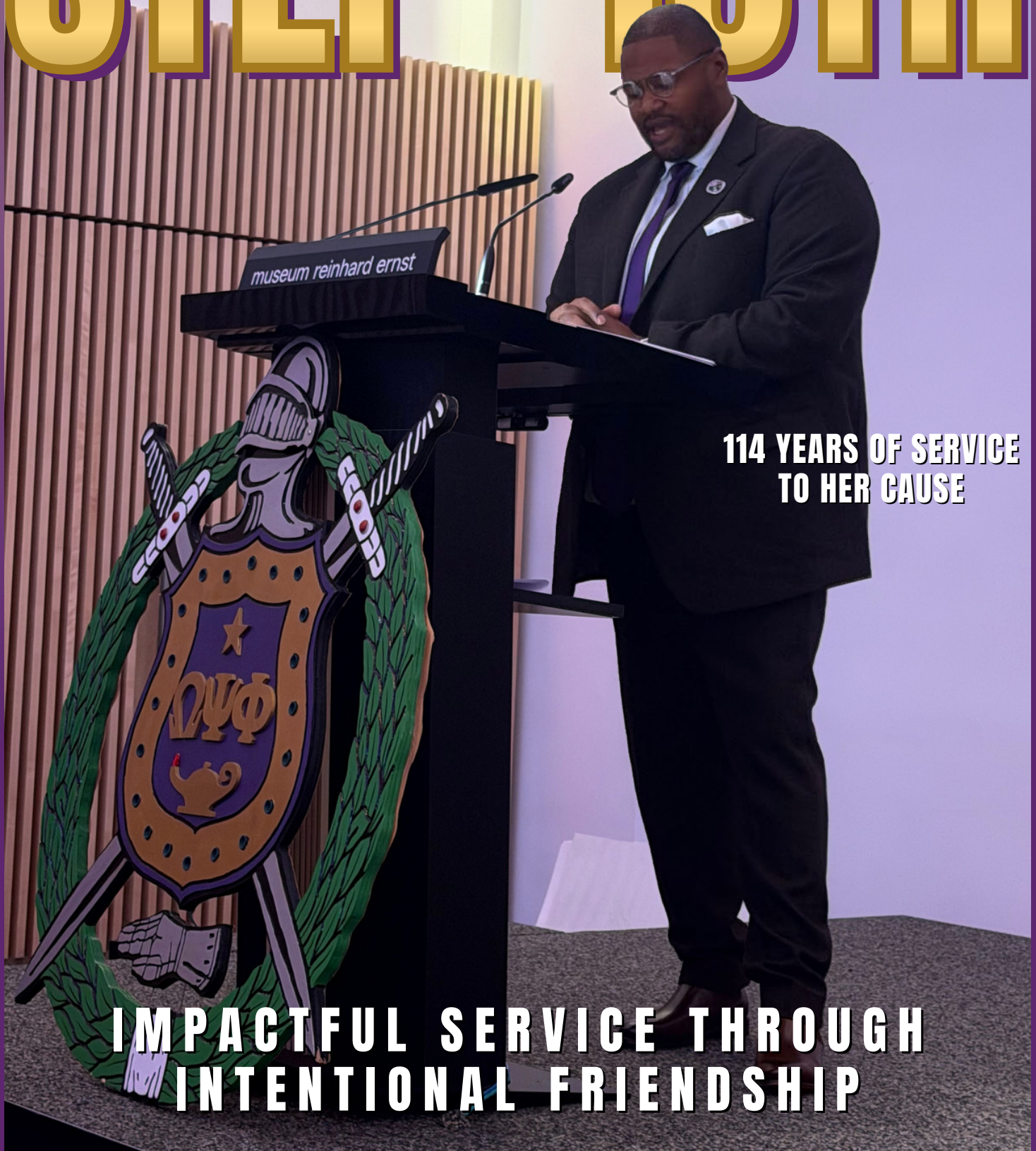


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A STRONG START TO A NEW OMEGA YEAR

A message from the 13th District Representative

Greetings, Brothers of the Tenacious 13th International District,

As we end the 1st Quarter of Omega Year 2026, I extend warm greetings and sincere appreciation to every Brother throughout our global District. This quarter has been extremely busy and deeply fulfilling as we celebrated one of the most sacred milestones of our Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated's Founder's Day on November 17, 2025. On this historic occasion, we honored the vision and sacrifice of our four noble Founders and recommitted ourselves to the timeless principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Across every region of the 13th District, Brothers marked this moment with dignity and excellence, demonstrating once again that Omega's spirit remains strong and unified worldwide.

In December, the District also proudly celebrated the 32nd anniversary of its modern-day founding on December 3, 2025. This milestone reminds us of the bold decision to expand Omega beyond the borders of the United States and truly establish an international footprint. The Tenacious Thirteenth continues to stand as a symbol of resilience, growth, and vision—strengthened by Brothers who understand the responsibility of carrying Omega's legacy forward while meeting the needs of today's global communities.

This quarter was also personally meaningful as I was extremely honored and privileged to visit several chapters throughout the District. I had the opportunity to fellowship with the Brothers of Lambda Mu Mu in Toronto, Canada; Upsilon Lambda Lambda in Tokyo, Japan; Sigma Gamma Gamma in Okinawa, Japan; Phi Gamma Gamma in Kaiserslautern, Germany; Theta Rho Chapter in Wiesbaden, Germany; and a visit to Montego Bay, Jamaica, where I was warmly received by some of the Zeta Xi Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on the island. Each visit reaffirmed the strength of our international brotherhood and the consistent commitment to service, leadership, and excellence displayed across the 13th District.

As we reflect on this productive quarter, I offer a sincere thank you to the 2024–2025 Chapter Officers who stepped forward to serve. These positions come with significant demands and personal sacrifice, and you met those responsibilities with no reservation or hesitation. I stand and applaud each of you for your dedication and leadership. To our newly elected officers, I challenge you to build upon your chapter's legacy, lead with integrity, and continue advancing the mission of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Together, we will ensure that the 13th International District continues to move forward—united, purposeful, and unwavering in Omega pride.

In Friendship and Fraternity,

Brother Freddie Thompson, IV

**13th District Representative
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated**



A STORY WORTH TELLING

Greetings Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District

With the closing of another quarter, you continue to show why our Fraternity stands above all others. Your articles showcase a deep respect, admiration, and commitment to your communities and to the legacy of Omega. The work you do is important, and I take great joy in sharing the stories of your triumphs and the impact you have in your community with the District and Fraternity at large.

As Omega Men, every day is an additional opportunity to make history, and this newsletter is one of the mediums at your disposal for cataloging it. Together, we can enlighten the masses on how our District ensures that our service transcends borders and that there is more to this Fraternity than what is often depicted on social media. It is critical now more than ever that we control the narrative and highlight what it truly means to be an Omega Man.

Tell your story now, don't push it off, and allow someone else to tell it for you!

In Friendship,

Brother Clarence Burse

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IMPACTFUL SERVICE THROUGH INTENTIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Celebrating Omega's 114 years!

CELEBRATING OMEGA'S LEGACY IN EUROPE



By: Brother Joe Monroe

The recent Achievement Week banquet, hosted by the Theta Rho International Chapter at the Museum Reinhard Ernst in Wiesbaden, was a remarkable celebration of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated's enduring principles. The address from Brother John F. Howard, Executive Director, resonated with all attendees, emphasizing the theme of "Impactful Service Through Intentional Friendship," which embodies the heart of our fraternity's mission.

Brother Howard articulated that true friendship within Omega transcends mere convenience and circumstance. It is an active, purposeful commitment to serving others and sharing our deepest truths. This intentionality, he noted, is not always easy; it requires patience, unwavering support, and steadfastness in the face of personal and communal challenges. This is the essence of "intentional friendship" a bond that both builds and reveals character.

Drawing parallels to the profound friendship of David and Jonathan, Brother Howard illustrated that true loyalty is measured by conviction, not comfort. Like Jonathan, who risked everything for David, Omega men strive to uphold what is right, even when faced with difficulties. This commitment to righteousness, anchored in purpose rather than power, paves the way for impactful service.



