



Message from the Chairman

Omega HBCU Youth Leadership Conferences Back on Campus

With advancements made in curtailing the COVID-19 pandemic, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., resumed its Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring HBCU Youth Leadership Conference on the campuses of Knoxville College, October 23rd and Miles College, December 4th.

The conference theme **"Dads Matter - Cultivating Future Fathers"**, allowed fathers and youth to be empowered with life skills that promotes positive father and youth behavior in addition to learning what resources are available. Assembled on the hills of East Tennessee in the Knoxville College Chapel during Homecoming, dedicated professionals (Tamara Smith, Tallahassee, Florida Police Department - National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives - NOBLE) held powerful sessions with students and fathers on engaging in Community Relations with Law Enforcement.

Officer Smith relayed messages about how to positively interact with law enforcement officers. She demonstrated effective means and discussed citizens'

rights when stop by the police. Her thorough illustrations of search and seizure and probable cause consent generated intense dialogue. The audiences were provided remedies for how to combat confrontation and deescalate negative actions when citizens encounter police.

Officer Smith emphasized two things that affect citizen's interactions with police: *actions* and *attitude*. The audience was informed of the three types of stops: *consensual*, *detention* and *probable cause*.

Regions Bank Knoxville representative focused on financial literacy and educated the students on best practices when establishing a budget, building a savings account, and exercising financial discipline. Students were given interactive demonstrations that allowed them to increase their knowledge for future banking actions.



S. Earl Wilson, Chairman
Fatherhood Initiative and
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ON DECEMBER 4, 2021, THE CONFERENCE TRAVELLED to Fairfield, Alabama to the campus of Miles College. Alpha Phi and Eta Epsilon Chapters hosted over 75 fathers, mothers and students who were embellished with vital information again from NOBLE and Regions Bank. Ms. Pamela Speights, Vice President, Credit Risk and Governance Policy and Mya Noy emphasized the importance of establishing, keeping and the benefits of good credit. Tips were given on how best to maintain good credit, ways to simplify your life through knowledge of bank technology, and maximizing personal wealth.

Attorney Lynneice Washington, Jefferson County, Alabama District Attorney, Deputy Sheriff Jefferson County Patrick LeBlanc and Attorney Hiram Griffin, Esq., entertained the audience with graphic illustrations

on police and citizen interactions. The officials demonstrated best practices how citizens should react when being detained by law enforcement. The presenters conceded that at the end of any police/citizen encounter all law enforcement want is for both parties to get home safe.

Questions on what community-based organizations can do to combat police brutality; the answer was, *get involved with local police through attending town hall meetings, encourage citizens to report indiscretions, and partner with law enforcement to discourage misperceptions that all police are bad actors.* Local Birmingham television stations covered the event carrying the message of the need for increased citizen involvement in mentoring local youth. ///



National Organization of Black Law Enforcement officials (NOBLE) and Region's Bank officials present at Knoxville College (L) ; and Miles College (R) during Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's HBCU Youth Leadership Conference

Brothers, Save the Date, Save the Date!

Our 2nd Annual International Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Father's Day Virtual Celebration "*Fathers Celebrating Fatherhood*" will take place June 19, 2022. We look forward to having all of you present with your family and friends to share this precious and unforgettable program with all of you. More details to follow.

In Friendship,
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Putting Fatherhood *into* Fatherhood and Mentoring

CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN FATHERHOOD AND MENTORING activities over the past ten years. All of the chapters that have been active participants are to be applauded and thanked for their work. The impact that we can have and have had is immeasurable in its effect on the families and the community. As always, we encourage those brothers and chapters who have not been active participants to step up and get engaged. Your efforts are needed especially in the area of working with young fathers.



When we look at Fatherhood and Mentoring, let's please note these factors:

First, fatherhood is an integral part of the combination. When we mentor young men, we are doing *part* of the father's job. So, as we mentor, we should also help the effort by also working with fathers. The ask for brothers in Omega in working with fathers is to do one of three things 1. Do a fatherhood activity or 2. Partner with a fatherhood group or agency or 3. Engage in a fatherhood program. Anyone of these efforts can go a long way toward impacting the lives of fathers and their families in our communities.

Second, to help a father address the many issues that he my face does not require hard core trained individual to get them to the help that they may need. This is not a knock-on trained individual. Many fathers have been helped by fathers sharing experiences. The average brother who is a father has through his experiences a lot to share with a young father or any fathers. This potential interaction with fathers in the communities is a powerful source of support that is often overlooked and not utilized. The task is as simple as getting together (huddling up) and sharing. It brings men closer together and sets the stage for potentially solving problems. Imagine the impact we can have by getting all of our brothers engaged in this effort. We have to remove the mystery of communicating with other fathers.

Omega is and has been in a prime position to help our communities in this focused effort on fatherhood and mentoring. The words "*I didn't know that we were engaged in this effort*" should never be uttered. If you are around and individual who makes this statement, please enlighten them and encourage them to become an active participant.

Brother Bob Fairchild

**Fatherhood Initiative Mentoring: International Representative
Brother Thabiti Boone supports 235 Fathers attending NY Knicks
game Thursday, December 2**



L-R: Former NY Knicks Legend Allan Houston, Marco Perez Young Men's Initiative Representative, and Brother Boone



Fatherhood Coalition Knicks game photo with Brother Boone and Allan Houston



Brother Thabiti Boone
Int'l Representative

HISTORIC KNICKS BASKETBALL GAME OUTING celebrated the important role of fathers in the lives of their children, families and community. The professional basketball game experience included partaking in food, fun and fellowship. For many of the fathers, this was not only their first time attending a professional basketball game, it was their first time feeling special as fathers.

In attendance were Fatherhood leaders and organizations that work with fathers. NY Knicks Legend Allan Houston uses his platform and Foundation as a former player to Strengthen Fathers and support young people through its Mentoring Programs. "NY Knicks has been a longtime supporter of Fatherhood through our Fatherhood Initiatives at home games," wrote Brother Boone.

Brother Boone continued, *"When you lift up Fathers, you lift up Children, Families and Communities."* It's a simple Fatherhood activity that happens to be a Knicks game - fathers enjoying themselves at a Knicks game. ///

"Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime." W.E.B. Du Bois





**The Honorable
Gregory C. Pittman,
Esq.**

**"From time to time, I
will share commentary
and thoughts, from a
legal perspective on the
issue of Fatherhood."**

**Presiding Judge
14th Circuit Court
Family Division
Muskegon County
State of Michigan**

**Because of a Family Emergency, this is a Short Version of an Article from
Volume 7, No. 2**

Greetings Brothers: Just as the world had no choice but to acknowledge and grapple with the circumstances surrounding the death of **Emmitt Till**; just as the **bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in 1963 in Birmingham, AL** forced the world to grieve for the *four innocent little Black girls killed that day*, and wonder what manner of inhumanity can conceive and carry out such an act; the world is responding to Mr. Floyd's execution and is seeing the truth and ugliness of America's problems with violence, policing, and the systemic, intentional mistreatment of people..

As fathers, we must:

1. REINVIGORATE OUR EFFORTS TO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN about the history of our people in this country. We are their first and best teachers. We cannot be found lacking in illuminating the context and precedent that has existed and that leads us to these days of reckoning.
2. REINFORCE THE VALUE AND WORTH OF THAT CHILD AS AN INDIVIDUAL, as well as, a part of an incredible collective of people who have excelled and achieved, in spite of systems devoted to subordinating our humanity and our right to participate and to prosper in this country and this world.
3. REENERGIZE IN THEM THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ENGAGED AND TO BE ENCOURAGED so that they can and should be part of being heard in their spheres of influence. Help them define what they feel. Help them develop how and when to express that feeling.
4. REASSURE OUR CHILDREN THAT WE ARE NOT PEOPLE WITHOUT HOPE. These are complicated issues that this country is grappling with. This struggle requires so much from so many. Nothing will be accomplished without the simple belief that change can and will transpire. If Black people in America lived without hope, we would have perished from this place long ago.
5. RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO CO-PARENT EFFECTIVELY AND SELFLESSLY. In these uncertain times, our children's mental, emotional, intellectual, and physical well-being is more imperil than ever. Our greatest responsibility, in all of this, remains providing our children a steady, safe home environment. It's hard out in these streets...don't make it hard at home too!

Brothers, this is the most consequential moment that America and Black Americans have come to since the days of the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's. We have got to show up, big ... and we cannot leave our children behind.

In Friendship,

Brother Gregory C. Pittman, Esq.



Let's Get Out the Vote, Vote, Vote in '22

The Power of the Vote

Brother Albert Woods, 12-05 - PLL

THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 was signed into law on August 6, 1965, by President Lyndon B. Johnson. It outlawed discriminatory voting practices adopted in many southern states after the Civil War, including the *omnibus* literacy test – a prerequisite to voting.

It brought me great joy during the past Presidential election watching Omega men taking their children with them to witness the voting process. Civic education should help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. I witness many of Omega's undergraduate brothers register voters on their campuses, hand out water at polling sites, and exercise their right to vote.

While many don't know the story of Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, or Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the sacrifices they made for voting rights, it is worth noting that the Voting Rights Act has yielded a two term African American President and an African American female Vice President. While those heroes mentioned above did not have the opportunity to witness the fruit of their sacrifices, it is because of them and their efforts we have the power to determine who leads this nation.

While I'm ecstatic that we voted in great numbers in the National election, how many of us know that local elections are just as important? Let me give you three reasons why voting in local elections are so important:



- Local elected officials, such as, Supervisors and Commissioners, are responsible for determining services and government funded programs in your city or county. These officials determine local development, parks and recreation facilities, libraries, trash pickup, and your property tax.
- Local school boards represent the state in educational matters as well as advocate for the concerns and rights of local citizens. Local school boards are responsible for hiring school personnel and implementing programs. They also determine school's budgets, advise on curriculum, as well as student wellbeing.
- Your local Sheriff is an elected position. While he/she serves as the administrator of the local jail, serve warrants, and protect Courthouses, all his/her employees are hired law enforcement offices and administrators.

