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Manhood on Display at 83rd Grand Conclave: Here They Come, Been Ridin' High!

Omega Sparks of Alabama Attend I-YLC

Brothers James Lovejoy (center left) and Robert Thomas (R) co-chairmen of **Omega Sparks: of Montgomery, Alabama, Omega Youth Mentoring Group** says, "G.R.E.A.T. students are not born, they are prepared." And, they are "Generous, Respectful, Educated, Articulate and Tenacious!" The trip from Montgomery, AL to Charlotte, NC to attend the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's International Youth Leadership Conference for these youth was exciting and for 22 of the 27, it was their first plane ride. In other words, only 5 had flown in an airplane before. **(Ridin' High See Story Pages 4-5)**

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Fatherhood and Mentoring: A Mandated Program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 83rd Grand Conclave

By an overwhelming majority vote of the membership of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., its Grand Conclave enthusiastically approved the recommendation to make Fatherhood and Mentoring a Mandated program.

In a written statement by the Chairman of the International Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee, Brother S. Earl Wilson, thanked the

brotherhood and the committee for the rousing endorsement of its work.

Brother Wilson wrote about this important, significant and major Conclave vote: “This historical vote of confidence acknowledged that the brotherhood, chapters, districts and fraternity are committed to executing and implementing FMC activities in their annual programs. We can be proud of this achievement! Now, it is

time for us to continue our hard work and commitment to making our fraternity, nation and world better through FMC activities.”

For the Fraternity, Fatherhood and Mentoring consist of four specific components. They are: Project Manhood (*Mentoring*), Fatherhood Initiative, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and International - Youth Leadership Conference. ///

“My First Priority is Fatherhood and Mentoring,” said Brother Ricky L. Lewis, 42nd Grand Basileus, Charlotte, North Carolina, July 24, 2022



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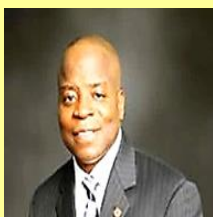
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My First Priority ...

“My First Priority is, Fatherhood and Mentoring”, he said after taking the microphone in front of thousands at the Founders Banquet Sunday evening, July 24, 2022 after being sworn in as the 42nd Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Rickly L. Lewis, Tau Tau Chapter, affirmed his enthusiastic support for the new mandated program, Fatherhood and Mentoring.

On a *“one unanimous vote”* motion made by 12th District Representative **Brother Kwame Dow**, and seconded by 7th District Representative **Brother Reginald Harris**, the 83rd Grand Conclave overwhelmingly approved the motion and Brother Ricky Lawrence Lewis became Grand Basileus one day ahead of the scheduled vote.

After paying homage to his late parents and beautiful wife Vickie and sons for their guidance and unbending support and teachings, brother Grand Basileus Lewis thanked the many supporters and mentors who helped him on this celebrated journey.

He cited other passions in his short remarks: our need to “save these young men’s lives, stop the school-to-prison pipeline for our youth, educate our communities on the importance of involvement” in the machinery that influences our daily quality of life and importantly, always “keeping the brand of Omega” Psi Phi Fraternity relevant and seeing life through doing the hard times and the good times!

But who is Ricky Lawrence Lewis? He Joined the fraternity as an undergraduate at the University of the Pacific, in 1981. As of this writing, brother Grand Lewis has traveled to Sylvania, GA, Washington, DC, Maryland, Jackson and Meridian, MS, doing the work of Omega and will attend the 75th Anniversary of Lambda Epsilon Chapter at Tuskegee University, November 4 and 5, 2022.

Early in his quest to become Grand Basileus, he let it be known throughout the Omega universe of his interest in serving his fraternity members as its chief messenger and standard-bearer. ///

RIDIN’ HIGH: NO LIMIT

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD the expression, “The sky is the limit.” Well, not for the youth of Omega Sparks of Sigma Phi Chapter. A



photograph taken by Bro. Royle of more than two-dozen youth deplaning from a private jet enroute to the Youth Leadership Conference of the 83rd Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in Charlotte, NC, demonstrates a world without limits for Black youth. James Lovejoy, one of the organizers of the trip, said, “I was overwhelmed with such joy. What a blessing to see



the young men look out the windows and take pictures of the clouds.”

High school student Jonathan Wright was one of the youths

who flew on the plane. He joined Omega Sparks at age 12 and calls it “an uplifting organization” and he thoroughly enjoyed his Youth Leadership Conference experience. “I enjoyed the private plane, bag of snacks, COVID-19 kit, and the pep talk before we landed,” Wright said.

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FOR 22 OF THE 27 YOUTH TRAVELERS, the flight was their first time on an airplane. And, the plane trip, said Lovejoy was sponsored by Black-owned flight company, **City Jets**. Ron Mays, owner of **City Jets**, said he was impressed by the civic engagement of youth. He offered to fly the group to the conclave, “to show young men, you too, can achieve. Yes! Never ceases to amaze me the power of God’s blessings. We SHOULD not ever forget.”

The photographer, Bro. Royale, said that the photo depicted confidence, “[The photo showed] how incredible we all looked as we made our way to the terminal. The confidence these young men displayed was as though, ‘This is how we travel on a regular basis.’”

“A lot of firsts happened,” said Keith Pembleton, Co-Chairman, International Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee. For some, in addition to it being the first time flying, it was also the first time some stayed in a hotel, and travel *etiquette* was part of the experience, or, “being comfortable with being uncomfortable.” Then again, the students were treated as though high expectations are part of life.

They even received special commemorative signature bottles, a treat from City Jets, “We have such an opportunity,” said Keith Pembleton, whose son could not make the trip to Charlotte because the youth was traveling to Morocco as part of a youth diplomat program.

How did parents react to their sons traveling via private jet to the Youth Leadership Conference? “The Sparks organization has truly been a blessing to my son,” said one parent. “It’s different! Even though he has both parents that are raising him, it feels like we have the extra help of other men that show him how to even love himself more, how to hold your head up regardless of the circumstances, even when your world is falling down. How to help others, how to give back to your community, knowing you will always have a brother, or older brother to help guide them. When I say it takes a village to raise kids, it does!”

Omega Sparks student, B. Brown said, “As we navigated through the friendly skies, anticipation filled the air around us. Wondering what this experience could bring, we could hardly contain ourselves. Once we arrived in Charlotte, we were provided with important



plans, ideas, and roadmaps for exhibiting qualities of an astute leader.”

Brown highlighted that the flight was a metaphor for the future, “We left this conference as young men armed with a few more buffets of knowledge which will allow us to enlighten others while moving forward on this journey to leaving our mark on society. Thank you to the brothers of Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Phi Chapter, for dedication, support, and commitment.”

Keith Pembleton said, “Now you have spoiled these young people.” The private jet experience sets expectations high, but more importantly, lets youth know that anything is possible. “What do I need to do to fly First Class? If I want to be a pilot, there are many places from which to fly.”

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The White House

"HBCUs have produced 40 percent of all Black engineers and 50 percent of all Black lawyers in America. Seventy percent of Black doctors in our country attended an HBCU, and 80 percent of Black judges are alumni of these schools."

President Biden

A Proclamation on National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week 2022

You can view the full proclamation [here](#).

Get Well Soon: Brother Robert W. Fairchild, Fatherhood Initiative Advisor

WE PRAY FOR YOUR TOTAL AND COMPLETE RECOVERY, BROTHER FAIRCHILD!



**Brother Robert W. Fairchild
Fatherhood Initiative
Advisor**

In Friendship,

Brother Robert W. Fairchild

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## **NY Knicks Continues to impact New York City Schools and Students!**

**I**n keeping with our Fraternity Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, Brother Boone, helped lead a NY Knicks “Back-To-School” event at New York City Public School Parkside Prep - a middle school for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students centered in one of the toughest Brooklyn neighborhoods.

The exciting, successful event was held Monday, September 14, 2022. The event served as an opportunity to continue to target support for schools that service low-income children and families who live in urban neighborhoods and are challenged by lack of funding, resources, single parent homes, violence and poverty.



It was also a timely event to lift the morale of the school and students returning back together, after 2 years of dealing with the challenges of COVID. The school event started off with a Pep Rally for 150 students, who all received Knicks T shirts, with remarks from Brother Boone and other Knicks staffers. Students participated in breakout sessions discussing topics of importance in education, i.e., student character, setting goals, and applying sports skills to life skills and careers.

Students were treated to fun basketball activities, learning how to play like the NBA players they see on Television. The highlight of the day was a surprise appearance from one of our current Knicks players RJ Barrett. He spoke about how education played a big part in his dreams of playing in the NBA.

It was definitely a wonderful time, empowering the students. The NBA and team affiliates like the NY Knicks have had a long-standing commitment to supporting the best in children's education and the hard work of school educators through our social impact and community relations initiatives. Brother Boone, as an Omega Man, works to help bridge the gap between our Fraternity's dedication to scholarship and community uplift and strategic engagement activities. “Black children need to feel every ounce of love and the potential of their possibilities,” said Brother Boone.



**L-R: Anthony Furia, Brandon Colins, Christopher Burke, Jarmone Johnson, School staff Ms. Williams, Billy Singleton, Jason Negron, Colin Micek, Kneeling Brother Boone**

Omega Men lifts up those possibilities through Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. ///



### History Will Repeat Itself If You Let It! A Call for Parents and Youth to Know History

***“Only a fool would let his enemy teach his children.” Malcolm X***

**I**t is no secret that certain elements of our society are making all-out efforts to rewrite American history again. This time the revisionist history movement is being presented as the ***Anti Critical Race Theory Movement***. From my understanding, this movement is based on the erroneous assumptions that Critical Race Theory in general, is a curriculum that teaches students all white people are oppressors, all black people are victims and all of America is racist.

