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

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## The March Towards Excellence



## DR's Message



Brothers of the Mighty Ninth District,

Our 2012 Achievement Week Theme, “Our Omega Commitment: A Look at the Past with an Eye on the Future”, provides a great opportunity to speak about some important items in this communication. In general, I feel that we are at a crossroads in Omega and we need a Call to Action to ensure that we take the right path. If we just take the first part of the theme (“Our Omega Commitment”), we need to look no further than our Mandated Programs and some words from Founder Bishop Edgar A. Love to understand what we are called to do as members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Our Mandated Programs provide us with the major focus areas for our chapters and our members. These 10 programs basically line up with two critical aspects of our work as Omegas; Community Service and Membership. They are designed to connect our chapters with the communities in which we live, to make sure we have the members to do the work we signed up to do and to appropriately recognize our members for their service. Imagine what a world of difference we could make in our communities if we get our programs aligned with our membership so that everything was headed in the same direction.

In a recorded speech, Founder Bishop Love provided us with some insight to our Omega Commitment on several fronts. But, specifically on the membership front, he charged us to take our role of expanding the fraternity’s membership (Selection) seriously with the following quote:

“... the Founders can only guarantee that, as they have selected fourteen other men who were like-minded to themselves with the same ideals, aspirations and scholarship, that (these men) in turn would select other men like themselves; then whenever the fraternity might be established, that would be the order and men of high ideals and scholastic standing would be selected, ad infinitum.”

Let’s continue to build Omega as the sort of “Who’s Who” in our communities that would make our Founders proud.

As we begin a new fiscal year in our chapters, let us pause for a few specific reasons:

1. To give thanks for getting through the past year (Omega Fiscal Year) and having the opportunity to see the start of a new year.
2. To evaluate our chapter’s performance over the past year, identify opportunities for improvement and establish a solid plan to advance our chapters for the new year.
3. To recognize the outstanding work of our chapter members and community citizens during our Achievement Week Celebrations.

I look forward to another successful year in Omega, in the Ninth District and in our individual chapters. I also look forward to every member of our fraternity enjoying the health, happiness and prosperity that we all seek.

Fraternally,

Bro. Ernest E. Parquet

Ninth District Representative

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## 75th Diamond Anniversary Ninth District Meeting

The 75th Diamond Anniversary Ninth District Meeting, hosted by the Little Rock Ques Coalition (Pi Omicron, Omicron Lambda Lambda, Pi Sigma, Beta Delta, Pi Kappa and Alpha Delta Pi chapters), commenced in Little Rock, AR April 4 – 7, 2012 at the Peabody Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center. With 791 brothers registered, the meeting was marked by impactful community service, decorated guest speakers, and great fellowship among attendees. The meeting theme of community uplift through service was highlighted before the start of the meeting as brothers from across the Little Rock area visited Con Ivey Retirement Center Saturday, March 31 for grounds clean-up, landscaping and painting.

The Ninth District announced a \$2,000 cash donation to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Arkansas during a press conference on Wednesday, April 4. The G. Stanley Lewis Que Lock, the 75th Ninth District Meeting youth leadership conference, gave 40 young men an opportunity to meet with fraternity members and hear from Bro.. G. Stanley Lewis on Thursday, April 5 at Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock. Bro.. Dr. Andrew Ray, Grand Basileus was the honored keynote speaker at the Founder's Banquet on Thursday, April 5. Bro.. Kenneth Rodgers, a Rho Mu (University of Arkansas Monticello) initiate and 2nd District Representative, also joined the list of distinguished speakers by addressing brothers during the Undergraduate Luncheon on Friday, April 6.

The meeting ended Saturday, April 7 with a Family Day in the Park with over 1500 attendees. The event was co-sponsored by the Natural State Ques, Arkansas' state organization. All Arkansas graduate and undergraduate chapters were represented, grilling up chapter specialties. Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers and attendees for making the 75th Diamond Anniversary Ninth District Meeting a success.



## District Awards

Award	Brother	Chapter	City/State
Omega Man of the Year	Denishio Blanchett	Epsilon Alpha Alpha	Jonesboro, AR
Undergraduate Omega Man	Mayowa Oyebadejo	Phi Gamma	Denton, TX
Superior Service Award	Marlon Henderson	Rho Omega	Shreveport, LA
Founders Award	Ernest Goode	Theta Alpha	Dallas, TX
Citizen of the Year	Earnest Burke	Alpha Iota Iota	Plano, TX
Colonel Young Military Award	Lt. Dominique Jackson	Lambda Alpha	Baton Rouge, LA
Undergraduate Chapter Advisor	Dr. Paul Adams	Upsilon Chi	Bentonville, AR

Award	Chapter	City/State
Large Graduate Chapter of the Year	Rho Xi	Freeport, TX
Undergraduate Chapter of the Year	Alpha Delta Lambda	University of Texas at San Antonio
Graduate Chapter Best Scrapbook	Alpha Iota Iota	Plano, TX
Undergraduate Chapter Best Scrapbook	Rho Theta	Prairie View A & M University

Award	Recipient	Chapter	Location
9th District Scholar of the Year	Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Theta Kappa	Louisiana State University
Arkansas Scholar of the Year	GeJuan Jordan	Gamma Eta	University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Louisiana Scholar of the Year	Marlon Hamilton	Beta Sigma	Southern University
Texas Scholar of the Year	Kendrick Crenshaw	Phi Beta	Jarvis Christian College
Oklahoma Scholar of the Year	Davy King	Phi Psi	Langston University
Graduate Scholar of the Year	Shannon Reeves	Pi Tau	Grambling State University



**Que-Lock Dedication**



**Community Service**



**Family Picnic**



**Images from the 75th District Meeting**

## Brother Featured on the Cover of “African American Perspectives”



Brother Dr. Paul Adams, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville is a researcher tracking down mechanisms involving proteins involved in the onset of diseases such as cancer. His work recently earned him the cover of the summer 2012 issue of African American Perspectives-Northeast Arkansas. The article featuring Brother Adams's work was entitled “Arkansas Scientist Trying to Tackle Cancer with Biochemistry.” African American Perspectives is a premier publication targeted for African-Americans in Arkansas and beyond. The magazine is dedicated to the highest ideals of service to all communities in Northeast Arkansas and beyond.

Brother Adams's research focuses on Ras proteins, which have been identified in nearly one-third of cancer cell types. He believes that these proteins have unique structural aspects, which, in part, may play a role in causing cells to continue growing, a behavior that is a hallmark of cancer cells. Brother Adams joined the faculty at the University of Arkansas in 2007, and since that time, his research has garnered more than \$1,450,000 in funding from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and the Arkansas Biosciences Institute.

Brother Adams was initiated into Omega in the spring of 1989 at the Theta Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University. He is currently active with the Upsilon Chi graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas, where he serves as Advisor to the Gamma Eta Chapter of Omega at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He also serves Omega as the 1st Vice President of the “Natural State Ques”, the 9th District Advisor Overseer for the State of Arkansas, and is the 9th District Appointee to the International UG Chapter Advisors Committee for the fraternity.

## Omega Man Recognized with Early Promotion and Tenure

Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams, active with the Upsilon Chi Graduate Chapter in Northwest Arkansas, was recently promoted, after 4 years, to Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, as well as Associate Professor of Cellular and Molecular Biology, with tenure, at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Also, in March of 2012, Bro.. Adams was appointed to a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Study Section in Macromolecular Structure, and Function. An NIH Study Section is a group of 20–40 scientists from research institutions all over the United States, who are appointed to serve as peer-reviewers of grant applications, focused on a particular research field, from scientists throughout the country. Peer review of grant applications is the cornerstone of U.S.-based research enterprises, and the NIH, located in Bethesda, Maryland, is largest funding agency of academic research in the country.

Congratulations to Bro.. Adams, a spring 1989 initiate into the Theta Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University, who currently serves Omega as 1st Vice President of the Natural State Ques, the 9th District Council Advisor Overseer (Arkansas), and as the 9th District appointee to the International Undergraduate Chapter Advisors Committee of the fraternity.



## The Silas Hunt Award and Omega Members

On April 13, 2012, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville presented four new recipients of the prestigious Silas Hunt Legacy Award. Two of the recipients are members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The Silas Hunt Legacy Award was created by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 2005 and was first awarded in 2006. The recipients are nominated by the public and selected by a volunteer selection committee of University of Arkansas alumni, friends, faculty, students, and staff. The honorees are



individuals whose impact on humanity has brought honor and distinction to the University.

