



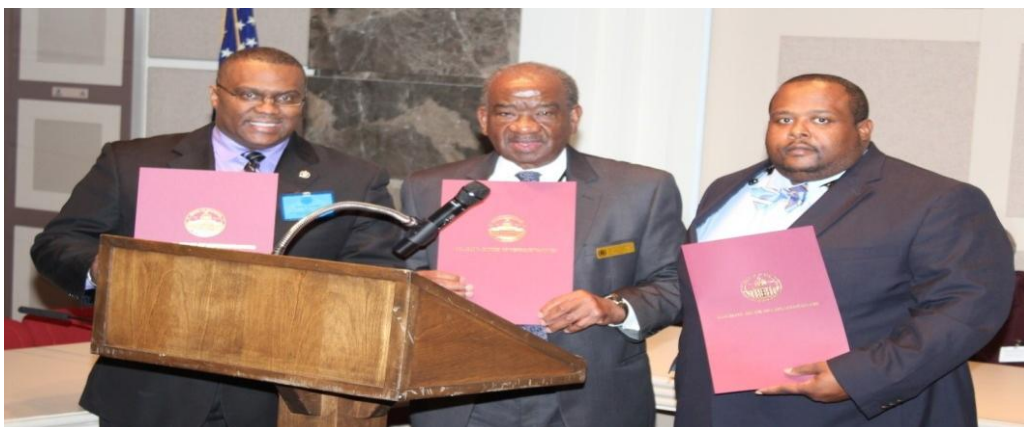
## Alabama State Newsletter Que Vue July 2014 Edition



### Omega Day at the Capitol



Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc in the entire State of Alabama meeting in Montgomery, Alabama the State Capitol to address the Voters ID/Voters Registration, 2014 Elections, affordable Care Act and Expanding medical also the attack on Public Education. The event chairman Brother Darryl Sinkfield should be commended for planning such an event. The event was held at the Alabama Senate House in Montgomery, Alabama in the Star Wars Room. The highlights of the evening consisted of Senators and House of Representatives welcoming and updating the brothers about the current issues in today's government especially in Alabama and how those issues will affect our communities. Brother Senators Quentin Ross and Bobby Singleton spoke to the brothers as well as Sigma Phi Chapters own House Representative Brother Thad McClammy and Brother Judge Steve Reed. The evening was capped off with Brother Sinkfield thanking the brothers for attending. Approximately 50 brothers attended the affair.



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 voter-registration 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

Birmingham, Alabama – On January 20, 2014 (MLK Day), known as a National Day of Service, the brothers of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. provided some needed support to our brothers in Christ at the Firehouse Shelter. The men of Omega gave 112 men winter coats; a donation check of \$260.00; Served over 300 lunches, and helped package toiletry bags.







Brother Joseph Pough, a junior Biology Pre-med from Mobile, AL will serve Stillman College as the 2014-2015 Student Government Association President. Brother Pough has served the campus over the past two years as the Junior and Senior Representative to the Board of Trustees. Brother Pough is very active on campus serving as a resident assistant and current Basileus of the Rho Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternitv. Inc .



On March 11,2014 The University of Alabama NPHC recognized Bro. Christopher Spencer on the left as the Advisor of the Year. Bro. Albert Ike, Jr. on the right was recognized by Alpha Tau Chapter, of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. as the Outstanding Advisor of the year.



Left to right: Anthony Wright, Former Justic Ralph Cook, Fred Gray, Sr., Tramell Perry, and Dr. Brian Sims

Birmingham, Alabama – On April 10, 2014 the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc., honored Brother Fred Gary, Sr., as their “Brewer~Torbert Public Service Award” Honoree for 2014.

The Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest legal advocacy organization whose mission is to work for systemic policy reforms that achieves justice and fairness for low-income and unrepresented and other vulnerable populations that usually have little, or no, voice in developing or changing policies that impact their lives.

Fred Gray, Sr. is a very special Alabamian whose legal career spans almost six decades from his representation of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Montgomery Bus Boycott to his representation of the victims of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study.