Although many agree that some of those allegations may be true but anyone who has made the effort to read and understand CRT would realize that inserting the word *all* by the Anti CRT proponents is an attempt to misrepresent the true facts and create division.

In summary, Critical Race Theory is a theory discussed on a collegiate level that is based on data that indicates people of color, especially Black men, are disproportionately confronted by police, incarcerated and more severely sentenced by the judicial system.

In my mind, what is factual is that the Anti Critical Race Theory Movement is another attempt to resurrect the old Southern playbook of peddling miseducation by encouraging white grievance. Previous efforts to “whitewash” American history and misrepresent



**Brother Dr. Carl A. Blunt**

the egregiousness of the American slave trade began soon after the defeat of the Southern states after the Civil War.

Southern historians such as Edward A. Pollard, and former Confederate General Jubal A. Early began preserving the Souths perspective through their writings. They framed the Confederate cause as a heroic defense of the Southern way of life against the overwhelming forces of the North. That distorted version was prevalent in the South and is known as the “Lost Cause”. The so called “Lost Cause” had 3 basic tenants: The Confederate fight was heroic, enslaved people were happy, and slavery was not the root cause of the war. (The “States Rights” Hypothesis).

In 1894, the Daughters of the Confederacy was formed. That organization spearheaded an

intellectual campaign to insure the revisionist history. In 1896, the Daughters of the Confederacy had been renamed the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and that group established the Children of the Confederacy Auxiliary to impart Confederate values and give the younger generations a more favorable look on the South through the mythical depiction of the Civil War.

The UDC relentlessly lobbied legislatures for public school textbooks that presented a pro-Confederate version of home life. Confederate names were bestowed on cemeteries, churches, city squares, streets, colleges and schools. Textbooks were successfully blacklisted along with other books and reading material that made erasing the bogus “Lost Cause” perspective difficult, and personally painful to those in the South.

By targeting the region’s middle- to upper-class children, they ensured that an army of future teachers and leaders would carry the big lie forward and defend their message for decades to come. Sound Familiar?

As Always,

Yours in Friendship & Fraternity

***Dr. Carl A. Blunt is an author, lecturer, and immediate past Board Chairman of the Omega Youth Leadership Academy. He also served as the 32<sup>nd</sup> First Vice Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc.***



**Brother Charles "Chuck" Clemons, M.Div.**  
12<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain

### **BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS ...**

**O**ur Supreme Basileus, Jesus Christ pronounced a blessing on His servants who bring His peace.

The Holy Scriptures describe one of the attributes of God as Peace (Philippians 4:9). Wholeness, health, tranquility, thriving, and vitality comes from God.

As image bearers by faith, we have the opportunity to reflect our Creator in all circumstances. Particularly in times of strife, division, hate, and violence of all kinds.

Omega men now more than ever must face threats from within our community, and without, to bring God's peace. We are called to be change agents, carrying the light of Christ into darkness; if indeed we have Jesus, the Light of the World. From home to chapter, to community, and even nationally we can and will make a difference with God on our side. This can be done in practical ways, based upon our divinely given talents and gifts employed in friendship and service.

What would it look like for Brothers to apply courage in direct efforts against what is killing our people? Already, there are Brothers about this noble work within Omega. Brothers work with law enforcement to build accountability and trust toward Black Communities and People of Color; for the purpose is to diminish use – *unlawful use* – of deadly force. Brothers of Omega, True Omega Men, do not carry guns to parties but mentor our boys and young men who would fall prey to gang violence.

Omega Men open boxing clubs for youth to focus their aggression constructively with athletic discipline rather than destructive mayhem. Brothers who are a shield against disrespect toward Black women specifically and all women generally, leverage their resources to offer scholarships and resources for Uplift of mankind. Peacemakers are willing to stand on the truth to confront with love a brother who is out of line in the treatment of our sisters. And when necessary, he will call such an unruly, out-of-order Brother to give an

account to leadership as a reflection of that great day when we will all give an account to God. These things are not easy but are built on the four cardinal principles we took an oath to uphold.

Let us together be about peacemaking through acts of service and healthy relationships. Pathways to bring peace within our communities are many. Brothers, let us carry our lamps with oil from above to lead the way. As we meet with external forces to confront injustice, may we seek to bring to bear the will of God for our lives through His wholeness and peace. Much of what we long for is peace.

In a recent conversation with a good friend, He reminded me of the blessing of God's peace in our lives in so many things we take for granted, i.e., food, shelter, clothing, home, family. May the presence of Omega men in any environment be the entrance of peacemakers, who reflect and honor their God and oath.

### **... THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD!**

Board Certified Chaplain, Author\* and Lecturer  
Young Ambassadors Leadership Academy  
Omicron Mu Chapter, Chaplain

**\*Brother Charles Clemons, Jr., is author of, "UNDIVIDED: A Biblical Response to What Divides U.S.", 1st Edition, 2020**



**Charles "Chuck" Clemons**  
12<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain

## WHAT REALLY MATTERS: MY SON WAS CHARGED!

*"All Things Are Possible with God".... Matt 19:26*

by

**Brother Michael R. Brown**  
Immediate Past 12th District Chaplain

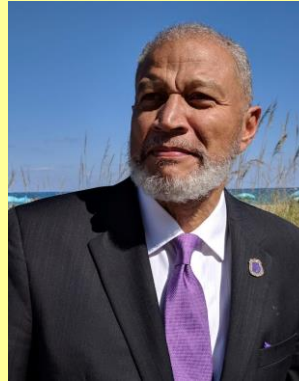
**G**lancing at the caption, one might easily assume that here's another case where someone's son was falsely accused, another case of mistaken identity, or another case of injustice involving our youth. If you were thinking anything along these lines, you probably were not alone. Fortunately, in this case, my son was only charged with the charge I was given, which is for us to *"love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God"* (1Jn 4:7). It's easy to listen to a preacher 'preach' these words in a pulpit from biblical scripture, or even to read them for us; but to put them into practice is more than a notion for many people who cross our paths; or from the experiences we learn about from day to day.

I've 'charged' my Son, Brother Marvis M. Brown (3-10 Phi Lambda) to 'love' in the way that God has charged me to 'love': *"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is made complete in us"* (1Jn 4:12). My oldest Son, Michael, 'crowned' me with my first 'two' grandchildren, a girl and boy! And I'm proud to use the word 'crowned' because of the scripture *"Children's children are the 'crown' of old men, And the glory of children is their father"* (Prov 17:6).

What father do you know didn't want his first child to be his 'Son'? The reality is that none of us gets to 'choose' the gender of our biological children. God, our Supreme architect, and designer, in all His omniscience



**Brother Marvis M. Brown**  
(3-10 Phi Lambda)  
"Getting his daughters ready  
for the day"



**Brother Michael Brown.**  
Father and Grandfather  
Celebrating his Prodigy

intended it to be that way. Truth is, *'you just never know what you're going to get'*! You just 'pray' for God to bring that 'healthy child' into your life. Well Brother Marvis never got the son he thought God might send him, but what he got instead was exactly what God 'blessed' him to have: 'Two Daughters!'

As my son's father, I am truly thankful for his wife of 'noble character' (Prov 12:4), the blessed mother of his children, who casts her line into the waters of 'love and kindness' daily for her husband and her children: *"A gift that opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great."* (Prov 18:16). I pray that we 'all' have wives and daughters of 'noble character' as prescribed by our God.

Brothers, *"a friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity"* (Prov 17:17). Let us 'watch' for the things that appear to us 'big' challenges in our lives. They often disguise the 'bigger' opportunities that God intends for us to see! Marvis may not have gotten the 'son', but he received the 'gift' God intended for him. You see, as his father and true witness, I believe in my heart that by having these daughters, it has made Brother Marvis a better parent; and is helping him fully realize his parental responsibility and privilege of rearing his girls for God! He demonstrates a true sense of caring for his daughters in a way that he might have never cared for a Son. It's truly God's 'grace' in action!

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## **BROTHERS of the 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT WELCOME CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Hartford, CT** – Brothers of Tau Iota, Lambda Rho and Chi Omicron Chapters collaborated with "**Calling All Brothers**" to welcome students back to school in the Greater Hartford Area. This event had been taking place for over three years until COVID and then took a two-year hiatus. The event took place all week from Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> until September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Over 200 African American men participated in this event. The goal of the "**Calling all Brothers**" is to start a mentoring program for the youth of the Hartford Area. Thanks to the brothers of Omega for lending their time and leadership to this initiative.



### **Who Are Our Educators?**



**Dr. Glen Worthy**  
**Chi Omicron 2011**

**Brother Dr. Glen Worthy** is the Educational Administrator for DCF where he oversees the educational programs of all incarcerated students in the state of Connecticut. As the former principal of James Hillhouse High School and a strong advocate for at-risk students, Dr. Worthy is passionate that all students receive a high-quality education. At Hillhouse High School, Dr. Worthy implemented a Pre-Advance Placement program for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders in order to increase the number of male students taking Advance placement courses. He partnered with Gateway Community College to create an Associates program for students interested in health career pathways and an automotive program.