The dedication of Theta Rho Chapter was further underscored through the presentation of a \$5,000 check, supporting their outreach and programs in Germany and the wider European community. This generous contribution, presented on behalf of Grand Basileus Brother Ricky Lewis, highlights Omega's international reach and the essential work performed by the members of Theta Rho — a tangible investment in their intentionality, positively impacting the lives of those they serve.

Additionally, the evening was marked by the celebration of several distinguished awards recognizing the exemplary contributions of members within the chapter. Brother Joe Monroe II was honored as Omega Man of the Year, while Brother David Johnson received the prestigious Brigadier Charles Young Award. Brother Alvin Mitchell was acknowledged with the Greg Lewis Lifetime Achievement Award, and Brother Derrick Traylor was presented with the Superior Service Award. Bro Jesse Woods earned the title of Educator of the Year, and Bro Rashad Jones was celebrated with the Basileus Award. Each of these brothers exemplifies the principles of Omega and contributes significantly to the chapter and community.

Brother Howard's leadership philosophy emphasizes collaboration and empowerment, as he often asks, "What do you think?" instead of issuing directions. This approach fosters a culture of shared responsibility, where each member is motivated to rise to the occasion and support their fellow brothers. His focus on presence and purpose transforms relationships, cultivating impactful service.

The message for Europe is clear: impactful service arises when intentional friendship manifests as visible faith and tangible action. It is about being architects of the future, building bridges, and recognizing that the true measure of a man lies not in the titles he holds but in the lives he enhances. The men of Theta Rho, by living out values of integrity over image, service over show, purpose over protocol, excellence over ego, and presence over perfection, embody these truths and ensure that Omega's legacy shines brightly for generations to come.



RECOGNIZING SUPERIOR SERVICE THE PANAMANIAN WAY



By: Brother David A. Eaves

On the evening of November 16, 2025, Nu Gamma Gamma chapter culminated a historic week with its annual Awards Banquet. A distinguished audience of 120 Brothers and guests convened at the Sortis Hotel banquet hall to celebrate a year of exceptional service and community impact.

The evening commenced by honoring the next generation of leaders, with the recognition of the top three winners of the International High School Essay Contest. As the celebration continued, a compelling slideshow showcased the chapter's extensive work over the past year, highlighting initiatives that supported the Fraternity's Internationally Mandated Programs and innovative local programs designed to meet the unique needs of the Panamanian community.



The chapter proudly recognized several individuals for their outstanding contributions:

- **Omega Man of the Year:** Brother Keithon Grigsby (Eta Zeta, '87), for his dedicated leadership as Vice Basileus, Achievement Week Chair, and STEM Chair.
- **Superior Service Award:** Brother Foster P. Payne II (Omicron Pi, '84), who masterfully executed the demanding duties of Chapter Keeper of Records and Seal while concurrently serving as the 13th District Protocol Chair.
- **Founder's Award:** Brother Harry Turner (Theta Rho, '82), whose foundational role as Immediate Past Basileus and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee has been instrumental to the chapter's enduring success.
- **30 Year Service Award:** Brother David A. Eaves (Nu Gamma Gamma, '95), faithfully serving Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and serves as the Chapter Reporter.
- **Citizen of the Year:** Señora Carmen Bell, for her unwavering partnership and significant contributions to the chapter's scholarship, essay contest, and STEM Day initiatives.

The keynote speaker, Ms. Maime Mallory, CEO of Mallory & Associates LLC, delivered an inspiring address on the timeless value of service. In a powerful testament to the chapter's work, Ms. Mallory concluded her remarks by presenting Nu Gamma Gamma with a transformative \$10,000 donation. This generous contribution will significantly amplify the chapter's future initiatives and expand its outreach to underserved communities in Panama.



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CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

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

1ST ANNUAL EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

By: Brother Brandon Wilkins

The brothers of Chi Mu Mu Chapter, United Kingdom, hosted the first-ever European Fellowship event from 18–21 September 2025. The idea was the vision of Bro. Rob Taylor, current Basileus of the chapter. He shared that the concept originated in 2021, when he realized there were many brothers living throughout Europe most within a short two-hour flight of each other who had never met.

During the 2022 Grand Conclave in Charlotte, NC, Bro. Taylor met Bro. Jonathon Williams (1-17-TGG), who shared the same vision of uniting brothers across the continent. The two began brainstorming and became close collaborators, ultimately turning that vision into reality three years later.

The weekend kicked off with a fellowship gathering at Randy's Wing Bar on Thursday evening. The following day, brothers volunteered at the Brixton Soup Kitchen, preparing meals for more than 100 members of the local community. The organization provides vital support to lower-income families in Brixton, a diverse district in south London.

The event concluded with a lively Back to the 90s party on Saturday night, where members of the UK Divine Nine came out in strong support. Brothers from across the region attended, with Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter having the largest representation. Several brothers even traveled from as far as Dallas, Texas to join the festivities.

According to Bro. Taylor, the goal is to rotate the European Fellowship event among different countries in the years ahead, allowing brothers across Europe to host and strengthen their bonds.



UNCHARTERED TERRITORY



By: Brother Dr. Paul Prosper

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA — The spirit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was on full display this week as the 13th District Representative (DR), Brother Freddie Thompson, IV, conducted a site visit to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to assess the viability and community impact of a prospective chapter charter with brothers, affectionately known as the “Reggae Quez.” Over three days, 14 – 16 December 2025, Brother Thompson witnessed a powerful blend of brotherhood, culture, historical reverence, and an unwavering commitment to social action in the heart of the Caribbean.

Upon his arrival at Sangster International Airport on Monday, December 15th, Brother Thompson was greeted by Brothers Paul Prosper and Roberto Lynch. Demonstrating the DR’s desire to “hit the ground running,” the delegation bypassed traditional leisure and headed directly to the Melody House, a temporary home for troubled and/or abandoned girls that has been a cornerstone of the Reggae Quez’s service efforts for three years.

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The visit was a sobering look at the intersection of service and resilience. The facility, still reeling from the devastating impact of Category Five Hurricane Melissa, provided a clear picture of the stakes involved in the group’s mission. The DR was shown the remains of the roof, which has become the home’s primary fundraising priority, and the ruins of the chicken coops. For Melody House, the loss of its flock of chickens meant the loss of one of its primary revenue sources: selling eggs to the community. Furthermore, the DR saw the remnants of a sustainable future—of the 20+ solar panels that once powered the home, only three were salvaged, forcing the facility back onto the local power grid.

The emotional weight of the visit was felt deeply as the Melody House staff expressed their profound gratitude for the Reggae Quez. Brother DR donated a suitcase of gently used women’s clothing, 50 USD toward roof repairs, and 20 USD toward the purchase of chickens. The Reggae Quez also presented a bag of donated items. A few weeks later, Brother Lynch donated 700 USD toward the Melody House roof. The staff reported that a sponsor failed to deliver on a promise to provide Christmas lights. The DR asked the staff which dessert was the girls’ favorite. The next morning, the Reggae Quez delivered Christmas lights, ice cream, and a cheesecake to the Melody House. The long-term partnership between the brothers and the home served as a living testament to the Fraternity’s mandate for Uplift.

Following the visit to Melody House, the DR was escorted to his accommodations. Against the backdrop of a stunning Caribbean sunset, Brother Thompson and the local members engaged in strategic dialogue on the proposed chapter charter, vision, and long-term goals

The evening culminated in a formal dinner at the iconic Pier 1 Restaurant. Joined by Brothers Prosper, Lynch, and Embden, the DR enjoyed authentic Jamaican cuisine and the camaraderie that defines the Thirteenth District, further solidifying the bonds of brotherhood.

Tuesday morning saw the brothers transition from strategy to sweat equity. Brothers Prosper, Lynch, and Thompson gathered in Sam Sharpe Square, the historic center of Downtown Montego Bay. The morning began with a lesson in Jamaican history and perseverance; Brother Prosper stood before the statue of Jamaica’s National Hero, Sam Sharpe, recounting how Sharpe’s 1831 slave rebellion led to the abolition of slavery across the British Empire.

