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#### Perseverance in the State House

Senator Quinton T. Ross, Jr. is one of seven African Americans serving in the Alabama State Senate. First elected to the Alabama State Senate in 2002, he is now serving his fourth term.

He has distinguished himself as a true statesman in the Alabama State Senate. Ross has served on various committees during his tenure. He currently serve on the following committees: Bank and Insurance, Confirmation, County& Municipal Government, Finance & Taxation Education, Vice Chair of the Education Youth Affairs, Transportation & Energy, and & Military Affairs.



Ross was recently elected as the first African American male Senate Minority Leader and the first Minority Leader elected to a four-year term. Senator Ross is an established legislative leader and an unwavering advocate for public education, issues dealing with child safety and the general welfare of all Alabamians.

Born in Mobile, Alabama and reared in Pontiac, Michigan, Senator Ross has been a resident of Montgomery, Alabama for over two decades. He is a graduate of Alabama State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 1992, a Master of Arts Degree in Education in 1995 and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law in 2010. Ross lives by his mother's philosophy "I live simple so that others can simply live"

Senator Ross is a distinguished career educator, who has held various positions in Montgomery County Public School System such as classroom teacher, Principal of Booker T. Washington Magnet High School and an Educational Specialist. Ross has made it his mission to be a community advocate for public education and helping children "grasp the light of knowledge through embracing diversity". He is the former Director of Adult Education at H. Council Trenholm State Technical. Ross was selected as one of three finalists out of a field of seventy- one for the Presidency of Alabama State University. He currently serves as manager of UniServ organizers for the Alabama Education Association.

Prior to become an educator or being elected to office, Senator Ross was a Statewide Field Representative for the Alabama Democratic Party and the Alabama Democratic Conference for a number of years. He has held key positions in numerous political

campaigns. Ross served as co-chair to the State Advisory Committee for President Barack Obama's first election.

Senator Ross has received numerous awards and recognition. He has been featured in many publications. Ross is recognized for his commitment to equity and quality in education. He has received The Montgomery Advertiser King Spirit Award, K.E.E.P. Production Young Legend Award, and the Daring to Make a Difference Community Service Award. Ross received the Alabama School Board Association's Power of One Award (2009). He received recognition by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., locally, Statewide and District wide as Citizen of the Year (2011). He received the Alabama Adult Education Director's Association 2012 Champion Award. 2015 Citizen of the Year for the Montgomery Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and Alabama State University Friends of The Theater 2016 Beloved Community Award.

Senator Ross is also a member of numerous organizations such as, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, 100 Black Men, Inc., and the Alabama Education Association. He is a member of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church and its male chorus.

His most notable accomplishments are being a loving husband and father of two sons.

PSI KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER PRESENTS THE 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "DO YOU HAVE THE GUTZ TO STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 5K RUN"

On Saturday, 9 May 2015, brothers of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and Y.O.U.T.H Friendship Foundation of the Psi Kappa Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity INC conducted the "DO YOU HAVE THE GUTZ TO STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 5K RUN" at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse. The Y.O.U.T.H. Friendship Foundation was formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to fund and develop integrated comprehensive youth enrichment programs focused on education, character and leadership development for the youth in Madison and Limestone counties.

The purpose of the race is to stop domestic violence and help raise funds for Domestic Violence Awareness through the Huntsville Crisis Services. It also promotes health awareness and physical fitness for the Greater Metropolitan Huntsville community. The funds from the 5K will provide scholarships for deserving High School Seniors throughout the Huntsville Greater area.

The 2nd Annual "PKK DO YOU HAVE THE GUTZ 5K RUN" was a success. There was a total of 64 participants. LTG Willie Williams (Ret) served as the Race Marshal and did a solid job driving home the importance of domestic violence awareness. The race had volunteers other than fraternity members which sent a positive message that it was a total effort that included the community. Overall, the race was a total success.

### PKK BECOMES THE FIRST CHAPTER TO PARTICIPATE IN ADOPT-A - MILE PROGRAM IN ALABAMA

Brothers of the Psi Kappa Kappa (PKK) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; Madison, Alabama participated in the Adopt A Mile Program in Huntsville, AL. Alabama People Against a Littered State (PALS) partnered with the Alabama Department of Transportation in 1988 and implemented the Alabama Adopt a Mile Program. Volunteer groups maintain approximately 860 miles of roads statewide.

