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**ANNUAL 2025** 

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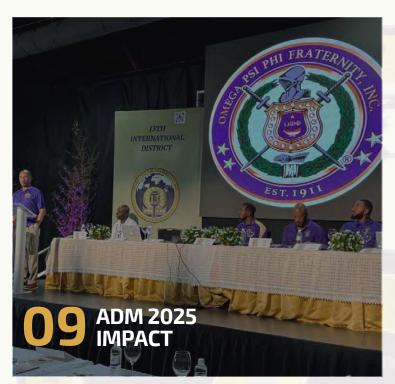
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# A QUARTER OF IMPACT: HONORING SERVICE, BUILDING MOMENTUM

# A message from the 13th District Representative

Dear Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District,



As we close out the third quarter of this fraternal year, I want to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the chapters who have contributed their outstanding articles, highlighting the many impactful programs, community service projects, and leadership initiatives taking place across our district. Your continued engagement and commitment to documenting your work serve as a testament to the strength and unity of the 13th District. Each submission has shown that, together, we continue to uphold the proud traditions and values of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

I want to take the time and thank our outgoing members of the Executive Council from the 2024-2025 year of the district's administration. Brother Dr. Carl Bampoe, I say thank you for the outstanding job you did over the years serving as our District Director of Public Relations. Having the task of organizing the 13th District's articles and telling our story truly helped make us better. Bro Dr. Bishop Marquis Jones, we salute you Sir in your time served over the years as well as our District Chaplain. Your spiritual guidance and words of encouragement truly have kept us covered in God's grace. Brother Jarrett Burkes, Esq, your work as the District Counselor was nothing less than superb and I extend a heartfelt thank you. We are better because you ensured we did it legally and intelligently. We also say thank you to Brothers Robert Morgan and Dr. Byron Biscoe for their service as District Deputy Representatives for the America and Caribbean regions. As this district has evolved over the years you both were there every step of the way and we owe you a huge thanks and gratitude for your leadership and service.

Words can not express how excited I am of our newly elected and appointed Executive Council members, who have already shown their dedication and vision in supporting the district's mission. Even more inspiring is the phenomenal work our chapters are doing across the globe, spreading Omega's presence and impact to every community they touch. The energy and brotherhood displayed by each of you make me confident that our best days are ahead.

This quarter has been especially historic with the success of our 32nd Annual District Meeting hosted in the Dominican Republic. The event not only marked a significant milestone in our district's legacy but also demonstrated our ability to organize and execute a meeting of such magnitude outside of the continental United States. I am equally proud to report that, through our collective efforts, we surpassed our St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital fundraising goal of \$13,000 by raising over \$14,000 — an accomplishment that reflects our enduring commitment to uplift and serve those in need. As we now turn our attention to preparing for the Dr. Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference, I know we will continue to build on this momentum.

The 13th District also was privileged to host our 42nd Grand Basileus, Rickey L. Lewis and his family during his recent visit to Hawaii. The first time in over 40 years a Grand Basileus has visited Lambda Beta Beta.

As we look forward to the fourth quarter, I am excited to witness even more achievements and milestones from this amazing district. Together, we will continue to leave an indelible mark on Omega and the world, staying true to our cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. I could not be prouder to serve alongside you.

Fraternally Yours,

Freddie Thompson, IV
13th District Representative
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



# PASSING THE TORCH: FAREWELL FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST DDPR

A message from the 13th District Immediate Past Director, Public Relations

Dear Brothers of the 13th International District.

I trust this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to formally share that I will be transitioning out of my role as Deputy Director of Public Relations (DDPR) for the 13th International District. Serving in this capacity for the past six years has been an incredible journey—filled with growth, meaningful relationships, and shared accomplishments that I will always cherish.

It has truly been an honor to work alongside such a committed and visionary team. I am profoundly grateful for the trust, camaraderie, and support extended to me throughout my tenure. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, and I leave this role with pride in what we've accomplished as a brotherhood.

As I prepare to step aside, I am pleased to introduce and warmly welcome Brother Clarance Burse as the new DDPR for the 13th International District. Brother Burse brings a wealth of experience, a fresh perspective, and a deep dedication to serving our District. I am confident he will be an outstanding asset to the team and will continue to advance the work we've begun.

Over the coming weeks, I will be working closely with Brother Burse to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. I encourage you to extend him the same support and fellowship that I was so fortunate to receive.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our current and past District Representatives, as well as the Executive Council, for their steadfast support and guidance throughout my service. I look forward to staying connected and wish each of you continued success in all your endeavors.

F.I.E.T.T.S.,

Bro. Dr. Carl Bampoe Immediate Past DDPR, 13th International District Past Basileus, TX 3-TZ-Spr. 93

# CARRYING THE TORCH: A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW DDPR

# **Greetings Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District**

I pray that this message finds you and your loved ones in good spirits.

I have the honor of being appointed the new 13th District Director of Public Relations, by Brother Freddie Thompson, IV, our District Representative (DR). I am humbled by this opportunity and will do my best to ensure that I do my part to ensure that the story of the 13th District continues to be heard throughout this great Fraternity. It is my hope that we will all work in unison to chronicle our history for posterity. Every initiative we undertake, regardless of size, is worth submitting in this newsletter and the Oracle.

For many years, Brother Carl Bampoe has been the bridge between this district and the Oracle, and I am humbled to follow the path that he has laid with the assistance of Brothers Ronnvey Price and Marc Proctor. Their contributions to the 13th District and Omega have been invaluable and it is my intention to build upon the work they have done as we expand this role to encompass additional media outlets.

I thank DR Thompson for this opportunity, and I ask that you all allow me to assist you in making sure your story is documented in our history.

In Friendship,

Brother Clarence Burse
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13th District Director of Public Relations
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# THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Dr. Alade Shola McKen District Chaplain, 13th District Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District,

I greet you in the strong and saving name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is both a humbling honor and a sacred responsibility to introduce myself as your newly appointed District Chaplain of the Tenacious 13th District.

Before looking ahead, I must begin by giving thanks.

On behalf of the entire District, I extend my deepest appreciation and spiritual gratitude to Brother Dr. Bishop Marquis Jones for his outstanding five years of service in this seat. Under Bishop Jones's leadership, the Chaplain's Office became a source of nourishment, consistency, and strength for Brothers across generations and geographies. His powerful weekly devotionals and spirit-led leadership have left a lasting legacy, and I stand on the foundation he built so faithfully.

In his honor, I will continue the trad<mark>ition of</mark> weekly devotionals entitled, The Lampstand: Weekly Light for Omega Men, and I also look forward to offering spi<mark>ritual</mark> updates from both the District and Supreme Council levels regarding new initiatives that uplift, connect, and inspire our brotherhood.

More importantly, I extend a heartfelt invitation to every Brother to participate in our Omega Prayer Line—a daily opportunity to intercede, reflect, and connect with God and one another. Whether you join once or make it a part of your regular routine, your presence matters. Your prayers matter. And your healing matters.

# Omega Prayer Line Schedule

- Daily: Monday through Sunday at 6:30 AM EST
- First Sunday of each month at 9:00 PM EST
- Third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM EST

**Dial-In Number:** (267) 807-9601 **Passcode/Meeting ID:** 674-166-340#

Prayer Requests: Email prayingomegas@gmail.com

"God will hear our voice as we bring our requests to Him and wait expectantly." — Psalm 5:3

Let us remain rooted—not only in ritual, but in reverence.

Let us continue to lead—not only as Omega men, but as men of God.

And let us move forward—shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, and spirit to spirit.

In Friendship and Faith,

Bro. Dr. Alade Shola McKen

13th District Chaplain

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Zeta Xi Nu, Lagos Nigeria 13th District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. For God, for Omega, for Brotherhood.



# ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT MEETING

Celebrating the Thirteenth District's continued legacy of excellence during the 2025 District Meeting in the Dominican Republic, where purpose, perseverance, and global impact took center stage.

# GLOBAL BROTHERHOOD: 32ND INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT MEETING IN PUERTO PLATA



32nd Annual International District Meeting Dominican Republic, April 3-7 2025 By: Brother Freddie Thompson, IV, 13th Dis. D.R. Brother Marvin Chisolm 13th Dis. Marshal

GLOBAL BROTHERHOOD Almost two years ago the 13th District set a goal to host its very own, stand alone, Annual District Meeting. Bro Immediate Past District Representative Tracy George, set in motion the creation of an exploratory committee to structure the framework. Spearheaded by Past District Representative Jonathan Griffin and his committee, the 32nd Annual District Meeting was decided to be hosted in the Dominican Republic.



