



FRIENDSHIP CHRONICLES

-SUMMER-
MAY 2026 TO JULY 2026 (Q3)

Leadership Welcome



Bro. Timothy Block
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Brothers of the Great State of Georgia,

It is my honor to welcome you to the 3rd Quarter 2026 edition of the Friendship Chronicles. This edition highlights the continued impact, fellowship, leadership, and accomplishments of the State Organization of Georgia during another active and productive quarter.

Throughout our great state, Georgia Omega Men continue to demonstrate what it means to move from Great to Elite by putting our Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift into action. Through community service, youth mentoring, scholarship, civic engagement, health initiatives, leadership development, chapter programs, and partnerships, our Brothers remain committed to making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve.

This quarter has also provided important opportunities for fellowship, collaboration, and continued preparation for the work ahead. I remain encouraged by the commitment of our chapters and Brothers to strengthen our collective impact while representing Omega with distinction across the State of Georgia and throughout the Seventh District.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our chapter reporters, committee leaders, region representatives, State Council officers, and Director of Public Relations, Bro. Phillip Mayo, for their continued efforts to capture and share the outstanding work taking place throughout Georgia. The stories featured in the Friendship Chronicles are more than a record of our activities; they demonstrate the strength of our Brotherhood and the positive impact that results when Omega Men work together with purpose.

As we move into the final quarter of the year, I encourage every Brother and chapter to remain engaged, continue sharing your accomplishments, support our statewide initiatives, and prepare to join us for the 63rd Georgia State Meeting in Augusta, Georgia, October 8–11, 2026. Together, let us maintain our momentum, strengthen our Brotherhood, and continue executing with excellence as we advance the State Organization of Georgia.

Friendship Is Essential To The Soul.

In Brotherhood and Service,

Bro. Timothy Block
20th Georgia State Representative
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



CONGRATULATIONS

STATE OF GEORGIA ORGANIZATION 2026 STATE COUNCIL

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- Bro. Jeffrey Boges, Eta Omicron - Community & Civic Affairs/Achievement Week
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Leadership



News & Updates

1ST VICE STATE REPRESENTATIVE -STATE OPERATIONS-



Bro. Antwan Walker
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Brothers of the great state of Georgia,

My prayer is that this email reaches you and your family doing well. Friendly reminder of chapter's annual report submission timeline:

(ALL REPORTS MUST BE SENT BEFORE RESPECTIVE DATES SHOWN; THIS IS A RECEIVED DATE)

- ☐ Monday, August 31, 2026, all reports are due to Regional Representatives via upload to State Google Drive.
- ☐ Friday, September 11, all Regional and social action winners and Committee winners are due to the 1st Vice State Representative and State Achievement Week Chairman
- ☐ Friday, September 18, 2026, all State winners are due to 1st Vice State Representative

➤ Through Quarter 3, Georgia has completed :

- ❖ 25,736 Manpower hours - 1st in the District
- ❖ 634 Mandated programs - 3rd in the District
- ❖ \$368,000 Monetary donations - 1st in the District
- ❖ 52,000 Units of blood donated - 3rd in the District

CHAPTERS PLEASE SUBMIT FORM 37 BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Brothers, we can finish this fiscal year strong with your participation. If you need assistance, reach out to me, Regional Representatives or Committee Chairmen.

Yours in Omega,

Bro. Antwan L. Walker, M.Ed
1st Vice State Representative
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STATE KEEPER OF RECORDS & SEAL -THE KRS MINUTE-



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Brothers of the Great State of Georgia –

As we continue our journey from “Great To Elite” under the leadership of our State Representative, Bro Timothy Block, I wanted to provide a brief update on the progress being made within the Office of the Keeper of Records and Seal.

At a recent meeting, the District Representative highlighted state level performance metrics on Form 37 (Chapter Activities) compliance. Unfortunately, as a state, we ranked last in compliance with only 18 of 47 chapters submitting a Form 37 and ZERO undergrad chapters submitting a Form 37.

The good news is we can only get better from here, but we need your help. If you haven’t recently submitted a Form 37, please take the next few days to get caught up on your submissions. At the request of Georgia State Rep Bro Block, we will soon be publishing compliance reports highlighting chapter performance against Form 37 - so take this time to ensure your chapter is compliant. Let me know if you require any assistance.

Together, we will continue moving Georgia toward Elite status.

Fraternally,

Brother Julius G. Abraham “Ham”
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“We’ll see you in Augusta at our 63rd Georgia State Meeting!”



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“Make sure you register for our 63rd Georgia State Meeting. Also, I am pleased to announce that registration is now open for our 90th 7th District Meeting.”



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Manhood Monday Prayer Call

Every Monday
6:00AM

Zoom Meeting Invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81819974168?pwd=mRLZjSNmySu3v4D36Kr66DFp4DF1>

Meeting ID: 818 1997 4168 | Passode: 482961

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Brothers,

Have you ever felt completely by yourself? Whether it is on your job, in your marriage, or within your chapter—have you ever felt truly alone?

This deep sense of loneliness is dangerous. It quietly drives us toward isolation and voluntary detachment. In fact, studies show that social isolation has an immediate, devastating impact on our mental health. This battle with aloneness and separation is incredibly real for so many of us.

The prophet Elijah knew this battle intimately. In 1 Kings 19, we see a man who spoke, and by his word, the heavens shut off for three years. He had just achieved a massive public victory on Mount Carmel, where false prophets were horrified and the true God was glorified.

Yet, immediately after that public triumph, an internal war festered privately. Driven by fear—by false evidence appearing real—Elijah retreated to the darkness of a cave.

Fortunately, God called him out of that cave. In doing so, Elijah discovered three critical truths that can save us today:

1. The cave is not where you are meant to remain.
2. There is still vital work for you to do.
3. There are others who are standing on your side.

Ultimately, Elijah discovered that he was never truly alone. If you do not remember another word of this message, my brother, anchor your heart to this: You are not meant for isolation. You have a purpose, you have a brotherhood, and **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

EDITOR'S NOTES

Brothers! Welcome to our 3rd Quarter's Friendship Chronicles. We just got through with the 85th Grand Conclave in Cincinnati, and a time was had by all! It was great seeing all the brothers I know, meeting many new ones and making fun memories with both.

But the work must continue as Omega doesn't sleep. Brothers, as we move into the 4th Quarter and the end of the first full year of my term, the State's PR Office still relies on YOU! **We need your chapter reporters, your fellow brothers, but most importantly, YOU to help support us submitting your articles to our Friendship Chronicles.**

By submitting your articles, you are showcasing the work you, your chapters and fellow brothers are putting forth in our communities. Your articles will 99% of the time be featured in our Friendship Chronicles quarterly; and by submitting them, you also are in the running for your article to be featured in The Oracle amongst the other articles submitted internationally, as we submit all articles to our 7th District PR Director for consideration into the Oracle. So, help us help you!

