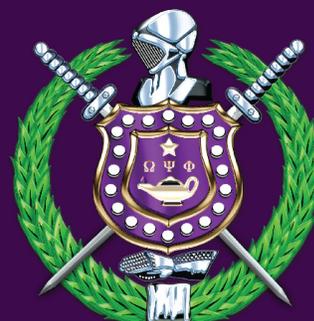




IOTA NU CHAPTER CHAPTER OF THE YEAR SUBMISSION

“A CHAPTER OF FRIENDS...TRUE FRIENDS... CAN ACCOMPLISH ANY GOAL” (TM)



**SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM
2016-2017**
OMEGA PIS PHI FRATERNITY INC

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Omega Psi Phi is an international fraternity with over 750 undergraduate and graduate chapters. The fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911 by three Howard University juniors, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman, and their faculty adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just.



THE FOUNDERS

Bishop Edgar A. Love
(1891-1974)

Born in Harrisonburg, Virginia
Bachelor of Arts Degree, Howard University, 1913
Bachelor of Divinity Degree, Howard University, 1916
Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degree, Boston University, 1918

Doctor of Divinity Degree (Honorary), Morgan College, 1935
Bishop, Methodist Church

Dr. Ernest E. Just
(1883-1941)

Ernest E. Just was born in Charleston, South Carolina. Graduated from the Industrial School of the State College, Orangeburg, SC
Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire
Bachelor of Arts Degree, Dartmouth College (Phi Beta Kappa)

Awarded the Spingarn Medal by the NAACP, 1915
Doctor of Philosophy Degree, University of Chicago, 1916
The 19th honoree in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage Stamp Series

Professor Frank Coleman
(1890-1967)

Born in Washington, D.C.
Master of Science Degree, University of Chicago
Advanced Training, University of Pennsylvania

Professor and head of the Physics Department, Howard University

U.S. Army Officer, World War I

Dr. Oscar J. Cooper
(1888-1972)

Oscar J. Cooper was born in Washington, D.C.
Graduated from the M Street High School, Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Science Degree, Howard University, 1913
Doctor of Medicine Degree, Howard University, 1917

Practiced medicine in Philadelphia, PA for 50 years



CHAPTER HISTORY

BEGINNINGS:

Initial steps in the creation of the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated took place on a cool, calm evening in January 1969 when Brother Charles Alston Sr. met with Brother Newton Rucker for the purpose of developing a plan for the establishment of an Omega Psi Phi chapter in Harford County, Maryland.

These men were both graduates of North Carolina A&T class of 1958 and worked as government employees on what is now known as Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Brother Alston worked as a mathematician in the Ballistic Research Laboratory, while Brother Rucker worked as a librarian in the Special Warfare Center on Edgewood Arsenal. Their goal was to establish a unified Omega presence in the area, promote fellowship, and foster a sense of urgency and active engagement with youth in need of positive uplift. They successfully recruited 16 men thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit and diligently worked to complete actions necessary for the birth of Iota Nu.

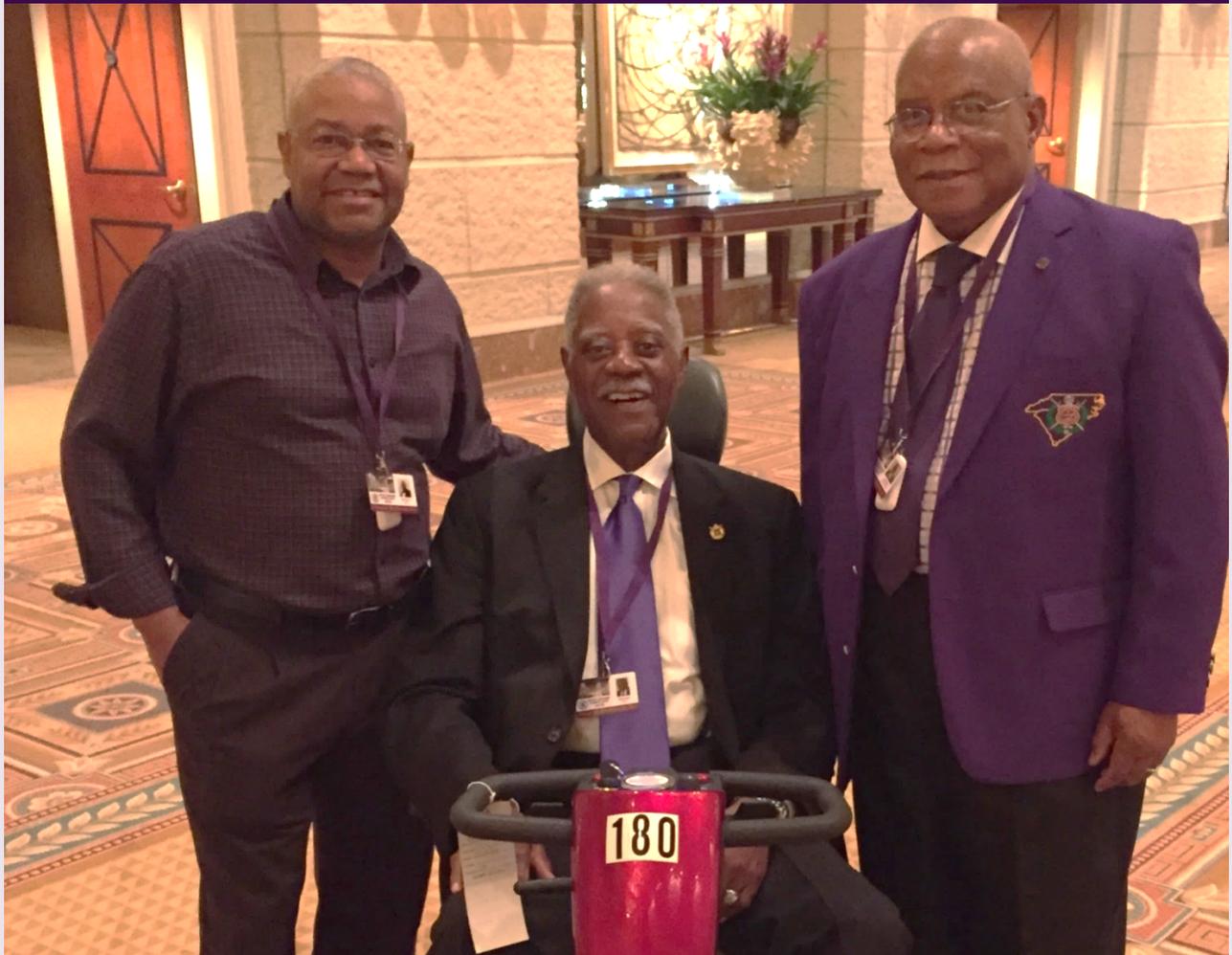
The charter application was officially submitted in 1970 with the blessing of Grand Basileus Ellis Corbett I. The application was approved and on the glorious day of January 28, 1970, Iota Nu became an official chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The culmination of the vision of these brothers came into reality on March 14,