**Dr. Sam Galloway, EdD**  
**Chi Omicron 1984**

**Brother Dr. Sam Galloway** started his education career in 1993 as a classroom teacher for the Middletown Public Schools, while working as a Connecticut state trooper. His teaching assignments were at Macdonough and Bielefeld Schools. He has been an Intermediate, Middle, and High School principal. Sam successfully balanced both careers, retiring from the Connecticut State Police in 2007 at the rank of Sergeant with two lifesaving medals and a Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award. Dr. Galloway earned his doctorate in education, his superintendent certification from Central Connecticut State University, and his 6<sup>th</sup> Year certification from the University of Connecticut. He holds a Master of Arts in Education and Bachelor of Science in Business Economics from Southern Connecticut State University. ///



**Alex Conaway**  
**Tau Iota Fall 2014**

**Brother Alex Conaway** is currently employed at Cheshire Academy as a Roxbury Academic Support Instructor, Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, co-advisor of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), co-advisor of Cheshire Academy's Black Student Union (BSU), an academic advisor for seven post graduate students who are collegiate athletic hopefuls, and serves as House Head Resident parent for 20 boarding students. Alex is in the process of admissions to pursue a doctoral degree in Sports Leadership. ///

**Fatherhood and Mentoring takes prided in celebrating and spotlighting 2<sup>nd</sup> District Educators that make a difference every day in the lives of young people.**



**Xavier Holiday, Educator  
City School District  
Rochester, New York**



**Dr. Shawn Joseph, Co-Director,  
AASA/Howard University Urban  
Superintendent's Academy**



**Carlton Heywood  
School Librarian and Teacher  
(Retired), Pittsburgh, PA**



**Dr. Gorman Brown, Principal,  
Charles Herbert Flowers HS  
Prince George's County, MD**



**Dr. Lorenzo Prillman, EdD  
Principal Intern, Clarksburg  
Elementary School  
Montgomery County, MD**



**Dr. Carlton Lampkins, former  
retired, Deputy Superintendent  
in Delaware**



**Jason Merle Miller  
8th Grade Math Teacher  
Benjamin Banneker MS  
Montgomery County, MD**



**Dr. William E. Cooper,  
NYC Ed Administrator  
Queens, New York**



**Matthew Stevens,  
Author and Educator  
Workforce Readiness  
New Jersey, East Orange  
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**Dr. Bert Stevenson, Ed.D.  
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**W. Charles Brandy  
Director of Social Studies,  
grades K-12 of the Buffalo  
Public School District in the  
City of Buffalo, New York.**



**Micah Harris  
Social Studies teacher at  
Leonardo DaVinci and  
Hutch Tech High School,  
Buffalo, NY**



## CLEO CLICKS Grant: Next Level Summer Mentoring Program

GMN Foundation OMBB Mentoring Summer Program

Supported Summer Youth Exposure Trip to 83<sup>rd</sup> Conclave in Charlotte North Carolina

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Gamma Mu Nu Chapter, in conjunction with Gamma Mu Nu Foundation and Cleo Clicks, continue their summer session of their **Omega Manhood Bridge Builder (OMBB)** Mentoring Program with middle and high schoolers.

The Bridge Builder mentoring program provides life learning instruction, STEM education, leadership experiences, while also uplifting the community via community service activities. The program meets bi-weekly at middle schools, police station, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Some of the bi-weekly sessions provides the following: current event discussions, African Diaspora History and Culture sessions, Economic Education, Criminal Justice Reform discussions, Fitness Check-ins, Career Development, Physical Activities such as basketball and football pick-up games, chess competitions, and finally, “Main Topic” of discussion that differs from each session. Some of these main topics included Goal Setting, STEM, Criminal Justice Reform, Policing in May Community, as well as other pertinent topics of the day.

Included this summer was a hybrid experience that allowed not only mentees who were onsite to experience the mentoring session, but also students using a virtual platform. As mentor leaders press through the pandemic, many students will need to connect via virtual experience due to inability to

travel to in-person mentoring activities.

A significant highlight was a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina for the International Youth Leadership Conference, and the Omega STEM program. Our young people were so excited to attend the Grand Conclave Charlotte, North Carolina. The Cleo Clicks grant enable nine mentees to experience life-changing exposure experience that they otherwise would be exposed. Our students were exposed for the first time to a HBCU on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

Both conference the IYLC, and the Omega STEM programs were next level experiences for our students. The mentees also were able to attend the March Down Competition at the Grand Conclave, as well as interact with many of our fraternity brothers at the Conclave.

The IYLC Program allowed our mentees to stand in front of an auditorium of mentees and our fraternity brothers and speak. They were also exposed to various presentations by the many leaders of industry who came from around the country to discuss their topics of mastery and to share their many experiences.

Shoutout to the mentors who chaperoned this trip were Brothers William Garrett, Vince Stutts, Dominique Banks, and Salahudin Bin-Yusif, along with our leaderships Basileus Guy Johnson and Vice-Basileus Alvin Keller. Plans are underway for a campus visit to Morgan State University for a tour and a football game

experience on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The last summer mentoring session included attendance at a Blood Drive and Health Fair where they were educated about many different health-based topics from local doctors including Brothers Dr. Mark Latta and Dr. Vinne Haley. They also performed community service activities including supporting the bookbag and school supply give-a-way and set-up activities for the Blood Drive and Health Fair.

The parents and guardians of the mentees are grateful for the “next level” mentoring program that expose students to new experiences. One of the parents thanked the great work of the OMBB Mentoring program at an NAACP meeting. During a monthly Mayor and Town Council meeting, Master Sergeant Scott Saunders shared that he thought the OMBB Mentoring program provides a significant service to the Middletown, Delaware community.

FIMC 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman Donald Williams II, personally thanks the brothers for the difference you make every day mentoring the future leaders and making Omega shine in your community! ///

## Boys to Men Retreat: Eta Pi Chapter Summer Fun and Learning Activities

### East Orange, NJ -

The Eta Pi Chapter “Dr. Ernest Everett Just Mentoring Program” conducted a series of summer fun and learning activities. Twenty-five boys, ages 10 - 16, and five Fraternity members, attended the retreat, which took place at the Princeton Blairstown Retreat Center on June 24 - 26, 2022.

Brother Olin Jackson was one of the mentors who attended and taught the boys how to fish. *“Most of the boys have never been fishing and were unfamiliar with the joys of the sport. After a few minutes on the water, and their first catch, I started to see a positive change in their attitudes.”* Shawn Mason, a 14-year-old participant in the program asserted, *“I thought coming to the woods would be boring because they made us leave our video games behind. I really enjoyed rock climbing, the nature walks and the campfire chat.”*

The retreat was an annual tradition that ceased due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; starting it back was a major accomplishment. Brother Barry Devone stated, *“We learned as much from them during this weekend as they learned from us. It's was a time to discuss personal issues and we try to understand what makes them tick, because we got the opportunity to share what made us tick at their age.”*

Eta Pi Chapter's Summer programming continued through August 2022. It consisted of daily two-hour mentoring sessions four days a week that included “how-to” sessions facilitated by Fraternity members on such topics as: Cooking, Self Defense, Photography, Reading, Gardening, Basketball, Gaming, Anime Design and Cultural Exploration.

Caryl Lucas, an aunt of one of the boys that attended the sessions shared, *“These summer sessions provided an opportunity for my nephew to get outside and play with other boys his age. Our family was looking for a program that was inexpensive and offered a chance for him to learn things while having fun.”*



These sentiments were shared by all the parents at the end of summer close out session. Parents were provided a synopsis of the program and the youth demonstrated various lessons learned.

The final activity of the Summer was a trip to the Morristown Museum. Brother Charles Craigs (Eta Gamma 64) sponsored an exhibit of his favorite prints to include some drawn by his wife. Brother Craigs stated, *“The exhibit is a personal joy of mine and I wanted to share with the youth so they can experience the joy of art.”*

Video of the summer events can be seen on the Chapter website at [EtaPiChapter.org](http://EtaPiChapter.org) (Programs - Mentoring Program). The program is scheduled to start mentoring for 2022-2023 in September through a back-to-school conference. Parents are invited to the conference and provided tickets to take the children to see the HBCU Classic football game between Howard University and Morehouse College. **The Dr. Ernest Everett Just Mentoring Program** is supported by the CLEO CLICKS Organization, which is funded by the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Prevention Program. ///



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

**Prince William County Virginia**-On August 27, 2022, the Omega U students participated in a Back-to-School Event at Bowl America. This bowling event was an introduction for the students to meet and make new friends as being a part of the Omega U Program. The monthly activities will consist of Scholarship Workshop, Financial Literacy Class, Teen Mental Health, Slave Cemetery Cleanup, Wreaths Across America, Black History Program, Mother's Day Cookout and many other events during the school year. Omega U will continue to provide mentorship to the students in Prince William County, teaching them to strive for more than the boundaries that are set around them. ///



**Pi Lambda Lambda | Bowl America |  
Back To School Bowling Tournament | August 2022**

**Zeta Mu Mu (ZMM), Williamsburg VA | ZMM** Fatherhood initiative and Mentoring Program kicked off its summer partnership with the City of Williamsburg's Summer Youth Achievement Program. The program is an extension of the Williamsburg Department of Human Services. The program is

composed of young boys and girls ages 9-16 that, in many cases, have some challenges in their day to day lives. It's the goal of ZMM to step in as mentors, leaders, fathers, to provide uplift and positive influence to these young men and women. ///



**Zeta Mu Mu | Williamsburg VA | July 2022**

**Alpha Iota (AI), Suffolk VA |** The FM Program of AI led by Bro. Richard Green executed an uplifting mentoring session titled "The Road Less Traveled." The Golden Fold alumnus shared stories and testimonies to current students of the Golden Fold mentoring program. Past students shared their hearts and feelings of how the Golden Fold Mentoring Program supported them their goals and that the relationship with the Fold is a relationship bonded in trust and brotherhood. The Suffolk Golden Fold is the youth mentorship program of Alpha Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Golden Fold serves approximately 19 students from. ///