In each of the first three classes of recipients of this prestigious award by the University of Arkansas, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has been honored. Those brothers have included: Dr. Gordon Morgan (2006); Dr. Lonnie R. Williams (2010); and now, the 2012 class includes Brothers Christopher C. Mercer, Esq. and Dr. Rod McDavis. Other 2012 inductees included Ms. Marjorie Wilkerson Williams (1 of 3 women who entered the university in 1955 as first African American undergraduates) and the legendary basketball coach, Nolan Richardson.

Brother Gordon Morgan is currently a university professor of Sociology and was one of the first African American faculty members hired at the University of Arkansas (1969). He was initiated into the Tau Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1950 at Arkansas A. M. & N. (now UAPB). Brother Morgan has had a

distinguished career as an educator, scholar, recently releasing the book, "Sixty years a Que."

Brother Lonnie R. Williams serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Arkansas State University – Jonesboro. Brother Williams was a charter member (1974) of the Gamma Eta chapter at the University of Arkansas. In 2011, he co-edited/authored the book, "Remembrances in Black: Personal Perspectives of the African American Experience at the University of Arkansas, 1940s – 2000s," which features oral interviews of the four recipients among many others and was employed with the University of Arkansas from 1976-2003 in various capacities.

Brother Rod McDavis currently serves as the president of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Brother McDavis served as the first African American dean of an academic college at the University of Arkansas and is known for his professional work and publications in the field of counseling. He joined Omega Psi Phi as a charter member (1967) of the Sigma Psi chapter at Ohio University, the institution at which he now serves as president.

Brother Christopher C. Mercer, Attorney at Law, is one of only two living members of the university's "Six Pioneers," the first six African-American students to enroll at the University of Arkansas' School of Law. After graduating from Law School in 1955 and passing the bar exam with the highest score in his group, he went on to play a pivotal role in the integration of Little Rock Central High School. He has served Arkansas as an attorney for more than 50 years, known for often representing clients of modest means who otherwise would not have been able to afford a lawyer of his caliber. Brother Mercer was initiated as a charter member of the Tau Sigma chapter, Arkansas A. M. & N. (now UAPB) in 1945.

Brothers Morgan, Williams (current member), and McDavis have each also held membership in the Upsilon Chi graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas.

On Feb. 2, 1948, Silas Hunt became the first black student in modern times to attend a major Southern public university when he was admitted without litigation into the University of Arkansas' School of Law. Hunt, who grew up in Texarkana, AR., was a veteran of World War II and earned his undergraduate degree at Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (now



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the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff). Hunt died of tuberculosis in the spring of 1949 before finishing his law degree.

“In 2006, the university recognized 10 exceptional individuals for their influence and commitment to bettering the world around them,” said University of Arkansas Chancellor G. David Gearhart. “This year [2010], we are pleased to add four impeccably worthy names to the list of Silas Hunt Legacy Award honorees. Silas Hunt was a trailblazer, and the individuals we honor this year [2012] are no different. They have each brought something unique to the University of Arkansas, and they have changed and inspired many lives. Better still, they continue to do so,” said Chancellor G. David Gearhart. “They embody the spirit of Silas Hunt. The door he first opened, they have helped open wider for others. They have touched lives throughout their careers but also have made an indelible mark on our university community.”

## New Xi Beta Initiates

The Xi Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, located in Arkadelphia Arkansas and supporting both Henderson State and Ouachita Baptist Universities, has been involved in the community for several years. Recently 10 new members were initiated into Xi Beta, giving it new life and a new image. Xi Beta has been working hard ever since to keep the support of the community. Such activities include assisting students on move in day at both Universities. Xi Beta chapter hosted QFC, a self-defense workshop teaching youth and women self-defense in today's world. This two-day self-defense event was a high success for Xi Beta. Xi Beta sponsored Queteenth a day at the park for the community. This consisted of free food games and entertainment for the Arkadelphia community. Xi Beta also volunteers at the local boys and girls club in town, as well as the Family Enrichment Center. Performing minor tasks and helping out where needed. Voter registrations drives have also been hosted by the chapter, with high success to get newly incoming students to vote in this year's election. With achievement week coming up Xi Beta will be sure to make a strong impression on the Universities and the community.



## Co-Sponsor Achievement Week and Scholarship Program

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, Pi Omicron and Omicron Lambda Lambda chapters recognized local citizens, high school students and chapter brothers for their civic contributions and personal achievements. International Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history. National Achievement Week began at the 1920 Grand Conclave in Nashville, TN. Brother, Carter G. Woodson inspired the overall idea. In 1927, at Brother Woodson's urging, the Fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance. In 1976, this commemoration evolved into Black History Month.

The Pi Omicron and Omicron Lambda achievement week program consisted of the Keynote Speaker: Rev. Leon R. Massey; Omega Man of the Year: Michael Peterson, (Omega Chapter); Citizen of the Year: Ms. Joyce Raynor; Un-Sung Hero: Harold L. Bailey; Pi Omicron Basileus Award: Travis Johnson; and Scholarships to five high school students.

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## Unsung Hero: Brother Harold L. Bailey

Brother Harold L. Bailey was initiated into Omegas Psi Phi through Beta Delta Chapter in the spring of 1980 at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. During undergraduate years while serving Beta Delta Bro.. Bailey was Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seal, Keeper of Finance and Dean of Pledges. Bro.. Bailey.

Bro.. Bailey has been committed to serving Omega Psi Phi since his initiation. Bro.. Bailey is currently a member of Pi Omicron Chapter and is a Past Basileus of Pi Omicron; a two-time recipient of Omega Man of the Year; Arkansas Chapter Graduate Representative; member of the Ninth District Council; was District Marshal for the 75th Anniversary Ninth District Meeting in Little Rock, AR; and Ninth District Council (IP District Marshal).

Bro.. Bailey's community service is also exemplary. He is an Elder at Full Counsel Metro Church in North Little Rock, AR; a Mentor for the Full Counsel Men's Ministry Mentoring Program; and is a member of Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) at Chicot Elementary in Little Rock, AR.



## Pi Omicron Basileus Award: Bro.. Travis Johnson Jr



Bro.. Travis Johnson Jr. was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana and attended St. Augustine Senior High school. In 2002, he attended Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA on a band scholarship. After three years Bro.. Johnson returned to New Orleans and continued his education there until receiving an offer from Science Application International Corp (SAIC) in 2006. Having to relocate to Little Rock, AR, Bro.. Johnson enrolled at Philander Smith College and Received a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science in May 2010. In the fall of 2010, Bro.. Johnson was initiated into Pi Omicron Chapter where he now serves as the Assistant KRS and Achievement Week Chairman, and he sits on other committees in Pi Omicron.

## Citizen of the Year: Joyce Raynor

Ms. Joyce Raynor co-founded the Women's Council on African American Affairs, Inc., a non-profit organization in 1999. After a series of tragedies to her family, she established the "Center for Healing Hearts and Spirits" and became its Executive Director in January 2002. The Center provides services to victims and survivors of violent crimes and chronic illness. She is also owner of Raynor Consulting, Inc. Joyce is a Business Consultant with more than 20 years of experience. Ms. Raynor is a business planner, grant writer and assists individuals in securing non-profit status, and she has secured more than three million dollars in grant funding for numerous organizations. Ms. Raynor's community involvement is noted on such rosters as Leadership Arkansas, St. Vincent Women's Advisory Board, AR Minority Advisory Council, American Diabetes Association, Midtown Health Alliance, AR Professional Fundraisers,



Family Services Agency Board, Coalition for Tobacco Free Arkansas, 34th St. Baptist Church Empowerment Ministry President, Little Rock Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission, Central AR Community Aids Partnership Board, Leadership Greater Little Rock Alumni, Chairman of City of LR Incubator Program, Leadership Roundtable, City Beautiful Commission, National Association of Women Business Owners, Pankey New Life Center Board, Project Blueprint, OURTOWN alumni, Future Little Rock Education Task Force, Chairman of the Velvatex College of Beauty Culture Board, and 2002 National Summit on Race honor.

