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“MARCH FOR THE DREAM”

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 2018

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter participated in the Annual “March for the Dream” Honoring Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Brother’s started out at 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Oak Park Community Center and marched 6 miles to the downtown Capitol Building. [READ MORE ON PG 4](#)



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CHAPTER HISTORY



Epsilon Xi Chapter was chartered on April 10, 1976 evolving from the removed practice of the Intermediate Chapter. Many decades ago cities chartered intermediate chapters. These chapters had both graduate and undergraduate members. Alpha Rho was the intermediate chapter operating in the Sacramento area, and graduate brothers felt that a separate Graduate chapter would better serve the community

SIGNITURE EVENTS

Our signature events are Talent Hunt, Christmas Toy Drive, and Student Award Banquet. These important events recognize community talent, assist foster children and provide scholarships to prominent graduating seniors who participate in scholastic activities or excel in the Arts, Leadership, Sports, Clubs and/or other activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Epsilon Xi chapter has existed in Sacramento for over 40 years and our members have participated in all facets of city life, providing service to government, civic, educational, and humanitarian efforts. Our main emphasis however is in giving scholarships to graduating high school seniors as a springboard to their college education.

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“MARCH FOR THE DREAM” HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR 2018

There were 27 brothers who joined the walk with many diverse groups. At the conclusion of the walk, some brothers were involved in the logistics of the Diversity Expo. Which is a showcase what people are doing to make a positive impact in our community and world. The Expo helps to bring the message home that “HOPE LIVES.”

“Only in the darkness can you see the stars.” -Martin Luther King Jr. “Let no man pull you so low as to hate him.” “There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right.”





“OMEGA IDOL” 2018 TALENT HUNT



The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter hosted its annual Omega Idol Talent Hunt competition on March 31, 2018 at the Guild Theater in Sacramento, Ca. 12 contestants competed for three cash prizes; \$100 for 3rd place, \$200 for 2nd place and the contest winner \$300, a trophy, and a paid trip to Long Beach, CA to compete in the 12th District Talent Hunt. Since its inception in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 19, 1946, the Talent Hunt Program which was established by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has been instrumental in supporting youth worldwide in showcasing their artistic talents and giving them a platform to nurture these talents through an objective, unbiased competition both locally and regionally. The Talent Hunt program is one of several national, mandated programs that our great fraternity facilitates in supporting our youth.

“Everyone has talent. What’s rare is the courage to follow it to the dark places where it leads.”

2018 FEED THE HOMELESS AND..



2018 Feed the Homeless & Toiletry Giveaway

Address: Miami and North St., Sacramento, CA 95811
 Date: December 24, 2018
 Start Time: 7:00 AM

Things needed: Toilet paper, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, tooth paste, soap, tampons, menstrual water packets, water, socks, gloves, and blanket kits.

***We also will be accepting small cash donation or we can provide a hot meal also.

Please contact Lamar Houston 916 529-6602 or Larry Maxwell 530 478 2 67. All items due on or before 5/15/2018.



The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their annual. Feed the Homeless & Toiletry Giveaway in Downtown Sacramento, CA; where there is a large number of homeless people that continues to grow.

On December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve morning, the brothers along with their families and friends enlisted to help, served food and water to over 100 homeless people. We also provided male and female toiletry packets, socks, gloves, and blankets. Additionally we and those that came to assist us, donated coats and winter clothes and shoes in an attempt to fill the things most needed during these times.

Where you find a large homeless population of people, often times you find them with “man’s best friend”, their animals. In our service, we made sure not to forget this fact. The brothers brought out dog food and bagged it up in zip lock baggies to hand out.

The people came and were blessed with what we were able to provide.

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“One of the best feelings in the world is giving. The positive energy is contagious. With just one act of kindness, you can inspire others to go out and plant seeds of happiness through giving, too. Your greatest gift is the ability to share your blessings; it’s what makes life meaningful.”