Inspired by Sharpe’s legacy, the brothers donned work gloves and trash bags to clean St. James Street, the bustling artery of the city. While the square itself is well-maintained, the brothers worked their way through the heart of downtown, filling bags with litter to ensure the “Second City” reflected the excellence the Fraternity represents.



The visit concluded on Wednesday with a final, deep-dive administrative session. The brothers reviewed the charter proposal and draft bylaws and engaged in a rigorous Q&A session led by Brother Thompson. This final debrief was more than a checklist; it was a verification of the group's operational readiness.

As the visit drew to a close, the consensus was clear: the potential for Omega in Jamaica is immense. Brother Thompson saw a group of men who were not just “interested” in the Fraternity, but who were already living its Cardinal Principles—Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift—daily. By aligning Omega's mandated programs with the specific needs of the Jamaican people, the Reggae Quez have laid a foundation for a chapter that will not only survive but thrive.

The mission of this trip was to determine whether the soil in Jamaica was ready for Omega's seeds. After three days of service, history, and strategic planning, the answer echoed through the streets of Montego Bay: the work has already begun.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Kaiserslautern, Germany – On 13 November, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. proudly sponsored the CYS Bulldog football team's banquet and awards ceremony. The event served as a meaningful celebration of the athletes' hard work, discipline, and dedication throughout the season. Players, coaches, and families gathered to reflect on the team's accomplishments, recognize individual achievements, and highlight the values of teamwork and leadership on and off the field.

By sponsoring the banquet, brothers provided encouragement and positive role models for young athletes, emphasizing the importance of academic excellence and leadership. Phi Gamma Gamma's support helped create an environment where youth felt valued and motivated, strengthening community ties and empowering the next generation to strive for success both in athletics and in life.



LAMBDA XI SUPPORTS SUSANNA HOUSE



By: Brother Randy Artis

South Korea - During the 13th International District's "2025 Give Back to the Community Campaign", the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. united with a shared commitment to serve with purpose and compassion.

What began as a simple idea quickly grew into a collective community effort. With generous support from the Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Mu Phi Lambda Chapter, the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Nu Omega Chapter, and the Republic of Korea Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., along with individual donors dedicated to uplifting others, the vision was transformed into meaningful action.

This year, the chapter focused its efforts on Susanna House, an orphanage in South Korea that provides a safe, nurturing environment for children, many of whom live with disabilities. Within its walls are devoted caregivers and teachers who consistently demonstrate patience, love, and dedication as they meet the children's daily needs, support their education, and promote their overall well-being.

Rather than making assumptions about what would be helpful, the Brothers chose to listen. They reached out directly to the caregivers and teachers and asked a simple yet impactful question: What do you need most? Guided by those responses, the chapter collected essential winter and household items, including hats and gloves, warm pajamas, blankets, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, and paper towels—items that provide comfort, dignity, and relief during the colder months.

On December 20, 2025, the spirit of service came to life at Downtown Lanes on Camp Humphreys, South Korea. More than a donation drop-off, the day was designed to foster joy and connection. The group shared lunch and enjoyed ninety minutes of bowling, filling the lanes with laughter, encouragement, and memorable moments among the children, caregivers, and Brothers.

Following the outing, the donated items were formally presented to Susanna House, closing the day with gratitude and renewed purpose. The experience served as a powerful reminder that when service is driven by heart and intention, even small acts can create a lasting impact.

Friendship is Essential to the Soul. Service is at the Heart of Omega.





A NEW POOL OF TALENT

By: Brother David A. Eaves

Members of Nu Gamma Gamma (NGG) embarked on a historic journey to Panama City, Panama, from November 13 to 17, 2025, for our Annual Achievement Week and Founders' Day Celebration—a powerful demonstration of brotherhood transcending borders.

During Achievement Week, we orchestrated a series of transformative events that left an indelible mark on both our chapter and the Panamanian community: a Social Action Program Day that directly served those in need, a culturally enriching Chapter Night Out to experience the compelling stage play “Fly,” our groundbreaking inaugural NGG Talent Hunt Contest that discovered and celebrated emerging talent, and the prestigious NGG Awards Banquet that honored excellence, dedication, and service.

On November 15, 2025, as part of Achievement Week in Panama, the Chapter made history with Brother Marvin Nobles leading all efforts in support of our inaugural Talent Hunt Program in Panama City—a milestone event that showcased the extraordinary artistic gifts within Panama’s youth while strengthening the cultural bridge between our fraternity and the local community. Eight talented contestants delivered captivating performances across vocal, dance, and instrumental categories, each bringing passion and skill that moved the audience. Ms. Paola Rodriguez claimed the coveted first place and \$500 prize with her stunning vocal performance that resonated throughout the venue. Ms. Elizabeth Gomez secured second place and \$300 for her masterful instrumental talent, while Ms. Allyson Correa earned third place and \$200 for her electrifying dance performance.

More than 60 Omega Psi Phi members, guests, family, and supporters packed the venue, creating an atmosphere charged with excitement and pride. Three distinguished judges from Panama Schools contributed their invaluable expertise and professionalism, elevating the competition and ensuring its resounding success—an event that will be remembered as a defining moment in our chapter’s international outreach.





PI XI DONATES \$10,000 TO CHILDREN'S WARD

Inspired by a baby found abandoned in a bush in October 2025, the men of the Pi Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated once again demonstrated their unwavering commitment to service by giving back to the community in a meaningful and tangible way.

In the spirit of the yuletide season of giving the Chapter proudly presented a \$10,000 donation to the Princess Margaret Hospital, designated specifically to support critical upgrades and repairs within the Children's Ward. This generous contribution will directly improve facilities that serve some of the community's most vulnerable patients, children in need of care, comfort, and healing.

This initiative reflects the Fraternity's enduring belief that service is not only an obligation, but a calling.

"We were very touched last year in October with the infant that was found in the bushes." Brother James Clarke Basileus of Pi Xi Chapter said. "We saw it fit, being uncles, fathers, and grandfathers, that we want to now give back to assist the children's ward with allowing this infant and other infants who may be in the same situation to be in a better position. The chapter hopes to partner with the Public Hospitals Authority on future efforts and encourages other Divine Nine organizations to join next year so we can add a few more zeros to next year's donation."

PHA official remarks included:

"We are extremely grateful to Pi Xi brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for this \$10,000 check that is being donated to the children's ward. On behalf of Nurse Johnson and all of the administrators here at PMH and at PHA, we say thank you."



LAMBDA XI YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By: Brother Clint Carmichael

South Korea - The 2025 Youth Leadership Conference brought energy, inspiration, and empowerment to the Camp Humphrey's community the weekend of October 18th, marking the second year the event has been hosted on the installation. With 60 enthusiastic youth participants, the conference once again proved to be a powerful platform for leadership development, education, and community connection.

The event featured eight dynamic speakers who shared invaluable insight across a wide range of topics, from college preparation and financial literacy to mental health, resilience, and social impact. Each session challenged attendees to think critically about their futures and provided them with practical tools for success both inside and outside the classroom.

"This conference is all about investing in the leaders of tomorrow," said one of the event organizers. "Our goal is to give these young people the confidence, resources, and community support they need to thrive."



Beyond the learning opportunities, the atmosphere was fun, engaging, and filled with laughter, dialogue, and prizes. Attendees participated in interactive sessions, Q&A discussions, and team-building activities that fostered camaraderie and excitement throughout the day.

A highlight of the event was the continued collaboration between Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and The Republic of Korea Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., whose partnership and dedication have been instrumental in making the Youth Leadership Conference a success. Their combined efforts underscore the strength of unity, mentorship, and community service within the Humphreys community.

As the conference came to a close, the message was clear, leadership starts with service, preparation, and the willingness to make a difference. With momentum from this year's event, organizers are already looking forward to building an even bigger and more impactful conference in 2026.