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The 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly convened the 32nd Annual International District Meeting at the scenic Blue JackTar Resort, nestled along the north coast of the island of Hispaniola in the city of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. This year's event was hosted by the Nu Nu Nu Chapter, affectionately known as TriNu, recently chartered in June 2021. This district meeting marked a significant milestone as the first standalone district meeting since 2006, offering a blend of fraternity business, fellowship, and international community social action and impact.

The Thirteenth District hosted members from the 20 chapters across the international district including the presence of delegates from...



Beta Nu Nu, Chi Mu Mu, Delta Nu Nu, Eta Iota Iota, Lambda Beta Beta, Lambda Mu Mu, Lambda Xi, Nu Gamma Gamma, Nu Nu Nu, Phi Gamma Gamma, Pi Xi, Sigma Gamma Gamma, Tau Chi, Theta Rho, Upsilon Lambda Lambda, Zeta Xi, and Zeta Xi Nu. These chapters continue to represent with pride across borders in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Caribbean Islands, the United Kingdom, the Pacific, Canada, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Africa.

In a significant increase over previous year meetings, District Representative Freddie Thompson, IV and TriNu Basileus Ronald Brandon welcomed 146 fully registered Brothers and 15 Quettes to the Playa Dorada Resort and Golf Complex. In addition to the evening social events, the Quettes in attendance were treated to a Puerto Plata city tour, lunch on the beach in Maimon City, a rum factory tasting tour on Friday and an individual spa treatment at the Bagua Spa located in the Playa Dorada complex Saturday morning.



The thirty International Que Experience registered brothers took advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in the 13th International District meetings, evening social events, support of the orphanage social action event and donation, two days of golf and Fellowship in and around Puerto Plata. Most of the International Que Experience brothers in attendance were members other districts and used this opportunity to fellowship internationally as Omega expands its brand and global impact. Registered attendees gathered from around the globe to conduct the business of Omega and take full advantage of the north coast of the Dominican Republic to relax and fellowship in the name of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

The 13th District Annual District Meeting executed an agenda that balanced the business of Omega with physical wellness, spiritual reflection, fellowship and relaxation. The meeting consisted of three plenary sessions focused on the conduct of essential district business. A welcome Reception at Jack's Kite and Grill, set the tone for a focused weekend posturing the district for the future. After Friday's plenary sessions, the District Representative, Freddie Thompson, IV hosted a formal Reception at the stunning Playa Dorada Golf Club, showcasing district unity and a connection with leadership from the local community.





Morning fitness workouts were led by Brother Sekou Walton, energizing brothers while simultaneously promoting health and wellness. Upon completion of the third plenary session on Saturday the brotherhood participated in the District Awards Luncheon, which was unveiled to be named after the former District Representative, Peter L. Mitchell. This inugarual moment was done in honor of Bro Peter L. Mitchell's key and valuable contributions over the decades to help forge the 13th District's formation and foundation. Here the district Achievement Week and other awardees were recognized for their work within and commitment to the district. Bro Mitchell was present to present the awards along side the District Representative Freddie Thompson, IV and First Vice Representative Eugene Porter.

## The awardees where as followed:

- 1. District Achievement Weeks Awards
  - a.Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award -Robert Taylor - Chi Mu Mu
  - b. Undergraduate Omega Man of the YearAward Bro Branden Hanna Alpha EpsilonBeta
  - c.Superior Service Award Bro William Little, III Lambda Xi
  - d.Brigadier General Charles Young Military Leadership Award - Bro Landis Maddox -Lambda Mu Mu
  - e.Citizen of the Year Award Shaune Griffin (Lambda Xi Submission)
  - f.Founders Lifetime Achievement Award Harold Shamrock – Nu Gamma Gamma
  - g.Graduate Chapter of the Year Award -Lambda Xi
- 2. District Essay Contest Winners
  - a.1st Place: \$1,000 Jayden Maroney (Chi Mu Mu)
  - b.2nd Place: \$600 Shonosuke Egami (Sigma Gamma Gamma)
  - c.3rd Place: \$400 Abigail Loken (Lambda Xi)
- 3. District Social Action Chapter Award Winners
  - a.1st Lambda Xi
  - b.2nd Sigma Gamma Gamma
  - c.3rd Phi Gamma Gamma







Saturday afternoon was left open affording those in attendance the opportunity to enjoy the Blue JackTar Resort amenities or to participate in afternoon/evening excursions to enjoy the island. Sunday started with a spiritually uplifting Prayer Breakfast, featuring an inspiring message from Grand Chaplain Roi Johnson, focused on the verse Exodus 8:10 and waiting until "tomorrow" to acknowledge God's power. The meeting concluded with a Sunday afternoon Golf Scramble at the Playa Dorada golf club followed by fellowship and reflection as brothers began to make the return trip home.

Members of the Supreme Council and IHQ staff traveled, participated and added to the history of the annual meeting. These Distinguished guests included the 42nd Grand Basileus Ricky L. Lewis, 2nd Vice Grand Basileus Joshua Jenkins, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Sherman Charles, Grand Keeper of Finance Lee Rideout, Grand Counselor Clement Osimetha, Grand Chaplain Roi Johnson, Executive Director John Howard, Assistant Executive Director Terrance Green, 36th GB Llyod J. Jordan, ESQ, 40th GB Antonio F. Knox, Sr., 5th District Immediate Past DR Quincy Snider, Immediate Past District Representative Tracy George, Former District Representatives, Brother Peter L. Mitchell(2) and Brother Jonathan N. Griffin(7). In attendance as well were the Second District Representative Brother Amir Shareef, Ninth District Representative Brother Van Newborn and the 10th District Representatives Sean Long.

In keeping with Omega's unwavering commitment to community uplift, the 13th District and Nu Nu Nu chapter both donated \$500.00 to the Fundación Casa Niños Felices, totaling \$1,000.00 US Dollars or locally 62,917 Dominican pesos (DOP). This orphanage is located in Puerto Plata in which Nu Nu Nu has adopted and routinely supported. This combined charitable act strengthens the ongoing partnership and represents the district's dedication to meaningful service on an international scale in whichever country the district has presence.

The beginning of a renewed legacy, the 32nd Annual International District Meeting will be remembered not only for the increased number of registered attendees and location, but also for its social action impact, fellowship and laying the foundation for the success of future standalone district meetings. District Representative Thompson's leadership, shared vison, and continued commitment to growth, postures the 13th District for expansion and serves as a testament to the enduring legacy of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The meeting underscored the fraternity's dedication to its principles and its mission to foster a global network of men committed to service and brotherhood in line with the vison of the Fraternity's founders. As the 13th District continues to grow and evolve, mark your calendars and plan to join us in April 2026 for the 33rd Annual District Meeting in Toronto Canada.





# SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Highlighting fraternity-led initiatives that demonstrate a strong commitment to uplifting communities, from mentorship to vital outreach efforts across chapters.

# HOOPS AND BROTHERHOOD: THETA RHO UPLIFTS STUDENT ATHLETES



Theta Rho (Germany) By: Bro. Darryle Albert

**UPLIFTING YOUTH** 

The Theta Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly supported the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) 2025 European Basketball Championships, which took place in Wiesbaden, Germany, from February 12-15. This annual event brought together military-connected high schools from across Europe to compete in an exciting showcase of basketball talent.

Theta Rho Chapter continued its tradition of providing annual financial donations of \$600 to support the boys' and girls' basketball programs at various DODEA high schools.



This year, the chapter extended its generous support to the following schools as they prepared for the championships:

- Hohenfels High School, Hohenfels, Germany
- Stuttgart High School, Stuttgart, Germany
- Vicenza High School, Vicenza, Italy

Brother Antoine Reed, Nu Epsilon-01, the 13th District Deputy District Representative (Europe & UK) and Stuttgart High sports program facilitator, played a pivotal role in supporting the Stuttgart High School Boys and Lady Panthers on their journey to the EUROS Championship. His unwavering support contributed to the Stuttgart High Lady Panthers being crowned the first-place winners of the 2025 Girls EUROS Basketball Championships Division I. The Stuttgart High Boys Basketball team also performed admirably, securing third place in Division I. Brother Jesse Woods, Theta Rho-10, served as the head coach for the Vicenza High Basketball Boys Cougars, leading the team to a remarkable back-to-back first place victory in the Division II Boys Championship at the 2025 DODEA EUROS Championships. Brother Darryle Albert, Gamma lota-93, DODEA EUROS Championship Staff Facilitator, was dedicated to supporting the Hohenfels High Lady Tigers, who achieved second place in the Girls Division III category. Additionally, the Hohenfels Boys basketball secured third place in the Boys Division III Championships.

