



# **State Representative Report**

## **State Of Alabama 7<sup>th</sup> District OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**

**Date: October 18-20, 2019**

**From: Bro. Christopher A. Brooks  
17<sup>th</sup> Alabama State Representative**

### **State Officers**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Representative</b>	<b>Bro. Cary Hale</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Representative</b>	<b>Bro. Charles D. Gibson</b>
<b>State Keeper of Records and Seal</b>	<b>Bro. Frank Benefield</b>
<b>State Keeper of Finance</b>	<b>Bro. Dexter Jackson</b>
<b>State Chaplain</b>	<b>Bro. Freddie Washington</b>
<b>State Counselor</b>	<b>Bro. Brandon Wooten</b>
<b>Director of Public Relations</b>	<b>Bro. Sidney Lankford</b>
<b>Immediate Past State Representative</b>	<b>Bro. Jerome Sanders</b>
<b>State Marshal</b>	<b>Bro. Clint Foster</b>

### **General Information Section**

- **Total Financial Brothers in the State of Alabama 1,024 (Undergraduates 193 Graduates 831). This is an increase from last year.**
- **Significantly improve chapters quarterly reporting and compliance**
- **Committee Chair Changes to Alabama State Council**
  - **State Marshal – Bro. Clint Foster**
  - **Time and Place - Bro. Wayne Leonard**
  - **Food Drive – Bro. LaNorris Jones**
- **Seventh District Council Changes**

**7<sup>th</sup> District Second Vice District Representative - Bro. Harry Davis**  
**7<sup>th</sup> District Keeper of Finance – Bro. Wilton Jackson**

**7<sup>th</sup> District Counselor – Arnold S. Gaines, Esq**

**7<sup>th</sup> District Marshal – Bro. Brian Barkley**

- **Attended 2019 Undergraduate Summit – Atlanta, GA**
- **Attended Omega Day at the State Legislature in which two State Representatives pledged \$10,000 each (Total \$20,000) to the State Organization – Montgomery, AL**
- **Attended District Winter Council Meeting – Biloxi, MS**
- **Attended 82<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting – Birmingham, AL**
- **Attended Inaugural Brother Dr. Moses C. Norman Leadership Conference – Atlantic City, New Jersey**
- **Attended Mississippi State Meeting – Gulf Port, MS**
- **Attended Florida State Meeting – St. Petersburg, FL**
- **Attended Georgia State Meeting - Columbus, GA**
- **Beta Eta Chapter University of Alabama represented the 7<sup>th</sup> District and the State of Alabama at the Leadership Conference and won International Undergraduate Chapter of the Year. Congratulations to Beta Eta!**
- **Hosted the first HBCU Youth Leadership Conference in conjunction with IHQ/Fatherhood Initiative and Mentoring Committee on the campus of Alabama State University.**
- **Significant Number of Conference Calls with Executive Council, State Council, Seventh District, Chapter Officers, Undergraduate Advisors, State Committees, Chapters and Chapter Brothers, and University Officials.**
- **Significant Number of Conference Calls with Executive Council, State Council, Seventh District, Chapter Officers, Undergraduate Advisors, State Committees, Chapters and Chapter Brothers, and University Officials.**

### **Upcoming Activities Section**

- **Growth and Stability of Our Chapters by encouraging and assisting with reclamation and new members.**
- **Increase State membership by 15 percent.**
- **Become more involved with undergraduates. Preparing them for their potential careers and ensuring they know how to handle Omega business**
- **Increase**
- **Health Awareness**
- **Improve Chapter Relationships on University Campuses**

- **Further ensure that committees are working as a committee rather than a one man operation. (This will continue to get the best out of the committees. Also help educate and offer assistance as needed)**
- **Make sure the State is in compliance with the National requirements and encourage creativity within the Chapters to meet these goals. (This would include 100% of the Chapters turning in the required reports within the required designated timeframe)**
- **Continue to use Conference Calls to Communicate Throughout the State with more Conference Calls with Undergraduate Advisors, and State Council**
- **Actively Pursue Charters for New Chapters in the State**
- **Assist Chapter Leadership with the needed data and information that will ensure their success and personal growth**



# Alabama 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Representative



## State Of Alabama 7<sup>th</sup> District OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Date: October 1, 2019

To: Bro. Christopher A. Brooks  
Alabama State Representative

From: Bro. Cary G. Hale  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Alabama State Representative

### **General Information:**

- The main responsibility for me was to perform the duties assigned by the State Representative and the State Council.
- My focus for this year was to continue to be available for counsel with the State Representative, participate in the conference calls and supervise the activities of all standing committees. Also, assist other State Officers as needed.
- Attended the Undergraduate Summit, Atlanta, GA
- Attended the 82<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- Involved with numerous Conference Calls with Executive Council, State Council, Chapter Officers, and State Committees.
- Preside over the Plenary Session II of the State Council Meeting.
- Assisted as needed in the planning of the 2019 Alabama Statewide Meeting.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Continue using my position to support the Alabama Statewide Organization and Committee Chairs with their committees to further service Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Cary G. Hale  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Alabama State Representative



# State Public Relations Director Report

State of Alabama

7<sup>th</sup> District

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, Inc.



