuring taxpayer dollars were spent wisely, he knew he had stepped into a field where impact wasn't just tactical, it was systemic. His first contracting assignment at Langley AFB in 2008 shaped him. His first contracting deployment to Guantanamo Bay in 2012 changed his thoughts toward the career. "That was when I really fell in love with the job," he says. "The mission was different. The responsibility was different. The environment within the team was different." And soon, his professional growth took off. Two master's degrees: an MBA and a Master's in Acquisition and Contract Management. Warranted authority. Increasing influence, responsibility, and leadership.

Leadership, Growth, and a New Horizon

Assignments followed: Shaw AFB, deployments to Kuwait, and eventually Tinker AFB, where he earned something few enlisted Airmen had ever achieved: An Unlimited Contracting Warrant. In 2018, he became one of the rare enlisted Airmen entrusted to obligate unlimited dollars on behalf of the U.S. Government; a historic accomplishment that required relentless study, integrity, and trust. But even as he excelled, another calling began whispering in the background.

SkillBridge and Soul Searching: The Pivot Begins

As retirement from the Air Force approached, Bro. Trammell entered the DoD SkillBridge Program. Usually, a time meant for transition, but for him, it became transformative. "I didn't want to spend my whole life doing just one thing," he says. "The Air Force fed my family, shaped me, made me who I am; but I felt God pulling me toward something different." During this period, conversations and moments aligned in ways he couldn't ignore. A cousin's friend became an NFL agent. Someone else said, "You'd make a great agent." The seed kept growing. I was at the Conclave in Charlotte when I traded a shirt with Bro Jesse Askew. He told me to do something fun after I retired from the Air Force (work in professional sports, a major music label, etc.). Curiosity became research. Research became action. Action became purpose. Bro. Trammell applied to take the NFLPA Contract Advisor certification exam, one of the hardest exams in professional sports, and began immersing himself in the world of athlete representation.

Becoming an Agent: Study, Sacrifice, and Calling

His preparation was not passive. It was a full-scale offensive:

- Sports Management Worldwide certification courses
- Inside the League study cohort
- Lee Steinberg's Agent Academy in Las Vegas
- Mentorship from industry professionals
- Countless hours dissecting the NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement

He met legendary quarterbacks Warren Moon & Mike Sherrard. He listened to NFL Las Vegas Raiders General Managers Tom Telesco speak. He learned how to negotiate, how to sign players, how to build a personal platform rooted in authenticity. "We weren't trying to memorize the words we were trying to understand the NFL world," he says. Two Omega men were key figures in preparation; Bro Safari Jeffries who was already an agent and guided Bro. Trammell through the study portion and Bro. Cameron Neal, who became his study partner. Together, they pushed each other, held each other accountable, and built a brotherhood within the brotherhood. His wife Kaneshia, his rock, saw the passion in him and reminded him that purpose was worth pursuing. In 2024, Bro. Trammell passed the exam on the first attempt, joining the 25% or fewer who obtain a passing score each year. The pivot became a breakthrough. Finding Home at KMM Sports for the first year of being an agent. In studying agents he admired, David Mulugheta, Drew Rosenhaus, Kelly Masters, Nicole Lynn, Rich Paul, Angela LaChica, Jerry Argovitz, Bro Tory Dandy, he noticed a pattern: Every great agent had a great mentor. Through a connection with former Oklahoma standout and fraternity brother Jeremiah Hall, he was introduced to renowned agent Kelly Masters. When they finally spoke, Kelly prayed for him before the interview even began. "That told me everything I needed to know," he says. "Character. Integrity. Heart." An hour later, she offered him a position with KMM Sports. And just like that, the next chapter began. KMM Sports laid the foundation for Bro Trammell to open his own Sports Agency BLUE COLLAR SPORTS, in 2026.

Omega's Influence: Principles in Action

Brother Trammell credits much of his courage and character to Omega Psi Phi. "The Fraternity taught me how to show up as a man: honest, humble, courageous, trustworthy," he reflects. "Everything I needed to succeed as an agent, Omega has prepared me for it." From guiding young athletes with empathy...To standing firm during tough negotiations...To carry himself with discipline and purpose...Omega was always there, not as a brand, but as a foundation.

A Scholar and a Servant: The Journey Continues

Not one to stand still, Bro. Trammell also entered the Doctor of Business Administration program at the University of Michigan – Flint. He is now on track to graduate in 2027 as Dr. Aaron Trammell. His research focuses on Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL), athlete empowerment, and the future of sports representation, merging his academic mind with his agent heart.

A Life Rewritten – With Purpose:

Few men pivot the way Bro. Trammell went from enlisted Airman to Unlimited Warrant Contracting Officer to NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor. Even fewer do it with humility, integrity, and gratitude. "My story is different," he says. "But it's mine. And I'm just getting started." Bro. Aaron "Quefessor" Trammell stands as a testament to the power of perseverance and the courage to pivot.

Woven throughout his story is the timeless reminder from Brother, Dr. Moses C. Norman:

"Don't be afraid to be great amongst the greatest of men." Bro. Trammell has taken that message to heart, proving that greatness is not a destination but a decision, made every day, in every chapter of life. His journey is far from finished. In fact... it has only just begun.



BROTHER JOHN MITCHELL AND THE PUTNAM CITY HIGH SCHOOL PIRATES FOOTBALL TEAM

BRO. RAYMOND PAYTON / UPSILON IOTA / LANGSTON, OK

This past football season, Brother John Mitchell was a part of the Putnam City High School football team that achieved new heights that had not been seen by the program in decades. Bro. Mitchell is a proud member of the Upsilon Iota chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Spring 2025). He is currently a World History teacher and defensive line coach; he also serves as the throwing coach for the boys and girls track team. This past football season, the Pirate football team completed a campaign that saw them earn 9 victories against 3 defeats and reach the Oklahoma High School state football playoffs. They eventually lost in the semi-finals to the eventual state champions, Charles S. Page High School from Sands Springs, Oklahoma. Putnam City High School last appeared in the state Semi-Finals in 1977, the last time the program hoisted the championship trophy.

Bro. Mitchell has been serving the community as an educator, mentor, and coach at the high school level for the past 2 plus decades, and as a college coach at Langston University as well. His coaching career started as a student assistant at his alma mater, Langston University, in 1997 and continued as a Graduate assistant again in 2010.

He was later employed at Millwood Public Schools as an adjunct assistant coach and then at Oklahoma City Public Schools at Northwest Classen High School. Brother Mitchell followed that with a decade-plus of service in Mid-Del public schools at Midwest City High School, which eventually led him to continue his current journey at Putnam City High School. As previously noted, the Pirate football team achieved a 9-3 record, including victories over programs they had not defeated in many years. He helped the program improve its win total by 2 games from the 2024 season, while finishing as the district runner-up and earning a 1st-round bye in the playoffs.

Bro. Mitchell continues to mentor and inspire young men from many walks of life, either through the classroom or the field of competition. He demonstrates a path to success for his players and encourages them to stay focused regardless of family history or background.

Thomas W. Morris Educational Center



OMEGA LEAGUE

BRO. TOMMY CLAY / ETA IOTA / OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

The Omega League OKC Inc. Youth Mentoring Program is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit empowering underserved boys ages 8 to 17 in Oklahoma City. With year-round mentorship from dedicated fraternity members, the program fosters moral strength, academic excellence, and self-confidence. We started the program with 11 young men in Fall 2023. By Fall 2025, the program will have expanded to include 29 young men, demonstrating ongoing, year-over-year growth.

Omega League OKC Inc. offers a comprehensive experience, featuring monthly character workshops, educational discussions, health sessions, and community service opportunities. From feeding the homeless to neighborhood clean-ups, Omega League positions youth to become compassionate, productive members of society, while also allowing time for play through football, martial arts, and exercise.

Since its inception, Omega League OKC Inc. has established a pathway for under-resourced boys to overcome challenges and develop into strong, capable individuals. Through active mentorship and community engagement, the program instills leadership, respect, and service. Every mentee, supported by caring mentors and families, gains tools to navigate life and the courage to help others. Monthly sessions are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Spring Semester: February–June. Fall Semester: August–December.



MORE THAN PHOTOS

BRO. KELLON EARL / ETA IOTA / OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Photography has always been more than just capturing images—it's about preserving moments that matter. But when those moments are shared between a father and son, both bonded not only by blood but by the sacred ties of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the experience becomes truly extraordinary.

At the 2025 9th District Undergraduate Summit and Keeper of Records and Seal (KRS) Retreat, we witnessed something powerful: generations united in purpose, scholarship, and service. As a father-son photography team, both proud Omega Men, we had the honor of documenting this vibrant gathering—not just with our cameras, but with our hearts.

This summit was a living testament to the fraternity's commitment to uplift and educate. Undergraduate brothers engaged in dynamic exchanges, teaching and learning from one another, while graduate members offered wisdom, mentorship, and strategic guidance. The energy was electric—filled with purpose, pride, and the unmistakable spirit of Omega.

And when the sessions concluded, the celebration began. Laughter echoed, bonds deepened, and the lens captured it all: the joy of achievement, the strength of unity, and the beauty of legacy.

To photograph this event as a father and son was to witness the continuum of Omega—past, present, and future—through shared vision and shared values. It was more than a summit. It was a moment of generational excellence, framed forever.



“ Friendship requires time, intention, and commitment. It is built through daily effort —the willingness to give consistently, to share thoughts, and to truly invest in others. Friendship also demands respect: respect for the person and for everything they represent. At its core, it calls for kindness, understanding, patience, and professionalism, with the belief that genuine care will lead to lasting rewards in the future.

—Brother Glenn Brooks Fall 1972 Eta Iota—”



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BROTHERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, OUR
VETERANS, AND OUR RETIRED SERVICE
MEMBERS WHOSE COURAGE, SACRIFICE,
AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE
EXEMPLIFY THE VERY BEST OF OMEGA."*

FEATURED:

**BRO. HOYT WARD SR. (OMEGA CHAPTER)
SPRING '1954 PHI PSI CHAPTER
RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR, UNITED
STATES ARMY**





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“From Setbacks to Strength: How Chris Polk Built Polkfit”

Bro. Chris Polk / Omicron Gamma Gamma
/ Arlington, TX



My name is Chris Polk, and my journey has always been rooted in movement, resilience, and faith. I'm a professional trainer and gym owner from DeSoto, Texas, with over nine years in the fitness industry. Growing up, sports were my first love. I excelled in both football and soccer and graduated in 2010 from ChristWay Academy in Duncanville, Texas. Football, in particular, shaped who I am—it taught me discipline, grit, and how to push through adversity. I went on to play linebacker at Trinity Valley Community College in 2011 and later at Southwestern Assemblies of God University from 2012 to 2013. During my freshman and sophomore seasons, I tore my ACL twice. Those injuries tested me physically and mentally, and they forced me to confront the reality that football wouldn't last forever. In 2014, I transferred to East Texas A&M University, where I earned my degree in Psychology. As my football career was coming to an end, I had to find another way to support myself, so I worked as a delivery driver at Domino's Pizza. Even then, I never let myself go. I always stayed in tip-top shape. Fitness wasn't just something I did; it was who I was. In 2016, a simple but powerful conversation with my father changed everything. He encouraged me to pursue a career in personal training. Not long after, my very first client—one of my college professors—lost 60 pounds in just seven months. That moment opened my eyes. I realized that throughout college, I had already been training people—helping teammates and friends stay in shape—without even knowing I was building my future.