The Theta Rho Chapter's commitment to supporting education and athletics has had a lasting impact on these high school basketball programs. The fraternity's dedication to fostering excellence in sports and academics exemplifies its core values and mission. Theta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the participating teams and individuals who contributed to the success of the 2025 DODEA European Basketball Championships. Their achievements and hard work reflect the spirit of unity, determination, and sportsmanship.



# TOOLS FOR TOMORROW: 4TH ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

## Nu Nu (Dominican Republic)

Nu Nu Nu held its 4th annual Sabana De La Mar school supply outreach on January 19th 2025. Brothers of Tri Nu traveled to a school in Sabana to deliver school supplies for the community. It was a well attended and impactful event, providing much needed materials to students in the community.

With a high demand for essential supplies like backpacks, notebooks and writing tools, the outreach played a crucial role in ensuring that children were prepared for the school year. Families expressed deep appreciation for the support, and the strong turnout highlighted the importance of this initiative.

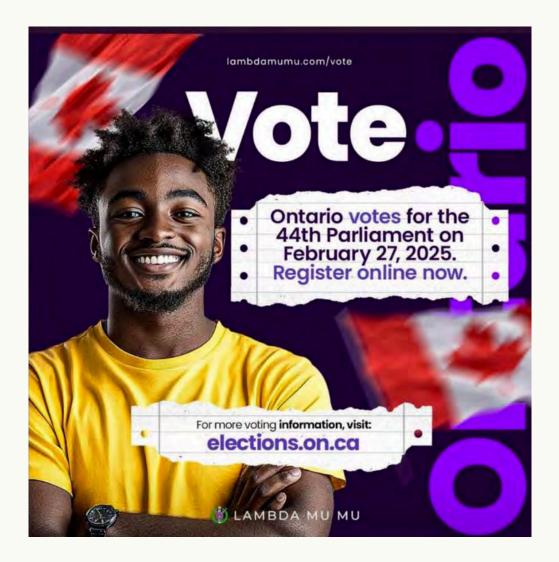
The brothers of Tri Nu and its volunteers worked tirelessly to distribute supplies, creating a positive and uplifting atmosphere. This vital outreach reinforced the power of the community coming together to support education and set students up for success.







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# EMPOWERING THE VOTE: LAMBDA MU MU TAKES ACTION

## Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On February 27, 2025, the province of Ontario held its 44th parliamentary election, with Doug Ford securing re-election for another term as Ontario's Premier. As an organization deeply invested in civic engagement, we recognize the importance of political participation and remain committed to voter education, awareness, and advocacy. Our fraternity encourages all members of the community to stay informed and actively involved in the democratic process to ensure that voices are heard and represented at all levels of government.

The Lambda Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. remains steadfast in our mission to uplift, serve, and advocate for the communities we support. We thank all the brothers and community members who contributed to these initiatives, and we look forward to continuing our impactful work in the months ahead.



# FROM HURT TO HOPE: PHI GAMMA GAMMA EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

# Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma, demonstrating a deep commitment to service and community outreach, gathered much-needed supplies and resources in support of the Kaiserslautern domestic violence shelter. This initiative aimed to provide assistance to women and children escaping abusive situations, reinforcing the fraternity's dedication to uplifting and protecting the most vulnerable members of the community. Fraternity members collected and donated essential items, including toiletries, clothing, baby supplies, and non-perishable food, ensuring that shelter residents had access to basic necessities as they worked to rebuild their lives. The chapter's ongoing relationship with the shelter has made a tangible impact, offering both material support and a message of solidarity to survivors of domestic violence.

DELTA NU NU'S
COMMITMENT TO
COMMUNITY

## Delta Nu Nu (UAE & Middle East)

This most recent series of service efforts was a clear example of what happens when service is done with purpose. What made this especially meaningful is how unique our chapter truly is. Delta Nu Nu operates across multiple countries, with active brothers in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE, and throughout the United States. Coordinating anything across that many locations isn't simple. It takes planning, consistency, and brothers who are fully locked in on the mission.

Leading up to our annual yacht celebration in Dubai, we made the decision to take action locally. With many brothers flying in, we saw it as an opportunity not just to fellowship, but to serve. The day before the event, we visited a men's labor camp in Dubai, delivering clothes and supplies directly to those in need. The effort was hands-on, personal, and reflected the true purpose behind our presence.

We also organized a clothing drive in Bahrain, where brothers gathered new and gently used items for underserved communities. Everything was collected, sorted, and delivered with care, ensuring dignity for those receiving the donations. The local team led the effort from start to finish, keeping it organized and mission-focused.

We continued our annual Ramadan Food Giveaway, held across all active regions. Brothers sourced, organized, and distributed food to families observing the holy month. This wasn't just about handing out packages. It was about showing respect, being present, and uplifting others in a way that reflected the true spirit of Ramadan. Despite different time zones and logistics, everything remained in sync because of the consistent communication and shared sense of duty.







We welcomed visiting brothers and invited them to serve alongside chapter members, reinforcing the idea that wherever we are, we give back to the communities we touch. The effort went beyond just the items. We built real connections with the people we served.

This stretch of work was a true reflection of what makes Delta Nu Nu stand out. We're not just spread out geographically. We're united by duty, discipline, and a commitment to serving with intention.



# BUILDING YOUNG CHAMPIONS: SPEED, AGILITY, AND UPLIFT

# Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

Committed to mentoring and uplifting youth through sports, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma played an integral role in a local Speed and Agility Camp designed to help young athletes improve their athletic performance and mental resilience. The week-long event combined physical training with lessons in discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. Fraternity members volunteered as coaches and mentors, guiding participants through drills aimed at enhancing speed, agility, and overall fitness. The camp emphasized not only physical development but also academic excellence and leadership, reinforcing the idea that success on the field starts with a strong mindset and dedication to personal growth.

# SHOWCASING BRILLIANCE: YOUTH SHINE AT THETA RHO TALENT HUNT

Theta Rho (Germany) By: Bro. Darryle Albert

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 1:00 PM, the Theta Rho International Chapter of Germany., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly hosted its annual Talent Hunt program at Patch Middle School in Stuttgart, Germany. This event, a cornerstone of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., showcased the diverse talents of military-connected students from the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) Europe East District.

The Talent Hunt program is one of the fraternity's mandated initiatives, aimed at recognizing and nurturing the artistic abilities of youth in our overseas communities. This year's event did not disappoint, as it highlighted the impressive skills and creativity of our students in various performing arts disciplines.

Students demonstrated their talents in music, dance, drama, and visual arts, leaving the audience in awe of their performances. Each act was a testament to the dedication and hard work of these young individuals, as well as the support and encouragement they receive from their families and educators.

The program not only provided a platform for these students to shine but also fostered a sense of unity and pride within the community. It was an inspiring afternoon that celebrated the resilience and talent of our military-connected youth, reinforcing the importance of arts education and community support.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the participants, their families, and all those who contributed to making this event a success. A special acknowledgment goes to the staff and administration of Patch Middle School for their unwavering support and hospitality.

As we look forward to future Talent Hunt programs, we remain committed to empowering our youth and providing them with opportunities to express their creativity and achieve their fullest potential.





# PHI GAMMA GAMMA GETS OUT THE VOTE

Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma in collaboration with other Divine Nine organizations, hosted a voter registration and education drive in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Aimed at empowering overseas service members and their families, the initiative addressed challenges of absentee voting by providing vital information and hands-on assistance. The event emphasized civic engagement, education on local and national elections, and the impact of policies on military families abroad. With strong community participation and a focus on informed voting, the chapter reaffirmed its commitment to democratic participation and plans to continue such efforts in the future.

# BLOOD FOR THOSE WHO SERVE: THETA RHO SUPPORTS MILITARY DRIVE



Theta Rho (Germany) By: Bro. Darryle Albert

The Theta Rho International Chapter, and the brothers based in the Bavaria Region, recently showed its unwavering support for the military community by actively participating in the "Give Blood for the Military" blood drive. This significant event was sponsored by the United States Army Garrison Bavaria-Vilseck and took place on January 13-14, 2025, from 9 AM to 5 PM, at the Vilseck Army Base Multi-Purpose Center, Building 134.

