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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



Brothers of the Ninth District,

As your 25th Ninth District representative, I continue to convey to you that I have a profound belief that the Brothers of the Ninth have a living and gracious appreciation of the Friendships we have forged over these many decades. I believe that those things that bond us as one are far greater than those things that we see differently. We are strong, successful, dedicated and deserving men. We represent an unprecedented and historic level of talent, treasure and academic ability to lead Omega to a promising and prosperous future.

I am proud of the fact that I have been able to work with a multitude of extraordinarily talented Brothers who share my belief that we live in a dynamic District. We are a leading barometer that measures the temperature of the Fraternity's present and anticipated future. This has been realized by way of hard work and commitment to the Fraternity in the spirit of the Founders. Over and over again we have proven time and time again that we

have the drive, the will and the capacity to ensure that the Ninth District's complement to our beloved Fraternity is one of its greatest assets. During the past year, I have stressed to the District Leadership that we must successfully calibrate with the District Undergraduate and graduate Chapters in maintaining excellent avenues of communication. Brothers, we are in good spirits and we are always glad to see each other. It is good to be my Brother's keeper. The District Leadership has a plethora of goals for this fiscal year. These goals include enhancing our technical footprint, successful completion of our Mandated Programs, engaged communication by way of blogs, Twitter, Face Book, and private associations. With these tools available to us, we can be that exquisite beacon of encouragement, not only to each other, but to our communities. We will only be successful when all Brothers are considered and included in who we are and what we do.

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North Texas Metroplex Ques Achievement Week Banquet  
Bro. Larry E. Johnson II / Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, Texas)

In the observance of the fraternity's national mandated program Achievement Week, The Alpha Iota Iota chapter participated in the North Texas Metroplex Ques Achievement Week Banquet. In an effort to collaborate with the neighboring chapters in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, this year, AII decided to share achievements and highlights amongst the broader brotherhood of the area to support the NTMQ coalition as a whole. The program was held at a Concord Church in Dallas, Texas, Friday evening, November 15, 2019. This year the chapter recognizes the recipients listed below as pillars of uplift in the community. Each one of them is well deserving as their contributions were awarded as such in the spirit of Omega. Bro. Lloyd Samuels served as the chapter chairman for the event and Bro. Robert Bell did an excellent job presenting the awards.



"All Omega, All the Time"  
Bro. Quincy Norman / Omicron Pi (Killeen, Texas)

The Brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter celebrated Achievement Week 2019 with a myriad of Chapter events focusing on the Theme of "ALL OMEGA, ALL THE TIME" with the Purpose to uplift our community and Mentor the next generation. Omicron Pi Chapter started Achievement week with Spiritual Fellowship where Brothers came together for worship service and financial contributions at two churches in the Killeen/Coppers Cove area. Brothers also participated in our on-going mentoring session partnership with AYADD a local community outreach center, where young men and woman struggling with issues that plague our community and their generation. There were other Chapter Achievement Week activities which were conducted all focusing on "Doing the Will of Omega", bringing Brothers together, reclaiming Brothers, all decisive to the betterment of the Killeen & Fort Hood local area. Omicron Pi culminated our Fraternity's Founders week with our Chapter Banquet which was held in Fort Hood. Local and civic leaders were in attendance where the guest speaker was Bro/MG U.S. Army ( R ) Barrye Price.



Eta Mu Mu's Achievement Week Symposium 2019  
Bro. Clyde Gibson / Eta Mu Mu (Denton, Texas)

This year we had 60 young men attend our Achievement Week Symposium. The symposium took place on November 9th on the campus of the University of North (UNT) in Denton, Texas. The setting serves as a great backdrop for the young men to be able to attend workshops taught in state of the art facilities in the heart of the campus. Students from the UNT's Office of Outreach provided our symposium attendees with an on-campus tour. In addition to being able to get a glimpse of what it is like to be on a college campus, they were challenged during classroom discussions that ranged from Financial Literacy, How to Deal with Police Encounters, How to Effectively Communicate, College Readiness and Financial Aid. One of the big focuses for this year was etiquette. An outside facilitator, Mr. James Martin II, worked with our young men on How to Dress for Success and proper Dining Etiquette that concluded with a formal Achievement Week luncheon.



National Achievement Week Scholarship Luncheon  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda (Little Rock, Arkansas)

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, Omicron Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their National Achievement Week Scholarship Luncheon today. Achievement week is intended to stimulate and enrich our communities by recognizing and awarding individuals for their outstanding achievements. This year, the chapter awarded scholarships to four well-deserving high school seniors. The combined scholarship amount totaled over \$4,000. Also, during the luncheon, the new officers from Omicron Lambda Lambda were installed. What a great day for making and BEING a difference.

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Phi Iota Iota Citizen of the Year Award  
Bro. Eddie Dollis, Jr. / Phi Iota Iota (LaPlace, Louisiana)

Phi Iota Iota presents Ms. Natalie Robottom with the Citizen of the Year award. Ms. Robottom changed the course of parish history as she was the first female and first African American elected to the position of Parish President. She remains the only African American and one of only two female presidents in the state of Louisiana. Ms Robottom is completing her final term as Parish President and has always been a friend and supporter of the Phi Iota Iota Chapter.



Marguerite Vann Elementary School  
Bro. Randy Smith Jr, / Phi Mu Mu (Conway, Arkansas)

On Wednesday November 13, 2019 the brothers of Phi Mu Mu Graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. attended Marguerite Vann Elementary School in Conway Arkansas, to spend time with students. The Brothers split into four different kindergarten classes, reading stories, speaking on the importance of reading and education, and sharing information about their careers. To finish off the time of engagement with students, the brothers provided the faculty and staff with snacks and treats to show our gratitude to them for allowing us the opportunity to have a hand in enhancing the minds and future of our youth here in the city of Conway Arkansas.



Achievement Week Banquet/ Award Dinner  
Bro. Randy Smith Jr, / Phi Mu Mu (Conway, Arkansas)

Saturday November 16, 2019 the Phi Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their Achievement Week Banquet / Award dinner in downtown Conway. Brothers came together to fellowship with family and friends. The dinner gave the chapter an opportunity to show recognition to three brothers who were well deserving of their rewards due to their service and willingness to help the chapter continue to be successful in completing many goals that we as a chapter set out to accomplish for the cause of Omega.



Pi Omicron Achievement Week Luncheon  
Bro. Major Banks, Jr. / Pi Omicron (Little Rock, Arkansas)

Brother William T. Vaughn and his committee did an outstanding job putting together Pi Omicron's Achievement Week Luncheon. The speaker for the event was the first black elected Mayor of Little Rock, AR. Frank Scott Jr. Pi Omicron gave a total of \$9,500.00 in scholarships to well deserving students from the Little Rock area. A special thanks goes out to all the Brothers and patrons who supported our program. Pi Omicron chapter was chartered in Little Rock Ar. December 17, 1946.



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Psi Alpha Achievement Week Worship Service  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On November 10, 2019 at 11:00 am Brothers conducted an achievement week worship service at Friendship Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas where Rev. Ruben Archfield, Jr. resides as pastor Forty-Four Brothers and Six Quettes were in attendance. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Psi Alpha Chapter provided an offering to the Friendship Baptist Church Family to assist in supporting their ministry in the amount of \$729.00.

Game Night Member Reclamation and Retention Supper  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Monday, November 11, 2019, Psi Alpha Chapter hosted Achievement Week Wild Game Night Reclamation & Retention Supper. With gourmet dishes of the wild, to include venison, barbado lamb and baked raccoon to name a few. Approximately 30 Brothers and visiting Brothers attended the event. Brother Joe Walker and Brother Elijah Hanks hosted this most fabulous and appetizing supper.

110 Turkeys Presented to Families in Need  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On November 10, 2019, Psi Alpha Chapter held its Achievement Week Thanksgiving Turkey Give Away. Sixty Brothers were in attendance along with six quettes. The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Psi Alpha Chapter provided donations of over 100 Turkeys and 100 Free \$20 HEB Gift Cards totaling over \$2,700 in community impact to families. Each recipient's family was greeted by Brothers at the fraternity house upon arrival for their turkey and gift card. 20 Turkeys and 20 gift cards were given to the Quettes to donate to families they choose. Turkeys were also donated to neighboring families and to families of youth participating in Chapter Mentorship Programs. In sum, the Chapter successfully gifted 110 turkeys and 122 gift cards to help those in need

Bowling for Babies Fundraiser  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Saturday, November 9, 2019, Compassionate and motivated teams, individuals, organizations, community partners, and families participated in this inaugural fundraising event. The goal was to raise as much funds as possible for children. The results are in; Team Omega Psi Phi had the top team score - 637 total. Bro. Jeremy Neal had the top individual score of 157. In total, team Omega raised over \$350.00 in donations. Trophies were presented to the winning Brothers of Psi Alpha, by Alpha Phi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., San Antonio, TX, during the Chapter's Achievement Week Founders Banquet. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Project Cradle Care Program.



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Psi Upsilon Chapter Achievement Week Banquet  
Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr. / Psi Upsilon (Lawton, Oklahoma)

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon celebrated the Fraternity's founding anniversary on November 16, 2019 by honoring chapter Brothers and a local community servant during the annual Achievement Week Celebration. Chapter award winners were as follows: Omega Man of the Year Award - Bro. Luis Martinez, Superior Service Award - Bro. Ronnie Mathis; and Founders' Award - Bro. Charles "Chick" Ellis and Bro. Michael Forrest. Community award winners were as follows: Citizen of the Year Award - Mrs. Ginger Veal, Religious Leader of the Year - Pastor Michael Logan, Small Business of the Year - Good to Go, and Educator of the Year - Mrs. Shawn Green. "It's important to acknowledge the tremendous work the Brothers are doing as well as the local citizens of our community," said Michael Forrest, Psi Upsilon's Basileus. "Their tireless efforts to the uplift our chapter and community on a local, regional and international level does not go unnoticed." All winners were recognized at the Chapter Achievement Week banquet that was held at the McCasland Ballroom on the campus of Cameron University in Lawton, OK. The Guest Speaker for the banquet was Brother Charles A. Christopher, Sr. 14th Ninth District Representative in 1990. He is the oldest living past District Representative in the 9th District. He currently serves as Surgeon General to Omega. The brothers closed out Achievement Week by attending the Religious Leader of the Year recipient Sunday morning worship service the next morning. With God, all things are possible for Psi Upsilon Chapter.