That's when Polkfit was born: Perseverance Over Laziness, Knowledgeable Fulfilling Innovative Transformations. The name reflects everything I believe in. After graduating in 2017, I trained part-time while continuing to work at Domino's in DeSoto. Then I had a conversation with God that required complete trust. I quit Domino's and committed to training full-time. Within one week, I went from five clients to fifteen. From there, everything took off. I began sharing my story on different platforms, traveled to Los Angeles to train alongside celebrity trainers, and continued to grow my impact. Today, I'm a four-time Trainer of the Year award winner, have been featured twice on News 8 Daybreak, and I co-own Polkfit Training Facility with my wife, Ashley Polk. Ashley and I run the facility together, offering everything from group training to Pilates and mobility classes. Our gym is truly a one-stop shop—built to work with any and everybody. Polkfit isn't just a gym; it's a community. Looking back, every setback prepared me for the calling I walk in today. I'm proud to be a staple not only in Dallas, but across the state of Texas—and I'm just getting started. My story is proof that perseverance, faith, and purpose can transform not just your body, but your entire life.

Achievements:

- 2018 COSIGN Magazine Trainer of the Year
- 2020, 2022, & 2024 Dallas Weekly Trainer of the Year
- Featured twice on News 8 Daybreak
- Hosted a collaborative workout with celebrity comedian Desi Banks



NU IOTA CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

BRO. NICHOLAS SMITH / NU IOTA / MARSHALL, TX

On October 10, 1945, the Nu Iota Chapter was formed in the heart of Marshall, Tx. For the Nu Iota Chapter, 80 years is both a milestone and a testimony to a legacy built on the Four cardinal principles of our dear fraternity, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. For eight decades, our brotherhood has stood as a pillar in the community, bound together by shared values and a collective responsibility to uplift one another and those we serve. Through changing times and generational shifts, the bond of fellowship has remained strong—rooted in mutual respect, accountability, and a belief that true friendship extends beyond meetings and ceremonies into daily action. These 80 years reflect countless hours of service, leadership development, mentorship, and advocacy, all driven by a vision of leaving communities better than we found them.

Honoring this anniversary is not only about celebrating the past, but also reaffirming our dedication to the principles that will guide the next generation of brothers forward. This past November, the Brothers of Nu Iota celebrated 80 years of Brotherhood, Fellowship, and Service with a Chapter Gala to kick off our Achievement Week activities. Our keynote speaker was Bro. Willie “Mercenary” Hinchon (21st Ninth District Representative), and Bro. David “Petro” Washington Jr. (Ninth District 1st Vice) also presented on behalf of the Mighty Ninth District.

A cornerstone of this legacy is our unwavering commitment to service, particularly during seasons that call for compassion and generosity. Every Thanksgiving, the chapter has proudly organized giveaways to support less fortunate families, ensuring that tables are filled and spirits are lifted. These efforts go beyond providing meals—they represent dignity, care, and the reassurance that no family is forgotten. In the spirit of the Christmas season, our service expands through partnerships with nonprofit organizations to support holiday giveaways and essential needs initiatives. By working hand in hand with community organizations, we are able to amplify our impact and bring hope to children, families, and individuals during a time that can be challenging for many. These acts of service embody the true meaning of brotherhood: using our collective strength to serve humanity. As we celebrate 80 years, these traditions of service stand as living proof that our friendship is defined not just by who we are, but by how we serve.



PSI ALPHA CHAPTER LAUNCHES FIRST STEM EVENT TO INSPIRE FUTURE INNOVATORS

BRO. ORLANDO RICHARDS / PSI ALPHA / SAN ANTONIO, TX

On Saturday, October 25, 2025, Psi Alpha Chapter hosted its first official STEM event at Workforce Solutions, Port San Antonio. The inaugural program drew approximately thirty-five youths, ten parents, and twenty brothers representing Psi Alpha (San Antonio), Alpha Delta Lambda (UTSA), and Xi Delta (Texas State), marking a significant step in the chapter's commitment to education and community engagement.

Designed to provide a STEM camp-like experience, the event featured three interactive learning areas: Computer Programming Familiarization, led by Brother (Major) David Johnson and Brother Eric Witherspoon, Jr.; an Artificial Intelligence Overview, presented by Ms. Sarah Jackson; and Robotics, conducted by Brother Tye Telfair. Attendees rotated between sessions, gaining exposure to different disciplines and discovering how programming, AI, and robotics work together to shape the future.

Beyond technical skills, the event emphasized curiosity, collaboration, and problem-solving—qualities essential for tomorrow's leaders. Lunch was provided to all participants, fostering fellowship and reflection before the evening concluded.

"This event was about more than technology—it was about opening doors and showing young people what's possible," a Psi Alpha representative noted.

By hosting this groundbreaking initiative, Psi Alpha Chapter demonstrated its dedication to empowering youth through education, while reinforcing the fraternity's values of leadership, service, and innovation. The success of this first STEM event sets the stage for future programs that will continue to inspire and equip the next generation of thinkers and creators.



PSI ALPHA CHAPTER JOINS SUSAN G. KOMEN WALK, EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL

BRO. ORLANDO RICHARDS / PSI ALPHA / SAN ANTONIO, TX

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, Psi Alpha Chapter proudly participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk at Sea World San Antonio. The event brought together approximately twenty-five participants, including brothers, family, and friends from Psi Alpha (San Antonio), Alpha Delta Lambda (UTSA), and Xi Delta (Texas State), united in the fight against breast cancer.

The walk raised more than \$290,019 in funds, a powerful contribution toward advancing breast cancer research and providing vital patient support. These resources will help connect individuals with education, emotional care, patient navigation, and financial assistance—critical services that bring hope and healing to countless families.

The Psi Alpha Chapter not only showed up in numbers but also exceeded its fundraising goal. With a charitable gift of \$1,555.22, the chapter more than tripled its original target of \$500, demonstrating its commitment to service and community impact.

“This effort reflects the heart of our brotherhood—standing together for causes that matter,” said a Psi Alpha representative. The chapter’s participation underscored the fraternity’s values of leadership, compassion, and civic responsibility.

By joining hands with the wider San Antonio community, Psi Alpha Chapter helped ensure that the fight against breast cancer continues with strength and purpose. Their contribution serves as a reminder that collective action can make a lasting difference in the lives of those affected.

TWO CALLS TO ACTION: BRO. DR. GARRY KENNEBREW JR'S HEROIC RESPONSE

BRO. NORMAN FRASIER, JR / SIGMA TAU / EL PASO, TX

“There are always challenges as a first responder or while providing first aid care. Limited resources and crowd control are the most pressing concerns aside from patient care itself.”

IN THE BROTHERHOOD OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., THE CONCEPTS OF MANHOOD AND SERVICE ARE OFTEN DISCUSSED IN MEETING ROOMS AND SOCIAL HALLS. HOWEVER, AT THE 88TH MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THOSE PRINCIPLES WERE PUT INTO IMMEDIATE, LIFE-SAVING ACTION BY BROTHER DR. GARRY KENNEBREW JR. OF THE SIGMA TAU CHAPTER IN EL PASO, TEXAS.

WHEN TWO ORDINARY MOMENTS TURNED INTO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, BRO. DR. KENNEBREW TRANSITIONED INSTANTLY FROM AN ATTENDEE TO A FIRST RESPONDER, PROVING THAT LEADERSHIP OFTEN MEANS BEING READY WHEN OTHERS ARE IN NEED.

THE FIRST CALL TO ACTION – APRIL 17, 2025

THE ATMOSPHERE OF A DISTRICT MEETING IS USUALLY ONE OF CELEBRATION AND BUSINESS. BUT DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION, THE MOOD SHIFTED WHEN A BROTHER SUFFERED MEDICAL DISTRESS. IN A ROOM OF HUNDREDS, THE INITIAL MOMENTS OF SUCH AN EVENT CAN BE CHAOTIC, BUT BRO. DR. KENNEBREW, AN EXPERIENCED PHYSICIAN KNOWN FOR HIS CALM DEMEANOR, DID NOT HESITATE. RECOGNIZING THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION, HE BYPASSED THE ONLOOKERS TO REACH THE DISTRESSED BROTHER AND RENDERED MEDICAL AID.



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A SECOND TEST OF RESOLVE – APRIL 18, 2025

THE SECOND EMERGENCY TOOK PLACE DURING ONE OF THE FRATERNITY'S MOST STORIED TRADITIONS, THE MARCH DOWN. WHAT BEGAN AS A HIGH-ENERGY DISPLAY OF UNITY AND PRECISION QUICKLY TURNED SERIOUS WHEN A BROTHER COLLAPSED DURING THE PERFORMANCE.

THE TRANSITION FROM A CELEBRATION OF BROTHERHOOD TO A LIFE-THREATENING CRISIS HAPPENED IN SECONDS. BRO. DR. KENNEBREW, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR THE FESTIVITIES, ONCE AGAIN STEPPED FORWARD. DESPITE THE LOUD MUSIC AND THE LARGE CROWD, HE MAINTAINED A "CLINICAL CALM," PERFORMING SEVERAL VITAL TASKS:

- **CLEARING THE FLOOR:** ENSURING THE PERFORMING BROTHERS MOVED BACK TO GIVE THE PATIENT NECESSARY SPACE AND AIR.
- **EMERGENCY TRIAGE:** ASSESSING THE BROTHER FOR SIGNS OF EXHAUSTION, CARDIAC DISTRESS, OR NEUROLOGICAL ISSUES COMMON IN HIGH-EXERTION ENVIRONMENTS.
- **ON-SITE STABILIZATION:** ADMINISTERING IMMEDIATE CARE ON THE FLOOR WHILE COORDINATING WITH SECURITY TO EXPEDITE THE ARRIVAL OF PARAMEDICS.

• HIS PRESENCE TURNED A MOMENT OF HIGH ANXIETY INTO ONE OF MANAGED CARE, ENSURING THE BROTHER RECEIVED MEDICAL ATTENTION AT THE MOST CRITICAL JUNCTURE.