Brother Derek Noel, MD, an IDES Physician at Vilseck/Rose Barracks in Vilseck, Germany, played a crucial role in the success of the event. Brother Noel serves as the Medical and Health Committee Chairman for the Theta Rho International Chapter, Brother Dr. Noel served as the event co-coordinator, demonstrating exemplary leadership and dedication to the cause.

The blood drive aimed to gather much-needed blood donations to support military personnel, their families and civilian personnel and its stakeholders. The efforts of the Theta Rho International Chapter and Brother Dr. Noel were instrumental in ensuring a successful turnout and a positive impact on the military community. Their commitment to the cause and collaboration with the United States Army Garrison Bavaria-Vilseck highlights the chapter's dedication to service and community support.

Events like this underscore the importance of giving back and supporting those who serve our country. The Theta Rho International Chapter's involvement in the "Give Blood for the Military" blood drive is a testament to their enduring commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

# UNITED IN SERVICE: TURKEY BOWL FOOD DRIVE



Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

# TACKLING HUNGER TOGETHER

The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma joined forces with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. to host the inaugural Turkey Bowl Can Drive in Kaiserslautern, Germany, blending community service with a spirited flag football game. Held during Thanksgiving season, the event drew enthusiastic supporters who donated canned goods in exchange for admission, resulting in hundreds of items being collected for the Airmen's Attic on Ramstein Air Base to support families in need. The initiative emphasized unity, service, and the power of collaboration between Divine Nine organizations, with plans to make the Turkey Bowl an annual tradition that continues to uplift the Kaiserslautern Military Community.





# **CLOTHED IN KINDNESS: GIVING BACK IN FREDERIKSTED**

Eta lota (Virgin Islands)

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# SHAPING TOMORROW: TEEN SUMMIT IN GERMANY

# Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On October 20, 2024, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma hosted a transformative Teen Summit in Kaiserslautern, Germany, bringing together youth for a day of empowerment, education, and community-building. The summit featured sessions on financial literacy, communication, and antibullying strategies, with support from members of Sigma Gamma Rho and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities. Teens engaged in team-building exercises, built confidence, and developed life skills in a safe, supportive environment. Organizers aim to make this impactful event an annual tradition to continue inspiring and uplifting the local youth.





# PUSHING FOR THE POLLS: LAMBDA MU MU MU MOBILIZES VOTERS

Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

Lambda Mu Mu Chapter held a second push for Voter Registration for the Canadian Election. The 2025 Canadian federal election, held on April 28, resulted in a significant political shift. The Liberal Party, under the leadership of new Prime Minister Mark Carney, secured 169 seats in the 343-seat House of Commons, falling just short of the 172 seats required for a majority. This outcome allows the Liberals continue governing as a minority government.

# SCIENCE IN ACTION: A NEW CHAPTER FOR YOUTH



Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma recently launched its STEM program, aimed at empowering youth through hands-on education in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. Focused on serving underrepresented communities, the initiative provides middle and high school students with access to interactive workshops, professional mentorship, and real-world exposure to STEM careers. With strong support from local schools, universities, and tech professionals—including fraternity brothers working in STEM fields—the program fosters academic curiosity and career exploration.

# SERVICE BY THE SHORE: OMEGA MEN CLEAN DORSCH BEACH

## Eta lota (Virgin Islands)

FREDERIKSTED, St. Croix, USVI – For the brothers of the Eta lota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, community service isn't just a mission – it's a solemn vow they live by. Embodying their commitment to "Lift as we climb," these dedicated men can be found on the last Sunday of each month, diligently working to preserve the natural beauty of Dorsch Beach, their officially adopted stretch of coastline. Today, May 26, 2025 (the last Sunday of May), was no exception. Chapter members, fueled by their passion for St. Croix, converged on Dorsch Beach for their regular cleanup initiative. This consistent, hands-on approach demonstrates a profound dedication to environmental stewardship and the overall well-being of the island.

Dorsch Beach, a popular west-end destination known for its calm waters and picturesque sunsets, benefits immensely from the fraternity's ongoing efforts. By adopting the beach and committing to regular cleanups, the Eta lota lota Chapter is actively contributing to a cleaner, safer, and more enjoyable environment for both residents and visitors.

"This is more than just picking up trash; it's about investing in our community and setting an example," stated a brother from the chapter. "We've taken a vow to serve, and ensuring the health and beauty of our beloved Dorsch Beach is a direct reflection of that commitment. We want to see our island thrive, and clean beaches are a fundamental part of that."

The monthly cleanups are a visible testament to the fraternity's guiding principles and their proactive approach to making a positive impact. The Eta lota lota Chapter continues to be a beacon of service in the St. Croix community, demonstrating that true brotherhood extends beyond their ranks to the very fabric of the island. Look for the men of Omega Psi Phi on the

last Sunday of every month as they continue their vital work at Dorsch Beach.



# BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION: SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS

Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

Continuing its mission of service and uplift, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma organized a resource drive to support the Sankt Christorphorus Homeless Shelter. The effort provided much-needed supplies to individuals homelessness in the facing Kaiserslautern community, reinforcing the fraternity's dedication to social responsibility and outreach. Fraternity members gathered and delivered essential items such as hygiene products, warm clothing, blankets, and non-perishable food. These donations helped alleviate some of the hardships faced by shelter residents, providing them with basic necessities for daily living.







# HANDS THAT SERVE: LAMBDA MU MU AT DAILY BREAD

## Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On Thursday, June 6th, members of the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter participated in our monthly community service initiative at the Daily Bread Food Bank. Our brothers worked alongside fellow volunteers to sort an impressive 4,400 eggs, which will benefit over 700 families in need. In addition, the team helped process and organize more than 17,000 pounds of food—efforts that will directly contribute to the preparation of over 17,000 meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity throughout the city.

The brothers in attendance were Marc Proctor, Najim Olagiwa, Ibrahim Bukenya, Shaq Green, Jason Faulknor and Jon Battick.

The Daily Bread Food Bank plays a vital role in addressing hunger in our community, and the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter is proud to support its mission. Through consistent volunteerism and outreach, we remain committed to making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.





# MANHOOD MONDAYS: MENTORING WITH PURPOSE



## Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

On the last Monday of each month, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma gather for meaningful conversations centered around the theme of fatherhood and mentorship. Led by Brother Toby Holland, these Socratic-style discussions foster intimate dialogues that encourage deep reflection and connection among the brothers. Each month introduces a new topic, allowing the brothers to share their experiences and insights, ultimately enriching one another's understanding of manhood and leadership. Manhood Mondays has proven to be incredibly beneficial and will be a tradition that will undoubtedly continue to thrive in the Chapter.

# **EMPOWERING SCHOLARS: 2025**

WADDELL AWARDS

### Lambda Beta Beta (Hawaii)

As graduation caps soar through the air and the Class of 2025 celebrates the culmination of their academic journeys, this season also marks the closing of another meaningful year for scholarship and opportunity. The Brothers of the Lambda Beta Beta Chapter proudly uphold their legacy of investing in the future by awarding the prestigious Dr. William H. Waddell Scholarship to three outstanding high school seniors.

This year's recipients, Destini McVey, Marlowe Oliver, and Lyonell Castillo were chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants for their exceptional academic achievements, community involvement, and compelling personal essays. Each student offered a deeply thoughtful reflection on how growing up in Hawaii has shaped their identity, values, and worldview. Their essays provided powerful narratives that underscored the lasting influence of Hawaiian culture, family traditions, and a strong commitment to service.

The 2025 scholarship cycle not only highlighted academic excellence but also celebrated the creativity, critical thinking, and professional writing talents of these young scholars. As they prepare to embark on their collegiate journeys, Destini, Marlowe, and Lyonell exemplify the promise and potential of Hawaii's next generation of leaders.

The Lambda Beta Beta Chapter remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing education and empowering future changemakers through initiatives like the Dr. William H. Waddell Scholarship. Congratulations to our 2025 recipients, your achievements inspire us, and we look forward to supporting and celebrating your continued success.







# Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

In a steadfast effort to guide and uplift the next generation, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma actively participated in the annual Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) College Night. This event provided high school students and their families with essential resources on college admissions, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities, ensuring they are well-prepared for their academic futures. Committed to its foundational principle of scholarship, Phi Gamma Gamma engaged directly with attendees, offering insights into the college selection process and sharing valuable information about Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

# GUIDING SCHOLARS: PHI GAMMA GAMMA AT KMC





### BBQ FOR A CAUSE: THETA RHO RAISES FUNDS AND SPIRITS

Theta Rho (Germany) By: Bro. Avery D. Fulp

The Brothers of Theta Rho are no strangers to community service. The chapter partnered with U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart to sale BBQ plates during the Spring Bazaar in Stuttgart, Germany. Through a combined effort the chapter was able to sale over 200 BBQ plates blessing the community and raising money for the chapter scholarship fund. Bro. Bobby Bragg, who coordinated the effort, stressed the importance of investing in military communities so that they may continue to support our service members and youth.