Psi Kappa Kappa (PKK) began participating in the program in 2014 and has continued volunteering throughout 2015. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was the first fraternity to volunteer for the program. The purpose of the program is to keep the city clean and for PKK to have a presence in the community.

## Sigma Phi Chapter Holds Annual National Achievement Week Banquet with the National Executive Director Kenneth Barnes

Montgomery, AL- "Celebrating the First One Hundred Years and Setting the Course for the Next One Hundred Years" was the theme of Sigma Phi Chapter's annual Achievement Week Program Presided by former Past Grand Chaplain Brother Reverend Farrell J. Duncombe, Sr.

The event, which served as the capstone for the week of scheduled activities celebrating the Fraternity's Founders Day, was held November 8, 2015 at the Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Program highlights included: UPLIFTING church service message from former Past Grand Chaplain Brother Farrell J. Duncombe, Sr., recognition of brothers who made significant contributions to the community on behalf of the chapter; as well as the introduction of several dignitaries in attendance.

The Honorable Brother Kenneth Barnes National Executive Director, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was the speaker for the event. In his message, "What will people say about you", he conveyed how critically important the need for our membership especially our younger brothers to not miss the boat of being respectful in today's society and never giving up or settling for anything other than continuing to strive to be positive no matter what. According to Executive Director Barnes without the presence and availability of the old school, the current generation of young African American youth will be lost.

The Achievement Week Program culminated with the Sigma Phi Chapter awards ceremony, honoring several deserving individuals for their service to the Fraternity and community. The honorees and awards were as follows: Brother James Lovejoy, Omega Man of the Year Award; Brother Derrick Cunningham, Citizen of the Year Award; Brother Judge Steve Reed, Leon R. Williams Superior Service Award, Brother Stafford Thompson, Sr., Founders Award and Brother Ron Holland, Basileus Award.



Achievement Week Chairman Brother Reverend Farrell J. Duncombe, Sr., Executive Director Brother Kenneth Barnes, & Basileus Robert Thomas

#### Birmingham, Alabama

Alpha Phi Chapter along with Eta Epsilon Chapter at Miles College and Kappa Delta Chapter at the University of Alabama - Birmingham hosts the ninetieth annual observance Achievement Week Program. The Program was held at Carver High School, Birmingham, Alabama on November 15, 2015. The message of the evening was delivered by Dr. David Marion – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. He highlighted the program by using the local theme "Omega at the Forefront: Fulfilling our Legacy." The master of ceremonies was Dr. Charles Willis- Carver High School and special performance was given by Carver High School Vocal Ensemble and The Omega Coral. The luncheon concluded with a meet and greet with Bro. Dr. David Marion – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus

Each year we recognize outstanding leaders in Omega and the community. Award recipients were:

Meritorious Service Award: Bro. Emmett Turner

Superior Service Award: Bro. Harry Williams

Citizen of the Year: LaBeatrix F. Tatum

Business leader of the Year: Bro. Walter Body

Omega Man of the Year: Bro. Lonnie Malone



#### Fairfield, Alabama

On December 12th and 19th, the Brothers of Alpha Phi participated in the 2015 kettle season Bell Ringing on behalf of the Salvation Army Bessemer Corps. at the Fairfield Walmart. On December 12th the we collected \$1,178.14 and on December 19th, \$828.49 was collected for a total of \$2,006.63.





2015 Greek Excellence Risk Management Winner

Pictured from left to right are: Bro. Jeromey Beaman, Basileus; Bro. Christopher H. Spencer, Faculty Advisor; Bro. Terrance Lewis, Vice Basileus and State of Alabama 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Representative; Kathleen Gillan, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life; Nicole Jackson, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life; Bro. Jonathan Burpo, Keeper of Finance; and Bro. Brandon W. Dunning, Social Action Chairman

The Brothers of the Beta Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at The University of Alabama received the 2015 Risk Management Award at the annual Greek Excellence Banquet. The banquet was held in the Ferguson Center Ball Room on the campus of The University of Alabama on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

### PSI KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER TEACHES PRE TEENS LIFE SKILLS THROUGH MENTORING PROGRAM

Members of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., conducted multiple mentoring sessions with the young men at the Lincoln Academy throughout the 2014-2015 school year. The Lincoln Academy provides a Christ-centered education to students zoned to public Title I schools. It is located at 1110 North Meridian Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. Brother Daryl Jones of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter, provides mentoring to these young men on a regular basis and has done so for several years.

