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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

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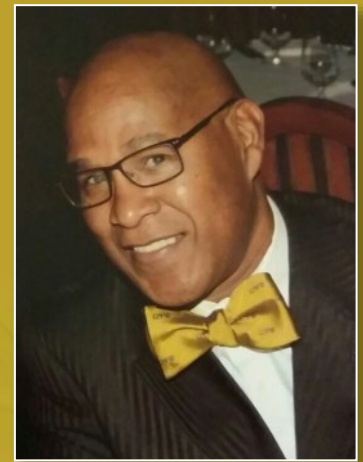
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BRO. BRIAN HARGROVE AND THE MEN OF
IOTA MU NU ON THEIR 10TH ANNUAL
ACHIEVEMENT WEEK ANNIVERSARY.

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BRO. RANDY JOHNSON, LE "77"
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Greetings,

The Omega Hope Foundation is a Florida non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation, established in 2016. The three pillars of which we stand are Scholarships, Mentoring, and Community Service.

We want to congratulate the brothers of the Iota Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as you celebrate your 2024 Achievement Week slate of accomplishments, events, and activities. The partnership forged between the Iota Mu Nu Chapter and the Omega Hope Foundation continues to be invaluable as we approach the charitable and educational needs of our Northeast Florida Communities.

We are continually inspired by the dedication and consideration of our Partners and Donors who answer the call to serve. Their valued tax-deductible partnerships will continue to assist in providing important cornerstones in charting paths for our aspiring youth as they embark on their future endeavors.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to this 2024 Achievement Week Souvenir Booklet. Your contributions will be instrumental in supporting The Omega Hope Foundation Scholarship and Community Service Fund. For additional information about Omega Hope, please visit us at www.omegahopefoundation.com.

Regards,

Derrick Hamilton, President
The Omega Hope Foundation



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Brothers of Iota Mu Nu (IMN),

I greet you in friendship as I welcome you this evening to our 2024 Achievement Week Banquet. This evening is an opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate the servitude of those in our community as well as in our chapter. It takes an altruistic spirit to serve others; an attribute that we as men of Omega will always lead for others to follow.

This past year has brought us moments of triumph and heartache, but through this we must remain resolute in the service to our community and society as a whole. May we take our victories and accomplishments as the fruits of our labors and our shortfalls as opportunities for greatness to come. May our passion to succeed and foster success in others remain unaverred, for the race we run has many checkpoints but no finish line,

Before concluding this welcome, I would like to take this moment brothers to thank your wives and family for their personal sacrifice of you to our fraternity and its cause. To be an "Omega Man" requires much and sometimes the biggest sacrifice asked of us is our time away from our loved ones.

Again, Thank You.

Faternally,

Bro. Rodney C. Ashford, Basileus
Iota Mu Nu Chapter



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Brothers of Iota Mu Nu,

First, I give honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a blessing and honor to greet you as I welcome you this evening. The 2024 Achievement Week Gala is an event that celebrates community service, academic excellence, and individuals who have made significant accomplishments within our community through their leadership.

I'm honored to be elected Basileus and to serve in this capacity. I will dedicate my time and efforts to working with IMN Brothers with a focus on the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. An important goal is to leverage all talent within IMN and to have a greater impact on the four counties we serve. My brothers, I know these times can challenge our resolve but let us stay true to the path we've chosen and to the values that bind us in Omega Psi Phi. Together, through our commitment and service, we can create a lasting legacy for the generations that follow.

I would like to take this moment to thank our families for their continued support. May God bless us all.

Fraternally,

Bro. Brian Hargrove, Basileus Elect
Iota Mu Nu Chapter



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National Achievement Week Program

The National Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history. Its beginnings date back to the 1920 Grand Conclave in Nashville. It was at this Conclave that Bro. Carter G. Woodson inspired the overall idea. In 1927, at his urging, the Fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance. In 1976, this commemoration evolved into Black History Month. Presently, the Achievement Week Program is used to recognize those individuals at the local and national levels who have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for African Americans.

Objectives of the Observance

- To focus attention on outstanding achievement, not only by giving appropriate recognition to those who have achieved but also by stimulating others to gain even higher eminence.
- To implement our democratic way of life by emphasizing that all people must be judged by their accomplishments and their service to mankind, regardless of nationality, religion, or race.
- To raise the prestige of Omega by providing a worthwhile project to which our chapter may direct its energies; this united effort should stimulate and enrich the communities where Omega Psi Phi Chapters are located.

Additionally, the following awards, Omega Man of the Year, Superior Service, Founders' Lifetime Achievement, Citizen of the Year, and IMN Chapter International Essay Contest awards are also given during the Achievement Week Observance.