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## Brothers Walk to Fight Diabetes

I'm proud to share with you a number of Brothers who came out and registered, and walked in The Diabetic Kitchen's three-mile event. We had Bruhz from Gamma Delta in Lafayette, LA and we had Bruhz from Theta Delta, Natchitoches, LA who also walked in the event.

It was a very successful event and with 100-plus walkers participating. In addition to the walk, we also held a prayer and dedication of the event to several youth from New Iberia who were shot and killed while attending college in other states. The youth recognized were: Derek Olivier, shot and killed at Arkansas Baptist College while assisting a roommate change a flat tire on a vehicle; Fredrick Joseph, killed in Lafayette, LA while at home on a summer visit; Lil Fred, killed while attending school at North Dakota State; and Carol "Bennie" James, shot and killed in Houston, TX as he attempted to purchase a vehicle. Members of all three families were present and walked with The Diabetic Kitchen as we mixed Diabetes Awareness with Violence Prevention.

I tip my hat to the Brothers who chose to come out and join us as we focused attention to these two very crucial areas of need within our communities. We're excited and are looking forward to our next community event, stay tuned...

## 9th Annual Kuts for Kids

On Sunday, August 12, 2012, Upsilon Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted our "9th Annual Kuts for Kids" at Acadiana Technical College. The project's mission was to provide free haircuts to kids ages 5 -14.

In addition, we again partnered with 100 Black Men of Greater Lafayette and Cox Communications who presented "Stuff A Backpack," where the first 300 kids received a backpack stuffed with new school supplies. Children were also given anti-bullying messaging, courtesy of Cartoon Network. Event goers not only enjoyed free haircuts, but also face painting, arts and crafts and free hot dogs and hamburgers. Other partners include Buffalo Wild Wings, Louisiana Army National Guard, Mark Richard Catering, Greater Southwest Black Chamber of Commerce and New York Life.



We started this event in 2003 to help families in need get their kids prepared for school. This event has grown so much over the last eight years. We had 30 barbers from the Lafayette area who donated their time and talents to provide over 200 haircuts.

## 2012 American Diabetes Association Walk

On Saturday, October 20, 2012, the Capitol Area Ques Coalition comprised of Beta Sigma, Theta Kappa, Delta Tau, Lambda Alpha, and Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the American Diabetes Association walk for a cure. The walk was held at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center located on Perkins Road in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Approximately, 15 Brothers showed up on this brisk and chilly morning to participate in this event. Several brothers that participated in the event wore red caps, due to being diagnosed with this disease. Other brothers walked in honor of a family member. Diabetes or "Sugar" is one of the leading killers of African- Americans.



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## Iota Gamma Gamma families support Big Brothers/Big Sisters

On March 3, 2012, the Brothers of Iota Gamma Gamma and family members gathered at Petro Bowling lanes to participate in "Bowl For Kids' Sake." Bowl for Kids' Sake is an annual fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana. Bowlers form a team of six to bowl one game. Prior to the event, participants obtain donations from family and friends: there is a minimum of \$35 per bowler. The theme for this year's event was, "The Big Easy: It's Easy To BE A Big." Funds are used to recruit, screen, and train volunteers for the Lunch Buddy, High School Mentoring and community based-programs. Proceeds also assist with activities for the matches, as well as children on the waiting list. A great time was had by all.



## Martin Luther King Jr. March

On January 16, 2012, the brothers of Phi Iota Iota Chapter, also known as "The River Parish Ques," celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by participating in the annual MLK March in the streets of downtown LaPlace. The MLK March extended 3 miles down Airline Highway. Several sororities, elementary school bands and public officials participated in the well-attended march. Several brothers of the Phi Iota Iota Chapter along with several of the young males in our local Mentoring Program came out to the event to pay tribute to the Great Man who had such a positive impact on so many lives.

The parade ended at the downtown LaPlace City Hall, where several bands and speakers paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Brothers of Phi Iota Iota fellowshiped with several members of the LaPlace community and enjoyed the refreshments and entertainment after.



## Phi Iota Iota Chapter Highway Cleanup

On April 28, 2012, the brothers of Phi Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. also known as the "The River Parish Ques," volunteered their time to clean up in LaPlace along West Airline Highway. The chapter has adopted a mile stretch of the highway to keep clean as one of their community service project through the social action program. As the brothers were picking up litter along the highway, the community showed their appreciation by blowing their horns as they passed by in their cars.

I would like to thank all the brothers who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the highway cleanup and helping beautify the city of LaPlace.



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## Bro. David Blaine Lewis Jr. Honored

On Friday, April 27, 2012 Bro. David Blaine Lewis Jr. was honored at the Fraternity and Sorority Student Life Awards Ceremony as one of the 2012 Top 10 Greeks on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. This award honors students who have demonstrated leadership and service in the Greek community at the university. Students are pooled from the four Greek councils PANN, IFC, MGC, and NPHC. In addition to being selected as one of the Top 10 Greek award recipients, Bro. Lewis was awarded the 2012 Anona Adair Award. This award is presented to the top Greek student on campus who has embodied the values of their organization while providing service to their community.

Brother Lewis's service to the OU and Norman community include being a Step-In Speak-Out peer educator on campus for the Women's Outreach center, an Emerging Leader mentor for newly initiated Greeks in the OU community, as well as a mentor for the Price College of Business's I.T. is HOT high school camp.

Bro. Lewis was initiated into Pi Delta chapter in the Spring of 2010 and has served as the Basileus of the Pi Delta since his initiation. On a district level, Bro. Lewis served as the Oklahoma Undergraduate State Representative for two years as well. David is a graduating senior at OU majoring in Management Information Systems and upon his graduation, Bro. Lewis will be going to work for ConocoPhillips. Pi Delta Chapter as well as the Eta Iota Graduate Chapter are very proud of David's accomplishments and know that he will represent Omega in a positive light in all that he chooses to do.



## Phi Psi Bell Restoration

After 50 years, the time has come to restore the Phi Psi beloved monument, "The Bell" at Langston University. "The Bell" has held a significant place in the hearts of all Phi Psi Brothers and other Omega Men alike. It has seen good days and it has seen bad days. Now it is time for us to give it a face lift. We are presenting the following plan for "The Bell Restoration:"

- Tear down the old brick structure
- Save bricks to be sold and used by future candidates, until exhausted
- Rebuild brick structure in same location
- Paint bricks
- Repaint bell
- Add ringer (to be kept by the Chaplain)
- Restore sacred ground around monument, which was established by Fall 2010 line
- Add brick pavers around "The Bell" in the shape of the "Que"
- Add a time capsule in the sacred area that will include Brothers personal artifacts that will remain unopened for 50-years
- Plant a tree in the area that will be dedicated to the memory of Phi Psi Brother L. Benjamin Livingston,

32nd Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Ground breaking for this monumental task took place on our Centennial, November 17, 2011, but can only be accomplished with the full support of all Phi Psi Brothers and others who support Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. To fund the project, we propose the following:

- Each Phi Psi Line purchase a brick paver for \$100, and
- Individual Brothers purchase a brick paver for \$50. (Each brick paver purchased will be allowed to be engraved with three lines of 15-characters.)

We are appealing to all Phi Psi Brothers to support this project by purchasing an individual paver and a line paver. Your support is greatly appreciated and desired. Please make your check or money order payable to Omega Psi Phi and mail to P. O. Box 837; Langston, OK 73050. Please write "The Bell Project" in the memo section.

Our goal is to complete the project by this summer and hold a Rededication Ceremony during Langston University Homecoming in October 2012. If you have any questions, please let us know.

## Phi Psi Blood Drive

Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the United States will need a blood transfusion? What about the one million people that are diagnosed with cancer each year? This is according to the American Red Cross. With the help of other people donating blood and thanks to Charles Drew, who brought his ideas to life, it will save many lives.

The brothers of the Phi Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. helped in fighting to save other people to live their lives by having a blood drive at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. Even though many people are afraid of needles (or one should say uncomfortable having a needle inside them!), they manage to bypass their fears in order to sacrifice a little of themselves for someone they do not even know.

The drive was conducted during a day while a mixer (social gathering for the students during the day) took place outside the William H. Hale Student Success Center. This was a great opportunity for the brothers to promote the blood drive and bring in people right then and there. Of course there was a lot of convincing to do but it was worth it and when the students were done, it put a bigger smile on their faces because they knew if they can save but one life, it wouldn't had been a waste of time and blood. Nearly 50-units of blood were donated by students during this drive. As an additional incentive, donors were given free admission into one of the chapter's social events.