Brother Daryl Jones and brothers of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter facilitated discussions with the young men on social relationships, bullying, education, leadership, etiquette and career paths. During several of these meetings, brothers of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter discussed their careers. After the meetings, a question and answer session was held with the young men regarding careers and post graduation education options.

The last session of the year consisted of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter reviewing all topics discussed throughout the school year and a workshop that instructed the young men on the proper way to tie a necktie. Brothers Kiti Fowlkes and Levon Green showed the group of boys how to tie a bowtie as well as traditional ties. Brothers also provided presentations on career topics at the request of the young men and conducted productive discussions.

#### Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

#### Participates in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of the citizens and different organizations within the Montgomery, Alabama community coming together providing support and recognition to the civil rights efforts of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event represents what Dr. King and the people were fighting for which led to actually three marches, which were held in 1965 that marked the political and emotional peak of the American civil rights movement. All three marches were attempts to march from Selma to Montgomery where the Alabama capitol is located. The marches grew out of the voting rights movement in Selma, launched by local African-Americans who formed the Dallas County Voters League (DCVL). In 1963, the DCVL and organizers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committees (SNCC) began voterregistration work. When white resistance to black voter registration proved intractable, the DCVL requested the assistance of Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who brought many prominent civil rights and civic leaders to support voting rights. The marchers averaged 10 miles a day along U.S. Route 80. Protected by 2,000 soldiers of the U.S. Army, members of the Alabama National Guard under Federal command, and many FBI agents and Federal Marshals, marchers arrived in Montgomery on March 24 and at the Alabama State Capitol on March 25.

The Brothers Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of the Sigma Phi Chapter was well represented with Brother State House Representative Thad McClammy leading the way.



Alabama StateHouse Representative Brother Thad McClammy and the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter.

# Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter Join Brother (Dr.) David Satcher (Grand Marshal) Anniston Christmas Parade

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) provided escort for Brother (Dr.) David Satcher, Surgeon General, who served as the grand marshal during the Anniston Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Dr. Satcher received a police escort while the brothers of Theta Tau Chapter followed with the Theta Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Banner. The crowd and onlookers provided positive feedback with the brothers of Theta Tau Chapter marching down Noble Street in Anniston, Alabama.



CAPTION for picture Parade1.jpg: Anniston City Mayor Vaugh Stewart, Dr. David Satcher, and the brothers of Theta Tau Chapter hold up the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Banner during the Anniston Christmas Parade

### Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter Participates During Anniston Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Christmas Extravaganza

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) participated in the Christmas Extravaganza Program at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Hobson City, Alabama. The Theta Tau Chapter Quartet provided songs during the annual event. The brothers sung "Emanuel" and "I love to Praise His Name". The brothers brought the crowd to their feet while the crowd sung along with the brothers. The Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> program was a spirit filled event.



CAPTION for picture Christmas Extravaganza #1.jpg: Brothers Raynard Lawler, Johnny Harris, Joe Harrington, and Anthony Burdell sung from the bottom of their hearts while the church joined in the singing

# **Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter Assist with Christmas Toys for Community Enabler**

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) provided toys and gifts to the Community Enabler Developer Outreach Program in Anniston, Alabama. The donation assisted providing gifts and toys to needed families in the Calhoun County area during the Christmas Holiday.



CAPTION for Community Enabler Photo #1.jpg: Brothers Johnny Harris, Joe Harrington, and Anthony Burdell stands with Mrs. Maudine Holloway with the toys donated by Theta Tau Chapter

## Theta Tau Chapter has Connection to the "DEE" Pogue Foundation

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

**Anniston, Alabama**. The "Dee" Pogue Foundation was founded on January 25, 2000, in the city of Ft. Drum, New York, a small group of football coaches aspired to mentor one youth at a time by allowing local young men who may have headed down the wrong path, into the military youth football league of the Pop Warner Division.