As registered voters, we should draw the connection between the services and programs we believe would strengthen our community and make our decision to support the official with a platform that mirrors our beliefs. We should check a candidate's background and ask ourselves, will this candidate advocate and make decisions based on my behalf.

Lastly, if you are not already, please register to vote, exercise your right, and take your children along to witness the process. ///

The forms of disenfranchisement, racial discrimination, and economic inequality have changed significantly since Jim Crow era of the early 20th century. Yet, as we move toward the 21st century, let us remember that African Americans endured Jim Crow and a massive migration of people with few equals in human history. Their transformation from agricultural people to urban industrial people created new forms of popular culture and provoked a radical realignment of American political forces. They and their descendants have a great deal to teach. By Joe W. Trotter, Pittsburgh History, Winter, 1995/1996, "*Reflections on the Great Migration.*"



... Fatherhood – Am I Enough?

By Brother Larry Hammond
Zeta Tau Chapter

I AM THE FATHER OF 3 WONDERFUL CHILDREN, one son and two daughters. Three months ago, my family was blessed with the birth of our third grandchild. This gave me the opportunity to reflect on the birth and growth of my children who are now all grown up and prospering in the world.

I remembered wondering at every stage of their lives, if I was enough. Was I enough of a “good” dad; was I enough of a role model; did I know enough about parenting; was I empathic enough, strict enough; smart enough and the list goes on-and-on?

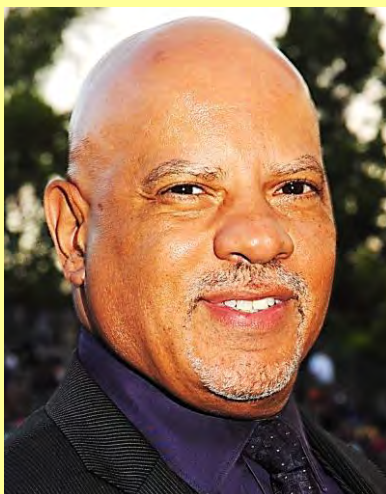
When they were babies, so small, so helpless, I wondered “*what am I supposed to do with this?*” When they were toddlers, I wondered how I was going to keep up with this. When they went to school, I wondered how am I going to deal

with this. When they became teenagers, I wondered if I would survive at all. And, when they were college bound, I wondered so many things that I can’t even count.

The point being for all the new fathers out there, what I have learned is that being enough means showing love and support. It means drawing on family and friends for help, it means having faith and looking to God who **WILL** help you fill the gaps.

Being enough means being a father in all of your deeds; in all of your actions; and in all of your mind, body and soul. You may always feel that you are not enough and when you do, reach out and hug them, teach them, heal them and make them laugh when you can. Let them see that your

heart is true. Make positive memories and give them the courage to soar. As I said, my children are doing very well today – I guess I was enough. ///



