



THE LEGEND



Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter Feeds America



Bowling Green, KY - Feeding America, a nationwide organization that brings hunger-relief to millions of children and adults in need. The food truck makes it way to Bowling Green, KY the last Wednesday each month, and food is distributed from 8 a.m. to noon at Lampkin Park at the fair ground agriculture building, said Gary Miles, executive director of Feeding America Kentucky. About 20,000 to 25,000 pounds of food a month is available for residents of Warren County. Food is also distributed to 13 organizations within the county. Families receive enough food for about four or five days of eating, or about five filled bags. The food is a combination of donations, such as frozen chicken from Perdue, and U.S. Department of Agriculture government commodities, including canned vegetables. Feeding America serves 42 counties in Kentucky and provides food to 220 organizations. 16,700 people per week benefit from food and 12.5 million meals are

distributed yearly. Miles said distributions started in Warren County and initially food for about 350 families was trucked. On Wednesday, the truck was loaded with food for about 500 families. Families received four packages of frozen chicken, a bag of assorted drinks, an assorted snacks bag and stacks of canned food. The food available varies from month to month. "Our mission is to ensure no one in our service area goes hungry," Miles said. The brothers of Theta Alpha Alpha participated with distributing food to over 600 families and we are looking to assist each month.



Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter Gives Big

Oak Ridge, TN - A check for \$6,000 is presented to the Free Medical Clinic from the proceeds of the Annual Summer Golf Challenge for the Free Medical Clinic. The Free Medical Clinic is a 501©3 non-profit organization offering free medical services to those who live in Anderson, Morgan and Roane counties, who do not have insurance and cannot afford to pay for medical service due to their income and are not eligible for government subsidized healthcare. It relies on donations from individuals, churches, and other organizations for support, and is the major beneficiary of the proceeds from this tournament. The Tournament is sponsored annually at the Oak Ridge Country Club by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and the Oak Ridge Hoofers Golf Club in support of the Free Medical Clinic and scholarships for area youth.



Theta Alpha Alpha and Gamma Theta Register Voters

Bowling Green, KY - On September 25, 2018, the brothers of Theta Alpha Alpha and Gamma Theta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., along with the ladies of Eta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. set up a voter registration table at Downing Student Center on the campus of Western Kentucky University to register students so they will be able to vote in November. This will be the first time many students will be eligible to vote and some received information on absentee voting since they will be away from home on Election Day. As many laws that President Obama passed to help the minority, the current administration is trying to reverse those laws to benefit the wealthy. So it is imperative that we speak up and our voices be heard and there is no better way to be heard than at the voting booth.



The Master Chef is a Omega Man

Nashville, TN - On September 19, 2018, cheers could be heard from Louisville, Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee as Gerron Hurt was announced the winner of Season 9, MasterChef. NBC's MasterChef, hosted by award-winning chefs, select their favorite home cooks and mentor them through a series of challenging elimination rounds, in order to turn one home cook into a culinary master. Gerron Hurt, a native of Louisville, KY, is a graduate of Fern Creek High School and Western Kentucky University claimed the title of MasterChef. Gerron was initiated in Gamma Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 2014. Gerron works as a high school English teacher at Lead Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. Gerron was inspired at a young age by his mother, Michelle, who passed away in 2013, taught him the basics in the family kitchen. Gerron stated, "Every time I got ready to walk into the 'MasterChef' kitchen, I prayed to God and then I prayed to my mom and asked her to 'cook by my side,'" he said. "She was definitely cooking there with me during the finale. I



know she's incredibly proud." Geron impressed many with his knowledge of food, preparing dishes that most have never heard of. Hurt said that he inspired by the south. His dinner included an appetizer with his spin on the Nashville Hot Chicken craze — hot quail with fingerling potato salad and poached quail eggs. For the finale entrée, Hurt dished up Carabinero prawns with heirloom grits, shellfish au jus, and crispy shallots. The icing on the cake, for Brother Hurt was a dessert he presented to the judges — an Amaretto chess pie with a raspberry coulis and popped sorghum. Combining his love of cooking and his teaching skills, Hurt will be a featured instructor at Camp MasterChef in 2019. The culinary camp for kids ages 8-16 years includes special competitions, hands-on cooking lessons, outdoor sports activities, interactive challenges and more. "MasterChef" season nine finalists Cesar Cano and Ashley Mincey will also teach at the camp. Campers may attend camp at several locations By winning the competition, Hurt was awarded the title of MasterChef, grand prize of \$250,000 and all of the fame and exposure that comes with winning the nationally televised show.