Attending the award ceremony at the Harbert Center in Birmingham Alabama representing Alpha Phi Chapter were Brothers Anthony Wright, Tramell Perry, and Dr. Brian Sims.



Bro. Michael a. Lavender, Alpha Tau chapter, Tuscaloosa, AL . I would like to congratulate my son, Michael A. Lavender !! for completing all of the boy Scout requirements and on becoming an Eagle Scout on March 2, 2014.

His Eagle Scout project was to turn an old library into a community computer lab. Through donations from businesses and individuals throughout the City of Tuscaloosa the project was successful.

Manhood, Scholarship, Uplift, & Perseverance were all exhibited during my son's quest for Eagle Scout..



Huntsville Omega Man Honored for Outstanding Achievement by Allstate

Huntsville, AL - On June 6, 2014, Brother Tony Hodge (Eta 81) of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated was among 4 individual entrepreneurs recognized and awarded the Prestigious Service Designation Award for 2013. The Allstate Premier Agency designation is bestowed on less than 48 percent of Allstate's nearly 10,000 agency owners across the country. The award was given for outstanding business performance and a commitment to putting customers at the center of their focus. According to Field Senior Vice President Bob Holden, "the award demonstrates the agents' commitment to being accessible to customers and leveraging their own expertise to help ensure customers have the solutions they need to protect themselves and their family." This is the second time Brother Hodge has won this award and while he demonstrates the highest ideals of Omega in his business endeavors, he is also very active in supporting a major Chapter Health Initiative program at Johnson Towers, a senior citizen housing facility in the city of Huntsville and mentors a young man that has been under his mentorship since 2005.



ANNISTON, ALABAMA - Five new brothers of Theta Tau Chapter in Anniston, Alabama were initiated on March 20, 2014.



From the left: Lamus Mccombs,II, Brandan Belser, Jerome Moore, Dexter Sistrunk, and John Sanders, Jr.

TALLADEGA, ALABAMA - Four new brothers of Gamma Psi Chapter at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama were initiated on March 28, 2014.



From the left: Joshua Waldrup, Deshawn Deagis, Brandon Evans, and General Ricks



Tuscaloosa, AL - On behalf of the Rho Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated we would like to introduce and welcome the Spring 2014 initiates. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, eight new brothers were initiated in to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated through the Rho Gamma Chapter at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL. The newly inducted members are active on campus and carry a combined grade point average that is above a 3.0. In addition to excelling in the area of scholarship, four of the inductees are members of the Stillman College Football team. (Inductees, L-R: Eric Childs Jr., Jalen Hooks, Reginald Howell, Joseph Vereen, Stephen Hodges, Amir Mills, Christian Battiste, and Brenton Brock.



Twenty-One men from the Omega Chi Chapter in the Historic Selma, Alabama, came together on Founder's Day and attended the Men's Day Celebration program at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Brother James May, the oldest living member of the first line made by Omega Chi Chapter in 1964, during a time of extreme unrest in Selma Alabama, spoke powerful words of encouragement to the community under the theme, "The Workman of God". Bro May also presented the Pastor Rev Billy Marshall, one check for the Pastor and one check for Calvary Baptist, the host church, on behalf of the Omega Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. Following the church service the brothers proceeded to the fraternity house where we had a program in honor of Founders Day as well as great fellowship and fun that followed the official ceremony. We ended the day embracing and remember that "Friendship is Essential to the Soul".

Brother T.V. Wilson  
Omega Chi Assist Editor to the Oracle





Birmingham, Alabama – Alpha Phi Chapter along with Eta Epsilon Chapter at Miles College and Kappa Delta Chapter at the University of Alabama Birmingham, hosted the Eighty eight annual Achievement Week Program at the Pine Tree Country Club, Irondale, Alabama on November 9, 2013. The message of the evening was delivered by Miss Sheryl P. Underwood – Immediate Past Grand Basileaus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. More than 150 people were in attendance for the luncheon.