Stay tuned for all forthcoming publications and communications from the State Organization. Make sure you follow and subscribe to us on all social media platforms below and help stay connected to each other as we all continue to elevate from "GREAT TO ELITE!"



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News

REGION I

Kappa Alpha Alpha

Performing Arts Contestants Showcased Skills at KAA's Talent Hunt 2026

By: **Bro. Clarence Pittmann III** | Atlanta, GA

On a recent Saturday morning, on a grand stage with an Omega Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter backdrop, dynamic lighting, and elegant theatrical curtains, four high school seniors demonstrated their talents at the Dekalb School of the Arts.

No efforts and wherewithal were spared to expose these seniors to the performing arts ambiance and evaluation by professional entertainers. This included KAA's selection of the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Clarence Bell. He was a 2010 winner of Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt Program and holds a BA in music from Virginia State University (VSU) and a Master's degree in vocal performance from Georgia State University. Bell is also a member of the globally recognized VSU Gospel Chorale which was nominated for "HBCU Choir of the Year" at the national Stellar Gospel Music Awards. Additionally, he is an active member of both Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Jeremy Winston Chorale International which takes audiences through 250 years of African American spirituals, gospel, and classical music.



ABOVE: Performing Arts Winners and KAA Chapter Brothers (also **BOTTOM-LEFT**) at Talent Hunt 2026.



Lead by Bro. Johnathan Boyce, KAA's Talent Hunt committee assembled the following accomplished adjudicators for this program. Among them was Ms. Catherine Mason Williams, an American Montessori Society-credentialed educator and curriculum director with over 10 years of experience working with children from infancy to adolescence. Williams holds a BA in English and Music from Florida A&M University and Master of Education from Xavier University. She has taught in both US and international setting and is a certified positive discipline educator who is passionate about culturally responsive child-centered learning that nurtures creativity, independence, and curiosity.



KAA Showcases...Talent Hunt 2026 (cont.)

Another adjudicator was Ms. Errin Pitts a proud Atlanta native, an accomplished pageant title holder, a media personality, and a financial literacy advocate. Pitts earned a BS in Marketing and Master's in Business Administration from South Carolina State University (SCSU), where she served as Miss SCSU from 2015 to 2016 and became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. With over a decade of experience competing locally, nationally, and internationally, she has been featured in Ebony Magazine, Aspire Network, Gladys Magazine, HBCU Times Campus Queens Calendar, and on the Pageantry Podcast. An additional Notable achievement includes, finishing in the top 10 of Miss Black USA 2023.



LEFT: Miss Lyric Barrett, 12th grader, named the first-place winner for her tribute singing of "I'm here" from The Color Purple.

RIGHT: Mr. Antorious Williams, 12th grader, performed the song "The Weekend Low Life Instrumental Original" on the saxophone.



Last but not least is Mr. Jamon Green, an Orlando, Florida native who brings a dynamic blend of musical artistry and human insight. Green holds academic credentials from Tallahassee Community College, Florida International University, and North Central University. He is a proud alumnus and piccolo player for the legendary Florida A&M University Marching 100. Additionally, has over 12 years of experience on the piccolo and flute, having performed across marching, symphonic, jazz, and bell ensembles. In the Fall of 2008, he was initiated into the Delta Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. He also served over 5 years in US Navy and currently works as a marriage and family therapist and clinical supervisor at a residential abuse treatment center within the Paulding County prison system.

KAA Showcases...Talent Hunt 2026 (cont.)

All contestants confidently and competitively performed, resulting in Miss Lyric Barrett, from Dekalb School of the Arts, being named the \$1,000 first-place winner. She won for her tribute soulful singing of "I'm here" from The Color Purple musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Barrett's theatrical credits include playing Rafiki in The Lion King, Miss Argentina in Beetlejuice Jr., Shug Avery in The Color Purple, and Dorothy in The Wiz. She earned a Grammy Award nomination for best Children's album in 2024 and won best singer at I Am Arts 10th Anniversary Showcase & Gala in 2025.

The \$500 second-place winner Mr. Darrian Jackson from Morrow High School, tickled the ivories on piano tribute "In a Sentimental Mood" by Duke Ellington and John Coltrane. Jackson is an active member of his School's marching jazz and symphonic band program, a dedicated pianist who enjoys performing in front of others, and spends hours outdoors in his free time. Additionally, he participates in his church choir at All Nations Life and Praise, Stockbridge. Plans to attend Tennessee State University to major in Criminal Justice.



ABOVE: Mr. Darrian Jackson, 12th grader, played a piano tribute "In a Sentimental Mood" by Duke Ellington and John Coltrane.



KAA Showcases...Talent Hunt 2026 (cont.)

The \$250 third-place winner was Mr. Antorious Williams from Towers High School who performed the song “The Weekend Low Life Instrumental Original” on the saxophone. He is a versatile musician proficient in a wide range of instruments including sousaphone, trumpet, symbols, piano, guitar, and violin. Williams shares his musical gifts in worship settings, performing regularly at Tabernacle Church and Peace Baptist Church in Decatur. He has been accepted at Georgia Gwinnett College, where he plans to continue his educational and personal growth while pursuing his passion for music.

The \$100 final winner was Miss. Christin Yeates, also from Dekalb School of the Arts, sang “Sweet Love” by Anita Baker. Yeates has trained with AGI Entertainment where she has refined her skills and performed in three camp showcases. She is also a member of Xcel Studios, where and has grown technically and artistically as a dancer. Her performance experience includes school dances, musicals, church choirs, and choreography. Yeates, who has dedicated her life to the performing arts, desires to continue shaping herself into a confident and dynamic artist.

The contestants, parents, and friends certainly enjoyed this grand stage event. Special thanks were richly deserved by KAA’s sponsors: Brothers Otis Washington, Michael Moss Big Man Culture, Lawrence Thompson, Ronald Ball, and Clinton Raines State Farm. Additionally, the following Talent Hunt committee members were acknowledged: Brothers Jamaal Green, Kirby Frazier, Chris Herans, Michael Brown, and Maurice Mason along with Brothers Lawrence Thompson, Jamal Devine, Michael Foster, and Tim Roberson of KAA’s executive board.



ABOVE: Miss Christin Yeates, 12th grader, for her tribute singing of “Sweet Love” by Anita Baker.



LEFT: Miss Lyric Barrett, 12th grader, named the first-place winner for her tribute singing of “I’m here” from The Color Purple.