A Lesson in History from Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter

Mufreesboro, TN - Perhaps no accurate words have been written to describe Omega's great history than those penned by our 35th Grand Basileus Dorsey C. Miller: "Omega Men have never run from a fight for human dignity. We have never run from a challenge. Throughout our history, Omega Men have been at the forefront of every major issue that faced our people: segregation, the Civil Rights Movement, voter's registration, economic empowerment, community development, education and programs for our youth." While Brother Miller's position is accurate in that Omegas have a great legacy of leadership, what we haven't been so great at is capturing and communicating that history. A brief review reveals the most popular works on Black Greeks over the last twenty years have either been written or co-edited by members of Alpha Phi Alpha. Although well-researched, those books were written by Alphas through the eyes of Alphas which have caused the works to lean more heavily towards the achievements and exploits of their fraternity. It's important to note that while the respective histories of the other Black Greeks were neither mistreated nor misconstrued, the Alphas' history was highlighted in exemplary fashion. Remember, "The one who controls the message controls the mind." For over fifty years since Dr. Robert L. Gill authored *The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Men Who Made Its History: A Concise History*, we



Omegas have created history. However, we haven't adequately chronicled it. Moreover, we haven't viewed our history in such a way that appropriately promotes our legacy and raises the profiles of the many mighty Omega Men who paved the way for much of this nation's success with regards to the fight for rights and what's right. Armed with years of research on our rich history and with a desire to tell Omega's story through an Omega's eyes, I recently authored *Tussle at the Top: The Over One Hundred Year Competition between the Omegas and the Alphas*. Based on my research, it is clear that we and the Alphas stand out from the other fraternities in several key categories including organizational leadership, member contributions, and national awards received. Thus, in order to determine primacy among Black Greek fraternities, the obvious competition is between the Omegas and the Alphas. Granted, the ones excluded probably have plenty of reasons as to why their respective fraternity should be considered. One particular fraternity hails itself as The Fraternity of Firsts and offers several such first claims on an expanding number of chapter websites. Many of those claims are appropriately refuted in *Tussle at the Top*. For example, that particular fraternity claims that Melvin Herbert Evans was the first Black governor of the United States Virgin Islands. The more accurate statement is that Evans became the first elected Black governor in 1969. The fact is Omega's William H. Hastie was the first Black governor having been appointed to the office by President Truman over twenty years earlier in 1946. More such historical clarifications are provided in the book's first chapter. The next chapters provide evidence of the ongoing competition between the Omegas and the Alphas starting, of course, with Omega's founding at Howard University on November 17, 1911. Following a necessary description of that historical context, Chapter Two describes how the Omegas and the Alphas competed for the top ranking at Lincoln University. A highlight of that chapter includes the relationship between Omega's Langston Hughes and Alpha's Thurgood Marshall. Chapter Three features the chronicling of the major awards and recognition that Omegas and Alphas have received including the Spingarn Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Listed by name, the recipients compose a literal hall of fame of noteworthy achievers. Further, the data disaggregation of the lists clearly distinguishes the two fraternities from the other three fraternities. Building on Chapter Three, Chapter Four showcases the many distinguished members of both fraternities and features short bios of members from each of nine categories. To be clear, it is one thing for an Omega Man to consider Omega Psi Phi to be the greatest fraternity. It is another thing entirely to review the thoughts and writing of non-Omegas who have compiled various lists of the greatest Black male achievers. To that end, Chapter Five provides additional evidence of the separation between the two examined fraternities from the three excluded ones. Five different books and their respective lists are reviewed and Black Greek fraternity members noted, extracted, juxtaposed for comparison purposes. While the majority of *Tussle at the Top* presents data and material to determine which fraternity is indeed the greater of the two and subsequently the greatest of all the Divine Nine fraternities, there has been considerable collaboration between Omegas and Alphas over the last one hundred plus years as well. Concentrating on the Civil Rights Movement period, Chapter Six provides several such examples. Luminaries such as Omega's Roy Wilkins, Oliver Hill, and 11th Grand Basileus George Vaughn are given notable attention as are Alpha's Charles H. Houston, Thurgood Marshall, and Belford Lawson. Other lesser-known contributors to the Civil Rights cause are introduced to the reader as well. Chapter Seven brings the extensively researched, tightly written work that contains over 150 foot notes to a resounding conclusion with a progress update of the four major historical fraternities – Omega, Alpha, Kappa, and Sigma, and an extended look at how several prominent Omegas feel about their fraternity. The chapter also gives the verdict that all Omegas and many people knew even before opening the book's front cover: The Ques win because Friendship makes the difference!