The Brothers of Alpha Phi donated \$1,000.00 to Ms. Underwood new HBCU College Endowment Initiative being the first Black Greek organization to partner with her cause.

Honorees of the day were: Business Leader of the Year, Dr. Lawrence J Pijaux, Jr. – President and CEO of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute; Meritorious Service Award, Brother Nathaniel Bagley; Superior Service Awards, Brothers Eric Cleveland and Anthony Q. Wright; Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award, Brother Colonel Tracey Dawkins; and last but not least, Brother Benjamin Garrett took home the prestigious Omega Man of the Year.

The program was chaired by Brothers Andre` Marvray and Jeff Woods



Before Christmas, the people of Selma, Alabama witnessed true service by the brothers of Omega Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Throughout two days, there were as many as 28 brothers in the rotation and 11 Brothers at one time gathered around the Salvation Army bell, shaking hands, smiling, greeting and bringing Christmas Joy to the community while drawing in large numbers of people to pack the bucket full of money for the Salvation Army. Omega Chi has truly been showing love throughout the community and setting a positive example for the youth in our community to understand how Omega Men should conduct themselves.

Bro. T.V. Wilson  
Omega Chi Assist Editor to the Oracle





## Celebrating Fatherhood

Tuscaloosa, AL - On Saturday, June 7, Alpha Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partnered with the Tuscaloosa One Place Foundation of Tuscaloosa at Ann Shelby Park to support their annual Fatherhood Initiative Rally. The crowd of participants grew to as many as 500 people at the celebration of fatherhood and mentoring. For the children, the organization setup trains, air castles, beanie games, crafts, and the park is host to Tuscaloosa's splashing water foundation. The brothers served the event in various capacities including coordination, fundraising, setup, tear down, and serving food. Among the brothers volunteering was Brother Wesley Hodges, University of Alabama Law Student and candidate for the Alabama State Legislature. The Alpha Tau chapter also partnered with Tuscaloosa's Bridge Builder Friendship Foundation to donate \$1000 towards the cost of the event. Other volunteers and sponsors teamed to make the fatherhood day event a success.

~Brother Nigel Cleveland



Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Partners with Feed the Children program

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of different organizations within the Montgomery, Alabama community coming together raising awareness with helping others in need. The Feed the Children domestic programs are focused on distributing essential items to needy families. Corporate partners donate surplus food and other supplies. Feed The Children's wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, FTC Transportation, Inc., picks up in-kind contributions from corporate warehouses and brings them to one of five Feed The Children regional distribution centers. The supplies and boxes are then delivered to pre-approved, independent partner agencies that, in turn, distribute the supplies through over 50,000 feeding centers, homeless shelters, churches and various other organizations located in communities across the U.S. The Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated embraced the Feed the Children program and helped distributed boxes to over 4,000 families. Basilues Andre Howard, Brother Senator Quinton Ross, Brother Senator Bobby Singleton along with the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Sigma Phi Chapter led the charge to help the families within the Montgomery, Alabama community.



## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Sickle Cell Walk

**Huntsville, AL--**Walk for the Cure! The Men of Xi Omicron stretched their muscles and broke a sweat to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Sickle Cell Walk sponsored by the North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Big Spring Park, downtown Huntsville, AL. The walk/run bring awareness to and supports the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's mission to provide education, screening, counseling and services to those with Sickle cell disease, also known as sickle cell anemia. The disease cause normal soft, round red blood cells to harden and take on a sickle like shape. People with this condition may experience mild to severe pain and low blood count or anemia as the affected cells pass through their body. According to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sickle cell affects an estimated 70,000 to 100,000 Americans, occurring in about one out of every five African American births and one out of every 36,000 Hispanic American births. Xi Omicron chapter donated over \$1100 to the organization. Pictured are members of the Xi Omicron chapter along with this year's ambassadors Bro. Charles Curry and his wife.





On May 20, 2013, the brothers of KBB joined together to celebrate Brother Zillie Rudolph's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Brother Rudolph has long been an active member of the chapter, and brothers throughout the state know him for his dedication and commitment to attending state meetings and sharing his enthusiasm and passion for Omega.