Kappa Alpha Alpha

IN THE COMMUNITY - VREM



By: **Bro. Clarence Pittman** | Atlanta, GA

“Let’s keep the machine oiled and turning,” said KAA Chapter Bro. Pastor Marques Fletcher. On June 23, 2026, Omega’s Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter continues steadfast support for the NAACP with Voter Registration Education and Mobilization (VREM) in the communities.

Recently, Bro. Pastor Marques Fletcher relayed a message to KAA brothers made by Ms. Vivian Moore, the NAACP Dekalb County Branch social action and political action chair. Fletcher stated that Ms. Moore spoke very highly of KAA at a NAACP state meeting in the presence of its president, Gwenette Westbrook. She said, “our Chapter brothers previously processed over 800 of the 1500 Dekalb County registrations. And as of the month of May, we’ve already processed close to 200 new registers,” Fletcher, KAA’s VREM committee chair said.

Fletcher acknowledged all brothers for their actions and efforts helping with education and registration of community members at NAACP table setups at various locations. Additionally, he thanked those that completed the Dekalb County Deputy Register Training and are now officially deputized as Dekalb County Registrars. In accordance with Dekalb County government, registrars are defined as trusted representatives of the community and play a vital role in ensuring that every eligible citizen can participate in the democratic process by registering to vote. Alongside Fletcher, KAA Brothers--Dane Porter, Calvin Horton, Geoff Gordon, Clay Linder, Tyrone Hay, Lawrence Thomas, Robert Patton, and Otis Washington Jr.--have recently served. Their help on NCAAP table setups have included locations at a Walmart parking lot, Glenwood Flea Market, Scott Candler Library, Apartment Complex, Gresham Park Christian Church, and Juneteenth Small Business Showcase.



ABOVE: KAA Bro. Dane Porter helping community member at NAACP table.



Kappa Alpha Alpha

IN THE COMMUNITY-VREM (cont.)



When we look around in our communities, we see the Black-White unemployment gap. For decades, the jobless rate for Black workers has been roughly double that of white workers—a long-standing disparity often termed by economists as a "permanent" or "durable" feature of the U.S. labor market



ABOVE: (L-R) Ms. Vivian Moore, Bro. Dane Porter, Ms. Tasha Chapman, and Bro. Pastor Marques Fletcher at the NAACP table.

Fletcher highlighted that our communities, as well as nationally, are in need today of better representative leadership on their behalf. In DeKalb County, the overall unemployment rate hovers near 3%, with the Black unemployment rate and the rate for Black women mirroring broader county and state structural trends sits closer to 6.4%, which is roughly double the white unemployment rate in the area.

"We've seen the evidence everyday as to why we need to educate, motivate, and get our people registered to vote. We must respond in this critical moment. Omega Men, since 1911 have been stepping to the forefront for social Justice. Now is the time to put 'Boots on the Ground,' remarked Fletcher. The people are ready. We just need to educate, encourage people to join the NAACP, and registrar as many new voters as we can for the general election. There is nothing more important in this generation than seeing black men encouraging others to stand!"



Kappa Alpha Alpha

KAA Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Coordinated the Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive

By: **Bro. Clarence Pittman, III** | Atlanta, GA

May 23, 2026 – On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., KAA successfully partnered with the Red Cross to execute this Drive at the N.H. Scott Recreation Center in Decatur.



ABOVE Bro. Sylvester Mack giving blood at KAA Chapter Blood Drive. **ABOVE-RIGHT:** Bro. Jonathan Boyce giving blood while Red Cross tech monitors blood collection at KAA Chapter Blood Drive.

“Over the last 3 years, we've exceeded our goal. This year we planned to collect two types of donations: whole blood and Power Red. Both of these types help our Black community and Power Red helps those with sickle cell. My cousin-in-law had a ‘horrible time’ with sickle cell; therefore, Power Red donors are special to me,” said Bro. Maurice Mason, health initiative chair. Medical breakthroughs enable Power Red collections to replace sickle cells with healthy cells to help prevent strokes and other severe complications.

Sickle cell symptoms usually begin around 6 months of age and can vary in severity. The associated pain is sudden, severe pain in the chest, back, joints, and bones. Sickle cell disease affects about 100,000 people in America; more than 90% are African Americans with the estimated life expectancy of more than 20 years shorter than the average expected. Power Red donations are also given to newborns, emergency transfusions during birth, and anyone suffering blood loss

Kappa Alpha Alpha: Blood Drive (cont.)

On this day, the Southern Region – Georgia Northeast District Red Cross team was led by Ms. Raven Morton the emerging marketing manager and Ms. Donyell Craig the account manager-donor recruitment. Their team included staff, medical equipment and supplies needed to conduct safe donations at the Center. Their professionalism accounted for the Blood Drive goal of 24 to be achieved. Ultimately, there were 28 presenting donors, resulting in a collection of six Power Red products and 21 whole blood products, with four deferrals.



ABOVE (r): Bro. Dane Porter giving blood at KAA Chapter Blood Drive.

BELOW (l): Donors giving blood at KAA Chapter Blood Drive.

Once a donor entered the Center, identification was verified, basic medical history was reviewed, and vital signs were checked. During the procedure, the collection of a 1-pint unit of whole blood was completed in approximately 8 to 10 minutes. In contrast, a Power Red donor's procedure took approximately 45 minutes. Afterward, a whole blood pint is frequently given to trauma patients and people undergoing surgery, with this procedure taking about 1 hour. A Power Red donor's pint takes approximately 45 minutes to transfuse, while procedures for sickle cell patients and other types of patients in this category take about 1 hour and 30 minutes.



Kappa Alpha Alpha: Blood Drive (cont.)

Both the KAA's Health Initiative committee and Chapter brothers were integrally involved in Saturday's successful setup, which included registration, the donation area, and the refreshment and recovery station. Alongside Bro. Mason, his committee brothers were Collis Brown, Otis Washington, Kenneth Jackson, Tim Roberson, Clint Raines, Troy Warren, and Greg Davis. Chapter brothers who volunteered were Timothy Metz, Dane Porter, Kirby Frazier, Wendell Bourne, Eugene Burns, Lawrence Thompson, Darius Brown, Tim Roberson, Collis Brown, Henry Holloway, Jamaal Green, and Michael Moss.



ABOVE: (L-R) Bros. Otis Washington, Lawrence Thompson, & Collis Brown at KAA Chapter Blood Drive registration table.