This endeavor with the chapter and the U.S. Army garrison demonstrates brothers living up to the cardinal principle of uplift and fellowship with a friend over a hot plate.

#### Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

In keeping with our mission to uplift underserved and marginalized communities, the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly organized a clothing drive to support individuals transitioning out of the correctional system. This impactful initiative focused on collecting essential clothing items for men incarcerated at the Toronto South Detention Centre, with the goal of easing their reintegration into society upon release.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members and the wider community, we successfully collected seven large bags filled with a variety of gently used and new clothing, including shirts, pants, jackets, footwear, and other daily essentials. These donations will be distributed to inmates who often leave the system with limited resources and inadequate support, helping to restore their dignity and provide a more hopeful start as they re-enter their communities.

This initiative directly aligns with our chapter's commitment to social action, restorative justice, and community uplift. By addressing one of the many barriers faced by formerly incarcerated individuals—access to appropriate clothing for job interviews, daily life, and public re-entry—we aim to contribute to a more equitable and compassionate society. We recognize that successful reintegration not only benefits the individual but also strengthens families, neighborhoods, and the broader community.

The Lambda Mu Mu Chapter remains steadfast in our support of transformative initiatives like this, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with local organizations and institutions that advocate for second chances and systemic change.

### DRESSING FOR A NEW START: CLOTHING DRIVE IMPACT



'SECOND CHANCES
BEGIN WITH DIGNITYAND SOMETIMES, THAT
STARTS WITH A CLEAN
SHIRT AND A FRESH
PAIR OF SHOES.'

## GIVING LIFE, ONE DROP AT A TIME



Phi Gamma (Germany)

In August, in a profound act of service and brotherhood, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma participated in a life-saving initiative by donating blood through the American Services Blood Program (ASBP). The fraternity members coordinated with ASBP personnel to contribute to a cause that directly supports active-duty service members and their families, reinforcing their commitment to service and community impact. Recognizing the critical need for blood donations within the military community, Phi Gamma Gamma members eagerly stepped forward to give the gift of life, demonstrating the fraternity's core values of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

### TOMODACHI BRIDGE BUILDERS: UNITED IN SERVICE







Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan) By: Bro Zerbin Singleton

The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continues to exemplify the of Manhood, principles Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift through its impactful mentoring initiative, Tomodachi Bridge Builders. Named after the Japanese word for "friend," the Tomodachi program reflects the chapter's commitment cultivating meaningful to relationships and fostering community engagement on the island of Okinawa.

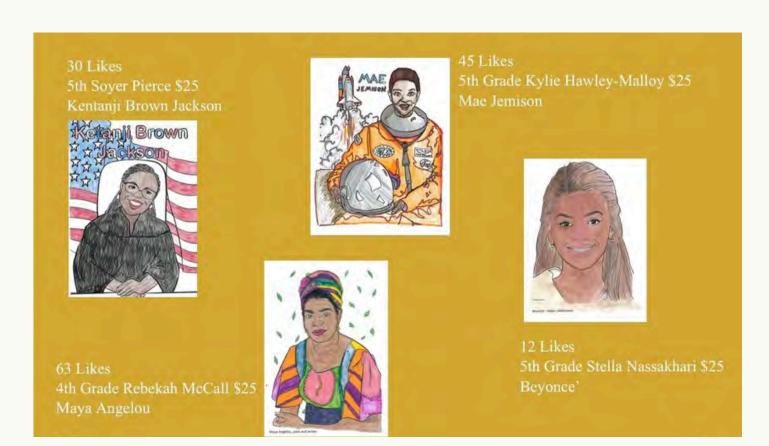
Most recently, the Brothers and mentees of the Tomodachi program volunteered at Goya Baptist Church, assisting with lawn maintenance and beautification efforts. This act of service was more than just physical labor it was a lesson in accountability, teamwork, and giving back.

"Our mission is to build bridges not just between mentors and mentees, but between Omega and the Okinawan community," said Bro. David Dew, Chapter Basileus.

Through consistent community service, leadership training, academic support, and cultural enrichment, the Tomodachi Bridge Builders program is shaping the next generation of men to lead with purpose and principle. The service at Goya Baptist is just one example of how small acts can yield meaningful, lasting impact.

The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter remains a beacon of uplift abroad, ensuring that the light of Omega shines across borders and generations.





### BLACK HISTORY IN EVERY BRUSHSTROKE

PHi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

In Feb, in celebration of Black History Month, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma hosted its annual Black History Month Art Contest, providing a platform for young artists in the Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) to express their creativity while honoring the rich legacy of Black history and culture. Students from local schools participated by submitting original artwork that reflected themes of African American heritage, historical figures, and cultural achievements. The contest encouraged youth to engage in meaningful discussions about history, social justice, and the impact of Black leaders past and present. Phi Gamma Gamma remains dedicated to uplifting the community and ensuring that the legacy of Black history is honored and celebrated for years to come.

# PURPOSE IN PANAMA: NU GAMMA GAMMA'S WEEK OF UPLIFT AND IMPACT

Nu Gamma Gamma (Panama) By: Bro David A. Eaves

Brothers of Nu Gamma Gamma traveled to Panama City, Panama on February 17-24, 2025 and performed numerous Fatherhood & Mentoring and Operational Readiness-Back to School duties. Our efforts included visiting and performing tasks with Summer Camp Programs at the Methodist Church Rio Abajo and AFRO Decendientes Panamenos Unidos on February 20, 2025.

NGG Field Trip, Day Five: On February 21, 2025 the Fatherhood and Mentoring Team sponsored a Field Trip for 96 boys along with their coaches from Panama City and Colon (which is over 60 miles away), to Brother Grimes' Gym for a seminar on Health and Fitness and an explanation of the proper use of all the fitness equipment in his facility. Additionally, members of the Diaichi Karate Association explained the importance of self protection and demonstrated some Karate moves that included boys from the audience participating. The day culminated with a soccer tournament with the boys forming eight different teams. This year we were able to provide each team with jerseys and awarded trophies to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The boys had a great time as well as the Brothers of Nu Gamma Gamma were elated at hosting the fun filled day.

NGG Operational Readiness Program Event, Day Six: On February 22, 2025 the Brothers of Nu Gamma Gamma executed an Operational Readiness Program where the Brothers provided 96 children from kindergarten to high school with a \$60 Gift Certificate, so they could purchase back to school supplies







## STEM IN ACTION: THETA RHO INSPIRES YOUNG MINDS

Theta Rho (Germany)
By: Bro Lymas Johnson

Stuttgart, Germany - In alignment with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's enduring mission to uplift communities through education and service, the 13th District's Theta Rho Chapter proudly continued its support for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives during the 2024–2025 school year.

Honoring the legacy of fraternity founder and pioneering scientist Brother Ernest E. Just—often celebrated as the "Apollo of Science"—Theta Rho Chapter remained dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators. This year, members of Theta Rho partnered with Patch Elementary School in Stuttgart, Germany, volunteering twice monthly to assist with the school's STEM Club, led by Mrs. Alcia Fields. The club included 32 enthusiastic eighth-grade students who engaged in hands-on learning experiences across several STEM disciplines.

**Engineering Projects** 

- Architectural Engineering: Students constructed 3D letters, vertical towers using skewers and toothpicks, and model bridges.
- Mechanical Engineering: Activities included building simple machines, testing Newton's laws with film canister rockets and balloon races, creating Legobased printing presses, and designing intricate Rube Goldberg machines.

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#### Biotechnology Exploration

• Projects ranged from camouflage art and flight wing design to studying the skeletal system, examining the human heart, and constructing basic prosthetics.

The Theta Rho Chapter extends its sincere appreciation to all fraternity members who volunteered their time and energy. Plans are already underway to expand the STEM outreach program into additional schools in the local community for the upcoming academic year.







# MARDI GRAS WITH A MISSION: THETA RHO RAISES FUNDS FOR SCHOLARS



Theta Rho (Germany) By: Bro. Avery D. Fulp

The Brothers of Theta Rho conducted their 1st Annual Mardi Gras party in Russelsheim, Germany. The fundraising event was hosted at the Winter Garten Dance club to support various scholarship initiatives. The event featured a Mardi Gras-themed atmosphere with multiple DJ and games that allowed patrons to enjoy a great social experience while supporting the community.