As it turns out, other KBB brothers were able to celebrate milestone birthdays in 2013 as well. Brother Dr. Myland Brown celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, Brother Tellis Copeland celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, Brother Charles Hollis celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Brother Joseph Jones celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The brothers of KBB, through healthy lifestyles and annual checkups are bridging the gap in the life expectancy between African-American males, African-American females, White males, and White females. Currently, the life expectancy of an African-American male is 70 years, which compares to 76 years for African-American females and White males. White females have a life expectancy of 81 years.

For African-American males, the leading causes of death are (#1) heart disease, (#2) cancer, (#3) accidents, (#4) strokes, (#5) homicide, (#6) diabetes, (#7) HIV, (#8) chronic lung disease, (#9) chronic kidney disease, and (#10) influenza and pneumonia. This list reflects the need for routine checkups and healthy living, as many of these diseases are preventable.

We, as Omegas and African-American males, must continue to practice healthy lifestyles and be role models for our sons, brothers, nephews, and all other African-American males. As the heads of African-American households, we must demonstrate healthy behavior for our children, spouses, extended family members, neighbors, friends, as well as our Omega brothers. Certainly, Brothers Rudolph, Brown, Copeland, Hollis, and Jones are leading the way.

Kenneth C. Brown, M.D., Alabama State Health Initiatives Chairman

## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter Holds Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

Montgomery, AL- “The need is constant. The gratification is instant.” was the theme of Sigma Phi Chapter’s annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive Presided by Vice- Basileus Brother Robert L. Thomas, Sr.

The event, which served as the capstone for the month of February which is Black History Month, was held February 8, 2014 at the Omega Center. American Red Cross and Vice-Basileus Robert Thomas welcomed the donors and thanked them individually for their support. The American Red Cross reported that due to the recent severe weather in Alabama that their records indicated that the numbers were low as compared to last year’s numbers and it was a welcome surprise when Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. called to host a blood drive.

The Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive concluded with Brother Basileus Andre Howard and Vice-Basileus Robert Thomas, both thanking the donors and brothers for help making the blood drive a great success. The American Red Cross staff reported that there was enough blood collected to save approximately (60) sixty lives



## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter Holds Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Health Summit

Montgomery, AL- “Don’t wait until it’s too late” was the theme of Sigma Phi Chapter’s annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Health Summit Program Presided by Vice-Basileus Brother Robert L. Thomas, Sr.

The event, which served as the capstone for the month of February which is Black History Month, was held February 1, 2014 at Trenholm State Technical College. Program highlights included: Chapter adviser at Alabama State University Dr. Howard Robinson and the brothers of Gamma Sigma Chapter attending, attendees receiving a bag individually filled with healthy items, a welcoming from President Brother Sam Munnerlyn, a panel of eighteen physicians with specialties ranging from internal medicine to stress management also a presentation for affordable healthcare.

Vice-Basileus Robert Thomas addressed the guests with the purpose for such an event, and introduced Dr. Warner L. Pinchback, Jr. the lead physician for the event. In his message, “Don’t wait until it’s too late”, he conveyed how critically important the need for men especially our Black men to not miss the opportunity to visit your primary physician. Dr. Pinchback conveyed to the men that it is very important to take the appropriate measures to be proactive when it comes to their health and he then proceeded to introduce the panel. According to the majority of the physicians on the panel African American men are more likely to have medical issues than any other ethnic group.

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Health Summit Program concluded with Brother Dr. Warner L. Pinchback, Basileus Andre Howard and Vice- Basileus Robert Thomas, presenting the panel with certificates of appreciation, a questions and answering period with a reception following with Immediate Past Grand Chaplain Farrell J. Duncombe, Sr.