1970 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Havre De Grace, MD. On this day Iota Nu's Charter was officially presented by the District Representative Dr. Norman Johnson at 6pm.

Challenges: During the initial establishment of the chapter, many of its initial members were stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground as military servicemen. This provided challenges as chapter members often were called to serve the country in areas outside of Harford County. In the 80s and 90s the number of new members brought into the chapter did not keep pace with the number of members that left the chapter through relocation or otherwise. As a result of constant military attrition, Iota Nu made the decision to become a dormant chapter in 1999. This period of dormancy remained in effect for 4 years.

Re-Activation: In the fall of 2003, there were 22 active fraternity members who initiated efforts to reactivate the chapter. The initial meetings in the fall of 2003 took place in the Edgewood Housing Auditorium. At the initial meeting held in the fall of 2003, Iota Nu officers were elected for the following positions: Brother Walter Eugene Egerton - Basileus, Brother Alfred Abramson - Vice Basileus, Brother Windsor Jones - Keeper of Records and Seal, and Brother David White - Keeper of Finance. These elections ensured Iota Nu had representation at the 56th District Conference in 2004.

CHARTER MEMBERS



Immediate Past Basileus Brother Mark Thomas (Left) Charter Members Brothers Charles Alston (center) and Newton Rucker (right) at the Omega Psi Phi Conclave in Las Vegas Nevada, July 2016

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Seated L-R: Gene Pettiford, Keeper of Records and Seal, Russell Reese, Basileus, Chuck Gibson, Vice-Basileus, Marquise Findley-Smith, 2nd Vice Basileus, Anthony Lee, Assistance Keeper of Finance. Standing L-R: Leonard Newman, Parliamentarian, Norbert Reed, Keeper of Peace, Michael Bennett, Chaplain. Not Pictured: Brian Wilson, Keeper of Finance, Judah Hatcher, Chapter Recorder, Dwayne Adams, Undergraduate Advisor, Mark Thomas, Immediate Past Basileus

MANDATED PROGRAMS

ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

IOTA NU APPLAUDS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF A TEEN AND PRETEEN

The Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter awarded a scholarship to a resilient 17-year old girl for the best essay submitted in Harford County and recognized a 12-year old girl as the remarkable Citizen of the Year. Both teen and preteen attended the Achievement Week Scholarship and Awards Luncheon of the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc along with community members, Chapter brothers and supporters. The Luncheon served as the finale to a full week of activities celebrating the successes of community and Iota Nu's charitable social initiatives. The Iota Nu Chapter's winner of the International High School Essay Contest was 17-year old, Ms. Ezinna Adiele. She is an active senior attending Edgewood High School. She plans to major in international relations at a yet-undecided University next year. The Citizen of the Year was 12-year old Ms. Grace E. Callwood. She is a resident of Harford County and founder and chairwoman of the "WeCancerve Movement, Inc" which is an organization that creates giving opportunities that can be supported by the community to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children. WeCancerve has teamed with the Iota Nu Chapter on several creative acts of giving. The fraternity and Harford County are very lucky to have Ms. Callwood as a part of their community. Achievement Week began with a Sunday worship service at Saint James AME Church in Havre de Grace, MD. On Monday the brothers gathered for football and fellowship in Bel Air, MD. On Tuesday thanksgiving baskets destined for needing families were staged. The Brothers conducted a regular Chapter meeting on Wednesday. On Thursday, Iota Nu's Past Basileus and current 1st Corridor Rep for the 2nd District, Brother Dwayne Adams, hosted a Founders' Day Fellowship event which included a re-dedication

ceremony celebrating 115 years of the Fraternity's existence. The penultimate event for Achievement Week was delivering thanksgiving baskets laden with turkeys and all the trimmings to families selected by the leadership of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Harford County. Concluding the week with the Scholarship and Awards Luncheon focused attention on the out-standing achievements and fellowship of the whole year. Joining the young ladies as awardees was Brother Aureilo Burton, 2016 Omega Man of the Year, for his service to Iota Nu and Harford County; Brother Leonard Newman, Founders Award; Brother Michael Bennett, Superior Service Award; and Brother Brigadier General Alfred Abramson, the Colonel Charles Young Award. The award program included a reading by scholarship winner Ms. Ezinna Adiele and a keynote address by Brother Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Esq., Founder and President of the Harbor Institute, who gave an excellent and motivating message on "Living the Founder's Vision. The celebratory event was attended by 85 members of the community which included awardees, government officials, Brothers and families. In attendance were the Harford County Executive Representative Ms. Lawanda Edwards and Omega Psi Phi's very own Brother and Senior Commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Major General Bruce T. Crawford. Also in attendance was the Iota Nu Chapter member with the longest membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and one of the founders of Iota Nu, Brother Charles Alston ('55). The Iota Nu Chapter's 2016 Achievement Week was very successful and the Brothers look forward to continuing to support the Harford County community for years to come!



Winner of the International High School Essay Contest
Ms. Ezinna Adiele



Citizen of the Year
Ms. Grace E. Callwood.



