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THE 5TH DISTRICT'S GOOD NEWS

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MU ZETA & PI GAMMA GAMMA NEWS



Brothers carrying Fraternity banner during MLK Parade.

Bro. Patrick Marshall - Murfreesboro, TN The Pi Gamma Gamma and Mu Zeta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi participated in the Murfreesboro Lodge #12, Free and Accepted Masons MLK 2018 March. The march began at Central Magnet School and ended at Patterson Park Community Center. The combined Murfreesboro Chapters had over 25 members march along with other members of the Divine Nine. This year marks the 50th commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's death.



THETA ALPHA APLHA NEWS

THE BROTHERS BICYCLE GIVEAWAY



Brothers look on as one of the winners takes his bicycle for a spin.

Bro. James Brown - Bowling Green, KY - On December 14, 2017 the brothers of Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter donated \$100 to Evening Star Chapter No. 126 Order of Eastern Star to go towards their annual bicycle giveaway at Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary School. Most of the students in the Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary School District are from low income families and often times their parents cannot afford to ensure their children will have gifts for Christmas. The Order of Eastern Star seeks donations from businesses and organizations to fund the purchase of the bicycles to ensure some of the less fortunate children in the community will have a Christmas gift. The bicycle giveaway is done right after the Christmas program, in which each grade will perform Christmas songs. The children wait anxiously to hear if their name will be drawn in hoping to win a bike. To see the excitement on the kids face makes this a worthwhile event in which the brothers of Theta Alpha Alpha enjoy supporting and uplifting the children in the community. This year a total of 12 bicycles were given away.

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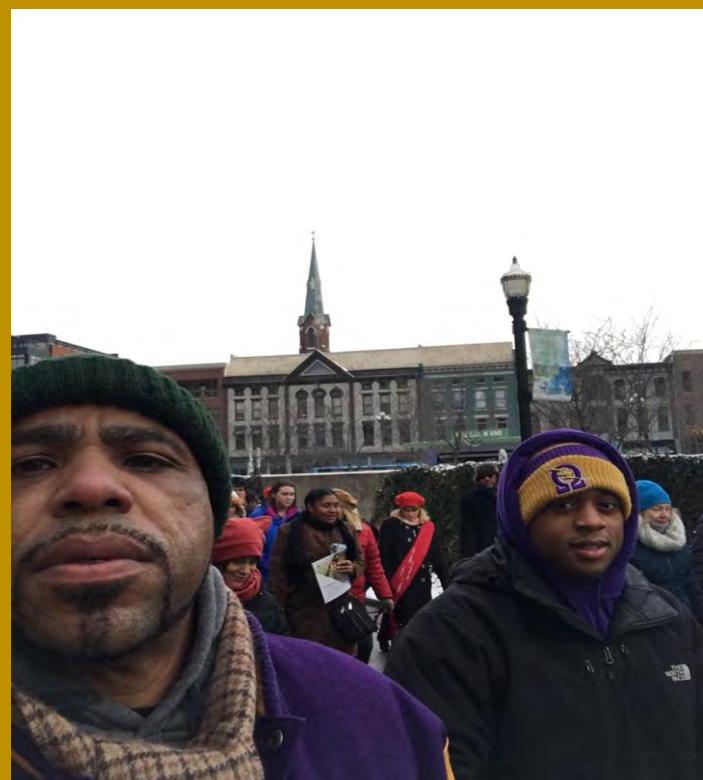
MLK CELEBRATION PARADE

Bro. Rico Walker - Lexington, KY - Monday, January 15, 2018, Brothers from the Psi Tau chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were involved in all of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. festivities in the city of Lexington. Events included an early morning Unity Breakfast, the Freedom March as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration Commemorative Program. The guest speaker at the program was Tim Wise, who is an American anti-racism activist and writer. He also trains government agencies and individuals proven methods that are successful to dismantle systematic racism.