**ALPHA IOTA | THE GOLDEN FOLD ALUMNUS MIDDLE TO  
HIGH SCHOOL IN HAMPTON ROADS**



**Kappa Iota Iota (KII), Newport News VA | YMOD** is the Fatherhood and Mentoring initiative of the Kappa Iota Iota (KII) Chapter chaired by Bro. Baron McKeithan. YMOD planning is linked to the Achievable Dream Elementary/Middle/High School academic schedule. YMOD provides a holistic approach to mentoring with a broad section of events and programs to enable young black men to better themselves. YMOD executes in the areas of the following: 1) Academic (e.g., University Tours, in-school instruction), 2) Sporting (e.g., college football and basketball games), 3) Cultural (e.g., exposure to

plays, concerts, African American Museum), 4) STEM Hands-on, 5) Black History (e.g., Black History Trivia Bowl), 6) Civic Awareness (e.g., police/fire department visits, City Government officials), and 7) Community Service. YMOD events are tailored to the appropriate grade ranges for effectiveness. Bro. McKeithan and KII YMOD program uses positive peer interactions and pressure, uplift from current students, YMOD Alumni, teachers, mentors, and multitude of experiences to impact the lives of students in Newport News Virginia. **YMOD MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**



**YMOD | Washington Commanders Football Game**



**Bro. Emmanuel Carter | Psi Alpha Alpha | MANUP Mentoring Program**

**Psi Alpha Alpha, Fairfax County |** On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the MANUP Mentoring program of PsiAA kicked off their mentoring program at the Mount Vernon High School Campus. MANUP has over 150+ students from Mount Vernon High School, West Potomac High School, John Lewis High School, and partnering Gum Springs and South County Community Centers. Bro. Emmanuel affectionately spoke to students about the value of working hard amidst of circumstances and life challenges. He shared personal stories and left the students with the quote of “Hard work beats talent when talent does not work hard!” Bro. Carter is a retired Army Veteran of over 31 years of service and currently a Civilian with the federal government. ///

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### **Brother Eric Austin:**

#### **Featured in TV Series "Mentoring Kings": Helping Young Professionals Navigate Challenges**

BROTHER ERIC AUSTIN IS A JOURNEYMAN MARKETING professional with Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati. In concert with his role at P&G, he is not only helping the company to develop positive reflections of the diaspora, but he shares his experience by mentoring young professionals and helping them navigate the challenges and intricacies of corporate life. Eric can tell you his story better than we can. If you have a few minutes, follow this [link to his interview](#) on YouTube. An exciting video!



### **Bowling Summer Program**

BROTHER ANTHONY MITCHELL IS A MAN OF MANY TALENTS. He is a dedicated member of the Beta Iota Chapter within the fourth district, a decorated Sergeant within the Cincinnati Police Department, an avid bowler and now community mentor.

The **Star Chapter Foundation** along with other community partners, helped Brother Mitchell to sponsor **The Rising Star Youth Bowling** program. The foundation is a 501c (3) run by the Beta Iota Chapter. The first-year program, sponsored 75 youth to be fitted for their own bowling ball (to keep), and free bowling. During their sessions, they receive tips on bowling and get mentoring from Beta Iota's brothers who support the effort. Officer Mitchell says that he could not do this without the financial help and support

of his community partners: David Kreuger of Dave's World of Bowling, Cincinnati Public Schools, Brunswick Bowling, The Blue Line Foundation and The Cincinnati Police Department (using asset forfeiture monies). To donate to this program, you can **text the word bowl to (513) 647-0700 or call Brother Mitchell at (513) 368-1213.** [Bowling Article Link](#) ///



### **4th D Demonstrates "Watchword" at IYLC**

During the 83rd Grand Conclave in Charlotte, NC, 4th District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chair, Brother Jerry Leftwich was asked to facilitate one of the workshops at the 2022 International Youth Leadership Conference. The event was held 21 July, 2022 at Johnson C. Smith University in their New Science Center. Brother Leftwich used the Main Auditorium to facilitate a workshop on social media for the more than 100 youth from around the country. The workshop provided the opportunity for a lot of engagement as it is a topic that is firmly planted on their radar. Brother Leftwich said, "It was a blast to be able to interact with these young men and have honest dialogue about a subject that can impact them currently and potentially in their futures." ///



## 5<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Michael M. Milliner, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

### Brothers In Education: Black Mountains Above the Clouds

By Michael M. Milner, September 14, 2022

Brothers In Education is a response to our ancestors' call

Who despite centuries in bondage

Walk they now the most hallowed of halls

Holding fast to the future, of those untethered minds

Our children. Our legacy. Our Fruit!

You make their lights shine

Brothers In Education, are the mountains above the clouds

Whose rain of dedication, love, and wisdom

Makes all our people proud



**Harold C. Smith**  
Epsilon Phi, Memphis,  
Educational Consultant  
Director, EdSmithSolutions



**Delfon A. McSpadden Sr.**  
Gamma Phi, Nashville  
President/CFO The Goddard  
Charter Schools



**Julius C. Hill**  
Gamma Phi, Nashville Para-  
Professional  
H.G. Hill Middle School



**Irwin Todd**  
Epsilon Phi, Memphis  
Student, Parent Engagement  
Memphis-Shelby County Schools



**Curtis T. Johnson**  
Kappa Iota, Chattanooga  
Associate Director  
Woodberry Forest School



**LeAnders Burns**  
Kappa Iota, Chattanooga,  
Director of Testing  
Chattanooga State CC



**Brody Curry**  
Kappa Iota, Chattanooga,  
H C Women's Basketball  
Sewanee University



**Tony R. Majors**  
Gamma Phi, Nashville  
Principal, Lead Academy  
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**Millard Collins, Jr.**  
Delta Chapter, Nashville,  
of, Meharry Medical College



**Melvin C. Douglas**  
Iota Alpha, Knoxville  
Teacher, Rita Elementary



**Derrick S. Williams**  
Gamma Phi, Nashville  
Educator/Coach  
Metro Nashville Public Schools



**Thomas Chappelle, III**  
Omega Lambda Lambda,  
Academic Officer  
Backfield In Motion, Inc.





**Juan Culp**  
Gamma Phi, Nashville, TN  
Teacher/Coach  
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**Lucian Yates, III**  
Theta Omega, Louisville, KY  
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**Reginald McDaniel, Jr.**  
Theta Omega,  
Business Management Teacher  
Academy @ Shawnee



**Reginald McDaniel, Sr.**  
Theta Omega,  
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**Jalen Brown**  
Theta Alpha Alpha,  
Diversity Recruitment  
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**Derrick Leonard**  
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Gamma Phi,  
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H.G. Hill Middle School



**Scott D. Mitchell**  
Theta Omega, Louisville, KY  
Guidance Counselor  
Marion C. Moore School

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

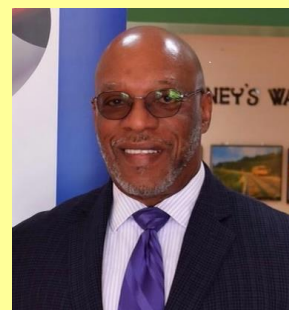
### Who Are Our Educators?



**Brother Dr. Brian Bridges** (Lambda Lambda, Spr. '87), is vice president of research and member engagement at the United Negro College Fund. He earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Indiana University, a master's in public administration from University of North Carolina and a Bachelor of Arts from Francis Marion University in South Carolina.



**Brother Dr. Carl A. Carpenter, II**, is Deputy Superintendent in the Cherokee County School District. Dr. Carpenter holds a Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of South Carolina in Education Administration. He credits SCSU with giving him a strong foundation in the field of education and how to address problems with "Bulldog Tenacity."



**Brother Dr. Michael W. Putney, Sr.** (ZA '94) is completing his final term as the president of the North Carolina Association of Educators' Division of Principals and Administrators. He is principal of Dabney Elementary School in Henderson, NC and a graduate of North Carolina Central University, East Carolina University, and North Carolina State University.

# BKK Male Mentorship Summer Reading Program with Triangle Lake Montessori

By Brother Demontra Cooper



**High Point, NC** – Beta Kappa Kappa Chapter's mentoring program provides books, mentors, educational workshops, back to school supplies, cookouts and fun activities for youth attending Title 1 schools in High Point. A lot of the youth that we mentor come from low-income single mother homes. Some of the mentees don't know, don't see or have a relationship with their father.

Brothers are given the opportunity to model what real fathers are supposed to be like and to see the importance of mentoring. For example, we encourage, tutor, reward, lead, support and listen to our mentees and parent's needs. Our programs help build character and literacy skills that's vital for success.

Mentees are introduced to successful Brothers from different industries so they can determine who they want to become in life. To track effectiveness of the mentoring program, we have an online reading program that assess the mentees reading skills. Parents provide grades so our mentors will know what areas need improvement. The parents provide feedback on mentees behavior at home and school.

So, who participated in the event? Brothers Weaver Walden, David Chamblee, Wayne Mitchell, Bryan McCullough, Timothy Rhoades, KD Wilson, Daquan Blake and parents, Mr. Shelby Pegues, Mr. Karl Wells, Mr. Demetris Farrow, and Mr. Lee Williams. The Chapter's Mentoring & Fatherhood Chairman is Brother David Chamblee. ///

## Clear Springs Community Safety Day with Omegas in Columbia, SC

**Columbia, SC** - Project Aspiration Foundation (PAF) held its Safety Day activities at the Omega Center in Columbia, SC. Richland County SC Police Department, as well as Fire Department, were on hand to partner with Project Aspiration Foundation to promote the services that they provide for the community. The intent was to familiarize children & parents on the equipment used in



case of emergency & how these public service agencies work for the community in a safe reliable way.