Theta Rho has a long-standing tradition of organizing various social events that allow the local community to socialize while supporting fundraising efforts and other outreach programs. These events provide much-needed financial assistance and empower deserving individuals to achieve their academic dreams. We kindly thank our patrons for supporting this event which will make a lasting impact on the lives of aspiring scholars.



## CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

Showcasing chapter initiatives that build community and mentorship, from volunteer efforts to cultural events, health initiatives, and competitive success.



## THREE-PEAT EXCELLENCE: LAMBDA XI NAMED CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AGAIN

Lambda Xi (South Korea) By: Bro Michael Robinson

South Korea - The members of Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. located in the Republic of South Korea received the 13th International District Chapter of the Year Award for the 3rd year in a row. The announcement was made during the 13th International District Meeting held on April 3 - 7, 2025 in the Dominican Republic.

The Chapter of the Year Award is presented to the chapter in the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi that has made significant contributions on the District and the International level of the Fraternity as well as to its local community.

The 13th International District spans the globe and maintains a presence in 16 countries, on 4 continents, across 19 time zones. There are 20 Chapters across this District, and maintains an international presence in Bermuda, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Germany, Ghana, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Nijeria, Panama, The Bahamas, St. Croix VI, St. Thomas VI, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

In addition to receiving the Chapter of the Year Award, Lambda Xi Chapter was also presented a check for \$5,000 by the 42nd Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Ricky Lewis for their outstanding "Sinsa Fatherhood and Mentoring Program" which provided a Youth Leadership Conference and supported STEM initiatives and violence prevention events for youth in South Korea during the 2023-2024 Omega Year.

The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter also received \$1,500 as the 1st Place Winner of the 2025 Social Action Chapter of the year Award.

The following members from Lambda Xi Chapter received awards and recognition from the 13th International District:

- -13th District Superior Service Award Brother Will Little
- -13th District Citizen of the Year Award Mr. Shaune Griffin
- -13th District 2nd Place Talent Hunt Award Meadow Webb from Humphreys High School \$750
- -13th District 3rd Place International High School Essay Contest Winner - Abigal Loken from Humphreys High School \$400

Special recognition was given to the following Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter for their outstanding service and contributions to the 13th International District:

- -Brother Michael Robinson as chairman of the 13th District Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee and the St. Jude Committee.
- -Brother Clarence Burse as Assistant District Keeper of Records and Seal
- -Brother Shawn Stanley as IT Support with website and graphic designs

Congratulations to Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The military and local communities of the Republic of South Korea and the Brothers of the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are proud of you and your outstanding accomplishments and service.

### "THREE YEARS, ONE MISSION-EXCELLENCE WITHOUT BORDERS."



## STEPS OF LOVE: ULL HOSTS FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE







Upsilon Lambda Lambda (Tokyo, Japan) By: Bro Randy Pringle

Mainland, Japan - The Brothers of Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their 9th Annual Father & Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the Officers' Club on Yokosuka Naval Base. This year's theme was: "Moana 2". The event was sold out with over 150 participants from the Kanto Plain communities in attendance. Each young lady received a special gift bag upon arrival. The evening featured live entertainment, special father-daughter photos, face-painting, a buffet meal, and "lots" of dancing. Inspirational words and the invocation were given by Brother Chaplain Lieutenant Christopher Commander Fleet Activity, who challenged the fathers to always be the man their daughters can look up to.

All fathers and daughters that attended this year's event were glad to once again have an opportunity to spend quality time together with their young Princesses which strengthened their family bond. This event also left precious memories to cherish in the future.

Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. remains committed to uplifting our youth throughout the Kanto Plain communities of Japan.





### REMEMBERING WITH REVERENCE IN OKINAWA

Lambda Xi (South Korea) By: Bro. Michael Robinson

On March 30th 2025, the Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., located in Okinawa, gathered at the Kadena Gospel Church to commemorate their annual memorial service. This solemn occasion served as a moment to honor and remember the departed members of the fraternity, reflecting on their contributions and legacies. The service reinforced the chapter's commitment to upholding the principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and cherishing the memories of their brothers. The gathering at the Kadena Gospel Church underscored the chapter's deep connection to the local community and their dedication to preserving the traditions of the beloved fraternity.



# BROTHERHOOD IN MOTION: DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2025

Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan) By: Bro. Pablo Ramos Jr.

Okinawa, Japan – From May 3 to 5, 2025, thousands gathered at Naha City's bustling port for the annual Naha Hari Festival, Okinawa's largest celebration of the sea. Central to the festival are the iconic haryusen (dragon boat) races, a tradition rooted in centuries-old maritime rituals. Among the fierce competitors this year were Brothers Pablo Ramos and Eric Rivera, proud members of the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., who represented the Men's Army Dragon Boat Team.

The Naha Hari Festival is known across Okinawa for its electric energy, cultural pageantry, and spirited races that feature long, narrow boats powered by synchrony and strength. Unlike the smaller sabani boats used in other regional events, haryusen boats stretch over 14 meters and require immense coordination, endurance, and teamwork.

Racing in front of a crowd of locals and tourists alike, the brothers rowed with precision and power.

After a gruelling contest on the waters, the Men's Army Team secured second place in their division, a remarkable achievement considering the high level of competition.

For Brothers Ramos and Rivera, participating in the Naha Hari was more than a race. It was a cultural immersion and a powerful display of perseverance and brotherhood. "The spirit of the event reminds us of our own fraternal values, especially perseverance," said Bro. Ramos. "Every stroke was a reminder that when we pull together, we move forward."

The participation of Omega men in such a cherished local tradition underscores Sigma Gamma Gamma's ongoing commitment to cultural engagement and community presence on Okinawa. As stewards of Omega's principles abroad, Brothers continue to uplift and represent the Fraternity proudly both on land and at sea.





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### **HONORING EXCELLENCE:** THETA RHO'S ACHIEVEMENT **WEEK CELEBRATION**

Theta Rho (Germany) By: Bro. Avery D. Fulp

The Theta Rho chapter celebrated during its annual "Achievement Week" banquet on November 16, 2024. Achievement week was originally designed to of those individuals at the local and national levels who have made a noteworthy contribution toward improving quality of life within the community they serve.

This year's celebration began with a church service at Panzer Chapel. On Wednesday, 13 NOV, brothers had an open discussion on fatherhood and mentorship. The Achievement Week Awards Banquet was held on Nov. 16 at the Swabian Events Center with Bro. Antoine Reed delivering the keynote address.

Bro. Reed's speech to those participating in the celebration discussed the importance of Achievement Week, discretion, and uplifting the community.

In addition to honoring community leaders with awards like the Founder's Award, Manhood Award, BG Charles Young Award, Superior Service of the Year, and encourage the study of African American studies. It is Omega Man of the Year, during the banquet chapter now used to recognize the noteworthy achievements leaders also announced the recipients of the high school essay contest. The contest is open to college bound high school seniors, and scholarships are awarded to the winners.

> Bro. Basileus Jonothan Williams Senior closed with "This is a week of service; this is a week of uplift to rally the community together toward the common goal of selflessly making a positive impact. Omega men have made a difference in our community through their unselfish willingness to sacrifice for the betterment of society. We acknowledged them for keeping with the traditions of Omega and creating Enthusiasm through inspired service."



# EMPOWERING WELLNESS: FORUM ON DIABETES & TOBACCO USE

Eta lota lota (Virgin Islands) Bo: Bro Alaric Gardine

St. Croix, USVI - The Brothers of Eta lota lota Chapter, in St. Croix, hosted a well-attended public health forum addressing diabetes and the effects of tobacco use. The event took place on March 28, 2025, and drew strong participation from the local community.

Held as part of the chapter's ongoing commitment to public service and health awareness, the forum provided valuable information on managing diabetes, recognizing early warning signs, and understanding the long-term impact of tobacco use on overall health. Healthcare professionals were on hand to answer questions and share resources with attendees.