Known as the DeKAatur Ques, the Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter is a large graduate chapter that was chartered in 1979 and services Dekalb County, Georgia. Throughout the years of existence, Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter has remained true to the Four Cardinal Principles on which the Fraternity was founded. The chapter continues its commitment to social action and the Dekalb Community at large. Their programs and services are designed to aid in meeting the needs of all people and moving our society closer toward the goals of true friendship.

Chapters'



News

REGION II

Mu Beta Beta

IN THE COMMUNITY



By: **Bro. Kirkland** | Quincy, FL

Quincy Florida - In a very informative community event, the Brothers of Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, participated in the Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Management Program. The program is a Closing the GAP Grant. This Grant provides for diabetes and cardiovascular disease education, prevention, and awareness activities for African American, Caribbean, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, and American Indian individuals (target population) who reside in Gadsden County (service area).

We conduct a six-week management program for people with diabetes or other chronic diseases, available at no cost. The workshops were facilitated by trainers with knowledge of diabetes or other chronic conditions. The aim was to gain knowledge of ways to manage chronic conditions.

This workshop was presented to a group of men known as the “Table Talk.” This group of men meet weekly to engage in honest dialogue about real-life topics. The workshop meets the participants where they are, allowing the discussion to be organic in subject matter. The workshop provided interactive educational activities like discussions, brainstorming, practice of action-planning and feedback, behavior modeling, problem-solving techniques, and decision making.



The goal is to increase knowledge and skills for self-management of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease among participants in Gadsden County.



Chapters'



News

REGION III

Alpha Xi Chapter

IN THE COMMUNITY - Mentoring



By: **Bro. Dwayne Pelham** | LaGrange, GA

"On June 6, 2026, the Alpha Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly sponsored two impactful community events in LaGrange, Georgia: the Fatherhood & Mentoring Event and the Social Service & Physical Health Event. These programs were designed to strengthen community relationships, promote positive mentorship, encourage healthy lifestyles, and support the fraternity's commitment to uplifting the communities we serve.

The Fatherhood & Mentoring Event was held at the William Griggs Center, where participants engaged in meaningful discussions centered around leadership, responsibility, mentorship, and the importance of positive male role models in the lives of young people. The event provided an opportunity for fellowship, guidance, and encouragement while reinforcing the value of strong family and community connections.

Following the mentoring event, the Social Service & Physical Health Event took place at East Side Park and featured a community kickball event focused on promoting physical activity, teamwork, wellness, and fellowship among participants of all ages. The event created an atmosphere of fun, unity, and healthy engagement while encouraging members of the community to remain active and connected.

Both events were attended and supported by Bro. Mosley, Bro. Stargell, and Bro. Freeman, whose dedication and leadership contributed greatly to the success of the programs. The chapter was also assisted by numerous volunteers who generously gave their time and effort to help serve the community.

Through these initiatives, the Alpha Xi Chapter continues to actively implement the mandated programs of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. while making a positive impact throughout the LaGrange community through service, mentorship, fellowship, and community engagement."

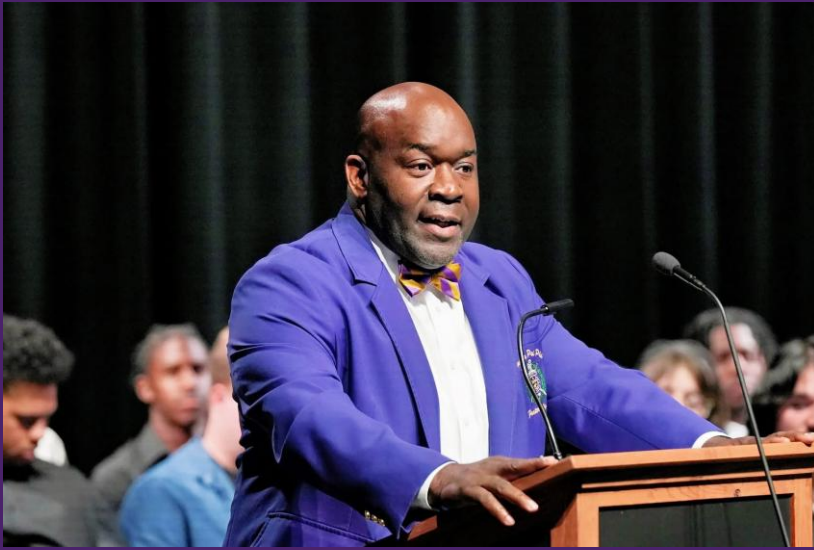


Alpha Xi Chapter

IN THE COMMUNITY – Scholarships



By: **Bro. Dwayne Pelham** | LaGrange, GA



This year's scholarship recipients include:

- Tyson Shells, Callaway High School, Attending Alabama State University
- Marquel Deering, Greenville High School, Attending Reinhardt University
- Andrew Tinker, Heard County High School, Attending Savannah State University
- Myles Blandingburg, LaGrange High School, Attending Lincoln University-Missouri
- Adam Dixon, Troup County High School, Attending Georgia Institute of Technology

The Alpha Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., proudly recognized five outstanding graduating seniors as recipients of its 2026 Academic Scholarship Awards. The scholarships celebrate academic excellence, leadership, community involvement, and the commitment of young men who exemplify the fraternity's cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

Brothers arrived early to prepare donation stations and coordinate with the blood donation organization, ensuring that equipment, staffing, and health and safety protocols were fully in place before the first donor walked through the door. The event received strong positive feedback from donors and the community for its organization, efficiency, and purpose.



Alpha Xi Chapter

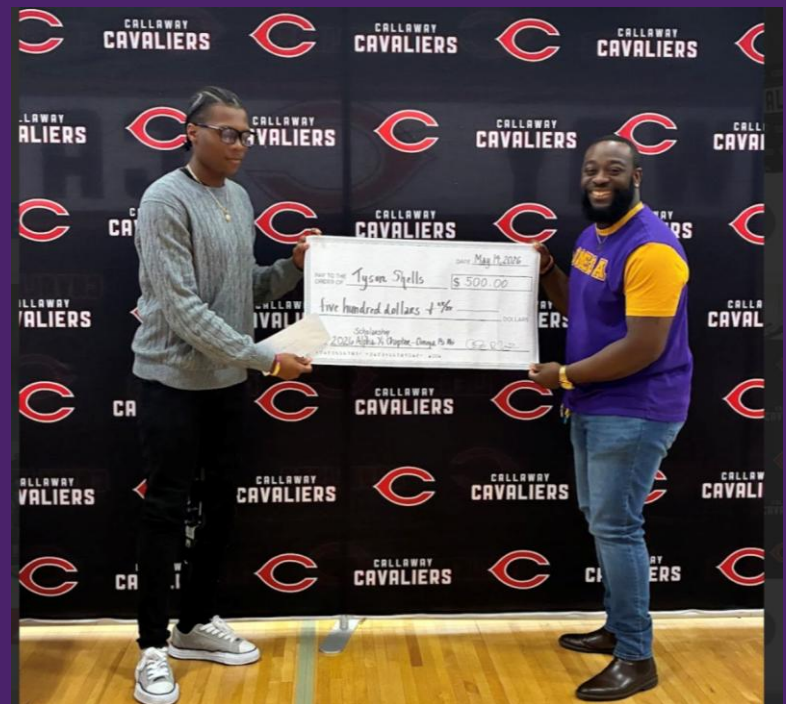
IN THE COMMUNITY - Scholarships (cont.) ★★★★★

Members of the Alpha Xi Chapter praised the young men for their dedication both inside and outside of the classroom. Each recipient demonstrated strong academic achievement, leadership within their schools and communities, and a commitment to pursuing higher education and future success.