Active shooter training was conducted for PAF Members at the request of the conflict resolution Chairman. The 45-minute training was provided by Richland County School Resource Officers & Deputy Sheriff Department. Those in attendance were very appreciative of efforts to bring awareness.

Food, music, drinks & the bounce house were donated by partnerships with local agencies & PAF Members. The children & parents that attended Safety Day thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the part they play in ensuring a safe, healthy environment for all. ///



**EDUCATORS OF EXCELLENCE**

7<sup>TH</sup> District



**K. O. Martin, Educator  
Canton, Madison and  
Leake County School  
Districts.**



**Dr. Samory T. Pruitt, Vice  
President for Community  
Affairs University of  
Alabama.**



**Paul V. Wilson, Senior  
Educational Consultant,  
Public Consulting Group**



**Antonio Burgess, Educator  
Broward County Public  
School**



**Omega Sparks take to the Sky to attend the 2022  
International Youth Leadership Conference.**

**Montgomery, AL** – Sigma Phi Chapter – The Omega Sparks participated in the 2022 International Youth Leadership Conference in Charlotte, NC to kick off the Conclave for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Omega Sparks Chairmen Bro. James Lovejoy and Bro. Robert Thomas prepared a first-class event for 27 male youths that included an airplane flight sponsored by **City Jet** a private charter airline owned by President Ron Mays. The event was free to attend for young men in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., facilitated the event that was hosted on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

The event which was also sponsored by Regions Bank as well as Coca Cola consisted of workshops that included self-enhancement, goal setting and academic success, health and wellness, Manhood 101, financial literacy, social and personal responsibility, civic engagement and conflict resolution.

The young men had an opportunity to meet in person with Grand Basileus Dr. David Marion and 1st Vice-Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis. Bro. Lovejoy along with Bro. Thomas presented Grand Basileus Marion with an award on behalf of Manhood, Inc. ///

## Keeping Their Eyes On The Prize

**Pensacola, FL** – Lambda Iota Chapter – The Pensacola Lamplighter Youth Mentoring Program kick offs their mentoring program with the introduction ceremony of new Junior and Omega Lamplighter Mentees. As consistent across the Seventh District consisting of Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, local Chapters are fully engaged within their local communities positively impacting the lives of youths.



## AN HBCU EXPERINCE ...



**Columbus, GA, Lambda Iota Chapter** -- Omega Lamplighters Youth Mentoring Group of the Lambda Iota Chapter took in a weekend trip to experience the HBCU Life during the FAMU vs Albany State Football Game in Tallahassee, Florida. The trip was one of many planned activities the provided mentees with the great opportunity to experience college life first hand. The trip was sponsored in part by the Lambda Iota Chapter and Foundation.

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## DELTA PHI CHAPTER RAMPING UP ACTIVITIES FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Social Action Co-Chairman, Brother James A. Jackson (Sp '81 Beta Epsilon)  
Brother Raymond Gentry (Sp '90 Lambda Epsilon)

**Topeka, KS** – The Omega Brothers of the Delta Phi Chapter have been working to increase community activity and visibility in anticipation of our 100-year anniversary in 2025, when the chapter is scheduled to host the 8<sup>th</sup> district meetings with Jubilee Chair, Brother Alonzo Harrison (Fall '71 Delta Phi) at the helm.

On June 17, 2022, the brothers hosted our first annual Dr. Charles Drew Memorial Blood Drive. This event was sponsored by the brothers of Delta Phi in partnership with sponsors from The Topeka Chapter of the Links incorporated, the NAACP, the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Stormont Vail Hospital and First Tee of Greater Topeka. We were successful in hitting 76% of our target goal of donors. The event was also attended and supported by visiting brothers from Delta Delta (Kansas State University), Rho Eta (University of Kansas) and Chi Phi chapter.

On August 26, 2022, the brothers participated in Washburn University's Meet the Greeks event. This was an opportunity for Washburn University college students to learn history and information about multicultural Greek organizations. Many of the "Divine 9" organizations were represented along with some newly founded ethnically diverse organizations. The event was a great time of fellowship across organizations and an opportunity to make our presence in Topeka known to potential undergraduate interests.

With the prospect of being awarded a grant for \$10,000 by the Stormont Vail Foundation, and having secured the unequivocal support of Washburn University – Delta Phi's birthplace in 1925 - the brothers of Delta Phi are currently focused on promoting the International Essay Contest for high school seniors and offering our own local awards. This year's prize awards will include \$500 – 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$350 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Additionally, we anticipate conducting or Talent Hunt contest for the community in October and completing our other mandated programs such as Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year as part of our Achievement Week program in November. We are also looking forward to 2023 when we hope to offer our first annual golf tournament as a fundraiser. ///





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
DELTA PHI CHAPTER

Present...

## ESSAY CONTEST 2022

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**Essay Title**  
"A world crisis has caused a paradigm shift for health disparities and social justice; what are your suggestions for positive change?"

**Contest closes:**  
October 21, 2022



✓ 1st Scholarship \$500

✓ 2nd Scholarship \$350

✓ 3rd Scholarship \$100

**Rules**

The essay must be original and neither previously published nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 200 and 750 words in length. The type-written, double-spaced essay may be submitted via postal service or email in Microsoft Word.

**Eligibility**

The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through a Chapter of the Fraternity.

**Submissions**

All submissions will be reviewed by your local Chapter. Deadline for submissions will be October 21, 2022.

Submit Email Entries to: [edm14@delta-phi.org](mailto:edm14@delta-phi.org)

Submit Email Entries to: [edming@delta-phi.org](mailto:edming@delta-phi.org)

Brother James Jackson  
4722 SW Lakeside Dr.  
Topeka, KS 66606

Check the website above for more details.

## 9th District: Brother Sedric Myers, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring



**San Antonio, TX** – On Jun 21, 2022, the Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee (FIMC) staffed two tables in support of the JobFest 2022 at the AT&T Center. This event was hosted by Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (Texas House District 120); City of San Antonio; San Antonio Spurs; Goodwill San Antonio; Workforce Solutions Alamo and Bexar County.

The purpose of this event was to seek employers that had internships and part-time/full-time positions and resources for individuals between the ages of 16-24. In addition, the event focused on (1) Finding helpful resources; (2) Exploring summer and long-term opportunities; (3) Getting professional headshots; (4) Building and improving resumes; (5) Learning how to dress and preparing for interviews; and (6) Finding access to scholarships.

FIMC's role in the event was to provide support to Workforce Solutions Alamo and as a recruitment role – disseminating vital FIMC information to assist fathers and youth! The brothers that made this event an absolute success was Bro. Anthony Peay (Vice Chairman, FIMC), Bro. Brendon Clemons, Bro. Rick Tanner, Bro. Lionel Richardson, Bro. Jerrel Scriven, Bro. Rodney Koonce, Bro. JacQuezs Shinault, and Bro. Robert Barton. The FIMC is totally committed to creating strong legacies in the San Antonio community and beyond!

ON JULY 29, 2022, BRO. ARCHIE "ICE" PEAY JR., Chairman, Psi Alpha Chapter Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee (FIMC) attended the 9th Annual

STANDUP Conference 2022. This is a nationwide event centered around middle/high school, college, and adult males. There were dynamic speakers facilitating the event.

The purpose of this virtual conference was to have males come together through interactive workshops to break generational curses to become better accountable for their actions and be challenged to increase the value of education.

Although it was a virtual conference, Reverend Kenneth Fowler Sr. (Youth Pastor, Cleft of the Rock Church (San Antonio) established a viewing party at the church to accommodate approximately fifteen youths and four fathers. The discussion centered around Overcoming Emotions and Toxic Masculinity in hopes that we Reflect, Re-examine, and Rebuild.

During the Toxic Masculinity session, the facilitators described the stand-up steps to conquering it – the Define, Identify, Control, Embrace (D.I.C.E.) method:

- **Define** It – Toxic Masculinity is cultural pressure for a man to act with exaggerated masculine traits, which often includes dominance and aggression.
- **Identify** It – in you, recognize the traits inside of you, triggers that set you off.
- **Control** Yourself – exercise Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control, against such there is no law!
- **Embrace** Who You Are – know yourself and walk in God's unique purpose for your life



Each year the conference provides scholarships to the youth. It was an amazing event and the FIMC is looking forward to next year's event and having more fathers and youth attending to continue strengthening our skills.

**ON AUGUST 2, 2022, THE PSI ALPHA** Chapter Fatherhood Initiative (FI) Team hosted a Fatherhood Initiative Discussion, entitled "The Talk: The U. S. History of Treating Black Men and Boys as Threats. This extremely important discussion was led and facilitated by Brothers Gordon Benjamin, Charlie Boyd, and Dr. Mateen Diop. There were thirty-five fathers/men on the Zoom discussion, including our very own Basileus Bro. George M. Mayers Jr. and Vice Basileus John Lester.

The foundation of the discussion was based on the fraternity's cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The focus was on three segments – (1) The history of the mistreatment of Black men and boys within the context of the criminal justice experience; (2) The success is a moving target within the realm of education; and (3) Missed

opportunities which arise from the negative perspective by those facing this negativity.

This was an excellent and educational presentation that had much participation, and it truly enlightened those in attendance about the history and treatment of Black men and boys.

**ON AUGUST 20, 2022, BRO. ARCHIE "ICE" PEAY JR.** and Bro. Anthony G. Peay provided superb leadership while spearheading the collection of funds to purchase backpacks in support of August 20, 2022, Cleft of the Rock Church's 3rd Annual Backpack Drive.