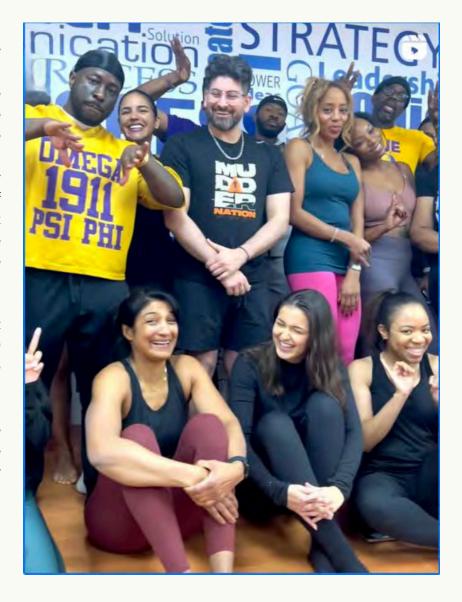
To expand its reach beyond the physical event, the program was also streamed live on the Virgin Islands Department of Health's official Facebook page, allowing wider access for residents unable to attend in person.

The Eta Iota Iota Chapter continues to be an active force in promoting wellness and education throughout the St. Croix community.

### TRANQUILITY IN ACTION: LAMBDA MU MU HOSTS YOGA FOR ALL

Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On January 18th, the brothers of Lambda Mu Mu hosted their very first community yoga event, providing an enriching experience for all who attended. The purpose of this event was to encourage the community to step outside during the colder months, fostering togetherness and promoting wellness through fitness. Led by Pam Devine, a retired police officer of Jamaican and Kenyan descent with over six years of experience as a yoga instructor, the designed to introduce class was participants to the practice and help them develop a love for yoga, some even experiencing it for the first time. The event was a resounding success, drawing over 40 attendees from across the Greater Toronto Area. Due to the overwhelming demand and positive feedback, this may become a recurring event in the future, giving more people the opportunity to experience the benefits of yoga and community connection. A visual recap of the event can be found below.





# BROTHER YOU'RE ON MY MIND: LAMBDA XI LEADS WITH EMPATHY

Lambda Xi (South Korea) By: Bro Michael Robinson

South Korea - In recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, the Lambda Xi Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, of hosted an enlightening and Incorporated, impactful virtual event on May 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. The evening was dedicated to fostering open dialogue around mental health in both the civilian and military communities, while equipping attendees with knowledge, resources, and strategies to support their own mental wellbeing and that of others.

The public was invited to participate in the interactive session, which featured three expert speakers who each brought valuable insight and experience to the discussion.





Brother Michael Robinson, opened the session by introducing Brother, You're On My Mind, a national initiative launched by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This program aims to raise awareness of mental health challenges affecting African American men and encourages fraternity members and communities to prioritize mental wellness.

Ms. April Taylor, a certified school psychologist, focused her remarks on the mental health of adolescents and children. She guided participants through common signs of distress to look for in young people, offered practical strategies for coping, and provided guidance on when and how to seek professional help. Her contributions emphasized the importance of early intervention and the critical role families and schools play in supporting youth.

The final speaker was a representative from Bryan Allgood Army Community Hospital's Behavioral Health and Mental Health department. Speaking from a military health perspective, he addressed the unique stressors often experienced by service members and their families. He outlined common symptoms of mental health issues within military communities and facilitated an engaging Q&A session. Participants shared their own perceptions of mental health, while the speaker provided evidence-based information and stressed the importance of seeking care from medical professionals rather than relying on internet searches for mental health diagnoses and treatment.

Throughout the session, all presenters offered a wealth of knowledge and practical advice. Attendees left the event not only more informed but also encouraged to assess their own mental health and share the resources and insights gained with their loved ones.

The Lambda Xi Chapter's commitment to mental health awareness reflects a broader dedication to uplifting and empowering the communities it serves. The chapter continues to be a beacon of leadership and advocacy, ensuring conversations around mental health are ongoing, informed, and inclusive.

### "MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT A WEAKNESS-IT'S A CONVERSATION WE ALL NEED TO HAVE, AND LAMBDA XI IS MAKING SURE IT STARTS WITH US."



### FIT FOR SERVICE: LAMBDA XI JOINS SPRING INTO FITNESS

Lambda Xi (South Korea) By: Bro. Eugene Gibbs

South Korea - On 15 March 2025, The Lambda Xi Chapter participated in the Spring into Fitness 3K Walk & 5K Run. This event aimed to promote fitness, encourage an active lifestyle among members, and reinforce the importance of physical well-being in the community.

Six brothers from the chapter attended and completed the event, demonstrating their commitment to health and wellness. The chapter's presence reinforced the fraternity's dedication to leading by example in promoting fitness.

The event provided an opportunity for brothers to engage in physical activity in a structured environment. The Chapter's participation showcased a commitment to health-conscious living, reinforcing the importance of routine fitness. Brothers engaged with other community members, further strengthening relationships with those outside the chapter.

The Lambda Xi Chapter's involvement in the *Spring into Fitness* event successfully supported the fraternity's Health Initiative by promoting an active and healthy lifestyle.









## PERSONAL MILESTONES & BROTHERHOOD

Celebrating significant achievements and life moments for fraternity brothers, highlighting their personal and professional growth within the Omega Psi Phi community.



## LEADERSHIP ELEVATED: WILBURN PROMOTED TO MASTER SERGEANT

Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan) By: Bro Terrance Wilburn

The Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter proudly congratulate Brother Terrance Wilburn on his recent selection to the rank of Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. As one of the newest initiates of Sigma Gamma Gamma, Brother Wilburn has already made a powerful impact. With nine years of distinguished military service, he PCS'd to Kadena Air Base in August 2024 and has since demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence both in uniform and within our Brotherhood.

His promotion to senior non-commissioned officer reflects not only his technical proficiency and leadership, but also his relentless drive to grow, uplift, and lead by example. In the span of a year, Bro. Wilburn has accomplished two major milestones: earning his Omega letters and advancing in rank within the world's greatest Air Force. His success is our collective pride, exemplifying the high standards and aspirations Omega Men strive to uphold each day.

Please join us in congratulating Brother Terrance Wilburn on this well-earned accomplishment.

## HONORING THE ETERNAL BOND: LAMBDA XI'S MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

Lambda Xi (South Korea)
By: Bro Charlesvester Wims

South Korea - On March 15, 2025, the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter held their Annual Memorial Service to recognize Brothers who have transitioned to Omega Chapter within the past year. This solemn occasion serves as a time of reflection, remembrance, and gratitude. This year, we paid tribute to two remarkable men: the late Brother James H. Campbell (Spring 1955 - Lambda Epsilon) and the late Brother Joe Anderson Sr. (Fall 1967 - Mu Psi).

Brother James H. Campbell, one of the esteemed charter members of Lambda Xi Chapter, transitioned to Omega Chapter earlier this year. His vision, leadership, and steadfast commitment to the Fraternity were instrumental in establishing and strengthening the Chapter. Brother Campbell's legacy of service and dedication continues to inspire generations of Omega Men to uphold the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. His contributions are deeply woven into the fabric of Lambda Xi and remain cherished by all who knew him.

Brother Joe Anderson Sr. was a lifelong servant-leader and a guiding force in the community. Initiated into Omega Psi Phi at Mu Psi Chapter in 1967 while attending North Carolina A&T State University, he went on to serve as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1973 during the Vietnam Era. Over his 57 years of Fraternity service, Brother Anderson exemplified the Omega spirit through mentorship, ministry, and leadership. He served as Chaplain of Theta Omicron Chapter in Rochester, NY, and was honored as the Chapter's "Man of the Year" in both 2004 and 2008. In 2024, he was awarded the Pi Phi Chapter Basileus Award for his enduring impact and dedication.

The Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter emphasized the importance of the Annual Memorial Service as a time for reflection and remembrance. Brother Michael Robinson noted that the annual observance serves as a meaningful opportunity to pause and honor the Brothers who have transitioned to Omega Chapter, recognizing their lasting contributions, and the foundation they laid for future generations.







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### HONORING THE ETERNAL BOND: OMEGA CHAPTER MEMORIAL



#### Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On March 12th, the Brothers of the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gathered to honor and remember the brothers who have passed away and entered into Omega Chapter. This solemn occasion served as a moment of reflection and respect for those who have made their mark on the fraternity and the world. Through a heartfelt memorial service, the brothers paid tribute to the lives, legacies, and contributions of their departed members. The service was filled with brotherhood, prayer, and shared memories, reminding all in attendance of the enduring bond that ties them together and the everlasting impact of those who have passed. It was a day of reverence, unity, and celebration of the lives lived by those who now rest in Omega Chapter.



### RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Honoring the remarkable achievements and contributions of fraternity members, showcasing scholarly successes, special honors, and leadership within the district.

