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Achievement Week

Achievement Week is a Nationally Mandated Program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. It was originally designed by Brother Carter G. Woodson to “promote the study of Negro life and history” and began even before Negro History Week (now Black History Month). Omega Psi Phi’s Achievement Week is observed in November of each year. In recognition of Achievement Week, the men of the Psi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. formed a committee of brothers from the chapter to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals in the local community who have made a noteworthy contribution towards improving the quality of life for African Americans.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no face to face activities for achievement week this year. The highlight of the week was a virtual Founders Day Awards Ceremony that was held on November 17, 2020 at 1800 hours. The theme was “Omega Men Ushering in Social Change.” Master of Ceremony was Bro. Dr. Rodney Tyson, Sr. Guest speaker was Bro. Dr. James Carter, Psi Omega Chapter. This was a suit and tie affair, and the following awards were also presented:

- Psi Omega Citizen of the Year... Mrs. Cher Best
- Psi Omega Superior Service Award...Bro. Jerome Rouse
- Psi Omega Man of the Year...Bro. Joseph Moore
- Psi Omega Founders Award...Bro. Michael Griffin
- Psi Omega Basileus Award... Dr. Rodney Tyson, Sr., Bro. Charles Byrd, Bro. Staten Heard, Bro. James Gallman, Bro. Eugene White, Bro. Jerome Rouse, Bro. Michael Griffin



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Achievement Week-Continued

The mission and vision of Achievement Week was to focus attention on outstanding achievement, not only by giving appropriate recognition to those who have achieved, but also by stimulating others to gain even higher prominence in the community. Our virtual event during the week raised the prestige of Omega by providing a worthwhile project to which our chapter could focus on and ultimately, stimulate and enrich the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) as a community. The event was impactful to both our brotherhood and the community as a whole.

The Achievement Week Committee contributes the success of the week to the full cooperation of all Psi Omega Chapter members and the CSRA community. The committee looks forward to continuing this momentum by getting into churches, schools, and community organizations to help bring awareness to the great things that Omega men are doing in our community.

~2020 Omega Man of The Year Bro. Joseph Moore~



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2020Psi Omega Chapter's Omega Man of The Year Bro. Joseph
Moore





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Scholarship

The Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recognized the importance of the intellect in all matters pertaining to the advancement of humankind. As such, they made scholarship the foremost of the Fraternity's four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. In recognition to future leaders of our society and to increase awareness of the importance of scholarship in our community, the Psi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. formed a committee of brothers from the chapter to seek out and give due recognition to those high school seniors in the local community who attained high academic achievement. The committee distributed materials, evaluated individual performances, and reviewed financial need for which a \$1,000 monetary award was given to 9 highly deserving recipients. The following individuals were selected as our 2021 scholarship recipients:

Student	School
Robyn Rayford	Grovetown
Andrew Glaze	Harlem
Kaithy Stroman	Aiken
Drew Cooks	Westminster
Makena Griffis	Fox Creek
Justin Hillman	Evans
Elizabeth Fuller	Harlem
Camille Davis	Harlem
Isaiah Rainge	Grovetown



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Scholarship-continued

The mission and vision of the scholarship committee was to focus attention on outstanding scholastic achievement, not only by giving appropriate recognition to those who have achieved, but also by stimulating others to gain even higher scholastic achievement in the future. Although the committee was not able to sponsor a formal public recognition event due to the restriction of the COVID-19 pandemic, each scholarship recipient was acknowledged electronically and telephonically to raise the prestige of Omega by providing a worthwhile project to which our chapter could focus on and ultimately, stimulate and enrich the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) as a community. The efforts of the scholarship committee were impactful to both our brotherhood and the community as a whole.

The Psi Omega Chapter Scholarship Committee did not incur any financial obligations other than the cost of the scholarships that were provided. Overall, the committee contributed over 100 man hours. The committee looks forward to continuing this momentum by getting into churches, schools, and community organizations to help bring awareness to the great things that Omega men are doing in our community.



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Conclave, District and State Meetings

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Conclave, District and statement meetings attended by the Psi Omega chapter. Jerome Rouse and Rodney Tyson served as delegates for the chapter.

Memorial Service

All Chapters are expected to perform a Memorial Day service on or near March 12 each year to remember those that gone on to Omega Chapter. Memorial Day was observed by Psi Omega Chapter on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Formal Memorial Services were conducted as a closed service under the leadership of the chapter Basileus, Bro. Steven Morris. The Chaplain, Bro. Staten Heard was provided the opportunity to conduct the service in the memory of all brothers who entered into Omega Chapter during the intervening year.

In true Omega spirit and custom, the Formal Memorial Service was conducted virtually in the company of chapter brothers attired as official Omega men. Our departed brothers were revered ceremoniously by the Chaplain and brotherhood. Following, the Scripture on Endurance was read which was then followed by the Hymn of Courage.

Two departed brothers, Bro Sterling Wimberly and Bro. Wayne Hadley were remembered and their memory was honored. Upon completion of our departed brothers' remembrances, the Chaplain gave a sermonette focusing on Psalms 133 which extolled the "Joys of Brotherhood." Prayer was offered and the brotherhood closed with "Omega Dear."



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Social Action

- Food Giveaways

Golden Harvest Giveaways (2)

The chapter assist with two separate food giveaways with the Golden Harvest. We distributed food to needy families. There were two giveaways with a total of fourteen brothers assisting. There were 64 man hours used to perform this activity.

