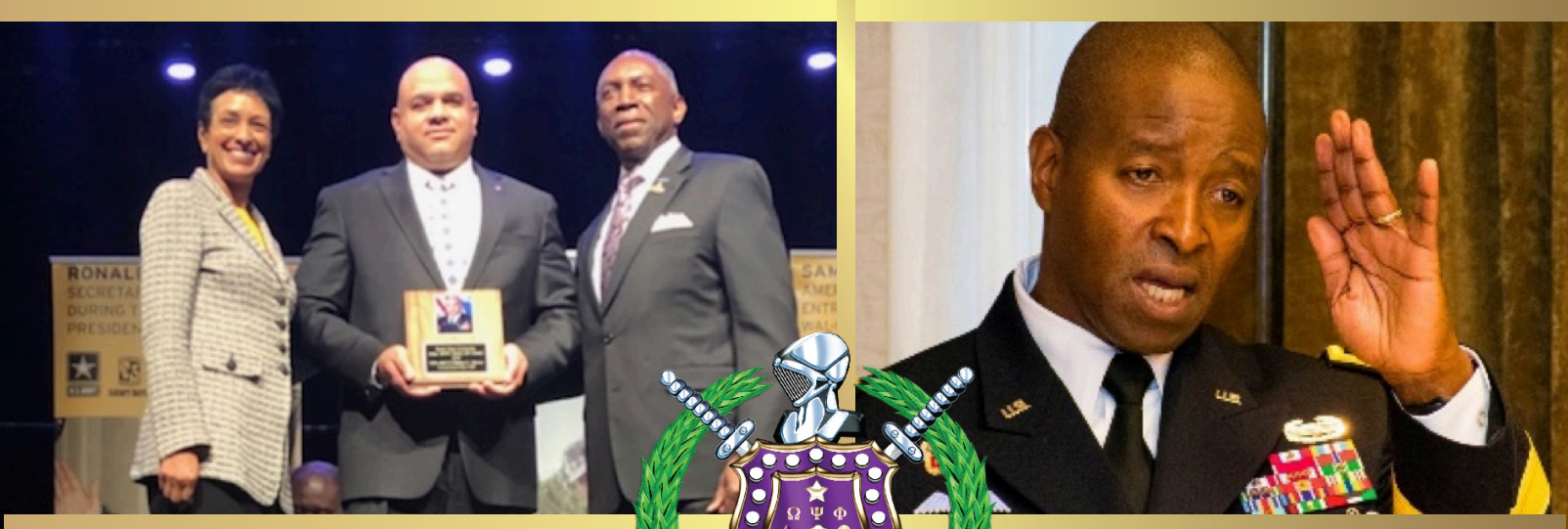


CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



2017-2018

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

HARFORD COUNTY QUES - IN TOUCH, INVOLVED, AND IN CHARGE!



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INTRODUCTION



GREETINGS BROTHER SMALLS,

I proudly present you with a summarized account of the Social Action programs executed by the Brothers of Iota Nu for 2017-2018. It was inspiring to witness the accomplishments and commitment of the Brothers during the past year. The enthusiasm, commitment, and overall impact of our program is reflective of the excellence espoused by our founding fathers and collectively demonstrated by our beloved fraternity for over a century. Brother Jimmy Archange and his committee demonstrated outstanding professionalism as they worked to improve the planning and execution of an ever-increasing venue of outreach programs. They are energized, focused, and resolute in all that they do. As you peruse this booklet, I am convinced you will relate to these comments. To paraphrase the words of Brother Charles Alston, a founding member of Iota Nu (est. Jan 1970), never in the 45-year history of the chapter has the impact so profoundly resonated. Local community leaders in Harford and Cecil Counties now regularly request the presence and support of the Men of Omega for collaborative efforts to teach, coach, and mentor community youth. The Star of Aspiration will continue to lead us in all endeavors. I appreciate your time and leadership. I am confident that all who take the time to review this document will recognize the Spirit of Omega driving the actions of our chapter in the form dedicated service to our community. Another outstanding year Brothers – Thank you for a job well done!

Very Respectfully,

Russell Reese

Basileus, Iota Nu



THE FOUNDERS

Iota Nu Brothers posing with portraits of Founders during the 2018 Conclave held in New Orleans, La. (from left to right: Bro. Aurelio Burton (Dr. Ernest E. Just), Bro. Bart Glass (Bishop Edgar A. Love), Bro. Russell Reese (Dr. Oscar J. Cooper), Bro. Jimmy Archange (Professor Frank Coleman))

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

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

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

FIETTS
FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL

FRATERNITY & FRIENDSHIP

One of the most valuable aspects of memberships in the Omega Psi Phi, Inc. Fraternity is the Friendship that exists between members of the organization. Iota Nu promotes the development of close ties between its members through developing community business relationships, providing community services, promoting scholarship and learning, participating in community religious services, sharing family bonds and having fun together. “Friendship is Essential to the Soul” is our Fraternity Motto, which serves to nurture the Omega Spirit. MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, and UPLIFT are our Cardinal Principles, which together with our Fraternity Motto provides the framework and guidance for the activities conducted during the 2017-2018 fraternal year.



PROGRAMS

IOTA NU CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

Aberdeen, MD—November 18, 2017

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Recently observed the fraternities annual Achievement Week. This year's theme is "When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer". Iota Nu's Achievement Week activities included chapter fellowship, participating in the fraternity's re-dedication ceremony, worshipping together, and participating in Iota Nu's annual Achievement Week Banquet. Iota Nu's guest speaker was Brother Bruce Crawford, a senior leader in the United States Army. Guests included Harford County Representatives and Community Leaders. The brothers of Iota Nu will conclude achievement week by serving Harford and Cecil County communities during the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Brother Orlando Ortiz served as Master of Ceremony for Achievement Week Banquet.