The outpouring of support was amazing, resulting in the purchasing of forty-eight filled backpacks for school-age youth. The FIMC was able to assist the immediate community and have enough left over to donate to two schools (inc. the Gervin Academy). In keeping with the church's international outreach, the FIMC was instrumental in backpacks also being shipped to needy kids in Belize. The FIMC stays committed to improving the lives of households worldwide! ///

## HOUSTON, WE HAVE A GOOD PROBLEM!



On Saturday, September 17, 2022, twelve (12) Houston Area Coalition of Chapters (undergraduate and graduate) came together as one under the auspices of the Mighty 9<sup>th</sup> District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**The mission:** to fulfill two of the Fraternity's new mandated programs that were approved this past summer during our 83<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave in Charlotte, NC. "Fatherhood and Mentoring Program and the Omega STEM Program". This year for the Inaugural Fall Conference, the Graduate Chapter, Mu Mu Nu (aka North Houston Ques) took the lead as the Host of this event with Brother Sherwin Johnson (1989-Upsilon Theta; currently with Mu Mu Nu) as the Chairman and Brother Michael Guillory (1984-Phi Beta; currently with Rho Xi) as the Co-Chairman.

## Let's GOTV: Get Out The Vote!



The Omega YLC/STEM Program took place at Houston's historical Booker T. Washington High School, where our Brother Dr. Carlos R. Phillips, II (2000-Beta Sigma; currently with Rho Beta Beta, is the presiding school Principal. Eighty (80) brothers came out to motivate, encourage and edify 104 students (boys and girls; grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) with uplifting and meaningful topics during a series of morning Omega Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) breakout sessions on topics, such as: Faith, Fitness, Finance, and their

Future. After lunch, Brother Lee Willis (1977-Delta Delta; currently with Rho Beta Beta), International Chairman, Omega STEM Program, led the students in a hands-on experience constructing a solar powered race car during his Omega STEM workshop.

It is important to note that with these two new mandates (Fatherhood and Mentoring and STEM), members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., from several chapters in the Greater Houston Metroplex Area accepted the charge to provide the youth in our community with this program to make a positive difference in their lives. The theme for this one-day conference was **"LIFTING AS WE CLIMB"**.

We would also like to thank Brother John Cooper (1971-Beta Theta; currently with Psi Alpha) Co-Chairman, Int'l Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for his wisdom, leadership, divine guidance, and consultation throughout the planning of this ginormous effort. ///



## 10<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Cyrill Weems, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

### Tau Mu Nu: A New Program Teaching Old School Lessons

Bro. Lynn Sanders, Tau Mu Nu Chapter

**Macomb County, MI** - Continuing with intentional efforts to make an impact with its newly established mentoring program, brothers from Tau Mu Nu Chapter (Macomb County Ques) took their mentees on a Field trip to Urban Air Trampoline Adventure Park. The Field trip was planned and designed to offer group engagement of fun, fellowship and relationship building. The mentees competed with each other and engaged in team building exercises to better strengthen their friendships.





A few weeks later, Brother Rashuan Rucker, a National and Regional Emmy Award winning artist, led the mentees with an art project helping them to build self-confidence skills.

Each mentee was instructed to build a “Confidence Board” by finding pictures in magazines and books that characterized the traits they felt confident about themselves.

Mentees selected careers and professions that were not sports related. Once their boards were created, they stood and confidently presented their board to the audience while taking questions. A week later, we imparted life skill training into our mentees. Mentees were taught how to properly tie three different knots from a necktie. During this activity, we also discussed the importance of proper hygiene and grooming. Lastly,



each mentee was taught how to perform a basic shoe shine and the execution of a high gloss “spit shine” shoe shine. Each mentee was provided his own personal shoe shine kit, hygiene kit, black necktie, and matching handkerchief.

This first year of Tau Mu Nu delivering a mentoring program was clearly well worth the effort. To see the leadership and accountability

growth of the young men was enough within itself. We made a difference in multiple lives and helped to sustain the pipeline of responsible young black males. We are excited to get started in the Fall of 2022 to continue to do our part in “*Developing our Future*” through leadership development and mentoring. ///

## Mentoring the Mentor: “A Change Is Gonna Come”

Brother Cyrill Weems

10<sup>th</sup> District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman

**Southwest, MI** - Brothers in multiple chapters within the Southeast Michigan area have continued their Brother SUPPORT group each month and recently held a session on “Managing Change”. Fathers, Brothers, Husbands, Sons and Siblings will experience some level of change and most may not be ready for it. What is change? It could be Job loss, Mental or Physical Health declination, Divorce, or Death of a loved one, to name a few. None of these come with instructions on how to navigate them. No manual, no video, no app... no nothing.

This type of unison of brothers willing to share their thoughts, experiences and feelings is commendable, very much needed and deserves to be shared with all of Omega. As brothers share experiences, they open the door for others to do the same. For those that may not have experienced these events, they too, can now understand two things 1) How they might be able to navigate that space once in it and 2) Who they can connect with that has experienced it and can possibly provide some support and guidance.



These brothers from Nu Omega (Detroit, Michigan), Rho Mu Nu (Canton, Michigan), Tau Kappa Kappa (Southfield, Michigan), Tau Mu Nu (Macomb County, Michigan), Omicron Alpha Alpha (Pontiac, Michigan) and Sigma Rho (Ypsilanti, Michigan) are proactively being “their brother’s keeper” and keeping their “brothers on their minds”. We are normally the ones that mentor youth and our communities on best practices in many areas. But, what about us ...? ///



***Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Twelfth District***

**(Video) 12th District Registration, Education and Mobilization Initiative**

My name is Bro. Kelly Harris (1-Phi BB-92) from Delta Pi Chapter, Tacoma, WA. I have the pleasure of serving as your 12<sup>th</sup> District Political Action Committee Chairman. As we prepare to vote in one of the most critical elections of our lifetime, our District is embarking on an unprecedented voter registration, education, and mobilization effort that begins with this midterm election and continues for the next two years as we build toward the 2024 Presidential Election.

Attached is a voter registration flyer template that is designed for you to plug in the appropriate information for your State and locality and distribute to the members of your chapter and in your community!

**The attached template** can easily be tailored to your needs. All you need to do is go to your state's election website or to your State's Secretary of State website. Both should contain the necessary information to complete the template and get the flyer ready for distribution. The PDF is not a fillable form, but use your EDIT PDF function to make the changes. If you have any questions about where to find the information or how to tailor the flyer to your needs, please contact me via email, and we'll arrange a time for me to walk you through the process.



**Included is a video message by our esteemed and beloved Bro. DR Kwame Dow to kick off our voter initiative (GOTV). I invite you to pass it along to anyone you feel is appropriate.**

Direct questions to the name in the signature line.

Bro. Kelly Harris, Political Action Subcommittee Chairman, (klharris11@outlook.com)  
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## Grand Basileus Sightings In and Around the Massive and Progressive 12<sup>th</sup> District in the Months of August and September, 2022



**Dr. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, State of the University Address,**

(L-R) Brother Dr. George D. Taylor, Zeta Tau Chapter, Dr. David M. Carlisle, MD, President, Charles R. Drew University, Brother Ricky L. Lewis, Grand Basileus, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Brother James Henderson, Basileus, Tau Tau Chapter, Brother Dr. Rodney Brooks, Tau Tau Chapter.



**Brother Ricky L. Lewis, Grand Basileus** of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., present at the “Meet the Greeks” night at the University of Southern California. One of the Grand Basileus goals is to continue his efforts to keep Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., visible among the undergraduates in the 12<sup>th</sup> District.

In a room filled largely with male and female African American undergraduates, the brothers in Southern California came out in force to support the Grand Basileus and Lambda Chapter during the “**Meet the Greeks**” night in early September at the University of Southern California. ///

**Pasadena, CA** – Brother Ed Young, SoCal Area Representative, Tau Tau Chapter and Brother Larry Quishenberry, Basileus, Zeta Tau Chapter, collaborated with brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., to welcome Alabama State University (ASU) Hornets, fans, families and friends to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, September 10, 2022. The Hornets met up in a football Game against the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Bruins.



### **BROTHERS SET OWT AND SET UP THE TAIL GATE OF ALL TAIL GATES!**





**Upward Bound Charities, Inc. and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Beta (Inglewood Graduate Chapter) STEM Program**, Continues to Raise awareness of STEM Careers of the Future, and lead the Nation in the promoting Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Careers and College Prep Programs in 2022-23.



**Bro. M. Haynes, STEM Program Chair**  
**Phi Beta Beta**  
**Inglewood Graduate Chapter**  
**Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc.**



Since 2005, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inglewood Graduate Chapters-STEM Program has presented at Regional and National Youth Leadership Conferences, STEM Career and College Prep Programs. Presenters from this program have directed thousands of Students toward STEM College majors and Careers, leading to a successful, STEM Future.”

June 20-27, 2022, was no exception. During this week the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, University of La Verne, and the Upward Bound Charities, Inc., provided another outstanding and technically enlightening 5-day STEM Conference-Webinar. As one member said, “this is on Cutting edge of new Technology and Opportunities teaching students and parents on how to select a College Major and Career of the Future.”

For the next five days, Students mainly from Dorsey High School and LA High Schools, (Los Angeles, Ca.), attending the “Volunteers of Americas”, 2022-Summer STEM Program for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade Students, heard from multiple Industries leaders who provided information and engaged in Q/A on STEM Careers of the Future, via Zoom-Meetings using specialize Breakout rooms for one-on-one dialog. Each presentation was 1-2 hour (10:00 a.m. to 12n). Topics discussed were:

- 6/27 - FDA Careers of the Future - Presentation from Consumer Product Specialist
- 6/28 - College and You- Presentation from Admissions Director
- 6/29 - Aerospace Engineering Presentation from Aerospace Program Specialist
- 6/30 - Transportation Management International Business Presentation from Business Specialist
- 7/01- STEM Careers of the Future – 2025 Presentation from STEM Career Specialist

Students participated in a hands-on exercise that Students are required to complete Hands on Assignment may be required to demonstrate the Student’s comprehension of the Topic subject matter. Commercial Drones and a Financial Stipend was awarded to (4) Students with the highest points on the exercise.