## Phi Psi Talent Hunt

Taking a two-hour trip from Langston, Oklahoma all the way to Tulsa, Oklahoma on a Friday night, February 24, 2012 to see which youth has true talent was more than worth the trip for the Brothers of Phi Psi and Upsilon Iota Chapters. This showcase of talent by high school students from throughout Oklahoma was the Annual Talent Hunt for the Ques of Oklahoma Central, which was held at Carver Middle School.

These talented young people presented us with dance, songs, monologues, and much more. It dawned on us that there is still hope for our community. How precious it was to see the enthusi-

asm, creativity, and impact in these young people had on us?

But only one talent could be in the first place category. Mr. BerThaddaeus MP Bailey did a monologue about Martin Luther King and his trials through the civil rights movement. He explained all of the pain King went through to get us to where we are. Bailey did the monologue just through his voice, with little movement during his performance. But how he projected his voice, carried an authority and conviction to where you could not deny that he has to take first place. It is talent like this that justifies why Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. must continue to provide a platform for young people to showcase the talent of our community.



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## Eta Mu Mu Spring Clothing Drive

On Friday February 24, 2012, the Brothers of the Eta Mu Mu Chapter of Denton, TX pooled their time, efforts and resources to collect hundreds of articles of clothing for distribution to families in need. As we all know, these times are especially hard on the poor and working poor who are finding it increasingly difficult to buy basic necessities.

As men of Omega, we strive to enrich the mind, body and soul of the communities we serve. The donation made to Vision Ministries in Denton, TX helps to fulfill that effort through easing the minds of parents who can't afford a coat for their child. We are helping a brother or sister with shoes that they may desperately need but can't afford. Lastly, we are allowing the Lord to work through us and uplift every soul we are able to touch with our community and social action efforts.

## Eta Mu Mu 2011 Achievement Week Celebration

On November 13, 2011, newly-elected Basileus Brother Eric Thomas lead a gathering of the chapter with family and friends at Antioch Christian Fellowship in Corinth, TX for an uplifting and moving worship service by Bro.. Pastor Christopher J. Respass. It was a wonderful beginning to a day-long celebration of hard work and perseverance made during the year.

The banquet held after church provided even more inspiration. Bro.. Timyeus Mohair was the keynote speaker and gave a heartfelt and touching exposition on how we can inspire others and how his faith has helped him achieve great things in his life, such as founding the community organization Ifed4. Bro.. Mohairs organization seeks to restore faith in human kindness by seeking out the homeless and hungry providing them with nourishing food for the body and soul.

Continuing the program, our Master of Ceremonies for the event, Bro.. Kyle Culberson announced the 2011 Achievement Week winners. These awards were earned by the following individuals for their contributions to forwarding the principles of Omega and their outstanding and self-less work in our community:

<i>Colonel Charles Young</i>	<i>Bro.. Lavelle Dickens</i>
<i>Founders Award</i>	<i>Bro.. Shawn Brewer</i>
<i>Superior Service</i>	<i>Bro.. Earl Sanders</i>
<i>Omega Man of Year</i>	<i>Bro.. Eric Thomas</i>
<i>Citizen of the Year</i>	<i>Mrs. Cheryl Culberson</i>

*Achievement Week is designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals who have made a noteworthy contribution toward improving the quality of life for black Americans. In keeping with this tradition Bro.. Brandon Watts and the Achievement week committee did an outstanding job in organizing a thoughtful and memorable ceremony this year.*

## Eta Mu Mu Helps Little Elm Food Bank

On Thursday December 9, 2011, the Brothers of the Eta Mu Mu Chapter of Denton, TX partnered with local community residents and students for a canned food drive to help needy families at Christmas in Denton County. As Bro.. Elgin Robinson said, "We were able to tap into the spirit of giving that comes around this time of year."

Contributions by school kids, parents and the chapter totaling more than 100 pounds were taken to the Little Elm Food Bank located in Little Elm, TX for donation. In these tough economic times, we must all remember those who are unfortunate and be willing to lend a hand.

By making this gesture we ensured that some families would be able to have a little

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more food security and peace at Christmas. Ever mindful the brothers know in doing this we are living up to our chapter motto “Enthusiastic Eta Mu Mu - Christ-based and merciful Omega-minded brothers, humbly, motivating and making a change in the community.”

### Eta Mu Mu Delivers Turkeys to the Needy

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, the brothers of ETA MU MU Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated prepared and delivered 40 Thanksgiving Turkey baskets/boxes to needy families across Denton County. The HMM chapter met that morning and supplied each box with a full meal consisting of a turkey, three sides, desserts and canned goods to feed the entire family. Some of the baskets were delivered to families in Denton, Texas and others were given to the local Child Protective Services office in Lewisville, Texas.

The HMM chapter is an organization that focuses on community service. Throughout the year, the chapter is always focusing on helping the community and supplying families with food and assistance in the Denton County Area.

The chapter's Social Action chairman, Brother Earl Sanders, works closely with the brothers to fight hunger in the North Texas region. Brother Sanders is consistently developing different projects to help the ETTA MU MU Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity give back to the families in the Denton County area.

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### Eta Mu Mu Remembers Brother Kernell Goudia

Bro.. Kernell Goudia was born on May 1, 1969 and was called by the Lord to enter Omega Chapter on March 2, 2012. He was initiated into the fraternity with the help of Rho Phi Graduate Chapter, New Orleans, La. in the spring of 2006 while helping to re-establish the Theta Mu Undergraduate Chapter at the University of New Orleans after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



While simultaneously employed and attending college, he pursued a degree in Business Administration and was a tireless worker and dedicated Omega man. Bro.. Goudia served on the undergraduate council and used his networking skills and business savvy to sponsor and coordinated numerous chapter events and move forward the principles of Omega.

Bro.. Goudia was known as a man who would give you his frank and earnest assessment of things, which is why he was highly admired and respected. His life is also celebrated by his friends and co-workers at Arizona Beverage, Pernod-Ricard USA, Glazers Company, Republic Beverage, Bentley Systems, Pepsi, ConocoPhillips, Strayer University, Martyn Academy, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and members of the Fifth African Baptist Church, and the New Mount Bethel Baptist Church.

He was the proud son of Elaine Mitchell Thompson (Tommy) and Kernell James Goudia, Sr. Kernell was the beloved husband to Carla LaCour Goudia, the faithful father of Paige and Reagan Goudia and the adored step-son of Joe Tipado (Tanya). He was the cherished brother of Kieva, Joe, and Jamal Tipado, Demiere Roussell, Coi Baloney, Orenthal Wallace, and other siblings. Cherished son-in-law of Josie B. LaCour and Nathaniel LaCour (Connie), and brother-in-law of Charlette LaCour. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, other family, and friends. His self-less devotion to the four cardinal principles will forever serve as an example to us all. The brothers of Theta Mu thank you, Kernell, for the love, friendship and brotherhood we shared.



## Eta Mu Mu Memorial Service 2012

On March 11, 2012, brothers of the Eta Mu Mu Chapter of Denton, TX attended a full day of worship, remembrance and prayer in celebration of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, and to remember those who have made their way to Omega Chapter in the past year.

The day began at Antioch Christian Fellowship, where Bro.. Christopher Respass is Pastor. Those in attendance were treated to a wonderful dance presentation by the church's youth group, which was followed by an inspirational and uplifting sermon. Truly the spirit was moving amongst the congregation as we all felt refreshed and ready to move to the next phase of our day.

After a light lunch and fellowship, we met at Hamilton Park to participate in a city-wide memorial service held

by the North Texas Metroplex Ques in Dallas, TX. It was a beautiful and heartfelt service as the names of brothers who have touched the lives of many in the community were welcomed into Omega Chapter. These men, as well as being beloved fathers, sons and husbands, will always be remembered for how they lead by example and embraced the four cardinal principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

The memorial service reminded us all that Omega has a rich and storied past. We are an organization steeped in tradition and honorable service. The brothers of Eta Mu Mu were well represented with seven brothers in attendance, along with their family and friends of Omega in the community. Our own Bro.. John Perry, who helped coordinate our chapters support in this year's event, delivered the closing prayer.

