

# ALUMNI OF LAMBDA EPSILON ( $\Lambda$ E) FOUNDATION

Remember Buffalo, Uvalde, et al.: "In your Anger, do not sin; do not let the sun set while you are angry." Ephesians 4:26

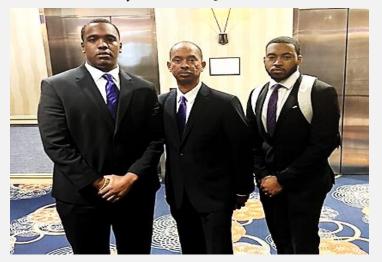
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#### LAMBDA EPSILON NEWS

## **Lambda Epsilon Continues to Exemplify Scholarship:** Our Second Cardinal Principle

By Brother Eien Q. Williams



LE Delegates, 85th Annual 7th District Meeting, Atlanta, GA L-R: Bro. Dakarai Paxton, LE Basileus, Bro. Ricky Lewis, 1st Vice Grand Basileus, Bro. Emory Willis, III, LE Delegate

the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Seventh District Meeting took place April 9, 2022 in Atlanta, GA; Lambda Epsilon walked away with multiple awards for its hard work in the classroom. The Chapter received the Undergraduate Chapter Scholarship Award for having the highest Chapter GPA in Alabama and the Undergraduate Chapter Scholarship Award for having the highest chapter GPA in the Seventh District. The Chapter will now compete for the highest undergraduate chapter GPA on the International level at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave in Charlotte, NC July 22-26, 2022.

To continue the legacy of Lambda Epsilon, the Chapter initiated six brothers into the fold on April 5, 2022; the new brothers marched up Campus Ave to the Rock, and were introduced to the campus in LE tradition.

The Spring 2022 Initiates are known as "6  $\Omega$ perations of Blood & Thunder": (Continued on next page)

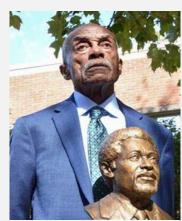
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### OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> LAMPLIGHT STAR ALUMNUS

## Brother Dr. Julius Chapman, LE - 57: A Transformational Educator/Mentor

By Brother George D. Taylor, EdD

ollowing the rancorous decades of the 1950s and 1960s in education and awareness, and social entering the decade of the 1970s, there was an awaking. Many PWIs (Predominantly White Institutions) began wondering what they could be doing to help better the disparity between opportunity and entitlement teaching and learning mentoring and coddling - and



**Brother Dr. Julius Chapman** 

the benefits of a "higher" education in pursuit of economic and racial parity for all.

Brother Dr. Julius Chapman was one of a few HBCU graduates who sought to answer that resolute question of opportunity and racial parity: Who ought to be educated, why and how; and, what has to happened to assure access to the "higher" education of choice for all who desired it – as a means of getting ahead?

To that probe he quipped, "The other part of teaching is mentoring." Chapman continued, "We should be about that in higher education." And, his former students remembered him for his transformative vision, strong will and determination.

"This is the story of how Towson State College grew from a segregated, traditionally white institution to the culturally diverse, multi-ethnic, comprehensive Towson University," said Zanes Cypress, Jr., '79 Towson U graduate and 1976 Omega Psi Phi, Iota Epsilon Chapter Charter line member, president and CEO, Omega Baltimore Foundation. "More importantly, it's the story of the man whose shoulders Towson University's legacy of inclusion and diversity stands." (Continued on page 3)

#### Message from ALEF President, Zebby Miles

Greetings *LEgendary* LE Nation:

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior! I pray that you and your families are well as our country transitions to a new normal after dealing with the effects of the global pandemic.



I pray your faith, ethics instilled in you by your family, teachings of Mother Tuskegee, founding principles and work of Omega and our beloved — *LEgendary* Lambda Epsilon — have sustained you and made you sufficiently resilient to "*endure hardness as a good soldier!*" If you or your family have a need or prayer request, please share; we will stand with you! You are not alone!

Your Foundation, Alumni of Lambda Epsilon, (ALEF), a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, has been working towards meeting the goals and objectives set forth by its founding members to: build an operating budget of over \$150,000; assist current Lambda Epsilon members and other students financially; engage where appropriate with TU and the local community; and, serve as ambassadors with private and corporate organizations to support Alma Mater. Because of your help, we're off to a great start!