Omega Man of the Year
Aurelio Burton



Colonel Charles Young Award Winner
Brigadier General Alfred Abramson



Founders Award Winner
Leonard Newman



Superior Service Award Winner
Michael Bennett





HIGHLIGHTING HARFORD COUNTY ACHIEVERS

Dedicated to service in the community and upholding our Four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, the Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter – “Harford County Ques”, are humbled to have received several awards at the 69th 2nd District Conference held 4-7 May 2017 in Rye Brook, NY. The 54 member Chapter, through their hard work to enrich the community in which they live have been recognized for the third time in four years. The chapter received 3rd Place Large Graduate Chapter Social Action, as this award is given to chapters which complete all mandated programs of the Fraternity and contribute to the advancement of the social, political, and cultural enrichment in the community. Brother Basileus, Mark Thomas was in attendance to receive the award at the District Conference. “It is an honor to receive this award after receiving 2nd Place Small Graduate Chapter Social Action at the 68th 2nd District Conference”.

Two of our Iota Nu graduate members were recognized for their exceptional work in the following categories: Brother Brigadier General Alfred Abramson III (87-Nu Psi) received the COL Charles Young Award for his significant contributions to the Armed Forces of the United States and the Harford County community. Brother Leonard Newman (96-

Xi Pi) received the Founders Award for his significant contributions exemplifying our Four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

Two of our Iota Nu Undergraduate members who just recently matriculated from McDaniel College in Westminster Maryland, received honors as well. Brother Marquise Findley-Smith (16-IN) was elected to the 2nd District Undergraduate Council and received a Scholarship Award, and Brother Wayne Long (16-IN) received a Scholarship Award as well.

Ms. Grace Callwood, founder of “WeCanceve, Inc.” received the Citizen of the Year Award for her work in creating opportunities that are supported by the community to bring happiness to homeless, sick, and foster children. She is the epitome of “Ordinary youth doing extraordinary work for the community”.

Brothers Abramson and Newman along with Ms. Callwood will be nominated for International honors in the near future as well. As we continue to uphold the vision of our Four Founders, we are ever reminded that an award is not the goal, but the positive impact to our fellowman. Please visit our website, www.ques-iotanu.org and view our Chapter scrapbook. We are honored to receive these awards, and will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of our communities.

2016 2nd District High School
Essay Contest Winner
Miss Genae Hatcher



2017 2nd District Citizen of the Year Miss Grace Callwood



2017 CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP - MARQUISE FINDLEY-SMITH

2ND DISTRICT COL CHARLES YOUNG AWARD - BG ALFRED ABRAMSON

2ND DISTRICT FOUNDERS AWARD - LEONARD NEWMAN

**2ND DISTRICT UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL MEMBER - MARQUISE
FINDLEY-SMITH**

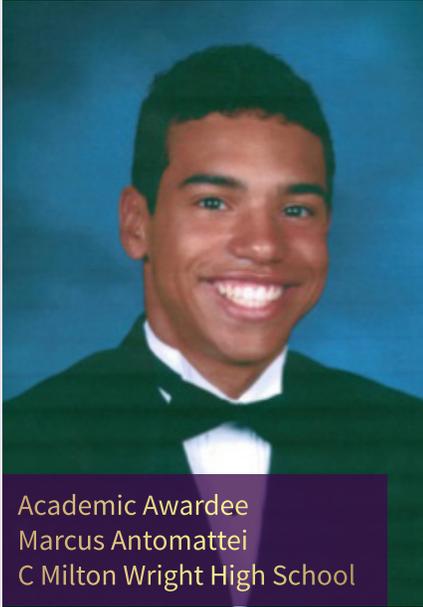
2ND DISTRICT FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP - MARQUISE FINDLEY-SMITH

2ND DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP - WAYNE LONG

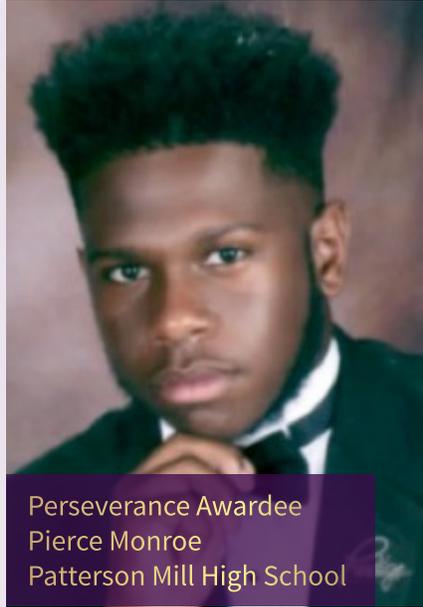
**2ND DISTRICT 3RD PLACE LARGE GRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
SOCIAL ACTION - IOTA NU CHAPTER**

SCHOLARSHIP

INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST 2016-2017



Academic Awardee
Marcus Antomattei
C Milton Wright High School



Perseverance Awardee
Pierce Monroe
Patterson Mill High School



Community Service Awardee
Kenneth Sumpter
Havre de Grace High School

The Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is chartered on providing annual scholarships to minority students throughout Harford and Cecil Counties in Maryland. The FY17 year was no different; Iota Nu provided three \$1,000 scholarships to students from C Milton Wright, Patterson Mill, and Havre de Grace, Maryland. Each fiscal year the scholarship committee of the Iota Nu chapter provides scholarship applications throughout the High Schools on January 1. The deadline to submit applications is April 1 and this year the scholarship committee had over 30 applications. After grading the scholarship applications based on GPA, letters of recommendation, etc. the scholarship committee narrowed the applications down to three based on the chapters scholarship categories. - Aberdeen, MD—2017 Jan-2017 Jun

Aberdeen, MD—2017 October

The Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participates annually in the National High School Essay Contest in conjunction with the fraternities Achievement Week program. The topic of the 2016-2017 contest was:

“What would you propose to substantially reduce the incidence of gun violence in the United States and around the World without taking away the legal rights of law abiding citizens to acquire and possess firearms?”

Iota Nu received approximately 15 applications and Ezinna Adiele essay was selected from Iota Nu to compete on the district level. Ezinna Adiele is a graduating senior at Edgewood High School.

BROTHERS INTERVIEWING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS



IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, OVER \$30,000.00 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

TALENT HUNT

HAVRE DE GRACE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WINS TALENT HUNT



Brother Emil Cromwell (62-PE) and Brother Mark Thomas (Basileus) congratulates Miss Victoria Stanley.