Faternally,

Bro. Brian Hargrove, Achievement Week Chair
Iota Mu Nu Chapter

*A*CHIEVEMENT WEEK

Iota Mu Nu Chapter
Schedule of Events 2024

Social Action
SATURDAY 11/9

Roadside cleanup & Clothing Donation
201 N 2nd St. Palatka, FL 32177
8am - 10am

Church Service
SUNDAY 11/10

Hopewell Church
1351 Roberts Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32259
Service Time: 9:00am
Official Omega Attire

MONDAY 11/11
Reclamation & Retention

Monday Night Football
Buffalo Wild Wings @ Town Center
7:00pm - 11:00pm

TUESDAY 11/12

Bruh Social
Dapper D's - St. Johns
150 Fountains Way, St. Johns, FL 32259
7:00pm - 11:00pm

WEDNESDAY 11/13

Health Initiative
Blood Drive @ Durbin Pavilion
480 Durbin Pavilion Dr,
St. Johns, FL 322259
2:00pm - 7:00pm

THURSDAY 11/14

Fatherhood & Mentorship
Financial Literacy
Moseley Elementary School
1100 Husson Ave, Palatka, FL. 32177
Time: 10am - 2pm

FRIDAY 11/15

Rededication
7014 Longleaf Branch Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32222
6:00pm - 10:00pm

SATURDAY 11/16

Achievement Week Banquet
World Golf Village Renaissance
500 S. Legacy Trl.
St. Augustine, FL 32092
6:00pm - 10:00pm

The Origin of Achievement Week



Dr. Carter G. Woodson

The genesis behind what is now Achievement Week is found at a significant event that occurred in Omega's history at the 9th Grand Conclave held at Meharry Medical College in Nashville from December 27-29, 1920. It was at this Conclave that Dr. Carter G. Woodson gave a stirring speech during the opening session on Monday evening, December 27, 1920, on "Democracy and the Man far Down." According to a fraternal publication, in his speech, Dr. Woodson:

"mentioned the Negro's neglect of his history, in fact, his ignorance of it, and urged the college man to give less attention to social affairs and devote more of his time to the study and dissemination of the facts of Negro life and history. Such knowledge, he maintained, would produce an increase in the number of competent Negro leaders and would inspire race pride in the masses as a whole."

At the time of the speech, Dr. Woodson just took over as Dean of West Virginia Collegiate Institute (now West Virginia State University) in the Fall of 1920 after spending the previous two years as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Howard University. Five years earlier, he co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) and, in 1916, *The Journal of Negro History*. As a result of his achievement, on February 10, 1917, Dr. Woodson became an elected (honorary) member of the Fraternity through Alpha Chapter.

So moved were the Brothers of the 9th Conclave that a decision was made by the body to designate a week for a public campaign on the study of Negro Literature and History. This was entitled the Campaign for the Study of Negro Literature and History. The responsibility of executing this national campaign was given to William Stuart Nelson who was elected to the newly created national position of Director of Publicity for the Fraternity at the Nashville Conclave (Nelson was also responsible for the publishing of *The Oracle*). The campaign was held from April 24-30, 1921. Mass public meetings were held by Chapters featuring prominent speakers and pamphlets were printed and distributed to attendees, students and the community discussing the accomplishments and history of African Americans. Folders were sent to the Black press containing facts on Negro history. Reporting from Atlanta, Grand Basileus Harold H. Thomas noted:

"The campaign has been a howling success all over the country, and more than a success in Atlanta. Eta's big mass meeting was attended by over two thousand people, and Omicron held their open meeting in a large church Friday night. Omega men during the week have spoken in every institution of learning in the city including colleges, grammar schools, and private schools."

The campaign was renewed for 1922 and was observed from April 2-8, 1922 where colleges and universities were encouraged to participate in addition to Chapters. As the position of Director of Publicity was eliminated at the 10th Grand Conclave in Atlanta, responsibility for the sophomore year of the campaign was assigned to the Editor-to-the-Oracle, a position that was officially established at the same Conclave. This was spearheaded by William Gilbert. The campaign continued for 1923 and 1924 though with reduced attention due to the significant growth that occurred in the Fraternity from 1922-24 (the Fraternity almost doubled in size during this period).

It was in 1924 at the 13th Grand Conclave at Howard University, Washington, D.C., that the campaign was suspended. Two factors contributed to that decision. The expansion of the Fraternity highlighted the absence of internal policies to handle this unprecedented growth. Additionally, according to Walter Herbert Mazyck, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in the February 1925 issue of the *Omega Bulletin*:



"Nearly all of the Fraternities and Sororities of our group have now adopted a "week." We have "Guide Right Week" (Kappa Alpha Psi, 1922), "Bigger, Better Business Week" (Phi Beta Sigma, 1924), "Go to High School, Go to College Week" (Alpha Phi Alpha, 1919), and a "May Week" (Deltas Sigma Theta, 1920). Omega is out of the "Week" business for the present, thanks to the constructive policy of the 13th Conclave."