Date: 09/27/2019

To: Bro. Christopher A. Brooks  
Alabama State Representative

From: Bro. Sidney R. Lankford, Jr.  
Dir. Of Public Relations

## **General Information:**

- First full term as the State Director of Public Relations
- Support the 7<sup>th</sup> District Director of Public Relations Bro. Sean Bland
- Producing quarterly publication for the 7<sup>th</sup> District- “The Pearl”
- Supporting 7th District Director of Public Relations with the implementation of the State and 7th District Team Apps

## **Upcoming Activities:**

- Final Pearl for the year in November
- Continue to collaborate with 7<sup>th</sup> District Public Relations Director and other State Public
- Relations Directors to continue better and efficient ways to disseminate information to Brothers and communities in the State and the 7<sup>th</sup> District
- Attend Alabama Organization State Meeting
- Continue to support leadership on the Alabama Statewide Organization, the 7<sup>th</sup> District, and International levels.

Fraternally,  
Bro, Sidney R. Lankford Jr.  
State of Alabama Director of Public Relations



# State Chaplain Report

**State Of Alabama  
7<sup>th</sup> District  
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**

**Date: October 18-20, 2019**

**To: Bro. Christopher Brooks  
Alabama State Representative**

**From: Alabama State Chaplain Report for 2019**

**General Information Section:**

We are awaiting final tallies of chapters within the state organization of brothers who have entered into Omega chapter since the 2018 state meeting. We have initiated a new reporting system, which was implemented on the district level by our new the district chaplain, which has delayed the timeliness and accuracy of our final reporting. Thank you for your patience..

Freddie Washington  
State Chaplain\_Alabama



**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**  
*State of Alabama*

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## 2019 Alabama State Counselor Report

**TO:** Brother Christopher Brooks. Alabama State Representative  
Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., State of Alabama

**FROM:** Brother Brandon J. Wooten, Esq. - State Counselor

**DATE:** September 25, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 2019 STATE COUNSELOR REPORT

Brothers,

Since the 2018 State Meeting, I have attended the 2019 District Meeting in Birmingham, and the 2019 Grand Counselor-District Counselors-Investigators Training Retreat in Atlantic City, NJ. At these meetings/retreats I gained valuable insight on the legal issues resonating in our state, the 7<sup>th</sup> District, and throughout our fraternity nationally. I have participated in multiple conference calls and investigations, with a focus on protecting our fraternity from legal liability, advising members on legal issues, and preparing/editing legal documents.

I am pleased to report that to the best of my knowledge there is no pending litigation against Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc in the State of Alabama. However, there have been multiple investigations involving Undergraduate Chapters and unsanctioned activity, however, to date, each chapter has been cleared of any alleged violation.

To my knowledge I have reviewed all contracts signed by the State Organization for the year 2019. Please submit all contracts that are or appear to be legally binding on the Alabama State Organization of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc to the State Counselor prior to entering into the agreement.

Brothers are encouraged to utilize insurance provided by the fraternity for your chapter sponsored social events. This is important to minimize your chapter's exposure to being fiscally responsible in the event legal action is consummated. Also, Brothers please be advised that chapter insurance premiums need to be paid promptly by the prescribed deadline.

Finally, I am available for consultation regarding all matters of legal importance. If questions arise regarding insurance, contract issues, fraternal legal exposure, constitutional interpretation or codes of conduct please contact me for assistance. I will continue to make my law firms resources available to support the Alabama Statewide Organization and to further service Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Submitted in Service and Duty,

Brandon J. Wooten, Esq.  
Alabama State Counselor



# Regional 1 Representative' Summary



## State of Alabama 7<sup>th</sup> District OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

September 23, 2019

To: Christopher Brooks  
Alabama State Representative

From: Alex L. Richards  
Region 1 Representative

### REGIONAL 1 REPRESENTATIVE'S SUMMARY

#### General Information:

- This report is intended to update the brotherhood of the progress and challenges in the State of Alabama Region I. Region I is comprised four graduate chapters and four undergraduate chapters. The chapters that are represented Region I are Alpha Pi (G), Alpha Delta Beta (U), Gamma Psi (U), Nu Epsilon (U), Psi Kappa Kappa (G), Theta Eta (U), Theta Tau (G), and Xi Omicron (G).
- All chapters that reported within the region are in compliance with national, district, and state requirements of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Each graduate chapter that reported has submitted their Quarterly Reports in a timely manner (forms 37, 50, and 53). All chapters participated in the 42<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting that was held in Montgomery, Alabama and 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting that was held in Birmingham, Alabama. All chapters sent delegates to support and vote of the fraternity's tasks.
- To my knowledge, all undergraduate chapters are currently in good standing with the Fraternity and their respective colleges and universities with the exception of Alpha Delta Beta at the University of North Alabama. The undergraduate chapters continue to have high grade point averages as the aspire for higher Scholarship, but still, a few are not as good as they need to be with submitting their reports on time.
- The Region I Representative in concert with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Representative have continued communication with The University of Alabama – Huntsville (UAH) with the eventual intent of chartering a chapter on their campus. This action, if approved by the University and District Representative would be very beneficial to the Alabama's strength in the 7<sup>th</sup> District. Currently, The University of Alabama – Huntsville (UAH) is not accepting any applications for new Greek letter organizations. This is mainly due poor participation among the current organizations.
- All chapters that reported conducted their Mandated Programs or paid associated fees.