Havre de Grace, MD. Miss. Victoria Stanley, a senior at Havre de Grace High School is the winner of the 2017 Talent Hunt sponsored by the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Miss Stanley played Siciliana and GiGi by Handel on Flute. She received a prize of four hundred dollars towards her aspiration to pursue music at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. The event was held on Saturday 18 March at

the St. James AME Church. Held annually, this is the ninth event held in Harford County. The event is open to high school performers in the instrumental, vocal, and dramatic arts. Judging the contest was Miss Felicia Thomas, Miss Dana McCants, and Mrs. Courtney White Gilbert.

The event opened with a welcome and prayer by Mark Thomas (08-IN), Basileus of Iota Nu. Brother Emil Cromwell (62-PE) gave a brief history of the Talent Hunt to the audience.



Brothers of Iota Nu congratulates Miss Victoria Stanley

ANNUAL TALENT HUNT



A forum to showcase the talents of High School students in the Arts

SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAMS

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

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Leading young men to adulthood. This effort is a collaboration with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. EMBODI program.



HEALTH INITIATIVE



QUES IN AFRICA

ABUJA, NIGERIA

This Thanksgiving Iota Nu brother Dr. John B. Sampson was not able to join his chapter brothers for their traditional dinner deliveries because he was leading a historic medical education team on a project of his design in Nigeria.

Once every four years anesthesia and critical care physicians from all of Africa's 54 countries assemble in a city for a week-long conference to improve medical care across Africa. This year's conference was hosted by Nigeria and held in Nigeria's capital city of Abuja.

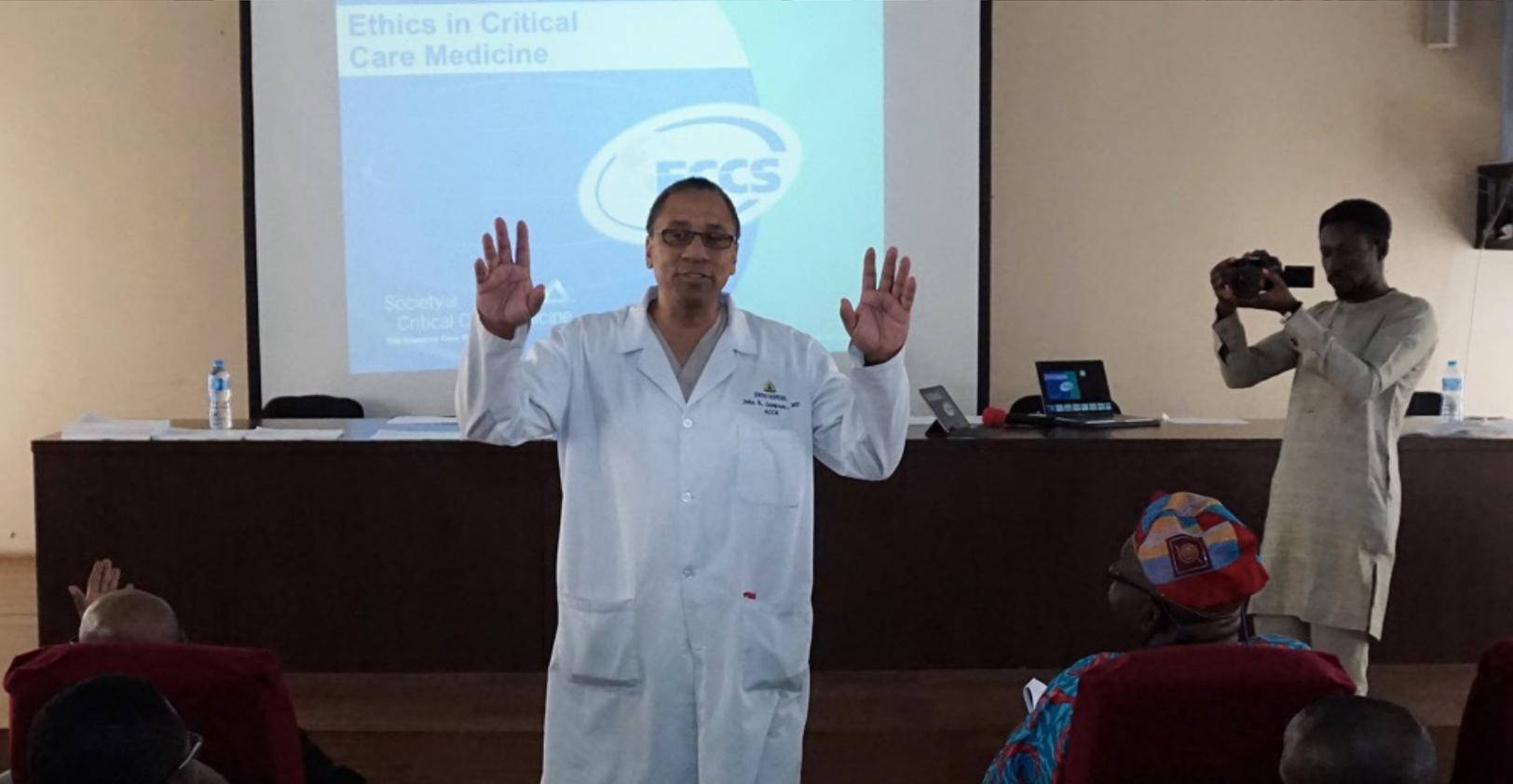
By leveraging his year's of experience, close Nigerian friends and partnership with the Christian non-profit, ProHealth International, Brother Dr. Sampson was able to coordinate a 24 member team of volunteers from across the United States as part of a partnership with the Society of Critical Care Medicine, based in Chicago. The physician team joining Dr. Sampson came from such diverse places as Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Seattle, Cleveland and many other localities. In a highly coordinated and synchronized fashion the team taught six distinct critical care related educational courses as part of the All Africa Congress at the National Hospital of Abuja Trauma Center with over 200 doctors and nurses from across Africa attending these courses.