It was determined at the 13th Conclave that the development of internal policies and procedures with the aim of a stronger organization should be the focus for 1925. So no campaign occurred in 1925.

It was during this lapse that Dr. Woodson decided to own his recommendation and construct an observation based on his vision. Through ASNLH, Negro History Week was launched during the second week of February 1926 (the second week was chosen since that encompass both Abraham Lincoln's and Frederick Douglass' birthdays). This was the precursor to what is now Black History Month.

Before the launch of Dr. Woodson's Negro History Week, at the 14th Grand Conclave (1925) in Tuskegee, AL, it was determined to revive the initiative under a new name: the Negro Achievement Week. John Prescott Murchison (Alpha Chapter, 1917), who was elected the 4th Editor-to-the-Oracle at the 13th Grand Conclave in 1924, added to his duties the responsibility of the Director of Negro Achievement Week. His charge from the Conclave was to construct a unique program that differed from the previous campaign and what Dr. Woodson is doing. The national and local celebration was to be held in the first or second week of November with the focus on the achievements of African-Americans not only in the past but currently across a wide diaspora of fields. The end goal was to "inject racial pride and to stimulate, enrich, and direct the innate powers of Negro youth."



John Prescott Murchison

At the time of his selection to the post, Murchison was Professor of Economics, History, and Political Science at Clark University (now Clark Atlanta University) in Atlanta. Before his post at Clark University, Murchison received his undergraduate degree from Howard University in 1920 and his Masters from Columbia University in 1922 where, while in NY, he served as the second Basileus of Epsilon Chapter in 1920. Murchison also served as Professor at Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith University) in Charlotte, NC in 1922 before coming to Atlanta in 1923.

The first Negro Achievement Week was held from November 15-20, 1926. Murchison developed a day-by-day construct to help guide the implementation by Chapters and tools that they could use to supplement their week of activities. Targeting African American youth, Chapters were encouraged to canvass the local schools daily to present a different phase of the Negroes' achievement by distributing literature, donating books and pictures to libraries, engaging the Black church, and

Murchison tapped two Brothers to aid in the construction of the first Negro Achievement Week project. Henry Hudson Phillips (Rho Chapter, 1922) constructed, publicized, and implemented the National Examination in Negro Life and History. Murchison knew Phillips from his days as a Professor at Biddle University where he mentored Rho Chapter shortly after its founding. Phillips, who graduated from Biddle in 1923, was teaching at the State Normal School in Cheyney, PA (now Cheyney State University). Murchison was also active in mentoring Beta Psi Chapter which was established at Clark University during Murchison's first semester at the school in 1923 (so involved was Bro. Murchison that he was included in the Chapter picture for the 1926 Yearbook). Through that association, he selected James Ambrose Miller (Beta Psi Chapter, approx. 1925) to assist on the inaugural Achievement Week project. Miller was on the staff of the Yearbook and University magazine at Clark University. He was



charged with constructing a booklet on the achievement of African Americans for distribution to African American youth through the Chapters. Entitled "The Achievement Project," Herman Dreer, author of *The History of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity*, described the booklet as "an

attractive 28-page booklet, 7 1/2" x 5 1/4", covered in purple and gold." Sections of the booklet include achievements in Economics, Science, Education, the Arts, Politics, Inventors, and a 5-page section on the history of Omega Psi Phi including the purpose of the Achievement Week project. According to the 1926 Grand Conclave Report, over 5,000 booklets were printed with 3,000 distributed to the public through Chapters.

With the team in place, Bro. Murchison outline the template of activities for the Week in the October 1926 Omega Bulletin:

Monday, November 15, 1926:	Achievement of African Americans in Education
Tuesday, November 16, 1926:	Achievement of African Americans in Literature and Art
Wednesday, November 17, 1926:	Achievement of African Americans in Business (morning) Celebration of Omega's 15th anniversary (evening)
Thursday, November 18, 1926:	Achievements of African Americans in Science and Medicine
Friday, November 19, 1926:	Achievements of African Americans in Law and Government
Saturday, November 20, 1926:	National Examination in Negro Life and History (morning) Public meeting featuring prominent speaker (evening)

The results from this relaunch were outstanding. Murchison reported in the December 1926 Oracle that:

"In precis vernacular, we are shouting from the temple top that the Negro Achievement Project was a screaming success, despite the fact that there were several Chapters so located that it was impossible for them to participate. From everywhere and from non-Omega men, too, comes the report that the project has done much, even in our beginning, to inspire Negro youth to greater achievement and to create a feeling of self-respect in the Negro."