- Each chapter provided at least one public service to their respective community. Thousands of man-hours donated toward Social Action Projects. Thousands of donations provided to worthy charities and organizations.
- All graduate chapters continued to provide scholarships to deserving college bound students. Over \$25,000 in Scholarships Awarded.
- As a Region, overall, we are not as good as we need to be in reporting, documenting successes and actions. I look forward to a better year of publicizing our efforts on the state, district and international levels.

#### **Community Service Highlights: (Selected Highlights that were submitted by chapters)**

- The Gamma Psi chapter hosted its annual 3 vs 3 basketball tournament to promote campus unity.
- Brothers of the Gamma Psi Chapter and Theta Tau Chapter again collected donations for the Sickle Cell Foundation in honor of Bro. Johnnie Harris.
- Gamma Psi chapter again volunteered by helping students around the campus move into their dorms during the move-in period.
- Theta Eta brothers spoke to the kids from the boys & girls club in Anniston and also took over 25 kids to the Jacksonville State Basketball game.
- Theta Eta and Psi Kappa brothers helped with voters registration in Anniston and Huntsville / Madison where they were able to help community residents register to vote.
- Also in January, Theta Eta Brothers also helped with the MLK day breakfast by serving over 100 people breakfast.
- Psi Kappa Kappa awarded 10 scholarships to local high school graduating seniors in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Also, in partnership with the Alabama Omega Foundation, PKK provided 5 additional high school graduating seniors with financial stipends totaling \$2500.
- Psi Kappa Kappa / YFF purchased official military uniforms for the ROTC top female & male cadet. These 2 Cadets were commissioned this Summer as 2nd Lieutenant, uniforms were valued at \$1000.00.
- Psi Kappa Kappa partnered with the Miles Blackburn Organization on their Annual Christmas in July. The collective effort allowed over 300 children to have new school supplies.
- PKK conducted its annual blood drive had several volunteers to be screen. They received 8 donors that were successful in donating. 24 lives can be saved by the number of units collected.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Though communication has improved over the past couple of years between the Regional Representatives and represented chapters, it has still been a strain to keep needed information flowing in both directions. Currently, it is not mandatory that the Region Representative be copied on any information flowing up from chapters or down to the chapters. The Region Representatives are not notified if a chapter requests permission for MSP or even if a chapter is under investigation. I am not sure how to totally rectify the situation, but I believe that tying the Regional position to the MSP position, even as an alternate, would be a good start.

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Chapter Achievement Week Activities.

Finally, I would like to thank our State Representative for allowing me to serve our beloved fraternity as the Region I Representative and look forward to another great year ahead.

Fraternally Submitted,

*Alex L. Richards*

Bro. Alex L. Richards  
Region I Representative

# **Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

## **Region II Representative Report**

**November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019**

**Committee Chair: Bro. Andre' B. Marvray, I**

### **Committee Members:**

1. Alpha Tau – Graduate Chapter - Tuscaloosa, AL
  - a. Beta Eta – University of Alabama
  - b. Rho Gamma – Stillman College
  - c. Alpha Delta Iota – University of West Alabama
2. Alpha Phi – Graduate Chapter - Birmingham, AL
  - a. Eta Epsilon – Miles College
  - b. Kappa Delta - University of Alabama at Birmingham
3. Beta Mu Nu – Graduate Chapter - Shelby County, AL.

#### **Committee's Mission:**

The mission of Region II is to provide outstanding service to the communities in which we support and provide a vehicle to unite the chapters within the region of Alabama.

#### **Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

The goals and objectives of Region II are to provide outstanding service to the communities in which we support and provide a vehicle to unite the chapters within the region of Alabama. We strive to reclaim brothers back into the fold by providing opportunities for reclamation through community service programs, social activities, and religious fellowship.

#### **Committee Accomplishments:**

Here are the top five events, projects and social endeavors performed by chapters that impacted the communities in Region II.

1. Alpha Tau – Graduate Chapter - Tuscaloosa, AL
  - Omega Closet Project: The chapter collected and gave away clothes to the needy/homeless, which impacted more than 250 people.

- Omega Preparatory Project: The chapter mentored 35 high school young men for higher educational endeavors.
- The Soup Kitchen Project: The chapter fed 312 people for the community lunch day.
- Dance Group Sponsorship: The chapter supported two local girls dance group in Tuscaloosa, which impacted approximately 30 young woman.
- Mentoring Program: The chapter mentored men and woman within the 5 counties that we serve, impacting over 300 people.

#### Beta Eta – University of Alabama

- The chapter won National Undergraduate Chapter of the Year for outstanding service at the Dr. Moses C. Norman Sr. Leadership Conference, Atlantic City, NJ
- The chapter won the Risk Management Award among Greek Council on the campus of University of Alabama.
- The chapter raised approximately \$10,000 for the Black Belt Community Foundation.
- The chapter adopted the Martin Luther King Elementary school under the adopt a school program.
- The chapter participated in the American Heart Association campaign to support “Save a Life initiative.”

#### Rho Gamma – Stillman College

- The brothers conducted a campus bible study course affecting more than 15 people to strengthen their Christian believe.
- The brothers conducted weekly mentoring programs and adopt the school program.
- The chapter held their annual blood drive servicing over 30 people.
- The chapter was voted best fraternity on the campus of Stillman College for 2018-2019.
- The chapter led the annual Campus Cleanup Project with more than 20 volunteers.