Brother Tony Wilson volunteered some of his time to work concessions for the local parks and recreation basketball league at Old Dunbar. Throughout the month of January, Psi Tau also had many Brothers involved in mentoring male youth and volunteering within the city. Male mentoring takes place at Bethsaida Baptist Church, every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., where Brother Rev. Dr. Bishop Carter III is pastor. Additional male mentoring takes place at WInburn Middle School and at the BMW Academy (Black Males Working), which takes place at First Baptist Church Bracktown every other Saturday.

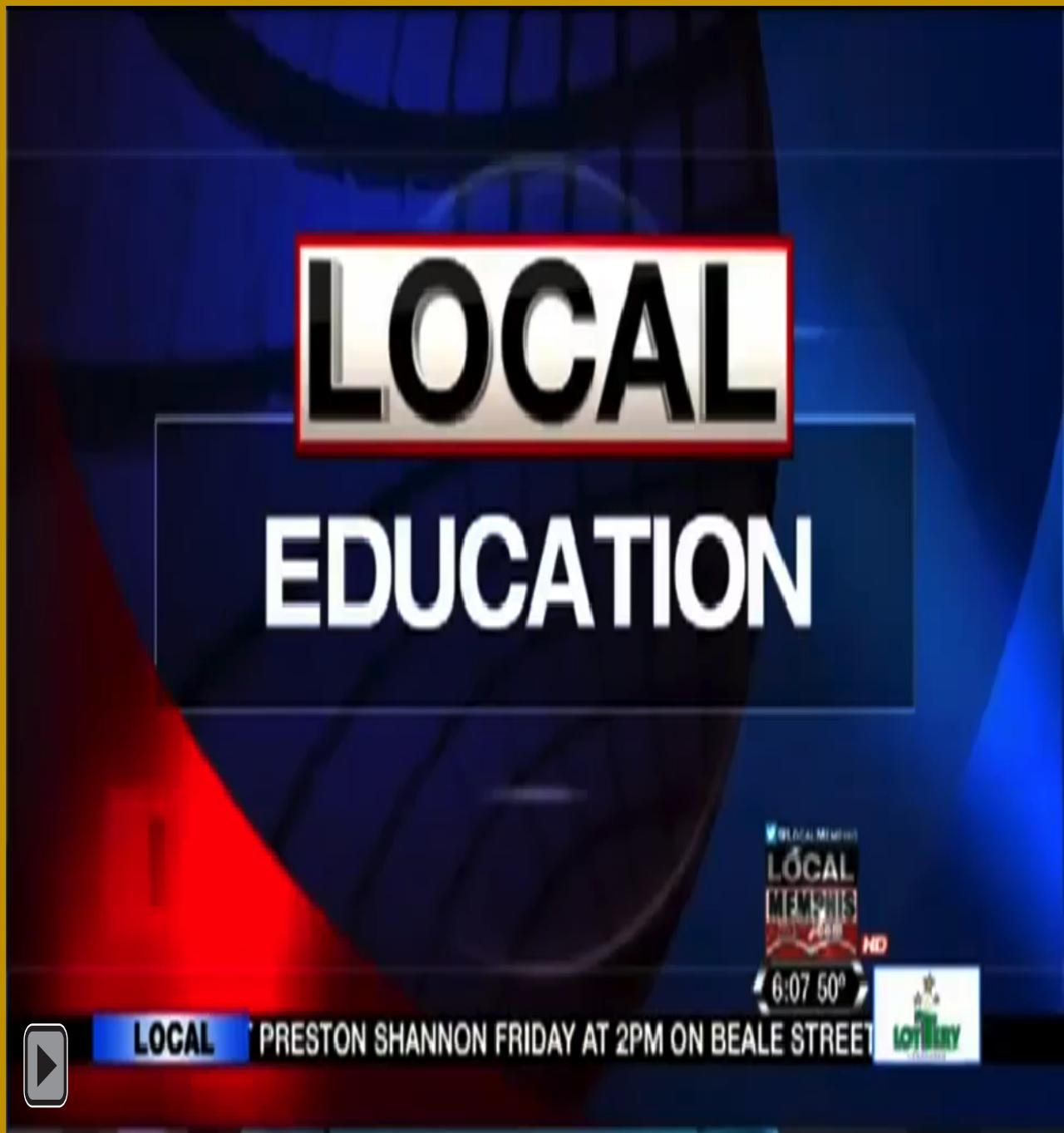


Brother Wilson working the concession stand.