ALEF's Endowment Account at Tuskegee University has surpassed its initial goal of \$150,000! We still need your help to continue growing the endowment to ensure the annual scholarship proceeds are of significant impact to members of Lambda Epsilon Chapter and incoming Freshmen from Tuskegee's Booker T. Washington High School.

We need to tap into corporate sponsorships and matching contributions; we hope that you or your connections can assist with this. We are also making positive connections with the TU staff and local organizations to identify opportunities to partner with them to improve the local area. Finally, we need more than just your financial support; we need your leadership! Please make time to become actively involved in one of our committees as we continue to work hard for Omega, mentor LE members and raise the standard for the next generation of *LEgendary* leaders!

We look forward to seeing you in November as we celebrate 75 years of Lambda Epsilon! Register, donate to ALEF and help your Chapter's Foundation move forward! See you at the Conclave in Charlotte, if not before! ///

Yours in Friendship, Zeb '90

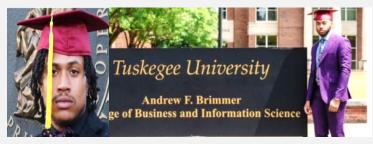
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Ace: Wallace "S.T.A.B" Bass — Carthage, Mississippi, Mechanical Engineering, 3.2 GPA. Interning at Textron Aviation, Wichita, KS.

**Deuce: Evan "Egg Yolk" Hardin** — Inglewood, CA, Political Science, 3.2 GPA

**Tre: James "Glassman" Dix, IV** — Indianapolis, IN, Computer Science, 3.1 GPA. Interning at Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, IN.

- **4: Amir** "**Déjà Vu" McKinstry** Huntsville, AL, Agribusiness, 3.2 GPA. Interning at NRCS, New Hampshire.
- **5: DeAngelo "Tee-Ball" Nowell, Jr.** Atlanta, GA, Supply Chain Management, 3.2 GPA. Interning at L.E.A.D. Organization, Atlanta, GA.
- **6: Jalen "Dizzy" Wilson** Macon, GA, Psychology, 3.3



The academic year culminated on May 10, 2022, as two Lambda Epsilon brothers graduated from Mother Tuskegee as part of the 137<sup>th</sup> Spring Commencement Exercises at the General Daniel "Chappie" James Center on campus.

**Bro. Prince Fagan** (*above Left*, LE Spring 2020) graduated with a 3.1 GPA and received a B.S in Construction Science & Management. Bro. Fagan will be working as an Inspector at Gresham Smith Construction in Georgia.

**Bro. Emory Willis, III** (*above Right*, LE Spring 2021) graduated with a 3.2 GPA and received B.S in Sales & Marketing. Bro. Willis will start his career in cooperate America at General Electric in Greenville, SC this summer.



"Remember, we prosper when we work together — tight as a fist — toward a common resolve!"

#### (CHAPMAN: Continued from page 1)



Kim E. Schatzel, president, Towson University unveils Campus Space Dedicated to Brother Dr. Julius Chapman

"Appreciative, intensely grateful". Those were the words used by Brother Dr. Julius Chapman, when asked by this writer to react to the adulation and adoration he received from students, faculty, administration and importantly alumni of Towson University.

Hundreds of alumni and others honored Dr. Julius "Dean" Chapman, Towson University's first dean of minority affairs for his unbending service to students and the university as they sought to achieve their educational goals.

At Towson University, where Chapman did his foundational professional work at a PWI, the campus lawn between the Media Center and Stephens Hall was officially renamed the "Dr. Julius Chapman Quadrangle" — a significant and fitting tribute.

But that was only the second of two grand gestures heaped upon him by the University. In fall 2019, Towson University dedicated a bronze bust to Dr. Chapman. President Kim E. Schatzel declared the area around it would be dedicated to his work and service.

"Two years ago," she said, "I announced on that glorious day, there could be no better or fitting outcome than to name and dedicate this beautiful space right in the heart of campus." Schatzel said, "Dr. Chapman, it is my honor and privilege to dedicate this quad in your name this morning." Brother Dr. Chapman joined Towson administration in September 1969 when black student enrollment was less than 1% of the student population. As of October 2021, Towson University president Dr. Kim Schatzel, said that 5,311 Black students were enrolled at Towson University – more than any other university in Maryland.