- Antioch Baptist Church Food Giveaway

Psi Omega supported the Augusta Interfaith Coalition's Turkey Dinner Giveaway held at Antioch Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. During that event. Members of the Divine 9 sorted the components and packaged 400 Thanksgiving family meals for participants. During the event, participants were provided a wealth of voter registration and voting information. Five brothers participated using 50 man hours.



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Brothers preparing to participate in Golden Harvest food giveaway



Brother Michael Griffin leading the group



Chaplain Bro. Staten Heard



Brothers at Food Giveaway



Brothers awaiting families to arrive

- **Covid-19**

Psi Omega participate with a Corvid-19 Vaccine Session on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the Julian Smith Casino. Psi Omega members were asked to come and help individually with parking and passing out refreshments, etc. Gold Cross handled the Vaccine Operation. Three brothers with 15 man hours.



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- **Governmental Relations**

As in other endeavors Psi Omega was very active in governmental affairs. We participated with Georgia State Senate runoff by assisting with working phone banks and holding signs on the streets of Augusta for Senate candidates. Ten brothers assisted with this event with 100 man hours.

- **Gun Violence**

Psi Omega participated in a virtual Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 addressing Gun Violence and Black Gun Ownership. This was presented by Sgt. David Milford of Richmond County Sheriff Department and Bro. Percival Galloway, respectively.

- **Voter Suppression Legislation**

We also participated in a virtual Town Hall meeting May 24 or 25. The guest speakers are Senator Harold Jones and Rev. Melvin Ivey. They covered legislation that negatively impacts the African American Community including voter suppression and other efforts to revive the Jim Crow Law era.

- **Juneteenth Celebration**

Psi Omega Chapter was represented at the Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, 2021 at Southgate Plaza. The celebration kickoff featured a Parade that began at IKONZ Sports Bar on Northleg Road and ending up at Southgate. The Celebration included representatives from the Richmond County Commissioners, Mayor's office, Greater Augusta Interfaith



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Coalition, Black Voters Matter, The Peoples's Agenda, Black Lives Matter, NAN of CSRA, Lucy Craft Laney Museum and other organizations. Free food along with water melon was provided for those in attendance. A wealth of information related to voting rights, Covid-19 and other matters that impact black and brown communities.

Psi Omega's Summer Picnic

Psi Omega held it's summer picnic at Diamond Lakes. This was a cherished activity. This was the first time that many of the chapter brothers had come together in over a year. Bro. Griffin chaired this event and it was a hit. It was good for brothers to dwell together. Thirty five brother participate and 35 man hours were used for preparation and cooking for this event.



Christmas Toy Drive

On December 21st 2020, Psi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi partnered with The Richmond County Marshal's Office to host the "Santa Fly-in Toy Drive". The event was held at the Augusta



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Regional Airport. Psi Omega Chapter Donated over \$2,000 to this worthy cause. 17 brothers from Psi Omega Chapter assisted with the event by helping to pass out breakfast and toys to the children and family members in attendance. There were 100 man hours spend during this project.



Psi Omega collected and delivered toys to needy children in the CSRA.



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- **Talent Hunt**

There was not a Talent Hunt contest this year due to covid-19 pandemic

- **Reclamation and Retention**

Retention was good this year, however, reclamation was down due to the pandemic shutdown. We retained 139 financial brothers for this year.



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NAACP Life Membership

Brothers James Gallman and Eugene White, Jr. are co-chairs of Psi Omega's NAACP Committee. These brothers occasionally attend meetings of the Augusta (GA) Branch and are officers of the Aiken County (SC) Branch. Psi Omega is a Life Member of the NAACP. At our business and social meetings, as indicated in our minutes, brothers are reminded that each brother is expected to be a member of the NAACP. Annually, approximately 15-20 brothers renew their membership by paying the annual fee of \$30. Many brothers of the Psi Omega Chapter are Life Members of the NAACP. Brother James Gallman is a member of the National Board of the NAACP, and is a Diamond Life NAACP Member. Brother Eugene White, Jr. is the President of the Aiken County Branch, is a Life Member of the NAACP, and is a Regional Coordinator of the South Carolina State Conference NAACP.

Psi Omega annually support both branches of the NAACP local units by purchasing a table at the branches' Annual Freedom Fund Dinners, as well as purchases full page ads in the souvenir booklets. Further, Psi Omega participates annually in the Augusta Branch NAACP's MLK Parade. Additionally, Psi Omega contributes a dollar for each year of the Aiken County Branch's anniversary. This year Psi Omega will contribute \$103.00 for Aiken County Branch's 102 years as an organization.

Candidates for Psi Omega's MSP must show proof of membership in the NAACP.

- Mentoring

We have very active mentoring group at Hornsby Elementary School, however, due the Covid-19 pandemic all activities were placed on hold. We have started talks with the Hornsby Elementary School principal about resuming mentoring activities in the fall.



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Mardi Gras

The Mardi Gras is normally held in the spring of the year. The chapter would be divided into five fundraising teams. Each team would obtain the assistance of a lady from the community to assist with fundraising. Each lady would compete for the opportunity to be named Ms. Omega. The lady and team that would raise the most funds would win the crown. However, due to COVID-19 this fundraiser was canceled. This is the chapter's biggest fundraiser. We average approximately \$90,000 yearly. We are looking forward to resuming the Mardi Gras fundraiser as soon as possible.