The six courses taught included the following:

1. Fundamental Disaster Management Course
2. Fundamental Critical Care Support Course
3. Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course
4. Tropical Medicine Fundamental Critical Care Support Course
5. Obstetric Critical Care Support Course
6. Case Studies in Critical Care Medicine using High Fidelity Simulation

This combination of high-level and intense courses had never been taught in combination in the United States and yet was successfully executed with excellent results in West Africa.

The Pro-Health International (<http://prohealthimpact.com>) organization hosted the visiting medical team for an traditional American style Thanksgiving dinner (with an African flare) at the conclusion of the pro-gram. At Thanksgiving Dinner our African brothers had an opportunity to learn more about the brothers of Omega Psi Phi during an invigorating discussion about our beloved fraternity.



HELPING THE MOTHERS OF AFRICA



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uring the last week of November, 2017 Iota Nu Brother Dr. John B. Sampson

leveraged his eight years of working with the Sierra Leone health sector to traveled to Freetown (named by Black Americans) to meet with the Ministry of Health and other health sector leaders to secure valuable training and education partnerships with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for the primary purpose of improving the health and survival of the mothers of this beautiful and historic country.

Brother Sampson encourages those interested in understanding more about the post-slave trade connection between African Americans and Sierra Leone to read about Paul Cuffee, AME co-founder Rev. Daniel Coker, the Black Loyalists and the novel “The Book of Negroes”.





PERSEVERANCE AND RECOVERY

Perseverance is the mark of a strong people and Dr. John B. Sampson has taken a team of medical educators to this historic country to use medical simulation training to improve the ability of Sierra Leone’s nurses and doctors in the management of their surgical patients.

As a result of working with healthcare leadership in Sierra Leone over the past eight years Brother Dr. Sampson coordinated activities with the Sierra Leone’s top health care providers to have the training program coincide with the installation of new and novel anesthesia equipment to 21 hospitals across the country. Once the Sierra Leone training team was established and ready for action Brother Sampson traveled with the team to Sierra Leone’s various provinces to mentor them as they trained others using the same medical simulation



equipment that they themselves were trained on. This methodology allowed for healthcare workers to learn critical life-determinant management skills without risking the lives of patients during their training sessions, trained Sierra Leone nurses as trainers for an intensive anesthesia education program. Although this nation-wide training program was executed during visits in October 2016 and February, 2017 Dr. Sampson was asked to deliver a presentation to at Johns Hopkins University on February 7th, 2018. While the Johns Hopkins crowd expected to hear a dispassionate discussion of statistical jargon during this presentation, Brother Sampson brought them back to the human reality of

Brotherly Uplift by spitting “Life” by Brother Paul Laurence Dunbar midway during his discussion of the Sierra Leone program.



THE MCDANIEL
BRUHZ PRESENT:

MANHOOD

AN OPEN DISCUSSION

NOV 16 | 7:11PM
LEWIS 321

IOTA NU BROTHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MCDANIEL COLLEGE

Westminster, MD. On Wednesday, November 16, 2016 Iota Nu Brothers on the campus of McDaniel College hosted a forum on Manhood. The event was specifically catered to young African American males, who were instructed to dress in business attire for the event. The aim of the program was to discuss the challenges facing young black men in society, but more specifically a predominantly white institution. Brother Michael Wright (6-16-IN) led the discussion. It was established that although the odds may be stacked against black males at a predominantly white institution, it is important that we focus on excelling academically and becoming well-rounded students, so that it is harder to be placed into a box or be subject to a negative label.



MENTORING

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

2016 Initiates, including the first four Undergraduate Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter



Brothers Marquise Findley-Smith, Wayne Long, and Martray McKesson (16-IN) with their MSP Chairman Eugene Pettiford (11-IN)

VOTER REGISTRATION, EDUCATION, AND MOBILIZATION

An effort executed by our
2017 initiates.



**2017
INITIATES**

First Row: Brothers Kiree Moore, Brandon Lee, Kenneth Scott-Kelow
Second Row: John Story, Matthew Boykin Derrill, Sean Evans, Aris Mayfield



PHOTO CAPTION: BROTHER WAYNE LONG (16-IN), NPHC PRESIDENT

Westminster, MD. On Saturday, February 14, 2017, Brother Wayne Long (16-IN) was elected the first elected National Pan-Hellenic Counsel President of McDaniel College. As NPHC President, Brother Long is responsible for being the chief executive officer of the council, presiding over all meetings of the Council and The Executive Board ensuring that meetings are conducted with decorum and discipline, and enforce the laws and by-laws of the constitution. As the first NPHC President, Brother Long has plans on leaving a legacy, which his peers may build upon. With a desire to create positive change at McDaniel, Brother Long strives to make the African-American Greek Fraternities and Sororities the premiere organizations on the campus of McDaniel College.



Bro. Martray McKesson graduates from McDaniel College

SOCIAL ACTION OTHER THAN MANDATED



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Annual event to help the less fortunate observe
Thanksgiving and Christmas





TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Iota Nu Gathers Gifts on Final Day of Toy Drive

Aberdeen, Maryland, December 16, 2016. Donning festive bow ties, the Men of the Iota Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collected toys, games and bikes for the local Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots. 2016 marks the 69th year of the toy drive. The Harford County Omega Men have generously joined the Marine Corps' efforts for the past eight years by hosting this annual Toy Drive and Bow Tie Social. The December 16, 2016 event was part of the organization's community service and outreach program. It was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Aberdeen where more than

40 members of the Fraternity and their guests, and friends gathered.

The toy drive ended on December 17, 2016.

While the Marine Corps reported 2016 as a down year for Toys for Tots, the Iota Nu Chapter exceeded its toy campaign goal. The Iota Nu Chapter was able to provide more than 400 gifts for children who might not have otherwise had toys for the holiday season.