Unselfishly taking on the uphill battle with authorities but eventually through much perseverance the coaches, spearheaded by Coach Thedolphus Pogue, Theta Tau Chapter, accomplished that task of making a way to fulfill the young boys of the community's dreams. Coach Pogue drew from that moment and was inspired to continue mentoring those young men throughout the completion of high school. Seeing and believing that one positive man in the community can truly influence the life and direction of our young men today, "Dee" Pogue had an epiphany and took his first five young boys and annually began mentoring and exposing them to as many positive people and venues as his finances would allow, thus creating the birth of The "Dee" Pogue Foundation.

Since its creation, the DPF has successfully assisted each and every mentee connected with the foundation, in establishing a solid path of accomplishing their own predetermined goals. Under each mentee's own power both physically and psychologically, the "Dee" Pogue Foundation has assisted in the positive cultivating of young minds. That same positive

reinforcement has changed their life, their family life, and in turn, has begun to uplift their communities. With this mindset, youth will eventually make a positive mark on this nation, which will ultimately promote unity, on a global scale.



CAPTION for Dee Pogue Foundation Photo #1.jpg: Four of the young of The "DEE" Pogue Foundation stand in front of the table with information relating to the mentoring program



CAPTION for Dee Pogue Foundation Photo #1.jpg: At the right is Brother Thedolphus "Dee" Pogue, founder of The "DEE" Pogue Foundation

### Brother Anthony Burdell Receives the 2015 Army Materiel Command (AMC) Louis Dellomonica Award

Anniston, Alabama

In 2015, Brother Anthony Burdell, Theta Tau Chapter and who served as the Anniston Munitions Center's (ANMC's) Deputy to the Commander since July 2007, was named a recipient of the Army Materiel Command's (AMC's) Louis Dellamonica Award. Lieutenant General Larry Wyche, the deputy commanding general for the Army Materiel Command presented the award in a ceremony attended by Burdell's friends, family, and coworkers. "This award is about making your best better and we are honoring someone who exemplifies that", said LTG Wyche.

The Louis Dellamonica Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments significantly contributing to AMC's mission and overarching goals and objectives. Each year AMC selects then employees, military and civilian, below the rank of general officer and senior executive service, who meet the established criteria and stand out as model employees.

Burdell said it is a credit to his family and teammates that he achieved the award. 'Everyone I've worked with throughout the years made this day possible," said Burdell.



CAPTION for Louis Dellamonica Award Photo #1.jpg: Brother Anthony Burdell receiving the Louis Dellamonica Award from LTG Larry Wyche



CAPTION for Louis Dellamonica Award Photo #2.jpg: Brother Burdell along with his wife Clester, son Chris, his Commander LTC Wendell Moore and LTG Larry Wyche

### Theta Tau Chapter Conducts A Voter Registration Drive During the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

On January 18<sup>th</sup> the Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) conducted a Voter Registration Drive during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day activities at the Anniston City Meeting Center in Anniston, Alabama. The brothers received the applications from the Calhoun County Administration Office. There were a number of potential voters that came by the table to register to vote.



CAPTION for Voter Registration Photo #1.jpg: Brother Demetris Roberts and Brother Marlon Gladden assist a young lady in registering to vote



CAPTION for Voter Registration Photo #2.jpg: Brothers Jerome Moore, Marlon Gladden, and Johnny Harris look on as another individual registers to vote

## Theta Tau Chapter Participates in Adopt-A-Mile in Calhoun County

Written By: Anthony Burdell

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) conducted a clean-up of area for the Adopt a Mile sign at the 3 mile and 4 mile markers on U.S. Highway 202 located in Calhoun, County.

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) participated in the Adopt A Mile Program for Calhoun County. The chapter has an Adopt A Mile sign at the 3 mile and 4 mile markers on U.S. Highway 202 located in Calhoun, County. The mile marker is two miles on the same stretch of road that the Freedom Riders Marker stands. The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter were instrumental in purchasing and installing this historic marker relating to the civil rights movement.