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Q&A WITH BRO. DR. KENNEBREW

WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR MIND AS YOU REALIZED IMMEDIATE MEDICAL INTERVENTION WAS REQUIRED IN EACH OCCURRENCE?

MY FIRST THOUGHT IS ALWAYS TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS THE SITUATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT TRAINING, BACKGROUND, AND CAREER YIELDS LEVEL OF EXPERTISE AND PRIVILEGE THAT FEW PEOPLE HAVE. I'M PROUD TO CALL IT MY DUTY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO OTHERS. IN ANY EMERGENCY, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, AND IT IS PARAMOUNT TO MOVE AND ACT SWIFTLY.

WERE THERE ANY CHALLENGES YOU FACED IN PROVIDING CARE IN THOSE ENVIRONMENTS?

THERE ARE ALWAYS CHALLENGES AS A FIRST RESPONDER OR WHILE PROVIDING FIRST AID CARE. LIMITED RESOURCES AND CROWD CONTROL ARE THE MOST PRESSING CONCERNS ASIDE FROM PATIENT CARE ITSELF.

AFTER EVERYTHING SETTLED, WHAT REFLECTIONS DID YOU HAVE ABOUT THOSE OCCASIONS?

I'M HONESTLY HUMBLLED AND HONORED TO BE IN A POSITION TO HELP OTHERS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE CALLED ME NOBLE, SELFLESS, OR COURAGEOUS, BUT TRUTH BE TOLD, I'VE TRAINED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MY LIFE FOR MOMENTS LIKE THESE.

HOW DO YOU, AS A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, DECOMPRESS AFTER HIGH-STRESS SITUATIONS?

DECOMPRESSION COMES IN MANY FORMS, INCLUDING INITIAL COMPARTMENTALIZATION, FOLLOWED BY DEVELOPING A LIFE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM BEYOND THE CAREER. ADDITIONALLY, GOOD COPING SKILLS.

HOW CAN THESE MOMENTS BE USED AS A TEACHING TOOL ACROSS THE MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT?

WE HAVE MANY BROTHERS IN HEALTHCARE. BE IT FIRST RESPONDERS, ADVANCED PROVIDERS, ETC. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO LEVERAGE THESE RESOURCES TO CREATE A STANDING RESPONSE TEAM FOR SITUATIONS SUCH AS THESE. WE COULD EASILY CONDUCT A SURVEY ASSOCIATED WITH MEETING REGISTRATIONS TO IDENTIFY THOSE BROTHERS WILLING TO ASSIST. ONCE THOSE BROTHERS ARE IDENTIFIED, GENERAL ACTION PLANS CAN BE DEVELOPED TO CONNECT OUR RESOURCES WITH LOCAL HOSTING FACILITIES AND EMS RESOURCES TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF ANY ADVERSE MEDICAL EVENT THAT BEFALLS OUR BRETHREN.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

FOR THOSE WHO WITNESSED IT FIRSTHAND, THE 88TH MIGHTY NINTH DISTRICT MEETING WILL BE REMEMBERED NOT JUST FOR THE FELLOWSHIP AND SHARED PURPOSE BUT FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EXAMPLES OF HUMANITY DISPLAYED BY BROTHER DR. GARRY KENNEBREW JR. HIS DEDICATION TO SERVICE STANDS AS A POWERFUL TESTAMENT TO THE SPIRIT OF THE MEETING AND THE VALUES IT CELEBRATES.



CHRISTIAN MENEFEE: A MEMBER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, ELECTED TO THE 18TH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

BRO. TONY WILLIAMS / RHO BETA BETA / HOUSTON, TX

AFTER ALMOST A YEAR OF BEING VOICELESS AND DENIED CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION, VOTERS OF HOUSTON'S 18TH DISTRICT HAVE ELECTED BROTHER CHRISTIAN DASHAUN MENEFEE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. MENEFEE WON A SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION TO REPLACE THE LATE CONGRESSMAN SYLVESTER TURNER, DEFEATING CHALLENGER AMANDA EDWARDS BY A LANDSLIDE VICTORY ON SATURDAY EVENING. MENEFEE GARNER 68.3% OF THE VOTES, ACCORDING TO THE HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. A MEMBER OF THE RHO BETA BETA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., MENEFEE WAS INITIATED AT PSI ALPHA CHAPTER (SAN ANTONIO) IN 2007. HE WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE RHO BETA BETA CHAPTER'S 2025 "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR."

AN ALUMNUS OF ALIEF HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL, MENEFEE IS A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATE, EARNING HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. THE NEWLY ELECTED CONGRESSMAN IS THE FOURTH MEMBER OF THE DIVINE NINE TO HOLD THE 18TH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SEAT, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SOROR BARBARA JORDAN (DELTA SIGMA THETA), SOROR SHELIA JACKSON LEE (ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA), AND FRATER SYLVESTER TURNER (ALPHA PHI ALPHA). MENEFEE WILL JOIN FORCES WITH BROTHER JAMES "JIM" CLAYBURN (6TH US DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA), SOROR JASMINE CROCKETT OF DELTA SIGMA THETA (30TH US DISTRICT - DALLAS, TX), AND SEVERAL OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE DIVINE NINE TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION.



MENEFEE IS EXPECTED TO BE SWORN IN IMMEDIATELY ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, BY U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON, ACCORDING TO CONGRESSWOMAN CROCKETT. CROCKETT, WHO IS RUNNING FOR THE US SENATE. THE DALLAS CONGRESSWOMAN APPEARED AT MENEFEE'S VICTORY CELEBRATION. MENEFEE'S PROMPT SWEARING-IN ENSURES THAT THE 18TH DISTRICT WILL REGAIN ITS REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, ALLOWING MENEFEE TO BEGIN SERVING HIS CONSTITUENTS AND PARTICIPATING IN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DURING HIS VICTORY SPEECH AT A DOWNTOWN HOUSTON VENUE, MENEFEE DELIVERED A POWERFUL MESSAGE DIRECTED AT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, OUTLINING HIS INTENTIONS AS THE NEWLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEXAS'S 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. ADDRESSING THE PROLONGED ABSENCE OF REPRESENTATION, MENEFEE STATED, "YOU'VE GONE NEARLY A YEAR WITHOUT HEARING FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS."

IN ADDITION, HE EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ELECTION RESULTS, ASSERTING, "THE RESULTS HERE TONIGHT ARE A MANDATE FOR ME TO WORK AS HARD AS I CAN TO OPPOSE YOUR AGENDA, TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST WHERE YOU'RE TAKING THIS COUNTRY AND TO INVESTIGATE YOUR CRIMES." UNDERSCORING HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS CONSTITUENTS, MENEFEE CONCLUDED, "AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING SO."

MENEFEE'S ARRIVAL WILL REDUCE THE REPUBLICAN HOUSE MAJORITY TO 218-214, ALLOWING THE GOP JUST ONE POSSIBLE DEFECTION ON PARTY-LINE VOTES. THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL SEAT BECAME VACANT ON MARCH 5, 2025, AFTER TURNER - ELECTED IN NOVEMBER 2024 - PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY. TURNER HAD SUCCEEDED JACKSON, WHO PREVIOUSLY HELD THE SEAT FOR 15 TERMS (30 YEARS) AFTER DEFEATING THREE-TERM INCUMBENT CRAIG WASHINGTON IN 1994. JACKSON DIED ON JULY 19, 2024, AFTER BATTLING PANCREATIC CANCER.

SINCE MARCH 2025, THE DISTRICT'S 800,000 RESIDENTS HAVE LACKED CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION. MENEFEE CRITICIZED GOVERNOR ABBOTT FOR DELAYING THE ELECTION DATE. ACCORDING TO A TEXAS TRIBUNE ARTICLE PUBLISHED ON APRIL 7, 2025, MENEFEE COMMENTED, "IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO LEAVE NEARLY 800,000 INDIVIDUALS IN THIS DISTRICT WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE YEAR. WE'LL GO THROUGH HURRICANE SEASON, BUDGET BATTLES, AND ATTACKS ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICAID WITH NO ONE AT THE TABLE FIGHTING FOR US. GOVERNOR ABBOTT KNOWS HOW TO MOVE QUICKLY -HE'S DONE IT FOR OTHER DISTRICTS. HE JUST CHOSE NOT TO FOR US."

AT 37, MENEFEE IS THE YOUNGEST OF SEVEN (7) ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR TEXAS'S 18TH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. IN JANUARY 2021, HE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY AFTER DEFEATING VINCE RYAN IN THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.



THE SHEKINAH PROJECT

RHO BETA BETA CHAPTER EDITOR / HOUSTON, TX

In the fall of 2009, the Shekinah Project began as a community-led initiative organized by the Rho Beta Beta Chapter of Houston. The effort united members of this local fraternity with churches and school districts that shared a common goal: addressing food deserts in Houston. This collaboration sought to increase access to healthy food options, bridge the gap in food accessibility, and create a more vibrant and well-nourished Houston.

Now completing its fifteenth year in 2025, the Shekinah Project stands as a steadfast pillar within the Houston community, serving as a reliable foundation for outreach and service. What began as a humble adopt-a-family program has evolved into a large-scale effort focused on supplying food to families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This initiative has had a tremendous impact, ensuring families receive ample provisions to sustain them from Thanksgiving through Christmas and, in some cases, into the new year. The project also extends its generosity by providing toys for the children of these families, fostering a sense of joy and warmth during the holiday season.

The Shekinah Project has endured the test of time, including the unprecedented challenges of the global pandemic. In the first year of the crisis, the team responded swiftly by distributing essential food and supplies to the community. Over time, the initiative expanded to include support for schools in various independent school districts around Houston and other types of shelters. As part of this continued growth, the project began distributing holiday gift cards, encouraging community bonding through shared meals at local restaurants during the holidays.

To further extend its reach, the Shekinah Project began organizing surprise grocery store visits, purchasing groceries for random families as an act of kindness and encouragement. This initiative thrives not only through partnerships with churches, small groups, and schools but also through the dedication of its volunteers.

Our devoted volunteers—including brothers and sisters from all walks of life—come together each year to make the Shekinah Project a memorable experience for countless families. Through generous contributions, we aim to provide festive food baskets and distribute gift cards to local dining establishments, sharing hope and happiness with those facing financial hardship.

The Shekinah Project is more than an event—it is a true community celebration. Husbands, wives, and children are all encouraged to participate, embodying the spirit of unity and compassion that defines our mission.

As we approach our Sixteenth anniversary, we eagerly anticipate the 2026 holiday season. Our commitment remains unwavering: to make this season magical for even more families throughout the greater Houston area. The mission of the Rho Beta Beta Chapter of Houston through the Shekinah Project continues to be clear—spreading joy, love, and the true essence of the holiday spirit to those who need it most.

For over a decade, the Shekinah Project has been a cornerstone of our community—and we fully intend to continue this legacy of service and compassion for decades to come.