***** Around the Districts *****

~~~ **NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** ~~~

**March 15, 2022**

**1st Quarter 2022, Information for January, February, March, 2022**

**Our Goal: Publish Information from each District, each Quarter; Fatherhood and Mentoring Programs, Youth Leadership Conferences, Project Manhood, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Brother You’re On My Mind.**

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## **NOVEMBER: A Salute to the Vietnam Veteran and Military Service**

*“My life was impacted by the men who stepped up to mentor and showed me what men do and how they solve everyday problems.”*

Written and Submitted by Brother Donald Williams, Jr.

**THE ANGELS AMONG US:** Second District Omega men were celebrated and remembered throughout November. There were several gatherings on Veteran’s Day that allowed us to pay tribute to individuals who have served in the Armed Forces.

The Vietnam War lasted from 1964 – 1973; undoubtedly the longest war in American history until – Afghanistan. For the men who served in Vietnam and survived unspeakable horrors, coming home offered its own kind of trauma coming from the civil rights movement. African Americans have always been involved in United States military service - despite official policies of racial segregation and discrimination. Research reflected that Black Americans were more likely to be drafted than White Americans.

This article highlights some of the men who served honorably during extremely disturbing times in our country’s history. They have shared their joys of balancing fatherhood and a career in military service to this country.



**Major General Arthur Holmes, Jr**

**Major General Arthur Holmes, Jr., Ret.,** served almost four decades in the United States Army, retiring as a Commanding General. Brother Arthur Holmes, Jr. was born on May 12, 1931 in Decatur, Alabama. This Omega man married a Delta, and together they raised four children and six grandchildren. Although he excelled in the military, his biggest accomplishment was being a loving father and husband. He says, *“it has been fun and provided great satisfaction to raise my family and balance my professional career.”*

**Brother Robert W. Fairchild,** a Retired Colonel in the Armor Unit of the United States Army served as an Armor Commander. He was wounded on Veteran Day, November 11, 1969. *“I thank God every day for allowing me to survive and experience having a family. Despite what you see of my physical condition, I want you to know that being a father has been absolutely one of my greatest joys. I have two boys and a girl who are now all grown. I sincerely love my kids and all the experiences that we had as they were growing up. All the experiences of loving, teaching, working through their problems, coaching and all the things that can occur through their growth years gave me great joy being a part of their lives. There is nothing like the joy of being a father. I thank God for the Fatherhood experience.”*



**L-R: Vietnamese Advisor & Armor Commander Captain Robert W. Fairchild; Brother Robert W. Fairchild**

*“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”*  
— Booker T. Washington



**Colonel Adam E. McKee, Jr.:** Dr. Adam E. McKee, Jr. graduated from Dillard University in New Orleans earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received a military deferment to enrolled at Tuskegee University where he earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. In 1958, he began his military career in the U.S. Air Force as a Veterinary Corp officer. He married the love of his life, and thoroughly enjoyed being a father to his children. As a mentor to many he encouraged growth to countless young men.



### Harvey “Doc” Zeigler

On December 15, 2021, I was blessed to sit and talk with a World War II Veteran from the greatest generation, Harvey “Doc” Zeigler, who will be 102 years young in March 2022. He made a special point to shared that he joined the U.S. Army on Pearl Harbor Day and was proud to serve our country. He repeated over and over how grateful he is *“to still be alive.”* Zeigler was born March 4, 1920 in Damascus, Maryland. He is the sixth of thirteen children born to parents Ellsworth and Bertha Lyles. He is the grandson of Doc Zeigler, his grandfather who was one of thirty runaway slaves that escaped from Orangeburg, South Carolina via the Underground Railroad in 1863.

After graduating from the all-Black Lincoln High School in Rockville, Maryland, he was drafted in the U.S. Army and became part of the 329<sup>th</sup> segregated unit during World War II. *“We would guard the ammunition, equipment, food, and gas,”* Zeigler said. Zeigler worked as a private first class in a Black unit and said he guarded supplies that soldiers needed while fighting on the front lines of Europe. When he came back to Maryland after his military service was over, Zeigler got married. He has been a pioneer in civil rights and social activism all his life.

**His key message:** *“My generation saved the world, and then built a nation. Please tell your generation not to give up or give in for making this a better world,”* he insisted.

### Father and Son – The Donald Williams

My father who was born September 28, 1935, raised during the period of greatest generation (1927-1935). He retired from the U.S. Army after serving 20 years. I asked him why he enlisted in the army at a young age. He stated that he came from humble beginning in Wilmington, NC. He said all he desired was to make a better life for his young family than what he experienced growing up. What he found serving in the military was a structure that allowed him to excel, gained experiences, and advance to the next enlisted rank.

My Dad served two tours in Vietnam from 1968 and 1970. I was 8 years old during his first tour and 12 years old in his second tour. I was trying to figure out how to navigate as a young male when he served in Vietnam. My passion for mentoring can be traced to this season in my life. I experience the feelings and thoughts resulting from when my dad was out of the home. My mentoring experience was shaped because of men in the neighborhood that watched out for my family.

**My life was impacted due to the men who stepped up to mentor and showed me what men do and how they solve everyday problems. DW**



**Summary:** As we continue this very important, impactful, and meaningful mentoring work, each one ought to uplift and inspire the next generation of young Americans, especially in our community. As the world transforms itself, our community must understand how the service can improved their quality of life. By sharing the great experiences that you enjoyed, it will help a new generation of future leaders see this as a viable pathway forward for their sons and daughters.

Submitted By Brother Donald Williams II, 2nd District Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee. DDPR Zane Cypress, Jr., DPR, 2nd District





## Purple Boot Mentoring Program (PBMP)

Submitted By Brother Bernard Jackson, TLL  
Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee

**Waldorf, Maryland** – On **December 4, 2021** the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda met with the mentees of the Purple Boot Mentoring Program (PBMP) at William B. Wade Elementary school. Brother Wilson Ennis led the group through initial greeting and reciting of PBMP pledge.

Bro. Kenneth Pittman held a great presentation on “Dressing for Success,” covering topics that included first impressions, proper dress for different occasions and guidance on how to conduct themselves in different environment. In addition, a STEM related activity involving VEX robotics was featured. Eighteen (18) mentees and eight (8) Brothers were present and supported the mentoring session.

When the brothers of Tau Lambda Lambda launched their Purple Boot Mentoring Program (PBMP), it was designed to improve the lives of young African American and/or Hispanic males residing in the Southern Maryland communities of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s. PBMP mentees are typically young African American or Hispanic males who would benefit from positive male role models.

Preference for enrollment is given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation potential college students and underrepresented African American and Hispanic males. The targeted age range is from 10 to 17 and grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Program objectives were designed to offer a male mentoring program structured to accomplish four key goals:

- Improve academic performance
- Improve behavior reports at home and school
- Improve social skills
- Expand awareness of positive African American men

This year, a special emphasis will be on leadership development and helping students enhance their high schools resumes. Also, PBMP Officer positions have implemented. The following mentees serve in student officer positions for this year: President - Jeremiah Vaughn; Vice President - Braxton Wheeler; Secretary - Quincy Quattlebaum; Treasurer - Demitri Hicks.

For more information on Tau Lambda Lambda’s Purple Boot Mentoring Program or to donate, please visit: <http://www.jlwcscharityfoundation.org/charity/>

## Omicron Chi Chapter’s Omega Leadership Institute Mentoring Initiative: Partnership with Union County Community College Yielding Increased Graduation Rate

**L-R: Brother Thabiti Boone, Int'l Representative; Richard Wyatt, mentor; Robby West, Basileus; Dr Margaret McMenamin, President, Union County College; Assemblywoman Linda Carter, Plainfield, NJ; Mike Smith, Immediate Past Basileus; Jason Holley, mentor**



**Plainfield, New Jersey** – The men of Omicron Chi Chapter conducted their signature mentoring initiative, Omega Leadership Institute, (OLI). For the last seven years, the chapter has maintained a partnership with Union County Community College.

The Chapter has been mentoring African American young men through its monthly mentoring initiative, the Black Male Achievers program. The Black Male Achievers (BMA) program has been conducted on the campus of Union County Community College, (UCC) which consist of four campuses: Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains. This mentoring program has been one of the most impactful mentoring initiatives serving students living and working in central New Jersey.







**L: Bro Mike Smith having OLI session with mentees, R: Ali Salaam, mentor, Leon Smith, Corridor IV Representative, and Byron Ward Program Co-Chairman with community mentors & Mentees.**

OMICRON CHI CHAPTER'S MENTORING INITIATIVE is targeted specifically to male students that attends Union County Community College, (UCC). The chapter was moved to action after learning about the horrific graduation analytics. In 2014, of the African American young men who attended Union County College, only 5% of them graduated within three years.

The unique partnership with the College was designed to improve academic outcomes for African American male students, including increasing graduation rates for degree completion. Union County College provides students who experience financial and other challenges matriculating directly to a four-year

college with an opportunity to enroll and complete a four-year college degree.

Omicron Chi Brothers, under the leadership of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative, Delrecole Gales; Corridor IV Representative, Leon Smith; and OLI Co-Chairman, Byron Ward provides leadership with UCC's partnership for the Black Male Achievers program. The Chapter's monthly two-hour mentoring initiative has become a mainstay at UCC helping African America students develops strategies to stay on track academically. The men of Omicron Chi are applauded for their partnership with UCC that has resulted in favorable graduation rates reflecting an increased to 25% directly due to the efforts of OLI Mentoring Initiative. ///

**Key Message: Let's create mentoring partnerships with our city and community colleges; mentoring works and our communities need us!!**

**I hear and I forget. I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand. Confucius**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Brother Michael Frazier, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

**Alpha Iota | Chesapeake, VA**— On Thursday, November 04, 2021, young leaders of the Golden Fold learned how to tie ties during the Fold's annual shirt and tie session. It is important to learn how to tie a tie. One will never know when the occasion will come when one will need to wear a tie. Whether it be a special event, like a wedding or a job interview. Every young man should learn how to tie a tie because at one point or another in their lifetime, they will need to wear some sort of tie. According to Bro. Green it's better to learn now than later. It's not very difficult to learn, so learning how to tie a tie won't hurt.



**Brother Wilson and Young Leader Wilkens**



**Brothers Caine and Sexton teaching students to tie a tie. Golden Fold class of November 2021**

**Alpha Iota** - The Golden Fold packed and distributed 16 baskets for families in need. This is a community service project that is done each year as a way for the young leaders to practice gratitude and give back to their

community. These baskets are free to recipients and contain all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner including a frozen turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and dessert.