## Eta Mu Mu Helps Bring Christmas to Cross Oaks Ranch

On Wednesday December 14, 2011, the Brothers of the Eta Mu Mu Chapter of Denton, TX participated in the "Secret Owls" Christmas toy drive at Cross Oaks Ranch Elementary of Crossroads, TX. Community residents and students were feeling the pinch this year as many families have lost the ability to buy gifts due to unemployment and higher energy bills. Sadly, it looked as if some kids were not going to be able to get essential items like shoes and clothes.

The brothers of Eta Mu Mu, having partnered with the school on other occasions, stepped in to help. We adopted the wish lists of four families—two boys and two girls—to see if we could get them to a better place by alleviating some of the stress this time of year brings. Although Eta Mu Mu had money set aside for a Christmas project, it didn't seem like enough to do this justice. In the spirit of giving, the brothers went into their own pockets and came up with matching funds totaling more than \$320 and made sure each family's wish list was fulfilled.

Bro.. Elgin Robinson and his wife took the lead on this effort and shopped for all the kids. The chapter and the school were extremely grateful for their dedication and hard work in making this happen. Due to the nature of the program, we could not present the gifts to each child personally, but the principal and staff ensured us that these families would be elated on Christmas day!



## Omicron Pi Chapter Provides Scholarships for Eighteen

Omicron Pi Chapter selected 17 of this year's scholarship applicants to receive the 2012 Daniel O. Brown/Edward Jenkins Scholarship. These high school seniors were chosen based on their demonstrated academic excellence, as depicted in their grade point averages and their graded essay submissions. Winners are to receive one-time \$1,000 scholarships during their freshman year at their chosen college or university. In addition, one previous winner will be provided a \$500 sustainment scholarship. Our focus in this effort is to provide uplift and encouragement to high school graduating seniors and previous winners by assisting in their university funding requirements. We applaud these students and wish them well in their scholastic pursuits!

### Omicron Pi Chapter Success Story



In May of 2012, Mr. Trenton Deon Bell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Houston Baptist University with a grade point average of 3.79 on a 4.0 scale. He attained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management. Trenton was one of Omicron Pi Chapter's 2008 scholarship recipients who excelled in his academic pursuits. His yearly attainments earned him the privilege of receiving annual sustainment scholarships from our chapter.

During his tenure at the university, Trenton was involved in many areas of student life. He served as Freshman Senator in Student Government Association, was a member of the university's Pep Band and of Symphonic Band. He was a Resident

Assistant and a member of several leadership committees and student advisory boards. He was student leader of a vocal music ministry group on campus called FOCUS, and he was sent to several leadership conferences across the state of Texas to represent Houston Baptist University. Trenton acquired many awards while attending the university. He was voted to be Mr. Houston Baptist University. He earned the President's Award and was on the Dean's List all eight semesters of his undergraduate years. He received the excellence in management award from the university's School of Business and was inducted into an International Business Society, Delta Mu Delta; and the National Honor Society, Alpha Chi.

Trenton plans to relocate to Birmingham, Alabama where he will pursue a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies at Beeson Divinity School on the campus of Samford University.

### Raising Funds to Find Cures for Cancer

From 7:00 pm May 4, 2012 until 12:00 am May 5, 2012, the brothers of Omicron Pi participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Killeen/Fort Hood/Harker Heights held at Shoemaker High School. This annual event was organized to raise funds to find cures for the various cancers. It brought the surrounding communities together to raise these funds, to honor cancer survivors, and to remember those who have fallen to the dreaded disease.



Omicron Pi fielded a team of 20, consisting of brothers, family members, and friends to continuously man the relay track during the scheduled overnight event. Food and drinks were provided by our "chefs" for anyone who wished to partake. The Chapter collected over \$2,200 during our annual participation in the event. The American Cancer Society uses the funds raised to save lives by helping people stay well, get well, and by finding cures.



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## Psi Alpha and Alpha Delta Lambda Chapters - Mentor

This year, the Brothers of Psi Alpha and Alpha Delta Lambda Chapters formed a new partnership, joining forces with the S. J. Davis Middle School in San



Antonio Council District 2, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), and the African-American Mentoring Initiative Advisory Council, to provide school-based mentoring focused specifically on at-risk African-American boys. In past years, the Chapters' mentoring projects were administered through community based (after school) relationships which offered less structure and excluded the important elements of the child's school experience. The new venture operates under a \$12,000 grant to BBBS by one of its charitable contributors, the Flint Hills Resource Company. "It is important that Omega Men capitalize on opportunities to work with industry and create new and better ways to serve our kids and communities" says Brother Billy Fair, Psi Alpha Chapter Basileus. "It has been inspiring to see this new partnership team come together to coordinate activities that uplift the lives of these young kids."

During the 2011/12 academic school year, the Brothers of Psi Alpha successfully sustained one-to-one relationships with seven at-risk Davis Middle School students in grades 6 and 7. "Our mission is to help these kids beat the odds and reach their potential through weekly one-to-one mentoring visits in their classrooms," said Brother Jerry Cheatom, a volunteer mentor who also is one of the school district's JROTC Detachment Commanders. "We try to teach the boys

self respect, self confidence, and self worth to help them grow into becoming responsible mature men." But most notably, says Brother Cheatom, "I'm astonished by the large number of kids who constantly ask me what they can do to get matched with a mentor." So yes, the task of mentoring is daunting, but our Brothers continue to work tirelessly and with great enthusiasm.

In conjunction with the Psi Alpha Chapter's Middle School mentoring initiative, the Brothers of Alpha Delta Lambda chapter, UT San Antonio, reached out to mentor High School students at Judson High School, a project undertaken at the request of the school's administrative offices. Through these mentoring initiatives, the Alamo City Ques continue to strengthen its commitment to BBBS in the community service of San Antonio and surrounding residences.

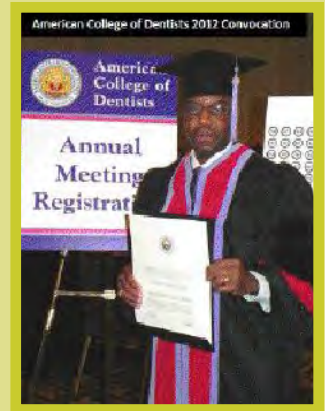
Recognizing Omega's tireless and enthusiastic youth mentoring in the San Antonio arena, the BBBS of South Texas this year renamed one of its esteemed Community Service Awards, designating it the "James L. Blair Service Award," in honor of the late Brother Deacon James L. "6-FO" Blair, an Omega Man who was an instrumental leader and passed away suddenly last year. "As Men of Omega, we must always be about the business of providing service to our communities," said Basileus Fair, "and I strongly encourage all our brotherhood to seek ways to improve the support of these vital mentorship projects that provide such value to our youth."



## Dr. Richard L. Williams Inducted As Fellow

Brother Dr. Richard L. Williams was recently inducted as a Fellow of both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, at their annual convocations in San Francisco, California on October 18 and 19, 2012, respectively.

The American and International Colleges are honorary organizations which recognize dental professionals who have exemplified excellence through meritorious service, outstanding leadership, and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. The American College of Dentists is the oldest major honorary organization for dentists. It was founded August 20, 1920, with the goals to elevate the standards of dentistry, encourage graduate study, and grant Fellowship to those who have done meritorious work. The American College of Dentists is nonprofit and apolitical, and has long been regarded as the "conscience of dentistry." Membership includes the top 3.5% of dentists in the country, and the nomination and selection processes are confidential. The International College of Dentists, established in 1928, is the largest international honorary dental organization, with over 12,000 members around the globe. Fellowship is extended by invitation only, following a rigorous evaluation of all candidates' qualifications and achievements by a series of credential committees.



Brother Dr. Williams was initiated at Beta Mu Chapter in May 1988, and is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. Currently, he is Deputy Commander for Dental Trauma Research and Chief of the Biofilm-Impaired Healing Program at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, at Fort Sam in Houston, TX. He has lectured at the national and international levels, and he has published numerous articles on the multifunctional properties of antimicrobial peptides and their potential to mitigate hypertrophic scarring and ameliorate delayed healing in animal burn and wound healing models.