RHO OMEGA OBSERVES ACHIEVEMENT WEEK  
Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson / Rho Omega (Shreveport, Louisiana)

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently observed Achievement Week at Faith Missionary Baptist Church (Bro. Rev. Tony Arnold, Pastor). Achievement Week, created by Bro. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, is designed to focus more attention on the study of African-American history and to recognize individuals at the local and international levels who have contributed to community uplift. The following Rho Omega Chapter Awards were presented: Superior Service Award - Bro. Timothy Graham, Founders Award - Bro. Dr. Marlon Henderson, Omega Man of the Year - Bro. Adrian Saldana, Omega Citizen of the Year - Bro. Caddo District Attorney James Stewart, Omega Unsung Heroes - Bro. Myron Harris and Bro. James Rhodes, Colonel Charles Young Military Award - Bro. Sergeant Twan Knight. The winner of the 2019 High School Essay Contest is Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts Student Chirstan Bates. Bro. Major Rolland Coleman (Retired) is the Chairman of Achievement Week. And, Bro. James F. Hawkins is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.

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Houston Area Coalition of Chapters Achievement Week Banquet  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

On November 16, 2019, the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters conducted its 31st Annual Founders Day Banquet. The event was held at the Power Center in Houston, Texas. Grand Chaplain Rev. Dr. Walter T. Richardson was the keynote speaker for the evening. After Bro. Richardson delivered a heartfelt and powerful message each chapter recognized numerous achievements with awards to Brothers for their commitment, dedication, hard work and outstanding service to our beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Omegas Achievement Week Founders Day Celebration  
Pine Bluff Commercial Newspaper / Tau Phi & Tau Sigma  
(Pine Bluff, Arkansas)

Omega Men and guest attended Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Founders Day/Achievement Week Banquet November 16, 2019. The event celebrated the founding of the Fraternity on November 17, 1911. The banquet provides an opportunity to recognize achievements of Omega Men, citizens, and community members. Glenn Freeman, Tau Phi Chapter, and Dwight Crawford Jr., Tau Sigma Chapter, were selected by their chapter members as 2019 Omega Man of the Year for their contributions to their local chapters. Mr. Henry Linton received Tau Phi Chapter's local Citizen of the Year Award and Mr. Abraham Carpenter received Tau Phi Chapter's local Distinguished Leadership Award. Riana D. Robinson, Tau Sigma Chapter's, "Miss Omega", and Ms. Jeanetta R. Terrell received the Inaugural Charlotte Lottie B. Wilson Award for their support of Tau Sigma Chapter. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Omega Men honor the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. Tommy Bennett was event chairperson. Jeffrey Pulliam is president of the Tau Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



Golden Age Nursing Home  
Bro. Dr. Owen Muldrow, Jr. / Upsilon Iota & Phi Psi  
(Guthrie, Oklahoma)

The Brothers of Upsilon Iota and Phi Psi dedicated one of its achievement week activities to the elderly and disabled. The brothers visited the Golden Age Nursing Home of Guthrie, Oklahoma on Monday, November 18, 2019 and hosted a bingo night. The brothers MC'd the games, and the residents became immediately comfortable as the brothers sat with and helped the residents on scoring their bingo cards. The nursing home staff expressed gratitude and inquired if the brothers could make the visit routine such as annual.



Rho Omega Celebrates Founders Day  
Bro. Dr. Marlon D. Henderson / Rho Omega  
(Shreveport, Louisiana)

The Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated recently celebrated Founders Day. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911 on the campus of Howard University (Washington D.C.) by then Undergraduate Students Bishop Edgar A. Love, Professor Frank Coleman, Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, and Graduate Advisor Dr. Ernest E. Just. The motto of the fraternity is "friendship is essential to the soul." And the cardinal principles are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Founders Day/Week activities included: Monday Night Football, Family Night, Clothing Drive, Working Hard for Omega Day, Thursday Night Football, and Fraternity Meeting. Clothing items were donated to the Caddo Community Action Agency: Eddie Jones and David Raines Centers. Brother Dr. Marlon D. Henderson is the Founders Day Chairman. And, Brother James F. Hawkins is Basileus of the Rho Omega Chapter.

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The Mighty Xi Omega Chapter Achievement Week  
Bro. Joe "Philly Joe" Mannings / Xi Omega (Tulsa, Oklahoma)



Throughout the nation, and around the world, Omega celebrates her inception, and we salute our Founders and predecessors with Achievement Week Activities during the week inclusive of November 17th (our Founders Day). The Brothers in Tulsa, Oklahoma (Xi Omega founded in 1923) have once again been exemplary in their commitment to Uplifting the Community and Reinforcing the OMEGA PSI PHI Brand of Service. With 34 very active years in the fraternity, and former affiliations with chapters from the 2nd, 7th, 8th,, 9th and 12th Districts, I have seen many levels of commitment, and many, many, versions of Achievement Week. Other than during my undergraduate years (Upsilon Psi), I have NEVER seen such an enthusiastic focused energy, as I have witnessed during the past two years working with the Mighty Xi Omega Chapter. I take my hat off to this group of brothers. Last year, as a new brother in town, I worked, watched, and witnessed the chapter conduct a minimum of ten service projects in one week. Let me recap this year's activities.

**Beginning with Faith:**

Xi Omega had a Sunday worship/ Spiritual Fellowship at Friendship Baptist Church hosted by Brother Jamal Dyer, Senior Pastor.

**Intensifying with Community Service:**

Tuesday: During the Winter Clothing Drive. Ques song Karaoke for Coats. All of the clothing was donated to needy families in the North Tulsa community.

Wednesday: Xi Omega conducted the Big for A Day Event in partnership with Tulsa Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Thursday: During the Thanksgiving Social with Seniors Brothers served a Thanksgiving meal and visited with the residents at Heritage Manor senior living facility.

**Rejuvenating with Rededication and Reclamation:**

Saturday: Brothers joined together to recite the oath and rededicate themselves to the causes of Omega and her principles. In addition this event served as a reclamation opportunity as we welcomed brothers back into the fold.

**Culminating with Scholarship/ Friendship:**

At the Founders Day Luncheon Brothers welcomed the Grand Counselor, Attorney Ben Crump as the Keynote Speaker, Recognized brothers with 40 years of "Active Service". Showcased the local talent with two dynamic high school students who wowed us with their musical talents. (The chapter also adopted this family for the Holidays, supplying Thanksgiving basket, pantry staples and necessities.) Awarded six high school seniors with scholarships totaling \$7,000 and awarded Fraternity and Community Service Awards. This is what Omega is all about. This kind of Service, this kind of Uplift, this kind of Commitment, this kind of Friendship.

When you are THIS GOOD AT WHAT YOU DO, THERE IS NO NEED TO MEASURE YOURSELF AGAINST OTHERS WITH LIKE ATTAINMENT AND IDEAS. KEEP BEING THE BEST XI OMEGA CHAPTER YOU CAN BE, AND TULSA WILL CONTINUE TO LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU AS OMEGA MEN.



ACHIEVEMENT WEEK







Road Trip to IUGS  
Bro. Jackson Brown / Alpha Delta Lambda  
( University of Texas - San Antonio )



On January 16, 2020 undergraduate brothers Anthony LaFleur, Matthew Yarbrough, and Jackson Brown drove down to Little Rock, Arkansas to attend the 2020 International Undergraduate Summit. The undergrads stayed in the host hotel allowing brothers to take care of fraternal business and enjoy what the city of Little Rock had to offer. During the meetings, Brothers joined each other in unity to discuss fraternal business, fraternize, and continue to find solutions to further uplift our community. A couple of key events that occurred this weekend were a scholarship opportunity presentation, career fair, and social media policy training presentation. Brothers learned that the fraternity offers thousands of dollars in scholarships annually to reward brothers in good academic standing. Older brothers also gave the undergrads ideas to fundraise and organize money in order to start local scholarship opportunities and provide undergraduate chapters with the resources to uplift the community. At the career fair brothers had an opportunity to meet and greet with many companies and exhibit skills that would be desired in the workforce. Attendees were required to bring a resume to enter the event. This requirement forced brothers to work together to edit and review resumes, thus forging new friendships. The most important takeaway from the Undergraduate Summit was the social media policy training presentation. Brothers learned how to represent Omega Psi Phi through a positive perspective on social media while still appealing to the college audience. Some of the key points discussed during this seminar were proper promotion of events, appropriate appeal to the campus community, how to protect others from social media bullying, and possible repercussions of inappropriate behavior on social media. This training will allow the fraternity to abide by its cardinal principles and continue to attract men of the highest caliber.

The goal of the International Undergrad Summit is to link undergraduate brothers from all around the world to disseminate information, provide opportunity, and reinsure the Fraternity's four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Brothers enjoyed the hospitality that the state of Arkansas provided and will continue to represent this great organization at the Undergraduate level.





THETA THETA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE  
Bro. Curtis Hill / Theta Theta (Texas A&M University-Commerce)

The Theta Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated 50 years of service on the campus of Texas A&M University - Commerce February 1, 2020. There were more than 100 members of the fraternity that converged on the university campus representing brothers initiated in the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's and 2010's decades. Dr. David A. Talbot, Sr. (deceased) was founder of the chapter, and he was assisted by Bro. Frank Ringer. When we received our charter fifty-years ago there were twenty-four men known as the "Raunchy 24" that entered the fold of Omega. Bro. Frank Ringer was in attendance to offer a historical perspective, and nine members of the charter line made an appearance. There were numerous highlights during the evening as Grand Basileus Dr. David E. Marion served as the keynote speaker and led a dedication ceremony for the brothers in attendance after the formal program concluded. Also, we awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to students enrolled at the university through the Theta Theta Alumni Foundation. And to our surprise Bro. Patrick Smith, 9th District Representative, matched the award which prompted the colleges' administration to follow suit. By the end of that evening the total amount of scholarship awards given to deserving students amounted to \$16,000. The spirit of Omega filled the air throughout the week as we conducted an Omega Career Network called "Map your App" prior to the banquet. This event offered an opportunity for students on campus to meet with various Omega professionals in the fields of Business, Criminal Justice, Education, Entrepreneurship, Law, Mental Health, Fire & Rescue, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Sales.