CAPTION for Adopt a Mile Photo #1.jpg: Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter at one of the Adopt-A-Mile Program signs at U.S. Highway 202

# Theta Tau Chapter Participates in Adopt-A-Mile in Calhoun County

Written By: Anthony Burdell



CAPTION for Adopt a Mile Photo #2.jpg: Brothers Harrington, Harris, and Wooden policing the area



CAPTION for Adopt a Mile Photo #3.jpg: Brothers Harris, Patterson, and Wooden picking up trash

#### PSI KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER CELEBRATES IT'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On 14 August 2015, Brothers of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. kicked off a weeklong celebration for their ten year Chapter Anniversary. The Chapter was founded on August 19, 2005 on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL.

The weeklong celebration began on 14 August with a golf fellowship on Redstone Arsenal. Brothers also attended a retirement ceremony for Brother (COL) Tony Brown. The day concluded with PKK's first "Summer Soiree" at the Huntsville Country Club. During the event, there was a probate show for PKK's 2015 line.

The following day, PKK held it's annual Chapter picnic at the Pavilion on Redstone Arsenal. Brothers from all decades within the Chapter attended along with family and friends.

On Sunday, 16 August, Brothers attended Progressive Union Baptist Church in Huntsville, AL to give thanks to the Supreme Basileus our Lord and Savior. Afterwards, Brothers along with family and friends partook in a nice Sunday brunch. The celebration of PKK's ten year anniversary ended on the anniversary date 19 August 2015 with a luncheon and evening social event.

#### Partnering For A Purpose

February 19, 2016 - Smiles and laughter filled the hallways of the James Dawson Elementary School. Not because it was a Friday which marks the end of the school week and not because it was picture day and everyone was wearing their best smiles. It was a day of celebration because the Brothers of Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter's YOUTH Friendship Foundation made a donation of a new Vizio 50 inch television to the school. The television will be mounted in the main lobby of the school and will be used to show students, parents and visitors such things as current activities, the school news, snapshots of projects and current events relative to the students at Dawson Elementary. Psi Kappa Kappa has partnered with the school in order to provide mentoring, tutoring and positive male role model leadership to a school and a community that has long been underserved. Principal Deana Henson is excited about the donation and partnership. She sees it as a step that serves to help make all of "her kids" feel safe, secure and stable. She recognizes that all of her kids are smart but they need positive reinforcement of those ideals. In the past, Psi Kappa Kappa has conducted poetry reading contest for Black History Month and cafeteria monitoring and mentoring at Dawson Elementary. Brother Tony Hodge (Eta 81) said it best, "we need to get engaged and stay engaged in our community". This venture allows the Chapter and its Foundation to truly uplift those who are often left behind.

Written by Brother Kiti Fowlkes

#### Psi Kappa Kappa Christmas Toy Drive 2014

The Psi Kappa Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in the Christmas Toy Drive at the Women and Children's Hospital in Huntsville, AL. This was Psi Kappa Kappa's (PKK) second year participating in the toy drive. The purpose of the toy drive was to bring Christmas to the kids at Huntsville Hospital since they will not be spending the holidays at home with their families.

The gifts were for children of all ages. Huntsville Hospital provided the goodies to the children on Christmas day. During an interview with WHNT, Brother Julian Boykin, who is the chairman of the yearly toy drive stated, "This is who we are. We're about servicing the community and uplifting the youth." The chapter gets sponsorships from a number of area businesses that help fund the toy drive.

http://whnt.com/2014/12/20/fraternity-brings-gifts-for-kids-hospitalized-for-the-holidays/



### Award Winning Bela Ela



Standing from left to right are brothers: Benjamin Smith, Brandon W. Dunning, Jeromey Beaman, Terrance Lewis, III, Devan White, Terrence Howell, Roderick Goldthwaite, Derek Biddings, Jaylan Fields, and Johnathan Burpo

The Beta Eta chapter of Omega Psi Phi was born on Saturday April 20, 1974 to the campus of The University of Alabama. Chapter Advisors James A. Wilson & Victor P. Smith worked enthusiastically to help birth this chapter. A chapter that has a rich tradition of initiating outstanding young men that has contributed to society in the areas of military, politics, sports, religion, medicine, business, engineering, etc. A brief snap shot of the Beta Eta Alumni include the following: Retired Colonel, Winston P. Lewis: Retired Colonel, Harold Fagan, 1990 General Douglas Mac Arthur Leadership Winner, Christopher H. Spencer; City Councilman, Percy Gill; National Education Association Advocate, Curtis Travis; General Manager of the Baltimore Ravens, Ozzie Newsome: National Football League Players and Former Players, Wallace Gilbery;