Dr. Williams received his Ph.D. in Oral Sciences-Immunology from University of Illinois and his D.M.D. degree from University of Florida College of Dentistry. He completed advanced residency training in periodontics at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, GA. Dr. Williams is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. In addition, he holds The Surgeon General's "A" designator for professional excellence and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

## American Caribbean Experience (A.C.E.)

In May of 2012, Dr. Loren D. Alves had the fulfilling pleasure to participate in a life changing experience. Yes, fulfilling because a team of twenty physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, counselors, medical/dental assistants and volunteers from the Community Bible Church of San Antonio, Texas under the leadership of outreach minister Craig Moyer, converged on the tiny island of Jamaica to fulfill a promise of "giving back" humanitarian philanthropy to several impoverished communities including Hempstead, St. Mary's Parrish and Galina.

Under the visionary leadership and founder of A.C.E., Marla J. Fitzwater, his team was able to complete dental screenings, extractions, and medical exams, diabetes screenings, prostate screenings, prenatal counseling, pharmaceutical necessities and a host of other Christian-filled tests of love for hundreds of recipients of the aforementioned communities. For certain, the numbers of lives we touched medically, dentally, and psychologically, truly were displayed by the life-changing outcomes of many of the townsfolk displaying the smiles of pain relieved from dental extractions, minor medical treatment, and much needed medicines. My nerve-chilling experience brought to mind the outpouring love of Christian volunteers reaching beyond their hometown borders to do the right thing for others.

Unselfishly fulfilling the call from the passage of Jude 1:22, "...and of some have compassion, making a difference."



# TEXAS

## Charles Drew Blood Drive

San Antonio, Texas hosted its 25th Anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March on January 16, 2012, at the Pittman-Sullivan Park and where the crowd had the pleasure of hearing a spiritually motivating speech by the city's guest of honor Martin Luther King, III. The Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive, a mandated program for Social Actions was sponsored by Psi Alpha Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This special anniversary brought together many supporters and well-wishers for our effort to make the event a success. Teaming up with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center mobile unit, Psi Alpha Chapter was given a goal of 47 donors to meet, greet, and solicit from the crowd of approximately 100,000 marchers. We accomplished that goal and more by registering 73 people and drawing 61 whole blood units! We deferred 12 people for various reasons of tattoos, overseas residence, low hematocrit iron levels, etc. Incentive gift cards from various restaurants were given to the donors for making a difference to the lives of so many deserving recipients of blood in the San Antonio community. Each whole blood unit donated can save three lives; therefore 180 patients were helped by the blood drive!



In addition, the National Marrow Donor Program registered 77 new donors, which also topped the projected goal of 50 signups. A heartfelt thank you to all of the Brothers of the Psi Alpha Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; gift card donors McDonalds, Applebee's, Shoney's, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Chick-Fil-A, Chili's, Joe's Crab Shack, Johnny's Mexican Restaurant; and the community at large, who took the time to participate and give back to this life-saving event.

## Psi Alpha Annual Picnic

If you're reading this, you know the importance of family and, like you, we look forward to our annual family picnic. Our gathering is held the fourth Saturday in August. While social networking keeps us connected, there's nothing like seeing, hugging and spending time with your family. It's the one time of year when we know that our souls and spirits will be replenished by people who have a genuine love for one another.

During our event, we not only celebrate with fun activities (including a barbeque, swimming, games, and dancing, to name a few), we also enjoy the conversation and jokes we play on each other. There is genuine laughter in the air, while the children of all ages play and bond. The brothers of Psi Alpha look forward to this event as this brings closure to a fiscal year of blood, sweat, and tears for Omega.

Our lives have been forever changed by the experience. I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that your life will be enriched when you experience how other families can come together to celebrate family!



## Memorial Day Flag Laying

Barbeque smoke fills the air. Picnics are planned and conducted throughout local parks and recreational facilities, while beaches are receiving more visitors than they have all year. The highways are filled with an abundance of movement from afar and our military stands ready, on guard for our freedom, with so many continuing to make the ultimate sacrifice. Memorial Day weekend is a weekend where numerous people are vacationing from work and the local schools begin to close or have culminated in graduation ceremonies that lead to summer vacations. As the long awaited 101 days of summer are in full bloom, we find that not all service and self sacrifice have been placed on hold.

The men and families of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Psi Alpha Chapter chose to continue with one of its proudest community service efforts by honoring the sacrifices of the world's most precious resources: its sons and daughters.

On Saturday, 26 May, 2012, a day when three colors surpassed all (red, white, and blue), approximately 40 Psi Alpha Chapter Brothers, dressed in their proud colors, Royal Purple and Old Gold, worked alongside family members in the work of Omega in her purest form. They donned gloves, while some were bare handed, and provided good old-fashioned labor. They placed 4000 U.S. flags at the head stones of dignitaries laid to rest in San Antonio's National Cemetery. Located on the city's East-side, this cemetery is home to many war heroes and distinguished persons.



There are 281 identified Buffalo soldiers interred here: Second Lieutenant George E. M. Kelly, for whom Kelly Air Force Base was named, is also interred here. (Lt. Kelly was killed in 1911 at Fort Sam in Houston, the second U.S. Army aviator to lose his life in a military airplane accident.); Corporal Harry M. Wurzbach, a five-term U.S. congressman from San Antonio (One of the major thoroughfares of the city bears his name.); German-born immigrant, Gustav Schleicher, who became a Texas State Representative and Senator and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; Brigadier General John L. Bullis, for whom Camp Bullis, Texas was named (He retired in 1905, the day after he was promoted to brigadier general.). In addition, Friday Bowlegs and several other Indian scouts and 12 Chinese civilian employees of the Quartermaster Corps are buried here. Five of them are listed both as Chinese refugees and as Quartermaster employees. They accompanied the American Expeditionary Forces commanded by General John J. Pershing out of Mexico. (Courtesy of VA records)

The men of Psi Alpha have once again demonstrated their ability to provide Uplift to their community by bringing well-deserved recognition to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for service reminding all that freedom has a price. We salute the men of Psi Alpha for placing service above self.



# TEXAS

## Relay for Life News

On April 13, 2012, the American Cancer Society of San Antonio hosted their signature event, "Relay for Life" in eight different locations in the city. Relay for Life is a 12-hour event whereby participants run, walk, or jog to keep the flame lit, because fighting the disease of cancer does not stop.



The society extended an invitation to chair and co-chair the relay to Mike Smith of Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, and our Greek Sister, Tracy Shelton of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This year's relay was held at the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex on Upland Street. The relay is in its 6th year on the Eastside of San Antonio.

The goal of the relay was \$25,000. We exceeded the goal by raising over \$27,000, a great accomplishment for the Eastside. There were 23 teams participating and over 500 people in attendance. A special reception was held for cancer survivors, along with acknowledging survivors and their caregivers by having them take the first lap around the track!

The Eastside Relay enjoys the competitive spirit among teams by challenging them to raise money and simply show their spirit. We recognized teams that showed a lot of spirit in the following areas:

The team that created the best looking Baton was Family on a Mission; the team that had the best decorated campsite was Off The Chain Child Care; teams that raised the most money were Mitch 34, Team Captain Diana Mitchell (1st place with over \$2,700), Team Delta (2nd place with over \$2,300), and Wings of Hope, Team Captain Mary Williams (3rd place with over \$2,100)

Team Omega raised a little over \$1,400 and had on the official roster 11 chapter members.

## White Martini IV Party

San Antonio, Texas has great Mexican food, the one and only "Fiesta Texas" parade, and when you come to visit, you must see the Alamo. This year the Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter worked especially hard to bring an exclusive event to our city. This year we were blessed to have patrons from Dallas, Houston, Austin, New York, and Hawaii to "Party with a Purpose." In 2009, the chapter hosted their first Annual White Martini party and over 800 people came to support this event. In 2010, the Brothers moved to the Convention Center downtown, and over 1,100 people came out and were treated to an evening of grown-up and sexy entertainment. This year, our guests were well over 2,000, and it was a beautiful site to see our patrons dressed in white and having a great time. This event is our signature fundraiser and brings in crowds literally from "all over" to party with the Alamo City Ques. Our chairman, Brother Joe Monroe and the other committee member did an extraordinary job from planning to execution.