The capstone of the Week was the inaugural National Examination in Negro Life and History which was administered on Saturday, November 20, 1926. The 10-question exam was extremely challenging. For example, one of the questions asked was "Comment fully on any five of the following: Gag Rule, Missouri Compromise, Fourteenth Amendment, Northwest Ordinance, Scott vs. Sandford (the Dred Scott case), the Curtis Case, Nat Turner's Insurrection, Somerset Case." Examiners of the exam were Phillips, Dr. Robert Thomas Kerlin, noted lecturer and author of *The Voice of the Negro* and, famed intellectual Dr. Alain Leroy Locke, Rhodes Scholar, Howard University Professor and originator of the New Negro movement of the 1920s. Three students from the University of Cincinnati swept the top three prizes with scores ranging from 90 to 94. The University of Cincinnati offered a course on Negro Life and History, which was rare for any academic institution, black or white. The three top prize winners all were students in this course. The first place prize was \$20 with second and third place receiving \$10 each.

This re-established effort and success laid the foundation for what Achievement Week is today. Now over 700 Chapters celebrate the achievements of local leaders in their community annually during November each year as a means of encouraging African American pride and success.





On Behalf of the brothers of the Iota Mu Nu Chapter, the 2024 Achievement Week Committee and eBoard, we would like to thank our friends, families and sponsors for their assistance in making this affair truly special.

AW Committee Members:

Bro. Brian Hargrove - Co Chair

Bro. Carl Jones - Co Chair

Bro. Kitt Tolliver

Bro. Cory Daniels

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Bro. SuanPaul Nobels

Bro. Quentin Beckton

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Bro. Sammy Green

Bro. Kenneth Jones

Bro. Ed Dunmore

IMN eBoard Members:

Bro. Rodney Ashford - Basileus

Bro. Darrell Washington - Vice Basileus

Bro. Cory Daniels - Keeper of Records & Seal

Bro. Michael Cooper - Keeper of Finance

Bro. Christon Lee - Chaplain

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Mark E. Jackson, Sr. | First Vice Grand Basileus | Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Brother Jackson is a native son of Washington, DC. Educated in the DC Public School System: Graduate of Dunbar High School (formerly known as the M Street High School) where both the Honorable Oscar J. Cooper & the Honorable Frank Coleman are amongst its most distinguished alumni.) He attended Southeastern University where he earned his Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Information Management Systems, 1996.

He's married to Mrs. LaSonya Jackson, and they are the proud parents of Mark E. Jackson, Jr. & Antoine Martin. They are Faithful members of Faith Temple #2 Original Freewill Baptist Church, located in Capital Heights, MD.

Brother Jackson is employed with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). He is the Deputy Executive Director for Enterprise Infrastructure Services (EIS). In that capacity, he manages and leads a staff of 600+ civilian and contractor personnel.

He is also a partner in the TG Cigar Bar and Lounge located in Washington, DC.

Brother Jackson's Community & Civic engagement includes:

- Former Youth Leader in the Frontlash Voter Registration Club, Washington, DC
- Served as the African-American Ambassador to the Committee to Elect Jim Moran Mayor, of Alexandria, VA. (Former Congressman Jim Moran)
- Past 2nd Vice President, The Defense Information Systems Agency's Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG)
- Past Board Member, Higher Aspirations Academy/Learning Tree Foundation, Washington, DC,
- Past President of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Seaton Elementary School in Washington, DC
- Past Member - The Pigskin Club of Washington, DC
- Member, The Rough Riders Horseman Association
- Member, Prince Hall Masonry through Eureka Lodge #5
- Member, Shriner through Mecca Temple #10
- Financial Supporter of the NAACP
- President & CEO, The Good Time Gang Cigar Club, Inc.
- Brother Jackson was initiated on November 5, 1988, at Delta Theta Chapter, Southeastern University (SEU), Washington, DC.
- Brother Jackson's Fraternal resume is as follows.....

On the local level:

- Served as Basileus & Keeper of Records and Seal – Delta Theta Chapter
- Served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA) Housing Board Corporation (1991-1995) in Washington, DC

- Served as Keeper of Records and Seal – Alpha Omega Chapter (1996-2000)
- Vice Basileus – Alpha Omega Chapter (2001-2003)
- Founder's Award Recipient – Alpha Omega Chapter (2002)
- Omega Man of the Year Award – Alpha Omega Chapter (2004)
- Basileus - Alpha Omega Chapter (2003–2005)
- Alpha Omega's Founder's Award Recipient for 2007-2008.
- Omega Man of the Year Award - Alpha Omega Chapter (2015-16)
- Past Board Member, Alpha Omega Chapter Social Action and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Washington, DC which is the 501 (c) 3 Charity affiliated with Alpha Omega Chapter (6 years)

On the District Level:

- Second Vice District Representative (1993–1994)
- Third District Keeper of Records and Seal (2001-2004)
- Third District Omega Man of the Year Award (2004)
- Third District Graduate Basileus of the Year (2004)
- First Vice District Representative (2004-2006)
- District Representative – Direct responsibility of governance over all 40 chapters of Omega within the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. (April 2006 - April 2009)

On the International Level:

- Served as Second Vice Grand Basileus (1994–1996)
 - Developed the concept of The International Undergraduate Summit.
 - Responsible for Undergraduates paying reduced initiation fees.
 - Understands that we must foster the growth and existence of our undergraduates.
- Served on Two National Committees dealing with Undergraduate Concerns
- Served on the International Business & Economic Summit Committee
- Deputy Grand Marshal – The Omega Centennial Committee
- Co-Moderator – The Political Action Forum (2015 & 2017 Omega Leadership Conferences)
- Former Member – The Omega International Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative Committee.
- Former Member – The Omega International Committee on "Stop-The-Violence"
- Served as Co-Chairman of the Omega International Committee on Political Action/Government Affairs with the direct responsibility of planning Omega's activities in Washington, DC during the Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus. A task that he has performed for the past 8 years.
- Served as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal from 2018 – 2022.
- In 2022 during the Charlotte Grand Conclave, the brotherhood elected him as First Vice Grand Basileus and in 2024, the brotherhood reaffirmed its decision by reelecting Brother Jackson to serve as First Vice Grand Basileus.
- This is Brother Jackson's 4th time serving on the Supreme Council.

INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



MS. MICAH WISDOM

OAKLEAF HIGH SCHOOL, ORANGE PARK FL
MICAH AS OUR 1ST PLACE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER, SHE WILL
RECEIVE A \$2000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAID TO THE
INSTITUTION OF HER ENROLLMENT NEXT FALL

ESSAY CONTEST 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS



MS. KALIA DWYER

ESSAY CONTEST
2ND PLACE WINNER
\$1000 AWARD

OAKLEAF HIGH SCHOOL
ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA



MR. D'MONTAY BARNES

ESSAY CONTEST
3RD PLACE WINNER
\$500 AWARD

PALATKA JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
PALATKA, FLORIDA



An Essay By: Micah Wisdom
2024 International Essay Contest 1st Place Winner
Iota Mu Nu Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Title: What impact do you believe that Social Media is having on Mental Health and why is it important to address this issue?



As a 17-year-old senior at Oakleaf High School and captain of the varsity volleyball team, I've spent a lot of time both online and offline balancing the pressures of school, sports, and social media. Growing up in the digital age, platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Fortnite have been a constant part of my life. While these platforms can connect people and create communities, they also have significant effects on mental health, both positive and negative. It's important to talk about these impacts so we can better understand them and find ways to address the negative aspects.

One of the positive effects of social media is that it allows people to build supportive communities. I've seen firsthand how platforms like TikTok can spread messages of positivity and kindness. For example, during COVID-19, many people felt isolated, but social media allowed us to stay connected even when we couldn't be together in person. Content creators who share motivational stories or tips for mental health awareness have had a huge impact on people, providing support and encouragement during tough times. I believe that in this way, social media can play a key role in helping people feel less alone and more understood.

However, the negative impacts of social media are just as important to recognize. Online bullying, for instance, is a serious problem. Because people can hide behind screens, they sometimes feel empowered to say things that are hurtful or mean. Unfortunately, many teens experience cyberbullying, and the consequences can be severe leading to anxiety, depression, or even suicidal thoughts. I've seen how harmful comments can affect someone's confidence and make them feel like they don't belong. As a captain of the volleyball team, I've always tried to lead by example, encouraging my teammates to be kind and supportive, both in person and online. But not everyone has that kind of positive



reinforcement in their lives, which makes addressing cyberbullying on a larger scale even more important.

Another concern is the unrealistic standards that social media can set. Whether it's influencers with perfect bodies or celebrities with flawless lifestyles, these images can make people, especially teenagers, feel like they're not good enough. I know that I've felt this way at times, scrolling through Instagram and wondering if I measure up to the people I see online. It's important to remind ourselves that what we see on social media isn't always real. People post their highlights, not their struggles, and this can create a false sense of reality that puts pressure on young people to look or act in ways that aren't true to themselves.

As a frequent user of TikTok and someone who enjoys playing Fortnite, I've had to remind myself of this constantly. I know how easy it is to get caught up in the idea of presenting a "perfect" version of yourself online. But this can be harmful because, in the process of trying to fit into certain molds, people lose touch with who they really are. That's why it's so important to have conversations about the effects of social media and to encourage people to be authentic, both online and offline.