Brother Lt. General Bruce Crawford speaking during Achievement Week Banquet.



Brother Mark Thomas awarded Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award



Iota Nu's 2017 Achievement Week Awardees:

Graduate Omega Man of the Year: Brother Mark Thomas

Citizen of the Year: Brother John Sampson

Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award: Brother Leonard Newman

Founders Award: Brother Eugene Egerton

Superior Service Award: Brother Norbert Reed

Undergraduate Chapter Advisor of the Year: Brother Dwayne Adams

Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year: Brother Marques Findley-Smith

International High School Essay Contest Winner: Max Nguyen





SCHOLARSHIP

The Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is chartered on providing annual scholarships to deserving student throughout Harford and Cecil counties in Maryland. For the school year of 2017-2018 school year the chapter received application from fifteen applicants and awarded a total of five \$1,000.00 scholarships to students from Patterson Mill, North Harford, Edgewood, and Havre de Grace for a total of \$5,000. All recipients were notified, and their respective schools contacted on May 14, 2018. The Scholarship were presented at award programs conducted from May 23 – May 30, 2018.

The Iota Nu Uplift Foundation, in conjunction with the Iota Nu chapter, conducts an annual International High School Essay Contest. This year's topic was "What Action Can You Take to Promote Social Justice and Embrace Diversity for All People." The recipient of the 2017 Achievement Week essay contest scholarship was Aberdeen High School senior Max Nguyen

Two graduating children of Brothers were awarded book stipends of \$250.00 each

- Tyler Holley - Son of Brother Lamark Holley
- Eugene 'Trey' Pettiford - Son of Brother Eugene Pettiford



BALTIMORE, MD—APRIL 26-29, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT

IOTA NU HIGHLIGHTS FROM SECOND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Recently returned from Omega Psi Phi's 70th Second District Conference that was hosted by the brothers of Pi Omega Chapter in Baltimore City. Iota Nu is proud to announce that they returned home with several brothers being recognized for their awards and achievements to our organization.

Brother Dwayne Adams, whom was appointed as the undergraduate representative for the recently chartered Alpha Delta Gamma chapter received the undergraduate advisor of the year award. This award represents the hard work and dedication that Brother Adams has done to ensure that the Brothers of Alpha Delta Gamma's charter was successful as well as starting several social action initiatives on McDaniel College. Brother Adams is a former Basileus of Iota Nu and Social Action Chairman.

Brother Leonard Newman received the district Colonel Charles Young Award. The Colonel Charles Young Award represents the numerous accomplishments that Brother Newman has done as a brother and also a committed serviceman of our military. Brother Newman is a past parliamentarian for Iota Nu and cur-

rently the president of the Iota Nu uplift foundation. Brother Marquize Findley-Smith received the districts undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award. Brother Findley-Smith has been a hard worker for the fraternity as well as a student athlete that played football for McDaniel College. Brother Marquize Findley is a former Undergraduate Representative for the Second District. Brother Marquize Findley-Smith was initiated through the Iota Nu Chapter and was instrumental in chartering Alpha Delta Gamma Charter at McDaniel College. Brother Marquize Findley Smith recently graduated from McDaniel College and plans to attend law school in California.

Additionally, Iota Nu's talent hunt representative received third place at the District Talent Hunt. Ms. Aniya Horne performed a liturgical dance in the Contemporary dance category in which she expressed the word and spirit of god with joy and emotion.

The Iota Nu chapter of our accomplishments as a whole and will continue to work and serve the community.



New Orleans—July 20-24, 2018, the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. traveled to the 81st Grand Conclave to represent the Second District of our organization at the fraternity’s national convention which is held bi-annually. July 20-24, 2018 was dubbed Que Orleans and saw members of the illustrious organization travel from around the country to participate in festivities as well as handle the business of the organization which included electing national officers. The men of Iota Nu sent seven delegates to the Grand Conclave which saw approximately 3,800 registered members. It was a pleasure to fellowship with brothers past and present that have been affiliated with the Iota Nu chapter. It was also a pleasure to gain new friendships in the process. The brothers of Iota Nu look forward to traveling to Tampa Florida in 2020 for the 82nd Grand Conclave.



Iota Nu delegates to 81st Grand Conclave (from left to right, Bro. Jimmy Archange, Bro. Marcus James, Bro. Russell Reese, Bro. Leonard Newman, Bro. Aurelio Burton, and Bro. Bart Glass. Not picture is Bro. Marcus Finley-Smith)



IOTA NU MEMORIAL SERVICE



**EDGEWOOD, MD
MARCH 11, 2018,
2ND DISTRICT**

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Recently observed the fraternities annual Memorial Service. March 12 is the day each year that the fraternity sets aside to recall the memories of the members that have transitioned from labor to glory. The brothers of Iota Nu worshiped together and followed Sunday service with fellowship and reflection about brothers that have passed away. Tears were shed and stories were told as brothers bonded and concluded the day remembering our fallen brothers.



SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS



*Toys for Tots
Harford Family House*

*Community
Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Christmas Holiday
Gift Giving*

*Habitat for
Humanity*

*Scholarship
Fund-raisers*





IOTA NU CONTINUES TO SPREAD HOLIDAY SPIRIT



The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Continued to spread holiday spirit by conducting their annual Bow tie Holiday Social Toy Drive. The brothers of Iota Nu partnered with the Chesapeake Lodge #48 Masons of Harford County to gather toys for children for the upcoming holiday. The event was held at the Courtyard Marriott. Patrons and guests donated toys as admission to the social event. The toys that were collected will be donated to Toys for Tots and the Empty Stocking Fund organizations. Brother Melvin Adderley chaired a successful event that will ensure children have a Merry Christmas this holiday season.