The Psi Pi Chapter Partners With Queen City College

Clarksville, TN - Queen City College and the Psi Pi Chapter Manhood Academy (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.) sponsored an event benefiting the Clarksville Tennessee community recently. The title of the event was: Barbering & Styling (A Community Outreach & Mentoring Initiative). The event was held on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1 PM to 5 PM at Queen City College. The barbering and styling aspect of the event was entirely performed by the students Queen City College. This included haircuts for the young men, women's styling, manicures and nail polishing. The event also offered instruction for the young men on how to properly tie neck ties and bowties as well. While offering this instruction, mentors from the Manhood Academy gave valuable life lessons to the young men. The young men received the instruction and information very well and we truly believe that this event was a success. A total of 80 young men and women attended the event and we were extremely pleased with the turnout. The event was coordinated by Bro. Clifford Greer and he was assisted by Bro. John C. Howard, Bro. Brian Hutchenson, Bro. Joseph Chatman III, Bro. Tariq Muhammad, Bro. Ayo Alé-Finks and Bro. Reginald T. Bailey. We will continue to strive to make a difference in our community by sponsoring events like this in the future. Lifting as we climb.



The Psi Pi Chapter Hosts Suicide Prevention Seminar

Clarksville, TN - On September 28, 2018, the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) Montgomery, Houston, Humphreys, Robertson, and Stewart County Suicide Prevention Task Force sponsored an event discussing methods and protocols related to suicide prevention. Perspectives and Understanding Suicide Experiences (P.A.U.S.E.II) featured a faith-based and religious panel and also a lived experiences panel. Each panel discussed methods of suicide prevention from their perspectives so that the information provided could be widely disseminated to those in need. Brother Joseph Chatman III was the moderator of the event and is actively involved in his organization. The panel discussion was extremely informative and enabled those in attendance to take away valuable information to assist in combatting suicide in our society. The event was much needed and all who attended were very engaged in the conversations that took place.



Gamma Phi Chapter Tying Ties at Pearl-Cohn High School



Nashville, TN - Omega Psi Phi members organized by the Gamma Phi Chapter gathered at Pearl-Cohn High School for a discussion with students on etiquette. Over 75 9th graders attended the session. Brother's expressed the importance of staying in school, listening to teachers and encouraging them to be successful in life. The discussion was followed up by a tie tying exercise. When the group was surveyed less than 10% of the young men knew how to

properly tie a tie. Each student received one-on-one instruction on the proper way to tie a tie. Each student was able to select and keep a tie of their liking. Pearl-Cohn High School hosted a career fair later in the day where each student was expected to wear their newly selected ties.

Gamma Phi Mentoring Training at Belmont University

Nashville, TN - Members of Gamma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. participated in a Mentorship Training hosted by Belmont University Professor Dr. Mary Clark. The session included effective strategies to engage mentees, do's and don'ts of a mentor and how to set expectations and boundaries during the mentoring relationship. Belmont University expressed an interest in continuing the training throughout the school year. In addition



Omega brothers were invited to participate in annual events on the Belmont campus to promote mentorship and serve as role models for existing mentees. Brothers received notebooks of materials that support mentoring and resources to assist in mentoring. The training was designed to better equip Gamma Phi Chapter brothers with mentoring skills to carry out the ongoing efforts of the Gamma Phi Youth Mentoring Program. This program is funded in part by the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.