Addressing these issues is personal for me and this scholarship contest holds special meaning for my family. My sister, Morgan Wisdom, entered the same essay contest two years ago and won. Now, she's a third-year Pre-Med student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), working hard to achieve her dreams. Following in her footsteps, I know the value of having a strong support system, whether it's in real life or online. My parents have always been there to guide me, and they've taught me the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between online engagement and real-life relationships.



In conclusion, while social media has the potential to bring people together and create positive communities, it also has significant negative effects that can't be ignored. It's crucial that we talk about these issues, especially for young people like me, who spend so much time online. Social Media should be a place where positivity thrives, rather than negativity.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



MR. ALTOINE WILLIAMS
TALENT HUNT CONTEST WINNER
\$750 AWARD



MS. DEMYAH JACKSON
GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
\$500 AWARD



MS. ZOEY COOPER
GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
\$500 AWARD



MR. ELYSHA CAMPBELL II
GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
\$500 AWARD

THE OMEGA HOPE FOUNDATION



The Omega Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization established to the service of empowering and supporting underprivileged students in their pursuit of education and community service.

Our mission is to empower youth and communities through scholarship funding, mentor programs, and community service initiatives. As a recognized 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, we strive to provide educational opportunities and resources to deserving students, foster positive relationships through mentorship, and create a lasting impact through meaningful community service projects.

College Scholarships

Dress for Success Training

Habitat for Humanity

Mentoring Workshops

Goal Setting

Community Beautification

S.T.E.M. Programs

Youth Leadership

Returning Citizens Job Training

Health Initiatives

Proper Business Decorum

Food Drives

Your financial support is crucial to the success of our scholarship, mentoring, and community service programs. Contributions help us provide deserving students with the financial assistance they need to pursue their educational goals, ultimately empowering them to become future leaders and contributors to society.

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IMN Citizen of Year Nomination 2024

Ms. Lalita Thomas



Lalita Thomas is a distinguished professional and community leader with a remarkable array of accomplishments that span multiple decades and sectors. Her contributions have significantly impacted both her professional field and the communities she serves, making her a role model for aspiring leaders and change-makers.

Mrs. Thomas distinguishes herself through her extensive community involvement, which goes far beyond mere participation. She takes on leadership roles in multiple organizations, demonstrating her ability to guide and inspire others toward common goals. Her unwavering commitment to effecting positive change is evident in her focus on youth development and support for underserved communities.

Her professional success at Florida Blue, coupled with her volunteer work, showcases her ability to balance a demanding career with significant community responsibilities. This balance serves as an inspiration to others, proving that one can excel in their profession while also making substantial contributions to society.

Mrs. Thomas's work with the Palatka Police Athletic League is particularly noteworthy. By bridging the gap between law enforcement and youth through sports and mentorship, she is helping to build trust and understanding between these groups, which is crucial for community cohesion and development. Here are but a few of her many achievements:

1. Professional accomplishments:

- Over three and a half decades of dedicated service at Florida Blue, demonstrating exceptional loyalty and career growth
- Currently holds the position of Information Technology Manager, showcasing her expertise in the rapidly evolving tech sector
- Recipient of the prestigious Guidewell/Florida Blue Volunteer of the Year award in 2023, recognizing her outstanding commitment to community service alongside her professional duties
- Serves as Chairperson of ASPIRE, a Guidewell Community addressing critical issues about people of color, highlighting her leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace

2. Community engagement:

- Serves as Executive Director of the Palatka Police Athletic League (PPAL), bridging the gap between law enforcement and youth through sports and mentorship programs
- Orchestrates the Annual PPAL Back-to-School Community Event, which has grown to positively impact over 1000 individuals, providing essential resources and support for students and families
- Demonstrates exceptional grant-writing skills by successfully procuring funds to support various PPAL programs and church initiatives, ensuring the sustainability of these vital community resources
- Actively involved in organizing and implementing numerous community outreach programs, focusing on youth development, education, and social welfare

3. Leadership positions:

- Vice President and Board Member at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, contributing to the spiritual and social development of her community
- Former President and current Treasurer of the Palm Coast-Flagler County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., showcasing her commitment to the sorority's values of sisterhood, scholarship, and service
- Treasurer for the African American Cultural Arts Council of Putnam County, promoting and preserving African American culture and heritage through the arts
- Chairperson of the Palatka High School Boys and Girls Basketball Booster Club, supporting student-athletes and fostering school spirit

4. Other Accolades:

- Recognized as a City of Palatka Unsung Hero, acknowledging her tireless efforts to improve her local community often without widespread recognition
- Recipient of the Zeta Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Community Pearl award, honoring her exceptional service and dedication to community improvement
- Honored with the Pi Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Helping Hands Community Service Award, further validating her impactful contributions to society

Her financial acumen demonstrated through her roles as treasurer in various organizations and her success in grant procurement, underscores her comprehensive skill set. These abilities ensure that the organizations she leads are not only visionary in their goals but also financially sustainable.