IOTA NU PROVIDES AID DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE

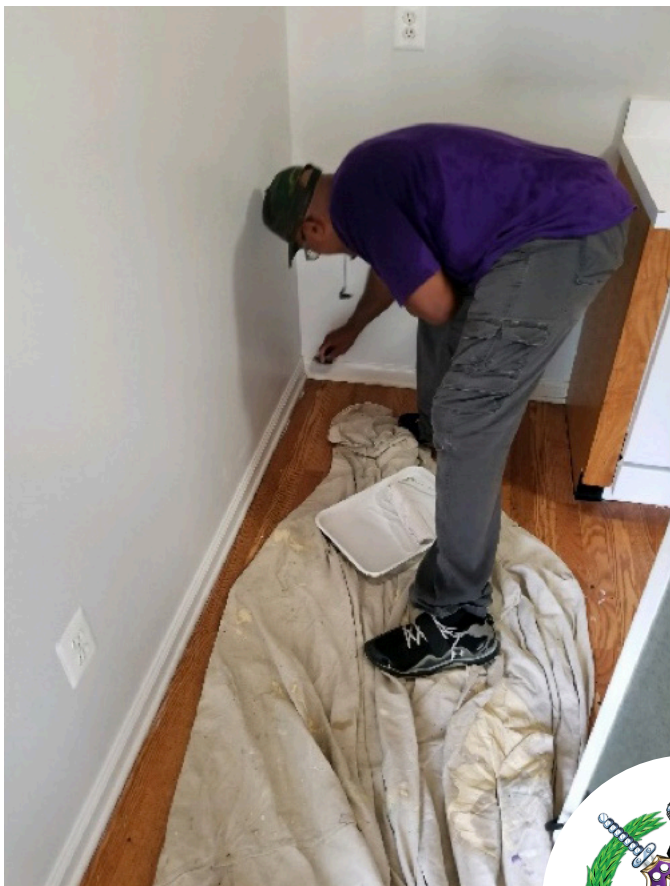
ABERDEEN, MD—MAY 25, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT



The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continued our work with the Harford Family House. On a Friday afternoon when most are at work or leisurely spending their day off preparing for the upcoming holiday several brothers took time to go and ensure that an incoming family was able to successfully move into one of the homes at the Harford Family House. Brothers Michael Bennet, Anthony Dorsey, Charles Gordon, Eric Story, and Norbit Reed helped to clean and furnish one of the recently vacant apartments. Brother Charles Gordon even brought his son Charles Jr. along to show him the value of giving back to the community.

Harford Family House is the largest transitional housing organization in Harford County. They assists family's transition during the crises of homelessness. Their goal is to end homelessness in Harford County, one family at a time.

The Iota Nu chapter is proud to assist this organization and looks for to continuing to uplift the community.



**ABERDEEN, MD—AUGUST 3,
2018, 2ND DISTRICT**

IOTA NU CONTINUES WORK: HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continued our working relationship with the Harford Family House. Once a month the men of Iota Nu show up to support in a variety of ways. This day included Brothers Michael Bennett and Charles Gordon painting an apartment for an incoming family.

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 the family 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.



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD—NOVEMBER 23, 2017, 2ND DISTRICT,

IOTA NU SUPPORTS COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in Harford County's longest running community dinner on Thanksgiving Day. The brothers of Iota Nu joined the events host organization, Community Service Projects of Havre de Grace Inc. Other organizations included the Harford County chapters of Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha. Community Service Projects of Havre de Grace Inc. and the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner started several years ago at Havre de Grace High School and has expanded over time. Organizers expect to serve about over one thousand meals this year between serving at the Havre de Grace Community Center and delivering to families at senior citizen homes, nursing homes and private homes in Harford and Cecil County. The Brothers of Iota Nu along with the other organizations and community patrons helped prepare Thanksgiving meals, set up the community center, serve the community, and deliver meals to families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.



BEL AIR, MD—DECEMBER 22, 2017, 2ND DISTRICT

IOTA NU COMES TOGETHER TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS FOR FIRE VICTIM

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was all set to enjoy the holidays with their families the Friday before Christmas. Brother Michael Bennett received a phone call from a single mother with children that recently was involved in a fire that left her homeless. Brother Bennett ensured the mother that the Brothers of Iota Nu would support her in any way that we could. Brother Bennett and representatives from WeCanCerve helped the mother get into Anna's House which is located in Harford County, Maryland.

Anna's House provides support services to woman that have experiences a variety of crises that include domestic violence, loss of employment, and recent homelessness. The representatives of Anna's House work individually with each case to address the family's challenges.

Thank You Brother Michael Bennett and the brothers of Iota Nu for ensuring that another family received a Merry Christmas



IOTA NU GRANTS TWO FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. transitioned from Achievement Week and Thanksgiving and immediately transitioned in the Christmas holiday. The brothers of Iota Nu partnered with the Harford Family House to Adopt two families that otherwise would not have been able to celebrate the upcoming holiday. The families provided the Iota Nu chapter their list and the brothers granted these families their wishes. The Brothers also bought Christmas decorations so that the families were able to decorate their homes. Gifts included clothes,

toys, and kitchen appliances. 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 the family 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.