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SERVING A COMMUNITY IN NEED

On October 24th, 2025 the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Eta Iota Iota Chapter, in collaboration with Urban Strategies, Inc., successfully distributed 40 turkeys, 40 cans of cranberry sauce, and 40 bags of rice to residents of Louis E. Brown Phase III as part of a Thanksgiving community outreach initiative.

The effort provided essential holiday food items to local families, helping ensure that residents could enjoy a warm and nourishing Thanksgiving meal. Through direct engagement with the community, the brothers demonstrated their continued commitment to service, compassion, and uplift during the holiday season.

This initiative reflects Eta Iota Iota Chapter's dedication to addressing community needs through partnerships that create meaningful and immediate impact. By working alongside Urban Strategies, Inc., the chapter was able to extend its reach and support families during a time when assistance is most needed.

As the Thanksgiving season encourages reflection and gratitude, the brothers remain committed to serving the community and fostering opportunities that promote unity, care, and shared responsibility.



SUPPORTING WOUNDED WARRIOR



Landstuhl, Germany – On 1 November 2025, the Brothers of the Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. partnered with the Germany Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, to supported wounded warriors at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center USO.

The USO welcomes more than forty wounded warriors and their families at any given time with warm meals and genuine fellowship. Brothers volunteered their time preparing food, serving guests, donating resources, and engaging in meaningful conversation. The atmosphere reflected gratitude, respect, and appreciation for those who have sacrificed in service to the nation.

Beyond the food, the presence of the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma offered reassurance and connection during challenging times for wounded warriors far away from home.



THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS



By: Brother LTC (R) Tyrone Powers

South Korea - Lieutenant Colonel Retired Tyrone Powers, a dedicated educator, assumed the role of Senior Army Instructor for the Humphreys High School JROTC Program—one of the largest and most dynamic programs in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). After retiring from the U.S. Army in 2022, Brother Powers continued his commitment to mentoring young people through three years of service within the Atlanta Public School system before relocating to South Korea.

Since joining Humphreys High School, Brother Powers has placed a strong emphasis on developing disciplined, confident, and service-minded cadets. His leadership philosophy aligns with the Cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift), which are reflected in the high expectations he sets for his students and the opportunities he creates for their growth.

On November 17, 2025, Brother Powers led an all-freshman color guard team in presenting the colors for the Association of the United States Army annual meeting Thanksgiving dinner. The keynote speaker for the event was Major General Charles T. Lombardo, the current 2nd Infantry Division Commander, who also invited the cadets to participate in the ceremonial cake-cutting ceremony. The cadets executed their duties with precision and poise, showcasing both their hard work and the effectiveness of Brother Powers' early developmental efforts.

Under his leadership, the program has already seen remarkable growth, expanding from 145 to 195 cadets in just a few months. His long-term vision is to build Humphreys High School into the largest and most competitive JROTC program in DoDEA, participating and excelling in national-level events across multiple disciplines.

Brother Powers' continued service, both to the military community and the young leaders he guides, embodies the core values of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. His work abroad showcases the reach of Omega's influence and its power to uplift communities wherever its members serve.



EDUCATION THROUGH APPLICATION

By: Brother Henry Peterson

The Brothers of Tri Nu continued their longstanding commitment to community service and global engagement on Friday, November 14, 2025, by donating more than 30 STEM educational kits to Casa Niños Felices Orphanage in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

Now in its fifth consecutive year, the partnership between Tri Nu and Casa Niños Felices has become a cornerstone of the chapter's international outreach efforts. The annual donation aims to promote hands-on learning and spark interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics among the children served by the orphanage.

Brothers in attendance described the initiative as one of the most meaningful experiences of the year, highlighting the opportunity to directly impact young lives while reinforcing the fraternity's mission of service, education, and brotherhood beyond borders. The STEM kits provide children with interactive tools designed to encourage problem-solving, creativity, and curiosity—skills essential for academic and personal development.

“Each year, this outreach reminds us of the power of consistency and partnership,” said Bro. Bryan Taylor Achievement Week Chairman. *“Being able to return year after year and see the continued impact makes this experience especially rewarding for our brothers.”*

Tri Nu's ongoing relationship with Casa Niños Felices reflects the organization's dedication to sustainable service and community empowerment. As the chapter looks ahead, members reaffirmed their commitment to expanding educational opportunities and strengthening partnerships that create lasting change both locally and internationally.



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HEALING WATERS

The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated Pi Xi Chapter demonstrated the true meaning of service by turning a long-held dream into a powerful reality for a respected community elder.

As part of the chapter's year-end community give-back initiative, the Pi Xi Chapter focused its efforts on supporting an elder who had suffered a life-altering stroke. The stroke left him without the use of the left side of his body and unable to walk independently. For many years, these physical limitations prevented him from visiting the beach, an experiencing the ocean he loved and deeply cherished.



Despite his challenges, the elder's spirit remained strong. He spoke often of his wish to one day return to the sea and feel the healing salt water again. Recognizing the significance of this aspiration, the brothers of Pi Xi Chapter committed themselves to making it possible.



On the day of the event, the brothers worked together with patience, care, and unity. A carefully constructed path was forged across the sand. Thereafter, he was safely lifted, carried, and gently placed into the healing waters of Goodman's Bay, while ensuring his comfort and dignity every step of the way. As the ocean embraced him once more, the moment became one of joy, gratitude, and quiet reflection. What had seemed impossible was now real; achieved through brotherhood, teamwork, and selfless service.

"This wasn't just about getting him into the water," said Bro. Darius Johnson. "It was about restoring hope, honoring his wishes, and showing him that he is not forgotten."

his act of service reflects the core values of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, in particular Uplift. By coming together to support one individual, the Pi Xi Chapter reinforced a greater truth: uplifting one life strengthens the entire community.

"Service is at the heart of who we are as Omega men," Bro. Josh Duncanson said. "If we have the ability to help, then we also have the responsibility to act."



MORE THAN A GAME



Ramstein, Germany – On 16 November 2025, Brother Ron Mullins of the Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. inspired young athletes as a flag football coach for Child Youth Services (CYS).

Through intentional mentorship, patience, and encouragement, Bro. Mullins created an environment where six and seven-year-old athletes learned more than just the fundamentals of football.

Practices became lessons in teamwork, accountability, and confidence. Bro. Mullins placed significant emphasis on character, encouraging each child to believe in their abilities while learning to work together toward a common goal. Coaching alongside his son, Ronald Mullins Jr., Bro. Mullins fostered a unique bond that strengthened both family values and unity.

CYS is a pillar in the military community providing young boys and girls the opportunity to play a variety of sports. Phi Gamma Gamma is committed to assisting CYs to accomplish its mission to provide quality, affordable, and accessible fitness activities that foster personal growth and fun for military- connected youth.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By: Brother Cortez Pree

Okinawa, Japan - Brother Cortez Pree is leading a Youth Cutting Edge and Conditioning Mentoring Program in Okinawa, Japan, designed to build a strong foundation for young participants through structured physical conditioning and purposeful mentoring. The program meets on Mondays and Wednesdays and emphasizes personal development, discipline, and positive engagement.

As part of the initiative, Brother Pree administered the peace pledge on October 20, 2025, encouraging the youth to treat others with empathy, respect, and understanding. Participants were provided an opportunity to share their perspectives on the current challenges facing their peers and the broader community, fostering open dialogue and self-expression.

Through consistent mentorship and positive reinforcement, the program continues to make a meaningful impact by empowering youth and promoting values that support personal growth and community well-being.



THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS

By: Brother Brandon Wilkins

On October 18, the brothers of Chi Mu Mu Chapter, in collaboration with Bridges of Excellence, proudly hosted an engaging STEM workshop during the 6th Annual Simon Education Black Book Festival at Goldsmiths University in Southeast London.

This hands-on session gave children a unique opportunity to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through creativity and teamwork. Working in pairs, participants-built Lego-like smart robots sparking excitement, curiosity, and a sense of accomplishment among all who took part.