The Alpha Xi Chapter is proud to invest in the future of these exceptional young men. These scholarship recipients represent the next generation of leaders, and we are excited to see the impact they will make in their colleges, careers, and communities.



As the class of 2026 prepares for graduation, the Alpha Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continues to emphasize the importance of education, leadership, and community engagement



The scholarship program is part of the chapters ongoing commitment to uplift youth and supporting educational opportunities throughout the Heard, Meriweather, and Troup County area. For many years the Alpha Xi Chapter has projects, and scholarship efforts designed to encourage academic success among local students.

Family members, school officials, coaches, mentors, and community leaders joined in congratulating the recipients for their accomplishments and the bright futures ahead of them.

Chapters'



News

REGION IV

Mu Phi Chapter

Mu Phi Chapter Celebrates its 100-Year Centennial

By: **Bro. Tomorris Robinson** | Savannah, GA

On April 7, 2026, the Mu Phi Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. marked a century of distinguished service to Savannah Georgia and its surrounding communities. Chartered in 1926 by 19 visionary men, the Mu Phi Chapter has embodied the fraternity's core principles of, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, with unwavering commitment and transformative leadership.

To honor this Centennial milestone, Basileus Tomorris Robinson, Sr., began preparations over a year in advance, appointing Brothers Thad Hodges and Anthony Fulton to guide the Centennial planning. The Centennial Committee ensured a celebration worthy of the Mu Phi Chapter's remarkable legacy. The Centennial Gala at the Savannah Convention Center united more than 400 guests, family, friends, community partners, and brothers from across the district. Led by an amazing Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs. Kim Gusby, WSAV News Anchor, and highlighted by keynote speaker Brother Ricky L. Lewis, the 42nd Grand Basileus, of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the program reflected the event's historic significance. The Soul Sessions Band's electrifying performance captured the evening's spirit.

Eminent leaders and their guests magnified the importance of this Centennial celebration, reaffirming the enduring bonds of brotherhood at the heart of the Mu Phi Chapter. As the first 100 years end, we are humbled and grateful for the visionaries who built and sustained this legacy. The celebration served as a beacon, inspiring generations to come. Long live The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Long live The Mu Phi Chapter.



ABOVE (l to ri): Bro. Anthony Fulton, Grand Basileus Bro. Ricky L. Lewis, Basileus Tomorris Robinson, Sr., and Bro. Thad Hodges



ABOVE (l to ri): Bro. Zerik Samples, Bro. Thad Hodges, 42nd Grand Basileus Ricky L. Lewis, Basileus Tomorris Robinson, Sr., & WSAV News Anchor Mrs. Kim Gusby (WSAV News Anchor), and Bro. Anthony Fulton.

Chapters'



News

REGION V

IN THE COMMUNITY: Partnering for Community Uplift

By: **Bro. Moses Cowart** | Covington, GA

The men of the Pi Nu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., based in the Newton and Rockdale Counties, GA area, stepped up to help Lady T's Homeless Ministry during their annual fish fry fundraiser. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to providing necessities and uplift to the local community.

The annual fish fry serves as a crucial fundraiser for the non-profit. Led by Teresa "Lady T" Hamilton, the ministry's mission is to supply physical and spiritual support to hundreds of individuals experiencing homelessness in the Metro Atlanta and DeKalb County areas each week, providing hot meals, clothing, and other essential items.

The men of Pi Nu Nu (affectionately known as the NewRoc Ques) frequently partner with local organizations to support those facing hardship. Their volunteer work at the fish fry highlights the fraternity's ongoing dedication to community service and uplift.



A NEW ERA OF THE PI NU NU CHAPTER: 11 MEN CROSS HISTORIC CHARTER LINE

By: **Bro. Moses Cowart** | Covington, GA

April 20, 2026— A new era of service began on April 20, 2026, as the Pi Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. officially crossed its Charter Line. Eleven men, now known as the " 11 Descendants of Unbreakable Perseverance," have successfully entered the fold, cementing the chapter's foundation and its commitment to the fraternity's four cardinal principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The crossing of this charter line represents a significant expansion for the chapter and the fraternity in the Newton and Rockdale County area. These 11 initiates bring a diverse range of professional backgrounds and shared dedication to the community, ensuring that the Pi Nu Nu Chapter will be a pillar of strength for years to come.



The " 11 Descendants of Unbreakable Perseverance "

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| 1. Dwight Jeffries | "Cole" |
| 2. Dwayne Jeffries | "Forest Gump" |
| 3. David Stewart | "Lt. Dan" |
| 4. Karlton Vivians | "Rain Man" |
| 5. Asia Towns | "Lazarus" |
| 6. Aundrae Stanton | "Jang-a-lang" |
| 7. Kelston Lackey | "Junk Yard Dawg" |
| 8. Furmon Smith | "Captain Caveman" |
| 9. Kenneth Brown | "T. Pain" |
| 10. Malcom Jefferson | "Rev. Low down" |
| 11. Travis Germany | "Railroad" |



Delta Mu Mu

From Boys to Men

By: **Bro. Anthony Ashford** | Atlanta, GA

The Delta Mu Mu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was chartered on March 14, 2008 in Atlanta, GA. In 2009, DMM established the Black Rhinos Mentoring program with an interest in addressing the academic, social and community challenges that young Black men are confronted with on a daily basis. The Black Rhinos Mentoring Program serves as a resource for young men in grades 6 through 12 to learn and master the tools of society so that they can be economically viable and can contribute to the creative development of their community and society at large.



> **BEFORE & AFTER:** Former Black Rhinos Bros. Cameron Bennett (left) & Cameron Ratliff (right)

The name Black Rhinos was chosen because the black rhinoceros is a critically endangered species found in Africa. The combination of a dwindling habitat and illegal hunting/poaching has led to their near extinction. They are highly sought after because of their unique horn and armor-like skin that is dark in appearance. Both are designed to protect them from the elements of nature as well as potential threats. In many respects, based on educational and statistical research, it could be said that disciplined, educated, and upwardly mobile African American males are also an endangered species.