ABERDEEN, MD—DECEMBER 1, 2017, 2ND DISTRICT

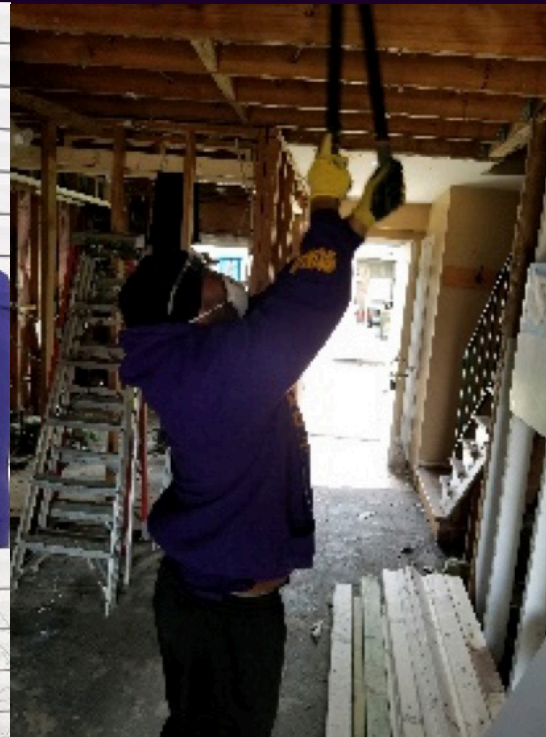


IOTA NU PARTICIPATES IN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SUSQUEHANNA

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the chapter's annual social action event that supports Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. Early in the morning, the brothers took time to aid in the renovation of a home in Harford County that will be designated to a family in need.

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna has a mission to provide affordable housing opportunities for Harford and Cecil County residents by building, renovating, and repairing homes in partnership with the community. Their vision includes eliminating housing and homelessness from the world and to provide shelter to those in need. To date, the organization has built over 50,000 homes. Approximately 10 brothers from the chapter participated in this worthy cause. This event was chaired by Brother Dana Fogg.

JOPPATOWNE, MD—
APRIL 21, 2018, 2ND
DISTRICT,





IOTA CONDUCTS THEIR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING EVENTS

MIDDLE RIVER, MD—FEBRUARY 17, 2018

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Fraternity, Inc. conducted two social events during the 2018 Fraternal Year to raise funds to benefit chapter programs. The annual Mardi-Gras Scholarship Gala, the chapter's signature formal event, was held on February 17, 2018 at Martin's East located in Middle River, MD. After a slow start due to snowy roads and accidents on both major highways, patrons started filling Martin's East and shortly three quarters of the venue was filled with supporters. The event sold over 250

tickets and it seemed that patrons wanted to enjoy the festivities with the brother of Iota Nu regardless of the weather. As the weather warmed Iota Nu conducted an All White social event held on August 10, 2018 at Richlin Catering and Event Center located in Edgewood, MD. The causal event was attended by over 170 guest attired in white. Altogether, the Iota Nu chapter profited over \$10,000.00 from the two social event to provide to scholarships to high school students from Harford and Cecil Counties.



Patrons enjoying Formal Annual Mardi-Gras Scholarship Gala.



Guest attired in white for All White Party



TALENT HUNT

EDGEWOOD, MARYLAND.

Iota Nu Chapter held its 10th Annual Talent Hunt on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Eight youths from area high schools competed in the categories of instrumental contemporary, dance, vocal, and visual arts. In an effort to recruit more participants, the event was held at The EPICENTER, a community center in Edgewood Maryland affiliated with the Mountain Christian Church. Partnering with The EPICENTER provided the appropriate venue with a stage, audio/visual support and access to youth in their outreach program.

The program was opened by Brother Charles Gibson (84-E Sigma) who welcomed the community to the program and set expectations for the event. Brother Emil Crom-

well (62 Pi E) gave the opening prayer and Bro. Gibson read a brief history of the Talent Hunt. Then the competition began.

Two artists presented their works. Miss Veda Wilson, a 9th grader from Edgewood High School and Henri Rosser presented 5 works of their sketches and paintings. The six performers were Bryson Foye, a Senior at Bel Air High School who played piano, Brad Lembach, a 10th grader at Stone Harbor Academy who played drums to the Gospel song You're Good by Israel Houghton, Ashanti Horne, a 10th grader who sang Blue Bird by Nina Simone, Mark Rosser, a 10th grader at Aberdeen High School who sang Hallelujah, Daequan Mittons, a 9th grader from Havre de Grace High School who performed a liturgical

dance, and Aniya Horne, an 11th grader who performed a liturgical dance.

The judges for the event were Felicia Thomas, Courtney White-Gilbert, Jaron Darden, and Victoria Stanley. After completion of their task, the winners were Aniya Horne, 1st Place, Henri Rosser, 2nd Place, and Brad Lenbach, 3rd Place. Iota Nu will send two performers to the District competition, Aniya Horne for dance and Henri Rosser, visual arts.

Brothers Russell Reese (10-IN), Basileus of Iota Nu, and Mark Thomas (08-IN), Talent Hunt Chair, presented the awards. The event closed with prayer from Bro. Emil Cromwell.





EDGEWOOD AND ABERDEEN, MD-APRIL 14, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT

RECLAMATION & RETENTION

The Iota Nu Chapter conducted its second annual highway clean up initiative in partnership with the State Highway Administrations Adopt-A-Highway under the Maryland Department of Transportation. The chapter did not conduct a clean-up during the winter season and the second clean up this year has brought the chapter on schedule to complete quarterly clean ups as part of our obligation to State Highway Administration. The chapter welcomed several young men to help and assist the efforts. The brothers were thanked by military servicemen as they walked the highway and parents of children stopped to inquire about how their children could support these noble efforts.