TOILETRY GIVEAWAY



39TH DR. ERVIN JACKSON STUDENT AWARDS BANQUET 2018

The Student Awards Banquet is sponsored by the Epsilon Xi Youth Educational Foundation in conjunction with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. In honor of Brother Dr. Ervin Jackson who retired as the Assistant Superintendent for the Sacramento City Unified School District, the Student Award Banquet promotes academic excellence giving scholarships to graduating high school seniors as a springboard to their college education

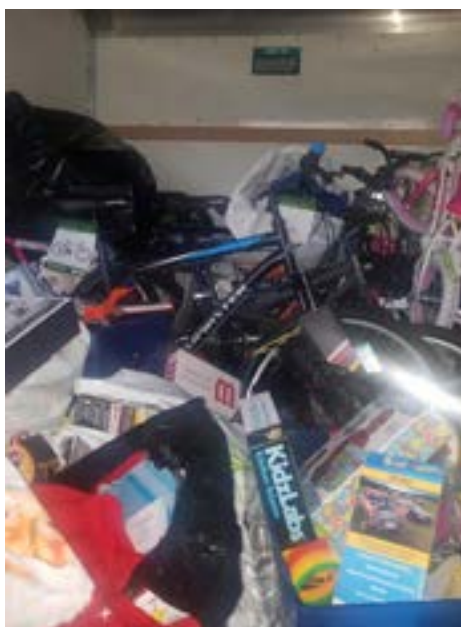
The banquet is held annually at the Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 McClellan Parkway Sacramento, CA 95652. The purpose of the banquet is to recognize graduating seniors for outstanding academic, athletic and leadership accomplishments. Along with recognizing the students for their accomplishments, there is a

scholarship(s) awarded to outstanding graduating high school seniors. In recent years we have recognized on average 280 students annually from 19 different area high schools. Each student received a Certificate of recognition and a Souvenir Booklet as a keepsake to memorialize the student's accomplishments at our banquet. Although recognition is given for excellence in many areas, our primary focus is on academic attainment. It is the hope of the fraternity that the recognition bestowed at this banquet will motivate and encourage these students to continue their excellence in their future educational and career endeavors.

In 2018 we recognized 280 students from 16 area schools.

“Teach Them Well And Let Them Lead The Way”





ON YOUR BACK TOY DRIVE UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their annual, "On Your Back" Christmas Toy Drive.

Foster Family Agency & Children Services is a Non-Profit organization. The agency was established under the V.B.R. Foundation which has helped families and children for over 25 years. They are a treatment facility that specialize in helping children that come from a variety of backgrounds including those subjected abuse and neglect.

This year the brothers were able to collect over 700 hundred toys, 30 bicycles and \$1000 in gift cards.

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."



REACTIVATION OF UNDERGRADUATE IOTA MU CHAPTER

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter assisted the undergraduate brothers of Sacramento State, USC Davis and Chico State in reactivating the Iota Mu Chapter after 10 years of inactivity. The chapter has been inactive for various reasons. With the guidance of Epsilon Xi, communication with the District Leaders, the completion of required documents and submission to National Headquarters, The Iota Mu Chapter is back active at all 3 Universities.

“The Bridge Builder”



DIAPER DRIVE 2018 WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER



The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter were able to participate in Diaper Drive 2018. This is an annual event to collect diapers, baby wipes and other supplies for the Wellspring Women's Center.

Wellspring Women's Center in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood nurtures the innate goodness and personal self-esteem of women and their children. Serving nearly 200 women and children each

weekday and offering four different programs: the Nutritious Meal Program, the Children's Corner Program, the Safety Net Services Program, and the Women's Wellness Program.

This year we were able to collect over 1000 diapers and 20 boxes of baby wipes.

“People appreciate and never forget that helping hand especially when times are tough.

REIGNITING THE FLAME RECLAMATION & RETENTION 2018

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter held the annual mandated program Reclamation, "Reigniting the Flame" on Saturday, December 8, 2018. The program was held in downtown Sacramento, Ca at the Embassy Suites Hotel Riverfront.

The brothers were called to bring at least one inactive brother to this event. In January 1928, 12th Grand Basileus Julius S. McLain, in consultation with Bro. Walter H. Mazyck and Bro. Daniel B. Taylor, became aware of the inactivity of a number of chapters in many sections of the country, they felt that direct contact should be made through the National Office to stimulate and renew interest among inactive brothers. At the Grand Conclave in Washington DC in 1945, the 11th 1st Vice Grand Basileus John H. Calhoun Jr. with the approval of the Grand Basileus, formulated and aggressive plan which included the reinstatement of inactive brothers and revival of inactive chapters through the cooperation of chapters and District Representatives.