Brother Chapman received his undergraduate and first graduate degrees at Tuskegee Institute and his Doctorate at the Catholic University of America. He was inducted into Lambda Epsilon Chapter in the fall 1957. ///

## HOMECOMING ANNOUNCEMENT

ambda Epsilon's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Nov 4 – 6, 2022. Brothers, the ask of you is simple. ALEF requests that every brother attending this homecoming donate a minimum of \$300 to ALEF by July 1<sup>st</sup> with the designation of LE 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fund. As part of your donation, ALEF will elevate our normal homecoming tailgate including customer tents, receptions, and dedicated staff to handle the brother's food and beverage needs. We have confirmed the best catering staff and venue available. Bro. Carlos Miller, Chairman, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. ///

#### LEGENDARY ENTREPRENEURS

LE coined the verbiage, *LEgendary*, a few years ago. ALEF is building an endowment fund that will also leave a "*LEgacy*". *LEgendary* Entrepreneurs is a place where aspiring and current entrepreneurs from Lambda Epsilon come together, share knowledge, experience, uplift each other, and grow their businesses. We are here to empower each other with knowledge by creating a resource that helps members develop and achieve their business goals.

Click on the website below and share your knowledge and information. Let's do what we do LE!

https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/legendary-entrepreneurs?hl=en

#### A LEGACY OF SERVICE



Standing in the School Bus Door: Brother Fred Stein; Standing, L-R: Brothers Ellis Bea, Eugene Westbrook, John Luke, Van Harris, Buford Dennis, Julius Chapman. Andrew Cunningham, Melvin McCain: Kneeling L-R: Tiny Laster, Dallas Davis, Lorenza Conner, William Haygood, Ed Massey, George Taylor, McKinley Harris, David Wren

**Lambda Epsilon** has a history of service to the community. This photo was taken in the Fall of 1964 and is shared courtesy of Brother Ed Massey. On Saturday afternoons, LE brothers would take time out to travel to the VA hospital to provide volunteer service to veterans. ///

# A Look Back into LE History

#### BIRTH PLACE of LAMBDA EPSILON CHAPTER



The LITTLE THEATER, Tuskegee Institute

Below is an abridged article which appeared in the Caravan section of the December 1948 Oracle.

rother **Dr. Saunders E. Walker**, chapter editor for Iota Omega, who became head of the English Department at Tuskegee Institute, placed an article in the Chapter Caravan section of the May 1948 Oracle, page 24. He wrote. "Prospects for the establishment of an undergraduate chapter at Tuskegee Institute are encouraging. Already, thirty-five students, possessed of high scholarship and admirable character qualifications, have been guests at a smoker conducted by Iota Omega. From this representation, it is likely that a microscopic screening will result in approximately twelve men selected to form the charter line.'



Charter Line of LEgendary Lambda Epsilon

In February 12, 1948, all men who had expressed a desire to become members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and had been approved by the Iota Omega Chapter, met at the Little Theatre, Tuskegee Institute, for the formal initiation of members into the first Lampados Club.

The Little Theater, which has since been demolished, was located beyond the campus cemetery and across from Lillian Harvey and Tantum Halls. The site where the 2. The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, building stood is now a parking lot.

According to International Headquarters records, two initiations took place in spring 1948, one on April 17, 1948, and the second one on April 29, 1948. In interviews with members of the charter line, the April 29, 1948, initiation date was set to accommodate members of the line who had internship or other obligations to satisfy, which prevented them from participating in the April 17 initiation. ///

## Challenge for Today

Can You Spot "the Rock" Baldwin Monument Pre-Thompkins Hall on the photo below? If so, let us know.



## Challenge From March 1st ALEF Newsletter



Who is Marshall S. Cabiness-Abuwi? In what way or ways *might* he be connected to Lambda Epsilon? Challenge: The first student (high school or college) who successfully comes up with the correct answer and submits a 750-word essay will win a prize. Because there were no winners, we are providing relevant information.