PROTECTION OF WOMANHOOD  
Bro. Cedric Clemons / Tau Epsilon (Texas Southern University)

The Protection of Womanhood initiative is extremely vital in our community today. With all the reports of women being kidnapped, forced into both human and sexual trafficking it was time for the Omega men on the campus of Texas Southern University to properly equip the women in the community with how they can avoid being a victim and ways to protect themselves.

This event put on by the brothers of The Tau Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was a highly educative session on the topics of human/sex trafficking and self-defense. The brothers enlisted the aid of experienced professionals such as the Chief of police at Texas Southern University (Chief Young) and a former 2003 initiate of Tau Epsilon Chapter, Brother Jamal Bey (United States Army Chaplain/Karate instructor). Chief Young gave an informative empowering speech to the guest on who to contact, preventive measures, and overall general safety tips. Brother Bey demonstrated to the audience how to physically defend themselves from basic physical kidnapping scenarios. Overall the event was a huge success with the ladies in attendance leaving knowledgeable and equipped on the subjects presented.

"It's time to show our women that we are here to love and protect them." Tau Epsilon Chapter





### Open Mic Night

Bro. Georrein Dupre / Gamma Gamma (Grambling State University)

On March 21, 2019, the brethren hosted an Open Mic night. Covering many talents and categories, rapping, karaoke, singing, poetry, spoken words, and a comic act. It wasn't easy, but after a handful of ice breakers, the students became more comfortable in unveiling their hidden talents. One's confidence may not be enough, instead, surrounding support may be necessary. The campus enjoyed themselves and the acts. The student affairs department received information on the success and requesting the brothers to bring open mic back next year as well.



### Breast Cancer Walk

Bro. Cedric Clemons / Tau Epsilon (Texas Southern University)

On October 28, 2019, The Tau Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. teamed up with NAACP, the Sigma Gamma Rho's, and a campus organization called HER Texas Southern University to put on a campus walk for breast cancer awareness. The purpose of this event was to highlight the importance of breast cancer research and show our unyielding support for the fighters and survivors of breast cancer. The event took place on the historical tiger walk at Texas Southern University. The students and faculty who participated in the mile long walk also were given pink balloons for the purpose of writing something inspiring and positive on it. The final part of the program was tying the balloons up to form the Breast Cancer logo on the tiger walk near the Greek plots to show our unified support for Breast Cancer Awareness.



### Sister You Are Appreciated

Bro. Nicholas Smith / Alpha Zeta (Arkansas State University)

Alpha Zeta Chapter awarded semesterly "Sister You Are Appreciated" service awards to noteworthy African American students and faculty having a impact on the black community on campus. Being minorities at A predominantly white institution, these individuals cannot be thanked enough for their efforts in making collegiate life better for minorities. Individuals receive red a commemorative plaque and a Twenty-Five dollar gift card to ulta beauty to show appreciation.



### Project 3M: Mentors of Manhood

Bro. Nicholas Smith / Alpha Zeta (Arkansas State University)

The Epsilon Alpha Alpha (Graduate) and Alpha Zeta (Undergraduate) Chapters teamed to host our Inaugural "Project 3M: Mentors of Manhood Mondays" at the Family Tiez After-School Program located in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The Brothers engaged with children (ages 4-15) to discuss life skills, personal grooming, educational excellence, and spiritual wellness





Career & Athlete Fair  
Bro. Antonio Bennett / Gamma Gamma  
(Grambling State University)

On October 24, 2019 the Grambling State University Office of Career Services held the Career & Athlete Fair. This opportunity showcased many jobs in different fields widespread across the United States. Students could meet & greet with representatives from the department heads directly. The goal is to leave the career fair with possible job opportunities post-graduation. There were teaching booths, newscasters, department of medical sciences, police officers, spar health services, etc. Two brothers of the Gamma Gamma chapter had the gracious opportunity to speak on behalf of their internship with the kinesiology department. Bro. Jackson, Bro. Manson fulfilled their internship duties, talking to students within their field of work. Other than Bro. Manson & Bro. Jackson, there were a handful more of illustrious Omega Men representing their companies in the building. Making notable efforts, the brothers found time towards the end of the fair to join one another and spend brief time communicating.



Adopt-A-Highway  
Bro. Nicholas Smith / Alpha Zeta (Arkansas State University)

The population of Arkansas is increasing which puts more cars on our highways. Keeping our environment clean is essential to a bright future. Joining in the "Keep Arkansas Beautiful" campaign is important to the Alpha Zeta chapter. Brothers cleaned up a two mile stretch of highway in support of this effort.



MLK Celebration  
Bro. Orion Murphy / Gamma Gamma (Grambling State University)

A celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took place on Grambling's campus January 21st. Guest speaker Mr. Jevin Hodge left good influential keynotes to marinate on attendee's conscience. Dr. King stood for the positive and just treatment of the African American community, in which, wasn't so pleasant back in the past. Although his faith never lowered, he is a monument and example as to how there should be no limit on what to fight for. Mr. Hodge did a fantastic job and even asked for a photo opportunity with the brothers. It is very important that the legacy and impact of Dr. King is passed on for generations to come.



Dr. Paul Adams receives an award from Alpha Zeta Chapter  
Bro. Nicholas Smith / Alpha Zeta (Arkansas State University)

The Brothers of Alpha Zeta presented Bro. Dr. Paul Adams (Theta Kappa) with a distinguished service award for 30+ years of service. Maintaining active service this long is worth recognizing and emulating. Thank you for your service Bro. Adams.





Xi Rho Turkey Baskets  
Bro. Jeremy Pierre / Xi Rho (West Memphis, Arkansas)

The men of the Xi Rho chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated took several days leading up to Thanksgiving as an opportunity to bless more than 50 families throughout Eastern Arkansas and Memphis Metropolitan area with dinner. Three of the families who received baskets recently suffered hardships of homes catching fire or either broken into. The men made baskets consisting of a turkey, ham, sides, and deserts. In past years the chapter has strived to increase the number of Thanksgiving baskets donated.



Annual Capital Awards Banquet  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda  
(Little Rock, Arkansas)

What an EPIC evening! I had the opportunity to attend the School of Religious Studies "Twentieth Annual Capital Awards Banquet" to support Brother Ray Sturgis who is the Arkansas MSP Chair, South and the Basileus of the Omicron Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated. Brother Sturgis was nominated for the Capital Military Award as a representation of the U. S. Air Force. Even though Brother Sturgis didn't win the overall award, we're very proud of our Basileus for being among the very distinguished group of nominees. What a great night to celebrate all of the many nominations from several categories that focus on the solid foundation of faith, service, truth and unity.



Christmas Basket Giveaway  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda  
(Little Rock, Arkansas)

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, brothers of the Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provided 30 food baskets to families in the community. Each basket was designed to feed a family of six. To go along with the baskets, we surprised the children with gifts as well. Our efforts to give back surely brought uplift and encouragement. The families within our community expressed their gratitude and thanks. We also used today's event to give some of our youth the opportunity to experience the true meaning of community and giving back. They helped pack the baskets and assisted with taking them to the vehicles. Our chapter values the importance of community service. The impact of such is definitely priceless.



Water for Carthage  
Bro. Jeff Pulliam / Tau Phi ( Pine Bluff, Arkansas)

On Aug. 16, 2019, the Brothers of Tau Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity provided hands on services by delivering 96 cases of bottle water to the small town of Carthage Arkansas. The town of Carthage has been without water 3-6 months after their well collapsed. One of the real benefits to being a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is the opportunity to give back to our community. As a chapter, we are committed to providing supportive services and participate each year in many local community service projects.

ARKANSAS







Pi Omicron Community Service  
Bro. Major Banks, Jr. / Pi Omicron  
(Little Rock, Arkansas)

Brother Michael Ford Pi Omicron '11 completed the prestigious 11-week FBI Leadership class.

Brothers of Pi Omicron distribute Christmas Baskets to our partner the Con Ivie tower a senior living home. Brother Billy McFarland was the chairman for this event.

Pi Omicron Brothers donate bicycles to our partner school Washington Elementary. This is the 20th year for the giveaway. We donated 75 bicycles for the students. This project was started by our late Brother Fred W. Smith Tau Sigma '64

The Watershed Social Hospital hosted Pi Omicron on Dec. 20th, 2019. The Brothers donated over 70lbs of food and a check for \$700.00. Brother Mike Williams Sr. Basileus and Brother Marcus Waters Vice-Basileus led this project.

The attached photo is a check presentation of \$100,000 from the DuVall Family Charitable Endowment to Omega's of Greater Little Rock/Pi Omicron. Pictured left to right Bro. Marion Butler President Omega's of Greater Little (IIS '69). Karen DuVall.. Bro. CJ DuVall (IIO '16) and Bro. Michael Williams Sr. Basileus Pi Omicron Chapter (IIO '06)

Brother Prentice and Brother William Vaughan read to students at Mabelvale Elementary School as part of their Greek reading day program.

Pi Omicron Brothers participated in the Prostate Awareness kickoff at the Arkansas State Capitol.



ARKANSAS







2019 Dynamic Dozen Community Leader Selection  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda (Little Rock, Arkansas)

Brother DeAngelo Earl, a member of Omicron Lambda Lambda (Graduate Chapter, Little Rock, AR) was selected as one of the 'Dynamic Dozen' within Hot Springs County! Brother Earl has received many accolades during his professional career, which has led to him being appointed as Superintendent of the Ouachita River Correctional Unit in January 2019. Brother Earl was inspired to pursue a career in law enforcement so he could impact lives and make a difference. During his interview, Brother Earl stated that he loves being an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He stated that "joining this organization allowed me to continue my community service on a larger platform on a national level." Brother Earl is an Omega Man making a difference!



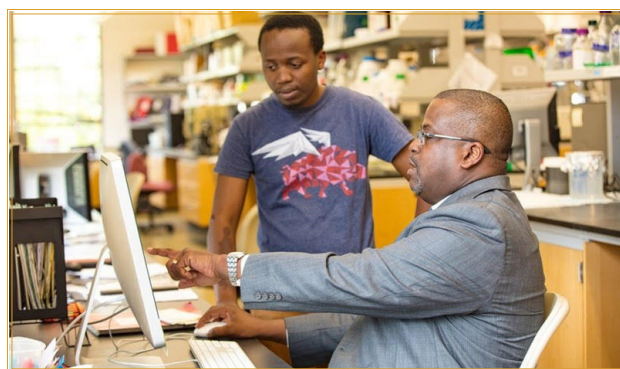
Community Service at the Watershed  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda  
(Little Rock, Arkansas)

On December 18, 2019, brothers from the Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. performed community service at the Watershed Family Resource Center. The Watershed Family Resource Center is a social services organization designed to provide food, clothing, shelter and life skills for needy Arkansans. We assisted the elderly by transporting food baskets to their vehicles. Assisting us with our efforts of support was the "Caddy Program" golf team from Horace Mann Magnet Middle School, led by Brother James O. Williams. Additionally, during a live broadcast on the 102.1 KOKY radio show, we had the opportunity to share with listeners, what our chapter does as it relates to community service.