The chapter was able to host 14 inactive brothers and from the event. Reclaim 8 brothers.

"Knowing yourself is first step towards self-reclamation." "What makes you come alive?"



2018 CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter held the annual mandated program, Charles Richard Drew Blood Drive.

The goal of the Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive is to raise awareness of the importance of blood Donation. Each unit can help save a life. We want to focus on the specific needs, to increase the number of African American donors for Sickle Cell patients, especially children. We can only do this by educating our fraternity and others of the purposes of donating blood, in turn eradicating the fear of giving while reinforcing the truth: blood donors are essential to the health and safety of the many hospital patients. The life you save may be your own.

On Saturday August 18, 2018 the brothers donated blood at Midtown Blood Source blood bank in Sacramento, Ca. Over 20 Chapter Brothers donated blood and were able to encourage 40 of their friends and family participate by donating.

“Your blood can give a life to someone.” “Your blood donation can give a precious smile to someone’s face.” “Don’t let fools or mosquitoes suck your blood, put it to good use. Donate blood and save a life.”





MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROGRAM NEW MEMBERS FALL 2018



The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter initiated 3 New Members this fall through the Membership Selection Program.

The New Brothers were brought into the fraternal organization with the goal of forming a bond; together by friendship, knowledge, brotherhood, common goals and aspirations. These 3 Brothers met all the requirements and their academic records show that they possess good mental capacity, strong character and an earnest desire to equip themselves for service to humanity.

“Being a good leader requires remembering that you’re there for a reason, and the reason certainly isn’t to have your way. High-integrity leaders not only welcome questioning and criticism - they insist on it.”



OMEGA PLAYGROUND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT



The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their Annual Omega Playground Beautification Project at Reith Elementary School, 8401 Valley Lark Drive Sacramento, Ca, from 8:00am to 12:00pm on May 10, 2018. The Brothers were able to clean playground equipment using environmental safe soap, disinfectants and water to remove dirt, mold and anything sticky. We walked the full park and picked up litter, removed gum and other particles from playground equipment, benches and water fountains. In the end, the City of Sacramento provided tan bark which the brothers hauled and spread out throughout the playground area. We had a great time fellowshiping and provide new Litter Receptacles.

“In neighborhoods without a usable park or playground, the incidence of childhood obesity increases by 29 percent.”



LANGSTON HUGHES POETRY SLAM

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual Langston Hugh Poetry Slam on November 15, 2017, at Sacramento State Student Union Room 217 Auditorium. The event was well attended with over 60 people. We had various students and people from the Sacramento Area perform Spoken Word, Poetry, and Inspirational Speeches. The topics were motivational ranging from Police Brutality to Uplifting Our People. In total, we had 17 people perform. Food and refreshments were served while we fellowshiped with one another after the event.

“Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.”



PROTECT YOURSELF SEX 101

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted the Protect Yourself Sex 101 at Sacramento State on November 8, 2018.

Planned Parenthood delivers vital reproductive health care, sex education, and information to millions of people worldwide. Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. The Brothers of Epsilon Xi had counselors from Planned Parenthood deliver the importance of safe sex, prevention of STI's, and Unplanned Pregnancy. There was also a section on Domestic Violence.

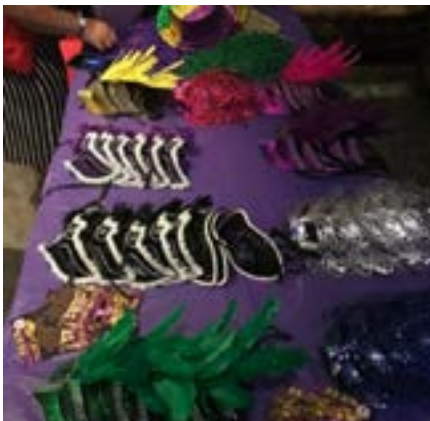
The event was attended by over 40 Sacramento State and UC Davis students.

“You cannot protect yourself from sadness without protecting yourself from happiness.”