The numerous awards and recognitions Mrs. Thomas has received from diverse organizations highlight the broad impact of her work and the high regard in which she is held by her peers and community. These accolades serve not only as a testament to her past achievements but also as an inspiration for her continued dedication to service.

In conclusion, Lalita Thomas embodies the qualities of a true community leader: dedication, versatility, and a genuine commitment to improving the lives of others. Her work spans professional excellence, community development, youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and spiritual growth, making her a multifaceted leader whose influence extends far beyond any single domain. Through her actions, Mrs. Thomas continues to set a high standard for civic engagement and leadership, inspiring others to follow in her footsteps and make a positive difference in their communities.



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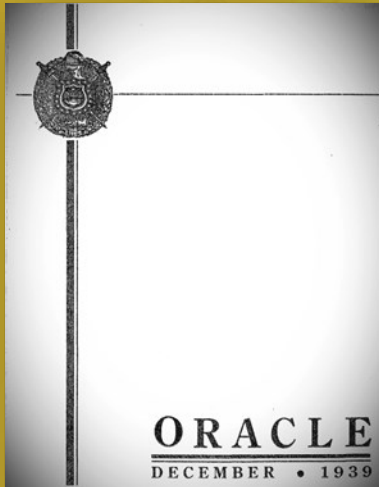


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AN IMN TRADITION

THE HISTORY: AS A CHAPTER WE HAD A QUESTION. WHEN WAS THE FIRST OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR AWARDED AND WHO RECEIVED IT? AFTER EVENTUALLY SPEAKING WITH THE IHQ ARCHIVIST WE WERE DIRECTED TO THE DECEMBER 1939 ORACLE.



ON PAGE 5, WE FOUND A REFERENCE TO “THE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”. THIS AWARD WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AND WAS AWARDED BY THE ACHIEVEMENT WEEK COMMITTEE TO BRO. WILLIAM H. HASTIE. TODAY THIS AWARD HAS EVOLVED TO BE RENAMED TO THE OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR.

THE AWARD: THE NOMINEE SHOULD BE A BROTHER WHO HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHAPTER AND WHO HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE NOMINEE MUST BE FINANCIAL ON ALL

LEVELS DURING THE IMMEDIATE YEAR PRIOR TO THE AWARD AND THE YEAR OF THE AWARD. THE EXCEPTION WOULD BE IF HE WERE NOT A MEMBER OF THE FRATERNITY IN THE PRIOR YEAR. SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION FROM LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ARE A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF THE SELECTION AND SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

A (NEW) IMN TRADITION: IN HONORING THE AWARD’S HISTORY AND NOTABLY THE EXAMPLE SET BY THE FIRST OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR, WE WANTED TO HONOR OUR CHAPTER NOMINEE WITH SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. WE FELT OUR CHAPTER AWARD NEEDED TO REPRESENT THE HISTORY AND THE PRESTIGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE AWARD.

WE HOPE YOU FEEL THE SAME.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

THE ACHIEVEMENT WEEK committee, headed by Brother Campbell C. Johnson, has just announced that Brother William H. Hastie has been nominated for the National Achievement Award for 1939.

The nominee is well known to all of us, so it is not necessary to go into the merits of your choice. Judge William H. Hastie is a graduate of Amherst College, Phi Beta Kappa; Harvard University School of Law; formerly assistant solicitor, Interior Department; and until recently was judge of the District Court of the United States for the Virgin Islands, becoming the first Negro Federal Judge in the history of our country.

Judge Hastie resigned this post recently to accept the deanship of the School of Law, Howard University.

Because of his outstanding achievement in becoming the first Negro Federal Judge of our country and for serving in that capacity with conspicuous ability, the Achievement Committee has nominated him for our first national award.

The award will be presented to Dean Hastie in person at the Conclave, following which he will deliver the annual address to the fraternity. We congratulate Brother Hastie, and hope he will meet with the same success in his new work as he did on the Federal Bench.

AN IMN TRADITION

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WHY THIS PARTICULAR ESCUTCHEON?
WE FELT THAT SINCE THE FIRST “OMEGA
MAN OF THE YEAR” WAS AWARDED AT
THE 1940 CONCLAVE, THE ONLY SHIELD
APPROPRIATE TO THE HISTORY AND
HONOR OF THE AWARD IS THE 1940
ESCUTCHEON.

OUR NEWLY AWARDED
“OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR”
WILL RECEIVE A “MADE TO
MEASURE” GRAY BLAZER,
GOLD BUTTONS, BEARING AN
ESCUTCHEON WITH THE YEAR
OF HIS AWARD.

WHY GRAY? IT SYMBOLIZES
THE PEWTER MANY OF OUR
SHIELDS ARE MADE.