Epsilon Phi Chapter Toy Drive

Memphis, TN - The fourth cardinal principle of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. is UPLIFT, which is sharing ones gift with the community in verifiable aid, activism, and leadership. The Epsilon Phi Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., located in Memphis, TN, has several programs and events that help uplift the community and people in need such as the Black Tie Scholarship Ball, Don Williams Scholarship Golf Tournament, and our annual Christmas Food Box Delivery. Our newest program, Epsilon Phi Toy Drive, benefiting the Pediatric Dialysis Clinic at LeBonheur Children's Hospital is in its third year of fruition. This



project is especially meaningful to the Epsilon Phi Chapter as there are members who are currently on dialysis. Toys Drives for local children’s hospitals are not new or unique events; however, what makes the Epsilon Phi Chapter’s unique is that our toy drive is dedicated to the children on dialysis at LeBonheur Pediatric Dialysis Clinic. “These children are labeled as the forgotten kids” says the Volunteer Coordinator for LeBonheur. When there are charity events in the hospital, such as toy drives, the children in the dialysis clinic are not included as they are not considered to be “inpatient”. The Epsilon Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was able to collect toys by having a Christmas Karaoke night at the local frat house that was free to the public with toy donation. The chapter also received toy donations from local churches, doctor offices, and dialysis clinics. We were able to collect well over 100 toys, \$400 in gift card, winter coats, and Nike shoes for the children.



LeBonheur has a total of 20 patients on dialysis, 8 receiving hemodialysis [in clinic treatment] and 12 on peritoneal dialysis [home treatment]; ages ranging from 2 to 20 years of age. The Toy Drive Giveaway was held on December 20th at the dialysis clinic at LeBonheur’s Children Research Tower in Memphis, TN. Members of the chapter set up all of the toys in the lobby of the dialysis clinic so that the children coming off of the dialysis machines and those coming in for treatment could select toys they wanted. During the previous giveaway the children were only afforded two toys each; however, with the large number of toys donated this year the children were allowed to pick out as many toys as they would like. The older children were able to pick \$50 worth of gift cards. We were also able to get the shoe sizes of the 8 children that were there for the hemodialysis treatment and each of them received a new pair of Nike shoes. The staff at LeBonheur did an amazing job assisting us with putting this together and they do just as much to help the children. As a small token of appreciation lunch was donated by Lenny’s Subs to the staff in the Pediatric Dialysis Clinic. The smiles we were able to bring to not only the faces of the children but to their parents as well were priceless. After the children on dialysis selected all the toys, they wanted there were still four carts filled with toys left. We were able to go to several different floors of LeBonheur Children’s Hospital allowing the children to come in the hallways and pick toys off the carts. After going floor to floor, we still had a surplus of toys. The remaining toys and winter coats were donated to the children at Riverview Elementary. This elementary school educates

students in one of the lowest poverty stricken areas in Memphis. It is truly a blessing to be able to give back to those in need. Epsilon Phi as a chapter, and as Omega men, believe that it is imperative to uphold the standards and morals of the Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Hunt Retirement Ceremony

Clarksville, TN - On November 2, 2018 Brother Sergeant J.W. Hunt of the Psi Pi Chapters completed 35 years of dedicated service to the city of Clarksville, Tennessee. Brother Hunt was an integral part of the police force and during his ceremony this sentiment was echoed over and over again. The Mayor of Clarksville, the Clarksville District Attorney, the Clarksville Police Chief and a multitude of others all shared stories of the sacrifice and service Bro. Hunt gave freely over the course of his career. One of the lasting legacies Brother Hunt left behind was his endeavor to



mentor young at risk youth in the Clarksville community. He developed a program and sacrificed his time to ensure the young people that were identified for the program were given valuable life lessons and guidance. His genuine care for the youth of the community was mentioned several times during the ceremony and he has left a lasting impression on our city. Brother Hunt's lovely wife and daughter were in attendance and they were also honored for their support for him during his extended career on the police department. Several members of our fraternity were also in attendance to support our brother as he transitions to a new chapter in his life. At the end of the ceremony, the Police Chief stated that Sergeant Hunt was the epitome of the CPD motto: Honor, courage, integrity.

The Xi Xi Chapter's Reading Program

Fort Knox, KY - Brother (LTC) Chris Carter, Xi Xi Chapter, Fort Knox, Kentucky, was deployed to serve a 12-month tour to Djibouti in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa. Despite being deployed, Bro. Carter has continued to uphold his cardinal principles in support of uplifting the Community. Each week, a group of service men and women volunteer their time to provide educational classes for over 70 local Djiboutian children in an effort to build relationships with the local community through education. The volunteers meet each week to develop lesson plans to help facilitate conversation with children that range from Pre-school to High School. Brother Carter stated, "This has been an opportunity of a lifetime that I will never forget. I really feel like I'm making a difference within the kids and the community. This is truly internationally uplifting." The service members really enjoy the excitement of being around the children while teaching English. At the same time, Djiboutian students are eager to learn English and are always challenging their ability to spark a friendly conversation with Service members. The Community, administrator and teachers of the school are very grateful of the service members' time and they believe it brings a sense of hope to the children that people in the world really do care. Brother Carter is expected to return back to Ft. Knox in the early summer of 2019.