EPSILON PHI NEWS

THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF SCHOOLS



Local news interview of Basileus Bobby Simmons.

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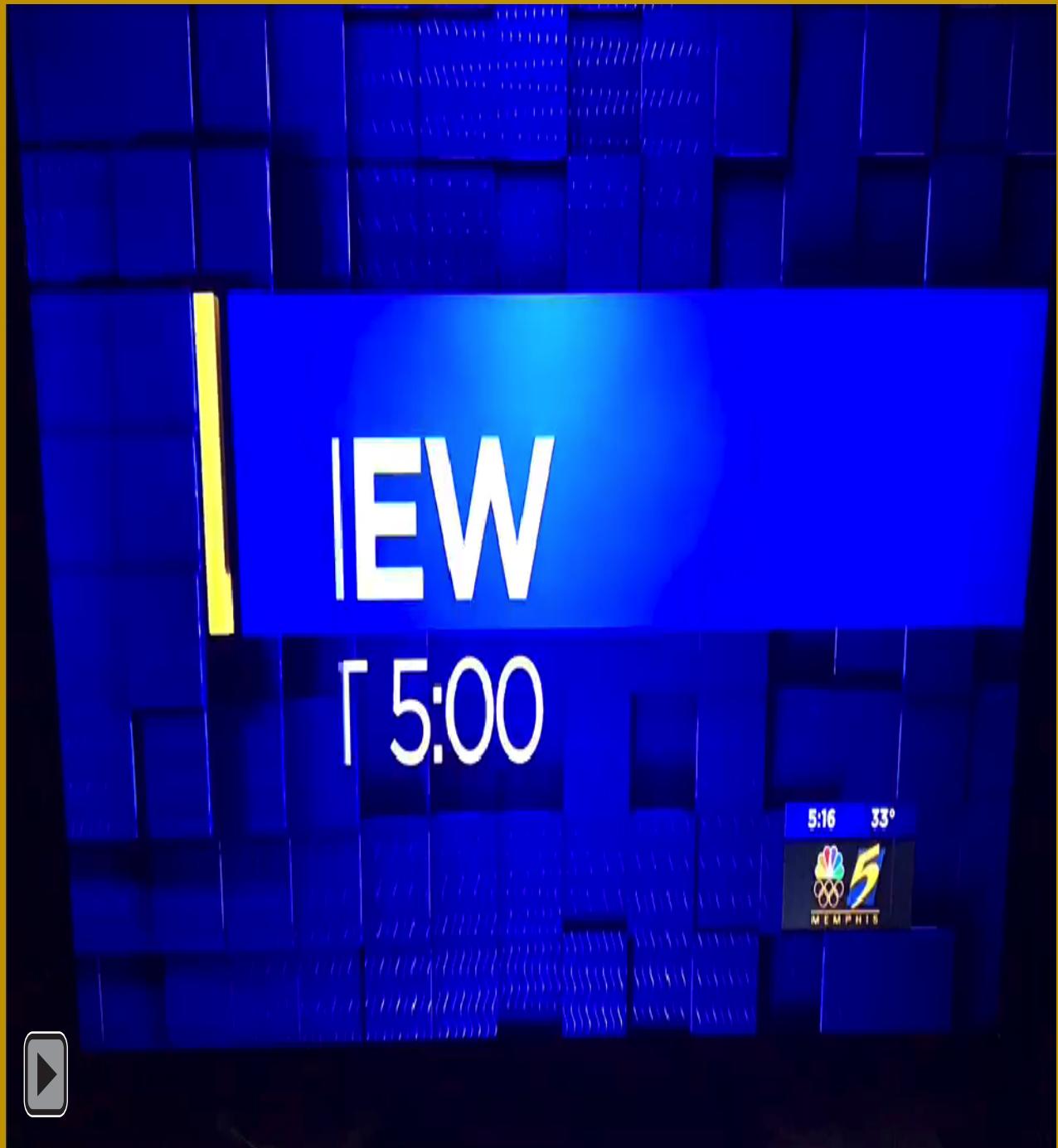
Bro. Alvin Clark -MEMPHIS, TN 100 days down and 80 more to go! Wednesday, Shelby County School students celebrate their 100th day of classes this school year. To mark the occasion, the men of the Epsilon Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity were at Riverview Middle School Wednesday morning to greet students as they walked in the door. The Men of Omega also sat down with students to discuss the importance of education, and what it means to be a man. They say it's important for the students to have positive role models in the community. "There's some kids when they first enter the door, it seems like they're in a different world," says Bobby Simmons. "To see men greeting them changes everything. So, it's a good thing. We look forward to doing this. We mentor this school because it is our school. It's part of our community." This is the second year members of Omega Psi Phi fraternity greeted students at Riverview Middle School to celebrate their 100th day of school.