MARDI GRAS WITH THE QUES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their Second Annual Mardi Gras with the Ques Scholarship Fundraiser party at the Other Office 928 2nd St, Sacramento, CA on Saturday April 7, 2018. The event was well attended with over 200 people and we were able to raise \$1700 that goes towards scholarships.



ANNUAL ALL WHITE SUMMER GROOVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their Annual All White Summer Groove with the Ques Scholarship Fundraiser party at the Other Office 928 2nd St, Sacramento, CA, on Saturday September 1, 2018. The event was well attended with over 100 tickets sold, raising \$1500 that went towards our 2019 Student Awards Recognition event.



EPSILON XI CHAPTER BACK PACK DRIVE

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their Annual Back Pack Drive. While most back pack drives concentrate on donating supplies to children whose families aren't able to purchase items for class, we decided to dig deeper and focus on children who are living in shelters or children of mothers who have been displaced due to abuse in the home. To help us accomplish this goal, we partnered with three organizations that would help us accomplish our goal. Fulling our mission, on August 15, 2018, Epsilon Xi chapter donated 40 back packs to WEAVE INC, WellSpring Women's Shelter, and Sierra Forever Families. These organizations help the mothers as well as the children in community who are living through personal crises. Through our support of providing something as little as school supplies, in some way we were able to help these families regain some normalcy within their lives.

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”



VOTER REGISTRATION

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted Voter Registration Saint Francis High School. The event was attended by 38 Students, 18 years of age. We had a guest speaker to talk with the kids about the importance of voting in America. The Brothers conducted a workshop on how to register and stay registered and provided education on knowing your rights as a Law Abiding Citizen. The overall event was a success with us registering 23 Students to vote.

“Young people need to vote. To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers.”



MAKE AN IMPACT

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted its Make an Impact Program with local youth on August 11, 2018, from the Sacramento, Ca area. The ages ranged from 11- 16 years of age. The Make an Impact Program volunteered at the local Sacramento Food Bank. Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) goes all-in, meeting socioeconomic challenges within our community with innovative solutions, and thousands of volunteers make it possible by filling dozens of roles. During our volunteer days we were able to paint the interior hallways and offices and sorted fresh produce, canned goods and other food to be served to the local community.

“Success is not measured in the amount of dollars you make, but the amount of lives you impact.”





MENTAL HEALTH

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted a Mental Health Workshop on November 13, 2018, at the Sacramento State Student Union. The brothers had staff and counselors from The Department of Health Services, Mental Health Access Team come out and deliver the information on Mental Health and our risk factors. This was to raise awareness amongst African Americans about the current state of mental health issues and provide them the resources on how to handle these issues. Suicide Prevention was also presented with the named message "It's Not Always What You Think". Overall we had on 43 people in attendance and they were also able to get confidential one on one information.

"Don't be ashamed of your story. It will inspire others."



MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted their Annual Memorial Service

March 12 2018, at Lions Gate Hotel. March 12th of each year has been established as Memorial Day. The brothers met to conduct an appropriate service to recall the memory of those members who have entered Omega Chapter. In 2017- 2018, Epsilon Xi had brothers enter Omega Chapter and we got together to honor those brothers with a proper Memorial Service. Since this event was held on a Monday evening, the attendance was low, but the brothers where given the platform to say a few words and reflect on the friendship and fellowship they had with the brother who pass on.

"Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be. For my unconquerable soul."





FINANCIAL YOUTH SUMMIT

The Brothers of Epsilon Xi Chapter conducted the Financial Youth Summit January 13, 2018, held at Sacramento Charter High School. The event was attended by 45 students male and female from the greater Sacramento Area. The purpose of the event was designed to increase financial literacy amongst our youth. There were workshops the youth attended focusing on financial decisions that impact their lives. The workshop was design by giving the students fake money and the brothers set up different booths to entice them to make purchases. At the conclusion, we had a group setting to discuss what the purpose of the workshops was and how they spend their money. We also had a presenter from Golden One Credit Union speak on savings and monthly balance of funds.

“College graduates spent 16 years gaining skills that will help them command a higher salary; yet little or no time is spent helping them save, invest and grow their money.”