**IN 2016 IOTA NU
DONATED OVER
400 TOYS**

Toys for Tots is just one of many charities supported by the Iota Nu Chapter, a graduate affiliate of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



THE SHARING TABLE

Iota Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined in partnership with eight other Greek Lettered Organizations of Harford County to feed the homeless at the annual “Sharing Table” event conducted on 16 September 2017 at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church located in Edgewood, Maryland. The organizations collectively cooked for and served well over 120 homeless Families in a Bar-B-Que style setting, and also donated and provided cloth-

ing for those in need. This is one of several events that Iota Nu plans to conduct with our partners as part of the chapter’s yearly Social Action initiatives. The purpose of this teaming event is to build stronger relationships amongst our Fraternities and Sororities in Harford County as we collectively give back and provide service to our communities. In addition, the brothers interacted with the Families as they enjoyed their hamburgers and hotdogs with the side dishes and they let us know how much they appreciated the fun event. Job well done by the Iota Nu Chapter!

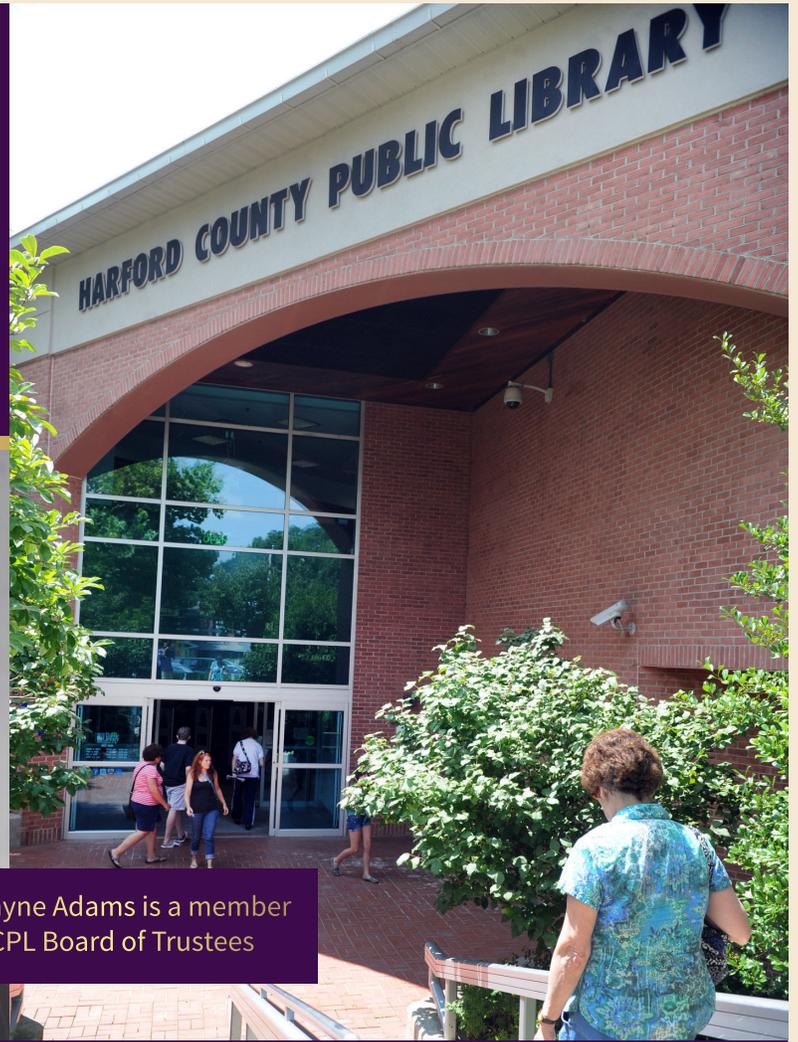


Bro. Charles Gibson provides service at the Sharing Table



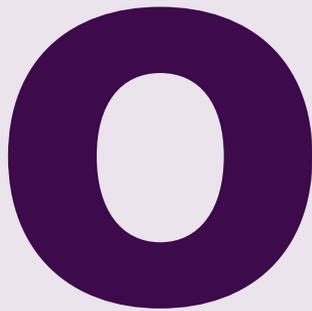
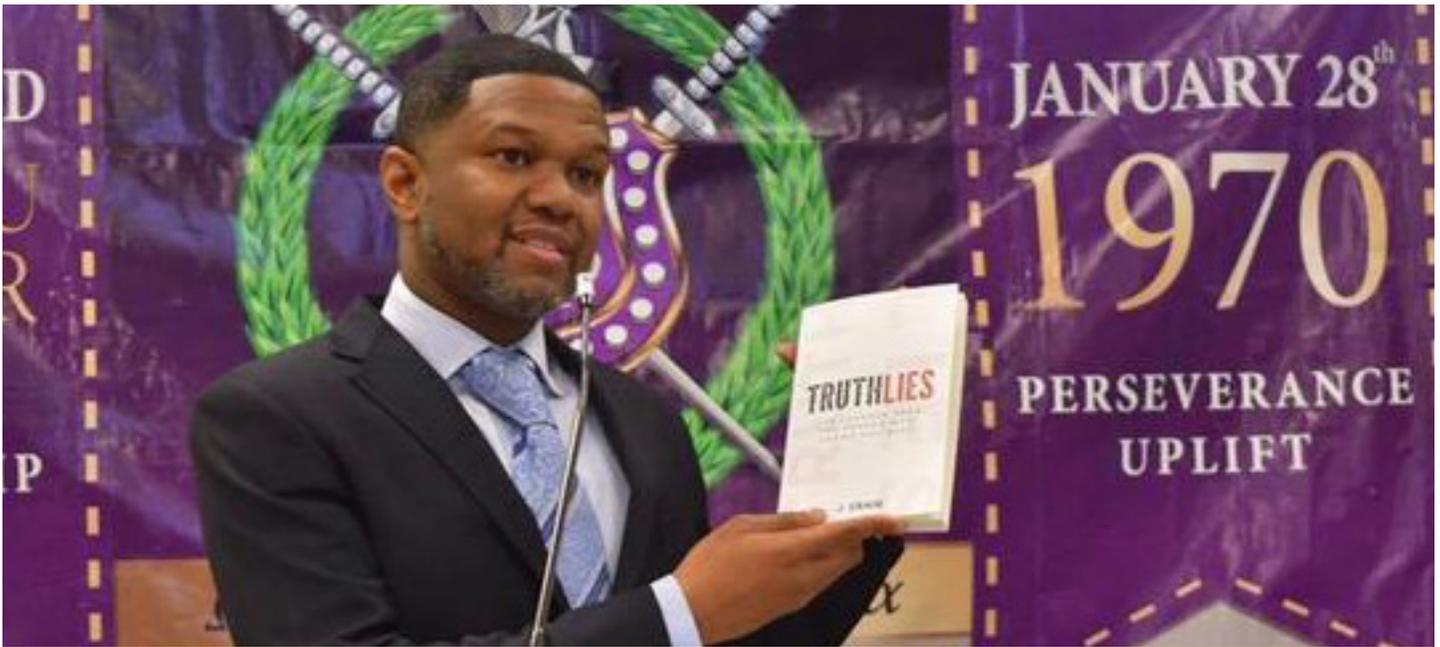
Feeding the hungry in Harford County in partnership with other Greek Letter Organizations. Along with other Greeks, Brothers supply, cook and serve patrons hot meals.