The learning environment was further enriched with colorful posters celebrating Black pioneers in STEM, including Dr. Charles Drew, the innovator behind modern blood banking, and Katherine Johnson, the brilliant NASA mathematician whose calculations helped send astronauts into space. The children were encouraged to learn about these trailblazers and reflect on the power of innovation and perseverance.



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and collaboration
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of the day.**

The workshop welcomed 12 enthusiastic young participants, whose smiles, laughter, and collaboration captured the spirit of the day one filled with discovery, creativity, and inspiration.

Through initiatives like this, the brothers of Chi Mu Mu Chapter continue their shared mission of empowering youth, promoting education, and advancing excellence within the community.



FOOD TO SPARE

In the Northern Dominican Republic province of Puerto Plata, near the coastal town of Cabarete, the Brothers of Tri Nu continued their annual humanitarian service by addressing critical food insecurity among an underserved Haitian immigrant community.

The Haitian community of La Ciénaga is home to families who face persistent economic hardship and limited access to educational and financial resources not afforded to them under Dominican government programs available to citizens. Recognizing this ongoing need, the brothers of Tri Nu mobilized their annual service initiative to provide direct assistance to those most impacted.

On Thursday, November 15, 2026, Tri-Nu brothers personally collected and distributed 100 bags of food to families throughout La Ciénaga. The effort focused on meeting immediate nutritional needs while reinforcing the fraternity's commitment to hands-on service and human dignity. Brothers worked directly within the community, ensuring food reached households most in need.

This annual outreach has become a meaningful tradition for Tri Nu, reflecting the organization's broader mission of service, equity, and global engagement. Year after year, the brothers aim to build trust, foster relationships, and deliver tangible support to communities often overlooked by traditional aid structures.

Tri Nu's work in La Ciénaga underscores the importance of sustained humanitarian efforts and community-centered service. As economic challenges continue to affect vulnerable populations throughout the region, the fraternity remains committed to leveraging its collective resources to provide relief and uplift families beyond borders.





STOP BULLYING BEFORE IT STARTS

On October 29, 2025, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Eta Iota Iota Chapter, in collaboration with Greater Changes LLC, facilitated a Bullying Prevention Presentation for third grade students at Lew Muckle Elementary School as part of the chapter's Fatherhood and Mentorship Program.

The interactive session focused on helping students recognize bullying behaviors, understanding the impact of their words and actions, and developing strategies for responding positively and seeking help when needed. Through age-appropriate discussion and real-life examples, the brothers emphasized respect, empathy, and accountability while reinforcing the importance of standing up for oneself and others.

This initiative reflects the chapter's continued commitment to youth development and community engagement.

By addressing bullying at the elementary level, Eta Iota Iota seeks to promote safe learning environments and encourage students to build confidence, resilience, and healthy peer relationships.

The presentation also highlighted the fraternity's broader mission of mentorship and fatherhood by providing positive male role models who demonstrated leadership, integrity, and service. The collaboration with Greater Changes LLC strengthened the program's impact by combining community resources with fraternity leadership to meet the needs of local students.

Eta Iota Iota Chapter remains dedicated to supporting schools and families through meaningful service initiatives that uplift youth and foster long-term personal growth.



BROTHERHOOD WITHOUT BORDERS

On 18 December 2025, the Tau Chi Chapter (Ghana) and the Chi Mu Mu Chapter (United Kingdom) united in the spirit of brotherhood and service to execute a joint Social Action initiative at Adjiringanor Basic School in Accra, Ghana.

The initiative was led by newly initiated Brother Leon Beccles (1-25-XMM), who was visiting Ghana during the holiday season to spend time with family and fellowship with local brothers. Motivated by a strong desire to give back, Brother Beccles approached Brother Rob Taylor, Basileus of Chi Mu Mu Chapter, to explore the possibility of conducting a Social Action project during his visit. Impressed by his initiative, enthusiasm, and commitment to service, Brother Taylor immediately facilitated coordination by connecting him with Brother Kwab Asamoah, the current Basileus of the Tau Chi Chapter, helping turn the idea into a meaningful reality.

This collaborative effort exemplified Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s enduring commitment to education, community uplift, and global service. By bridging international chapters, the initiative demonstrated how shared values and fraternal bonds can be transformed into tangible, real-world impact across borders.

During the visit, brothers from both chapters donated essential school supplies, providing direct and meaningful support to students and faculty. Beyond the material contributions, the engagement reinforced the importance of education as a cornerstone for opportunity and empowerment. The initiative also fostered strong relationships with school leadership and staff, grounded in mutual respect and a shared commitment to service.

The impact of the visit was warmly received by the school community, as expressed by the Head of School:

“Thank you very much. May God replenish what you have done for us. I pray that a year from now you will return with even greater things. We are here to support you, and we will stay in touch. God bless you all.”

-Mary, Head of School, Adjiringanor Basic School

This joint Social Action project stands as a testament to the fraternity's mission of uplifting communities through sustained service, collaboration, and global brotherhood while also highlighting the power of individual initiative to inspire collective action.



SEEING RED

By: Brother Marcus Shepherd

South Korea – On Thursday, October 30, 2025, in a powerful display of service and solidarity, the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined forces with the Korean National Red Cross and the USAG Humphreys Red Cross to host a military blood drive at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. This initiative not only supported critical medical needs but also strengthened the bonds between U.S. service members and the local Korean community.



Spearheaded by Brother Randy Artis, four Lambda Xi members volunteered their time and energy to make the event a success. Their efforts included coordinating with Red Cross staff, setting up donation stations, and engaging with potential donors across the base. With the combined support of both Red Cross organizations, the blood drive saw an impressive turnout. 65 individuals donated blood, helping to replenish vital supplies including rare Rh-negative types often needed for emergency care among U.S. personnel stationed in Korea.

SPREADING HOLIDAY JOY

Kaiserslautern, Germany – From December 10 to 17, the Brothers of the Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its second annual toy drive to collect over 50 new and gently used toys for children at the SOS Kinderdorf orphanage. On Dec 17th, Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma visited SOS Kinderdorf to personally present the donated toys and fellowship with the staff, gaining a deeper understanding of the organization's mission.



The SOS Kinderhof orphanage has been in operation for over 50 years. Their mission is to empower children, young people, and families to shape their future. Expressions of gratitude from shelter representatives underscored the importance of community partnerships in creating positive and lasting impact for children in need. Phi Gamma Gamma's newly established partnership will continue to strengthen community relationships for years to come.



SUPPORTING THOSE THAT SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

On December 21, 2025, through its continued commitment to service, the Crucian Purple and Gold Foundation, in collaboration with the Eta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, proudly supported several local nonprofit organizations through charitable donations.

The collaborative effort benefited the St. Croix Animal Shelter, My Brother's Table, and the Queen Louise Home for Children, organizations that play a vital role in addressing critical needs across the St. Croix community. The donations reinforced a shared mission of compassion, service, and uplift for some of the island's most vulnerable populations.

This initiative reflects the chapter's ongoing dedication to strengthening community partnerships and supporting organizations that provide essential services year-round. By working alongside the Crucian Purple and Gold Foundation, Eta Iota Iota Chapter continues to expand its impact while upholding the fraternity's principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

As the chapter looks ahead, the brothers remain committed to identifying opportunities to serve and support causes that improve the quality of life throughout the community.



GETTING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

This Christmas, Theta Rho International chapter joined hands with the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club to support local families in need through the Angel Tree program. This collaboration proved to be a shining example of community spirit, generosity, and the powerful impact of coming together to make a difference.

The Angel Tree program aims to ensure that children and families receive not only the essentials but also the joy of gift-giving during Christmas. The partnership between the two organizations successfully raised over \$10,000 in donations, which were utilized to provide food and essential items to those most in need in the Wiesbaden area.

Thanks to the incredible support from the Wiesbaden community, this initiative directly impacted over 130 children. Each child received toys, spreading holiday cheer and fostering a sense of hope and excitement during a time that should be filled with joy. The initiative emphasized the importance of giving back and reinforced the notion that every act of kindness, no matter how small, contributes to a larger impact.