THE PAQ'D GROCERY GIVEAWAY

BRO. JEFFERY THOMAS / RHO BETA BETA / HOUSTON, TX

On Sunday, November 23, 2025, the Brothers of the Rho Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated proudly hosted their 6th Annual PaQ'd Grocery Giveaway–Thanksgiving Event. This impactful community initiative once again demonstrated the chapter's unwavering commitment to service, compassion, and uplifting families during the holiday season. Through the collective generosity of chapter members, community partners, and supporters, the event raised more than \$10,000, allowing the chapter to make a meaningful difference in the lives of numerous families throughout the community.

The atmosphere was filled with gratitude and emotion as patrons were informed that the Rho Beta Beta Chapter would fully cover the cost of their groceries. For many families, this unexpected act of kindness brought tears of joy and a renewed sense of hope. The gesture not only alleviated financial stress during a critical time of year but also reminded recipients that they are valued and supported by their community. The PaQ'd Grocery Giveaway–Thanksgiving Event served as a powerful reflection of the fraternity's core principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

The continued success of this annual initiative highlights the brothers' dedication to making a lasting and meaningful contribution to those in need. Each year, the chapter builds upon its mission to give back, recognizing that even small acts of service can have a profound impact when rooted in sincerity and compassion. The brothers worked tirelessly to organize, fund, and execute the event, embodying the spirit of unity and selflessness that defines Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

As the event concluded, a message of gratitude and encouragement resonated with all in attendance: to continue positively impacting the community and to never underestimate the power of generosity. The Brothers of Rho Beta Beta Chapter once again affirmed that while they may not surpass God in giving, they remain steadfast in their efforts to serve, uplift, and inspire. Through initiatives like the PaQ'd Grocery Giveaway–Thanksgiving Event, the chapter continues to play a vital role in fostering a more caring, compassionate, and connected society.

40 UNDER 40

BRO. TIM MATTHEWS, JR. / THETA UPSILON / TEXARKANA, TX

"Most people are surprised to find out that I'm a goofy, down-to-earth guy."

"MOST PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT I'M A GOOFY, DOWN-TO-EARTH GUY", SHARED BRUH TIMOTHY MATTHEWS JR. (2-23-THETA UPSILON), WHO GOES BY "T2" TO HIS CLOSE FRIENDS AND TIM TO EVERYONE ELSE.

TIM IS A NATIVE OF CARY, MISSISSIPPI. HE GRADUATED FROM JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2017 AND THEN MOVED TO AUSTIN TO ATTEND THE TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY.

TIM SAID THAT HE CHOSE THIS LINE OF WORK, "BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS FELT CALLED TO SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES, AND TO HELP REMOVE THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY."

AS A STATE TROOPER, TIM PARTICIPATED IN 2019'S CONTROVERSIAL "OPERATION D-TOWN" IN DALLAS. THREE MONTHS OF GOVERNOR-ORDERED PATROLS TO COMBAT AN INCREASE IN CRIME. IN 2020, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, HE WORKED AT BORDER AND AIRPORT CHECKPOINTS, AND WAS PART OF THE HURRICANE LAURA RESPONSE TEAM. FROM 2021 TO 2023, HE WORKED ON "OPERATION LOAN STAR," AN ONGOING INITIATIVE THAT AIMS TO DETER AND REPEL ILLEGAL CROSSINGS, ARREST HUMAN SMUGGLERS AND CARTEL GANG MEMBERS, AND STOP THE FLOW OF DRUGS LIKE FENTANYL INTO OUR NATION. IN 2023, HE ACTED AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE.

IN JULY 2023, TIM WAS PROMOTED TO THE RECRUITING DIVISION. "BEING ABLE TO GO BACK TO MY HOMETOWN AND OPEN DOORS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT'S POSSIBLE YET."

OUTSIDE OF WORK, TIM TRAINS FOR AND COMPETES IN POWERLIFTING COMPETITIONS. "I'VE REACHED PERSONAL RECORDS I NEVER DREAMED OF-LIKE BENCH PRESSING 605 LBS.," HE SAID. TIM, WHO HAS COMPETED AT THE STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, CURRENTLY HOLDS THREE WORLD RECORDS AND THE BENCH PRESS: 600.6 LBS IN THE RAW IRON POWER LIFTING LEAGUE, 556 LBS IN THE WORLD POLICE GAMES, AND 534 LBS IN THE INTERNATIONAL POWER LIFTING LEAGUE. HE HOLDS MULTIPLE STATE RECORDS AS WELL.





DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF OUR GREATEST DREAM

BRO. DAMON HARRIS / PI OMICRON / KILLEEN, TX

The Martin Luther King Day Parade is an annual event held across numerous cities in the United States to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This parade commemorates Dr. King's pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement and serves as a reminder that change starts with the people within the community.

The first official observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day took place on January 20, 1986, after 15 years of work from Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Michigan Congressman John Conyers, and Stevie Wonder. The tradition of Commemorative Parades sprouted from major civil rights cities like Atlanta, Dallas, and Washington DC. Thousands brave the cold to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King and express solidarity with the values Dr. King championed.

Along with 500 community members, the brothers of Omicron Pi marched in the steps of great men and women during the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade in Killeen, TX, on January 19, 2026. The community gathered at Killeen City Hall to take part in the Annual March hosted by the NAACP Killeen Branch No. 6189 Youth Council. In line with his vision, Voting Registration was on-site before and after the march.

Today, the Martin Luther King Day Parade continues to serve as a powerful symbol of unity. It encourages reflection on the progress made and the work still to be done in the pursuit of Dr. King's dream. The parade is both a celebration and a call to action, reminding participants and observers alike of the importance of civic responsibility, kindness, and justice.



TEXAS SHOP WITH A COP

BRO. DAMON HARRIS / PI OMICRON / KILLEEN, TX

The Omicron Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. demonstrated service and community uplift through its shared partnership in the Shop with a Cop event held on December 14, 2025, in Killeen, Texas. Omicron Pi joined with the Pride of Killeen Lodge #620, Walmart, and the Killeen Police Department. Shop with a Cop benefited children supported by the Homeless and Domestic Violence Center based in Killeen, Texas. Friends in Crisis Shelter aids families in need with shelter and support during trying times.

Brother Kyle Moore represented Omega and the Killeen Police Department during Shop with the Cop. When asked why he was excited to support this event, he stated, "It's important to be involved in the community and effect change when opportunities arise. It's great to put smiles on the faces of the children here today. It's a pleasure to bring some joy to the families who are facing hardships."

Omicron Pi donated \$2000 dollars towards the success of the event. The Hood Ques also provided a big presence at the event. Brothers assisted by escorting children as the smiles grew from aisle to aisle. The families gave heartfelt thanks, making it easy to want to be a part of this noble event. Omicron Pi plans to continue this unified effort in community support.

This event helped foster joy and a welcoming atmosphere for families facing challenges during this holiday season. Shop with a Cop directly aligns with Omega's Social Action mandate and reflects the principle of Uplift. This event stands as a model of effective partnership, brotherhood in action, and the enduring mission of community uplift through service.

FALL 15 OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA CLOTHES AND SHOES DONATION

BRO. LAMON L. SMITH / OMICRON GAMMA
GAMMA / ARLINGTON, TX

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025,
FALL 15 GOT TOGETHER TO DROP OFF
SOME USED CLOTHES AND SHOES AT
THE MISSION OF ARLINGTON TODAY.
INCLUDED IN THE DONATION WERE
WOMEN AND MEN'S CLOTHES AND
SHOES THAT COULD BLESS SOMEONE
IN NEED.

THIS WAS A SMALL SOCIAL ACTION
PROJECT BY FALL 15, WHICH INCLUDED
OUR SANDS FROM THETA ALPHA, WHO
IS NOW PART OF OGG.

PARTICIPATING IN THE DONATIONS
WERE THOMAS LLOYD, LAMON SMITH,
AND ELLIOTT GASAWAY. WE TOOK
PICTURES TO SUPPORT THE BAGS OF
CLOTHES AND SHOES THAT WE
DROPPED OFF THIS MORNING.



MU MU NU: OMEGA SPOTLIGHT CHIGOZIE O. NWOKEAFOR

'I'm naturally reserved and introspective, a homebody who has to remind himself to be social—not because I don't enjoy people, but because solitude has always been where I recharge.'

I'VE NEVER BEEN THE LOUDEST VOICE IN THE ROOM. MOST OF MY LIFE, I'VE BEEN CONTENT QUIETLY OBSERVING, THINKING, AND ANALYZING. I'M NATURALLY RESERVED AND INTROSPECTIVE, A HOMEBODY WHO HAS TO REMIND HIMSELF TO BE SOCIAL—NOT BECAUSE I DON'T ENJOY PEOPLE, BUT BECAUSE SOLITUDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WHERE I RECHARGE.

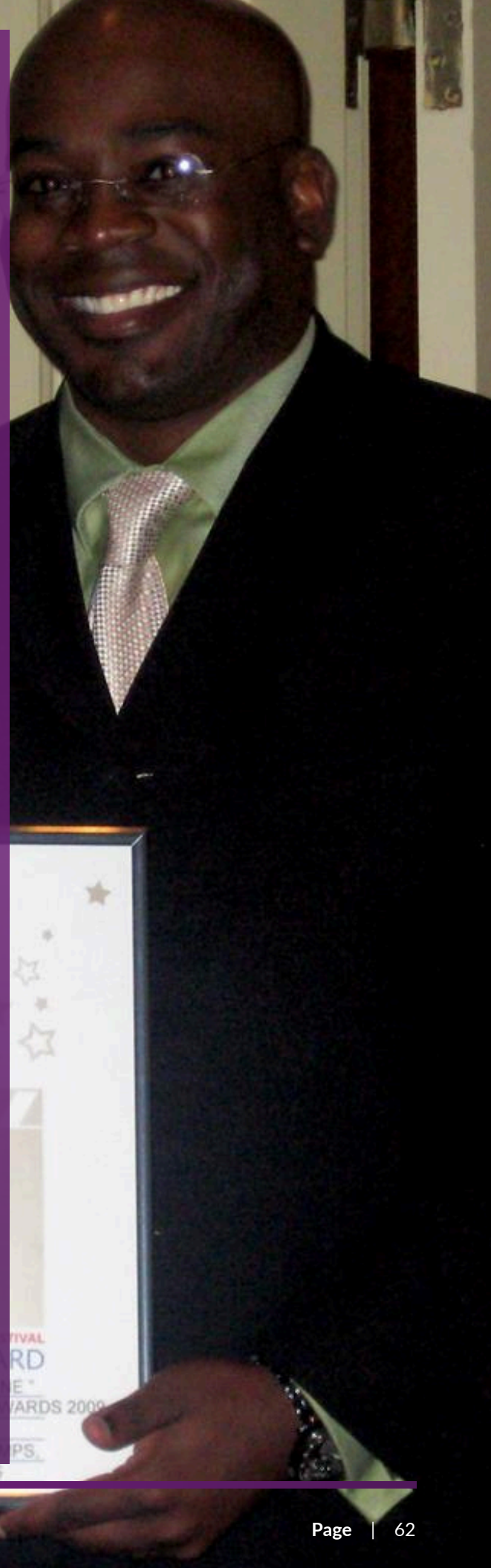
BEING BORN IN ABIA STATE, NIGERIA, AND RAISED IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, MY PERSPECTIVE OF THE "BLACK EXPERIENCE" IS SPLINTERED BETWEEN TWO VERY SIMILAR, YET UNIQUELY DIFFERENT CULTURAL VIEWPOINTS. I ATTENDED WILLOWRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN. WHILE AT UNIV. OF TEXAS, I HAD THE HONOR TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY IN THE SPRING OF 1994. I ALSO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. STILL, BEHIND THAT QUIET EXTERIOR IS A MIND SHAPED BY AN EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND IN GEOPHYSICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND MATHEMATICS. THESE DISCIPLINES TAUGHT ME TO SEE PATTERNS, BUILD STRUCTURE, AND UNDERSTAND THE UNSEEN FRAMEWORKS THAT HOLD EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