Brothers greet Riverview K-8 School during 100 Days of School Celebration.

EPSILON PHI NEWS

COACH ROBINSON'S ACT CAMP



Local news interview of Bro Gene Robinson, III.

EPSILON PHI NEWS

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MEMPHIS, TN (WMC) - A Memphis high school football coach is giving Mid-South students the chance to do their very best as they head into college. Wednesday, Feb. 7 is National Signing Day for athletes across the nation, including several from Whitehaven. "I'm super happy," Chris Witherspoon said. "I'm ready." Witherspoon is a standout running back and said he's ready to commit to Bethel University. But first, Witherspoon needs to improve his ACT score in order to sign. "You get more money when you get a 21 or 23 and some guys just need it to even qualify for a scholarship," Fairley High coach Gene Robinson said. A Whitehaven graduate, University of North Carolina graduate, and a member of Omega Psi Phi me now coaching at Fairley High School, Robinson has the heart to give back. He has mentored Witherspoon over the past few years at his "Make The Right Call" football summer camp. This year, Robinson offered the 10 top athletes from the camp free ACT prep tutoring. "Kids who come from a background and know they have to keep their grades up and get the ACT and people who never even heard of the ACT or don't think they have to take it until their senior year," Robinson said. "Everything these coaches are doing in Memphis is trying to better us," Witherspoon said. Whitehaven coach Rodney Saulsberry said he's proud of the work Robinson is doing to inspire students. "The greatest thing is having a village around these kids and we say once a tiger, always a tiger," Saulsberry said. Robinson said that he wants to instill in his students that's it's what they do off the field and in the classroom that will propel them in their athletic careers. Witherspoon is confident he'll get the score he needs, and Robinson hopes he can get more community support to expand this opportunity. "We need more partners to come aboard and really give back to our youth and really give them something passionate and something to look forward to," Robinson said.



Brother Gene Robinson III instructs ACT camp student.