Fifth Sunday Fellowship  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda (Little Rock, Arkansas)

On Sunday, December 29, 2019, brothers of the Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated our tradition of Fifth Sunday Church Fellowship by attending service at Miles Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. This is the church home of chapter brothers Winfred Batch and Arthur Batch. Our Basileus, Brother Darryel Sanders, delivered an awesome Word. The title was "Are You Ready for Change" and the scripture reference came from 1 Corinthians 15:50. Afterwards, we enjoyed our lunch fellowship at Feastros. What a great day to emphasize faith and brotherly love.



STEM Distinguished Lecture Series  
Bro. Lonnie R. Williams / Upsilon Chi (Bentonville, Arkansas)

Dr. Paul Adams, Upsilon Chi chapter, will be the first guest speaker in the Bentonville High School STEM Distinguished Lecture Series which begins April 17, 2020. The goal of the program is to have about 80 students eat lunch while listening and engaging with the speaker for an hour followed by a smaller group staying to become more intimately engaged in a conversation with the speaker. Dr. Adams is an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Cellular and Molecular Biology departments at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

ARKANSAS







Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway  
Bro. Derrick Young / Omicron Lambda Lambda (Little Rock, Arkansas)

On Monday, November 25, 2019, Omicron Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. facilitated a very successful Community Service Day. Twenty brothers put in over 180 man hours toward our annual Thanksgiving Baskets Giveaway. Because of our efforts, more than 30 families received Thanksgiving baskets. Each basket could feed a family of four. Our mission to give back surely brought uplift to the community. The families in need expressed their gratitude and thanks. We also used this experience to show some of our children the meaning of community and giving back. They helped to build the Thanksgiving baskets and to distribute them. Our day of service was a rewarding one. It was a great way to exemplify selfless service. #LiftingAsWeClimb!

Brother Dr. Gordon D. Morgan  
Bro. Lonnie R. Williams / Upsilon Chi (Bentonville, Arkansas)

Brother Dr. Gordon D. Morgan entered Omega Chapter on December 17, 2019. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Tau Sigma chapter in 1950. He graduated from Arkansas A. M. & N. College (now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) with bachelor's degree, served in the U. S. Army, returned to Arkansas to be one of the earliest African Americans to attend the institution when he enrolled for his master's in 1954. He later obtained his Ph.D. from Washington State University. Brother Morgan, a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi, became the first African American tenure track faculty member at the University of Arkansas in 1969 when he accepted the position of assistant professor of Sociology. Throughout his professional career and beyond, he authored numerous books, articles, and other publications including the book, *Sixty Years a Que*, in 2011. He officially retired from the University of Arkansas in 2012. Brother Morgan and his family endowed several scholarships at the University of Arkansas and for his alma mater the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. They also created an endowment with the University of Arkansas Press to assist authors of color in getting their work published. He was responsible for the chartering of the Gamma Eta chapter at the University of Arkansas. In September 2019, the University of Arkansas named a residence hall in his honor, one of only 4 buildings on campus named after a faculty member and three named after African Americans.



Xi Rho 21st Annual Black and White Scholarship Ball  
Bro. Jeremy Pierre / Xi Rho (West Memphis, Arkansas)

Men of the Xi Rho Chapter celebrated the founding of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at their 21st annual Black and White Scholarship Ball. Throughout the 21 years of the event more than 200 students have been awarded scholarships from Xi Rho to support their college education. This year the brothers also decided to rename their scholarship after one of their charter members, Bro. J.W. Cooper who recently joined Omega Chapter. Before his passing Bro. Cooper was the last living charter member of the Xi Rho Chapter which received its charter on April 1, 1964.



ARKANSAS







Lambda Kappa Kappa 24th Annual Christmas Ball  
Bro. Markus Sylvester / Lambda Kappa Kappa (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

On December 14, 2019 the Brothers of Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter hosted the 24th Annual Christmas Ball which has now been renamed the "Terral C. Jackson Sr." Christmas Ball in honor of his 50 years of service in the fraternity and leadership of the ball. We were honored to have in attendance with us the 41st Grand Basileus of our beloved fraternity Bro. Dr. David Marion along with the First Vice DR Bro. Harold Bailey.



"Four for the Founders" Christmas Giveaway  
Bro. Dalon Bienemy / Gamma Rho (New Orleans, Louisiana)



Rho Chi Voter Registration Drive  
Bro. Reginald Weeks / Rho Chi (Lake Charles, Louisiana)

The Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. held their annual "Four for the Founders" Christmas giveaway on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 for 4 local families. For the last several years, Gamma Rho has assisted 4 deserving families by providing toys, bikes, gift cards and food baskets at Christmas time. The families are identified by local child service agencies and by the brothers of the chapter. Each family submitted will receive a home visit where an interview will be conducted by the committee team. Once the four families are identified, they will be invited to Gamma Rho Foundation house where they will be blessed and uplifted with Christmas gifts by Gamma Rho Chapter. It's always a blessing to make a positive impact in the community and the best part is when those kids wake up. The smile on their faces. Once again, a big THANKS to the brothers of Gamma Rho for their generosity and support of this project.

Brothers from Rho Chi Chapter organized and implemented several voter registrations programs throughout the Parish including local high schools and setting up booths at local high school football games. Through this venue, several new voters are now participating in the electoral process. Brothers also served as Election Commissioners during local, state and federal elections.





Brother Judge Carl E. Stewart Receives the Nation's Highest Judicial Honor Award  
Bro. Marlon D. Henderson / Rho Omega (Shreveport, Louisiana)

Rho Omega Chapter member, Brother Judge Carl E. Stewart, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit received the 35th Annual Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award at a ceremony held at the Supreme Court of the United States on October 17, 2019. The prestigious award is sponsored by the Dwight D. Opperman Foundation and is given to an Article III federal judge who has made significant contributions to the administration of justice, the advancement of the rule of law, and the improvement of society as a whole. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a federal judge and has been described as the Nobel Prize for the Federal Judiciary. Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. presided over the ceremony and speakers included Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, Chief Judge Barbara M. G. Lynn of the United States Northern District of Texas, Judge James E. Graves, Jr. of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, James C. Duff, Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and Danielle R. Holley-Walker, Dean of Howard University School of Law and former law clerk to Judge Stewart. Following the presentation, a reception was held in the East Conference Room and a dinner in the West Conference Room. Also, in attendance were many invited guests and family members of Judge Stewart. A Shreveport native, Brother Stewart, was appointed to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals by President William J. Clinton on May 9, 1994 and served as Chief Judge of the Circuit from October 1, 2012 until September 30, 2019.



The Gift of Giving  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi (New Orleans, Louisiana)



Christmas Doll and Toy Fund  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi (New Orleans, Louisiana)

On Monday, December 23, 2019, Brothers of Rho Phi Chapter visited two local transitional housing shelters for women and children to give gift boxes with story book bibles, gift cards and toy items that were donated by a local donor. The Brothers were received with much joy and delight by the staff along with the children and their mothers who were tenants of the shelters. On January 30, 2019, Rho Phi Chapter was given a proclamation from the City Council of New Orleans for their efforts

Rho Phi Chapter partnered with the Times Picayune Advocate Newspaper Christmas Doll and Toy Fund to distribute nearly 2,500 fruit and snack bags to youth in the Greater New Orleans area on December 21, 2019. Rho Phi Chapter also was one of the local sponsors of the annual event.

LOUISIANA







4th Annual Domestic Violence Luncheon  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi (New Orleans, Louisiana)

The Omega Men Foundation and the New Orleans Police Department hosted the 4th annual Domestic Violence Luncheon on Sunday, November 3, 2019. The event was held at Sha Jollies hall and is held to bring awareness about this problem and its impact on our community. The guest speakers were two Domestic Violence survivors: Ms. Nanetta Brooks and Ms. Dionne Clark.



4th Annual Domestic Violence Summit  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi (New Orleans, Louisiana)

The Omega Men Foundation and the New Orleans Police Department hosted the 4th annual Domestic Violence Summit on Saturday, November 2, 2019. This year's event was held in Dillard's University's Georges Auditorium. The purpose of the event is to discuss the impact that domestic violence has on the community and prevention. Dillard's Criminal Justice majors participated in the event by developing posters that highlighted Domestic Violence topics.



4th Annual Domestic Violence Walk  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Rho Phi Chapter brothers, domestic violence survivors and members of the community, participated in the 4th annual Domestic Violence Walk on Saturday, November 2, 2019. This year's walk began at the Crescent City Q's clubhouse and ended at Dillard's University's Lawless Memorial Chapel.

LOUISIANA







11th Annual Tech Tablets for Books Program  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi  
(New Orleans, Louisiana)

Rho Phi Chapter held its 11th Annual Tech Tablets for Books program at Joseph Craig Charter School, on Thursday, December 19, 2019. One male and one female student in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades, whose reading improved the most, were rewarded with technology tablets. The tablets were purchased with grant money received by The Omega Men Foundation. The winners were: Candace Freeman & Damon Thomas (4th grade), Angel Bryant & Devin Thomas (5th grade) and Destiny Thomas & Matthew Roche (6th grade). Congratulations to all of the students who received tablets with this year's program.



Rho Chi Toy Drive  
Bro. Reginald Weeks / Rho Chi  
(Lake Charles, Louisiana)



Greater New Orleans Kidney Foundation Walk/Run  
Bro. Keith Taylor / Rho Phi  
(New Orleans, Louisiana)

Rho Phi Chapter brothers participated in the annual Greater New Orleans Kidney Foundation Walk/Run event and donated \$500.00 to the National Kidney Foundation. The event was held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Audubon Park.

On December 23, 2019, the Brothers from Rho Chi Chapter donated toys and bikes to deserving children at Saint Mary's Housing Authority Complex in Lake Charles, LA. Through these efforts over 60 children received gifts for the holidays.