#### Alpha Delta Iota – University of West Alabama

#### 2. Alpha Phi – Graduate Chapter - Birmingham, AL

- Hosted 82<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting: The chapter hosted the 82<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting with more than 1500 brothers and 70 Quettes registered for the meeting. The meeting comprised of a health and career fair serving the general public. In the inaugural Health Fair, we had 25 Health Professionals to volunteer their time and services to provide health screens to the public.
- Community Service: Provided over \$25,000.00 and 1500 Man-Hours supporting the Birmingham Community.
- Voter Registration Drive: The chapter has registered more than sixty (60) new voters throughout the year.
- Financial Empowerment Conference: The chapter donated \$250 to help with refreshments, while brothers provided the physical manpower to set-up for the seventh annual Financial Empowerment Conference hosted by the Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and (their) Cultural and Educational Advancement Foundation (CEAF).

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament: The chapter held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and \$1000 of the proceeds went to the Omega Scholarship and Benevolence Fund to provide scholarships to graduating High School students.

#### Eta Epsilon – Miles College

- School Supply Project: The brothers of Eta Epsilon Chapter bought school supplies and distributed to students on the campus of Miles College.
- Tail Gate Project: The brothers provided manpower to assist with the staging area for the Mile College Homecoming Tail Gate event.
- Basketball Game: The Brothers of Eta Epsilon Chapter assisted Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in hosting their annual campus basketball game.
- Omega Pageant: The Brothers of Eta Epsilon Chapter held a Miles College pageant in Pearson Hall.
- Community Service: The brothers supported the Lamplighter from Dothan, AL and Pensacola, FL during their visitation tour. They provided mentorship, hospitality, and fellowship to the young men.

#### Kappa Delta - University of Alabama at Birmingham

- The brothers conducted a tie drive to support professional attire at the university community closet which has impacted a hundred plus students who have come and acquired items.
- The brothers held multiple canned food drives where the number of cans collected could feed 5-9 families ranging in size from 2-4 people families affecting approximately 20 people each time.
- The brothers held multiple football tailgates events in order to rally team spirit within the community. These events impacted and fed almost 300 people each time.
- The chapter held a business forum in which many entrepreneurs came and helped to inspire and encourage new and rising entrepreneurs with more than 30 people were in attendance.
- The chapter fed the homeless in the downtown Birmingham area on multiple evenings feeding more than 10 people each time.

#### 3. Beta Mu Nu – Graduate Chapter - Shelby County, AL.

- Walking for Suicide Awareness: The chapter participate in a walk that brings awareness to the overwhelming amount of suicide deaths in the United States. The walk's efforts are to raise funds and awareness that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.
- Walking for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: The chapter participated in the 15<sup>TH</sup> annual MLK Unity March in Montevallo, AL. This event was supported in conjunction with the Psi Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Psi Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Upon arrival, participants took part in a program honoring Dr. King's legacy at Montevallo High School. Brothers of the organization prepared and served hot meals to the community and showed a positive representation within the Shelby County

community. Beta Mu Nu Chapter also volunteered during the NAACP/Voters registration drive in Montevallo, AL after the NAACP MLK March Program in Montevallo, AL.

- Trenholm State Community College Visitation: The chapter served as chaperones/mentors for the Black Rhinos of Alabama Mentoring Program of the Lifting as We Climb Foundation during the campus tour of Trenholm State Community College. Over 100 young men of the GEAR UP Birmingham program from G.W. Carver, Huffman, Jackson-Olin, and Wenonah High school participated in the tour.
- Community Health Fair: The chapter held their annual Community Health Fair in Pelham, AL at the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Partnering with Alabama Regional Medical Service, WBHK 98.7 Kiss FM, and the LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, the chapter served and brought health awareness to over 50 community participants. Half of those participants were tested & educated on their blood pressure & blood glucose levels. They also received information packages on ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The remaining 25 participants made generous blood donation to LifeSouth Blood Mobile.
- GEARUP Kickoff 2019: The chapter in conjunction with the Black Rhinos of Alabama mentoring program of the Lifting as We Climb Foundation, 501c3, hosted their 2019 GEARUP kickoff event at Lawson State Community College. Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEARUP) is a grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are being prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. This year's event serviced over 225 mentees from G.W. Carver, Wenonah, Jackson-Olin, and Huffman High Schools.

### **Recommendations/Comments**

Region II has committed to increase the chapters involvement in statewide events and communications. However, the chapters must keep the lines of communication open and act in a timely manner on all National, District, and State initiatives. It is the recommendation that each chapter respond in a timely manner with said announcements, communications, and initiatives set by the State leadership.

It has been an honor and pleasure serving the Brothers of Region II in the great state of Alabama. We have come a long way and made great accomplishments but we have a long way to go to achieve excellence. I look forward to continue to serve as your Region II Representative.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bro. Andre' B. Marvray, I  
Region II Representative

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Founders: Frank Coleman, Oscar J. Cooper, Ernest E. Just, Edgar A. Love (Deceased)

### **Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

## **Region 3 Representative**

November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019

**Committee Chair:** Clisby Thomas Jr.

**Committee Members:** Brother Hudson R. Hinton and Basilei from each Chapter.

**Members at large:**

### **Committee's Mission:**

To manage and disseminate information between the International Headquarters, 7<sup>th</sup> District, State of Alabama Council, and Chapters within Region 3. To ensure the Fraternity Constitution and Bylaws, Seventh District Bylaws, State of Alabama Organization Bylaws and Chapter Bylaws are being followed.