STEM Career/College Prep segment has allowed the traditional YLC/Fatherhood programs to take on a new DNA... “Hands-on” approach of directing attendees to Careers of the Future, thus redefining the YLC concept. STEM Careers are our FUTURE:’... In Service,

STEM Summer Program- DRONES awarded to Program Scholars

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## 13<sup>th</sup> District: Brother Michael Robinson, Chairman, Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring

### 9 More Black Male Educators from the 13<sup>th</sup> International District

By Brother Michael Robinson

**13<sup>th</sup> International District** - A famous quote from Nelson Mandela states “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Today, this is so true as we turn to our youth who will be leading us and our country into the next generation. Knowing how to use information, understanding the principals behind it, and applying the knowledge of lessons learned are the keys to success. The bottom line is it all starts with education.

In a recent article title: “The power of Black male educators” by Lee Hawkins, readers were asked to look back and reflect on their childhood about a teacher who made a difference in their lives. Mr. Hawkins pointed

out that research has shown black students who had teachers that look like them made it easier to relate and understand various topics in the classroom.

Today, although Black male teachers are needed in schools and the career field of education, they are faced with challenges that includes identity, curriculum, and recruitment. Click on link for inf:

<https://www.mprnews.org/episode/2022/07/25/the-power-of-black-male-educators>



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Humphreys Middle School  
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Teacher, Mendel Elementary  
School  
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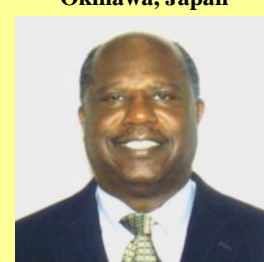
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# Lambda Xi Chapter Assists Boy Scouts with Camp Tiger

By Brother Michael Robinson



**Brother Brandon Wilkins and wife Samantha holding up Camp Tiger spirit stick**

**South Korea** - Brother Brandon Wilkins and his wife Samantha coordinated the Camp Tiger Merit Badge University (Boy Scout Association) from Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1, 2022 at the CPX area on Camp Humphreys Army Base. 102 Boys and girls from Daegu, Seoul, Humphreys, and Osan showed perseverance through the challenging weather conditions which included hot humidity, lots of rain, and high winds.

Military members from the 8<sup>th</sup> Army volunteered to set up tents and provided transportation for youth to attend swimming and automotive maintenance training held on Camp Humphreys. The soldiers presented hands-on welding training for youth attending the camp. The youth had the opportunity to earn merit badges by attending a variety of other training facilitated by volunteers and Scout Masters which included: Diversity,



Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter donated \$500 to assist Boy Scouts with Camp Tiger 2022 (Vice Basileus Bro. Brandon Wilkins, Basileus Desmond Smith, Bro. Clarence Johnson, Bro. Courtland Carson, Bro. Chris Daniels, Bro. Michael Robinson, and Bro. Clarence Burse. Sign holders: Sons of Bro. Carson and Bro. Burse)

First-Aide, Life Savings, Leatherwork, Photography, Rifle, and Archery.

Upon completion of the camp, Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter presented the Boy Scouts a donation of \$500 and helped in breaking down the equipment. This was Lambda Xi's second year in supporting Camp Tiger.

On July 8, 2022 Brother Brandon Wilkins and the brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter were featured in the Korea Stars and Stripes Newspaper. Click on link to read article: <https://korea.stripes.com/community-news/eightharmy-supports-scouts-during-merit-badge-event>

## A Special Appeal

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual October 2022 Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voting Rights and Opportunities (Partner with Us)

by Dr. Stephanie E. Myers, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change

**D**uring October 1-31, 2022, Black Women for Positive Change Network, will host the 11th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voting Rights and Opportunities.

This effort was established in 2012, with the goal to “Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.” We are calling national organizations and Omega Psi Phi, to partner with us to promote conflict resolution, de-escalation, anger management and to promote non-partisan voting rights by helping to get 1 million people to sign the Good Trouble Voting Rights Pledge.

As you know, our communities are threatened with domestic violence, gang violence, violence by law enforcement against Black

people, mass shootings, school shootings, and voter suppression. We need various organizations to come together in solidarity to promote non-violence and voting. We hope national organizations will: 1) Encourage people to sign the Good Trouble Voting Rights Pledge; 2) Advocate for violence prevention and de-escalation government policies; and 3) Organize events during October 2022. People can sign the Good Trouble Voting Rights Pledge at [www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org](http://www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org)

We invite Omega Psi Phi Chapters and other national organizations to partner with us in organizing film screenings for middle and high

school youth featuring two violence prevention films. The films are: “On Second Thought,” and “Drop: A Story of Triumph.” Films are available for free download at: [www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org](http://www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org). Click on “Media” in Menu bar.

We all must join the effort to create a movement of violence prevention and promote voting in the Midterm Election. Be creative and organize activities for your community. Sign Up for Month of Non-Violence at:

[www.monthofnonviolence.org](http://www.monthofnonviolence.org), and to encourage people to sign the Good Trouble Voting Rights Pledge:

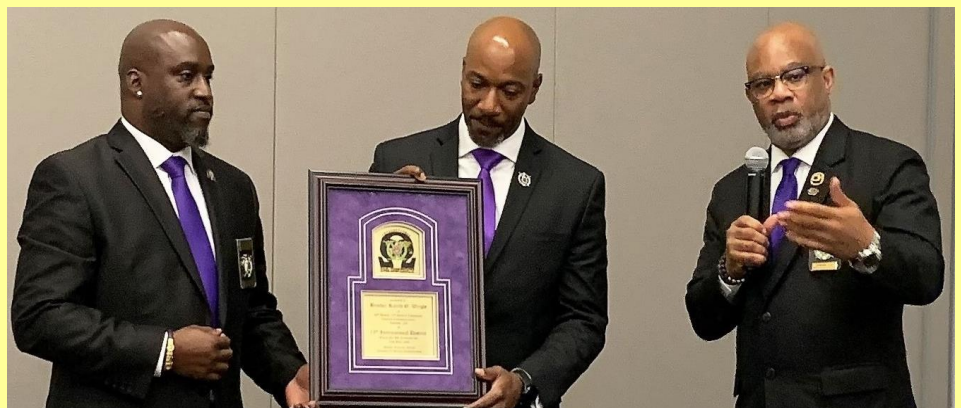
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### 13<sup>th</sup> International District Holds Luncheon Featuring Keynote Speaker Brother Kaleth O. Wright, 18th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (Retired)

By Brother Michael Robinson

Brother **Kaleth O. Wright** provided words of inspiration during lunch on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual 13<sup>th</sup> International District Meeting held at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Although the theme was: Vision, Integrity, and Perseverance, Brother Wright concentrated on Fatherhood and Mental Health. He shared some of the challenges he faced as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Black man to serve in the highest enlisted ranks of the United States Air Force. Brother Wright earned



the nickname “Enlisted Jesus” while on active duty for his advocacy and reforms on behalf of enlisted airmen. He shared that the murder of George

Floyd changed his life as people around the world watched on video, the horrific scenes that took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Monday,



May 25, 2020. This incident made Brother Wright angry, upset, and with a burning desire to do something because his airmen, family, friends, and people in the community were hurting.

Being in the position of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Brother Wright decided to write an op-ed but soon as he got ready to send it out, upper leadership provided guidance saying do not post or discuss the George Floyd incident. This made Brother Wright even more upset. He took a step on faith and sent his op-ed out anyway. Brother Wright's actions slowly open the doors for military members,

civilians, dependents, and others to talk about how they really felt in order to relieve the hurt and pain.

This experience also hit home with Brother Wright's family. He looked at his young teenage son who started showing some signs of suicide. After getting the mental health counseling and resources, he soon discovered the problem also felt upon his shoulders as a father. He realized during the times when his son was growing up it was always do this or do that in order to be successful. Brother Wright wished that he would have just let his son be a goofy and joyous kid.

Today, after utilizing mental health therapy and resources, Brother Wright and his son have an outstanding and closer relationship. He asked each brother to take a close look at their family. Pay attention to the signs. Most importantly, talk, listen, spend quality time, show and tell family members "I Love You." Remember it is the little things in life that matter the most! ///

## **Sigma Gamma Gamma Leads Boyz to Men (Car Maintenance)**

by Brother Cortez Pree

**Okinawa, Japan** – The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., served as lead facilitators for their Boyz 2 Men Program conducted on August 20, 2022, at Chapel 3 located on Kadena Air Base. The mentoring session started with a meet and greet which allowed everyone to introduce themselves in order to be paired with someone other than their parent. After the introductions, the group paired up for the culinary portion of the event.

Mentees prepared brunch which consisted of French fries, green bean casserole, eggs, bacon, sausages, hot links, pancakes, waffles, and refreshments. Several ladies were invited to taste the culinary skills of the group. The young men served food to all ladies and later performed car maintenance by checking oil, tire pressure, transmission fluid, and coolant.

Prior to the conclusion of the event, the mentees participated in a guided discussion on life choices and

future events. The meeting ended with a prayer. The next event will focus on professional business attire. ///



**Brother Jaleel Rogers oversees the mentees preparing pancakes**



**Brother Kwesi Toney provides oversight while the mentees check car fluids**

## **Lambda Xi Chapter Participates in Back-to-School Event**

### **By Brother Michael Robinson**



**Bros. Chris Daniels and Javonte Davis of Lambda Xi Chapter presenting scholarship information to a high school senior and her mother.**

Chapter wishes all students and the High School Senior Class of 2023 a happy and safe school year filled with success.