On this day, the men of Iota Nu also spent time cleaning a local park located in Edgewood, Maryland. The park and highway cleanup also provided an opportunity for some of Iota Nu's reclaimable brothers to participate with their children while fellowshipping

with the chapter. With the support of the brothers, the chapter was able to clean both the highway and park in approximately three hours.

The Iota Nu chapter has adopted two highways in Harford County along route 40 in Aberdeen, Maryland. The recent clean-up effort occurred at the entrance of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Keeping the roadways litter free improves the health of our environment and keeps our roads safe to drive. This is one of several events that Iota Nu plans to conduct as part of the chapters Social Action initiatives that has expanded into fatherhood and mentoring of young men as well as reclamation of brothers that live in the Harford County area. This program is led by Brother Anthony Dorsey.



COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

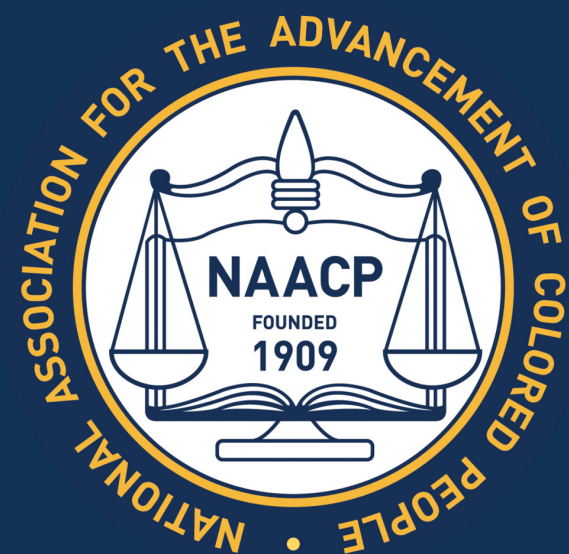
Each year the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., gives at least \$50,000 to historically black college and universities in furtherance of Omega's commitment to provide philanthropic support. The Iota Nu chapter contributed \$200.00 to support this effort in 2018.

NAACP

WWW.NAACP.ORG

NAACP life Membership

The 1955 Los Angeles Grand Conclave initiated a program whereby each graduate chapter would purchase a Life Membership from the NAACP. Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi meet this mandated requirement by maintaining a Life Membership at Large in the NAACP. Iota Nu encourage all members of the chapter to join the Harford County or Cecil County NAACP.





ABUJA, NIGERIA

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: QUESTS IN AFRICA

November 2017, 2nd District, the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi's Brother John Sampson did not spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his family and chapter instead 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 an African 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 years of experience, close Nigerian friends and partnership with the Christian non-profit, Pro Health International, Brother Sampson was able to coordinate a twenty four 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.



Brother Dr. John Sampson speaking on providing “Innovative Care in Resource Limited Settings” during his travel to West Africa to participate in medical conference.

The six courses taught included the following:

Fundamental Disaster Management Course

Fundamental Critical Care Support Course

Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course

Tropical Medicine Fundamental Critical Care Support Course

Obstetric Critical Care Support Course

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 a traditional American style Thanksgiving dinner (with an African flare) at the conclusion of the program. 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.



OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITY



*Juneteenth Annual
Celebration*

*Havre de Grace Colored
School Support*

Mentoring Programs

*Bel Air Rehabilitation Center
Donations*

*Hartford County Buffalo
Soldiers' Scholarship
Support*

*Health and Addiction
Awareness 5K Run*

*Voter Registration, Education
and Mobilization*





THE HARFORD COUNTY ALUMNI COUNCIL SUPPORTS JUNETEENTH'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION

In the organizations first year the Harford County Alumni Council is off to a strong start. Recently, the organization comprised of the Greek letter organization in Harford County partnered with the Hosanna AME Church and Havre de Grace Rotary Club. This event was sponsored in part by the Harford County Government and held at the Historic Hosanna School Museum. The Juneteenth Celebration featured events throughout the day. Events included Janice Greene, African Drummers and Dancers, the Aberdeen Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, Zumba, crafts, vendors, food trucks, silent auctions, tours, and much more. This is an event that has been expanding annually that the Harford County Alumni Council is proud to be part of. The men of the Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity supported in multiple capacities to set up and tear down the large festival. The men

of Iota Nu supported by transporting setting up tables, chairs, and tents that were used for the festival. The brothers of Iota Nu also stayed to help the multiple vendors and other activities prepare for the festival. For those that are unaware, Juneteenth is a commemorated-on June 19 annually to celebrate the abolishment of slavery in the United States. It is significant in history because it was on June 19th that Major General Granger whom led the Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas to provide communication that the enslaved were now free. The significance is that this was after two and half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The state of Texas was not recognizing the Proclamation until the Union arrived to overcome the resistance. There are numerous stories told today to try and explain the two- and half-year delay.



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD—MARCH 8, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT



IOTA NU CHAPTER SUPPORTS HAVRE DE GRACE COLORED SCHOOL

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donated funding to support the acquisition of the Havre de Grace Colored School. The goal and plan of the initiative is to convert the building into a cultural center and museum that provides the rich history and legacy of the Havre de Grace Colored School. The Havre de Grace Colored School was a segregated school for local black children from elementary through high school from 1910 until 1953. African American students in the Havre de Grace then

attended Havre de Grace Consolidated School in the Oakington, MD. Today, Havre de Grace Consolidated School is now Roye-Williams Elementary School. Iota Nu's own Brother Emil Cromwell is a lifetime resident of Havre de Grace and has lived through all of the transitions these past decades. He is a member of the committee that is fund raising for this effort and when he approached the chapter for support it was an easy decision. Iota Nu is proud to be part of this historic occasion in Harford County History.