**Psi Alpha Alpha | Fairfax Virginia** – The MANUP Program of Psi Alpha Alpha (PsiAA) took 20 upper classman students from Mount Vernon and John Lewis High Schools to Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) on November 1, 2021. Students received several

uplifting messages from current students at ECSU. In addition, the MANUP Program received a wonderful aviation lecture from Mr. Orestes Gooden, Department Chairperson of Aviation & Emergency Management.







**Brother LTC Scotty Boler assisting MANUP students with critical thinking and analysis during the in-school field trip at JLHS on December 10, 2021.**

**Psi Alpha Alpha (PsiAA)** – Students from the MANUP program at John Lewis High School (JLHS) in Springfield Virginia participated in an in-school field trip with The EDGE from George Mason University (GMU) on December 10, 2021. The EDGE is GMU Recreation’s Team Development and Experiential Learning program. The in-school field trip program allowed students at JLHS, mentors, and teachers to come together while bonding and growing together using the customized programming tools designed by trained facilitators.

**Pi Lambda Lambda | Dumfries Virginia** – The Omega U Mentoring Program based out of Prince William County Virginia is providing 16 middle and high school students to participate in a 12-week python coding course hosted by Code Wizards HQ sponsored by AFCEA. Students are participating in this hands-on introductory python course

from November 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022. Students will learn fundamental programming principles like variables, loops, conditionals, arrays, functions and more in Python. The students will be taking an advance course after the completion of the introductory class to continue the understanding of Python. Students in Omega U will receive a robust introduction to Python, a popular language that is widely used in the emerging fields of data sciences, machine learning and artificial intelligence.



**Chase Burks**



**Amare Long**



**Brandon Downey**



**Donald King**

**Pi Lambda Lambda** – PLL Fatherhood Initiative Committee (FIC) premiered the second installment of its Bridge Builder Series: Fatherhood & Fraternity. This one intitled, “70s Knock the Hardest.” Appropriately titled, the purpose of this installment was to provide a platform for Brothers, who began their Omega journey in the 70s, to share their relevant life experiences as a Christian, a husband and a father, and their walk in Omega with newer members of the Fraternity through stories. ///



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## **Xi Alpha Mentors and Donates Ties to Charleston Job Corps**

**Charleston, WV.** On November 18, 2021, some brothers of Xi Alpha agreed to speak to the young men at the Charleston Job Corps about what it means to be a good man. We explained it is more than gender. It is responsibility for the actions taken, it is providing for family, it is protecting family, it being a genuine friend, it is being an example, and many more things were touched on as the brothers spoke. Also, since image is an important factor, we explained about professional attire. We emphasized the impact of a first impression, and how that could be the difference between getting opportunities and losing opportunities.

Brother Dr. Steven Smith, a member of Xi Alpha, is the owner and operator of a men's custom clothing company (iCandy Custom Clothiers), and he donated nearly 100 ties to the young men. The men of Omega then had multiple tie tying sessions.

This was an outstanding event, and the coordinators at Job Corps stated the young men need to see professional Black men more often. Men who have made their successes through education, discipline, and hard work. The young men were so appreciative and thankful we took time out of our day to spend our afternoon with them. The students were telling us about their studies, their dreams, and many even confided in us about some of the horrible experiences they had to endure to get to this place in their lives. As Omega Men, we let the students know we live by, and are guided by the principals of: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Then we challenged the students to always strive for excellence, and we as the Men of Omega will be praying for them, and returning to check on their progresses. ///



**Cincinnati, OH** – On Saturday, November 20, 2021, as part of its annual Achievement Week Service activities, brothers of Beta Iota Chapter delivered \$1000 in Kroger gift cards to the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative's Jobs for Cincinnati Grads program. These gift cards were donated to the organization in order to assist some of the needy families identified to purchase Thanksgiving meals for the Holiday.

More than thirty years ago, as Cincinnati was facing exceedingly high dropout rates, concerned community and school leaders pioneered the idea of collaboration between the business community and public schools. They created a game-changing model for intervention and founded Cincinnati Youth Collaborative.

CYC has created a pathway to success for 180,000 disadvantaged students in our community. CYC is uniquely:

- The first local organization to actively engage the business community in the advocacy and support of vulnerable youth
- One of the longest-standing strategic relationships with Cincinnati Public Schools district wide, with access to school academic data
- A strong collaborator with United Way of Greater Cincinnati, City of Cincinnati, Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board and the Strive Partnership
- United with Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates, CYC offers capacity for growth and improvement in



programs, organizational structure and fiscal efficiency – resulting in better outcomes for kids development, career preparation, mentoring, and as well as one-year of Follow-Up support.

During the four decades, JCG has served over 30,000 youth, providing them with year-round comprehensive services including classroom instruction, employability skills training, leadership

The JCG program currently facilitates seven middle school and ten high school programs throughout three districts: Cincinnati Public, North College Hill, and Winton Woods School Districts. ///

## Zeta Omega Conducts Youth Mentoring At 1,000 Ties Robotics Day Program

Submitted by  
Brother Damon Scott, Chairman, Public Relations Committee  
Zeta Omega Chapter



**CLEVELAND, OH**—The Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee (FIMC) of Zeta Omega Chapter has been working with a youth mentoring program known as *1,000 Ties* for the past three years. *1,000 Ties* is a program for young boys where they can learn various life skills, one of which is how to properly tie, and wear, a necktie.

One of the schools participating in the program this year is Wade Park Elementary in one of Cleveland's predominantly African American eastside neighborhoods. Brothers conducted mentoring sessions there from October to December teaching sixth grade boys about respect for themselves and others, how to carry themselves, goal setting, career guidance, social

etiquette, and helping them think about their own personal branding.

On a crisp, bright, sunny day in mid-November, some of those same boys are bustling with excitement because they do not have to physically be in school on this day. Instead, they get to take a field trip to visit the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College in downtown Cleveland.

Once on campus, the students file into a large conference room where they each receive a purple tee-shirt with *1,000 Ties* blazoned on the front, and are treated to a continental breakfast. It is in this environment that they are first introduced to the field of robotics.



The students begin the formal part of their day learning some basic information about robotics, what it is, and what they can do with it. This introduction was led by Ms. Tandi Allen. She and her husband Terrance founded Urban City Codes, a company that provides culturally-focused, community-based technology training solutions that empower under-represented individuals, groups, and companies to develop and stay competitive in the technology industry.

According to the Allens, “Black and Brown people make up only 2% of tech industry/STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) professionals, so we work to teach our youth to take control of their futures by learning about STEM careers through culturally focused tech training and projects. We provide them with insight into careers in robotics, engage them in building their own robots, and show them how it can be innovative and fun.”

They further engage the students by leading them in playing a robotics game, which proves to be not only fun, but also informative. After another brief presentation, they bundle up for a quick journey back outside and across campus to the Youth Tech Academy laboratory in the Advanced Technology Training Center. And this is where the real fun begins!

First, they hear a brief presentation on what it takes to build a robot. Then, each young man gets a chance to operate a remote-controlled robot that resembles a mini monster truck in a large pen. They take turns guiding the robotic arm to pick up rings and attempt to place them on pegs strategically placed around the pen. It resembles a game one might see in an amusement park or at the county fair.

After the young preteens devour a boxed lunch, now it is their turn to try their hand at actually building a robot! Each of them receives a robot kit and their own work table to spread out the contents of their kits and get to work. The students work in tandem with their assigned mentors for the day, as everyone pays close attention to step-by-step instructions being given by Ms. Allen, who sits at the front of the room with a video camera focused on her workspace. She can be observed

on large projection screens throughout the room so that the boys and mentors can easily follow her direction. And after about a 90-minute working session, **each student completes his day by taking home a solar-powered and battery-operated robotic car that he built himself!** The expressions of wonderment, pride, and satisfaction are easy to see on their faces as they pack up their kits and head for the school bus for the ride back to their school. There could be some future robotic engineers in their ranks.

The brothers of Zeta Omega became involved in the program through the efforts of Brother Jermel Carr (1994 Xi), who serves as liaison between the program and the chapter. He works closely with Ms. Jowan Smith, CEO and Director of the *1,000 Ties* school-based mentoring program, who said, “*We want to make sure our students have exposure to various career paths so they can see all of the possibilities open to them through science, technology, engineering and math. We are excited for them to learn about robotics and have this hands-on experience today, working in collaboration with our sponsors like Cuyahoga Community College, Finish Line sports apparel, and the men of Omega Psi Phi.*”

Denise McCroy, Ed.D., an African American woman, is President of the Metropolitan Campus for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). She is proud to host the students on campus. “*We have been partnering with 1,000 Ties for over a year now, and this is our first opportunity to collaborate in person due to Covid-19. We think it is important to have these kinds of programs in person because it’s a hands-on experience. Tri-C is committed to helping students find their path, including those in technology, because we can be their next stop once they finish their K-12 education. We will continue our relationship with Wade Park Elementary and keep following up with these students. We are looking forward to doing more partnerships like this in the future.*” ///





# “And gladly wolde he lerne, and gladly teche.”

— Chaucer, [The Canterbury Tales](#)



## Inspired by Teacher's Philanthropy, Nathaniel Snow Serves Others

Original Story by Jesús F. Jiménez, Assistant Director of Digital Content,  
Slant Talk, the Miami University Alumni Association

*“You’re about to go up under a bridge with these people?!”*

**I**t truly was unlike anything Nathaniel Snow, 2000, M.Ed. 2012, had ever seen before – *his third-grade teacher, Bertha Roscoe, serving home-cooked meals to 45 homeless people under a bridge in downtown Cincinnati.* Nathaniel always admired Ms. Roscoe and her kindness. Unbeknownst to him, she was equally inspired by his selflessness and perseverance, even from a young age.

Now an eighth-grade math teacher and a youth pastor in Cincinnati, Nathaniel is continuing Ms. Roscoe's compassionate legacy through his [“Snow Covered Angels” nonprofit organization](#). Every month for the past year, Nathaniel and his wife, Nicole, have driven around Cincinnati to provide blankets, coats, food, haircuts and other essentials to those in need.