### **Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

- To establish communication with each chapter.
- To have each chapter communicate on programs and initiatives within the region for better team cohesion.

### **Committee Accomplishments:**

- Advised/Monitored the Undergraduate Advisor at Gamma Sigma improving communication with Alabama State University. Met with undergraduate faculty representative at Auburn University
- Assured reporting to IHQ, District, and State reporting for each chapter (Form 37, 50, and 53).
- Conducted MSP at Gamma Sigma, Rho Delta Delta, Sigma Delta, Sigma Phi, Lambda Epsilon Lambda Mu Nu and Iota Omega chapters.
- Conducted Regional MSP Training in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and conducted post initiation sessions in the region.

### **Dates of Committee Calls:**

*Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and is the first international fraternal organization to be founded on the campus of a historically black college*

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Founders: Frank Coleman, Oscar J. Cooper, Ernest E. Just, Edgar A. Love (Deceased)

**If applicable, are all chapters represented on your committee?**

- **Iota Omega:** Bro. Rodney Stone
- **Gamma Sigma:** Bro. Kevin Spraggins
- **Lamda Epsilon:** Bro. Ramses McKistry
- **Lamda Mu Nu:** Bro. Jonathon Murry
- **Nu Iota Iota:** Michael Ransaw
- **Omega Iota Iota:** Bro. Avery Brown
- **Rho Delta Delta:** Bro. Omari Vaughns
- **Sigma Delta:** Alexander Hicks
- **Sigma Phi:** Bro. Marcus Simmons
- **Upsilon Mu Nu:** Bro. Jamaal Smith

**\*\*All chapters within Region III are represented\*\***

### **Recommendations/Comments**

Improved communication between the local chapters and leadership at all levels is needed. With the moratorium in place, chapters were not sure what they could and could not do especially concerning fund raising activities and alumni functions. A heads up prior to implementation would help to clear ambiguities and confusion.





**State of Alabama**  
**OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**  
**Alabama Region IV**

Date: September 15, 2019

**To:** Christopher Brooks  
Alabama State Representative

**From:** Bruce Reese  
Region IV Representative (Serving since November, 2010)

**General Information:**

- Region IV consists of Chapters: Rho Alpha, Omega Chi, Kappa Beta Beta, and Zeta Kappa. There is still some question regarding the regional placement of Rho Delta Delta and Upsilon Mu Nu (for State reporting purposes). Those two chapters will not be a part of this report.
- There are 138 active members in Region IV (Rho Alpha-87, Omega Chi-22, Kappa Beta Beta-23, Zeta Kappa-6).
- All Region IV Chapters are in compliance with reporting, with all being current at this reporting.
- All Region IV Chapters are compliant regarding meeting attendance\*, sending delegates to the Alabama Statewide Organization Meeting, the Seventh District Meeting.

\*Due to the complexity of travel and cost of attending the Inaugural Brother Dr. Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference, 3 regional chapters did not attend, and will seek a hardship clearance from attending the meeting.

- There were Membership Selection Processes at three Region IV Chapters: Rho Alpha-11, Kappa Beta Beta (1), and Zeta Kappa (3).
- As a Region, we have 14 reclaimed Brothers (Kappa Beta Beta-3, Rho Alpha-11, Omega Chi-0).
- All Region IV Chapters are compliant with the Mandated Programs issued by our International Office, along with the emphasis on mental health issues (*Brother*,

*You're On My Mind*), the Reclamation drive, Community and Civic Affairs, and Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives.

- There are 2 chapters addressing the Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative by way of Omega Lamplighters (Kappa Beta Beta-15 kids, and Rho Alpha-28 kids). Both have successful programs, serving middle & high school boys in The Wiregrass (Southeastern Alabama/Northwestern Florida) and Greater Mobile areas.
- Three Region IV Chapters have partnered with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on their Adopt-A-Mile program (Rho Alpha, Omega Chi, Kappa Beta Beta).

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- **Rho Alpha and Zeta Kappa Chapters** invite the Brotherhood to Mobile once again for Joe Cain Sunday on February 23, 2020 at the Rho Alpha Chapter House (known to ALL Mobilians as The Frat House). So, as we say in Mobile...**Meet Me At The Frat House!!!!**
- **Omega Chi Chapter** will host the Brotherhood, along with the city of Selma on February 28 -March 1, 2020 to commemorate the Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee 2020 at the Omega Chi Chapter House. A schedule of events is pending.
- **Kappa Beta Beta** will host its Annual Achievement Banquet on Thursday, November 7, 2019. The guest speaker will be famed Civil Rights Attorney and our Grand Counselor, Brother Benjamin Crump, Esq.

### **Announcements:**

- Brother James Averhart (Rho Alpha 2015) has declared his candidacy for United States Congressman from Alabama's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. That seat is currently being held by U.S. Representative Bradley Byrne.



**State of Alabama**  
**Civic and Community Action Report 2019**  
**Bro. Andre' F. Howard**

October 10, 2019

**TO:** Christopher Brooks  
State Representative,  
State of Alabama

**FROM:** Brother Andre Howard, State of Alabama Community and Civic Affairs Chair  
143 Wilkinson Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

**RE:** Omega Day at Capitol, State of Alabama Achievement Week Awards 2019, Social Action Awards 2019

Greetings Brother Brooks,

We hope that all is well with you and your family. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact.