Theta Rho and the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club went above and beyond to ensure that families felt supported and cherished during the festive season. This partnership demonstrates the power of community collaboration and the profound effects of altruism. The success of the Angel Tree program not only brought smiles to the faces of children but also strengthened the bonds within the Wiesbaden community.



GETTING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

By: Brother David Eaves

On November 14, 2025, Nu Gamma Gamma fostered a paradigm shift for social actions in the city of Colon, Panama. As a component of Achievement Week 2025, Nu Gamma Gamma Social Action Day was a strategically planned and executed effort to address the needs of some of the most underserved communities in Panama. The Nu Gamma Gamma Social Action Day was a masterclass in coordinated compassion and energy focused toward positively impacting communities within the city. Forty-five Brothers and supporters traveled over 70 miles from Panama City to Colon to support the effort.

Nu Gamma Gamma's Social Action Committee brilliantly organized Brothers and supporters into four teams that conducted synchronized and simultaneous community uplifting activities at four different locations within a city spanning approximately 93 miles and a population of 76,000 residents.

The first team consisting of sixteen Brothers coordinated with the First Isthmian Baptist Church, one of the Chapter's partner agencies, to provide medical screenings for 65 residents, fed hot meals to over 200 people and provide personal care in the form of haircuts and fingernail care.

A second team consisting of twelve Brothers descended upon the First Baptist Church of Bautista Cativa Community Development Center construction site. The Brothers immediately began installing drywall, installing doors, and repairing worn areas on the roof. The effort made a profound impact as Pastor Yvette Tapper who was moved to christen the effort with the name "Project Helping Hand."



Nu Gamma Gamma fielded a third team of twelve Brothers and supporters that worked to address painting needs at the Trinity Methodist Church Colon. The chapter not only supplied the paint and painting supplies, but also the manpower to complete the painting project. The service had a profound effect on Brothers and their guests who volunteered towards the activity. One Brother on the team stated, “My kids were painting with me—and they finally understood what true service looks like.”



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Nu Gamma Gamma Basileus, James Harris Jr., Vice Basileus, Keithon Grigsby, KRS Foster Payne II, and Vice Chair for Social Actions, Ezekiel Dennison made up the fourth team (NGG Leadership Team). This team first visited the Porfirio Meléndez Elementary School and donated 100 pairs of sneakers to students in grades kindergarten to fifth grade. The team’s next stop was to the Chapter’s Adopted Senior Citizen Home. There the chapter continued to provide essential quality of life supplies aimed at making life better for the residents. In addition to the donation of supplies the leadership team conducted a walk-through with the director to assess how the chapter can continue to make a difference to improve the operations and quality of life of the residents.



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



BROTHERHOOD & NETWORKING

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



HIGHLIGHTING HBCUS AT THE OSAN COLLEGE FAIR

By: Brother Charlesvester Wims

South Korea - The Men of the Lambda Xi Chapter continued their commitment to uplift and empower youth by hosting a successful display at the Osan Middle High School College & Career Fair on November 6, 2025. The event drew an impressive attendance of 200 participating students eager to explore pathways beyond high school.

The chapter's presence was particularly significant, as Lambda Xi was the only organization representing Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) at the fair. This critical representation provided students with direct exposure to the rich academic and cultural legacies of these institutions, shining a spotlight on educational opportunities.

The Lambda Xi display table was a popular destination, offering valuable resources to students and parents. The table featured university giveaways, detailed scholarship information, and promotional materials for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's annual Talent Hunt program. By championing HBCUs such as Norfolk State University, Benedict College, and South Carolina State University, the chapter reinforced its dedication to inspiring the next generation of college-bound leaders.



OPENING DOORS IN THE UK

On Friday, 5 December 2025, students at the London School of Economics (LSE) gathered for an engaging Divine Nine panel hosted under the banner of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The event brought together representatives from eight of the nine historically Black fraternities and sororities, with Iota Phi Theta as the sole organization not represented.

Designed to raise awareness, educate, and cultivate interest among the undergraduate population, the panel provided attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Divine Nine.



Panelists highlighted the rich histories, signature community programs, and personal journeys that define each organization. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was represented by Brother Berhan Kaleb and Brother Betangabeh Khumbah, who shared insights into the fraternity's legacy of service, leadership, and scholarship.

The event drew an audience of 150 students, who remained highly engaged throughout the session asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating genuine curiosity about NPHC culture, values, and community impact. This strong turnout and level of engagement underscored a growing interest in historically Black Greek-letter organizations within the UK.

Overall, the panel marked a significant step forward in expanding the footprint of Divine Nine organizations on UK college campuses, where currently only one organization maintains an undergraduate chapter. The event laid important groundwork for future outreach, education, and potential chapter development across the region.

PROMOTING MEN'S HEALTH



Kaiserslautern, Germany – On 16 November 2025, the Brothers of the Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. conducted a Men's Health Awareness Dinner designed to empower men to take ownership of both their physical and mental well-being. Through a blend of online engagement and in-person outreach, the chapter addressed critical topics such as preventive care, fitness, mental health awareness, and early illness detection, all of which impact long-term quality of life.

Brother Tevin Pelzer facilitated conversations, shared educational resources, and encouraged open dialogue in a supportive environment where participants felt seen and heard. This event focused on proactive health decisions that can prevent severe conditions like cancer, cardiovascular issues, and metabolic disorders. By addressing early intervention wellness from multiple perspectives, the chapter reinforced the importance of education, accountability, and self-care.



IRON SHARPENS IRON: LEADING WITH PURPOSE

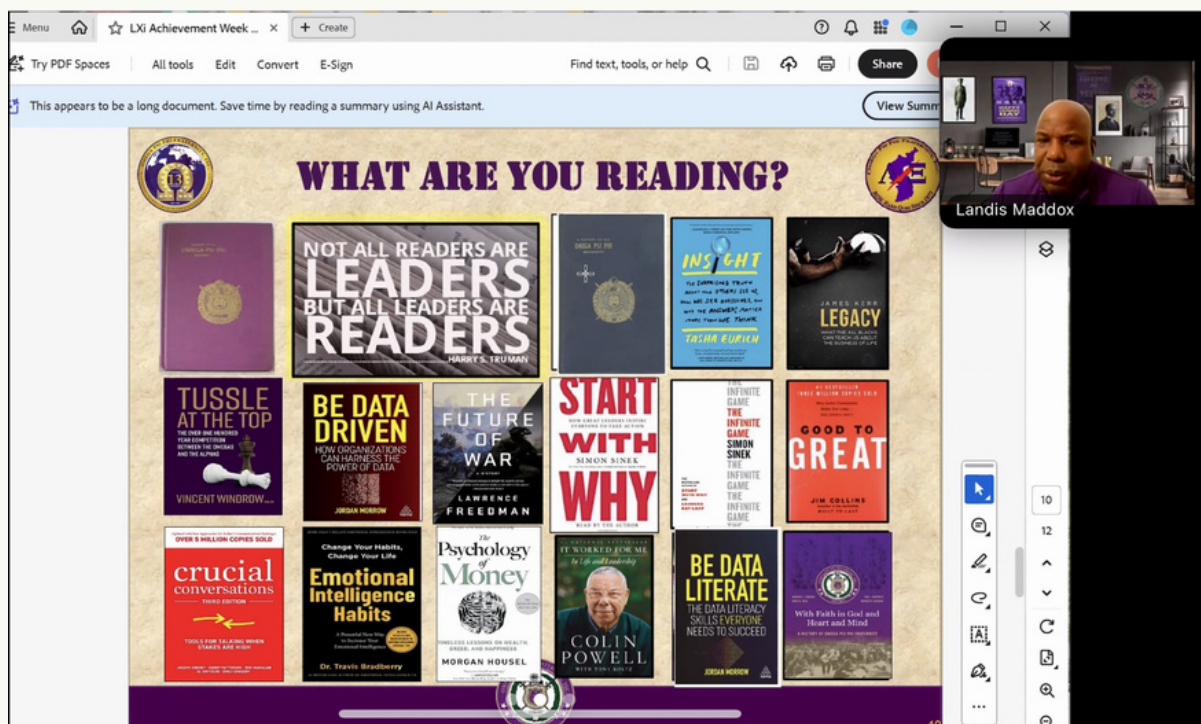
By: Brother Charlesvester Wims

South Korea - On November 11, 2025, the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter hosted a comprehensive professional development workshop centered on leadership, accountability, and personal growth. The workshop was led by Brother Brigadier General Landis Maddox, who delivered a powerful and inspiring presentation rooted in his extensive military leadership experience and commitment to excellence. His message challenged Brothers to lead with integrity, discipline, and purpose while remaining intentional in their professional and fraternal responsibilities.