“It came out of the situation of us reflecting, during this whole pandemic, a lot of people were affected,” Nathaniel said. “Although my wife and I were affected, we were able to still maintain and sustain our house and the things that we were a part of. We had decided once a month to feed the homeless and offer some type of service.”

**‘PATRIARCH OF THE FAMILY’ MS. ROSCOE’S STORY IS INSPIRATIONAL IN ITSELF.** After attending segregated schools in 1950s Alabama, she fought to attend the University of Cincinnati and went on to teach for 32 years. Nathaniel was unlike any other third-grader she ever had. “He was 8 years old, and even then, he was an awesome kid,” she said. “He’s more like the patriarch of the whole family even though he’s younger than anyone else.”

She remembers Nathaniel talking about cooking for himself while his mother was working, which she found fascinating in a third-grader. However, it was Ms. Roscoe’s home-cooked meals that started changing Nathaniel’s life. She provided them for him and his classmates before holiday breaks.

“I just thought she did it because she liked to cook. But she did that because we had students who were so unfortunate. She knew they weren’t going to have a Thanksgiving dinner,” Nathaniel said. Ms. Roscoe also provided essential school supplies to her underprivileged students. As he got older, Nathaniel learned that Ms. Roscoe did this every one of her 32-year career.



**‘STORIES OF THE HOMELESS’:** Outside of school, Ms. Roscoe volunteered at a drop-in center for homeless people in Cincinnati. After she learned that many would not go into the center, she started taking the center’s services around the city – and even under bridges.

Nathaniel kept in contact with her, and when he was in high school, joined her for one of these projects. “I was kind of thinking, ‘You’re about to go up under a bridge with these people?’ and she said, ‘Yes,’” Nathaniel recalls. “She had her tables, she had her generator and she had her crockpots and things, and she sat down and had this feast.”

Ms. Roscoe noticed something about Nathaniel’s interactions with the homeless. Every stop, he would grab a plate for himself, but take only small portions. “At first, I didn’t understand,” Ms. Roscoe said. “He would stand there and eat with the other people so they wouldn’t feel uncomfortable.”

What Nathaniel was also doing was hearing their stories. Many had mental health issues or other traumas that made it difficult to hold jobs. “What I learned is a lot of people are homeless, not because they chose to be homeless,” Nathaniel said. “What I kept finding out, a lot of our homeless people are war veterans. People who were discharged for whatever reason, and there were some mental things there, but kind of fell off the grid.”

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** Nathaniel strived to be like Ms. Roscoe in almost every way. Teaching? Not quite. A dynamic math and science student, he wasn’t sure what career he’d pursue, but a senior assignment in high school changed that. Nathaniel was tasked to research a profession that he didn’t know much about. He picked teaching.

*“At the time I did my research, out of all the teachers in the United States, only 2% were African American*

*males,” Nathaniel said. “Of the 2%, only 37% taught an academic subject – the other 63% taught art – either music, gym or art or something” like that. Thus, he was inspired to change that and was attracted by Miami’s solid education program. “This was the perfect place,” he said.*

Originally a football recruit, Nathaniel found his niche with the Tau Xi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He continued to serve the community through the fraternity as well as the Black Student Action Association and the Miami University Gospel Singers. He started **Voices of Color**, a student organization that allowed students to express Open Word at the Miami Art Center. Often, Nathaniel would purchase pizzas and hand them out to less fortunate people around Oxford. He also adopted families from local elementary schools and tutored kids struggling with math and science. He would donate gifts to some of those families during the holidays.

Now in his 22nd year as a teacher, Nathaniel is working toward a Ph.D. online through Loyola University in Chicago. Math is just a fraction of the lessons he teaches. The spirit of giving. The legacy of Ms. Roscoe. The Miami Love and Honor. The stories of the homeless. Every gift he gives spreads a little bit of all those things. *“Nathaniel has always been involved and committed to serving the community,”* said Rodney Coates, professor of critical race and ethnic studies at Miami. *“His commitment challenges us all to take our privilege and help those with less. I am proud of his accomplishments, both while here and in the real world, where he is making a difference.”* ///

**Always, Go Where You’re Celebrated, Not Just Tolerated!**



## **The Legendary 5<sup>th</sup> District: Fatherhood Initiative & Mentoring Committee**



### **5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT HBCU DAY AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE –**

**O**n Founders Day 2021 it was not less than fitting that the Cardinal Principle of Manhood was demonstrated by the men of Gamma Phi Chapter through mentorship.

More than 20 young men from H. G. Hill Middle School participated in an orientation and tour of Tennessee State University, Nashville - an Historical Black College or University (HBCU).

This continuous contact mentoring program is under the auspices of the 5<sup>th</sup> District International Youth Leadership Conference Committee Chairman Brother

Julius Hill who has worked tirelessly throughout the Middle Tennessee community to make a difference with our children and youth.

The day included an introduction to the academic, cultural, and social advantages of attending an HBCU. As a result of this continuous interaction effort individual students are now vying for the opportunity to be a part of the program through enhanced academics and an increased focused on maintaining a cooperative and successful attitude. Brothers Terry Copeland, Jerry Blackman, John Burwell, Brian Stanfield, Andrew Turner II, Mike Bennett, Bernard Ray, and Julius Hill presided. ///

**The Legendary 5<sup>th</sup> District under the leadership of District Representative Brother Sam McKenzie and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative Brother Quincy Snider continues to offer District-wide programming that promotes not only Fatherhood but also the entire family and the Community at large.**





## 5<sup>th</sup> District FIMC Plans for Fiscal Year 2022

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT REQUIREMENT for program planning, the Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee submitted its recommendation for “mission-centric” efforts to be carried out in Fiscal Year 2022. After the FIMC budget was approved at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Fall Council Meeting in November, the

Committee underwent the process of assessing its efforts so far - and thinking about how to deliver in a more inclusive and effective way. Committee consensus was reached, and the following was submitted to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative Brother Quincy Snider for consideration:

| FY2022 5 <sup>th</sup> District Programs/Services       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. 5 <sup>th</sup> District Youth Leadership Conference | District-wide in-person and virtual mentoring program scheduled for April 2022.                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2. Omega Widows Assistance Program                      | Program established by Clint Boyd, Jr., (Omega Chapter) circa 2010. Provides lawn and minor exterior maintenance and repair services for Omega Widows at no cost. Coordination with District & Chapter Chaplains required. (Early Spring) |
| 3. Black Fatherhood Prayer Service & Awards Program     | International Prayer Service. Expand the reach of Father's Day Weekend Celebration first established in the 5 <sup>th</sup> District in 2017.                                                                                             |
| 4. Black Fatherhood Online & In-Person Discussions      | Topics for example: 1) Community Oriented Policing (COP); 2) Know Your Rights; 3) Critical Race Theory; 4) Violence Prevention, 5) Safe Interaction with The Police; 6) Black Men's Health Awareness; 7) Financial Literacy, etc.         |

The 5<sup>th</sup> District FIMC is proud to have representation across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Tennessee including Brothers Michael Bennett (Gamma Phi); Michael Dorsey (Iota Alpha); Isaiah Hess (Alpha Epsilon Gamma); Branden Higginson (Upsilon Iota Iota); Julius Hill (Gamma Phi) Kenneth Hurt ( Upsilon Iota Iota); Curtis Johnson (Theta Alpha Alpha); Mal Matthews (Theta Iota); Daniel Muldrow (Theta Omega); Bruce Sykes (Theta Alpha Alpha); Irwin Todd (Epsilon Phi); Mike Wallace (Xi Xi); Vice Chair Dwight Jones, and Committee Chair Brother Michael Milliner.

## 6<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Melvin Williams, Jr., Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

### Sixth District 2021, Father of the Year, Brother Corey Ball, Phi Chi Chapter.

**Salisbury, NC** – In one of its news stories, (*Fatherhood and the pandemic: How men are stepping up with child care*), CNN highlighted the impact the COVID-19 pandemic was having on fathers. In summary, the article demonstrated how as a direct result of the pandemic and the *stay-at-home* orders, fathers were spending more time at home with their families.

To many researchers surprise, the pandemic was not as deleterious as expected. In fact, it appeared to be having a positive influence on the lives of fathers and their families. Fathers were helping out more by augmenting their kid's academic success, building their confidence and improving their mental stability. What



made brother Corey Ball stand out as a "Father of the Year" is that despite the pandemic's impact, his

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sacrifice, unconditional love, and patience was already being exhibited.

EVERY DAY HE POURS INTO THE LIFE OF HIS SON COREY, JR. As a husband, entrepreneur, community leader and now President of the Omegas of Cabarrus County NC Foundation, Bro. Ball is the very positive beacon of light that many fathers observe and emulate. Each day he ensures that his son not only fulfills his academic requirements for Hough High School, but he also attends all football workouts, games, college campus visits and parent/teacher conferences.

It is because of these principles that were being instilled into CJ that inspired Bro. Ball to create Phi Chi's mentoring initiative, "Breakfast with the Men of Omega". This initiative was built on the foundation of leadership, academic excellence, community service and accountability. The monthly mentoring program

has become the premiere initiative for the Phi Chi Chapter. Each month through sponsored meals, the brothers of Phi Chi attend these sessions led by Bro. Ball. They discuss an array of topics that challenges these young men to become our world's future leaders. Many of these sessions are attended by their fathers and have enabled the chapter to grow in its outreach and strengthen our fatherly engagement.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> brother Ball and his lovely Quette attended a Panthers' game and in addition to the game brother Ball received a check for \$100 and a gift basket with lots of goodies. Again, congratulation brother Ball for being selected the Mighty 6<sup>th</sup> District Father of The Year. ///

## Fathers "Walking" the Talk!

By Brother Melvin Williams

**Zebulon, NC** - Iota Iota Chapter is spreading its reach and is now serving Northeastern Wake County and is partnering with Zebulon Elementary School and its community partner Proud Fathers, Inc., Wal-Mart and Costco on several new initiatives. The Chapter was able to provide 7 Thanksgiving Dinners to needed families of Zebulon Elementary. Brother Melvin Williams had the honor of delivering those meals with Basileus Marvin Whitaker.



Also, the fatherhood program launched its *The Rainy Day Project*. This project is designed to provide umbrellas to students of need that rides the bus. One hundred twenty-five umbrellas were donated to bus riders at Zebulon Elementary and an additional 400 were donated to four other schools. I know that we all see students standing at the bus stops in the rain and not covered but the Iota Iota Chapter and Proud Fathers, Inc., are trying to cover as many students as they can on those raining mornings and afternoon bus rides to and from school. This partnership will grow even bigger in the spring.

We will be launching a Father Child Book Club and start working with the fathers and children through children's books to increase their communication skills, reading levels, learn about the advantages of our public library system and do college tours. All books read will be based on the Fraternity's four cardinal principles. Talking with Mr. Hailey the School's social workers, we both agreed the early the better for student success and the presence of the **Father** is key.