LOUISIANA







Psi Upsilon Chapter Brothers Supports Soulful Stories  
Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr. / Psi Upsilon (Lawton, Oklahoma)

The Soulful Stories Committee held its 10th Annual Soulful Stories event on February 4, 2020 at the City Hall. Brother Eugene DeLoach, Sr. served as Master of Ceremonies. The Soulful Stories event promotes the stories of African Americans who have contributed to the history of Oklahoma. This is the first time the Soulful Stories committee has included a film and a panel discussion into this event. The committee felt this film was a great way to learn about our local history and recognize the people in Oklahoma who helped bring about equality. The film talked about the legacy of Clara Luper. A History teacher and pioneering leader in the American Civil Rights. The NAACP Youth Council in Oklahoma City that Clara Luper advised initiated some of the first sit-ins in the civil rights movement, beginning in 1958. The efforts of Clara Luper and the Youth Council succeeded in desegregating lunch counters at all the stores of a major drug store chain in four states and nearly all the restaurants in Oklahoma City. Clara Luper also marched to help Lawton integrate Doe Recreation Park because blacks were denied access to a highly popular swimming park. On July 4, 1966, about 200 mostly black protestors descended on the park's gates carrying American flags, posters and singing religious and national hymns. Fifty-five were arrested for trespassing. The panel discussion consisted of Mrs. Marilyn Luper Hildreth, Civil Rights activists and daughter of Clara Luper, Mrs. Joyce Jackson, Civil Rights activist and former broadcast journalist, and Mrs. Joyce Henderson, Civil Rights Activist and former educator. After the Soulful Stories event Brother Charles "Chick" Ellis, Brother John Hale, and Brother Eugene DeLoach, Sr. were able to take a picture with these three outstanding ladies.





Eta Iota Banquet  
Bro. Glenn Brooks / Eta Iota (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

The evening of activities began at 6:00 pm at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK on November 17, 2019. The speaker for the Banquet was Bro. Cornell Wesley, US Dept of Commerce. Bro. Jason Wycoff served as the Chairman of the Program.

The Awards were as follows:

Graduate Omega Man of Year - Bro. Elijah Knight  
Citizen of Year - Councilwoman Nicki Nice  
Lifetime Achievement Award - Bro. Doug Brown  
Chapter Advisor of the Year - Bro. Carlos Hunter  
Under Grad Omega Man of the Year - Bro. Kealin Murray  
Superior Service Award - Bro. Aaron Trammell  
Col. Charles Young Military Award - Bro. Aaron Trammell

The following Awards for 40 to 60 years of Service

Bro. Glenn Brooks  
Bro. Winard Brown  
Bro. James Graham  
Bro. Herman McKinney  
Bro. Garland Pruitt  
Bro. Titus Strong  
Bro. Mike Walker

Bro. Doug Brown  
Bro. Belptry Dean  
Bro. Theo Holland  
Bro. Gerald Murray  
Bro. Jere Roberson  
Bro. Roy Thurston  
Bro. Macon Wilson



The Eta Iota Chapter of Oklahoma City presented three scholarships to high school seniors.



Psi Upsilon Chapter 9th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Bro. Eugene DeLoach, Sr. / Psi Upsilon (Lawton, Oklahoma)



Eta Iota Thanksgiving Baskets  
Bro. Glenn Brooks / Eta Iota  
(Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time of feasting and celebration with family and friends. The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their 9th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on November 19, 2019. Brother Wallace McLoyd, Chairman for this event, his goal was to help needy families and ensure that these families have a great Thanksgiving holiday. With the assistance of Dr. Regina DeLoach Assistant Director of Secondary Schools, and Mrs. Ginger Veal Aspire Home Care Manager, the Chapter identified eight families in the local community that were in need of assistance during the Thanksgiving holiday. Each family received two boxes of food items along with a twenty-pound turkey. The food items were assembled, packed, and delivered to each of the families' homes the evening of November 19, 2019 (two days prior to Thanksgiving Day). Each family was extremely thankful for the food that Psi Upsilon Chapter provided them to cook for the Thanksgiving meals. The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter were happy to continue the Thanksgiving tradition by uplifting those less fortunate in the community during the holiday season.

On November 20, 2019, The Eta Iota Chapter in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma gave away 50 baskets to needy families in the area.

OKLAHOMA







Alpha Iota Iota Honors Col. Charles Young  
Bro. Larry E. Johnson II / Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, Texas)

In collaboration with the African American Infinity Group of Toyota North America at the Toyota Motor National Headquarters in Plano, Tx, The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter kicked off its Black Heritage Weekend yesterday evening with an exhibit highlighting the life and times of Col. Charles Young and the Buffalo Soldiers. Alpha Iota Iota wanted to serve the community with the story of Omega's very own. The Col. Charles Young exhibit, provided by the National Park Service-US Department of the Interior, displays chronicles of his life in four panels. The panels highlight his Letters Home, Leadership, Family and Home Life, and Valor. As the 3rd Black Graduate from West Point, the First Black Superintendent of the National Parks, and a pillar of our great fraternity, the chapter chose to embrace his legacy for Black History Month 2020. Brothers from the chapter served as orators for each panel of discussion. The event was open to the public and refreshments were served. The chapter would like to thank Bro. Ronnie Davis for his vision of this initiative.



Alzheimer's Awareness Month Project  
Bro. Melvin Daniels Jr. / Epsilon Alpha (Fort Worth, Texas)

On November 3, 2019 for Alzheimer's Awareness month, the Brothers of Epsilon Alpha reached their monetary goal in memory and honor of Bro. Hendricks Cunningham. Bro. Cunningham was a very devout leader within the Epsilon Alpha chapter and beloved by all the brothers in the chapter. Bro Cunningham suffered from this debilitating disease. The Epsilon Alpha chapter is committed to this community service project by raising and reaching the monetary goal each year for the many that are affected by this disease.



Stop Domestic Violence  
Bro. Robert Smothers / Delta Xi (Rowlett, Texas)

On August 31, 2019, Delta Xi Chapter located in Rowlett, Texas held a fundraiser in support to end domestic violence. Brothers from across the Dallas – Fort Worth area and Waco showed up to raise funds for Women Called Moses. One thousand dollars was raised during this event. Together we will stop domestic violence in our communities. Delta Xi is dedicated to the cause.

TEXAS







The Sagacious Six Story  
Bro. Larry E. Johnson II / Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, Texas)

Bro. William "Mobile" Green (6-Beta-68), affectionately known as "Wild Bill" to the brothers of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter, has lived his creed of Omega for a Congratulatory 51 years. Since the inception of AII in North Dallas, Tx. on September 15, 1989, in which he denotes as a Charter member, Wild Bill has been a pillar, past Basileus of the chapter, and staple Bridge Builder to the fraternity to say the least. When brothers sit around long enough at a chapter fellowship, the presence of Beta 68 will be known through rich stories and his patented intro, "Beta Chapter in the House." One of those stories is cited below as Bro. Green shares his story of "The Sagacious Six," as he celebrates a milestone in Omega!

"Fifty one years ago, on October 4, 1968, in The Valley of the Beta Bones, six Dogs known as the Sagacious (Wise) Six crossed the Burning Sands of Beta Chapter to join Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This culminated a journey that began six months and 4 days earlier. The late Sixties was a time of transition on the campus of The Lincoln University, PA. There were protests of the Vietnam War, fighting for civil rights, growing Black awareness and pride, acknowledgement of our African heritage, more females on campus and a popularized drug culture. On March 31, 1968, 15 young men were initiated in the Lampadoes Club of Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. There were 66 to 69 Big Brothers (Ques) on a campus that had a total enrollment of only about 1000 students.

On our first day, 15 Lamps marched into the dining hall for breakfast. For lunch, the number was down to 13 Lamps. At dinner, 11 Lamps marched into the dining hall. (We were given strict instructions by our Dean of Pledges, DPs, to respectfully decline to go to the rooms of any Big Brothers without one of the 3 DPs present. Some Lamps did not follow instructions or were afraid to say "No" to a Big Brother.) On our fourth day on line, April 4, 1968, a fellow Black Greek, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Alpha Phi Alpha) was assassinated in Memphis, TN. We wore black arm bands for a week in honor of the life and death of a fellow Black Greek. Many of the cities and communities we were from burned. We performed at the Penn Relays Cabaret given by Beta Chapter at the Imperial Ballroom in West Philly. Of course, we "tore the roof of the mother". At the conclusion of our performance, we were off line and concluded the first half. To celebrate, we had a party at the City Line Motel on City Line Avenue. All 11 Lamps bunked in the one room. The summer of 1968 was long and hot. There were nightmares about the first half and fears about getting back on line for the second half. After being back on campus for about 1 week, we received "that" knock on the door, with the blood curdling statement, "Be down at the power plant, with your dust vines on." Thus began the second half of pledging.

Seven pledges answered that knock, including an Asian-American, who was an eternal Lamp that got on line to complete the second half with us. The second half was intense, sessions now combined with a mix of learning to step and skits for Hell Week. After being on line for about a week for the second half, in the spirit of Black awareness, we composed the "Black Man's Manifesto", complaining about the inhumanity of Black men treating other Black men like they do during pledging. Big Brother Wimp, got up in the dining hall and said, "They gonna give us an ulti-matote, you see how large Beta Chapter is, we don't need no mo damn Ques". With that, we all dropped off line, except one, Skip. Dropping off line was a mix of emotions, relief and disappointment. After a lengthy discussion with one of our 3 DPs, Chick Scott, we decided to get back on line after being off for 4 or 5 days. The Asian-American did not get back on line and continued to be an eternal Lamp. We were now 6. At the Lampadoes Weekend dance/mixer, each of us escorted a lady of our Court down the stairs of the old Student Union. As we came down the stairs, it appeared as though every Que from New York to Virginia was lining the walls, especially the members of the Bloody Triangle (Beta, Beta Gamma, and Pi).