### Psi Kappa Kappa of Madison Promotes Healthy Living and Personal Wellness

Huntsville, AL – On January 17, 2014 Brother Tony Hodge spearheaded a Chapter Health Initiative effort to reach out and assist the residents of Johnson Towers by providing access to information, services and health care professionals armed with the tools to encourage the residents to live healthier lifestyles. Johnson Towers is a public housing complex in Huntsville, primarily for the elderly. Conducted on a monthly basis on the second Friday of each month, the residents have received free toiletry items such as soap, shaving cream, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The services provided have come from community partners such as Dr. Anthony Toney DDS (Inspiring Smiles) and Dr. Anthony Ugheoge (Gastroenterologist). In the month of January, Dr Toney and his staff provided free dental preventive maintenance services to the residents. In February, colorectal cancer screening and awareness was the focus from Dr. Ugheoge and the Chapter also hosted a Valentine's Day celebration for the residents. In March, Dr Toney and his staff returned again and focused on providing information on oral cancer awareness and how residents can take measures to stay abreast of changes in their oral health. Additionally, Brother James McLinniham displayed his championship BBQ and culinary skills by providing BBQ chicken and hamburgers for over 60 residents. On average, this event has reached approximately 30 or so residents on a regular basis and the Chapter is focused on continuing this effort as a means to ensure that those who are often forgotten and left in the shadows receive access to the health information and services they desperately need to maintain a good and healthy quality of life.



### **Omega Iota Iota Chapter, Montgomery, AL Raises Nearly \$7000k for Alabama Kidney Foundation!**

The Brothers of the Omega Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, participated in the Annual Alabama Kidney Foundation Walk-A-Thon 3 May 2014. The Walk-A-Thon is the signature event of the Alabama Kidney Foundation and serves to increase kidney disease awareness and raise funds for local efforts to include providing financial assistance, education and support services to kidney patients in Alabama. The Kidney Foundation Walk-A-Thon is one of the chapter's biggest and most visible community service events. The event took place on 3 May and approximately 400 walkers participated and raised a total of nearly \$80K during the event. Team Omega garnered 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Team category by Category by raising almost \$7000k!

The Omega Iota Iota Chapter has been committed to serving the Montgomery and River Region area since its chartering nearly 20 years ago. We are proud sponsors of the Alabama Kidney Foundation and committed to making a difference in the lives of the people in our communities





## Theta Tau Chapter Celebrates 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Receiving Charter

Written by: Anthony Burdell

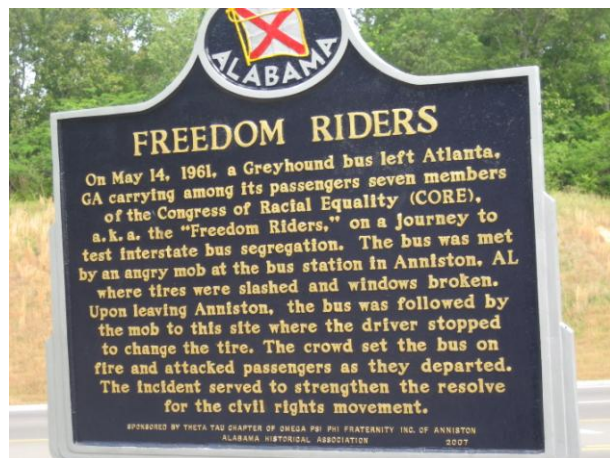
**Anniston, AL** – Many chapters of our great fraternity are occasionally blessed to have over 50 years of service to their local communities. . The brothers of Theta Tau Chapter have been serving the Calhoun and Talladega counties of Alabama for 55 years.

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter held their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This event was attended by the brothers and their spouses on March 14, 2014. During the celebration a slide show of various activities over the years were displayed for the attendees. Brother Clarence Jairrels (66 years of service) and Brother Herman Terrell (60 years of service) were recognized for their service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Theta Tau Chapter was chartered on 15<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1959. The chapter was organized for men of Anniston, Alabama. The charter members of Theta Tau Chapter were Brothers S.J. Baker, Charles Byrd, Dr. Hiram Cleveland, Dr. Clarence Jairrels, Frank Lawson, Robert Mosby, Sr., William Trammell, and Albert White. Brother Hiram Cleveland served as the first Basileus of Theta Tau Chapter. The charter brothers would form the basis of a rich and rewarding legacy for the fraternity in northeast Alabama – leaders in their community, leaders in their professions, and leaders in service to humanity.