HARFORD & CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS



Bro. Dwayne Adams is a member of the HCPL Board of Trustees

The Black Apollo of Science – The Life of Ernest Everett Just	Kenneth R. Manning	2008
Others Thought I Could Lead	James S. Avery, Sr	2009
The Big Bang – Brown Versus Board of Education and Beyond	Oliver Hill	2010
Meet The Real Joe Black	Stephen Michael Selzer	2011
Born To Be A Rebel	Benjamin E. Mays	2012
In The Spirit of Ronald E. McNair; Astronaut, An American Hero	Carl S. McNair	2013
Mind, Body & Spirit: The Awakening	James Hackley	2014
50+ Omega Inspired Years: Tracing An Omega Legacy to 1931	Rohulamin Quander	2015
The Bishop Bond – Finding Yourself Through Your Family Roots	Reginald Bishop	2016
Truth Lies – Life Lessons From The Person Who Knows You Best	J. Craig	2017



On February 25, during the tenth annual book dedication to Harford County Public library, sponsored by the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., J Craig Jackson the author of “TruthLies: Life Lesson from the one who know you best,” gave an amazing speech on the importance of mentorship, community, family, and self-awareness.

The event, held at the Harve De Grace library, provided the hometown author with an opportunity to discuss his personal success story which includes working in the financial industry for a major Wall Street bank.

In *TruthLies: Life Lessons from the Person Who Knows You Best*, J. Craig shares his intimate journey in life. He draws from personal experiences and credits his success in life to the timeless wisdom he has gleaned from his influential family mentors.

Every year, the fraternity’s social action committee, selects a book to donate to all 11 library branches throughout Harford County. The focus of the donated book is typically in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). But after reading and being inspired by Craig’s book, the committee felt it was one that had to be available to inspire others. Discus-

sion of the book allowed for an open dialogue with all who attended.

Craig covered key topics, including mentorship, family, community, self-awareness. He personally expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to tell his story in his hometown among family and friends.

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered in 1970. The chapter’s mission, in line with the fraternity’s cardinal principles, focuses on manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplifting communities through a variety of service and educational activities.

The Iota Nu Chapter, which is comprised of college-educated men in Harford county in a variety of civilian and military careers, believes that improving communities is a team effort, and members are dedicated to remaining an integral part of that team. The chapter sponsors ongoing community initiatives, including tutoring programs, honoring local veterans, youth mentorship, holiday basket do-nations, and more.

To find out more about the Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Please visit <http://www.ques-iotanu.org>.

Jimmy Archange is chairman of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s Iota Nu Chapter’s Social Action Committee.





A DAY WITH THE VETERANS

Iota Nu's Omega Men visit the Veterans of Harford County, MD

Iota Nu Chapter conducted a visit to approximately 19 Veterans of the Perry Point VA Medical Center located in Perryville, Maryland on 29 April 2017 as part of the chapter's yearly Social Action initiative. The purpose of this chapter event is to recognize Veterans who have given up a lot to serve their country, as many still deal with emotional and physical wounds throughout their lives. The chapter hosted a cookout, played checkers, listened to their awesome stories and presented certificates of our appreciation for their service to the nation. In addition, the brothers interacted with the VA staff and collaborated with a group of Navy Midshipmen who were visiting the Veterans from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Knowing that our fraternity appreciates their service and their sacrifice goes a long way. Job well done by the Iota Nu Chapter!





Visiting Veterans at Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital in Perryville, MD. Brothers cook lunch, serve, and talk to the Veterans.





JUNETEENTH

JUNETEENTH IS THE OLDEST KNOWN CELEBRATION COMMEMORATING THE ENDING OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

COMMUNITY COOKOUT

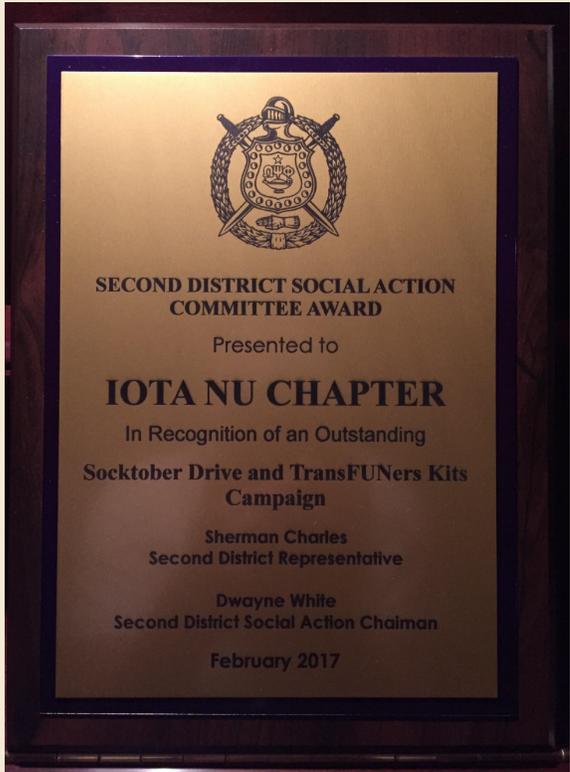
COMMUNITY COOK-OWT



Annual Event to Thank the Community for their support



SUPPORT TO THE WECANCERVE MOVEMENT, INC.