## TSU: Mighty Ninth District



Greeting brothers of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. This is a brief message to inform our brothers about the great accomplishment coming from the Tau Epsilon Chapter. This spring semester brothers from Tau Epsilon and several other chapters have accomplished some of the highest levels of scholarship, a feat that Texas Southern University has not had walk across its stages in years. This semester Texas Southern University brothers received degrees from Doctorate of Pharmacy (Dr. Femi Feliz-Ukwu), Masters Degree of Transformation and Urban Planning Management (Brandon Mosley), Juris Doctor Law Degree (Raymond Garvin and Dean Spann), and Bachelors of Aviation and Science Management (Lindsay Robinson, also receiving a Pilot Training Slot in the United States Air Force), Business Ad-

ministration Accounting (William "Billy" Parker), Psychology with minor in Sociology (Obiakonwa Obi), Business Administration Management (Bryan Castex), Mathematics with a Minor in Air Force Leadership (Mitchell Young), Criminal Justice (Steve Leubein), Liberal Arts (Marquis Jackson) and Pharmacy (Victor Oyeniyi).

## Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Selects Bro.. Wilton Munnings as New President and Chief Operating Officer

The oldest and largest Black chamber of commerce in the nation, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, has selected Mr. Wilton Munnings as its new President and Chief Operating Officer, effective December 1, 2012.

Wilton Munnings has 18 years of experience in the financial service industry working with banks and credit unions and as a consultant. Since 2008, Mr. Munnings has worked to develop his own consulting firm engaged in risk management and bank lending programs.

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, Sonya Hoskins states, "Mr. Munnings will bring a wealth of business, marketing and financial skills and experience to the leadership of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, which will provide a valuable asset to guide the Dallas Black Chamber to a higher level in the 21st Century. Mr. Munnings' leadership and business acumen will provide the Dallas Black Chamber with a greater capability to facilitate creation, growth and development of African-American owned and operated businesses in the greater Dallas area."

Munnings' banking experience encompassed providing financial services, business development and mentoring to small businesses. Mr. Munnings goal was to help small businesses grow and maximize financial profitability. Munnings' credit union experience covers working with the nonprofits' boards of directors as well as executive management responsibility.

Wilton Munnings has lived in the Dallas Metropolitan area for 20 years. He has served on several boards, associate boards, and appointed community service positions. Mr. Munnings received a Bachelor of Art in Accounting from Clark University in Atlanta, Georgia and Master in Business Administration from Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Please join us in welcoming Wilton Munnings to the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce family!



# TEXAS

## Theta Chi Voter Registration Drive

As Americans, no right is more precious than the constitutional right to select our leaders. Yet many of eligible citizens are not even registered to vote. There was a time in our nation's history when barriers were erected to limit citizen access to the voting booth. Today, after the hard work and sacrifice of so many Americans, all citizens are guaranteed the right to have their voices heard. African-Americans gained the right to vote in 1866. Women secured the right to vote in 1920 with the passage of the 19th Amendment, and 18-year-olds were extended the right to vote in 1971. The federal Voting Rights Act further safeguards the rights of all Americans to participate in our electoral system.

Since 1911, Omega Psi Phi has stepped up to meet the challenges on every political stage. Omega was designed for service to mankind, calculated for success, engineered for brotherhood and endowed with the seeds of greatness to be a ubiquitous force of bridge builders for our people. Theta Chi recognizes the key to achieve these goals is to be politically active in our community. In order to be successful in achieving these aspirations, the chapter focused on the most basic act that a citizen can perform: voting. The chapter partnered with Tau Epsilon Chapter and developed a three-phase strategy to insure that the needs of our community are addressed and that our community is involved in the political process as registered voters who exercise their right. That strategy consists of Voter Education, Registration and Mobilization. Under Voter Education, Theta Chi communicated the importance of voting and registration via the chapter website, chapter Facebook page and Twitter account starting in July. In the second phase Registration, we conducted two voter registration drives. One was conducted on September 21st at Everest Institute and a second one on October 6th at So Many Styles barbershop. Six Theta Chi Brothers completed the certified voter registrar's process in order to conduct the voter registration drives. This effort reached out to those who wanted to take part in the political process but were not yet registered to vote. As a result, we processed 72 registrations in Sep and 21 registrations in Oct. With our assistance, numerous citizens of Houston were able to fulfill one of their most important civic responsibilities. In the Mobilization phase, the chapter continued to communicate the message on early voting and disseminating information via social media on polling locations, with a daily countdown to election day. This phase ensured that the people who were registered stay in

tuned to voting changes and campaign information.

Theta Chi Basileus Cliff Hodrick, avowed, "Sometimes we take for granted the great opportunities that we have in this country. When we do so, it is an insult to everyone that has fought and sacrificed to make sure



that certain rights were available to us as a people. We made an impact assisting many individuals in to the political process. However, we could have and should have done even more. As Omega Men and true leaders of the legacy that is Omega, we should continue to do more and expect more!" There are still millions of eligible people not registered to vote in America. The Pew Center on the States Voting issued a report in February 2012 saying 25% of those eligible to vote are not registered. The study found one of every eight registrations is out-of-date. The Theta Chi voter registration drives made it easy and convenient for voters to get registered and update their information while completing daily tasks. This initiative enabled many people who may otherwise have missed the opportunity to be able to vote in November's election. President of Everest Institute Mrs. Sheila Grover wrote, "To the men of Omega Psi Phi, Theta Chi Chapter, thank you so much for coming to our campus to get our students registered to vote. Your efforts are greatly appreciated." Theta Chi's three-phase strategy will continue educating voters throughout the year and for other upcoming elections. If we want to continue to thrive as a political force in this country, if we expect our issues to be addressed in the public arena, then we must be capable of turning out in force for every election.



## TSU's 2012 Founder's Day - One That Will Be Remembered as "Our Story"

Raymond "Raybo" Bourgeois is a committed volunteer, a native Houstonian, and is an active life member (#1591), Nu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity incorporated. It has been noted that he was historically the youngest elected basileus of the 86 year-old Nu Phi Chapter, proudly serving six consecutive terms.

He is the honored recipient of numerous chapter awards: The Founders Award, Most Spirited Award, 1 Citizen of the Year, Omega Man of the Year Award (Shelly Stewart award), along with the Ninth District's Omega Man of the Year Award. He is founder of Eta Mu Chapter at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas and he was instrumental in the founding of Mu Delta Delta Chapter at Texas A&M Austin, Texas. He is co-founder of the Houston Coalition of Chapters and served as advisor to numerous undergraduate chapters in the Houston area.

Raymond has served instrumentally as trainer and advisor to state representatives for over 32 years and has served on the district-level (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana) training Brothers to recruit members into the fraternity. As the Ninth District's trainer, his vital input was utilized on the national level to initiate progressive changes to the Selection and Education, Intake, and M.S.P. Programs. He has served as the Ninth District's M.S.P. Training chairman. And presently serves as the International Chairman of Membership (only chairman from the 9th district). As Chairman of Membership, he is responsible for the training of the New Honorary Members inducted into the fraternity.

His community affiliations include-member of the NAACP, co-founder of Houston's UNCF Walk-a-Thon, past board member of the Third Ward Community Re-development Organization, Knights of Columbus 4, Knights of St. Peter Claver, and a member of Texas Southern University's Sports Advisory Board for the

National Youth Sports Program (NYSP). He is a former board member of Xavier University Alumni Association, Houston Chapter, former School Board President of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Middle School (16 years), served as president of parish council, bazaar and finance committee. He was also the first Black alumni president of St. Thomas High School and the first Black commencement speaker of this 112-year-old prestigious private school. Other community involvements include Macgregor Trails Civic Club, a speaker for the Volunteers in Public Schools (VPS) organization and a volunteer coach for the boy's basketball team at St. Peter's Middle School, a position he has held for over 38 years.

Raymond is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Chemistry. His career endeavors allow him to operate as President of Bushwar Enterprises, a real estate management/maintenance company and Wolf's department store as a licensed G.I.A. Certified Jeweler.

Raybo achieves his greatest satisfaction in his commitment and execution of his talents and resources to help young men apply and gain acceptance into private high schools in the Houston area. Continuing his passion to challenge them, he further assists with their preparation for acceptance into colleges and universities.

Most notably, Raymond Bourgeois is a family man, supported by his loving wife Laveme, and their two wonderful daughters, Nicolette and Alyssa.