Over the years, the program has increased in size and expanded in scope to not only include mentorship, but also S.T.E.M., life skills, entrepreneurial skills, experiential learning, leadership development, college tours, career fairs, community service projects, and short courses. Short courses include: ACT/SAT Test Prep, Career Choices, The Art of War-Chess, Dollars @ 10 (financial literacy), How to Become a Millionaire Trading Stocks (financial literacy), Enhancing Creativity w/ Artificial Intelligence (computer literacy), Google Tech Club (computer literacy), Learn to Swim Well @ The Y.M.C.A., LinkedIn Training, Pet Advocacy, and How to Make a Movie.

Delta Mu Mu

From Boys to Men (cont.)

Since its' inception, the Black Rhinos Mentoring Program has mentored 1,180+ young men and currently has 120 young men in this year's cohort. Twelve of the 1,180 young men have gone on to become members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. They are: Dalen Claytor 1-12-Delta Theta (Georgetown University), Camron Ratliff 6-Spr20-Tau Psi (North Carolina Central University), Michael Makins, Jr. 11-21-Nu Epsilon (Alabama A&M University), Dean Walston 1-22-Eta Psi (Fisk University), Xavier Wilcox 2-22-Sigma Theta (Voorhees University), Cameron Bennett 4-Spr23-Upsilon Epsilon (Jackson State University), Jalen Pettus 2-23-Theta Kappa (Louisiana State University), Peyton Ringer 1-23-Beta Mu Nu (Samford University), Chase DeLoach 6-23-Xi Sigma (Xavier University), Cole Bigelow 15-25-Upsilon Psi (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University), Devin White, Jr. 18-26-Mu Psi (North Carolina A&T State University), and Dia Williams 5-26-Alpha Delta Nu (Kennesaw State University).



> **BEFORE & AFTER:** Former Black Rhinos Bros. Chase DeLoach (left) & Cole Bigelow (right)

Brother Camron Ratliff and Brother Peyton Ringer have graduated college and are currently active with Delta Mu Mu Chapter and the Black Rhinos Mentoring Program, which is chaired by Brother Peter Simmons and co-chaired by Brother David Cook under the leadership of Basileus Fred Thomas, III and Vice-Basileus Keith Hargrove. For more information, please visit: BlackRhinosProgram.Org.



Pi Nu Nu

Empowering Excellence: Pi Nu Nu Chapter Awards Scholarships to Newton and Rockdale Seniors

By: **Bro. Moses Cowart** | Covington, GA

The men of the Pi Nu Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi ("The New Roc Ques") wrapped up their 2026 scholarship cycle, awarding college funds to deserving male graduating seniors across all six public high schools in Newton and Rockdale counties. This year's scholarship recipients hail from the following schools:



ABOVE: Alcovy High School on May 13th - Kevin Mills was awarded a \$1000 Scholarship

RIGHT: Eastside High School on May 7th - Devin Smalls was awarded a \$1000 Scholarship



ABOVE: Newton High School on May 14th – Cyrus McCoy Jr. son of Bro. Cyrus McCoy, Amir Neely and Joshua Smith were awarded \$1000 Scholarships

Pi Nu Nu

Empowering Excellence: Pi Nu Nu Chapter Awards Scholarships (cont.)



LEFT: Heritage High School on May 5th Laila Green Daughter of Bro. Willie Green and Micah Browning were awarded \$1000 Scholarships

RIGHT: Rockdale County High School on April 29th - Abimidola B. Banish and Magic Boyd were awarded a \$1000 Scholarships

BELOW: Salem High School on May 13th - Bleu Johnson was awarded a \$1000 Scholarship



This scholarship distribution highlights the chapter's ongoing commitment to the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Pi Nu Nu actively supports local male seniors through continuous mentorship programs and financial backing to prepare them for higher education.

Pi Nu Nu

Hosts Annual Talent Hunt

By: **Bro. Moses Cowart** | Covington, GA

The Porter Memorial Gym in Porterdale buzzed with energy and artistry on April 19th, 2026, as the Pi Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its highly anticipated Annual Talent Hunt. The event hosted by talent hunt chair Brother Carlton Vivians and Co-Chair Brother Marki Dixon, a cornerstone of the fraternity's commitment to youth development, showcased a diverse array of gifted high school students from Newton and Rockdale Counties.



The highlight of the afternoon was the crowning of Tiana Watley as the first-place winner. Watley captivated the audience and judges alike with a performance that displayed exceptional technical mastery and poise. Her victory earns her the opportunity to represent the chapter at the next level of competition, continuing a long tradition of excellence fostered by the Pi Nu Nu brothers.



Pi Nu Nu

Hosts Annual Talent Hunt (cont.)

Joining her in the top honors were Aaron Hough, who secured an impressive second-place finish, and Anselmo Rodriguez, who took home third place. Both young men delivered standout performances that contributed to a highly competitive and inspiring afternoon of entertainment.



The Talent Hunt program, which has been a national mandated program of Omega Psi Phi since 1946, serves as a vital platform for young artists who might otherwise lack exposure. By providing a professional stage and a supportive audience, the Pi Nu Nu Chapter continues its legacy of fostering excellence and providing scholarship opportunities for the next generation of leaders.



Known as "The NewRoc Ques", Pi Nu Nu is a Graduate Chapter chartered on January 22, 2022, in Covington, GA and services the Newton & Rockdale Counties in east Georgia.

Delta Mu Mu

Celebrates their 2026 Scholarship Recipients at its Annual Scholarship Brunch

By: **Bro. Anthony Ashford** | Atlanta, GA

On June 27, 2026, the Delta Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its annual Scholarship Brunch at Paschal's Restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia. Paschal's holds a distinguished place in African American history, particularly for its role in the Civil Rights Movement. During the 1960s, the restaurant served as an unofficial headquarters where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders convened to discuss strategy and plan protest marches, sit-ins, and voter registration efforts. Notable patrons included Andrew Young, John Lewis, Julian Bond, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Stokely Carmichael, Fannie Lou Hamer, the Rev. Joseph Lowery, the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Maynard H. Jackson, Ralph Abernathy, and many others. The Paschal brothers also kept the restaurant open through the night as a safe haven for Black activists returning from jail and as a gathering place for their families, providing support that included posting bonds and serving free meals.



ABOVE: 2026 Scholarship recipients and Delta Mu Mu Chapter Brothers.