Jeffrey Pagan; Freddie Robinson, Mark Anderson, and Johnny Davis; Pastor, Charles A. Jackson; Minister, Albert Ike, Jr.; Pastor Clary Webb; Minister; Minister, Allen Hollie; Dr. Joe Redcross, Dr. William Bennett, Dr. Darrell Powe; Engineers, Rodney Zeigler, Pizas Smith, Artis Brown, Davis Williams, Tyree Melton, Torient White, George Kelly, etc.;

The younger brothers continue to leave their footprints in the sand. The current members live up to the expectations and guidelines set by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. During the past year the local chapter received numerous awards and citations. Some of these awards are as follows:

#### Fraternity Awards and Achievements Received between January 2015 and December 2015

Bro. Jeromey Beaman, 7th District Ronal McNair Scholar (AL, GA, MS, FL)

Bro. Jeromey Beaman, 7<sup>th</sup> District Honor Society (AL, GA, MS, FL)

Bro. Johnathan Burpo, Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award

Bro. Terrance Lewis, Omega Psi Phi Founder's Award

Bro. Terrance Lewis, Highest GPA Award, 3.96

Bro. Christopher H. Spencer 2015 Advisor of the Year

State of Alabama Chapter of the Year 2015

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State of Alabama Social Action Chapter of the Year 2015

State of Alabama March Down 2015/2nd Place

Mississippi State Homecoming Greek Show 2015/1st Place

2015 Jubilee Greek Show Winners -1st Place, Selma, AL

#### Campus Awards and Recognition received between January 2015 and December 2015

2015 Homecoming Greek Show Winners – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

NPHC Advisor of the Year 2015-Bro. Christopher H. Spencer

Order of Omega Inductee - Bro. Jeromey Beaman

Order of Omega Inductee - Bro. Jaylan Fields

Greek Excellence Scholarship Award

Greek Excellence Risk Management Award

Greek Excellence Alumni Relations Award

NPHC President of the Year Award

Mortar Board Honor Society Inductee - Bro. Jeromey Beaman

Black Faculty Staff Academic Achievement Award – Bro. Terrance Lewis

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Black Faculty Staff Academic Achievement Award – Bro. Eric Finley

Carl Elliot Honor Society – Bro. Jeromey Beaman

South Eastern Conference and National Football Champions- Reuben Foster, Linebacker

South Eastern Conference and National Football Champions – Jaren Reed, Defensive Tackle

South Eastern Conference and National Football Champions - Bernel Jones, Defensive End

#### **Domestic violence**

The Sigma Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. partnered with the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Auburn University Black Student Union to "Paint Auburn Purple" on Oct. 2, 2015.

The forum was created to spread awareness of domestic violence on our campus and uplift its victims and survivors by showing them they are not forgotten. Domestic violence is present in every community and affects all people regardless of age, income, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion or nationality. The devastating consequences of domestic violence cross generations and last a lifetime.



#### **Community Service**

The Sigma Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. volunteered at the Community Market of East Alabama, located on Opelika Rd in Opelika, AL on Saturday, Feb. 20 2016 from 11 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Community Market provides friendly grocery-store environment for low-income Lee County families in need. Client choice allows over 900 households each month to select what they need, rather than receiving generic pre-filled boxes.

Our responsibilities during the afternoon included stocking shelves, regulating new shipments of goods and making sure the shop was clean.



#### **Achievement Week**

The Sigma Delta and Nu Iota Iota Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. hosted an Achievement Week event at 950 Shelton Mill Rd on Sunday, Jan. 17 2016.

Achievement Week is a nationally mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history inspired by brother Carter G. Woodson at the 1920 Nashville Grand Conclave.

The event was highlighted Dadeville high school student Precious Holloway being awarded a scholarship.



#### **Voter Registration**

The Sigma Delta and Nu Iota Iota Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. took part in a Martin Luther King Day parade and Voter Registration Drive on Monday, Jan. 18 2016.

Our chapters facilitated and participated in activities that uplifted our communities through the power of the vote. The parade celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. King – a man who brought hope and healing to African Americans in the United States during a time of great struggle. Capping off the march by setting out an Omega march of our own, the event was a great success.