## 13TH INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2025

#### By: Bro. Michael Robinson

Graduation is a special time of year that brings families and communities together to celebrate the accomplishments of students at every level. This year, we honor the high school and college graduates of the Class of 2025. As they prepare to step into a fast-changing world, they face unique challenges but also carry with them the knowledge, resilience, and determination to succeed. For high school graduates, this milestone marks the first major step on the journey ahead. For college graduates, it represents the culmination of years of dedication and growth. The phrase "children are our future" reminds us of the leaders, citizens, workers, and innovators they are becoming. The Brothers of the 13th International District proudly congratulate all graduates of the Class of 2025 and wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.



Kendis Gardine, daughter of Brother Alaric Gardine, Eta lota lota Chapter, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. She graduated from the University of Alabama Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.



Bro. Cornelius "Chase" H. Woodson, Jr. of Lambda Xi Chapter in South Korea with his son Cornelius H. Woodson III, and father Cornelius H. Woodson Sr. at graduation from Townson High School in Towson, Maryland. He plans to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia to purse a degree in Business Administration with a minor in Psevholoux.



Brother Freddie Thompson 1V, 13th International District Representative and member of Lambda Mu Mu Chapter in Canada with his beautiful daughter MaKaylah Thompson at her graduation from Tennessee State University in Nash



Brother Warren Sutherland of Lambda Mu Mu Chapter in Canada with his beautiful daughter Cayenne Marlise Sutherland at her graduation from Longfields Davison High School in Ottawa, Ontario Canada. She plans to attend Carleton University in the Fall to pursue a degree in film studies.



Brother Stewart Jenkins of Beta Nu Nu Chapter in Tijuana, Mexico received his Master of Science Degree in Management Information Systems from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.



Brother Randy Artis of Lambda Xi Chapter in South Korea with his son D'Ante D. Artis at graduation from Camp Humphreys High School on Camp Humphreys Army Base in South Korea. He plans to attend Midlands Technical Community College for an Associate Degree in Arts and later transfer to Johnson and Wales in Charlotte, North Carolina to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Culinary

## A STAR ON THE RISE: JAYDA MORRISON-SUGUITAN'S MUSICAL JOURNEY



Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada) By: Bro. Kingsley Tabi

We are thrilled to announce the exceptional winner of our 2025 Talent Hunt Initiative: Jayda Morrison-Suguitan, a Grade 12 student at Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts. With an impressive 93% GPA and a record of High Honours, Jayda performs at an elite level both academically and artistically. Her winning original semi-classical vocal solo showcases the talent that previously earned her a contract with Sony International.

In her essay on community, Jayda articulated how supportive environments shape individuals, sharing how mentors invested in her development inspired her to coach junior basketball at her school. This commitment to giving back exemplifies her mother's wisdom: "to whom much is given, much is expected."

As Jayda sets her sights on studying Songwriting at Berklee College of Music, our Talent Hunt Initiative is proud to support her journey. We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition and look forward to following her artistic development in the years ahead.

**Update:** We are proud to share that Jayda Morrison-Suguitan was recently awarded a full scholarship to Berklee College of Music on March 31, 2025. This incredible achievement is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and extraordinary talent. We celebrate her success and can't wait to see the heights she will reach in her musical career!

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# EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED: BROTHER BARTON HONORED AT KADENA



Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan) By: Bro. Tabarus Barton

The Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter proudly celebrates Brother Tabarus Barton for being recognized as the Civilian Category III Award recipient at Kadena Air Base. As a Mechanical Engineer with the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Bro. Barton's technical expertise and unwavering commitment have made a profound impact on infrastructure readiness and mission success.

Throughout the award period, Bro. Barton demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication in managing complex projects that enhanced operational efficiency and long-term sustainability for the base. His efforts included:

Leading high-level mechanical design reviews with precision and foresight. Executing infrastructure work tasks efficiently, minimizing project delays. Correcting preventive maintenance data to improve HVAC asset visibility. Driving strategic progress on Kadena's HVAC Sub-AMP initiative

Bro. Barton's collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers, 18 CES, and other mission partners exemplifies Omega's cardinal principle, especially Perseverance and Uplift. His commitment to uniting teams across organizations for mission-critical outcomes reflects both professional excellence and the standard of leadership upheld by Omega Men.

We salute Bro. Barton for his continued excellence and for being a shining example of Omega in action professionally and personally.



### TEACHERS UPLIFT, LAMBDA XI HONORS

Lambda Xi (South Korea) By: Bro. Michael Robinson

South Korea - In a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, the Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter in Sout Korea honored exemplary educators across the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on military installations during Teacher Appreciation Week, held from Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools and Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on military installations during Teacher Appreciation Week, held from Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on military installations during Teacher Appreciation Week, held from Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on military installations during Teacher Appreciation Week, held from Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on military installations during Teacher Appreciation Week, held from Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9. This initiative, part of their Fatherhood & Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on military installations during Teacher Appreciation Methods on the Patherhood & Defense Education Activit

The honored educators included:

Ms. Lori Lundy, 2 nd grade teacher, Daegu Elementary School

Ms. Rebecca Lentz, 8 th grade teacher, Daegu Middle High School

Dr. Desaun McKeller, universal pre-kindergarten / kindergarten teacher and counselor, Humphreys Central Elementary School

Ms. Sherita Johnson, kindergarten - 4 th grade teacher, Humphreys West Elementary School

Ms. Danielle Monroe, 5 th grade teacher, Humphreys Middle School

Mr. Lino Cantu Campos, 9 th - 12 th grade teacher, Humphreys High School

Ms. Victoria Montes, 8 th 10 th , 11 th and 12 th grade teacher, Osan Middle High School

Ms. Andrette Mmaduejwe, kindergarten teacher, at Osan Elementary School

In 1985, celebrates the vital contributions of educators. As the school year drew to a close, the Lambda Xi Chapter's recognition of these outstanding teachers underscored the importance of their role in shaping the future of our youth. Their efforts to go above and beyond in meeting educational needs were duly celebrated, reflecting the chapter's commitment to fostering a supportive and nurturing educational environment.

The Lambda Xi Chapter remains dedicated to its mission, continually seeking ways to contribute positively to the local community and to the betterment of educational experiences for both teachers and students.





### **BROTHERHOOD & NETWORKING**

Uplifting celebrations of fraternity bonds and networking opportunities, emphasizing connection and collaboration within the district.

### DENIM WITH PURPOSE: LAMBDA XI AND DIVINE NINE STAND UNITED



Lambda Xi (South Korea) By: Bro. Michael Robinson

South Korea - The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter promoted Denim Day 2025 by inviting members of the Republic of Korea Divine Nine to join them in wearing jeans and to highlight the significance of this special event which is observed worldwide on the last Wednesday of April.

Twenty six members from the following organizations (Mu Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Rho Nu Omega Chapter, Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., The Republic of Korea Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Pi Eta Zeta Chapter) met in front of the Family Movie Theater at Camp Humphreys Army Base in South Korea to hear...

...a short message from guest speaker Mr. Tyrone Randall who serves as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for Sexual Assault, Response, and Prevention Program on Camp Humphreys. He stated "today, we wear denim not for fashion, but for a purpose. This is our symbol of strength and solidarity as we stand together against sexual violence and victim-blaming. We wear it to say loud and clear survivors are believed, supported, and never to blame.

Denim Day began after a court overturned a rape conviction, wrongly suggesting that clothing implied consent. Outraged, people around the world chose denim as a symbol of protest and as a commitment to support survivors and reject victim-blaming. By wearing denim today, we're sending a powerful message: No one ever asks for or deserves to experience sexual violence. We believe survivors. We support them. And we refuse to allow harmful myths to silence their voices.

Sexual violence thrives when people stay silent but real change happens when we speak up, step in, and stand strong together. Every one of us has a role to play: whether it's challenging harmful behaviors: supporting a teammate or educating ourselves and others.

Let's take the meaning of today beyond what we wear. Let's choose courage over silence, action over apathy, and respect over blame. If you see something, say something. Be the one who steps up, not the one who stands by.

Finally, to end this menace that plagues our community there must be-- change. Change starts with awareness of what may constitute sexual violence. Awareness of what consent is, what it isn't, what it looks like and what it doesn't look like and having those conversations with those people \_ we spend our time with. "Let's keep this energy moving beyond today let's make every day a day of awareness, respect, dignity and action:" Thank you for being part of the change."

Upon conclusion of the event the Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter presented a certificate of appreciation to guest speaker Mr. Tyrone Randall for providing an outstanding presentation for Denim Day 2025.

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