EVENTUALLY, THOSE ANALYTICAL ROOTS LED ME SOMEWHERE UNEXPECTED: FILMMAKING AND ANIMATION. CREATING FILMS AND ANIMATED STORIES BECAME THE OUTLET WHERE MY IMAGINATION COULD RUN WILD, WHILE STILL ENGAGING THE LOGICAL SIDE OF MY MIND. MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY SPANS MORE THAN TWO DECADES, BUT STARTING MY OWN DIGITAL/VIDEO MARKETING AND ANIMATION COMPANY IS THE PASSION THAT GETS ME OUT OF BED EVERY MORNING. IT'S THE PLACE WHERE SCIENCE MEETS STORYTELLING—WHERE PRECISION AND CREATIVITY COEXIST.

AS PROUD AS I AM OF MY CREATIVE AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, NOTHING COMPARES TO THE PRIDE I FEEL AS A FATHER. MY SONS, FAROH AND ROMAN, ARE EVERYTHING TO ME. THEY ARE NOT JUST MY LEGACY—THEY ARE MY PURPOSE. IT'S THROUGH THEM THAT I'VE TRULY LEARNED WHAT PATIENCE, LOVE, DISCIPLINE, AND SACRIFICE MEAN. I'VE ALWAYS HAD A HABIT OF GIVING MORE TO OTHERS THAN I GIVE TO MYSELF, USUALLY AVOIDING THE SPOTLIGHT. BUT IN FATHERHOOD, THAT SELFLESSNESS FEELS RIGHT.

JOINING OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. MARKED A TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE. IT WAS THE FIRST PLACE WHERE I FELT LIKE I COULD JUST BE MYSELF. THERE WAS NO PRESSURE TO PERFORM, NO MOLD I HAD TO FIT, NO JUDGMENT FOR BEING QUIET OR INTROSPECTIVE—AND NONE FOR THE DAYS I NEEDED TO LET GO AND "CRASH OUT" WHEN NECESSARY. OMEGA GAVE ME A SPACE WHERE AUTHENTICITY MATTERED MORE THAN APPEARANCES, WHERE BROTHERHOOD WAS REAL, AND WHERE GROWTH DIDN'T REQUIRE PRETENDING.

IT'S A BOND THAT CONTINUES TO SHAPE ME. IT REMINDS ME THAT BEING RESERVED DOESN'T MEAN BEING INVISIBLE—IT MEANS MOVING THROUGH THE WORLD IN A WAY THAT'S TRUE TO WHO I AM. PURPOSEFUL. CREATIVE.



MU MU NU: OMEGA SPOTLIGHT LEWIS MOORE

THROUGHOUT MY 12-YEAR CAREER, I HAVE BEEN AN EDUCATOR DEDICATED TO ADVANCING EQUITY AND CREATIVITY IN STEM EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR. IN 2025, I MADE A DECISION THAT RAISED EYEBROWS AND SPARKED CONVERSATIONS: I JOINED THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AT 36 YEARS OLD AS A 3E5X1 ENLISTED ENGINEER. SOME MIGHT CALL IT A MIDLIFE CRISIS; I PREFER TO CALL IT A MIDLIFE INVESTMENT. MY JOURNEY IS GUIDED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE CORE VALUES—INTEGRITY FIRST, SERVICE BEFORE SELF, AND EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO—AND THE CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.—MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT. TOGETHER, THESE VALUES GROUND MY COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND IMPACTFUL SCHOLARSHIP WHILE REMINDING ME THAT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO SERVE.

BORN AND RAISED IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, I GRADUATED FROM BATON ROUGE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE EARNING A B.S. IN BIOLOGY AND M.S. IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY FROM LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY. WHILE AT LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY, IN THE FALL OF 2009, I HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GREATEST FRATERNITY ON THE PLANET, OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. LATER, I COMPLETED AN M.ED. IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION WITH A STEM EMPHASIS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, AND I AM CURRENTLY COMPLETING MY PH.D. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AT PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY. ALONG THE WAY, I'VE BUILT A CAREER AS A PROFESSOR, MENTOR, AND STEM LEADER, WHILE RAISING MY DAUGHTER, AMIRAH MOORE.

SO WHY JOIN THE GUARD AT NEARLY 40? I THINK. AT THIS AGE, YOU BRING MATURITY, PATIENCE, AND A WELL-DEVELOPED SENSE OF HUMOR ABOUT PUSH-UPS AT DAWN. THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS ARE UNDENIABLE: ENHANCED LEADERSHIP SKILLS, EXPANDED NETWORKS, FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND THE KIND OF RESILIENCE THAT TRANSLATES SEAMLESSLY INTO BOTH BOARDROOMS AND CLASSROOMS. IN MY EYES, IT'S A HIGH-YIELD INVESTMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND SERVICE WITH GUARANTEED RETURNS IN PERSONAL GROWTH.

THIS DECISION WASN'T ABOUT PROVING I COULD STILL RUN A MILE—IT WAS ABOUT PROVING THAT SERVICE HAS NO EXPIRATION DATE. BALANCING FAMILY, DOCTORAL STUDIES, AND MILITARY TRAINING DEMANDED RESILIENCE AND HUMILITY, BUT IT ALSO INSPIRED COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS, AND FRATERNITY BROTHERS TO SEE THAT EXCELLENCE CAN BE PURSUED AT ANY STAGE OF LIFE.

FOR ME, OMEGA PSI PHI IS NOT JUST MEMBERSHIP; IT IS A DAILY CHOICE TO UPLIFT OTHERS, LEAD WITH INTEGRITY, AND PERSEVERE THROUGH EACH PLOT TWIST. WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM, THE COMMUNITY, OR THE GUARD, THE MISSION IS THE SAME: LEAVE THE NEXT GENERATION WITH PROOF THAT THEY CAN PICK UP THE PEN AND WRITE THEIR OWN STORY IN ANY CHAPTER.





WABC TROOP 242: A WEEKEND OF SERVICE AND BROTHERHOOD

BRO. SEDRIC MYERS / NU PHI / HOUSTON, TX

WABC Troop 242 Scouts, leaders, families, and community partners came together for a weekend that highlighted both the spirit of service and the legacy of Scouting.

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, WABC Troop 242 partnered with the Nu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., through its Adopt-A-Street program to lead a community cleanup along Scott Street between Ruth Street and South MacGregor Way. Together, 25 Scouts and 10 adult leaders, joined by fraternity brothers and community supporters, cleaned 2 miles of roadway and collected 8 bags of trash and debris.

The cleanup not only restored pride and beauty to the neighborhood but also strengthened bonds between youth, families, and community leaders. This initiative earned recognition as a Messengers of Peace project, showcasing how acts of service by Scouts can inspire peace, unity, and positive change.

Following the cleanup, the troop celebrated its Eye on the Eagle Draft, a tradition marking the transition of new Scouts from the Panther Patrol into their permanent patrols: Buffalo, Tuskegee, Swamp Angel, and Zulu. This exciting moment symbolizes growth, leadership, and the beginning of their journey toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

The presence and encouragement of the Nu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at both events highlighted the importance of mentorship and collaboration. Their partnership embodies the principle of lifting as we climb, ensuring that young men see positive examples of leadership and service in action.

Through service and celebration, WABC Troop 242 demonstrated that Scouting is about more than merit badges and campouts—it is about building leaders, stewards, and change-makers. With the continued support of families, the Nu Phi Chapter, and community partners, the future of our Scouts shines brighter than ever.



MU GAMMA CHAPTER — COMMUNITY TURKEY GIVEAWAY

MU GAMMA CHAPTER EDITOR / IRVING, TX

As the holiday season approaches, a local spirit of generosity is on full display. This week, an impromptu community Turkey Giveaway brought many families together for a day centered on support, gratitude, and connection.

On November 22, 2025, the Mu Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., participated in an impromptu Turkey giveaway in our service area of Irving, Texas.

The brothers of the chapter came together on Saturday for approximately four hours to help serve the community during the holiday season. A total of 18 turkeys and canned goods were distributed to families in need, as well as to anyone who simply drove up and asked for a Turkey. No one was turned away, and every turkey found its way to a household that could use it during this Thanksgiving season.

These turkey giveaway efforts were spearheaded by:

Dornel Tolbert
Darian Favors
Robert Jackson
Willis Williams
Simon Neal
Rodney Fennell

Each brother played a vital role in ensuring the project's success. Thanks to their dedication, the event was carried through to completion and reflected the fraternity's enduring commitment to service, uplift, and community support.

The goal main goal was simple: "We want every family to experience the joy of a holiday meal, regardless of their circumstances. No one in our community should have to worry about putting food on the table during the holidays."

The giveaway was made possible through donations from local businesses, churches, and individual community members. The event reminds all of what the Thanksgiving season is truly about—giving back and supporting neighbors.

Participants at the event expressed both relief and gratitude. For many, rising food prices have made holiday meals difficult to afford. "This means everything to us," said one recipient. "It takes a huge weight off."

The Mu Gamma Chapter remains proud to stand as a beacon of brotherhood and service in Irving, Texas.



The Epsilon Iota and Omicron Nu Nu Graduate Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., concluded the 2025 Central Texas Achievement Week with a powerful demonstration of service, scholarship, and brotherhood. While the annual Founders Banquet on November 15 served as the formal culmination of the week, the chapters' most significant impact was realized through two major community initiatives: volunteer service at the Central Texas Food Bank and a regional Blood Drive in partnership with We Are Blood.