The Upsilon Iota Iota Chapter's Milliken Scholarship

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Kelley first recipient of Milliken Scholarship

Staff report

The Upsilon Iota Iota Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi recently awarded its first scholarship, the Rev.



Milliken

the late Rev. Lawrence B. Milliken, a member of the fraternity.

Kelley has a 3.67 GPA at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah, where she is majoring in early childhood education. Her career goal is to become a director of a child care facility. She is a 1996 graduate of Paducah Tilghman High. She currently works as a supervisor at the Paducah Day Nursery, where she has worked for the last 20 years. Kelley, the mother of two, plans to use the scholarship money for books and other

small student fees.

The late Rev. Milliken, a veteran of the U.S. Army, died in 2005 at the age of 73. He graduated from Kentucky State College in Frankfort in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. He earned a master's degree in guidance in 1972 and a master's degree in vocational technical education from Murray State University in 1977. He completed a course in industrial supervision at Murray State University and received Certification for Administrative, Supervision and Coordination of Vocational Education and a Rank I Certification. He was a member of the Psi Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Milliken formerly taught for the Graves County Board of Education, Murray City Board of Education and the Paducah City Board of Education. He began his counseling career as a part-time Juvenile Counselor at the McCracken County Juvenile Court in 1967.

He went on to hold several positions at West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical



Terrance Adams (left), scholarship chairman of Omega Psi Phi, and Kenneth Hurt, Basileus of Omega Psi Phi, congratulate Rachel Kelley of Paducah, the first recipient of the Rev. Lawrence B. Milliken College Supply Scholarship. The Upsilon Iota Iota Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi awarded the scholarship in the amount of \$100.

School until his retirement in 1989.

Milliken served as pastor of several area churches and was a member of the Baptist Ministers and Deacons Alliance, Mayor's Minister's Committee for Social Rela-

tions and Executive Director of the Ecumenical Ministry for Unity and Progress.

He served on several committees including past chairman of the Paducah Human Rights Commission, past member of Citizens Advisory

Community-Paducah Board of Education; past member of the Board of Directors of the Oscar Cross Boys' Club of Paducah and past member of the Advisory Committee at Paducah Community College.

Milliken was appointed by the governor to a three-year term as a member of the State Advisory Council for Vocational Education. He was past vice president for guidance of the Kentucky Vocational Association and a member of State Student Financial Aid Training Project Steering Committee of Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

He was also a member of the American Vocational Association, West Kentucky Vocational Association, West Kentucky Association for Counseling and Development, and Kentucky Association for Student Financial Aid Administrators.

He was married to Rosetta Dismukes Milliken. He was the father of George, Mark (deceased), Y-Gillette and Jamaica Milliken, and the grandfather of five.

Police Chief and Omega Man of The Year

Paducah, KY - Brother Chief Jeff Liles began his career at the Murray Police Department in 1991 as a patrolman and worked his way through the ranks as Sergeant, Captain, Major (assistant Chief) before being hired as the Chief of Police in 2010. Since becoming Chief of Police, Chief Liles has worked to expand the Murray Police Department from 32 officers to 40 full time sworn officers. He has worked diligently to focus the department's efforts toward community policing by encouraging the officers to engage with the local community and visitors to the community at every opportunity. The Murray Police Department also works with Murray State University in a close partnership to promote positive growth and harmony in the Murray community. Chief Liles is a 1990 graduate of Murray State University where he played for football for the Murray State Racers. Chief Liles join the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1989 while attending Murray State

University. Chief Liles is from Florence, Alabama but has made his home in Murray, KY since attending Murray State University. Chief Liles is married to Missy Liles.