***“People want to take your spot until they realize what it takes to play your position”, MW***

**Raleigh, NC** – The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity aren’t worrying about losing their positions. To that end, the Brothers of Iota Iota made sure that 66 families didn’t go without on Thanksgiving Day. If these brothers were worried about losing their spots those 66 families probably wouldn’t have had a dinner for thanksgiving. ///



***“No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead, he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see it”. Luke 11:33***



**Raleigh, NC** – Omega Champs Mentoring Program had it Rites of Passive Ceremony in October to honor these three young men that are ready to let their lights be seen and shine bright so others can see it. We are so proud of these young men for accepting the challenge and springing into the next chapter of their lives as a growing young man in the classroom, in the community and in their homes. ///

**7<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Jonathan Gaines, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring**

## **Seventh District Chapters Stay Steadfast in Commitment to Mentor Youths with New Inductees for 2021 - 2022**

Bro. J. Gaines - 7th District FIMC Chairman

LOCAL CHAPTERS AND OMEGA BROTHERS WITHIN THE GREAT STATES OF GEORGIA, FLORIDA, ALABAMA & MISSISSIPPI are saluted for maintaining their commitment to the many local communities and youths. The 2020 - 2021 fraternal year was filled with many challenges to maintain engagement of mentoring and fund-raising activities across the seventh district. But for many it was an opportunity to apply new educational methods, technology and techniques to continue to strive in uplifting our youths.

Here we are at the beginning of the 2021 - 2022 Fraternal Year welcoming new youth mentees to further guide them to reach their endeavors in life. Below are only a few of the many local chapters that are welcoming new youth mentees to their mentoring program for the 2021 - 2022 Fraternal Year. Serving as the 7th District Chairman and on behalf of the Seventh District Council, we again salute our Local Chapters, Omega Brothers and Parents for your continued commitment to youth mentoring.





**Beta Omicron Chapter - Pensacola, Florida**  
**Omega Lamplighters 2021 -2022 New Mentees Induction Class**



**Fruit of the Mentoring Vein - Morehouse Man**  
**Bro. James LoveJoy – Omega Sparks Youth Mentoring Group**  
**Sigma Phi Chapter - Montgomery, Alabama**

Former Omega Sparks Youth Mentee Aylon Gipson of the Sigma Phi Chapter is awarded the prestigious scholarship from Morehouse College as a Bayless Family Student Success Scholar. As a Sophomore Economics and Pre-Law Major, he continues to strive as a student leader and academic scholar.

**Omega Sparks Mission Statement:** The mission is to work with and establish relationships with young men to offer support, guidance assistance and to teach the transformation to manhood and instill high leadership and academic skills.

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**Theta Phi Chapter – Jacksonville, Florida**  
**Omega Lamplighters 2021 -2022 New Mentees Induction Class**

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**Omega Lamplighters Christmas Toy Drive  
Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter - Fort Gordon, Georgia**



**Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter and the Andrew A. Jefferson Chapter of the Omega Lamplighters  
Supporting our community with a Christmas Toy Drive at the East Augusta Commons.**

**8<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Alton Guidry, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring**

**Mu Nu Nu Chapter**, Chartered April 29, 2021  
Wichita, KS



**Mu Nu Nu Puts Its Money *into* Its Commitment to Community Service!**

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**Wichita, KS** – The brothers of Mu Nu Nu donated \$1000 in cash and \$500 in toys to Brother Herman Hicks, Senior Pastor at Greater Pentecostal's annual toy drive. Thank you, Brother Hicks, for all the great work you do in our community! Roo to the Movement!

Mu Nu Nu Basileus Brother Alton Guidry was honored to give a commencement speech for several students at Southwestern College who were not able to walk for graduation due to COVID. Thank you Southwestern for creating opportunities for the kids to walk across the stage. Roo to the Movement!

The Chapter Basileus Alton Guidry and Vice Basileus Carl Lemons spoke to the student Athletes at Southwestern College Builders about empowerment and uplifting the community. The bridge has been built from the brothers of the chapter. It extends to the administration and the faculty.



Brother Jeff Martin, Head Basketball Coach of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lady Elite Girls Youth Basketball Team. Mu Nu Nu congratulates the team for their win at the Kansas Middle School Basketball Championship, December 4, 2022. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade “Dribble Drive Lady Elites” placed first at the Wichita Sports Forum in Wichita, Kansas!! We, at Mu Nu Nu celebrate your success, Ladies! ///

Brother Basileus Alton Guidry Explaining the requirements for the International Essay Contest and requirements for the International Talent Hunt to youth. Brother Vice Basileus Carl Lemons Brother Raymond Poole, thank you for your hard work.

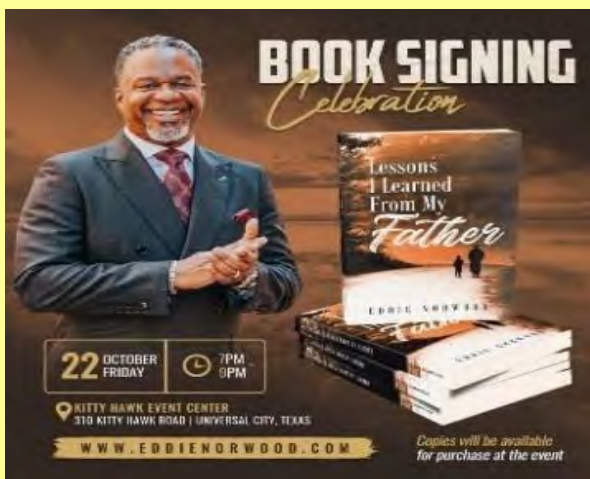
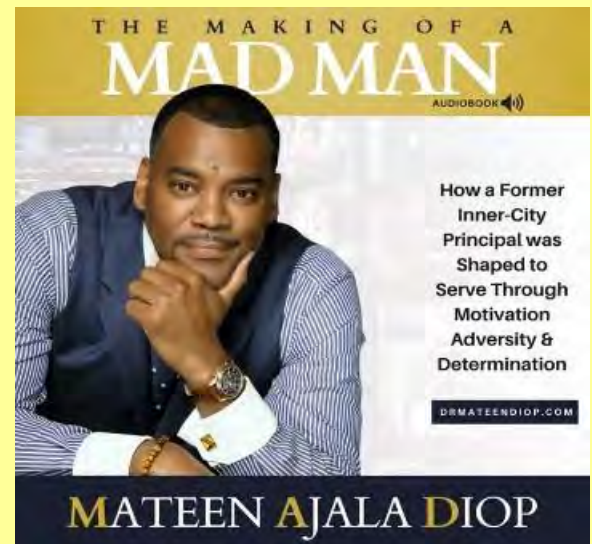




## Psi Alpha Chapter Fatherhood Initiative (FI) Committee

Submitted by Brother Jeremy Neal

**THE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE TEAM**, led by Brothers Alan Thompson and Le'Marc Holcombe conducted an interview via Zoom with **Bro. Dr. Mateen Diop, 2-01-Psi Alpha**. During the discussion, Bro. Diop talked about the things that made him a successful father, while discussing his recently released book – **“The Making of a Madman: How a Former Inner-City Principal was Shaped to Serve Through Motivation, Adversity & Determination”**. During this discussion, the team three facts: (1) Dr. Diop had to quickly learn how to be a first-time elementary school principal, as well as a first-time father *at the same time*; (2) He believed if your children don't find love at home, they'll look for it elsewhere; and (3) Hug your children and tell them that you love them – they need love from their dads. This was an excellent interview, and the committee published the video for other fathers to enhance and educate fathers locally and worldwide.



On October 3, 2021, the FI Committee disseminated October “Fatherhood Facts” (Fact #10) to Psi Alpha Chapter brothers and to the San Antonio community. This month's fact was: *a negative affect happens when fathers are not involved in a child's life -- “Women with absent fathers are more likely to have children with absent fathers”*. On October 22, 2021, the FI Team, led by Brothers Alan Thompson and Anthony Peay conducted an in-person interview with Bro. Eddie Norwood, 4-17-Psi Alpha during his book signing at the Kitty Hawk Event Center, Universal City, TX. Bro. Norwood's book is entitled **“Lessons I Learned from My Father”**, which was an outstanding topic for our discussion. The book covered topics such as “Common Sense”, “Leave That Girl Alone” and “The Rapid Rate of Change”.

Bro. Norwood's positive experience with his father and the advice that his father gave him motivated him to write the book. During the discussion, the team took away three critical things from Bro. Norwood: (1) We have *too many negative examples* about fathers; (2) His father passed the tradition of going to church to him; (3) One of the hardest moments Bro. Norwood experienced in being a father was, he was so busy with his first daughter (i.e. - being in the Army, having two part-time jobs, going to school and having church activities) she cried when he held her because she didn't know him. This taught him a valuable lesson that he needed to be present for his second daughter, so he had to cut back on a few things. The conversation with Bro. Norwood was an absolute success and the committee published the video to enhance and educate fathers worldwide.



On October 27, 2021, Bro. Archie “Ice” Peay, Jr., (Chairman, Psi Alpha Chapter FI Committee) conducted a Zoom meeting to announce the Father of the Quarter winner. The award was presented to Bro. Scott L. Earle (Omega Category). Bro. Earle will receive an engraved mug along with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Basileus.

On November 20, 2021, Bro. Ken “KT” Tyson (Psi Alpha Chapter) teamed up with his high school daughter (Ms. Serena Tyson) to bless two families during the Thanksgiving Holiday. It all started in 2011 when Bro. Tyson and Bro. Keenan William teamed up and delivered 10 Thanksgiving Baskets to families while Serena (6 years old) tagged along and observed. This act of giving left a lasting impression on her. Fast forward to 2021, Serena is a 11th grader at Davenport High School in San Antonio, Texas.

She is a distinguished member of the High School Chapter Honor Society and volunteered to lead the effort for her high school to donate two (2) thanksgiving baskets to families in need. Serena asked her dad if he could help her locate two families. Bro. Tyson, pitched the idea to the Chairman and Vice Chairman in September 2021. They both loved it and advised Bro. Tyson to join forces with his daughter and spearhead it.



BRO. TYSON COLLABORATED WITH Mr. Greg Marshall and Mr. Sam Gomez (San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign) and identified two needy families. Serena immediately went into action, gathered can goods from her classmates and neighbors, while the Tyson family donated the rest of the meal items, to include one turkey and one ham each. The boxes were so heavy it took two men to carry it. The team led by Serena and Bro. Tyson, Ms. Nora Riojas Tyson (Bro. Tyson’s wife), Mr. Greg Marshall (San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign), Mr. Sam Gomez (San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign) selflessly delivered two humongous Thanksgiving baskets to the two families on 20 November 2021.

On November 20, 2021, the Psi Alpha Chapter Fatherhood Initiative (FI) Team led by Bro. Reverend Anthony G. Peay (Vice Chairman) partnered with Cleft of the Rock Church and the San Antonio Food Bank and met the Thanksgiving needs of the San Antonio community with the food distribution to over 250 families. The brothers in attendance were Bro. Reverend Anthony G. Peay, Bro. Archie “Ice” Peay Jr. (Chairman, FI Team) and Bro. Alan Thompson (FI Team). During these challenging times with the pandemic, loss of jobs and the food needs in the San Antonio Community, it was the perfect day and perfect time to provide some uplift to the local community.





DURING NOVEMBER, 2021, the Fatherhood Initiative Team conducted its' 3rd Annual Sports Coat/Blazer Drive. The team was led by Bro. JacQuez "Jazz" Shinault and Bro. Brian "BC" Collins. The goal this year was to collect 25 coats/blazers and the team collected 34 – surpassing our goal! The team is in the process of deciding the organization as to which the items will be donated to. The team's goal is to make the presentation to a worthwhile organization before Christmas.



On December 1, 2021, the Psi Alpha Chapter Fatherhood Initiative (FI) Team hosted the Sound Budget Practices for Household Success training. This training was open to the public and internationally throughout Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. It was presented by Ms. Tiffany Kirk (Regions Bank). The session was attended by 69 students (brothers and non-brothers) to include representatives throughout the Districts and International Headquarters – to include our First Vice Grand Basileus – Bro. Ricky Lewis. The purpose of the training was to educate fathers on the importance of developing sound budgets within their

respective households to experience household success. Ms. Kirk also educated the audience on ways to lower debt, increase credit scores, as well as increasing wealth. The event was an absolute success, with hopes of having future training discussions.



On December 9, 2021, the FI Committee disseminated the December "Fatherhood Facts" (Fact #11) to the Psi Alpha Chapter brothers and to the San Antonio community. This month was a positive affect when fathers are involved in a child's life -- "Involved Dads Reduce Moms' Parenting Stress".

**ALAMO CITY LAMPLIGHTERS:** On Saturday, 2 October 2021, Lamplighter, Trayvion King briefed the Alamo City Omega Lamplighters on the importance of "Dressing for Success" and "Health and Wellness." Trayvion, with the aid of Bro. Lionel Richardson and Bro. Chris Cleveland, discussed how the way one dresses can "Establish confidence," "Establish credibility," and the importance of "How people perceive you." In addition, he pointed out "Do I want to stand out, or fit in? Is it best to fit into your environment, or determine the goals for YOUR style?" He closed this part of the discussion with "How you look and act, can matter as much as your ideas" and concluding with "*You don't get a second chance to make a first impression.*"

Part two of the session, Trayvion discussed Covid-19. He explained what it is, some of the most common symptoms and how to prevent infection of the virus such as getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water. The Lamplighters went on to discuss "Relationship Boundaries" and the importance of "Maintaining a Healthy Relationship" by "Having respect for yourself, others and respecting the right for others to change their minds." Trayvion made history by becoming the 1st Lamplighter to lead a discuss and set the tone in the future for other Lamplighters to do the same. ///