Service at the Central Texas Food Bank

On November 13, 2025, the brothers of the Epsilon Iota Chapter led a day of service at the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB), the region's leading hunger-relief organization. CTFB provides equitable access to nutritious food across a 21-county service area, supporting more than half a million food-insecure individuals annually through direct-service programs and a network of community partners.

During the shift, brothers prepared food for approximately 150 families, packaged more than 5,000 pounds of food, and supported home-delivery distributions of 25–30 pounds per household. Their efforts ensured that seniors, families, and local nonprofits received essential nutrition resources. This measurable impact reflects Omega's enduring commitment to uplifting communities through purposeful, hands-on service.

Blood Drive Partnership with We Are Blood

The brother of the Epsilon Iota Chapter also led a community Blood Drive in collaboration with We Are Blood, Central Texas's nonprofit blood center. Established in 1951, the organization has expanded from serving four Austin hospitals to supporting more than 50 hospitals and medical facilities across a 10-county region.

The drive yielded 25 donors who contributed lifesaving blood, strengthening the region's emergency readiness and medical support systems. Because each unit of donated blood can help save up to three lives, the chapter's efforts represent a meaningful contribution to the health and well-being of Central Texas patients. This initiative underscores Omega's dedication to civic responsibility, public health, and community partnership.

2025 Founders Banquet

Achievement Week concluded with the annual Founders Banquet, guided by Brother Greg Warren as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Rev. Dr. Dante Wright delivered an inspiring keynote address, and the chapters honored their 2025 Essay Contest winners, the Omega Citizen of the Year, and Brother Cletus Wilkins for his longstanding and distinguished service to the Fraternity and the community.

Escaping mainstream history, we share our uncommon legacy to broaden your knowledge of American his-story. We invite you to enjoy the snippets of our legacy as presented in this exhibit.

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1976



THE WILCOX FAMILY (c.1955)

by The Wilcox & Moore Legacy Restoration Project

RIDLEY CEMETERY BECOMES NATIONALLY HISTORIC LANDMARK

BRO. HAROLD HUFF III / ETA XI NU / NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

On October 11, 2025, a significant chapter of Texas history was formally recognized as the Freedmen colony Ridley Cemetery in Seguin, Texas, was designated a nationally historic landmark by the State of Texas. The ceremony marked a powerful moment of remembrance, preservation, and honor for a site that stands as a testament to resilience, legacy, and community.

Brothers of Eta Xi Nu played an active role in the historic designation by providing labor for improvements and working closely with the colony's descendants to see this effort through. Brothers joined local leaders and descendants to commemorate the cemetery's importance. Ridley Cemetery, established by formerly enslaved African Americans after emancipation, has long served as a sacred resting place for generations of families and veterans who contributed to the building of Seguin and Guadalupe County. Its recognition as a historic landmark ensures that the stories buried within its grounds will not be forgotten.

The designation ceremony brought together a diverse group of attendees, reflecting the broad impact of the site. A county commissioner and a Seguin city councilman were present to officially acknowledge the landmark status and to emphasize the importance of preserving African American history at the local and state levels. Their remarks highlighted the role of civic leadership in protecting historically marginalized narratives.

Family members of veterans interred at Ridley Cemetery were also in attendance, receiving the recognition on behalf of their ancestors. For many, the moment was deeply personal, serving as both an affirmation of their family's sacrifices and a public acknowledgment of contributions too often overlooked. Veterans buried at Ridley Cemetery served their country with honor, even while facing segregation and systemic inequality at home.

The participation of the brothers of Eta Xi Nu underscored a continued commitment to service, historical awareness, and community uplift. The designation of Ridley Cemetery as a nationally historic landmark not only preserves a physical space but also safeguards the legacy of a freedmen community whose perseverance helped shape Texas history.





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ETA XI NU INITIATES CHARTER LINE

BRO. HAROLD HUFF III / ETA XI NU / NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

On November 15, 2025, history was made as the Eta Xi Nu Charter Line was officially initiated into our distinguished brotherhood. This monumental occasion took place in San Antonio, TX, and marked a significant milestone for the chapter.

Led by Chapter Membership Coordinator Brother Micheal Lambert and Co-Chair Brother Darius Lyons, the eight newly inducted charter line members are: Laron Jones, James Watkins Jr., Kelvin Carter, Reginald Sirmons, Jesse Ashhurst, Joshua Banks, Anthony Burgess, and Dondre Elvoid. Each member brings unique talents and perspectives, promising to uphold the values and ideals of the fraternity.

Their initiation not only strengthens our chapter but also continues the legacy of service, scholarship, and brotherhood that our fraternity embodies.

We look forward to the upcoming contribution of the newest members of Eta Xi Nu and their commitment to making a positive impact in our community and beyond. Welcome to the brotherhood!



ETA XI NU FOCUS ON SERVICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

BRO. HAROLD HUFF III / ETA XI NU / NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

In support of the community during the holiday season, brothers of Eta Xi Nu demonstrated their continued commitment to service and community impact through two meaningful outreach initiatives benefiting families across the San Antonio metropolitan area. Through food insecurity relief and youth-focused holiday giving, the chapter embodied the spirit of compassion and collective responsibility during the season of giving.

To address hunger in the local community, the brothers of Eta Xi Nu organized a food collection drive in conjunction with the New Braunfels MLK Association that resulted in the donation and delivery of 450 pounds of food to the New Braunfels Food Bank on November 24. The effort required weeks of coordination, collection, and hands-on participation, ensuring that shelves were stocked to support individuals and families facing food shortages during the winter months. By personally delivering the donation, the brothers reinforced their dedication to direct service and accountability to the communities they serve.

In addition to food relief, Eta Xi Nu partnered with Four9 Cigars in San Antonio, Texas, on December 12 to bring holiday joy to children and families in need. Through this partnership, more than 200 toys were collected and donated for holiday distribution. The toys were designated for children connected to Lighthouse Community Church and a local women's crisis center, ensuring that youth impacted by hardship could still experience the joy and hope of the holiday season.

These collaborations highlight the power of community partnerships, demonstrating how local businesses and service organizations can work together to create a broader impact. Volunteers from various groups came together to sort, organize, and prepare the toys for distribution, turning generosity into action.

Through these initiatives, the brothers of Eta Xi Nu reaffirmed their mission of service, unity, and uplift. Their efforts not only provided essential resources but also delivered hope, dignity, and holiday cheer to families when it mattered most.

OMEGA STARS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDS COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH EDUCATION, SERVICE, AND ENGAGEMENT

BRO. WALTER TAYLOR III / EPSILON ALPHA / FORT WORTH, TX

The Omega Stars Mentorship Program, supported by the Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has continued its mission of uplifting and empowering youth through a series of community-centered initiatives this fall. From mental health education to hands-on service projects, the program has demonstrated its commitment to developing responsible, informed, and community-minded young leaders.

A youth mental health awareness training led by a mental health specialist from Children on the Mend, Inc. marked the formal beginning of the 2025 session on Saturday, August 16. The training, which took place at the start of the new program year, gave mentees vital resources as they were ready to start the 2025–2026 academic year. The expert provided advice on how to spot stress indicators, get support, and take care of oneself, and subjects that are becoming more and more crucial for today's kids. Additionally, the session promoted candid discussions, enabling mentees to speak up for their peers' and their own mental health. The program was commended by mentors and parents for giving the younger generation the tools they need to confidently handle social and academic challenges.

Epsilon Alpha Brothers and several Omega Stars mentees collaborated on a Habitat for Humanity project on Saturday, October 11, demonstrating the program's continued commitment to character and community development. Volunteers painted two houses during the day as part of the chapter's Community Enrichment Initiative, cooperating to improve nearby communities. The project gave mentees practical experience in civic participation, teamwork, and responsibility values that Omega Psi Phi upholds. After the service activity was finished, members continued their day of community service by ushering at the NAACP Freedom Fund event. Their participation provided mentees with an up-close view of community leadership in action while also supporting the organization's continuing civil rights initiatives.

November was the last month of the service season. The Epsilon Alpha Mentorship Committee and Omega Stars mentees worked together again on Saturday, November 22, this time to help families in need over the Christmas season. The group put together and gave more than 100 turkey baskets to locals in an act of kindness and teamwork. In addition to addressing acute food hardship, the program gave mentees a significant chance to give back during a period that is typically focused on thankfulness and community. Members of the chapter stressed the significance of instilling in young people the value of service at a young age, emphasizing that leadership is based on both accomplishment and compassion.

Across all three events, the Omega Stars Mentorship Program demonstrated its holistic approach to youth development while balancing educational enrichment with community involvement and personal growth. Through partnerships with organizations such as Children on the Mend, Habitat for Humanity, and the NAACP, the program continues to make a measurable impact on youth and the broader community.



BRO. S. LEE MERRITT RECOGNIZED AMONG FORBES' TOP LAWYERS FOR 2025

Bro. Larry Johnson II / Alpha Iota Iota / Plano, TX

CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY AND ACTIVIST BRO. S. LEE MERRITT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN RECOGNIZED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, EARNING DISTINCTION ON THE 2025 FORBES BEST IN STATE LAWYERS LIST, FOLLOWING HIS PRIOR SELECTION TO THE 2024 FORBES AMERICA'S TOP LAWYERS LIST. THESE CONSECUTIVE HONORS AFFIRM MERRITT'S NATIONAL REPUTATION AS A FEARLESS ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE AND A TRUSTED VOICE FOR COMMUNITIES SEEKING ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM.

A GRADUATE OF MOREHOUSE COLLEGE AND TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, MERRITT'S ACADEMIC FOUNDATION REFLECTS A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND EXCELLENCE. IN 2016, HE WAS INITIATED INTO OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED THROUGH THE ALPHA IOTA IOTA CHAPTER, FURTHER SOLIDIFYING HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY'S CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND UPLIFT. AS A PROUD MEMBER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC., MERRITT CONTINUES TO EXEMPLIFY SERVANT LEADERSHIP BOTH IN AND BEYOND THE COURTROOM.

KNOWN FOR HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION, MERRITT HAS REPRESENTED FAMILIES IN SOME OF THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL CASES INVOLVING POLICE MISCONDUCT, RACIAL INJUSTICE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. HIS WORK HAS NOT ONLY DELIVERED LEGAL VICTORIES BUT HAS ALSO ADVANCED NATIONAL DIALOGUE AROUND EQUITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS.