Bro Raynard Lawler presents Brother Dr. Clarence Jairrels with a plaque for his 66 years of service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



In the turbulent 1960s, Omegas stood in the forefront as the black community of Anniston asserted their rights as citizens during the civil rights movement, Dr. Rogers, a dentist, became Anniston's first black city councilman in 1968 when he was elected to office on the newly-created council in Anniston.

Several Brothers distinguished themselves in the field of education. Dr. Clarence Jairrels, a one-time principal at Cobb Avenue High School – the city's predominantly black high school before integration, became an administrator on the Anniston City Board of Education. Brother Robert Mosby, Sr. became one of the winningest coaches in Alabama high school football history as the head coach of the feared Cobb Avenue High Panthers.

In education and in other fields as well, the brothers of Theta Tau Chapter have continued to make their mark in the northeast Alabama community. They continue a legacy of achievement mapped by the fraternity's founders and followed by Omega men everywhere



**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 Jackson State University, with Basileus Brother Andre Howard and Brother Pierson presenting a check of the amount of one thousand dollars during halftime! Sigma Phi Chapter presents the university with one thousand dollars annually for SCHOLARSHIP with the amount of forty thousand dollars total given to the university. The evening was capped off with Basileus Brother Howard and Brother Pierson fellowshiping with Alabama State University officials and rejoining the brothers of



**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Montgomery Area  
Chapters Sigma Phi, Omega Iota Iota, Gamma Sigma  
and Rho Delta Delta Holds Annual Talent Hunt  
Program**

Montgomery, AL- Celebrating the youth and setting an example was the theme of the Montgomery Area Chapters annual Talent Hunt Program Presided by Omega Iota Iota Chapter's Brother Rayford Mack. The event, which serves as a tool of exposure for talented youth in the Montgomery Area and also one of the Fraternity's mandated programs was held at George Washington Carver High School Auditorium in Montgomery, Alabama. The program highlights included: recognition of brothers who made significant contributions to the community and members of the chapters Talent Hunt committees to include the Immediate Past Grand Chaplain Brother Reverend Farrell J. Duncombe also the showcasing of seven contestants.

Brother Jahari Reeves Basileus for Gamma Sigma Chapter gave the greetings followed by Brother Jerome Gerren Basileus for Rho Delta Delta Chapter presenting the history of the Talent Hunt program with a brief description of the programs creation. Also during the program Brother Mack addressed the contestants about never quitting while pursuing their dreams. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Montgomery Area Talent Hunt Program concluded with Mary E. Thornton as the winner. Also Basileus Andre Howard of Sigma Phi Chapter and Basileus Ernest Colvin of Omega Iota Iota Chapter were given an opportunity to address the audience and thank them for their support of the program and more importantly the contestants.





## Psi Kappa Kappa Keeps Madison Clean Through the Adopt a Mile Program

Madison, AL – On March 1, 2014 the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated of Madison, Alabama participated in the Adopt A Mile Program. This event took place in the Research Park area of Huntsville, AL and is the first year that the Chapter has participated in the program. Brother Julian Boykin was the chairman for this event and garnered support from a large number of Brothers in the Chapter. Additionally the coordinator of this event for the city of Huntsville, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated was the first Fraternity in the city of Huntsville or Madison to volunteer and participate in the Adopt a Mile program. The purpose of the program is to assume responsibility for a one mile stretch of road and keep it clean for the betterment and beautification of the city of Huntsville. It also serves as a tool to increase the presence of the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter through community service and outreach.



Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Participates in the Adopt-A-Mile Program  
 Montgomery, AL- The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter proudly became the most recent organization to participate in the State of Alabama Adopt-A-Mile program in Montgomery, Alabama. The Adopt-A-Mile Program provides the opportunity for volunteers and organizations to help keep the State of Alabama litter free among the roadways and highways within communities in Alabama. Currently there are 1,900 roadways being cleaned and maintain by organizations that want to make a difference like the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter. The program also provides organizations with their very own sign to identify their mile which they have adopted to maintain and keep clean. The brothers of the Sigma Phi Chapter look forward to their participation in the program and setting an example for other organizations to join as well within the Montgomery, Alabama communities.