-The Omega Day at the Capitol was a huge success. Bro Sinkfield (Chairman) did a wonderful job leading this committee. This year Senator Bro Bobby Singleton was honored in the state for his work in the State of Alabama Legislature. The Day was April 18, 2019. The State of Alabama also received a \$20k check.

- Achievement Week is Chaired by Bro. Robert Thomas. There very few State Chapters that submitted reports. Only 3 undergraduate chapters and 6 Graduate Chapters participated. Bro Thomas will be announcing winners at the State Meeting in Auburn.
- Social Action Committee- Bro Antonio Wooden (Chairman) has reported that only 5 chapters have participated. Winners will be announced at the State Meeting in Auburn.

**Suggestion for chapters improvement in ACHIEVEMNT WEEK AND SOCIAL ACTION will be to connect it to MPS. No MPS unless chapter participate in those activities.**

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Andre Howard, Civic and Community Affairs Chair

# **Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

## **< Achievement Week Committee Report >**

**November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019**

**Committee Chair: Bro. Robert L. Thomas**

**Committee Members: Bro. James Lovejoy, Bro. Henry Davis, Bro. Justine Turner**

**Members at large: Bro. Fred King**

### **Committee's Mission:**

To oversee the successful selection of individuals and Chapters for all Achievement Week Individual and Chapter Awards within the State of Alabama as well as selection of a State of Alabama Winner for each award category - To set up an International Achievement Week Program in which all Chapters in the State of Alabama should participate during a specifically designated period in compliance of the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

### **Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

- To successfully implement the newly revised Form 77.
- Ensure that all Chapters within the State of Alabama are in full understanding of the new changes in Form 77 and to assist them to make sure that they are in full compliance with the new guidelines.
- Get as many Chapters in the State of Alabama as possible to submit candidates for awards.

### **Committee Accomplishments:**

- Assisted the 7<sup>th</sup> District Chair for Achievement Week, Bro. Terrance Platt, by successfully grading packages from the States of Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi. All selected packages were submitted for the International Leadership Conference July 2019.
- Established communication with 7<sup>th</sup> District Committee Chairman, Brother Terrance Platt, (404)964-1625.
- Successfully spoke with Brother Terrance Platt on February 2019 (Discussed and followed up on the deadlines for packages) for Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.
- Successfully worked with Brother Terrance Platt on all award packages for the 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting in Birmingham, Alabama.
- Appointed by Brother Terrance Platt to facilitate the Founders Banquet with Brother President Dr. Quinton Ross as the guest speaker.
- At the 2019 International Leadership Conference Alabama received the award of 2019 Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, (Beta Eta Chapter, University of Alabama).

**Dates of Committee Calls:**

**If applicable, are all chapters represented on your committee?**

N/A

**Recommendations/Comments**

None



**Corporate Sponsorship Committee**



**7<sup>th</sup> District**  
**OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**

Date: September 25, 2019

From:  
Brother Jeremy Spratling, Corporate Sponsorship Committee Chair

**General Information:**

- Conducted conference call meeting with committee member, Brother Jeremy Spratling of BMN Chapter regarding identifying other Brothers that can help the committee fundraising efforts.

**Upcoming Activities:**

- Planning to distribute Corporate Sponsorship Letters to Chairitable Foundations and Corporations across the State.
- Participate in annual Corporate Sponsorship Best Practices and Goals Review conference call with District Corporate Sponsorship Chairman and other State Corporate Sponsorship Chairmen from GA, FL and MS.

**Announcements:**

- Looking to expand membership of Corporate Sponsorship Committee by 2-3 new members (November 2019). Currently seeking recommendations for new committee members from Brother 1st Vice State Representative, Christopher Brooks.

**Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

**AL History & Archives/African History**

# **November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019 as of September 23, 2019**

**Committee Chair: Bro. Rufus L. McGhee, III**

**Committee Members: None**

**Members at large:**

## **Committee's Mission:**

The mission of the History & Archives is to research and make known the identity, life practices, accomplishments and worldly contributions of Omega Men and Chapters in the State of Alabama and give due and just recognition accordingly.

## **Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:**

- Secure a budgetary line item to support State History & Archives Committee efforts. Specifically, the development/creation/production of an attendee 'take-away' artifact to be available at all future Alabama State Meeting;
- Design and implement the Alabama State Outstanding African American Program in support of the 7<sup>th</sup> District initiative;
- Include a budgetary item for the development and implementation of a 50+ Years of Service Recognition program in support of the 7<sup>th</sup> District initiative. This will require coordination with the State Marshal and the Host Chapter(s) to determine recognition specifics.

## **Committee Accomplishments:**

- Participated in and was represented at the 2019 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting by Rho Alpha Chapter (G) who again continued to represent the State in a superior manner in the 7<sup>th</sup> District H&A Display presentation.
- Supported 7th District in recognizing Alabama 50+ Years of Service Brothers.
- Overall, this fiscal year was not a productive year. This was due primarily to not gaining "buy-in" and/or commitment from Chapters to understanding the need to know and promote Chapter histories, achievements, recognitions and to the recognition of achievements and accomplishments of outstanding civic/community leaders and thereby providing encouragement and uplift to others.

## **Dates of Committee Calls:**

None

**If applicable, are all chapters represented on your committee?**

N/A

**Recommendations/Comments**

Follow-up with the Alabama State Executive Council to address plans, strategies, and opportunities for the next step(s).