## **Tenth District Host Its First District-wide YLC**

Bro. Cyrill Weems - Tenth District FIMC Chairman  
(Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota)

**BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH A GREAT NEED** in our communities for men to positively engage with our young men and provide them with a sense of belonging and community ownership, the Omega men of the Talented Tenth District continually strive to develop programming to support our male youth.

This year, IHQ, via the International Youth Leadership Conference (IYLC) committee, requested all districts to plan and hold its own Youth Leadership Conference (YLC). The Tenth District Leadership immediately supported the request and charged the District Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee (FIMC) with ensuring the District complied with the request.

On Thursday, October 14, 2021, during the Tenth District Fall Council Meeting, the Tenth District's FIMC hosted its first District-wide YLC. The target audience for the conference was young black males in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades within the 5 states comprising the Tenth District.

Our goal was to focus on leadership as the primary knowledge content of the conference. We identified the conference theme as: "Lead from Where You Are". This would allow us the opportunity to show our young men how to be leaders without always having a traditional leadership role or job title.

THE CONFERENCE WAS FORTUNATE to have our Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., leadership, i.e., FVGB Ricky Lewis; 10<sup>th</sup> D-FVDR Sean Long; FIMC Chairman Earl Wilson; IYLC Co-Chairman Keith G. Pemberton all brought greetings on behalf of the Fraternity, District, FIMC and IYLC respectively.

The conference was a resounding success as we achieved our goal of communicating: How, Why, Where and When to "Lead from Where You Are" to our young men in attendance.

The YLC was held virtually via the Zoom video conferencing platform. It had a great turnout with nearly 150 people in attendance. Over half of the attendees were the high school aged young men and the remainder of the attendees consisted of parents, guardians, youth program administrators and Omega-men all eager to hear about how the young men can "Lead from Where They Are".

Our attendees included guest from the states within the Tenth District (Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota), as well as guest from Florida, Ohio, D.C, Virginia, Georgia and California.

The conference was scheduled for 1.5 hours with 1 hour of core content and 15 mins of administrative communication at the conference beginning and end. The conference was not designed as a webinar but as a presentation with a breakout session we called "Real Talk Session" to allow our facilitators a chance to interact with the young men in smaller, more intimate groups.

Our committee had active representation and participation from all 5 states that comprises the Tenth District and consisted of both Undergraduate and Graduate brothers. Each breakout room had an Undergraduate and Graduate brother co-facilitating to provide the full spectrum of perspectives when communicating with the young men.

When the conference came to a close, the young men in attendance did not immediately leave the program and many asked, "when are we doing this again?"

The District plans to continue hosting YLCs in the fall and spring of each year going forward. The Need Is Real! A massive District-wide "Thank You" to Tenth District FIMC for the hard and thoughtful work put into the planning and execution of a successful Youth Leadership Conference. ///



**Zeta Tau: Keeping the Lamp Light Burning “Making Sprits Bright”**



**L-R: Brothers Ed Massey; Larry Quishenberry, Malik K. Murray James Wilson, Sister Patricia Anderson & Basileus Quishenberry**



**This is the inside of a Van full of Clothing and other Goods Donated to the Union Station Homeless Shelter. Courtesy of Zeta Tau Brother James (Jim) Wilson, Zeta Tau Chapter and the Inland Empire PanHellenic Council**

**Pasadena, CA – December 18, 2021** - ZetaTau Chapter in Pasadena culminated its annual clothing drive by delivering over 40 bags and boxes of gently used clothing items and shoes to the ACTS Thriftstore in Pasadena. Basileus, Larry Queshenberry explained the purpose of the annula clothen drive. He said, “the items will go direwctly towards benefiting clients of the

Union Station Hmeless Shelter here in Pasadena. **Patricia Anderson**, widow of our former Basileus Brother David Anderson (Omega Chapter), was a major contributor.” The bottom photo shows a Ford Mini Van full of donated items courtesy of Zeta Tau Brother James Wilson and the Inland Valley PanHellinic Council, of which Zeta Tau is a member.





Following the annual clothen drive, brothers had brunch together at Brookside Golf and Country Club where Basileus Larry Quishenberry honored three Chapter brothers for 60 years of service to our beloved Omega Psi Phi.

Brother Quishenberry said, “as Basileus of the Zeta Tau Chapter, it was my honor to present to these three Brothers (L to R) Ed Massey, James Wilson, and Dr. George Taylor their 60 Years of Service Award and Pins (Brother Malik K. Murray is picture in the photo below). Brothers Massey and Taylor are Line Brothers from Lambda Epsilon, 1961 Tuskegee University (nee Institute) and Brother Wilson is a “61 bruh fro Nu Epsilon, Alabama A & M.”

Brother Queshenberry asked the Omega Family to join him in celebrating these Brothers, “for 60 years of working hard for Omega and exemplifying her four cardinal principals: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. RQQ to these three Brothers who are fathers and grandfather.” Each had the opportunity to spend time with their adult children and young grandchildren living back East during the holiday season.



**Kappas and Ques join forces in Pasadena to help the Babies; ZT Basileus Larry Quishenberry and KRS Malik K. Murray carry the lamplight for Omega.**

Zeta Tau Chapter partnered with the Pasadena Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternit to deliver necesoities in support of families with babies. This joint operation was in support of the City of Pasadena Public Health Department’s Black Infant Health (BIH) Program families. The Kappa members hosted the “Drive-Thru” event and accepted donations from the community for two consecutive weekends, December 4 and December 11. Each weekend, Zeta Tau was there to donate items in support of the BIH program. Items donated included diapers, baby wipes, baby bottles, baby wash sets, bibs, diaper bags, baby formula, and anything for newborns! ///





## Gamma Alpha Alpha Persevering Through the Pandemic to Meet the Mentoring and Fatherhood Needs

Submitted by Brother Nathaniel Rivers, 12<sup>th</sup> District Alaska State Rep

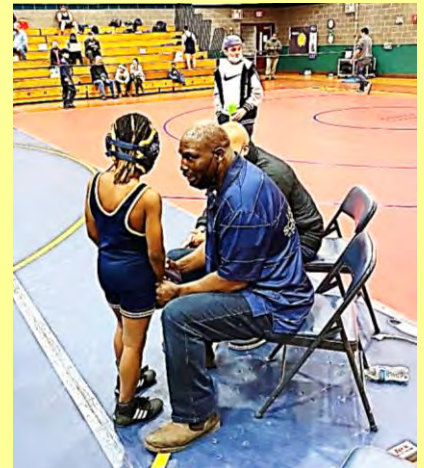
**Anchorage, Alaska** – In these tough and restrictive times, our mentoring program, Youth Leadership Development (YLD) has been modified to meet the need to mentor boys by having them join a wrestling team here in Anchorage. Brothers Nathaniel (Nate) Rivers and Damien Jones stepped up to coach the team. Brother Rivers insisted that all of their friends should, *“keep in mind we both are very experience in leadership in all facet but neither has any clue about wrestling – YouTube has.”*

With little knowledge of the art of competitive wrestling, the coaches had to prepare the team for the rigors of the sport based largely on their understanding of fitness obtained through pervious training as a college and professional athlete and a soldier for more than 30 years. So, getting the youth prepared for the physical aspects of the sport was set and in place.

The wrestling team was composed of 10 boys and one girl, each in a separate weight class, and based in one school located in what some saw as a troubled area of the city of Anchorage. Coach Rivers’ wife has been working in this very school for more than 28 years, so he spends a lot of time at the school “proving the folks” across the city wrong. After 7 weeks of training and

participation in the local matches with kids from the more affluent Middles Schools across the city who have had more exposure to training and practice with actual wrestling clubs.

The first match, according to Coach Rivers, *“was an eye opener for sure, but as I am bound to ‘See It Through,’ we went into the middle school tournament with determination.”* And what they found was success. Out of the 8 boys who qualified, 3 were top wrestler in the city 3 finished in 2nd place 1 pulled out after an injury. The lone female who wrestled against a boy who was champion from previous years, fought hard but did not have the skill nor strength to be competitive. ///



Coach Rivers giving on of his wrestlers A pep talk.

***“Play the game, but don’t believe in it – that much you owe yourself ... Play the game, but raise the ante, my boy. Learn how it operates, learn how you operate.”***

***— Ralph Ellison, Invisible Man***



## OUR FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

OUR FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE WAS MODIFIED to continue in spite of the COVID environment. Our Friendship Walk has been a program of adaptation, i.e., being part health initiative based on the large number of older brothers in the Chapter, but also a 50 minutes session to talk and cover any problematic things the brothers want to talk about.

We walk as twosome to maintain space distance and discipline; the two Brothers get to dialogue about things normally that would just stay pent up internally. At the half way point of the walk, we switch up to ensure the conversation is not limited to one view or shared point of view. At the end of the walk, we finished up with an engaging topic of the week for about 10-15 minutes. This is done in an inside mall where we walk; we arrive right as the mall opens to get ahead of the many activities that occurs. This routine last about 1 to 1 and ½ hours after the mall opens. Again, those topics are open to all and every topic the brothers want to share with his walking buddy.

This event is not limited to our chapter Brothers as we often invite the Divine Nine community. This is one of the pictures from one of our most recent walks. Brother Allen Lee, Brother Nate Rivers, Brother Tyronne Chisholm, Brother Troy Hodge and Bro Franklin Harris, Brother Rex Butler not shown in the picture was also there for the walk.

So, through human modifications we have conducted mentoring at all levels. I was able to conduct a quick HBCU fellowship opportunity based on the visiting HBCU (Winston Salem State University) ladies basketball team coming to Alaska to play the University of Alaska Anchorage ladies BB Team.

On finding out about the visiting team, word quickly spread throughout the community. We needed to come together and support the visiting HBCU team as UAA traditionally play a lot of teams from historically white schools and the audience is the same as well; plus, I contacted the President of WSSU, our very own Brother Elwood Robinson, Beta Phi '78. Along with his female Athletic Director (AD) Etienne Thomas. I presented him with one of our Chapter tee shirt and hat which he proudly displaced at the game. ///





## Boy Scouts Leader Bro Brandon J. Wilkins Leads Asia West Fall Camporee Lambda Xi Chapter in South Korea

By Brother Brandon J. Wilkins

**Seoul, South Korea** – Brother Brandon J. Wilkins of Lambda Xi Chapter serves as the primary Scout Unit leader for 2 of the 4 Daegu based Boy Scouts of America (BSA) units: Cubmaster for Pack 81 (scouts grades K-5) and Scoutmaster for Scouts BSA Troop 81-G (girls aged 11-17). In addition, he serves as Assistant Scoutmaster for the other 2 Daegu based units, Scouts BSA 81-B (boys aged 11-17) and Venture Crew 73 (scouts aged 14-20). In these roles Brother Wilkins' job is to administer the Scout program to over 40 scouts in the Daegu area. He is the lead mentor and community leader for these units.

Brother Wilkins serves as the Asia West District Chairman. As a volunteer in this position, his primary responsibility is the overall successful execution of all BSA Scouting programs for units in South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Nepal, and Mongolia. Asia West is the largest of the four districts in the Far East Council and comprises of 42 Scout units. Brother Wilkins stated: *"It is my pleasure to serve the Scouts and adult leaders in Asia West. I also serve on the Far East Council Executive Board."*