IOTA NU SUPPORTS ABERDEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S GOOD NEWS ASSEMBLY - MENTORING

The Iota Nu Chapter supported Aberdeen Middle School's monthly Good News Assembly. Each month Aberdeen Middle School celebrates their students character education traits there were learned during the month.

The month of November focused on "gratitude" and Aberdeen Middle School requested support from the Iota Nu chapter as well as Greeks, veterans and active duty Service members to

show support for our military. Brothers from Iota Nu greeted students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade and participated in assembly activities.



IOTA NU DONATES SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE AND MAGNOLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL - MENTORING

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. collected school supplies as part of their back to school initiative. The school supplies included spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, tape, glue, playdoh 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 and students at Magnolia Middle School one week prior to the start of the school year.

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One of Iota Nu's own Brother Lamark Holley is a member of the faculty at Magnolia Middle School and assisted with an effort that included donating over 50 backpacks to students.

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.



IOTA NU SUPPORTS ABERDEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

ABERDEEN, MD-FEBRUARY 28, 2017, SECOND DISTRICT



The Iota Nu Chapter supported Aberdeen Middle School's monthly Good News Assembly. Each month Aberdeen Middle School celebrates their students character education traits there were learned during the month. The month of February focus on Black History Month and one of the schools principals requested assistance from the Brothers of the Iota Nu Chapter.

Brothers Mark Thomas and Michael Bennett represented the chapter and welcomed students as they entered the school at 7:45am. Once the school day started, the brothers attended the school's assembly and observed as grades 6, 7, and 8 performed Black History Month themed programs. The performances included Harriett Tubman, Thurgood Marshall, and Langston Hughes. Aberdeen Middle School also had a step team perform. The brothers noted that it was a great spending time with the younger generation as they learned about African American history.



ABERDEEN, MD—
JULY 22, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT



IOTA NU SUPPORTS CAMP HAPPY - MENTORING

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continues its support of We Cancerve and the Harford Family House. On Thursday afternoon Brothers Michael Bennett and Anthony Dorsey spent time with children from the Harford Family House during We Cancerve's Camp Happy. Brother Bennett and Dorsey spoke about their careers in the military, displayed equipment that servicemen use, and presented Camp Happy with an American flag. As former servicemen, Brothers Bennett and Dorsey explained the meaning of the American flag along with the colors, stars, and stripes. The children were able to wear military helmets, ruck sacks, vests, and laid on sleeping bags, cots, and mats. Camp Happy Easter created in 2015 by Grace Callwood, then age 10, as a free summer enrichment program for children at area transitional

homeless programs. Callwood, founder of We Cancerve Movement Inc., wanted to make sure homeless youth returned to school in the fall with positive and fun stories to tell about their summer breaks. "Camp Happy is unique because it's a summer enrichment program made for kids by kids. Camp Happy is also completely for the homeless children and it's held on-site at their locations. Our camp is unique because from all of our activities come ideas of youth - either our junior camp counselors or the youth we serve at homeless shelters. Special events like guest presenters and field trips are donated at no cost or at a significantly reduced cost." said Grace Callwood, age 13. She's a rising 8th grade student at Edgewood Middle School.



IOTA NU FACILITATES MANHOOD DISCUSSION AT MCDANIEL COLLEGE MENTORING

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. traveled to McDaniel College to participate and support our young chapter brothers during a one of the events they are establishing on campus. The young brothers of Iota Nu at McDaniel College led a discussion called “Manhood.” The brothers from Iota Nu facilitated a discussion regarding being an African American man in today’s society. Approximately, 20 students from McDaniel were present and engaged the brothers and the brothers provided life experiences, talked about career and mentorship opportunities. This is one of many events the brothers of McDaniel plan to include and maintain on an annual basis.

The brothers of Iota Nu at McDaniel are set to transition into a newly chartered chapter in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The brothers of Iota Nu in Harford County will remain close to the newly formed chapter to ensure that they grow and maintain the organizations mandated programs.



**WESTMINSTER,
MD—MARCH 28,
2018, 2ND
DISTRICT**





HAVRE DE GRACE, MD - FEBRUARY 1, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT,

IOTA NU PREPARES FUTURE LEADERS OF THE FRATERNITY - MENTORING

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in their scheduled mentoring and leadership training with their youngest chapter brothers at McDaniel College and Stevenson University during our monthly fraternity meeting. The young brothers traveled from Westminster to Harford County, Maryland to discuss planning and budgeting for Iota Nu's current events as well as events that are forthcoming at McDaniel College and Stevenson University.

The Chapter is in a unique situation in which they are grooming the younger brothers of McDaniel and Stevenson while they are chartering a new chapter into our beloved organization. The young brothers of Mc-

Daniel College and Stevenson University are taking the initiative to engage the officers of the executive council in Iota Nu and continue to seek guidance and wisdom from the chapter. These young brothers have been thoroughly immersed in chapter and district activities throughout the fraternity.

The charter of McDaniel College and Stevenson University's newly formed chapter is expected to be approved and presented by mid-year 2018. The young brothers have expressed interest in remaining close to the Iota Nu Chapter for guidance and assistance and our plan is to provide quarterly training as part of the chapter's fatherhood and mentoring initiatives for the fraternal year 2018.



BEL AIR, MD—MARCH 17, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT,

IOTA NU CHAPTER DONATES EASTER BUNNIES - BEL AIR REHAB CENTER

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. donated stuffed Easter Bunnies the Bel Air Rehab Center. Brother Michael Bennett and his family routinely visit the rehabilitation center to spend time with the patients. Some of the patients do not have families and having someone to visit with them always brightens their day. The stuffed Easter Bunnies will be provided to patients and also as game prizes during the center's weekly Bingo night. Brother Eric Story and Norbit Reed assisted Brother Michael Bennett. With a quick turnaround time, the brothers of the chapter were able to buy and donate over 60 stuffed Easter Bunnies.