**“A people (*Fraternity*) without knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots.” Marcus Garvey**



*State of Alabama*  
*7<sup>th</sup> District*  
*Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.*

**Date: October 19, 2019**

**To:** Brother Chris Brooks, State Representative

**From:** Brother Roland M. Lewis, State Director of Undergraduate Advisors/Activities



## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Undergraduate Chapter Cumulative GPA FALL/SPR

- 72% of the active Undergraduate Chapters (10 out of 14) submitted GPA Form
- Average GPA of all submitted Undergraduate Chapters in the State 2.25 GPA
- 16 Brothers graduated leaving 110 undergraduate brothers starting the 2019 Fall Semester

Chapter	Chapter Cumulative	GPA SPR 19'	GPA FALL 19'
Nu Epsilon			
Theta Eta	2.98	3.13	
Gamma Psi	2.89	2.82	
Alpha Delta Iota	2.63	2.21	
Alpha Delta Beta	2.72	3.09	
Kappa Delta	2.95	2.74	
<i>Eta Epsilon</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>		
Beta Eta	2.99	2.63	
Rho Gamma	2.77	2.63	
Gamma Sigma	2.83	2.53	
Sigma Delta			
Lambda Epsilon	3.18	2.92	
Zeta Kappa	2.87	2.71	
Rho Delta Delta	2.70	2.30	

Below is breakdown of the brother's cumulative GPA

< 2.0	3
2.0 - 2.49	8
2.5 - 2.99	48
3.0 - 3.49	39
3.5 >	5
No Grades	7

Out of the 110 undergraduate brothers in Alabama there are 83 academic majors being studied.

cc: Bro. Cary Hale, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Representative  
Bro. Frank Benefield, State Keeper of Records and Seal

**Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

**NAACP/Voter Registration, Education & Mobilization (VREM)**

# **November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019**

**Committee Chair: Douglas Bonner**

**Committee Members: Abdullah Salaam, Ransey O'Daniel, Anthony Dotson, and Keiff A Smith.**

**Members at large:**

**Committee's Mission:**

**Mission is to help galvanize, educate, and mobilize members of our communities to go to polls and vote during all elections (local, state, and national at midterm and four year term).**

**Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

1. Continue effort in 2019 as NAACP and others mobilize for Congressional midterm, state, and local elections.
2. Work closely with Omega State and District efforts for liaison with NAACP throughout 2019.
3. Grow a stronger cooperative effort for Voter Registration, Education, and Get Out the vote with the Pan Hellenic Council and other organizations.

**Committee Accomplishments:**

1. Established contact with new Alabama State NAACP Committee Chair for Political Action Ms. Terra Foster to partner with statewide effort to emphasize Voter Registration and Mobilization.
  - o Attended State NAACP Strategy Forum for Political Action and VREM on October 12, 2019 in Huntsville, Alabama.
  - o Participated in Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. sponsored teleconference on May 14, 2019 addressing Restoration of Voting Privileges for former felons in Alabama. Mr. John Paul Taylor, the Southern Poverty Law Center presented insightful information to help volunteers understand details to assist former felons restore voting privileges. Mr. Richard Williams gave a testimonial of his own case where his privileges were formally restored. Approximately 286,000 citizens are disenfranchised in Alabama from voting as a result of felony records; 243,000 are African American. Additional information and forms are available at [alabamavotes.com](http://alabamavotes.com) or [alabamavotingrights.com](http://alabamavotingrights.com). Email [john.paul.taylor@splcenter.org](mailto:john.paul.taylor@splcenter.org), call (334) 235-6789.
2. Planning initial 2020 VREM forum for Chapter representatives during State meeting October 18-20 to further develop NAACP contacts roster.
3. Requested chapters provide VREM representative contact information by November 30, 2019.

-Future calls for 2019-2020 will be scheduled.

**If applicable, are all chapters represented on your committee?**

Not as of this report; however, communication and requests for representatives was provided to all chapter. Continued follow-up is ongoing.

**Recommendations/Comments**

**Recommend States and Chapters contact State NAACP organizations and local NAACP Branches immediately to help VREM efforts for 2019-2020.**

**Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

**Fatherhood Initiative/Stop the Violence Committee**

# **November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019**

## **Committee Chair: Brother Albert Ike, Jr.**

**Committee Members: Bro. Benjamin Johnson, Psi Kappa Kappa, Bro. Rodney Moon, Beta Mu Nu**

**Members at large:**

### **Committee's Mission:**

Provide continued support in partnership with the Obama's Fatherhood Initiative & Mentorship Program. Promote fatherhood and the importance of fathers playing an active, responsible role in the lives of their children. Male youth mentorship in the areas of leadership, academic achievement, self-awareness and community service. To develop uniform strategic plans, risk avoidance protocols, enforcement mechanisms, education curriculums and an enhanced zero tolerance policy for all levels of the Fraternity that address threats of violence that might be perceived as associated with any Fraternity activity.

### **Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

- Collectively work together as a team with the National, District, and local chapter Chairmen to expand the Fatherhood & Mentorship Initiative program to local chapters throughout Alabama.
- Build an undergraduate working relationship to push Future Fathers Program on college campuses.
- Identify, address, reduce and eliminate all forms of violent interactions associated with any aspect of the fraternity's culture, through education on and enforcement of the Fraternity's policies.
- To form collaborations with governmental, non-governmental, civic, social and other organizations dedicated to the reduction and elimination of violence within the African American community.