TEXAS

## In Memory of ...

### Ernest Shiloh, Jr.

Ernest Shiloh, Jr. departed a fully-lived life May 26, 2012. He was born to Lillian and Clarence Shiloh November 4, 1931, in Garyville via Plaquemines, LA. Edward and Lillian Joseph settled on the East Bank of New Orleans, where Ernest started his education at McDonogh 32 Elementary School. Upward bound, he joined his L.B. Landry Family, where he soared academically and physically. Ernest greatly enjoyed the choir and drama club. He graduated from L.B. Landry in 1951 and joined the Air Force. Four years later he enrolled at Southern University in Baton Rouge. At Southern he was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and went on to receive his Bachelors Degree with honors in Business Administration. In 1958, he married Rosemary Stewart, landed his first job at Maison Blanche and started his family. He embarked on his first accounting job at Southern University in New Orleans. From there he became an accountant with the Department of Agriculture serving 31 years. He retired in February of 1994. Ernest and Rosemary established their family with three kids: Martha, Ernest and Madeline. The growth of the family led into 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Ernest Shiloh was one of the founders of Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and served as basileus in 1968. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by Rev. Arthur Monday, Sr. He also served under Arthur Monday, Jr. and his current pastor, Rev. Norman N. Francis, where he was a deacon and financial secretary. Ernest will remain in the hearts of many. Pastors, officers and members of St. Stephen, First Free Mission (Host Church), New Home Missionary Baptist, St. Paul and all neighboring churches; employees of the Department of Agriculture (Finance Department) Michaud Plant, Charity Hospital CMS (Laundry Dept.), and U.S. Postal Service; and members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority are invited to attend funeral services at the host church, First Free Mission B.C., 426 Lamarque Street, Algiers, LA 70114, Saturday June, 2, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. Visitation: 8:00 until service begins; Rev. Norman N. Francis officiating. Interment: McDonoghville Cemetery, Gretna LA 70053. To view and sign guest, book please visit: [www.murrayhendersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayhendersonfuneralhome.com). Professional Services Entrusted to Murray Henderson Funeral Home, 1209 Teche Street, New Orleans, LA 70114.

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### Dr. Marion Henry

Bro.. Dr. Marion Henry, initiated at the Beta Sigma Chapter (Southern University) in 1950, has transitioned from earth to glory. Bro.. Byron Henry, initiated at the Beta Sigma chapter in 1975 is the son of the late Bro.. Dr. Henry and Bro.. Paul Stephens (Sharon), initiated at the Rho Theta Chapter in 1982 (Prairie View A & M University) is the son-in-law of the late Bro.. Dr. Henry.

### Bro.. Billie L. Butterworth

Bro.. Billie L. Butterworth, initiated in the spring of 1954 at Mother Theta Chapter (Wiley College) and an active member of the Theta Alpha Graduate Chapter (Dallas, TX), has transitioned from Earth to glory.

### Bro.. Andrew Duckworth

Bro.. Andrew Duckworth, the 7th District Keeper of Records and Seal, initiated in the spring of 1992 at the Alpha Lambda Chapter (Southern University at New Orleans) and a active member of the Beta Lambda Lambda graduate Chapter in Atlanta, GA, has transitioned from Earth to glory.

### Bro.. Josh E. McDaniel

Bro.. Josh E. McDaniel's Sr., initiated into Lambda Alpha Chapter in the spring of 1970 (February 14, 1970), has transitioned from Earth to glory. The late Bro.. McDaniel's is the father of Bro.. Josh E. McDaniel's Jr. (Lambda Alpha Fall 2000).



# Omega Chapter

**Ω EXPERIENCE**

**Ω LEADERSHIP**

**Ω PERFORMANCE**

**Brother Harold L. Bailey**

*for*

**Ninth District  
Keeper of Finance**



**Spring 1980 initiate, Beta Delta chapter  
(University of Central Arkansas), with 32 years  
of commitment to the fraternity reflecting  
experience, leadership, and performance:**

- **Basileus, Beta Delta**
- **1980s Brother of the Decade, Beta Delta**
- **Keeper of Finance, Pi Omicron**
- **Basileus, Pi Omicron**
- **District Marshal, 75th Ninth District Meeting**
- **1997, 1999 Omega Man of the Year,  
Pi Omicron**
- **2012 Omega Man of the Year, Natural State  
Ques**



# All Roads Lead To LOUISIANA

Friday, January 18, 2013

Time: 7:00pm sharp!



## MEN... The Protector, Providers and Prayer Warriors of the Family

### FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Dr. Major Lewis Jemison, D.Min  
Sr. Pastor- St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
&  
Former National President  
Progressive National Baptist Convention  
Headquartered in Washington D.C

Pastor Caleb Anderson  
Sr. Pastor- New Bethel Baptist Worship Experience  
Houston, Texas

### FEATURED PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Ernest E Parquet Jr- 9th District Representative  
The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

Michael R D Adams- Chairman of Deacons  
Gloryland Baptist Church

Bro. Edward "Coulon" Smith- Deputy District Marshall  
76th 9th District Meeting



Guest Psalmist  
Yvette McClendon-  
Praise and Worship Leader  
United Christian Faith Ministries  
Baton Rouge, La

Office of 9th District Chaplain

Presents

"The Omega Manpower  
Crusade"



TO BE HELD AT

Gloryland Baptist Church  
6745 Greenwell Springs Road  
Baton Rouge, La 70805

Dr. Rayford T. Iglehart Sr.- Senior Pastor

ALL ARE WELCOMED

- We invite Churches in and around the greater Baton Rouge area
- Fraternities and Sororities
- We invite brothers and their families in the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas & Texas
- Calling All Quettes

Pastor Darryl C. Jones, Sr. - Ninth District Chaplain

## Ninth District Council 2012-2013

### District Representative

Bro.. Ernest Parquet

### 1st Vice District Representative

Bro.. Ramon Simon

### 2nd Vice District Representative

Bro.. Malcolm Worsham

### Keeper of Records & Seal

Bro.. Patrick Smith

### Keeper of Finance

Bro.. Kenneth Terrell

### District Counselor

Bro.. Marion Floyd

### District Chaplain

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Bro.. Shawn Brewer

### Oklahoma Graduate Representative

Bro.. Bryan Johnson

### Arkansas Graduate Representative

Bro.. Bruce Horton

### Oklahoma Undergraduate Representative

Bro.. Davy King

### Louisiana Undergraduate Representative

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The 76th Ninth District Meeting, which will be held in Baton Rouge, La. on March 27-30, 2013, is fast approaching and the Capital Area Ques and I can't wait for your arrival. We are doing our best to ensure that your stay in Baton Rouge will be both informative and enjoyable.

For your information, you may register online at [www.mightyninth.org](http://www.mightyninth.org) or go to the district website, print out the 76th Annual 9th District Meeting Preregistration Form, and send it to the lockbox at Ninth District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, P.O. Box 62600, Department 1213; New Orleans, LA 70162-2600. Registration now is \$160 for graduate Brothers and \$135 for undergraduates and Quettes. On-site registration will be done at the registration site at the Baton Rouge River Center.

The host hotel is the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino and Hotel located at 103 France Street (BTR, LA). The contact number is 225-242-2600 or 800-676-4847. The over-flow hotel is the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, where the contact number is 225-906-5715 (phone) or 225-906-0595 (fax).

Those of you who are interested in placing an ad in our souvenir booklet may contact Brother Roderic Newton, Souvenir Booklet Chairman, at [newtonroderic@yahoo.com](mailto:newtonroderic@yahoo.com) or P.O. Box 53212 Baton Rouge, LA 70892.

Activities outside of the Founders Banquet, Undergraduate Luncheon and Marchdown include the Golf Tournament (Plaquemine, LA); Bowling, Pool Tournament, Dominos and Spades tournaments (held at Southern University Student Union). Additionally, for the Quettes, we have planned a Trolley and Walking Tour, Shopping at the Mall of Louisiana and lunch at the new L'Auberge Casino. Everyone will, of course, be entertained by the many talented high school performers at the Omega Talent Hunt, which will be staged at the Manship Theatre (Shaw Center for the Arts).

**Pre-Registration** (Oct. 1 - Feb. 28, 2013) Undergrad: \$135 Graduates: \$160 Quettes: \$135

**On-Site Registration** (Mar. 1 - 30, 2013) Undergrad: \$185 Graduates: \$210 Quettes: \$135