After the dance, we received "that" knock on the door, with that bone chilling statement, "Be down at the power plant at midnight, with your dust vines on." My oldest blood Brother, Fred, was an Omega and paid my induction fees of only about \$67. (If my memory serves me correctly.) We were a rich chapter because of the Penn Relay Cabaret, Omega Weekend in the spring and fall, and Lampadoes Dance. I guess all those "visiting" Ques paying at our Lampadoes Dance helped supplement some of the cost of our pledging. For Hell Week we all moved in together in our Dog House in the basement of Rendall Hall. Each Dog was issued a scratchy "croker/burlap sack" top to wear under our clothes for the entire Hell Week. During Hell Week, the lines performed at lunch and dinner. We stepped and performed skits in different out-fits for each meal, from Dashikis, Zoot Suits, and Tuxs with Top Hats. After performing at dinner on Friday, October 4, 1968, in Tuxs and Top Hats, we did not know we were 4 hours from Crossing the Sands. At about 8:00 pm, down in the Valley, we were inducted into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity by Crossing the Beta Chapter Sands, the Original Sands. We Did It! Thank God! Our Crossing party was in Philly at Mu/Mu Omega Chapters' Frat House in Germantown. The Story continues..."

#### The Sagacious Six

Ulysses "Lead Dog" Keyes, Washington, DC  
Jerry "Homer Head" McKoy, McKeesport, PA (Omega Chapter 2003)  
Warren "Skip" Rines, North Hills, PA  
Byron "Doc" Marshall, Atlantic City, NJ  
Julian "Jules" Smith, Washington, DC  
William "Mobile" Green, Mobile, AL

# TEXAS





### “Ques at the NFL Combine”

Bro. Larry E. Johnson II / Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, Texas)

In February of each year, Football fans look forward to the seeing their favorite college players showcase their talents at the NFL combine. In a strategically planned four-day process, NFL prospects are put through strenuous workouts, test, and physical exams, in hopes of getting the best combine rating they can possible get. Perhaps, more than any 40-yard dash time or bench rep, the most important of the test are the Psychological assessments. Year after year Brother Kirk Thor provides a service that is vital in the success of these young men embarking on the performance of their lifetime. Bro. Thor and colleagues perform a battery of psychological test that measure a constellation of characteristics proven to predict two things the NFL is interested in, Mental Performance on the field and Delinquency off the field. The NFL combine process is 90 percent mental and medical, and only 10 percent physical. Bro. Thor can relate to this directly as his journey for Omega started in 1984, 36 years ago at Weber State University. For the athletes performing at the Combine, the goal is to put forth their absolute best display of talent for a shot at their dream job, to be employed by an NFL team. It's the interview process of their lifetime. Omega continues to have an impact on the betterment of society.



### “Santa Ques” Community Christmas Initiative

Bro. Larry E. Johnson II / Alpha Iota Iota (Dallas, Texas)

Each year Alpha Iota Iota Chapter implements an initiative to touch citizens of disadvantaged circumstances with the holiday spirit. There are so many living situations that prevent families from having an opportunity to create a feeling of love during Christmas. This year the chapter decided to provide a “Christmas Brunch” for the residents of the Savannah at Gateway senior community. The brunch was a success. The residents of Savannah enjoyed a Christmas spread prepared by Bro. Chris Simmons and was excited about the Secret Santa Ques giveaway! The Santa Ques Christmas initiative has been going on for eight years and each year the chapter is blessed to be a blessing to others.



### 5K Race Against Bully and Hazing

Bro. Melvin Daniels Jr. / Epsilon Alpha (Fort Worth, Texas)

On Saturday October 19, 2019 the Brothers of Epsilon Alpha partnered with the Ft. Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for a 5k Race Against Bullying And Hazing. This event raised money and brought awareness of bullying and hazing in middle and high schools. In accordance with the Ft. Worth Independent School District's no bullying policy, this event is used to bring about social change in the behavior of students. The brothers spoke to the youth that attended the race to explain how bullying and cyberbullying can effect and destroy a fellow classmate's self-esteem and even cause suicidal thoughts for those who are victims of bullying.



# TEXAS





Reading at Ronald McNair Elementary  
Bro. Melvin Daniels Jr. / Epsilon Alpha (Fort Worth, Texas)

On November 12, 2019 during achievement week, Epsilon Alpha Bro. Courtney Johnson read a book about character to the 3rd graders at Ronald McNair Elementary School in Dallas, TX. Bro. Johnson has obtained a PhD in Education Leadership and has published a mathematics textbook for the 3rd-5th grade level. These textbooks are currently being used by several elementary schools in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. The name of his company is Johnson Learning Systems, which develops and distributes elementary school level mathematics textbooks. Bro. Johnson stated "I had a great time reading and interacting with the students and teachers this morning." Bro. Johnson has continued to excel in education for himself and children in our area, which is upholding our second cardinal principle of scholarship.



Meals on Wheels with YWCA  
Bro. Na'Shon Edwards, Sr. / Houston Area Coalition of Chapters

On November 28th, 2019 Brothers in the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters in partnership with the YWCA of Houston hosted its annual Meals on Wheels in the heart of Houston's historically minority community. The Brothers were responsible for issuing food to those that did not have the essential means to celebrate Thanksgiving in a traditionally festive manner. Therefore, the Brother of the HACOC has continued to make it their duty to serve those that can not serve themselves or their loved one. This year the Brothers had the honor of serving along 1,500 meals to families in Houston's Third Ward community. The Brothers of the HACOC would like to thank the leadership of Bro. Marvin Castex (Theta Chi) for spearheading this endeavor and would like to thank the YWCA, volunteers from Houston's National Pan-Hellenic Council. As a coalition we look forward to this signature event every year and next year is the same. If you are interested in helping with next years Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels please be on the lookout for more information as next year progresses. We look forward to working with you!



The Holiday Meals Project  
Bro. Jeffrey L. Boney / Mu Mu Nu (Conroe, Texas)

This past Holiday Season was a busy one for the good men of the Mu Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as they provided meals for 30 families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. The brothers served 10 Families during their Thanksgiving Holiday Service Project and 20 families during their Christmas Holiday Service Project. The families were all identified by and served at New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, whose pastor is Bro. Charles Turner.



TEXAS







Nu Phi's Annual Clothing Drive Project  
Bro. Jamie O'Neal / Nu Phi (Houston, Texas)

The Nu Phi Chapter held its annual Clothing Drive Project on Saturday, January 18, 2020 for the homeless community of Houston, Texas. This event has become a staple of the chapter. In traditional fashion, there was a great turnout. We were able to help feed and clothe some of the less fortunate within the Houston community.

In the Houston Metro and surrounding areas so many of our citizens are down on their luck and can be rendered homeless. Many of them don't have the resources to brave the harsh weather conditions of the winter in addition to being homeless. Under this project, we try to fill this void by providing decent clothing, blankets, shoes, gloves, socks, etc. to the homeless citizens throughout the downtown and surrounding Houston area. A convoy full of brothers, their families, and other helpful volunteers all showed up to volunteer for the event. Brothers arrived at the ONPEC facility at 3:00 pm to begin sorting clothes and making the sack lunches. After this was completed, the convoy set out to begin dropping off the goods. After meeting with homeless citizens, we took the remaining clothing and distributed it amongst different programs targeting homeless assistance. Service is our call as a fraternal organization and, on this day, we answered that call.

The Nu Phi Chapter was led by Chairman Brother Jamie O'Neal with assistance from Brother Chris Miller. In total, the day was a huge success, and we would like to thank every brother that donated and came out to make this event a success. We couldn't have done it without you all.

"The Art of How to Tie a Tie"  
Bro. Jeffrey L. Boney / Mu Mu Nu (Conroe, Texas)

The Mu Mu Nu Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. recently held a mentoring session with their Omega Gents participants, where the young men learned "The Art of How to Tie a Tie" and other leadership skills.



Adopt a Family  
Bro. Marvin Alexander / Nu Phi (Houston, Texas)

The epitome of Uplift was on display as the Brothers of Nu Phi Chapter embarked upon our annual Christmas Adopt a Family Event. December 21, 2019 Omega and Nu Phi graced 14 families and 46 individual children with holiday cheer. Although we provided gifts and food baskets for all recipients, the most important gift was the undeniable love that was spread by the brothers in attendance.

Since 1926, Nu Phi Chapter has been a staple in the 3rd Ward area of Houston. We have expanded our reach to Thompson Elementary, where we now have a mentoring program that's second to none. This year we also selected families of our mentees to bless this holiday season. Bro. Bert Simmons, Bro. Eddie Robinson, Bro. Troy Evans and Bro. Tawan Williamson were extremely instrumental in identifying these young males whose families needed a little help to make Christmas special.

The rich tradition of our beloved organization suggests that we provide a service to all mankind. The like ideals and the fiduciary responsibility to "Lift as we Climb" is the aim of every member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and it serves as the benchmark for regular Nu Phi Chapter operations.



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Real Men Read  
Bro. Tawan Williamson / Nu Phi (Houston, Texas)

Improved literacy can contribute to economic growth; reduce poverty; reduce crime; promotes democracy; promotes social development; increases civic engagement; and enhances cultural diversity. During Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Achievement Week, the brothers of the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters held “Real Men Read” at Lucian L. Lockhart and Ruby L. Thompson Elementary Schools in the Houston Independent School District (HISD). The brothers read to the 1st grade classes at Lockhart Elementary and the 2nd and 3rd grade classes at Thompson Elementary. As we read through the books, we also interacted with the youth in reference to the context of the books. We focused on the importance of not just running words but reading comprehension. As African American males, it is important that we push our youth about reading at an early age. We take the time to impact change by showing how African American men put literacy and reading on the forefront of our lives in order to be successful. Our goal is to help the African American youth stay engaged in learning and motivated to be academically proficient. We read to approximately 160 students on this day. Literacy is very pivotal to SCHOLARSHIP, so one must “Read to Achieve”!!!



Omicron Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt  
Bro. Calvin Crosby IV / Omicron Gamma Gamma (Arlington, Texas)

On February 9, 2020, the Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter located in Arlington, Texas, held its annual Talent Hunt Competition at the Arlington Music Hall. The Talent Hunt Competition provides exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the performing arts. Winners are awarded recognition and may be given college scholarships. Bro. Ivan Ludley chaired this outstanding display of talent and Bro. David Washington is the current Basileus of Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter.



The Alzheimer's Walk at Palo Alto College  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Saturday, October 10, 2019, on the Campus of Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX.

Team Psi Alpha, consisting of eight Brothers gathered to support the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The purpose of the event was to raise funds, bring awareness, give thanks, and remember loved ones lost to this disease. There were 4,371 participants, 621 teams raising \$636,485, with \$550 donated by Team Omega Psi Phi, Psi Alpha Chapter.