#### Risk Management is the TOP PRIORITY at BETA ETA

An effective risk management program is essential to any chapter's success. The members of the Beta Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have established an effective program that educates its members on mitigating risks, while implementing policies that protect its members and the chapter's standing on the campus of The University of Alabama.

The officers and members of the Beta Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated understand the importance of having an ongoing risk management program. Our International Headquarters policies are reviewed throughout the academic year and the summer. Risk management training and education is conducted at all levels for our members.

In addition to sending chapter members to the National Conclave, Leadership Conference, National Undergraduate Summit, District and State Meetings, the chapter's Basileus, Vice-Basileus, Faculty Advisor, and Chapter Advisor host at least one workshop each semester on risk management topics such as hazing, alcohol, parties and the overall safety of the members and those which attend their events. Two workshops were held during 2015 on risk management issues. The major presenters were Bro. Albert Ike, Jr., Chapter Advisor; Bro. Christopher Spencer, Faculty Advisor; and Bro. Jeromey Beaman, Basileus. For the chapter commitment to safety and risk management procedures the members were recipients of the 2015 Risk Management Award at The University of Alabama Annual Greek Excellence Banquet held in the Ferguson Center Ball Room on the campus of The University of Alabama on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.



2015 Greek Excellence Risk Management Winner

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## Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gives to the elderly for Omega Thanksgiving

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter donating (25)twenty-five turkeys along with food accessories to the Central Alabama Aging Consortium. The CAAC is designated by the Alabama Department of Senior Services as the Area Agency on Aging for the tri-county region and it is recognized by the local government, state agencies and service providers as the lead aging organization of the Central Alabama area. The CAAC's goal is to foster independence and improve the quality of life for all senior citizens and their caregivers. The brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter decided to partner with such an agency with a noble goal and misson. The event was a great success and Brother Ron Holland should be commended for coordinating and identifying the need in which the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter could assist in improving the lives of the senior citizens in the Montgomery, Alabama community.



## Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Holds Annual Omega Christmas

Montgomery, AL- Giving back and being visible in the community as a beacon of hope and more importantly giving UPLIFT was the main theme for the Omega Christmas event for the Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The event, which served as the capstone for the year of scheduled activities celebrating the Sigma Phi Chapter's Omega Christmas, was held December 19, 2015 at the Omega Center in Montgomery, Alabama. Program highlights included: UPLIFTING families, and humbly reaching out into the community by feeding families and passing out toys to their children and others who have fallen on hard times. There were enough toys on hand that each child received three toys each. Also there were thirty children who received a bicycle as well. The brothers of Sigma Phi also were able to present the parents with an opportunity join a raffle for children's bed. Basileus Robert Thomas and the committee are to be commended for such a grand event. The meal was catered by Pierce's Country Cooking located in Montgomery, Alabama and the brothers of the Sigma Phi Chapter also were proud of the young men of MANHOOD, INC. and the young ladies of the Jack and Jill organization. The young men and ladies of the mentoring programs were on hand to help pass out toys and assist in feeding the families and were recognized for being on hand to assist in the event by the Immediate Past Basileus Andre Howard. As UPLIFT is one of the CARDINAL principles of OMEGA MEN Sigma Phi Chapter is proud to have established such an event to carry out what the honorable founders established but to also maintain being humble and never forgetting to reach out to the community as well.



## Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Gives Alabama State University Annual Scholarship

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter demonstrating fulfilling one of their mandated programs SCHOLASHIP! The event chairman Brother Bobby Pierson should be commended for planning such a first class event. The event was held at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama in the Acadome. The highlights of the evening consisted of the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter and the undergraduate brothers of Gamma Sigma Chapter attending a basketball game between Alabama State University and Alabama A&M University, with Basileus Brother Robert Thomas and Brother Pierson presenting Alabama State University President Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd with a check in the amount of one thousand dollars during halftime! Sigma Phi Chapter presented the annual SCHOLARSHIP endowment, which the total is now forty thousand dollars thus far, that Sigma Phi Chapter has given to the university. The evening was capped off with Basileus Brother Thomas and Brother Pierson fellowshipping with Alabama State University officials and rejoining the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter and Gamma Sigma Chapters to watch Alabama State University verses Alabama A&M University.