### **“A Royal Experience”: Xi Omicron Presents Mentoring Group**

Huntsville, AL On Saturday, February 8, 2014 the Xi Omicron Chapter presented its mentoring group, Sons of Royalty (SOR) to the community. The theme for this event was “A Royal Experience.” SOR is a leadership mentoring program that focuses on providing a sustained and preventive program that will enrich the lives of young males from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades in the Huntsville/Madison County area. Its purpose is to display the importance of putting God first in daily activities, being upright and just in all dealings having self-respect as well as respect for others, and maintaining a positive attitude. Leading up to the event SORs participated in a series of etiquette training and rehearsals for the event. The young men were able to display what they learned to the public as well as a dance routine that they perform with their mothers during the mother/son dance. Pictured to the top left are members of the Sons of Royalty Leadership Mentoring Program.



### **SORs host Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Huntsville, AL--**Sons of Royalty (SOR) consisting of young men in grades nine through twelve, sponsored by Xi Omicron Chapter, hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 5, 2014 at the Applebee’s located on North Memorial Parkway in Huntsville, AL. Led by Bro. Frederick Windham, the SOR program seeks to provide activities that increase academics, skills, and abilities for a successful transition from adolescence to manhood. As a force in the community, Xi Omicron wants to build a legacy of training leaders by cultivating Christian principles to foster tomorrow’s success while focusing on the Fatherhood Initiative. By hosting this fundraisers, SORs were in charge of everything including taking drink orders and serving their guest. The event was very successful in helping the group towards their fundraising goals. Pictured above are members of SOR and Jalen Luter serving guests who came to support the event.



## Rho Alpha Chapter Hosts Emmett Till Legacy Foundation for an Evening of Dialogue and Discussion

On the evening of Thursday, May 15, 2014, over 200 parents, mentors, community leaders and supporters (both Black and White), students, and young Black males filled the seats inside the auditorium of the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science in Mobile, Alabama, as Rho Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, hosted the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation for an evening of dialogue and discussion on "Profiling: Race, Class and Gender". The Foundation showed the documentary "Who Killed Emmett Till?", directed by Ray Metoyer, after which the Chapter conducted a panel discussion on racial profiling, stop-and-frisk and Stand Your Ground Law. The panel included professionals from law, law enforcement and post-secondary education here in Mobile, Alabama, as well as religious leaders. Special panel guests included Mrs. Cecilia Donald-Perry, sister of slain teen Michael Donald (the last recorded lynching in the United States – Mobile, Alabama, 1981) as well as Mrs. Deborah Watts, first cousin of Emmett Till and President of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation – two powerhouse women!

It is our belief that given recent events in our Nation's history, a discussion on these issues which are plaguing young, Black males is long overdue. This is a call to action! This is a conversation that every parent should have with their Black son. This is a conversation which communities across the Nation should be having. The goal of this forum was that it would be one of many dialogues on this epidemic so that we can "Save our Sons".

Our target audience for the event was the parents and mentors of young Black males in Mobile, Alabama, as well as the young men themselves. They most certainly showed up to be a part of this conversation! It was both educational and enlightening for the young men in attendance and was also beneficial for them in that they had the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists. The event was chaired by Brother Terrance A. Platt, Social Action Chair of Rho Alpha Chapter. Corporate Sponsors for the event were Emerging Change Makers Network, The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science and Commonwealth National Bank. A light reception immediately followed the program. The event was free and open to the Greater Mobile Community at large.



RHO ALPHA CHAPTER  
OF  
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

### PROFILING: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER

In 1955 it was Emmett Till.  
In 1981 it was Michael Donald.  
In 2012 it was Trayvon Martin.