REFLECTING ON THE HONOR, MERRITT DESCRIBED THE RECOGNITION AS BOTH A PRIVILEGE AND A SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT EVERY ACKNOWLEDGMENT REFLECTS THE TRUST PLACED IN HIM BY CLIENTS WHO TURN TO HIS FIRM DURING SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT MOMENTS OF THEIR LIVES, AS WELL AS THE SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY THAT BELIEVES IN THE UNWAVERING PURSUIT OF JUSTICE. HE SHARED THIS HONOR WITH HIS LEGAL TEAM, HIS CLIENTS, AND ALL WHO CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE INJUSTICE AND ADVANCE CIVIL RIGHTS.

AS HE CONTINUES THIS VITAL WORK, MERRITT'S INCLUSION ON FORBES' 2025 LIST STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO HIS INTEGRITY, IMPACT, AND ENDURING COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY AND REAL PROGRESS.





A DOUGLASS COMMUNITY HOLIDAY

BRO. LARRY JOHNSON II / ALPHA IOTA IOTA / PLANO, TX

The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. serves the Denton & Douglass Community Seniors during a joyful and uplifting community event held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, on December 11, 2025. More than 70 seniors gathered for an afternoon filled with food, fellowship, and inspiration.

The program featured a powerful spiritual message from Pastor James Thomas of Rhema Life Church in Plano, whose words resonated deeply with attendees and set a meaningful tone for the day. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, singing, laughter, and heartfelt moments of connection that reflected the fraternity's commitment to service and community uplift.

The Douglass Community Activity Chairmen, Brother Horace Satisfield and Brother Wayne Powe, played a vital role in coordinating the event and engaging with seniors throughout the afternoon. Their leadership continues to strengthen the Douglass community initiatives, and the seniors expressed sincere appreciation for their partnership and dedication.

Basileus Keary Woodard delivered inspiring remarks that left everyone feeling encouraged and connected, bringing the program to a warm and memorable close.

The seniors departed with smiles and full hearts, expressing excitement about future gatherings. The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter and Social Action Chairman Brother Rodney Weary look forward to returning next year with the same spirit of unity, love, and service.



In January 2026, the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., (North Dallas Ques) proudly launched Cohort 3 of the chapter's youth mentoring initiative called Develop YOU-1911, facilitated and led by Bro. Brandon Watts. This program is designed to support Omega's global Fatherhood and Mentoring mandate. The target audience for this program is the African American male youth residing within Collin County, with an initial focus on high school juniors and seniors.

To kick off this cohort, the first session covered identity through preferred learning-style identification surveys and personality-type alignment. Both discoveries help young men attain more self-awareness while navigating life. Also highlighted in the session was developing confidence when speaking with an elevator pitch competition (speaking with intention & confidence interactive activity) facilitated by Bro. Eric Thomas. The session ended with a social fellowship hour. Bro. Trevlon Noble prepared, and Cajun Pasta, participants and mentors introduced themselves and made sustainable connections.

The Develop YOU-1911 program takes a curriculum-based approach to engage and support participants, encouraging them to reach their academic potential, empowering them with knowledge of self, and equipping them with tools to achieve self-actualization.

Participants in the program are guided through a 6-part series by the chapter Brotherhood from January through June, focused on the following principles:

- Identity & Confidence –teaching participants how to be comfortable in their own “skin” and provide them with the confidence needed to navigate life’s journey
- Emotional Intelligence – techniques for identifying the various emotions experienced and strategies to beneficially manage each of them
- Character – unpacks the mental and moral attributes that are distinctive to developing into a good person
- Character in Leadership – delves into the values, beliefs, and actions influencing how participants connect with others around them
- Time Management – methods for developing the disciplines required to separate priorities from noise and how to juggle life’s ever-evolving challenges
- Smart Goal Planning – frameworks for developing and defining meaningful goals to achieve targeted objectives within a focused set of time

Embedded as part of the delivery of these six sessions, participants can also expect the following outcomes:

- Discover the importance of culture, family values, and true brotherhood
- Determine how to be role models and the importance of civic responsibility
- A basic understanding of leadership concepts
- Understand the value of fiscal responsibility
- Exposure to the proper etiquette for various events and activities
- Learn basic organizational structures

The program takes on a bifurcated structure towards mentoring, bringing all mentors and mentees together for a monthly group session and one-on-one pairings where Brothers assigned to individual participants are required to connect with their mentees on the 19th and the 11th of each month. This approach is designed to create safe spaces for group sessions where everyone benefits from the sharing of each other's lived experiences and person-to-person connections to create stronger and longer-lasting relationships with the mentees. As these young men matriculate to the next phase of their life, be it college, the military, or other endeavors, Bro. Watts and the committee believe it is important for them to continue to have access to positive Black male role models. The men of Alpha Iota Iota stand ready to fulfill that purpose.



DELTA XI CHAPTER MLK PARADE

BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

On a cold, windy Saturday morning—January 17, 2026—the brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. layered up to fulfill their annual duties at the 37th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parade in Garland, Texas. Tasked with setting out 154 numbered cones to correspond with each vehicle or float’s place in line, the brothers began their morning on site with a prayer, asking for a smooth kickoff to the event.

In addition to organizing the parade lineup, three brothers were selected to serve as judges for the Creative Entry Competition. As a gesture of appreciation for Delta Xi’s steadfast support over the years, the chapter was honored as one of the parade’s Grand Marshals. Basileus Asonye Ordu stood high on the city-prepared float, proudly waving and tossing out purple beads to the crowd as the float moved along the parade path.

At the parade’s conclusion, the Delta Xi Chapter was recognized at the Garland Atrium, where an MLK program was held for the local community. Ms. Gwen Daniels of the Garland, TX NAACP expressed her gratitude, stating, “It is with gratitude and much appreciation that I thank the Omegas from the Delta Xi Chapter for the superb job that you performed. From lining up 154 entries to judging the Creative Entry Contest to the Basileus who served as one of our 2026 Grand Marshals, I do not doubt that God was pleased, and that the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was highly celebrated in Garland.”

This event was more than a celebration; it was a recommitment to Dr. King’s dream. As Dr. King once said, ‘Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.’ Basileus Bro. Asonye Ordu challenged his chapter brothers to channel the energy from the parade into ongoing community service. ‘Let’s make the dream a reality through our actions.’

So, the brothers departed with another successful parade logged in history, remembering that the work of justice and equality belongs to us all.



DELTA XI CHAPTER SUPPORTS BUILDING TOMORROW'S ENGINEERS STEM WORKSHOP

BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

On October 4, 2025, the brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter participated in the annual Sound and Music Engineering Workshop hosted by the Theta Alpha Chapter. This workshop is part of the second year of their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy, which aims to inspire youth from the surrounding community through hands-on experiences in STEM fields.

The workshop focused on breaking down sound and music engineering through an interdisciplinary approach, emphasizing the physical nature of sound, the application of mathematical principles, the leveraging of technology, and the biological understanding of human perception of sound. These elements are critical in laying the groundwork for modern audio production.

Under the guidance of instructors from the Theta Alpha Chapter, the brothers of Delta Xi actively assisted the students in exploring the fundamentals of sound creation. The workshop was structured around the four pillars of STEM:

A. Science: Participants learned about the physics and biology of sound. They discovered that sound is a mechanical vibration that travels through various media, creating longitudinal waves through compression and rarefaction. This foundational knowledge is essential for any aspiring audio engineer.

B. Technology: The workshop introduced students to Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), critical software tools used in modern music production. These applications enabled students to record, edit, mix, and master music on computers, providing them with practical skills relevant to today's industry.

C. Engineering: Participants engaged in discussions about the practical applications of engineering principles. The importance of understanding an audio signal's journey—from its source (such as a voice or instrument) to its endpoint (a speaker or digital file)—was emphasized. Hands-on experiences with microphones, preamps, mixers, and effects processors were also included.

D. Mathematics: Students learned about the mathematical language of sound. They examined sound intensity measured in decibels (dB), which accurately reflects human perception of loudness. Understanding these calculations was highlighted as essential for setting proper audio levels and achieving a balanced mix.

The interest and engagement from the students were immediate and profound. Each participant walked away with valuable insights about how they could make a difference in any field, given the right tools and inspiration. Brother Asonye Ordu from Delta Xi Chapter stated, "that the STEM curriculum centered around sound and music engineering, noting that it provided an enriching and invaluable experience for the youth. He stated that the program not only enhanced cognitive skills but also boosted career opportunities and fostered hands-on problem-solving abilities in the realm of audio production."

The success of the workshop underscores the importance of STEM education in empowering young people and fostering a deeper understanding of the industry. The brothers of Delta Xi look forward to future collaboration with the Theta Alpha Chapter to continue inspiring the next generation in the STEM fields of Sound and Music Engineering.



DELTA XI VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

BRO. STEVEN SINGLETON, SR. / DELTA XI / ROWLETT, TX

On September 15, 2025, the brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter embarked on an inspiring mission at East Texas State University, hosting a transformative voter registration event within the bustling student center—a lively hub for students throughout the day. With determination and enthusiasm, the team set up their tables, ready to engage the campus community in meaningful discussions about the power of their voices in shaping the future.

Brother Wille Reed, a certified Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR), passionately articulated the event's purpose, stating, "This event wasn't just about registering students to vote; we aimed to enlighten our peers on the critical importance of voting and how each individual's vote is a cornerstone in molding the future of our democracy."

The information table served as an educational treasure trove, clearly laying out pivotal aspects of voter registration in Texas, including eligibility requirements, application methods, and essential deadlines. The brothers' efforts paid off magnificently, with 76 students successfully registered to vote. Moreover, over 200 inquisitive students flocked to the information table, eager to learn more about voting and their eligibility.

The enthusiastic response from faculty members and school administrators was heartwarming, reflecting their joy in witnessing the brothers ignite passion and excitement about civic engagement among students. As the brothers concluded the event, they felt a profound sense of accomplishment, having fulfilled a vital mission. They underscored the significance of voting, portraying it as the very backbone of democracy that empowers citizens to choose representatives who wield influence over crucial decisions in their lives.

The overwhelming success of the event did not go unnoticed, leading faculty members to extend an invitation for the brothers to return in November 2025. This opportunity signals a growing interest in promoting a culture of voting and civic responsibility among the student body. The brothers eagerly anticipate continuing their vital work to inspire democratic engagement and empower their fellow students to make their voices heard.