ANSWER: Brother Professor

Marshall S. Cabiness, Jr., is the great-grandson and oldest male living descendent of Dr. Booker T. Washington; he is the author of Booker T. Washington for A New America. He is a former Tuskegee student; grew up on the campus and in the Tuskegee community with other distinguished LE brothers. His father Marshall S. Cabiness, Sr., was a Tuskegee Airman. As such he is directly connected to two major Tuskegee Legacies! Brother Cabiness' journey into Omega land began at LE and finished at Xi Gamma, 1967. He has fun memories of LE brothers including Frank Rodgers and Albert Joyner. May God Bless you and keep you brother Cabiness. May He continue to shine His light upon you! ///

# Jobs, Internships, $\Omega$ pportunities

- 1. T.M. Harris Summer Internship Program at IHO; For information, click or cut and place in browser the URL below: https://files.constantcontact.com/661ff179701/0d92343c-f35f-4c3bb190-a586b84e725d.pdf
- https://www.jbhe.com/jobs/

# What Some Ques Are Reading This Summer

- 1. **Caste-the Origins of Our Discontent**, by Isabel Wilkerson Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America.
- 2. **Drone Strike**. by Dale Brown and Jim DeFelice.

A Dreamland techno-thriller. US intelligence shows Iran in the final stages of developing a nuclear weapon and the president orders it destroyed

- 3. **The Pluto Files,** by Neil deGrasse Tyson. The rise and fall of America's favorite planet.
- 4. **Unlocking Your Gifts & Finding Purpose in Life**, by Malik K. Murry. The author shares his personal journey into self-discovery. <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Unlocking-Your-Gifts-Finding-Purpose-ebook/dp/B08TZYR131">https://www.amazon.com/Unlocking-Your-Gifts-Finding-Purpose-ebook/dp/B08TZYR131</a>
- 5. Undivided: A Biblical Response to What Divides the U.S., by Charles Clemons. Clemons has served as a youth and lead pastor for African American and multi-ethnic churches and families in crises in hospitals. ://www.amazon.com/Undivided-Biblical-Response-What-Divides/dp/1951304365
- 6. **Letter from the Birmingham City Jai**l, by Martin Luther King, Jr, 16 April, 1963. <a href="https://letterfromjail.com/">https://letterfromjail.com/</a>

#### **How to APPLY for Assistance**

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For information contact: <a href="mailto:scholarships@alef.foundation">scholarships@alef.foundation</a>

## An Institution of Significance to LE



Butler Chapel AME Zion Church, Tuskegee, Alabama

Butler Chapel AME Zion Church was the focal point for a multi-year grass-roots project that united and empowered African Americans, rural and urban, educated and uneducated, to fight for the right to vote. Butler Chapel AME Zion Church, an imposing brick building located on a hill west of downtown Tuskegee, is a prominent landmark in the historically black neighborhood known as Zion Hill.

During one of the community gatherings at the beginning of the action to redraw the city boundaries, **Brother Dr. Charles Gomillion,** who was a professor at Tuskegee Institute and the driving force of the black Tuskegee Civic

Association, urged the congregants to join a "Trade with Friends" initiative to boycott local white merchants. "We are going to buy goods and services from those who help us, from those who make no effort to hinder us, from those who recognize us as first-class citizens," he promised.

The "Trade with Friends" initiative ended in early 1961 when city boundaries were returned to their original position, after the Supreme Court ruled that a legislature could not single out an isolated segment of a racial minority for discriminatory treatment. ///

#### **How to GIVE Back**

**Two Options:** 

1. Go to Tuskegee University Website:

Go to: https://www.tuskegee.edu/support-tu/give

**Choose gift amount:** 

**Under Designation, select: Other** 

Other Designation Field:

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**Insert: Donor information** 

**Select: Secure payment and follow the prompts** 

2. Go to ALEF website: <a href="https://www.alef.foundation">https://www.alef.foundation</a>
Use the PayPal link

Every little bit helps, so let's give back!

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# Eien Williams, 2011 Undergrad Liaison Board Member-At-Large 2022 ALEF Calendar of Events/Activity

Jun 21 - ALEF Board meeting

Jul 19 – ALEF Board meeting

Aug 16 - ALEF Board meeting

Sep 20 – ALEF Board meeting

Oct 18 - ALEF Board meeting

Nov 4-6 – LE 75th Anniversary Celebration

ALEF Annual Meeting and Homecoming

Dec 20 - ALEF Board meeting

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