These are but a few names and pictures of young men whose lives were ended because of profiling. Despite decades between these victims, profiling around race, gender and class still exists.

Join a community dialogue that features lawyers, historians, law enforcement, clergy and the family members of this country's worst profiling crimes for an evening of  
**HISTORY AND HOPE.**

co-sponsored by:



An evening of conversation & viewing of the documentary  
"Who Killed Emmett Till"  
by Ray Metoyer

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014**  
**6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Alabama School of Math and Science  
Auditorium, Main Building  
1255 Dauphin Street  
Mobile, AL 36604



Special Guest Panelist  
**Deborah Watts,**  
Family Member and Director  
of the Emmett Till Legacy  
Foundation



### Mentoring Omega Men Make a Difference One Young Man at a Time

(Huntsville, AL, Psi Kappa Kappa) – The first cardinal principle of our beloved Fraternity is Manhood. For many people, this word has different meanings such as, the state of being a man or the quality of being manly but we define the word as a sense of responsibility. This first cardinal principle is what is highlighted in the relationship between Brother Tony Hodge and 21 year old Xavier Jones. Bro. Hodge (Eta '81) is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and owner of the Hodge Group, an insurance agency which has twice been recognized by Allstate their Superior Agency of the Year award. Bro Hodge met Xavier when he was 12 years old at the Sparkman Homes Boys and Girls Club in Huntsville, Alabama during a Monday Night Football event. The two talked for a while that evening but then lost touch for about a month. In October of 2005 the two ran into each other again, and seeing the excitement in young Xavier's face, Bro Hodge realized that the relationship needed to be more than casual and more than part time. He knew that if he was going to make a real difference, it was going to be a long term commitment. At that point he met the parents and grandparents of Xavier and promised to be involved in every aspect of his life. His approach wouldn't be based on partial meeting or weekly timelines. He would be available whenever he was needed by Xavier or his family. He would treat Xavier like his own son, require the same level of commitment from him and place the same expectations upon him as he did his own son. That meant he demanded that he go to school, behave in an acceptable manner, be respectful and set personal goals for future success.



The Honorable & Hard Working Brothers of the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated held a Yard Cleanup on June 21 and June 28, 2014 for Widows of Brothers who have joined Omega Chapter and disabled Brothers whose yards were in need of care. The Brothers cleaned gutters, cut and removed overhanging tree limbs, Trimmed and shaped hedges, cleaned flower beds, cut and edged yards. The Brothers of Xi Omicron Chapter are committed to serving the Widows and the Brothers who are disabled.

Participants shown below included: Bro Gerald Vines, Basileus, Bro Freddie Porter, Bro Joe Winston, Bro Terence Martin, Bro Melvin Hodges, Bro Dakarai Brown, Bro Isaac McKenzie, Bro Stephen Hodges, and Mark Hodges.



Brothers at other locations: Bro Wayne Leonard, Bro Maurice Cowan, Bro Howard Tatum, Bro LeMonté Green, Bro Darryl Bowden and son.

# UP COMING EVENTS



The poster features a central graphic with four portraits of men in suits, the Omega Psi Phi crest, and the Greek letters ΩΨΦ. Below this is the text "19 PA 38" with a circular logo. The background includes a tall building, a starry sky, and a pair of gold shoes. At the bottom, there are wooden planks with the words "Leadership", "VERANCE", and "UPRIST" written on them.

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**  
**Alabama State Organization Annual Meeting**  
**October 17-19, 2014**  
**Mobile Marriott**  
**3101 Airport Blvd**  
**Mobile, AL 36606**  
**251.476.6400**

Hosted By Rho Alpha and Zeta Kappa



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# VEGAS NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

2014

@THE VON BRAUN CENTER | 7PM - 1AM  
(NORTH HALL) 700 MONROE ST SW, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801  
\$30.00 IN ADVANCE | \$40.00 AT THE DOOR

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# Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## 78<sup>th</sup>

### Annual 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting

March 25-29, 2015

Renaissance Mobile

Riverview Plaza Hotel

64 South Water St.

Mobile, AL 36602



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