HAVRE DE GRACE, MD—APRIL 21, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT

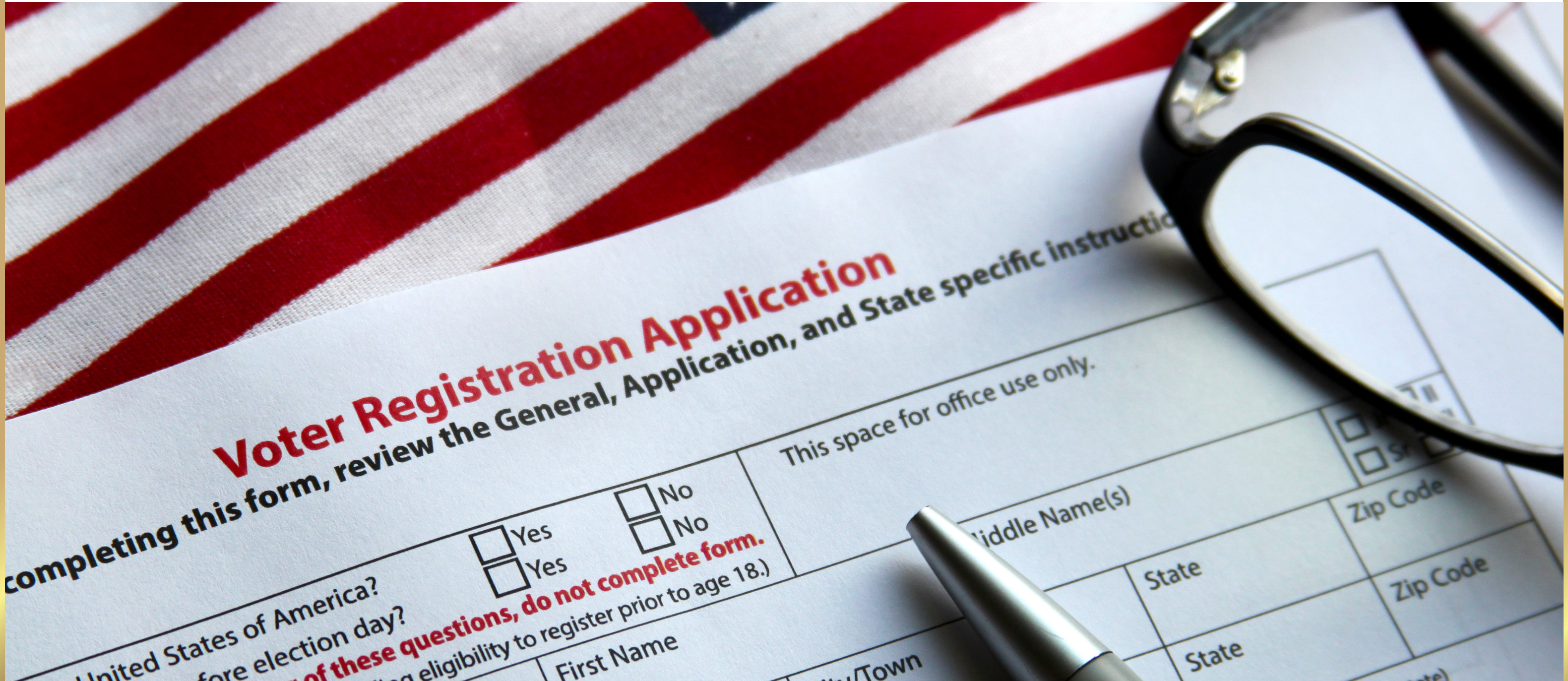
IOTA NU IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HARFORD COUNTY ALUMNI COUNCIL AND HAVRE DE ROTARY CLUB RAISE AWARENESS FOR HEALTH AND ADDICTION TREATMENT

Havre de Grace, MD—May 5, 2018, 2nd District, The Iota Nu chapter in conjunction the Harford County Alumni Council and Havre de Grace Rotary club partnered together for their first annual Health and Addiction Treatment 5k Run/Walk. These organizations began planning for this event back in September 2017 and after several months of coordination and effort the organizations successfully executed their first annual 5k to raise awareness for the American Diabetes Association and Addiction Connection Resources. The Havre de Grace Rotary club is an organization that was founded in 1922 with the mission of service above self. The Rotary club is an international organization that is dedicated to solving real world problems with sustainable projects and have programs that include literacy, peace, water and health. The Harford County Alumni Council is a newly formed organization that is combines the Harford County Greek Organizations. These organizations include Zeta

Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. All of the Greek organizations lead multiple initiatives to include scholarship and social action among Harford County and have teamed up to expand their reach in the community. Together, the joint effort between the two organizations raised well over the intended goal of \$1000.00 for both the American Diabetes Association and Addiction Connection Resources. The two organizations have found a niche in the community that is poised to expand. The event was well received by the community and the Mayor of Havre de Grace was in attendance to provide support on behalf of the city. The race took place in Tyding's Park along an official USA Track & Field certified course.

IOTA NU SUPPORTS BUFFALO SOLDIERS OF HARFORD COUNTY

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. attended a scholarship memorial that honors a recent member of Iota Nu that has transitioned in Omega Chapter. Brother Silas Williams was initiated into the Iota Nu Chapter in 2014 and was also a charter member and the Buffalo Soldier chapter in Harford County. The brothers of Iota Nu received communication that the Buffalo Soldiers were establishing a scholarship fund in Brother Williams honor and attended the motorcycle clubs fish fry fund-raiser to support our recently deceased brother. Altogether, the brothers of Iota Nu donated over \$300 to Brother Silas Williams's scholarship fund.