**South Korea** – The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in a community back to school event sponsored by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Divine Nine on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at the Downtown Recreational Building located on Camp Humphreys Army Base in South Korea. Representatives from each organization presented a minimum of two backpacks and school supplies to 12 college bound high school seniors and 7 high school students. Participants and family members also received scholarship information from each sorority and fraternity.

The ROK Divine Nine enjoyed uplifting the spirits of high school students in attendance. Each member stands committed to making the Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway an annual event. The Brothers of Lambda Xi



**Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter with members of the ROK Divine Nine and High School students with their back-to-school backpacks and school supplies.**



# Sigma Gamma Gamma Conducts Annual Youth & Teen Leadership Conference

by Brother Cortez Pree



Brother Elvis Jackson serves as facilitator to monitor the group progress



Basileus Cortez Pree presents a laptop to Youth Election Winner Payton Dillard



Basileus Cortez Pree presents a laptop to the Teen Election Winner Calleese Council

**Okinawa, Japan** – The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., conducted their annual Youth and Teen Leadership Conference on August 13, 2022, at the Foster Community Center located on Marine Corps Base Camp Foster. Fifteen participants attended the Youth Conference, and seven participants attended the Teen Conference as the sessions began with an opening statement from Basileus Cortez Pree on the importance of the mentoring youth and teens.

The United States Marine Corps Military Policeman (MP), Lance Corporal Abigail Williams and LCpl Austin Heigle presented the first presentation for the Youth Conference and provided guidance to the teens with knowledge on the current issues that the youth are facing on base from an MP perspective. They also provided wisdom on what it takes to stay out of trouble.

Next, Ms. Tasha Smalls, who serves as a Youth Counselor Expert provided instructions on communication and teamwork. She conducted various

team-building exercises to promote unity amongst the group.

The last presenter Ms. Terrell Ford provided instructions on how to be an effective public speaker. Afterwards, the Conference concluded with a class project centered on the purpose of voting. The students were broken down into groups and they voted on a winner on a winner for each group. Three students made it to the final round and all students voted on the winner. Payton Dilliard was voted as the winner of the Youth Conference and Calleese Council was voted the winner of the Teen Conference. Both winners received Chromebooks. The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter also provided door Prizes, cinch bags, t-shirts, school supplies, and food to all participants

Basileus Cortez Pree gave final remarks and thanked the presenters, and participants for making the Annual Youth and Teen Leadership Conference a success. ///

## Tomodachi Bridge Builders in the Spotlight

by Cortez Pree



Tomodachi Bridge Builder President Malik Aubrey completes the last leg of the 400



Tomodachi Bridge Builder Vice President David Washington, Jr., (centered) pictured with fellow Bridge Builder Brandon Pree (front), and Cortez Pree, Jr. (Rear), SGG Basileus Cortez Pree.



Tomodachi Bridge Builder Treasurer Dontaevious Barber, Jr. poses for a photograph after his award-winning performance.



Tomodachi Bridge Builder Logistics Officer Cortez Pree, jr. graces the cover of the team photo shoot.

**Okinawa, Japan** – Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Junior Omega Mentorship Program had several members that were highlighted for their key performances in Okinawa, Japan.

Malik Aubrey served as a key member of the Kadena High School Varsity Track and Field Team. Malik is a rising sophomore that qualified for the Virtual Far East Tournament that showcased the talent of high school athletes throughout Japan, Hawaii, Korea, and Guam.

David Washington, Jr. was selected as a member of the Pacific Okinawa Players, Moana Junior's Play. David battled some keen competition to be selected for the role of one of the key ensembles. He was also selected as the understudy for Chief Tui (Moana's Father). He participated in eight shows over a two-week period.

Dontaevious Barber, Jr. (DJ) was selected to play a key role in his middle school play titled, "A Hairy Tale." DJ played the role of King Edwin, King of Wychwood-under-Ooze. As King, he banished his bratty and ungrateful children to the Forrest until they could learn values like teamwork, humility, and love for others. After they learned their lesson, he accepted them back into the kingdom.

Cortez Pree Jr. (TJ) served as a key member of the Kadena Tigers 10 – 12-Year-Old Basketball Team. TJ was a key member of the team as they voted him team captain while playing the positions of guard and forward. The Tigers battled against tough competition throughout the season for a third-place finish.

Outstanding job to the Tomodachi Bridgebuilders for their noteworthy accomplishments throughout the community. ///

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## Sigma Gamma Gamma Spring 2022 Scholarships

Submitted by Brother Cortez Pree

**Okinawa, Japan** – Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter awarded eleven scholarships to local and international high school seniors. The participants wrote a 750-word essay on the topic: “What subjects should be removed from the high school curriculum and what subjects should be added? Why?”

The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter are committed to increasing scholarship opportunities for college bound high school seniors. The following students represented their high schools located in the community of Okinawa, Japan:



SGG Basileus Cortez Pree and Bro. John Smith presents scholarships to Maekala LaForce and Alyssa Alvarado



Makeala Laforce, Jayla Archie, Ashley Smith, and Alyssa Tate received their scholarships from Basileus Cortez Pree



Eric Camacho Mother, Arisa Egami, Joi Nakamura, Honda Tsuchida, and Mondo Miyazato

## Sigma Gamma Gamma Assists the Community Baccalaureate

by Brother Cortez Pree



Graduates of Kadena High School participating in the Baccalaureate

**Okinawa, Japan** – The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. assisted the local community in honoring high school seniors on June 5, 2022, at Chapel One located on Kadena Air Base. Students from Kadena High School, Kadena High School, Okinawa Christian School International, and Zion Christian Academy International participated in the event. Basileus Brother Cortez Pree and Chaplain

Brother John Smith served as photographers, food servers, and ushers. The Baccalaureate consisted of guest speakers, clergymen from the community, praise dances, community choirs, and family photos. Upon the conclusion of the program, the community gathered around the altar and prayed for the safety, health, and wellness of all students. ///

## **Sigma Gamma Gamma Provides School Supplies to a Local Family**

Submitted by Brother Cortez Pree

**Okinawa, Japan** – The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., provided over \$200 in cash to a local family on August 6, 2022, at the Kadena Air Base Exchange. The family consists of six family members that currently reside in Okinawa Japan. The Weldon Family is preparing to PCS from Japan to the Continental United States, so the Chapter provided the family with a \$200 gift card to assist with travel and school supplies. The Weldon Family has supported the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter initiatives and programs throughout their tenure in Okinawa, and they will be truly missed.

**Basileus Cortez Pree presents a gift card to the Weldon Family for their many years of support to the chapter and community**

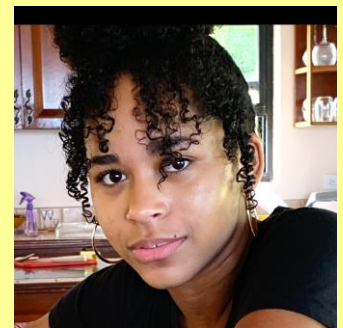


## **13th International District Announce 2022 Talent Hunt Winners**

by Brother Cortez Pree

**13<sup>th</sup> International District** - The 13th International District announced the winners of their 2022 Annual Talent Hunt Contest during their 29th Annual District Conference that was held on July 20, 2022 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Talent Hunt Contest was conducted virtually as the district spans the globe and maintains a presence in 16 countries, on 5 continents, across 19 time zones that consist of 21 Chapters. The 13<sup>th</sup> International District Talent Hunt Chairman, Brother Cortez Pree, said, “the competition was keen this year and this year’s winners were all deserving of their awards.”

Ms. Viana Biscoe representing Zeta Xi Chapter in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island, was selected as the first-place winner in the 13<sup>th</sup> International District 2022 Talent Hunt Contest. She was unable to perform at the International Talent Hunt Demonstration as she was selected to attend a summer engineering program at Yale University. Ms. Biscoe performed a spoken word poem. She is a junior and honor roll student that attends Trinity High School in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island. She received \$100 from Zeta Xi Chapter and \$750 from the 13<sup>th</sup> International District. Her performance can be viewed on the 13<sup>th</sup> International District Website: <https://oppf13th.clubexpress.com/>.



Ms. Lilyana Roque representing Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter out of Okinawa, Japan was selected as the 2nd Place winner. She represented the 13<sup>th</sup> District at the International Talent Hunt Demonstration as she was able to perform personally in front of students and instructors from the Julliard School out of New York City. The Julliard Staff also provided the participants with several renditions of their latest performances. She is a junior honor roll student that attends Kubasaki High School in Okinawa, Japan. Ms. Roque performed a dance routine titled: Sinking Ships which is choreographed by Heatherly Ahem. She received \$500 from Sigma Gamma Gamma, \$500 from the 13<sup>th</sup> International District, and \$1500 from the Omega Life Member Foundation.





Ms. Roniece Edwards representing Upsilon Lambda Lambda out of Tokyo, Japan, was selected as the third-place winner. She is a sophomore honor roll student that attends Yokota High School in Tokyo, Japan. She performed a solo vocal routine titled: Stand Up (From Harriett). She received \$500 from Upsilon Lambda Lambda and \$250 from the 13<sup>th</sup> International District.



Ms. Lilyana Roque performing in front of staff from the Juilliard School and International Talent Hunt participants at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave in Charlotte, North Carolina. Basileus of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter Cortez Pree, 13<sup>th</sup> International District Talent Hunt Winner Ms. Liyana Roque and her mother and 13<sup>th</sup> International District Representative Bro. Tracey George at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave in Charlotte, North Carolina. ///



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