Throughout the workshop, Bro. Maddox shared practical insights and real-world examples that resonated with attendees, emphasizing the importance of preparation, adaptability, and mentorship. Brothers were encouraged to reflect on their leadership styles, set intentional goals, and strive for continuous improvement in their careers, families, and service to the fraternity. The interactive nature of the session fostered thoughtful dialogue and meaningful engagement among participants.

The Lambda Xi Chapter was deeply honored by the presence of distinguished leaders from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., including Grand Basileus Bro. Ricky Lewis, 1st Vice Grand Basileus, Bro. Mark Jackson, and the 13th District Representative, Bro. Freddie Thompson, IV. Their attendance highlighted the significance of the workshop and demonstrated strong support for the chapter's dedication to professional development and brotherhood. Their presence also provided Brothers with an invaluable opportunity to connect with national and district leadership, further reinforcing the importance of alignment with the fraternity's mission and values.

The workshop concluded with renewed motivation and a shared commitment to excellence, as Brothers left inspired to apply the lessons learned to their professional endeavors and fraternal service. Overall, the event exemplified the Lambda Xi Chapter's ongoing commitment to developing well-rounded leaders and fostering an environment of growth, mentorship, and intentional brotherhood.



A NIGHT ON THE TOWN



By: Brother David Eaves

As part of Nu Gamma Gamma Chapter's 2025 Achievement Week activities, the Chapter Night Out: Stage Play *FLY* on November 14, 2025 in Panama City, Panama, stood as a powerful example of fellowship, cultural engagement, and intentional brotherhood. The event drew a sold-out audience of 200, including 17 Nu Gamma Gamma brothers and 41 of their invited guests, along with Afro-Panamanians, Black expatriates, and members of Panama's broader artistic and cultural community.

FLY was presented as a requested encore performance, following the positive and lasting impact it made on audiences during its Panama City presentation in March 2025. The production is an intimate, one-person stage play written, performed, and directed by actor and playwright Brother Joseph L. Edwards (K-80). Originally produced Off-Broadway, *FLY* has resonated with audiences for its emotional honesty and transformative cultural power, offering a profound reflection on what it means to be Black, conscious, and resilient in America.

The significance of the evening extended well beyond attendance. Nu Gamma Gamma brothers—often separated by geography, careers, and professional obligations—came together for a shared experience that fostered genuine fellowship and demonstrated the chapter's commitment to building meaningful connections through culture, reflection, and shared values. Also in attendance was Panama community pillar Carmela Gobern, owner of the 25-year-old publication *Cyber News Space*, who publicly commended Brother Edwards on the impact of the play and recognized Nu Gamma Gamma Chapter for the meaningful work being done in collaboration with its Panama-based partners.

In selecting *FLY* for Chapter Night Out, Nu Gamma Gamma Chapter demonstrated thoughtful leadership and cultural vision—affirming that Achievement Week programming can both inspire and unite. The evening reflected the principles of perseverance, uplift, and excellence that define Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., while strengthening bonds among brothers and extending meaningful engagement to the broader Panama community.

Reflecting on the experience, Edwards stated, *"Our stories should always inspire and uplift our people. FLY is one of many stories that magnifies the humanity, creativity, and resilience of the African Diaspora. It is a remarkable work that deserves to be shared with the world; therefore, I have launched The FLY Film Fund. I am deeply grateful that Nu Gamma Gamma Chapter allowed me to be a part of their 2025 Achievement Week. Their brotherhood and support were truly uplifting."*



“ASK THE EXEC” TOWN HALL

During the observance of Achievement Week 2025, the Theta Rho International Chapter successfully hosted a global “Ask the Exec” Fraternity Town Hall in Wiesbaden, Germany. The event was open to brothers throughout the fraternity worldwide, underscoring Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s commitment to international engagement, transparency, and unity.

The Town Hall featured the International Executive Director, Brother John Howard, as the principal panelist. He was joined by 13th District Representative Brother Freddie Thompson IV and Deputy District Representative Brother Antoine Reed, forming a distinguished panel that provided both international and district-level perspectives. The discussion was effectively moderated by Theta Rho International Chapter Basileus, Brother Joe Monroe II, ensuring a structured and productive dialogue.

Designed as an interactive forum, the session provided brothers across multiple regions the opportunity to engage directly with fraternity leadership, gain clarity on essential administrative processes, and receive updates on upcoming initiatives and operational improvements affecting Omega on a global scale.

The presence and leadership of Brother Howard were particularly impactful, as his perspective and experience energized those in attendance, reinforcing the importance of informed participation and collective responsibility within the fraternity.



Brothers in the room and on the virtual platform left the session inspired and encouraged by the clarity and direction shared.

Further elevating the significance of the Town Hall, Grand Basileus Brother Ricky Lewis joined the call in support of the event. His participation highlighted the importance of executive engagement and affirmed the fraternity’s dedication to maintaining open lines of communication across all districts and international chapters.

The Town Hall aligned seamlessly with the objectives of Achievement Week, serving as a meaningful platform for connection, collaboration, and fraternity advancement. Through initiatives such as this, Theta Rho continues to demonstrate enthusiasm within the 13th District and across the global Omega brotherhood, strengthening bonds and advancing the fraternity’s mission grounded in **Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.**





QUES IN THE KITCHEN

By: Brother Charlesvester Wims

South Korea - On November 9, 2025, the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter proudly hosted “Ques in the Kitchen,” an afternoon dedicated to fellowship, family, and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood while serving and cooking for their wives. Lambda Xi Chapter Basileus, Brother Eugene Gibbs, graciously opened his home to Brothers, their wives, and families, creating a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere that truly embodied the spirit of Omega.

The afternoon began with Brothers working together in the kitchen, preparing several dishes while sharing laughs, stories, and memories. This collaborative effort not only showcased culinary skills but also reinforced teamwork and camaraderie among the brothers. Once the meal was prepared, everyone gathered to enjoy the food and engage in meaningful conversation, fostering connections between families and reinforcing the importance of unity beyond chapter meetings.

Following the meal, the fellowship continued with a series of fun and friendly games that brought out both laughter and lighthearted competition. Brothers and wives enthusiastically participated, culminating in a spirited game of tug-of-war that became a highlight of the afternoon. The event concluded with smiles, fellowship, and a renewed sense of family, reflecting the Lambda Xi Chapter’s commitment to intentional friendship, brotherhood, and shared experiences that extend beyond service and meetings.



THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP

In a powerful demonstration of friendship, service, and brotherly love, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated's Pi Xi Chapter reaffirmed the true meaning of brotherhood by coming together to support a brother in need.

In October 2025, the Pi Xi Chapter proudly presented a \$40,000 donation to Bro. Sean Blyden, who is currently facing a serious medical challenge requiring a new heart. Through unwavering unity, determination, and compassion, the Chapter ensured that Bro. Blyden would have the financial support necessary to travel to Mexico for his life-changing operation.

This remarkable act of generosity was made possible through chapter-led fundraising efforts, including a greasy pit, a golf tournament, souse events, and a direct contribution from the Pi Xi Chapter itself. These efforts reflect the Fraternity's enduring commitment to caring for its own, especially those who have given years of service and leadership.