IN OMEGA YOU WILL OFTEN
SEE PURPLE BLAZERS AND
SOMETIMES GOLD.

BUT FOR THESE MEN, WE
WANTED THEIR AWARD TO
STAND OUT EQUAL TO THAT
OF THEIR WORK AND
DEDICATION TO OMEGA.

Omega Man of the Year



Iota Mu Nu Chapter

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS



BRO. CORY DANIELS
OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR
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BRO. ED DUNMORE
FOUNDERS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MR. LALITA THOMAS
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

BRO. SAMMY GREEN
SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

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THE BASILEUS AWARD: TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE BANQUET

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AND THE MEN OF IOTA MU NU CHAPTER OF
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CELEBRATION

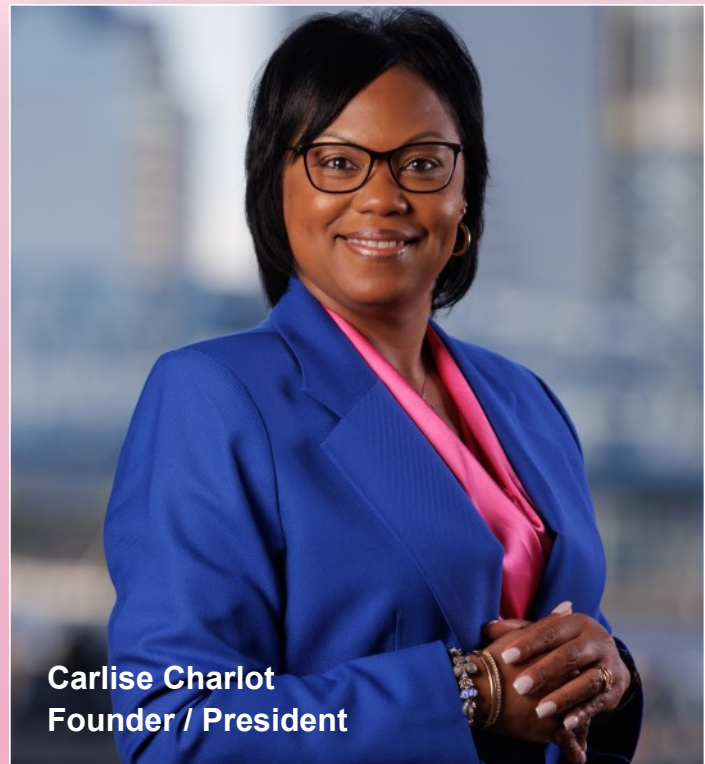


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OUR VISION:

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OUR VALUES:

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2024 Achievement Week Celebration.

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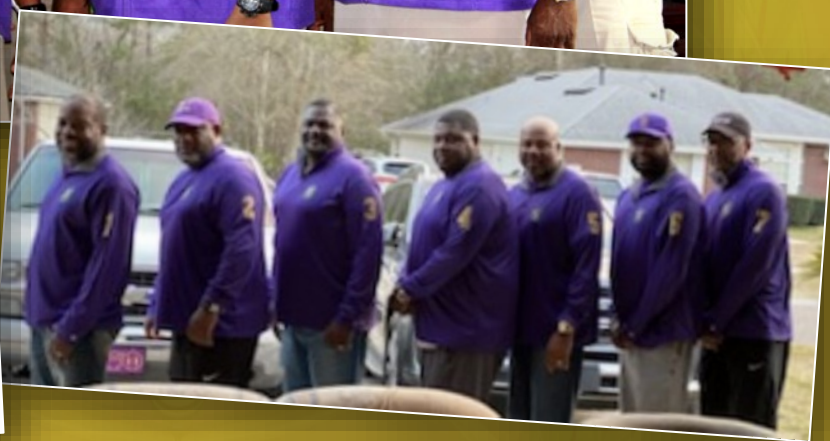
God Bless you, Iota Mu Nu, your families and the
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.



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Bro. Steve and Terri Coles



- CONGRATULATIONS IOTA MU NU -



"7 RESURRECTED SOULS | SPR 17"

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2. SUANPAUL NOBLES - "EQUELIZER"
3. MARK MARSHALL - "PAPA SMURF"
4. ELYSHA CAMPBELL - "QIMBO"
5. QUENTIN BECKTON - "DEPUTY DOG"
6. CHRIS LEE - "PREACH"
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- 2. Sheldon Mills - "QuePasa"**
- 3. Larry Taylor - "Hondo"**
- 4. Kareem Russell - "PrΩfessor"**
- 5. Larry Smith - "ΩueFall"**
- 6. Torrey Cox - "Flatline"**
- 7. Lafayette Bonner - "DelfoniΩ"**
- 8. James Jennings - "SoulJa"**