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Rho Beta Beta's Annual Shekinah Project  
Bro. Stephen Jackson / Rho Beta Beta (Houston, Texas)

The holiday season is a special time of the year. Whether you celebrate the season or not. This time provides families with an opportunity to reflect and give thanks. Many families need help and support during this time and Rho Beta Beta chapter of Houston, TX is committed to serving these families. For years, the chapter has shined as a supporting light for families through their Shekinah Project. This project has been Rho Beta Beta's "adopt a family" program for the past ten years. The annual program provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to families in need based on recommendations from brothers and a partnership with Trinity Gardens Church of Christ. Typically, the program serves 85 families but for the ten-year anniversary, the chapter had the goal of serving over 100 families in the Houston area. This year the program exceeded that goal and was able to help 137 families! The Shekinah Project is led by Bro. Edward Jackson, Spring 2007 initiate of Rho Beta Beta. Under his leadership, the event has become one of Rho Beta Beta's annual signature service projects. Bro. Jackson's guiding words are: "Through our service in this capacity, we have partnered with several of our local churches, reaching out in areas in great need in our community that others won't help. This is service. This is Omega." Rho Beta Beta is committed to service and making Omega Psi Phi a shining light to the Houston area.



Keeping Our Boys Out of the Criminal Justice Pipeline  
Bro. Gary Robinson II / Rho Beta Beta (Houston, Texas)

On October 12, 2019, the Rho Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. took our Omega Lamp Lighters to 100 Black Men's "Keeping Our Boys Out of The Criminal Justice Pipeline". The presenters which included Judges, Attorneys, and Law Enforcement spoke about the following: Law Enforcement interactions, Peer Pressure, Drugs/ Guns and Gang Violence, and How you are perceived (Dress, Walk, Talk, Attitude). The Lamp Lighters learned a lot from this program because every presenter spoke with passion and encouragement. Afterwards, we discussed how they would implement what they learned from this program.

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Sunday Night NFL Football Reclamation & Retention Event  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

On November 10, 2019, the brothers of Rho Xi Chapter hosted a reclamation and retention event at Mo City Sports Bar and Grill in Missouri City, Texas. Bro. Frank Watson encouraged Omega Men in the area to come out and fellowship during NFL Sunday night football. A large group of brothers were present. Reclamation and retention are important mandates within the fraternity as brothers seek to fraternize with those of similar ideals and like attainments.



Breakfast with Santa  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

On December 7, 2019, The Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter, were in the Christmas spirit as they volunteered within the Blue Triangle Community Center's 50th Annual Breakfast with Santa Program. The event was located on 3005 McGowen St. in Houston, Tx. Omega Men worked diligently in various capacities. Bro. Leroy White lead the kitchen crew that cooked and served breakfast. Songs were sung and toys were given away spreading Christmas cheer to the children in attendance.



Charles R. Drew Blood Drive  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to conduct our first quarter blood drive at Wal-Mart Supercenter in Lake Jackson, Texas. Brother Kevin Wanzer led the charge on December 28, 2019, soliciting donations from customers going in and out of Wal-Mart. There is no substitute for blood, and more than one thousand donations are needed every day to help save lives in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Rho Xi Chapter works to ensure a healthy blood supply is always available.



Throw Blankets for Nursing Home  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

On Saturday, December 21, 2019, The Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter led by Bro. Freddy Blanks began their Saturday morning handing out 110 throw blankets to the elderly at Mission Care Center in Houston, TX. All 110 were hand delivered to residents in need at the facility. The manager and the residents of the Mission Care Center were very thankful and looked forward to seeing the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. again next year.

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Rho Xi Christmas Program  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

December 14, 2019, marked a yearly occasion for the Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of which we serve the Southeast Houston Community within our Rho Xi Christmas Program. This effort was led by Bro. Christopher Mathis of which nearly 300 children were in attendance. Rho Xi Chapter purchased toys for children ages two to seventeen. In addition, conducted a bicycle raffle giving away this mode of transportation to approximately thirty children in attendance. The brothers also worked diligently in the kitchen to prepare and serve breakfast to all the people in attendance. On this occasion a lot of children and adults within the community saw the meaning of uplift from Rho Xi Chapter.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in Southern Brazoria County  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee (MLKCC) is a non-profit organization that exists to perpetuate the memory of Dr. King and his legacy of achievement to future generations. The MLKCC has sponsored events to celebrate the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., such as a commemorative banquet and parade since 1986 when Rho Xi Chapter member Bro. Terry Gordon co-founded the occasion. The Commemorative Banquet was held January 18, 2020, at the Dow Academic Center in Lake Jackson, TX. Rho Xi Chapter sponsored a table for \$450.00 and the Brothers in attendance volunteered by collecting tickets at the entrance and helping patrons to their seats during the program. North Carolina Supreme Court Judge Bro. Michael Morgan was the keynote speaker.



NCAA National Championship Reclamation  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

As a reclamation and retention event, the Brothers of Rho Xi Chapter, gathered at Gridiron Bar & Grill in Missouri City, Tx. to watch the LSU Tigers and the Clemson Tigers face off in the NCAA National Championship Game on January 6, 2020. Rho Xi Chapter Brothers Jeffery Williams and Frank Watson invited Brothers from all over the Houston area to watch the game, break bread and fraternize with those of similar ideals and like attainments. Nearly all the chapters in Houston area were represented with approximately fifty Brothers in attendance.



Homeless Outreach  
Bro. Frank Watson / Rho Xi (Freeport, Texas)

Rho Xi Chapter, led by Bro. Michael Evans, conducted a clothing drive and purchased toiletries to give to the homeless community. The items were distributed on Saturday, December 21, 2019, at Loaves and Fishes in downtown Houston. Giving to those in need is important to Rho Xi Chapter. The homeless community was very thankful. On this date, Omega's cardinal principle of uplift, was displayed by the brothers who participated.

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**Psi Alpha Project Manhood**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Thursday, October 24, 2019, Brothers of Psi Alpha Chapter hosted over 40 mentees within their AT&T Center workplace exchange and mentorship visit. This event was orchestrated in partnership with Spurs administration, and Parent Teacher Liaisons from Young Men's Leadership Academy, Davis Middle School, and Sam Houston High School. All 50+ mentees received a full day of love, encouragement and uplift from the Brotherhood. The schedule of activities included: mentor team assembly, mentees dropped off by parents, tour of Facilities, on location dining, interactive informative content presentation, and Parent pick up at designated pickup/Drop-off Locations. Over the course of the day the Brothers were able to impart valuable life lessons, including, timeliness, responsibility, sportsmanship, and social skills. The kids had a blast under the watchful eyes of the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Psi Alpha Chapter. The Points of Contact were Bro. Derek Morton, Bro. Jeff August, and Bro. Reginald Smith.



**San Antonio Area Talent Hunt 2020**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

The San Antonio Area Talent Hunt was held on Saturday, February 22, 2020. The event took place at St. Philip's College Watson Fine Arts Center. The Alamo City Ques Talent Hunt was an amazing event with over 100 friends, family and guests present to cheer our eleven talented and aspiring contenders. The event included serving free sandwiches, desserts, chips and drinks in celebration of all who attended. The Chapter awarded \$750 first place, \$500 second place, and \$250 third place awards and plaques. Everyone was treated to outstanding performances and great teamwork by Brothers and Quettes who made sure everything went according to plan. When the competitive dust settled and scores were tallied, Ms. Zora Dickson, a Junior and Bexar County Home School Student with a 4.0 GPA walked away with honors. Ms. Dickson performed a Classical Instrumental Harp Solo to perfection, and will hopefully represent Alamo City Ques at the 83rd Annual 9th District Meeting in Tulsa Oklahoma April 1-5, 2020. Good luck Zora! In total, 67 Brothers supported the planning and execution of this event. Visit [www.alamocityques.com](http://www.alamocityques.com) to view our calendar for upcoming events.



**Bro. Earl Campbell's 75 Year Service Award**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Saturday, October 7, 2019, the Brothers of Psi Alpha were honored to witness godfather, Bro. Earl L. Campbell receive this great Fraternity's 75-year Service Award Medallion. Bro. Campbell is 94 years old and was initiated into the fraternity through the Epsilon Sigma chapter in 1944 and is currently a member of the Psi Alpha chapter in San Antonio, Texas. The photo was taken during the regularly scheduled Chapter meeting, with over 60 Brothers in attendance, including the 9th District KRS, Bro. David "Petro" Washington. Bro. Campbell spoke of his love of the Fraternity and longstanding strength of our Brotherhood. Brother Campbell continues to be an inspiration to the San Antonio community, and Brothers of the Mighty Psi Alpha Chapter.



**Psi Alpha Brothers Recognized for Community Service**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Friday, December 6, 2019, ten members of Psi Alpha Chapter were in attendance for the Chapter receiving the "Volunteer Organization of the Year" Award from the Blessed Angels Community Center. Over the course of the past three years, the Chapter has been instrumental in assisting BACC with providing food for more than 163 thousand families, 55 thousand in 2019 alone. With more than 200 volunteer hours, the Mighty Psi Alpha Chapter continues to do its part in giving back to the community.

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**Psi Alpha Fatherhood Initiative**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Friday, December 20, 2019, the Psi Alpha Chapter stood tall in support of the Fatherhood Initiative Committee's Sports Coat/Blazer Presentation & Skills Training Event. The purpose of the drive was to raise 50 sports coats in support of the Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) program, a vocational rehabilitation program that endeavors to match and support work ready veterans in competitive jobs and to consult with business and industry regarding their specific employment needs. The Psi Alpha brothers went into action, donating over 60 jackets –surpassing the goal. The jackets were presented during a beautifully orchestrated presentation ceremony with 12 Brothers in attendance. In addition to the presentation of Sports Coats/Blazers to Veterans, Psi Alpha Brothers also conducted two breakout sessions to the veterans on Fatherhood Initiative topics (including family, 10 Ways to Ne a Better Dad, others). Our Veterans will be poised and ready to go out into the community and transition into prosperous employment opportunities said, Vice Chairman Bro. Anthony Peay. The Psi Alpha FI Committee is chaired by Brother Ice Peay.



**Psi Alpha Chapter Mentorship**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

Mentoring Brothers of the Mighty Psi Alpha Chapter, with assistance from San Antonio Spurs community relations, sponsored 25 Youth at the October 26, 2019 Spurs vs. Wizards game. All 25+ mentees received an evening of love, encouragement and uplift from the Brotherhood. The schedule of activities included: mentor team assembly, mentees dropped off by parents, tour of Facilities, on location dining, interactive informative content presentation, and Parent pick up at designated pickup/Drop-off Locations. Over the course of the evening the Brothers were able to impart valuable life lessons, responsibility, sportsmanship, and social skills. The kids had a blast under the watchful eyes of the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Psi Alpha Chapter.