During the weekend of October 15 – 17, 2021, the Asia West Fall Camporee was held at the Camp Humphreys Army Base area. It had a Zombie Apocalypse theme and Scouts performed events based on the BSA Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Pamphlet. A total of 95 Scouts from Korea units participated in a competition styled event with round

robin stations consisting of fire building, first aid, water purification, emergency signaling, shelter construction, orientation (land navigation), tomahawk throwing, and a few other fun filled events. In addition, this two-night campout served as an opportunity for Scouts to work on additional rank requirements while enjoying Scout fellowship and the great outdoors.

Over 30 registered BSA Adult leaders participated in the event. Some of the adults serve on the district committee and also as unit leaders (Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters) from the individual troop. Each unit had to have a minimum of 2 registered adult leaders in accordance with BSA Youth Protection Standards.

The Asia West Fall Camporee and design concept was planned and developed by Brother Wilkins and his wife Mrs. Samantha Wilkins. ///



**Theta Rho Chapter Sponsors  
Trunk or Treat Event  
By Brother Christopher McElveen**



**(L-R) Photo 1: Bro. Chris McElveen (Fatherhood Chairman), Bro. Robert Bragg (Chaplin), and Bro. Allen Archie;  
Photo 2: Bro. Dr. Dexter Noel (Health Initiative Chairman), Bro. Russian Thompson (Grafenwoehr AC), and 13<sup>th</sup>  
International District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative Bro. Darryle Albert**

**Stuttgart & Vilseck, Germany** – After COVID-19 forced a Halloween hiatus in 2020, fall festivities and excitement once again fueled trick or treat activities throughout both the Vilseck and Stuttgart community in Germany on Sunday, October 31, between 5 – 8 p.m. The Brothers of Theta Rho in both areas (Stuttgart & Vilseck) community gave back by providing candy and treats to over 700 patrons collectively in their local community. The **Trunk or Treat** organizers were very pleased to see the Chapter supporting the community event. They look forward to seeing (The Purple Guys) as we are affectionately known in the community as the annual festivities are coming back online going into the year 2022. ///

**Theta Rho Supports Patch and Panzer Garrison Community Child and Youth Services  
By Brother Christopher McElveen**





### **Brother Christopher McElveen with the Stuttgart Tiger Flag Football Team and Assistant Coach Mr. Tyler Brown**

**Stuttgart, Germany** – During the dates of September 6 – October 30, 2021, Theta Rho answered the call from Patch and Panzer Garrison Community Child and Youth Services (CYS) located in Stuttgart, Germany. In 2020, CYS was forced to conduct online training for specifics sport with no face-to-face games. After a year of no games due to COVID restrictions, CYS is ready to host sporting events again, starting with Flag Football.

Brother Christopher McElveen volunteered his time to coach the nine- and ten-year-old team known as the Tigers. Brother McElveen put in a total of 16 hours of practice time during the week and a total of 8 hours for games. Not only did Brother McElveen coached, but he also took the opportunity to provide mentorship and guidance to the team about school and life. The Tigers



went on the finish the season 7-1. Theta Rho Chapter Iron Sharp Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee funded the end of season celebration at the Panzer Bowling Alley with bowling and pizza. ///

### **Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter Participates in Holiday Parade**

By Brother Randy Pringle

**Yokosuka, Japan** – On Friday, December 3, 2021, the Morale and Welfare (MWR) Committee at Commander Fleet Activities Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan sponsored a parade to kick off the holiday season. Two Brothers from Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter volunteered to assist Santa in handing out over 400 bags of candy to youth, family members, and spectators attending the event. The Brothers of Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter Samurai Fatherhood and Mentoring Program look forward to giving back to the community and uplifting the spirits of our youth during this wonderful time of the year.



**Brother Randy Pringle with his two sons: Jayden, Alexander, Santa Claus, and Brother James Lockard**



## Sigma Gamma Gamma Assisted Ryukyu Middle School with Greenhouse Project

By

Brother Cortez Pree

**Okinawa, Japan** – The Men of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. answered the call when the Ryukyu Middle School (RMS) Science Department requested assistance with their Greenhouse Project. Brother John Smith, a teacher at RMS served as the chairman for this event, stated “the RMS Greenhouse Project sustained significant damage due to the extreme weather conditions in Okinawa, Japan.” The Chapter quickly consolidated its resources and provided over 20 bags of soils to assist in the rejuvenation of 6 out of 10 greenhouses. The principal and several members of the staff were on hand to receive the soil. SGG looks forward to assisting the Science Department with future projects. ///



**L – R: Basileus Cortez Pree, Brothers Scottie Jarrett and John Smith with staff of RMS after donating soil for the Greenhouse Project; Pic # 2 – Brothers John Smith and Scottie Jarrett surveys RMS Greenhouse Project**

## Sigma Gamma Gamma Supports Unity Day

By Brother Cortez Pree



**KES students signing anti-bullying pledge and Basileus Cortez Pree and the CEC mentees on Unity Day 2021**





**Okinawa, Japan:** Sigma Gamma Gamma supported Unity Day by assisting Kadena Elementary School and Cutting-Edge Conditioning and Mentoring Program on October 20, 2021. SGG started off the day at Kadena Elementary School by obtaining over 100 signatures from students who recited the Anti-Bullying Pledge. The students were provided with scenarios on what to do if they witness bullying. Brother Cortez Pree stated the youth provided some thought-provoking answers at their age.

SGG also provided some knowledge to the mentees in the CEC program. CEC is conducted very Monday and Wednesday to assist youth in the development of academics, physical fitness, anger management, etc. Several mentees of CEC expressed that Unity is important and it is imperative that we treat everyone the same. SGG will continue to support the youth and community in uplifting all mankind. ///



## **Lambda Xi Chapter Brother Brandon Wilkins' Son Named Hero After Saving Local Members from Recent Fire in Daegu, South Korea**

By Brother Michael Robinson

**South Korea** – Brother Brandon Wilkins of Lambda Xi Chapter, wife Samantha, and family are very proud of their 13<sup>th</sup> old son Azizi Wilkins. He has received numerous accolades from the South Korean Police, other local authorities, and the United States Army for his efforts in rescuing over a dozen members from a burning building. Please click on link to read newspaper article published in the Asia Pacific Stars and Stripes:

<https://www.stripes.com/search/?q=Azizi+Wilkins&type=storyline>

Click on link to read article published by the United States Army in South Korea:

[https://www.army.mil/article/252280/we\\_got\\_this\\_how\\_a\\_trio\\_from\\_19th\\_esc\\_helped\\_evacuate\\_a\\_burning\\_building](https://www.army.mil/article/252280/we_got_this_how_a_trio_from_19th_esc_helped_evacuate_a_burning_building)



**L-R; Azizi Wilkins of the Boy Scouts along with Army Maj. Gabriel Bowns, and Sgt. 1st Class Gisele Schilling received recognition from South Korea Police Officers; Proud parents Brother Brandon Wilkins, wife Samantha and family at the recognition ceremony for their son Azizi.**

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## Lambda Xi Chapter: 'Tis the Season of Giving

By Brother Terry Gaitor



**Bros Brandon Spencer, Clarence Johnson, Terry Gaitor, and Michael Robinson wrapping Christmas gifts**

**Seoul, South Korea** – The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in gift wrapping event at Camp Humphries Army Exchange in South Korea on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Over 100 military members, dependents, and guest provided a donation to support the chapter's

scholarship fund. All Brothers in attendance enjoyed helping the community prepare gifts for the upcoming holiday season. ///

## Sigma Gamma Gamma Youth & Teen Financial Summit

By Brother Roderic Singleton





**Bro Roderic Singleton, Bro John Smith, Bro Brian Tanner, Bro Scottie Jarrett, and Bro Donald Gardner with students participating in Teen Seminar: Below, Brother Brian Tanner facilitates group during the Youth Seminar.**

**Okinawa, Japan** – On October 31, 2021, the Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Youth & Teen Financial Summit at the Camp Foster Community Center Auditorium in Okinawa, Japan. The Chairman of this event was Basileus Cortez Pree. Our guest speakers and educators included Tiffany Maddison, Ruth Gadson Smith, and Latoya Scott, who have extensive knowledge and expertise in financial planning. Each student received a t-shirt, a notebook, and a pen to take notes. The morning session consisted of the youth being educated on how to save money, sales tax, how to balance a checkbook, and proper use of credit cards. The afternoon session included the teens being educated on the stocks, stock market, mutual funds, and credit cards. The theme for 2021: “Learning to make our money work for us!”



The youth and teens were very receptive to the information that was provided. They demonstrated the knowledge learned through answering a series of questions that if correctly answered they would receive a gift card. After each session, the brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma provided a small meal to assist in digesting the information they received. The goal of this event was to teach the youth and teens about how to create and build wealth by explaining new concepts and re-enforcing mathematical concepts that students already learned in school. Based on the feedback from the participants and the parents, this event was a success and the students really were engaged in learning these topics. ///

## **Sigma Gamma Gamma 2021 Hispanic Heritage Bowl**

By Brother Toneo A. Gulley



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**Okinawa, Japan** – On October 29, 2021, Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter collaborated with their Cutting-Edge Conditioning and Mentoring Program by hosting their Annual Hispanic Heritage Bowl at the Ocean Breeze Club in Okinawa, Japan. The Chairman who organized this event was Basileus Cortez Pree. The program celebrated the legacy and history of Hispanic Heritage throughout the United States.

This was the second annual Sigma Gamma Gamma's Hispanic Heritage Bowl and with the limited attendance, it still was a successful and well-supported event. Two teams battled for three rounds of questioning each round increasing the level of difficulty

as well as increasing the number of points earned per correct answer.

In a scavenger hunt-style format, the students were given a list of questions that could potentially be asked and had to work together to find the answers. As a result, the students were able to practice good communication skills, develop strategies, and practice reading aloud in front of an audience. This event paid homage to the Hispanic Heritage but also help develop long-lasting skills that are beneficial to the students.

Furthermore, the Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter awarded the 1st place winner \$50 and 2nd place winner \$25. The Brothers of SGG provided a total of \$275 to all students participating in the 2nd Annual Heritage Bowl. ///

## **Sigma Gamma Gamma Participated in Red Ribbon Week**

By Brother Roderic Singleton

The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma participated in Kubasaki High School Red Ribbon Week on October 23, 2021, in Okinawa, Japan. Red Ribbon Week is conducted annually across the world that advocated against the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. Sigma Gamma Gamma participates in this annually as they also promoted their Anti-Bullying Campaign. Basileus Brother Cortez Pree served as the Chairman of this event as he provided over 75 wristbands to students who recited the Anti-Bullying Pledge. ///



## **Sigma Gamma Gamma Father/Son Veteran Day Parade**

By Brother Roderic Singleton





**Okinawa, Japan** - The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma participated in the Kadena Air Base Veterans Day Parade with their sons on November 11, 2021 in Okinawa, Japan. Kadena Air Base host the annual event to show their appreciation for the active and retired veterans in the community. The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter is comprised of veterans from all branches of services that include Reservist, Active Duty, and retirees. The Chapter participates in this event on an annual basis with their sons, making this a father-son event. The Chapter also promoted their Anti-Bullying Campaign by providing youth anti-bullying wristbands. The event attracted over 3,000 personnel from various schools, the military, and community of Okinawa.



**Friendship is Essential to the Soul!**