Brothers Michael Bennett and Anthony Dorsey deliver socks to Miss Grace Callwood, Founder of WeCancerve, Movement Inc. Iota Nu donated over 400 pairs of socks for the Socktober Drive in 2016.





COLLABORATION WITH PANHELLENIC COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY

Greek Letter Organizations

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc
 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc
 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc
 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc
 Masonic Organizations

Community Organizations

NAACP
 Black Youth in Action Adults
 Habitat for Humanity
 WeCanserve, Inc
 Harford Family House
 The Sharing Table
 Multiple Church Organizations

Government

Harford County Public Schools
 Harford County Public Library
 Maryland Department of Transportation
 United States Marine Corps
 Toys-For-Tots
 Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital

AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH BY SUPPORTING THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES AND ADDICTION



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP

HARFORD COUNTY “ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY” & EDGEWOOD PARK CLEANUP INITIATIVE

The “Adopt-A-Highway” is a program that allows volunteer groups to pick-up litter along non-inter-state roadways as a community service. As a civic organization we have adopted and maintains two sections of state highway (Highway 40 Pulaski Highway and Route 715 at Aberdeen Proving Ground) four times a year. The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) provides the Iota Nu Chapter with five (5) “adopt-a-highway” metal signs with the Fraternity and Chapter’s name that has been posted along our designated highway to be cleaned. The Park and Pond trash collected is not accountable; however, the State Highway Trash bags are report-ed and accountable to the State Highway Administration (SHA).

Our first cleanup of the year took place on 20 January 2016, the cleanup was organized and led by Bro. Anthony Dorsey. The cleanup started at 9:00 am at the Edgewood Community Park located in Edgewood, Mary-land where nine members of the chapter cleaned the Community Park and the Community Pond. The Park cleanup consists of a playground, basketball court, outer limits of the housing area, and a 1,000 foot common area to the Park. From there the Brothers moved to the Pond which is located in a different area within the same community and it has a total of a half-a-mile (.5 mile) circumference around the pond that required cleaning. This portion of the cleanup concluded at 11:00 am, at the conclusion of the Community Park and Pond cleanup all the Brothers of the Chapter took photographs with the trash bags that was collect-ed and departed for Highway 40 for the High-way Clean.

The Highway cleanup began at the intersection of Spesutie Road in Aberdeen, MD and continued to the intersection near Walmart and Highway 715 near Aberdeen Proving Ground. This distance encompasses five miles of total walking distance. During this cleanup a total of 12 orange State Highway Administration trash bags was collected and left underneath the Iota Nu Chapter highway sign. At the conclusion of the Highway cleanup all the Brothers of the Chapter took photographs with the trash bags that was collected and departed for home.

On 27 August 2016, the Iota Nu Chapter continued in the same pattern for cleanup and conducted its 2nd cleanup of the year with the help of 11 Chapter Members. During this clean up the chapter collected 15

orange State Highway Administration marked trash bags and left them underneath the Iota Nu Chapter highway sign. At the conclusion of the Highway cleanup all the Brothers of the Chapter took photographs with the trash bags that was collected and departed for home.

On 17 September 2016, the Iota Nu Chapter continued in the same pattern for cleanup and conducted its 3rd cleanup of the year with the help of eight Chapter Members. During this clean up the chapter collected 15 orange State Highway Administration marked trash bags and left them underneath the Iota Nu Chapter highway sign. At the conclusion of the Highway cleanup all the Brothers of the Chapter took photographs with the trash bags that was collected and departed for home.

On 3 December 2016, the Iota Nu Chapter continued in the same pattern for cleanup and conducted its 4th and final cleanup of the year with the help of 15 Chapter members. During this clean up the chapter collected 20 orange State Highway Administration marked trash bags and left them underneath the Iota Nu Chapter highway sign. At the conclusion of the Highway cleanup all the Brothers of the Chapter took photographs with the trash bags that was collected and departed for home.

The Iota Nu Chapter utilized over 48 members of the chapter during the four clean up periods. Collecting over 50 SHA marked bags of trash weighing in excess of 1500 pounds. The members of the Iota Nu Chapter has walked over 288 combined miles to fulfill this obligation to the Community. This effort has enabled our State Highways and Community Park to be clean and free of trash and more inviting for the residents



Brothers clean-up a playground in Edgewood



Four clean-up events per year to beautify route 40 in Aberdeen and Edgewood, MD



SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING EVENTS



MARDI GRAS

Ticket Sales were \$15,855

Souvenir Journal income from adds were \$3,790.

Total Expenses were \$10,446. Revenue of \$9,198



Assisting Habitat for Humanity support new homeowners



IOTA NU CHAPTER MAKES DONATIONS TO THE HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE

Iota Nu Chapter collected and donated 40 sets of school supplies including backpacks, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, tape, glue and hand sanitizer for children with ages ranging from 5 years (Kindergarten) through 15 years (10th grade). The school supplies were donated to the children of Families that are currently living at the Harford Family House located in Aberdeen, Maryland on 1 Sep 2017, one week prior to the start of the school year. Harford Family House is the largest provider of transitional housing for homeless families with children in Harford County. They are the only organization in Harford County capable of keeping an intact family, including a father, together during the crisis of homelessness. It is their goal to end homelessness in Harford County, one family at a time. The chapter prides itself on providing Service and assistance to Families who need help in our communities.

Job well done by our Committee Chairman, Mike Bennett and the Brothers of Iota Nu Chapter!



THE MCDANIEL BRUHZ PRESENT:

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Westminster, MD. On Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at McDaniel College, in response to the recent outbreak of human trafficking incidents throughout the state and especially Washington, D.C. the Brothers of Iota Nu held a forum on human trafficking on the campus of McDaniel College. Brother Marquise Findley-Smith (16-IN) led the discussion of the epidemic by first showing a video that illustrated the ways in which women can be abducted, that do not fit the mold of the typical “white van” abductions. Stories of survivors of human trafficking were shared, as well as statistics for human trafficking in Maryland. Several strategies for prevention and reduction in the future were discussed, the most prominent of which included spreading awareness to younger crowds.



FELLOWSHIP