A LETTER FROM YOUR NINTH DISTRICT CHAPLAIN 2023-2026

Greetings, my brothers, my friends, of the Mighty Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. As I prepare to term out of my role and office as your Ninth District Chaplain, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to have served this district and each one of you. This office has been more than just a title for me, but a responsibility, an honor to serve as I have been called and sent to serve by our Supreme Basileus of the Universe, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And it is a calling to serve His purpose that I do not and did not and never will take lightly. "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant (Matthew 23:11). And I am so hippopotamus happy, allegator glad, and peacock proud to have been given the privilege to serve you, my brothers and my friends of this great Mighty Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. To teach and educate godly values that reflect love, friendship, fraternity, and fellowship. Serving as your Chaplain also allowed me to see the hearts of the brotherhood of our great Fraternity. Guiding moments of reflection, supporting brothers through challenges, celebrating milestones, and helping us stay grounded in the values that define us by the values set forth by our founders, Ernest E. Just, Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman. I learned that leadership isn't always loud, but it is often found in quiet moments, honest conversations, and the trust we build with one another. To the officers I've served alongside, you made this journey meaningful. We may not have always seen eye to eye, but my bible tells me that iron sharpens iron. And as we have forged our way through to making this a leading District in our Fraternity, it has and will take some struggles and battles to reach the same objectives and goals we all had in our hearts. The challenges strengthened us to keep the faith and run the race to fulfill God's purpose for our District and our Fraternity. And with your support for me, I feel confident in the Lord that I carried out my responsibility with confidence, integrity, and purpose according to Him who sent me. I pray that you continue to serve with godly character and integrity that sets the example for the brotherhood. To the brothers across the district, thank you for welcoming me into your chapters, for supporting me with open minds, and for engaging and participating in conversations, chaplain initiatives, and service to the District Office to better serve the brothers of our great Ninth District. This reminded me and kept me grounded in understanding how essential this fraternity's friendship and fellowship truly are to our souls.



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And to the new District Chaplain stepping into this honored seat, you are inheriting an important and rewarding role. Bring your heart of Christ, the patience of (1 Corinthians 13), and your authenticity with fervent prayer. Stay connected to the values our Fraternity supports and never underestimate the impact you can make by simply being present for your brothers. Though my term is ending, my commitment to this fraternity is not. I step aside with pride in humility in what God the Father, Jesus the Son, to whom we give all the glory, has built. Now I am excited for what He has laid ahead for me. I'll always be here as a brother, ready to support and serve this district however I can. It takes a good follower to become a great leader, and it takes a good leader to become a great follower! Again, thank you for trusting me, inspiring me, and allowing me to serve. I am grateful and honored today and always to serve in the greatest fraternity in the world, God's Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Omega Psi Phi till the Day I Die, RQQ! May God continue to bless you and keep you is my prayer, and always Go with God!



YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS AND YOUR FRIEND
IN SERVICE TO OMEGA, BROTHER MINISTER ERNEST
E. BROWN II, NINTH DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

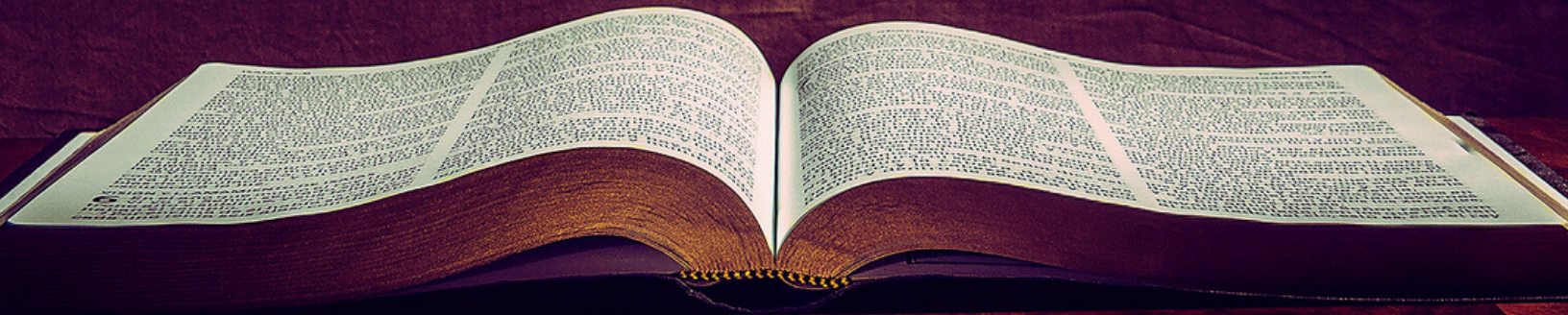
Being Followers of the Way (The Requirement)

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26)

Sometimes people will come up to me and make a comment like, “You think you are holier than thou.” I will respond to them and say, “No, but I am holy, and you can be too if you follow the way.” Then they may follow with the statement “you are not God nor are you Jesus Christ.” I will respond by saying, “No, I am not God, but simply an image of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and a follower of the way, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, and you can be too. Just confess Jesus Christ as the Messiah and believe in your heart that He was raised from the dead, and you shall be saved. Romans 10:9. They will accuse me of being a sinner. I will agree with them, but I will share with them all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, so I'm a saved sinner transitioned into a Saint, and so can you be too. (Romans 3:23-30). By His grace and Mercy that I am justified and forgiven of all my sins. His grace is a gift given to all who are willing to receive it; Ephesians 2:8-10.

The birth of Christianity or believers in Jesus Christ before those who confess to be Christians by name were called “Followers of the Way.” (John 14:6) tells us that Jesus is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man comes before the Father but by Him.” Studying the history of the present-day name of Christian or Christianity is quite interesting. I recommend that in your leisure and or meditation time, research it. But it is befitting that those who followed God/Jesus Christ and believe in His teaching would be called followers of Him /the way, or His disciples. Disciples are defined as a personal followers of a specific teaching, person, or thing. Someone or something that has such an influenced in your life so deeply that you imitate it. Not just to follow it but to live it; to talk the talk, and walk the walk. Jesus teaches that those who follow His way are His disciples.

Luke 14:26 sounds like a ludicrous and unreasonable demand. But He emphatically places this heavy demand on being His disciple/discipleship. “Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and only a few find it, but wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many will travel it and go there.” (Matthew 7:13-14).



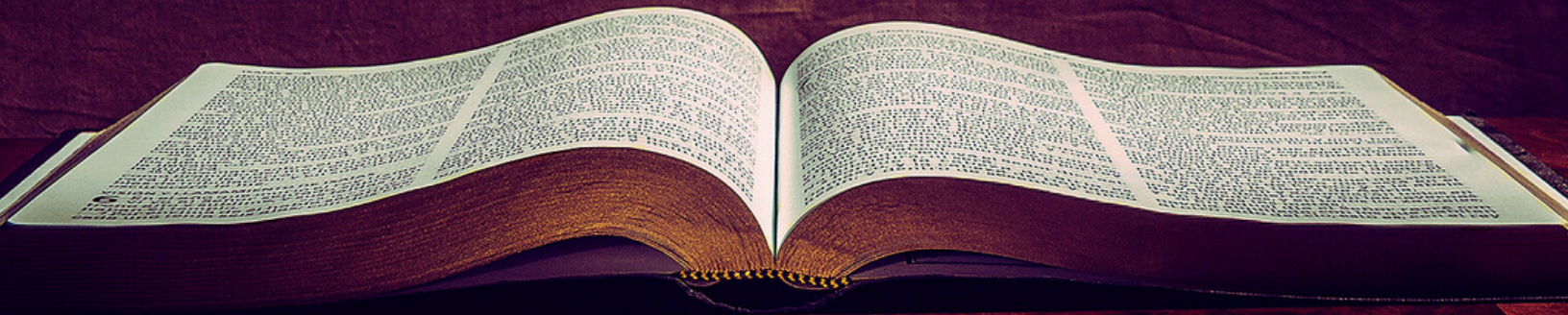
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

He is saying that if anyone wants to live a life that leads to the straight path of salvation by following Him is required to love the Lord your God with all thy heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit. You will find that this is a commandment, actually the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like unto it. To love one another as you love yourself. (Exodus 20:3-17); (Matthew 22:37-40). Get off the merry-go-round of life that chases death and follow that straight and narrow that trades your life for a rewarding life. "Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:24-25). We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

Now don't get it twisted. This doesn't mean that in denying ourselves we must give up pleasurable and enjoyable things or walk around with somber expressions, or even not have fun. What it is, simply saying you must repudiate, disdain, disown, forfeit, and totally disregard those choices that lead to the road of destruction. Jesus shows us the way that allows us to enjoy life. I heard a minister express it this way, "When following Jesus/The Way, you will live the most joyful, effective, powerful life possible, because essentially you exchanged your life for God's. You exchanged your plans for His. And you say not my will but Your will be done." Jesus is a true friend who leads us to the way of salvation and the eternal, abundant life. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you." (John 15:13-15) (KJV)

This is why our Motto is Friendship is Essential to the Soul. Because Jesus makes it so. What a friend we have in Jesus!

God bless you and keep you is my prayer, and as always, go with God!



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AUGUST 2025

BROTHER WILLIE MARQUE MCCREE
1980 SIGMA TAU/OMICRON NU
OMEGA CHAPTER AUGUST 20, 2025

BROTHER CHARLES A. HAYWOOD
1971 PSI ALPHA/PSI ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER AUGUST 31, 2025

BROTHER THOMAS "TOMMY/BABY BOY" CHILDS, JR.
1971 ETA GAMMA/THETA ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER AUGUST 31, 2025

OCTOBER 2025

BROTHER WAYMAN TODD DEVER, JR.
1978 RHO NU/OMICRON UPSILON
OMEGA CHAPTER OCTOBER 4, 2025

BROTHER FRANKLIN CERUTI
1957 RHO EPSILON/DELTA/PSI ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER OCTOBER 13, 2025

BROTHER STEVEN "BIG SALTY" LEWIS
1983 PSI ALPHA/PSI ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER OCTOBER 18, 2025

NOVEMBER 2025

BROTHER JESSE R. TAYLOR
1982 LAMBDA ALPHA/LAMBDA ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER NOVEMBER 1, 2025

OMEGA CHAPTER

BROTHER DWIGHT STEWART
1990 ETA MU/PSI ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER NOVEMBER 20, 2025

DECEMBER 2025

BROTHER JOEL KILGORE
1982 NU ETA/PHI PI
OMEGA CHAPTER DECEMBER 2, 2025

BROTHER CHARLES ANTHONY HOPKINS
1984 THETA NU/MU MU NU
OMEGA CHAPTER DECEMBER 6, 2025

BROTHER JEFFERY AUGUST
2017 PSI ALPHA/PSI ALPHA
OMEGA CHAPTER DECEMBER 23, 2025

BROTHER REGINALD HOWARD
2007 TAU PHI/ALPHA IOTA IOTA
OMEGA CHAPTER DECEMBER 25, 2025

JANUARY 2026

BROTHER ALGIE ANDERSON FELDER
1964 SIGMA TAU/SIGMA TAU
OMEGA CHAPTER JANUARY 13, 2026

BROTHER LOUIS S. BROWN
1949 NU PHI/NU PHI
OMEGA CHAPTER JANUARY 16, 2026

**"Heroes aren't defined
by capes or powers,
but by the courage to
stand up, serve others,
and do what's right
when it matters most."**





HISTORY BUILT BRICK BY BRICK