Since 2010, the Delta Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has awarded one-time scholarships to more than 257 deserving African American male students in the metro Atlanta area, totaling more than \$578,000. In 2026, more than 140 African American male students applied for scholarships through the Omega-DMM Scholarship Program. Scholarship selections were based on the following key criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Financial need
- Extracurricular involvement
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay quality



Celebrates 2026 Scholarship Recipients (cont.)

Based on these criteria, 19 students, 16 high school seniors and three college students—were selected as 2026 scholarship recipients. Each received a \$5,000 scholarship, for a total award amount of \$95,000. This year, DMM also introduced the inaugural “Just Scholar” Scholarship, a four-year tuition and fees scholarship for an African American male high school senior attending a four-year institution within the University System of Georgia. The selected student must continue to improve and/or maintain his collegiate GPA in a manner that reflects the academic progression achieved by Dr. Just during his collegiate years. The estimated cumulative value of the four-year scholarship is \$28,000, or \$7,000 per year.



ABOVE (left): L to R, Georgia State Representative, Bro. Timothy Block, Bro. Fernandez Anderson, DMM, Inaugural Just Scholar recipient, Dexter Tiggs III, DMM VB, Bro. Keith Hargrove, and DMM Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bro. Jonathan Matthews. **ABOVE (right):** Eastside High School on May 7th - Devin Smalls was awarded a \$1000 Scholarship



The inaugural recipient of the “Just Scholar” Scholarship was Dexter Tiggs III of Alpharetta High School. He will attend Savannah State University, where he plans to major in Marine Science. The 2026 scholarship recipients will attend several prestigious institutions, including the University of Georgia, Duke University, Howard University, and Clark Atlanta University, among others. In addition to their academic achievements, the recipients have demonstrated excellence in leadership and community service.

These accomplished young men will pursue a wide range of academic disciplines, from astrophysics and neuroscience to computer information systems and biology/pre-med and are well prepared to meet the challenges ahead.

The 2026 Scholarship Brunch reflected the Delta Mu Mu Chapter’s continued commitment to academic excellence, leadership development, and community advancement. By awarding \$95,000 in scholarships and introducing the inaugural “Just Scholar” Scholarship, the chapter expanded its long-standing investment in African American male students across the metro Atlanta area.



Delta Mu Mu Celebrates 2026 Scholarship Recipients (cont.)

Held at the historic Paschal's Restaurant, the event connected the chapter's mission to a powerful legacy of service, perseverance, and social progress. The achievements of the 2026 recipients demonstrate the promise of the next generation and underscore the importance of sustained educational support.

In conclusion, the Delta Mu Mu Chapter's scholarship efforts continue to create meaningful opportunities for young men to pursue higher education, develop as leaders, and contribute positively to their communities. Through this annual program, the chapter honors its tradition of service while helping prepare future scholars for success.



ABOVE: 19 Delta Mu Mu Scholarship Recipients



Known as the "Leaders among Leaders", the North Fulton County Ques of the Delta Mu Mu Chapter was chartered on March 4, 2008. They have implemented impactful community programs such as the Black Rhinos mentorship program, its partnership with Caring For Others, Lady T's Homeless Ministry, American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, and Covenant Community as well as its annual College Fair. Since the Chapter's inception, over \$700,000 in scholarships have been awarded to high school and college students to help advance their aspirations and support their dreams.

The Omega



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Spotlight*

Celebrating Educators: Decaris Leeks of Omega Psi Phi Honors Grady County Teachers with Lunch – The Omega Spotlight ★★★★

By: **Bro. Kirkland** - | Cairo, GA

In a heartwarming gesture of appreciation, Decaris Leeks, a prominent member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, took the initiative to honor the dedicated teachers of Grady County by treating them to a special lunch. This event not only celebrated the hard work and commitment of educators but also showcased community spirit through collaboration with the local sheriff's department.

On a sunny afternoon, teachers from various schools in Grady County gathered to enjoy a well-deserved break, complete with delicious food and camaraderie. The event was organized with the intent to recognize the essential role that teachers play in shaping the minds and futures of their students. Leeks, known for his passion for education and community service, expressed his gratitude towards the educators for their unwavering dedication, especially during challenging times.



As the event concluded, Leeks reiterated his commitment to continue supporting educational initiatives in Grady County. He encouraged others in the community to get involved and find ways to show appreciation for the educators who inspire and shape the future generations.

In a world where teachers often face numerous challenges, Decaris Leeks and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity's initiative stands out as a shining example of community support and appreciation. By celebrating the invaluable contributions of teachers, they have set a precedent for others to follow, fostering a culture of respect and acknowledgment for those in the education sector.



The partnership with the sheriff's department added an extra layer of community involvement to the event.

Local law enforcement officers joined in the festivities, serving food and engaging with the teachers, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between different sectors of the community. This interaction not only fostered goodwill but also reinforced the message that supporting education is a shared responsibility.

Leeks, while addressing the attendees, highlighted the significance of nurturing a supportive environment for teachers. He noted that their efforts often go unrecognized, yet they are the backbone of the community. The lunch served as a reminder of the value placed on education and the need to uplift those who dedicate their lives to teaching.

Feedback from teachers who attended the event was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed their appreciation for the recognition and the opportunity to connect with colleagues in a relaxed setting. The lunch not only provided nourishment but also served as a morale booster, reminding educators that their hard work is acknowledged and valued by the community.



Brother Jamar White Military Promotion



– The Omega Spotlight

By: **Bro. Moses Cowart- Pi Nu Nu Chapter** | Covington, GA



“The Pi Nu Nu Chapter Proudly announces the formal promotion of Brother Jamar White from the rank of Major to Lieutenant Colonel. The promotion ceremony was held on November 18, 2025, at the Army Reserve Center in Decatur, Georgia.

LTC Jamar White continues the fraternity’s storied legacy of military service and leadership. The brothers of Pi Nu Nu extend their deepest congratulations to LTC White his family and the 1188th Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion for this exceptional achievement in his distinguished military career.

LTC White was commissioned in October 2004 as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery after graduating from Mercer University in Macon, GA. He was initiated in 2001 at Gamma Zeta Chapter at Mercer University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Master’s degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University 2012.



LTC White was first assigned to Bravo Company 1-22IN, 4ID, as the Fire Support Officer. His second assignment was as the Fire Direction Officer for 2nd Platoon Alpha Battery/ 4-42 FA, 4ID. After Captain’s Career Course, LTC White moved his talents to 3ID. LTC White’s first assignment as a Dog Faced Soldier was as the operations officer for 1-9FA. LTC White later transitioned to S2 for 1-9FA before being selected to serve as the BN Fire Support Officer for 1-30IN. LTC White was selected as the HHB commander for 1-9FA in 2012. Before leaving Ft. Stewart, LTC White was selected to serve as the Effects Coordinator for the Division Artillery (DIVARTY). LTC White continues his service in the Army Reserve where he has held a number of command and staff positions. These positions include another company level command and rear detachment battalion command. LTC White will take command of his own battalion at the end of the summer in Athens, Ga.