The Iota Nu Chapter launched a web-based voter registration, education, and mobilization effort on behalf of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to provide information regarding the state of Maryland primary elections. The early voting dates for the state were 14-21 June with the primary elections officially beginning on June 26. Brother Mark Thomas spearheaded the effort for Iota Nu and organized the chapter brothers beginning in the February to implement the viral campaign. The Iota Nu chapter provided resources that included how to register to vote, how to request absentee ballots, looking up polling locations and additional information on the policies and procedures that pertain particularly to the state of Maryland. The viral campaign reached approximately 1,500 people and the brothers received positive feedback from patrons of the Iota Nu Chapter.



CHAPTER AWARDS & OTHER RECOGNITION



PROCLAMATION

Whereas The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 2017 National Achievement Week is an event held every November honoring individuals whose achievements have contributed to the wellbeing of the Town of Bel Air and other communities within Harford County, and;

Whereas Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is committed to being an organization that provides an environment where young men and women are respected, appreciated, and thrive, and;

Whereas the citizens of the Town of Bel Air and the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners express our appreciation and gratitude to Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for supporting the Town of Bel Air, and;

Now, Therefore, on Behalf of the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners, we do hereby acknowledge Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for their generosity and offer our continued support.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Great Seal of The Town of Bel Air to be affixed this 18th Day of November, In the Year of Our Lord, 2017.

Susan U. Burdette
Susan U. Burdette, Mayor

The Iota Nu Chapter was presented proclamations from the representatives of Harford County and the town of Bel Air, MD during the 47th Annual Achievement Week Scholarship and Awards luncheon. The luncheon was held on November 18, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Aberdeen, MD. The proclamation expressed appreciation for the services the chapter provides to their communities.



Be it hereby known to all that
sincerest congratulations
are offered to

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Iota Nu Chapter

In recognition of

International Achievement Week, November 2017

*Recognizing those individuals that have made a noteworthy
contribution to the quality of life for Black Americans.
Congratulations!*



Given under my hand
the Seal of Harford County

Barry Glassman
Barry Glassman
Harford County Executive

On the 18th day of November
Two Thousand SEVENTEEN

Attest:
Jamie Ballard
Secretary to the County Executive



ABERDEEN, MD—APRIL 25, 2018, 2ND DISTRICT

IOTA NU RECOGNITION HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was recently recognized by the Harford Family House for our efforts supporting their organization over the past year. The Iota Nu chapter received The Outstanding Organization Award during an awards banquet. Brother Michael Bennett represented the chapter at the banquet and has been instrumental in the chapter's partnership.

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The Iota Nu chapter plans to continue our partnership with this noble organization.



Brother Archange receiving Master's Degree in Systems Engineering from Old Dominion University-December 16, 2017

The brothers of Iota Nu would like to congratulate our very own Brother Jimmy Archange on his recent accomplishment. Brother Archange recently graduated from Old Dominion University on with not his first, but his second Master Degree in Systems Engineering.

Brother Archange embodies our organizations cardinal principal of Scholarship and currently serves as our chapters Social Action Chairman. Brother Archange has been active with Iota Nu since moving to the area and is an asset to our chapter.

Brother Jimmy Archange is a service member of the United States Military and is an avid cyclist and runner. Congratulations again Brother Archange on your recent accomplishment from the Iota Nu chapter.



IOTA NU'S BROTHER CHARLES GIBSON INDUCTED INTO ALMA MATTER HALL OF FAME

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s very own Brother Charles Gibson had the honor of being inducted into Bowie State University's ROTC Hall of Fame. Brother Charles Gibson received this recognition based on his outstanding service and support of the Bowie State University ROTC program. As a retired service member of the United States Army, Brother Gibson has continued to mentored, sponsor, and speak at various events over the past 15 years that have prepared the future officers of the Army.

Brother Charles Gibson served 28 years in the United States Army after being commissioned at Bowie State University in 1986 and retired at the rank of Colonel. Brother Charles Gibson was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1984 through the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Bowie State University and is currently the Vice Basileus of the Iota Nu chapter which serves Harford and Cecil County.





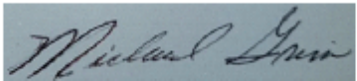
The brothers of Iota Nu want to congratulate our very own Brother Marcus James on his recent retirement from military service. Marcus has served more than twenty years in the United States Army and retires as a Chief Warrant Officer Three. Brother James has served multiple overseas and stateside tours during his career. Some of his awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.

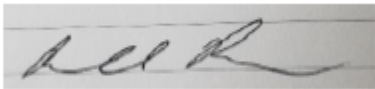
Brother James was initiated in the Iota Nu chapter during the spring season of 2014. During his fraternal travels, Brother James has been part of several chapters and districts throughout the fraternity and has always remained an active member. Brother James has a passion for serving the community and can be found working and serving the community during the weekends. Brother James chose to retire on the fraternity's founder's day.

Brother Marcus James will enjoy his retirement with his family and they will reside in Texas.

Congrats again Marcus from the brothers of Iota Nu!

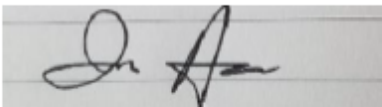
Note: The signatures of the Basileus and KRS are required below for all awards to confirm that they each read, reviewed and approved the contents of the applications. (Electronic Signatures are Acceptable)

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