**Our Unity is Our Power**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

The Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Psi Alpha Chapter supported the 70th NAACP Annual Freedom Fundraiser Diner in San Antonio, TX, Friday, October 25, 2019, at the University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg Sky Room. The Keynote Speaker, Ms. Gloria Jean Sweet-Love educated attendees on the importance of "Our Unity Is Our Power". There were over 700 guests in attendance, with 20+ Brothers present from the Mighty Psi Alpha Chapter. Psi Alpha is a longstanding Member of the NAACP, and this year secured two full tables in support of the event, raising a donation of over \$1200. In doing so, the Chapter continues its legacy of support to the San Antonio Branch of NAACP initiatives and agenda.



**Bro. Herbert Nance gets inducted into the LSSQ Hall of Fame**  
Bro. K.D. Singleton / Psi Alpha (San Antonio, Texas)

On Saturday, February 8, 2020. The Brothers of Psi Alpha attended the ceremonial induction of Brother Nance into the LSSQ Hall of Fame. Selection into the Hall of Fame must be evidenced by "significant" contributions towards the furtherance of the purposes and ideals of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and LSSQ. The Lone Star State Ques Hall of Fame Award is intended to honor Omega men in the state of Texas for sustained exceptional service to the fraternity and the community.

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Church in the Park  
Bro. Archie Robinson, Jr. / Rho Nu (Galveston, Texas)

The Brothers of the Rho Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Galveston, TX) continue to lead the charge in serving the community by helping feed some of our community's homeless population. On the first Friday of every month, the 1000 Hills Ministry of Houston, TX hosts "Church in The Park" in the 3rd Ward Area of Houston, TX for the area's homeless. The ministry's missionaries conduct a Christian worship service and devotional. Food is then provided for the attendees after the service. This is where Rho Nu got involved. The Rho Nu Spring 2015 initiates started attending this event to help the ministry serve the food to those in need. What started out as a Spring 2015 service project, has now become a staple chapter program. Rho Nu has also used this opportunity to collect clothing donations and distribute them at this event. Now every first Friday of the month at 630pm, the Rho Nu Brothers, and their families make their way to 3rd Ward, to uplift our community by helping those that cannot do for themselves.



Theta Alpha donates to Abounding Prosperity  
Bro. Ignatius Hickman / Theta Alpha (Dallas, Texas)



Theta Alpha Celebrates with Eta Eta  
Bro. Ignatius Hickman / Theta Alpha (Dallas, Texas)

Members of Theta Alpha Chapter went to the Grambling vs Prairie View game to fellowship with Eta Eta as the chapter celebrates a re-union of 45 years in Dallas TX.

Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donates \$250.00 to Abounding Prosperity. As gratitude for the use of the parking lot during the Block Party Fundraiser.

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Jack and Jill  
Bro. Archie Robinson, Jr. / Rho Nu (Galveston, Texas)

On Saturday, February 1, 2020, The Brothers of the Rho Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. were invited by the Houston South Belt Chapter of Jack and Jill to help participate with their annual "Flag Football with the Pros" event. Several area NFL Players and men of the community came out to give their time and some to relive their glory days by playing flag football with some of the kids of our communities. These men also gave the kids some helpful words by encouraging them to be accountable for their own actions and to make sure they do their very best at whatever they set out to accomplish. The Host Mothers of Jack and Jill also solicited support for their "Young Achievers Community Service Project Charity" as they collected non-perishable food donations to participate in the Super Bowl of Caring the "Super Bowl of Caring" benefiting Abba's Pantry. Basileus J.D. Davis, KRS Marcus Griffith, Bro. Kelvin Burke, and Bro Archie B Robinson, Jr. represented Rho Nu by donating a sizable contribution of canned goods to their service project on behalf of the chapter.



The Omega Sparks Mentoring Program  
Bro. Ignatius Hickman / Theta Alpha (Dallas, Texas)

The Omega SPARKS is a mentoring program for young men ages 12-18 years old. Theta Alpha Foundation (TAF) a 501(c) (3) organization and Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are the primary sponsors of the program designed to provide guidance, support, and exposure to these young men through direct interaction with role models in the community during these formative years. The program has three major components: Monthly meetings, Community Events / Outings, and Leadership Training. The Omega SPARKS program continues to mold young men emphasizing the four cardinal principals as our guide. In August, the brothers planned a comprehensive program for the fiscal year that includes topics such as Etiquette, How to Engage the Police, College and Career, African-American History, and Community Service with input from the SPARKS and parents. Experiential outings included taking the SPARKS to the Grambling / Prairie View game and performing community service at church events and with the elderly. One of the highlights occurred on November 10, 2019, when the SPARKS received valuable information on how to engage the police. The SPARKS learned that when being stopped by police as a driver or a passenger to do the following: Let all the windows down; Be upfront. Let the police know what is in the car; Hands-on steering wheel; Turn on inside light; If you are a passenger in the back seat - place hands on headrest; Front passenger - place hands on the dashboard; It's all about communication.

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Friendsgiving for Elderly  
Bro. Kenneth Burkeins / Theta Chi (Missouri City, Texas)

On November 13, 2019 Brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi along with Brothers apart of local chapters from the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters (HACOC) partnered with Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Constable Office in their 1st Annual Friendsgiving Luncheon. The brothers served as host and servers for this event. The event was a holiday luncheon for seniors, during which over 350 seniors were served lunch and presented with gifts from both the Brothers and the FB Constables Office. The brothers assisted with food preparations and setting up the venue, while also interviewing with local new stations regarding the impact of the event. Brothers served in the capacity of servers, issuing gifts, assisted attendees with getting off buses, and getting to their seats. The Brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter would like to thank the Brothers and the FB Constables Office for allowing the Brothers to make an impact in the aging community. We look forward to next years Friendsgiving and hope to have a bigger and better event!



Theta Chi Celebrates 65 Years of Existence  
Bro. Na'Shon Edwards, Sr. / Theta Chi (Missouri City, Texas)

On February 1, 2020 the Brothers of the Theta Chi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity celebrated 65 years of existence and service to the Prairie View and Houston, Texas communities. The Theta Chi chapter was chartered on February 1st, 1955 in the rural town of Prairie View, Texas by Brothers Edwards Martin, Avis Dunson, Danny Brooks, Archie Walker, and Carl Weems all were faculty members at the local college Prairie View A&M University. The Theta Chi chapter is also the graduate chapter of the Rho Theta chapter on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. Theta Chi leadership would like to thank the many Brothers that have helped the chapter grow to this point and look forward to another 65 years of manhood, scholarship, scholarship, and uplift to our community.

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Theta Chi host annual Adopt-A-Family  
Bro. Na'Shon Edwards, Sr. / Theta Chi (Missouri City, Texas)

The month of December is filled with joy, laughter, and gifts. However, the Theta Chi chapter understands that there are families that may not have the necessary resources to have an abundant holiday season. With this reality being true for many families in the community that we serve as chapter we have hosted a annual Adopt-A-Family. The sole purpose of this event is to provide a family with resources and donations, which will allow them to celebrate their holiday season with gifts and joy. This year the Theta Chi chapter was able to adopt several families in the inner and surround Houston community and gifts ranged from clothes to gift cards. The Theta Chi chapter would like to thank all that continue to support this annual event and we look forward to next years AAF to be even more fruitful for more families.



Theta Chi Host Talent Program in Greater Houston  
Bro. Henry Thomas / Theta Chi (Missouri City, Texas)

The 2020 Talent Hunt Program gave talented high school students a platform to showcase their gifts and talents. This year's presentation included 6 students, 9th to 12th grade, with talent presentations in vocal and instrumental categories! Theta Chi was represented by contestants Theresa Nguyen, pianist, and Bryanna Breed, vocalist. Both contestants performed admirably with Theresa Nguyen winning the 1st place prize and an opportunity to represent the fraternity's Southeast Texas Region at the District Convention in Tulsa, OK. Congratulations for an outstanding job is also in order to Alaysia Brandley, 2nd place, Solomon Martin, 3rd place! We offer a sincere thanks to all participants, parents and adjudicators from Theta Chi Chapter for your support!

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

#### PHASE I

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

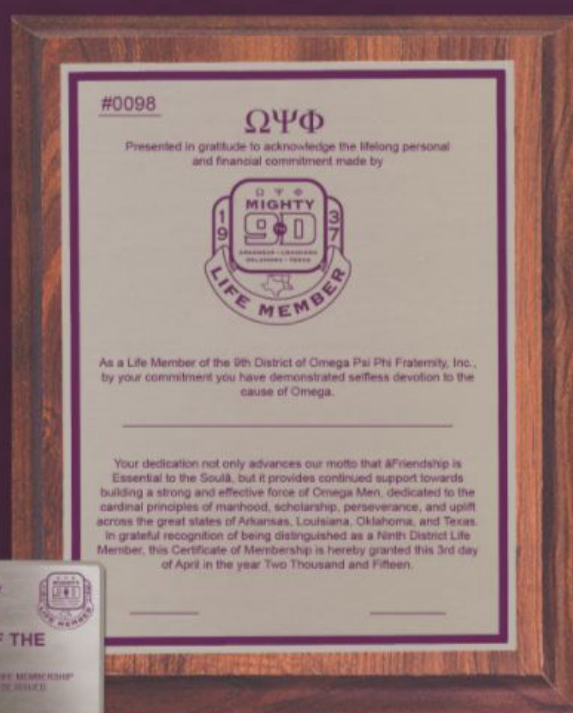
#### PHASE II

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

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

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

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






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**When we wear the gloves  
A brother has gone from our midst  
And sailed to golden shores.**

**When we wear the gloves  
A friend has passed the final test  
And walks through purple doors.**

**The circle has an empty place  
A voice will raise no more  
The song of fellowship and love  
Uplift forevermore  
When we wear the gloves  
When we wear the gloves  
A light goes from this earthly life  
The visor closed again  
Yet all the heavens open wide  
To let a new star in**

**When we wear the gloves  
A brother leaves the chapter rolls  
And moves to other worlds  
For when we say our last goodbye  
He walks on streets of Pearls.**

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