Theta Alpha Alpha and Gamma Theta Chapters Give Back



Bowling Green, KY – On December 8, 2018, brothers of the Gamma Theta and Theta Alpha Alpha (Bowling Green, KY) chapters gifted 25 families with Christmas Baskets. This idea arose when community leader Abraham Williams approached several undergraduate brothers that were working at the local Housing Authority. The Housing Authority works with families and individuals who face challenges relating to cost of housing,

healthcare, transportation and education. Mr. Williams, spoke to brothers about an initiative that would act as a relief for families that could benefit from receiving basic household essentials. Agreeing, brothers decided to pull together funds to purchase items such as toiletries, laundry detergent, tissue, paper towels and more. This initiative was themed, "Things You Can't Buy with Food stamps." Mr. Williams provided a list of names he felt could benefit most and informed those families of a special surprise that would be coming to them. Brothers separated the items, organized them and dispersed across the city to deliver these gift baskets right to their doorsteps. On December 13, 2018, brothers made their



way to Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary School for their annual Christmas Program. During this showcase students sing Christmas songs, play instruments and perform routines. These young students had practiced for six weeks in preparation and were able to display their hard work in front of their families and friends. At the end of this program, the school does its annual Bike-Giveaway, rewarding students that have had excellent attendance. Once again, brothers felt the call to play a part in this special day. Each chapter was able to sponsor a child to receive a bike, hopefully making their holiday season a bit brighter.



Theta Alpha Alpha and Gamma Theta Chapters Awards



Bowling Green, KY – During the week of November 11-17th 2018, brothers around the world united in a call to service, fulfilling the duties and requirements of our Fraternity by actively participating in Achievement Week. Each year, brothers take the time to acknowledge those who have shown high character and leadership through community uplift. The Gamma Theta (Bowling Green, KY) and Theta Alpha Alpha (Bowling Green, KY) chapters joined forces, and together, made this one of the best celebrations yet. The week began on Sunday, when

brother gathered at Mt. Zion Baptist Church for service. During the service, brothers were able to stand together in prayer for Bro.

Anthony Huskey, whom was unable to attend due to a chronic illness that had recently required surgery. On Monday, recognizing a need for financial literacy, brothers held a forum for students on the campus of Western Kentucky University focused on finance. Bro., Dr. Harold Little currently serves as Chair of the Accounting Department at WKU and was gracious enough to be the guest speaker. Keeping things light, brothers held a Karaoke night on campus Tuesday and on Wednesday hosted a meeting for young men who have shown interest in learning more about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. On Thursday,



brothers hosted a social event at the local Southern Lanes Bowling Alley as a way for students to unwind and relieve stress on the back end of the week. Friday evening, brothers gathered for the annual Achievement Week Banquet, held in the banquet hall of the local Mariah's restaurant. During this joyous occasion several brothers were acknowledged for the commitment they've shown to Omega and the community at-large.

Highlighting these awards was Theta Alpha Alpha and Life Member, Bro. James Brown, who received the Superior Service Award. The service continued on Saturday when brothers made their way to the Salvation Army. There, families and individuals were feed a hot meal. Afterwards, brothers gathered outside to announce the winners of a raffle it had promoting for several months. This raffle included a 65" television and multiple gift cards. To finish off the week, brothers migrated to campus for what would be the final home football game for Gamma Theta Bro. D'Andre Ferby. With Achievement Week came significant attention, including a story from the local news, which highlighted the Chapter's Citizen of the Year award given to local barber and Minister Chris Paige.

Theta Alpha Alpha and Gamma Theta Achievement Week

Bowling Green, KY – On December 13, 2018, brothers joined together to deliberate over the submissions for the International High School Essay Contest. In conjunction with Achievement Week, chapters are mandated to administer an essay contest for high school students in their respective area. This contest is open to all African-American, college-bound high school seniors who meet the criteria. As an organization that promotes exceptional work ethic and perseverance, the applicants must possess a minimum 2.75 GPA in order to be considered. In the past, the Gamma Theta and Theta Alpha Alpha (Bowling Green, KY) chapters have experienced a low return of applications. This could be due to a myriad of reasons, but nonetheless, this was the truth of it. Determined to change this, brothers committed to increasing this year's number of participants.

Promotion for the contest was priority and each brother was charged to do their part. News spread through word-of-mouth and social media; announcements were made in church and applications were dropped off at local barbershops and hair salons. Thanks to these efforts, the chapters received a record number of applicants; more than it had seen in the last three years total! After careful consideration, two winners were chosen, one for each chapter. Ahzja Gamble was selected for the Theta Alpha Alpha chapter and Payton Butler was selected for the Gamma Theta Chapter, respectively. Each student will be awarded a \$750 scholarship toward the school of their choice. Awards will be dispersed prior to the start of the school year, once enrollment has been verified. Congratulations to both Ahzja and Payton on a job well done and we wish them nothing but the best in their pursuit of higher education.



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