LTC White has deployed to Iraq 3 times and Afghanistan once. He has participated in a total of 7 campaigns with 39 months deployed.

LTC White is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Bradley Commander’s Course, Field Artillery Captain’s Career Course, Joint Firepower Course, the Information Operations Course, and ILE.

His Army commendations and medals include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign medal (5 Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal with Spear device, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Stars), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Award, and Combat Action Badge.

In September of 2013, LTC White married Tia Jones-Lawrence, of Macon, GA. in Willingham Hall (Mercer Univ.). Their son, Jett, was born in October of 2022. They now reside in Covington, GA.



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND
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STATE OF GEORGIA

Georgia State Council Members Receive Service Awards

By: **Bro. Phillip Mayo** | Director of Public Relations - State Organization of Georgia



ABOVE : Bro. Timothy Block receiving his 40-year Service Award from Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis

Bottom (l to r): 7th District State Representatives (Bro. Carlos Palmer – MS; Bro. Tim Block – GA; Bro. Royle King; Bro. Barrington Dames) attending the Service Awards Program

Cincinnati, OH –The State Organization of Georgia’s Council proudly attended the 85th Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, from July 30 through August 3, 2026. More than 10,000 Men of Omega registered for this historic gathering, bringing Brothers from across the country and around the world together for several days of fellowship, service, recognition, leadership, and celebration of the Fraternity’s enduring legacy.

The weekend was highlighted by Service Awards honoring Brothers for their many years of commitment and dedication to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Among those recognized were two members of Georgia’s Council: our 20th State Representative, Bro. Timothy Block, and State Marshal, Bro. Tharus Nixon, who received their 40-Year and 25-Year Service Awards, respectively. Their recognition represents not only significant personal milestones, but also decades of continued service to Omega and the communities in which they have lived, worked, and served.

Bro. Timothy Block was initiated through the Psi Theta Chapter at the University of Cincinnati in 1986. Receiving his 40-Year Service Award in Cincinnati made the occasion especially meaningful, as the Grand Conclave was co-hosted by his birth chapter. What was already an important milestone became a memorable homecoming, allowing Bro. Block to celebrate four decades in Omega in the very city and among the chapter Brothers where his journey in the Fraternity began.

STATE OF GEORGIA

Georgia State Council Members Receive Service Awards (cont.)



Bro. Tharus Nixon was initiated through the Gamma Zeta Chapter at Mercer University in 2001. He continues to demonstrate his commitment to Omega through active service and leadership. Bro. Nixon currently serves as State Marshal for our upcoming 63rd State Meeting in Augusta and remains active with the Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His 25-Year Service Award recognizes a quarter-century of dedication to the principles, programs, and brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

The State Organization of Georgia proudly congratulates Bro. Block and Bro. Nixon on these outstanding milestones, along with all of our Georgia Brothers and Men of Omega who were recognized with Service Awards during the 84th Grand Conclave. Their years of dedication remind us that Omega is strengthened by Brothers who continue to answer the call to serve long after their initiation. As we return home from Cincinnati, we do so inspired by their example and renewed in our commitment to carry forward the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. May their milestones serve as both a celebration of what has been accomplished and a challenge to each of us to continue building a legacy of service worthy of Omega for generations to come.



TOP: Bro. Tharus Nixon receiving his 25 Service Award from Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis

BOTTOM: Bro. Tharus Nixon and State Keeper of Records & Seal Bro. Julius Abraham celebrating Bro. Nixon's Service Award.

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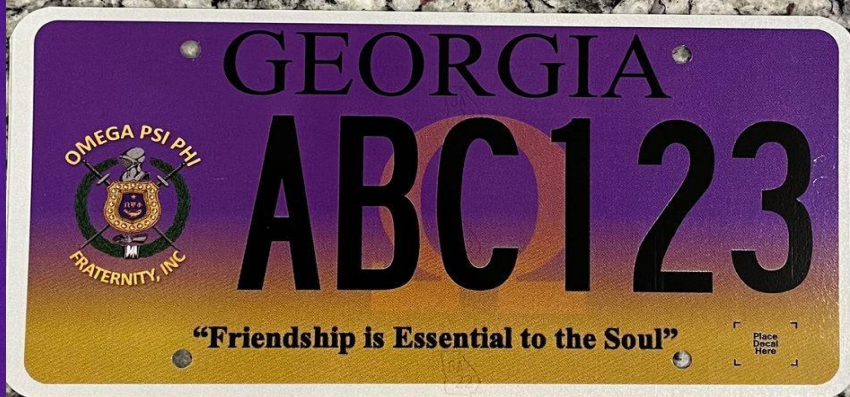
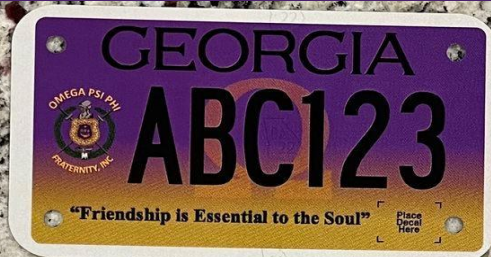
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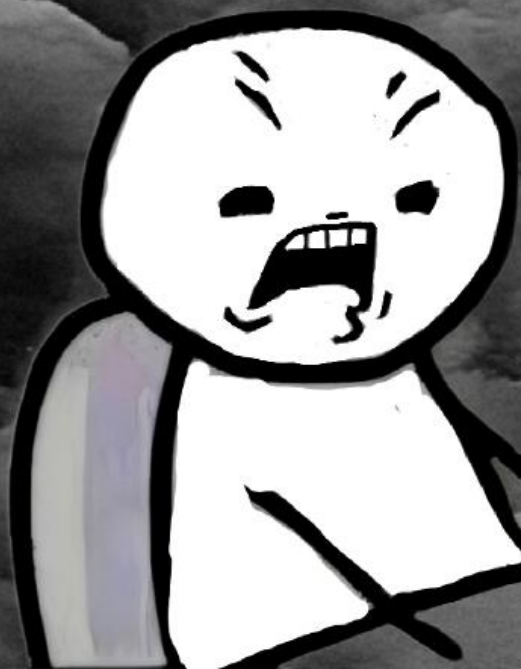
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