"Omega Psi Phi is not just an organization; it is a lifelong bond. When one brother is in need, we all answer the call," shared Bro. James Clarke Pi Xi Basileus.

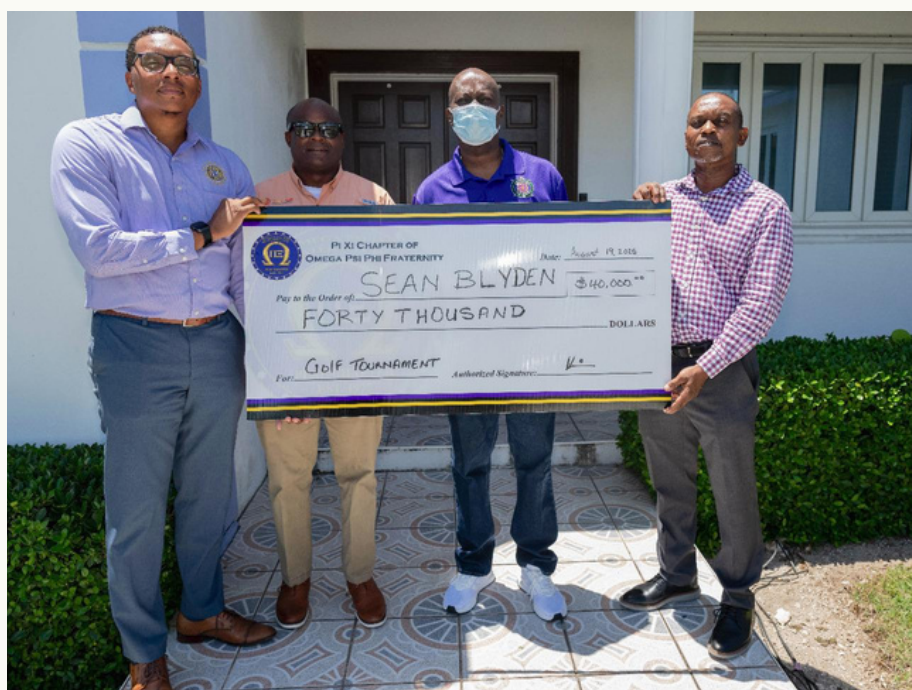
Bro. Sean Blyden's journey has been met with steadfast support from his fellow Brothers, who refused to allow him to face this challenge alone. Their collective action serves as a reminder that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. is built on more than principles it is sustained by action.

"This support has meant more to me than words can express. To see my Brothers rally together reminds me that I am never alone," said Bro. Blyden.

The presentation of the \$40,000 check symbolized more than financial assistance, it represented hope, unity, and the unwavering strength of the Omega bond.

As Bro. Blyden prepares for his surgery, he does so with the strength and confidence that only true brotherhood can provide.

"To see my Brothers rally together reminds me that I am never alone."



ETA IOTA IOTA CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE



On December 8, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Eta Iota Iota Chapter gathered to celebrate another milestone Charter Day, commemorating 35 years of service, leadership, and brotherhood within the community. The occasion was especially meaningful with the presence of two charter members, Brother John Abramson Jr. and Brother Renwick Lynch Sr., whose attendance served as a powerful reminder of the chapter's foundation and enduring legacy.

This year's Charter Day celebration highlighted the strength of intergenerational brotherhood, bringing together founding members and current brothers united by a shared commitment to the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The fellowship reflected not only on past accomplishments but also on the continued relevance and impact of the chapter's work.

The presence of the charter members underscored the importance of honoring those who laid the groundwork for Eta Iota Iota's success while inspiring future generations to carry the torch forward. Their continued engagement exemplifies the lifelong bond of Omega brotherhood and the enduring value of service to the fraternity and the community.

As Eta Iota Iota Chapter looks ahead, the brothers remain committed to advancing the mission of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. United in purpose and strengthened by history, the chapter looks forward to many more years of service, impact, and brotherhood.



READY TO RENDER AID

By: Brother Marcus Shepard

South Korea - On Saturday, November 1, 2025, seven members of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. dedicated their time to successfully complete CPR/AED certification through the American Red Cross at Maude Hall, located on Camp Humphreys Army Base in South Korea.

Before participating in the hands-on portion of the training, the brothers completed a two-hour online module that tested their knowledge in CPR/AED administration, first aid techniques, and response procedures for blocked airways in infants, children, and adults. This blended learning approach ensured that each participant gained a comprehensive understanding of lifesaving practices before applying those skills in real-world simulations.



“This type of proactive training reinforces our collective readiness and brings an invaluable layer of safety to all our events and community engagements.”

Health Initiative Committee Chairman Brother Andrew Wesley emphasized the importance of the training, stating, “This accomplishment significantly enhances our chapter’s commitment to public health and community safety.” With their new certifications, these brothers are now prepared to act as vital first responders, capable of providing immediate assistance in emergencies.

Basileus Richard Smith also highlighted the broader significance of the certification, noting, “This type of proactive training reinforces our collective readiness and brings an invaluable layer of safety to all our events and community engagements.”



The completion of this training stands as a testament to Lambda Xi Chapter’s dedication to service, preparedness, and leadership. By investing in essential life-saving skills, the chapter continues to uphold the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. mission of uplifting communities and leading by example.



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



PERSONAL MILESTONES & BROTHERHOOD

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

EARNED NOT GIVEN

In an inspiring showcase of leadership and dedication, Bro. Deondre Long of Theta Rho International Chapter has made significant strides in empowering youth through educational support. As the CEO of Supporting Our Veterans Mentoring Our Youth (SOVMOY), a nonprofit organization he established in 2020, Bro. Long has truly exemplified the values of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In 2025, under Bro. Long's visionary leadership, SOVMOY awarded a remarkable total of 12 scholarships amounting to \$15,500. Among these, Bro. Long's signature Command Sergeant Major Long \$5,000 Annual Scholarship stands out as a beacon of hope for students in the Tri-City area. This prestigious scholarship is the highest single award available, impacting 12 high schools across Georgia and Alabama, thereby uplifting the community and fostering educational advancement.

The annual Heroes Ball, a celebration that takes place during the last weekend of July, serves as the stage for this noteworthy scholarship presentation. At this esteemed event, Bro. Long honors the scholarship recipients, acknowledging their hard work and commitment to their education while encouraging them to pursue their dreams.

Bro. Deondre Long's unwavering commitment to both veterans and youth shines through in his philanthropic efforts and reinforces the mission of Theta Rho to uplift and empower. Theta Rho International Chapter is proud to recognize Bro. Long's contributions and his impactful work, which resonates within the community and sets an inspiring example for the members and future leaders of our fraternity.

As we look forward to the future, we continue to support and celebrate the efforts of our brothers who strive to make a positive change in the lives of others. Bro. Long's achievements remind us of the profound impact service and mentorship can have in shaping brighter futures for the youth in our communities.

2025 SOVMOY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



2025 CSM Long Scholarship Winner
Sanai Crumlin, Northside High School
 Columbus Technical College, Nursing



Samalah Chandler
 Kendrick High School
 Columbus Technical College, Nursing
 MSG Julian Jones Sr. Memorial Scholarship

\$500 Donations made by:
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Ashlyn Peterson
 Kendrick High School
 Albany State Univ., Nursing
 Antonio Crawley and Kevin Scholarship



Cameron King
 Northside High School
 Emory Univ., Political Science
 Tammy R. Freeman Memorial Scholarship



Mercedes Milner
 Hardaway High School
 Albany State Univ., Nursing
 Sherman Peebles Memorial Scholarship



Tristian Patterson
 Columbus High School
 Spelman College, Biology
 Jaime & Cyntia Long + JFAM Entertainment Scholarship



Hyerim Sim
 Northside High School
 Mercer Univ., Psychology
 Evelyn Thomas-Long Scholarship



Cleveland Walker-Kirton
 Kendrick High School
 Georgia Southern University
 Criminal Justice
 Jason Searcy Mem. Scholarship



Adoriana McCary
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 Univ. of Alabama, Plant Biology
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