Basileus Robert Thomas (ΣΦ Chapter), Brother James Wright (ΓΣ Chapter), Alabama state University President Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd and Brother Bobby Pierson (ΣΦ Chapter Scholarship Chairman) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter.

#### Birmingham, Alabama

December 11, 2015, Alpha Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held it's annual Toy Dance to benefit the Sickle Cell Foundation of Central Alabama. The Formal event was held at Old Car Heaven in Birmingham. Each guest was asked to bring at least one unwrapped toy. Nearly 200 toys were collected. The toys were taken to the Sickle Cell Foundation of Central Alabama office the following day and the toys were distributed on December 21<sup>st</sup>.



Alpha Phi Brothers together after delivering toys to the Sickle Cell Foundation.

Front(left to right) Brothers Anthony Scott and Theophilus Smith.

Rear (left to right) Brothers George A. Smith, Mark A. Leonard, Mikiel Smith, Mikul Smith, George Washington,
Dr. Johnny Scott, and Basileus Anthony Q Wright

#### Birmingham, Alabama

On Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 8:30am, Wenonah High School, under the guidance of Principal Regina Carr-Hope, held its 13th annual Unity Breakfast. The Keynote Speaker for the event was Brother Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. The theme for the program was "The Time is Now!" Brother Jackson emphasized that the time is now for healing to take place in this country on a social and economic level.



#### Psi Kappa Kappa Brother Virgil Whitlow Holds US Air Medal

During a two-month flying mission over Baghdad, Virgil Whitlow earned the U.S. Navy Air Medal. Brother Whitlow retired as a commander after 22 years of active duty service. Whitlow enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1985 where he served as an enlisted sailor for four years. He was later commissioned as Ensign in 1994. After successfully completing basic training in San Diego, California, Brother Whitlow completed his first assignment at Charleston, South Carolina Naval Hospital. He stated, "I left Charleston and went to the USS Hermitage LSD-34 in Little Creek, Virginia and then completed a six-month Mediterranean deployment." In 1994, Whitlow graduated from Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. He then went on to complete flight school at Naval Air Station (NAS) in Milton, Florida and advance flight training at Reese Air Force Base (AFB) in Lubbock, Texas.

Virgil's first flying assignment was at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma with VQ-3 flying the E-6 (B-707). He flew missions over the western United States and Pacific that spanned from Hawaii to Guam to Japan. Next, he attended Navy Test Pilot School at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland. He primarily flew the T-2 and T-38 but logged flight time in 26 different aircraft. "I then went to VX-20 test squadron, flew the E-6 and conducted the Navy's acceptance testing on the C-40 (B-737)," stated Whitlow. Brother Whitlow was Arresting Gear and Catapult Officer on the USS George Washington CVN-73. He then went on two six-month deployments to the Persian Gulf to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Returning to Tinker AFB, Whitlow flew the E-6. His last assignment was U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He earned a bachelor's degree at Georgia State University and a master's degree from Trident University. He currently works as a senior engineer for Modern Technology Solutions Inc.



Two newly inducted members of Alabama A&M University's Normal Legacy Society--the prestigious philanthropic group embodying the school's most prolific donors--will serve as the Grand Marshals for the 2015 Homecoming Parade on campus on Saturday, September 26, at 9 a.m.

Belvie and Dorothy (Piner) Brice's affiliation with AAMU spans more than 40 years, and this year the couple will symbolize the 2015 Homecoming theme, "Maroon and White Above All Others."

He is also in his 15<sup>th</sup> year as executive director of the Gadsden/Etowah County Progress Council Head Start/Early Head Start program. His love for Alabama A&M began 42 Years ago, when he married a devout Normalite. A Silver Life member of the NAACP and a life member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., at the state, district and international levels,Dr. Brice is also a life member of the Morehouse College Alumni Association and a member of the Talladega College Alumni Association.

Dorothy Piner Brice received her B.S. degree from Alabama A&M University and her MAT degree from the University of Montevallo. Immediately after graduating from AAMU, Mrs. Brice was employed as a vocational home economics teacher with the Washington County Board of Education. After one year of teaching, she joined the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. She began her 35-year career with Extension as a 4-H agent in Perry County, where she met her husband, and retired as St. Clair County Extension Agent Coordinator at Pell City, Ala.