EPSILON PHI NEWS

DRKS WORKING HARD FOR OMEGA

Bro. Quincy Snider - January 26-27, 2018- Omega Men Draw Nigh. All District Keeper of Records and Seal (DKRS) were invited to attend the 1st Annual DKRS Retreat held in Atlanta, GA. The DKRS along with Bro. Kenneth Rodgers, GKRS, Bro. E.D. Hall, AGKRS and Bro. Kenneth Barnes IHQ Exec Director were present for this historical fraternal event. The purpose was to share knowledge across the Districts, gain insights and information on how to improve our processes and DKRS functions and to promote an atmosphere of continuous improvement of this administrative function of the fraternity which is critical to our success on the local, District and IHQ levels. The unselfish sharing of information from ALL DKRS, the presentation from the ISS (My Page) owner Bro Bell, The IHQ updates and information from Bro. Barnes, IHQ and the tour and meeting of staff at our international headquarters exceeded all our expectations. The agenda and topics were well thought out and identified. This was not a retreat of leisure but rather a true working session to expand and increase our knowledge of the position of Keeper of Records and Seal. The Conclave Credential process, expanding and exploring the capabilities of My Page, collecting and transferring of District dues and assessments and using technology to conduct virtual meetings were but a sample of the topics covered and explored in our time together. The Brotherhood of Omega can be proud of the agenda and the work that was accomplished during this 2-day event to help move the Fraternity forward. There is no doubt that the return on investment will be seen throughout the fraternity and at the IHQ level from the information shared and disseminated..



Brothers listening and taking copious notes during the My Page presentation

THETA GAMMA GAMMA NEWS

THE TALENT HUNT COMPETITION

Bro. Terry Copeland - OAKRIDGE, TN - On Friday, January 26, 2018, Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated hosted their 2018 Talent Hunt Competition at the Bearden Banquet Hall in Knoxville, Tn. Zeta Gamma Gamma was able to provide exposure, encouragement and financial assistance directed toward a group of talented high school students. Exposure was provided by means of local television coverage; Encouragement was provided from the 2017 winner of "The Voice", Chris Blue; and financial assistance in the amount of a \$500 scholarship was awarded to the winner of our talent hunt competition. The Zeta Gamma Gamma chapter applauds the efforts of all 5 contestants. The five contestants were: Alisa Osborne (singing), Morristown West High; Sidney Matlock (violin), Webb School of Knoxville; Kaylen Lindsey (singing), Loudon High; Jayon Joo (violin), Hardin Valley Academy and Kijon Dunn (singing), Tennessee Volunteer Challenge Academy. They did a wonderful job showcasing their various talents. Although the competition was exceptional a panel of independent judges determined the winner. Mr. Kijon Dunn from Tennessee Volunteer Challenge Academy was declared the winner. Mr. Kijon Dunn will now represent the Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter in March 2018 at the District Talent Hunt competition in Memphis, Tn., and possibly at the International Talent Hunt Program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in New Orleans, La. The Talent Hunt Chairman, Brother Jerome Miller and his committee coordinated a stellar event that exposed outstanding talents in area youth.



Kijon Dunn ZGG Talent Hunt
Competition winner.

Talent Hunt contestants from left to right are Sidney Matlock, Kijon Dunn, Jayon Joo, Kaylen Lindsey and Alisa Osborne.



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BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA BOWL

Bro Reginald T .Bailey - HOPKINSVILLE. KY On Saturday, February 17, 2017 the Hopkinsville Human Relations Commission sponsored the 27th Annual Black History Trivia Bowl at the Hopkinsville Middle School in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Teams from four separate entities sent delegations to compete in this years event. Members and students from Greater Missionary Baptist Church, Virginia Street Baptist Church, Northeast Middle/High School and Fort Campbell High School all participated in the black history trivia bowl. The event was a double elimination tournament and each round had a total of 100 questions per round. Students were quizzed on their knowledge of black history events and historical figures from the past and present. It was clear that the students had spent time studying and preparing for this event and it was refreshing to see our young people engaged in competition. The coaches and mentors who helped them prepare for this event also deserve accolades. Frederick Douglass said, "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men" and investing in our young people is most certainly beneficial in their development. We must also ensure that we are equipping them with knowledge of the contributions people of color have made in America and also pre-transatlantic slave trade. Events like this are paramount in ensuring that we continue to pass the torch of knowledge to those who shall come after us.



Brothers look on as the students participate in the trivia bowl.

FIFTH DISTRICT NEWS

GRAND BASILEUS VISITS THE 5TH



Grand Basileus, Antonio F. Knox presents donations to Gordon Memorial UMC and to the TSU Foundation during his recent visit to Nashville.