### **Committee Accomplishments:**

- Submitted Fatherhood Initiatives and Mentorship articles to 7<sup>th</sup> District Fatherhood Initiatives & Mentoring Chairman for Fraternity publications
- Requested contact information from every chapter for Fatherhood Initiatives & Mentoring
- Participation in Inaugural HBCU Youth Leadership Conference at Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL.
- Implementation of Alabama State Fatherhood & Youth Mentorship Service Awards to be presented at Alabama State Meeting

### **Dates of Committee Calls:**

Conference Call 01/22/2019: Brother Jonathan Gaines – 7<sup>th</sup> District Chairman FIMC  
2019 82<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting – Atlanta, GA

Conference Call 01/29/2019 Brother S. Earl Wilson – International Chairman  
May 4, 2019 Male Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) – Montgomery, AL

**If applicable, are all chapters represented on your committee?**

**Recommendations/Comments**

- Recommend committee budget allocation of **\$500.00** to fund cost of State of Alabama Fatherhood Initiative Service Awards
- Increase article/publications highlighting fatherhood initiatives/mentoring programs.

**Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

**Health Initiatives**

**September, 2019**

**Committee Chair: Kenneth C. Brown, M.D.**

**Committee Members:** Rafael Norton, William Burks, III  
(undergraduate)

**Members at large:**

**Committee's Mission:**

To promote, protect and enhance the health and well-being of the members of the fraternity as well as the members of the communities where we reside.

**Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

Recruit brothers to join the committee, preferably one from each region as well as one undergraduate, thereby increasing the committee's outreach.

Improve chapter reporting to the committee.

**Committee Accomplishments:**

The brothers of Alabama have been extremely active in participating in health care initiatives throughout the state. We have conducted community health fairs, organized fundraising drives and participated in national foundation walks.

Chapters throughout the state have partnered with numerous agencies and foundations including the American Cancer Society, the Alabama Kidney Foundation, the American Diabetes Association, the Alzheimer's Resource Center, the Sickle Cell Foundation and many other organizations.

Multiple chapters facilitated and coordinated Charles Drew Blood Drives, and several brothers donated blood.

Made sure brothers were aware that September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month as well as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged brothers to participate in community activities to promote prostate screening and provide resources to families suffering from childhood cancer.

The committee will continue to promote awareness of October being Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

The chair was able to establish a point of contact with each graduate chapter and most undergraduate chapters.

**If applicable, are all chapters represented on your committee?**

Not yet.

**Recommendations/Comments**

Alabama chapters should remain committed to participating in this internationally mandated program and promote good health practices for themselves as well the members of the communities we serve.

Alabama chapters should make an effort to improve reporting of their healthcare initiatives. I would like to commend BMN for reporting their Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk from November, 2018, their Community Health Fair from April, 2019, and their Walking for the Beat American Heart Association Walk from June, 2019.

Alabama members should dedicate themselves to supporting the Health Initiatives activities at the upcoming state meeting in Auburn as well as the upcoming district meeting in Mississippi.



**Alabama Talent Hunt Chairman  
Bro. Raynard Lawler**

**STATE TALENT HUNT PROGRAM REPORT**

The Talent Hunt Program for the Alabama State Meeting will be held on Saturday night, October 19, 2019, at the AU Foy Student Center – 255 Heisman Dr. – Auburn, Alabama 36849. Local state winners will display their talents to compete for the opportunity to represent Alabama during the 83<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting. Judges will pick a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner. Winners and all participants will receive a financial scholarship.

**Local Talent Hunt Chairmen**

TBD

**Adjudicators**

TBD

**Program**

The program will start at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Raynard Lawler presiding and Bro. Brandon Morgan assisting.

**Follow-Up**

Bro. Lawler will explain the process that the winners of the competition would be expected to follow. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will represent the state of Alabama at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Seventh District Meeting to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, from March 26th thru March 29th, 2019. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will stand as an alternate in case the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner cannot participate. Specific dates and times will be re-communicated to the winners and their parents.

**Respectfully Submitted,**





## **Scholarship** November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019

**Committee Chair: Bro. Frederick Windham**

**Committee Members: Bro. Johnette Mayes, Xi Omicron**

**Members at large:**

**Committee's Mission:**

**Committee Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:**

**Committee Accomplishments: - |**

## **Omega Psi Phi, 7th District, State of Alabama Committee Report**

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**To develop, maintain and encourage high academic standards in each chapter and provide guidance to those chapters in setting goals and objectives that directly support academic achievement throughout the state of Alabama.**

**\*\*\*AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE STATE LUNCHEON\*\*\***



# Webmaster Report

## State of Alabama 7<sup>th</sup> District OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Date: 10-11-19

To: Christopher A. Brooks  
Alabama State Representative

From: J. Gaston Large III  
Webmaster

### **General Information:**

- Approx. 52 council members with accounts created on the website
- Website costs (\$216 per year) at \$24 per month
- Provided support for other chapters on how to get started with a website
- Website generates about 2,450 hits/visits per month
- Visitors to the site spend around 2-4 minutes browsing
- **Provide tech support to other council member as necessary**

### **Upcoming Activities:**

### **Announcements:**

- Making changes to site for next year to be in compliant with 7<sup>th</sup> District
- Added member to Website committee – Bro. Buford Thompson