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## EKK Participates in Mentoring Program

Brothers from Epsilon Kappa Kappa participated in the Community Engagement and Empowerment Network (CEEN) and the A-TEAM Initiative (Ambassadors of The Evers Academy for African-American Males) at Nichols Middle School during the Fall school term.

This mentoring program is designed to positively impact the youth in our community and improve the quality life for young African American males.



## EKK Participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

On Saturday, October 26, 2013 Brothers from the Epsilon Kappa Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity participated and volunteered their time to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Jackson MS. This nation-wide and annual event supports the cure for cancer. Thousands of people came out to show their support for the 5K event that involved the “The Color Me Pink Powder Bombshells”. Brothers Otis Davis and Perry Davis assisted with the event-wide operation. This event raised over \$200,000.00 dollars and still collecting.



## EKK Participated in Walk Against The Hunger

On Saturday, November 2, 2013, the Brothers from the Epsilon Kappa Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity participated in their first Walk Against Hunger to support the ministries of Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread is a soup kitchen, food pantry, meals on wheels program and clothing closet located in Canton, MS.

This was a city-wide event that started at 8 AM on the square in downtown Canton. There were over 75 people present including the Mayor of Canton, Chief of Police, different churches and organizations. They supported this event by making monetary donations as well as participating in a 5K run/walk event. An Award ceremony was held at the start/finish area for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of the 5K run/walk. Brothers participating in this charitable event were Otis Davis, Robert McCallum, and Perry Davis. This event raised \$7,500.00 dollars and is still collecting donations. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was very honored be a part of this event, making a difference in people's lives.



## **EKK Founders Day Banquet**

The members of the Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated their Annual Founders Day Program November 15, 2013, at New Jerusalem Church in Jackson, MS. This event is held annually to honor the founding fathers of Omega by recognizing the marvelous works and service exemplified by local students, citizens and fellow Omega Men. Brother Dr. David Marion, 7<sup>th</sup> District Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was the keynote speaker.

### **EKK Achievement Award Recipients included:**

- Undergraduate Scholar Award –Brother James Coleman
- Citizen of the Year Award - Brother Gary Adams and Brother Amos Hamlin
- Brotherhood Award – Brother Louis Credle III, Brother T.L. Chandler, and Brother John Higgins
- Outstanding Service Award – Brother Sherwin Johnson and Brother Frank Branch
- Omega Man of the Year Award—Brother Ernest Sanders

### **Omega High School Scholars included:**

1. Destiny Bonds - Ridgeland High School
2. Melanie Groves - Murrah High School
3. Tevin Tillman - Murrah High School
4. Kendrick Wallace - Madison Central High School

One of these five High School Scholars who participated in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity National Essay Contest will receive a Scholarship from Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter during their High School Award Day.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. It's founders were three undergraduate students, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman, and one faculty advisor, Professor Ernest Everett Just.

EKK Founders Day Banquet Cont.



## EKK /Thanksgiving Annual Food Drive

Members of the Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and several other Canton area fraternities, sororities, and organizations participated in an annual Thanksgiving can food giveaway Sunday, November 17, 2013. The organizations met at the Anderson Masonic Lodge in Canton, MS, to bag and organize the canned goods and other nonperishable items. Afterwards, they delivered the goods to the surrounding Canton neighborhoods and communities.



## EKK Sponsors Male's Clothing Drive

As part of a Christmas project for the 2013 holiday season, the brothers of the Epsilon Kappa Kappa (EKK) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted a male clothing drive. The project concluded with a presentation to the Our Daily Bread Ministries organization of Canton, MS, on December 6, 2013. Daphyne Cain, director of Our Daily Bread Ministries, had previously indicated to EKK that there was a need for male clothing and was very appreciative of the donation.

Brothers in attendance for the donation included Basileus Don Spann, Vincent Chapman, David Evans, and Dominick Riley.



## EKK Donates Gift Cards to Mentees

The Brothers of the Epsilon Kappa Kappa (EKK) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented their mentees (Marquiz Wright, Armaun Jackson, Joshua Jackson) from the Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African-American Males (A-TEAAM) with gift cards for Christmas on December 20, 2013, at Nichols Middle School in Canton, MS.

“We are honored to participate in this program that is making a positive impact on the lives of young African American males in our communities, said Basileus Don Spann.

Brothers in attendance included Basileus Don Spann and Perry Davis.



## EKK Christmas Gifts Donations

The Brothers of Epsilon Kappa Kappa (EKK) Fraternity Inc., brought joy to two families during the 2013 Christmas holiday season.

EKK delivered school clothes to Marsha Cloud of Pearl, MS, on December 23, 2013. The single mother of four children was very appreciative of the gift. Brothers in attendance for the Cloud Christmas presentation included Basileus Don Spann and Will Jemison.

EKK also presented Shelia Harvey and her family with bedding accessories and a new microwave. The family was overjoyed by EKK's generosity. Brothers in attendance for the Harvey Christmas presentation included Basileus Don Spann, Perry Davis, Lanny Slaughter, and Dr. Timothy Johnson.



## 2013 Winter Benefit Gala

Uplift, Inc., the Madison County (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented the 2013 Winter Benefit Gala on December 31, 2013, at Plantation Commons in Madison, MS. During the event, Uplift, Inc. was awarded a donation which was provided through generous sponsorship from Enterprise, Bank Plus, Bluntson Donors, Venture Technologies, Health Assurance, the host organizations, and citizens of Madison community. The goal of the gala is to raise funds for a local organization that provides services in and around Madison County in order to support their ongoing public service programs. In addition, the gala generates funds for free programs provided by Uplift, Delta Sigma Theta, and Omega Psi Phi. This year's gala also included a "book drive", and gala participants donated over 100 books. Over 150 guests attended the Winter Benefit Gala, which included dinner, dancing, door prizes, and live entertainment.



## Canton's MLK Parade—2014

Members of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., participated in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade held in Canton on Monday, January 20, 2014.



## Kappa Mu Mu Breast Cancer Drive

On October 12, 2013 the members of Kappa Mu Mu Chapter in Greenville, MS held its Annual Breast Cancer Drive and collected over \$2000 to go toward breast cancer research. The members partnered with The Southern Belles.



## Nu Xi Christmas Donations

The Brothers of Nu Xi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., continued their traditional Christmas donations of fruit to area seniors and toys to local children. The members gathered to sort fruit for distribution to area nursing homes and deliver toys to a local shelter for victims of domestic violence.



## Nu Xi Male Involvement at McLaurin Elementary

On January 22, 2014 McLaurin Elementary in Natchez, MS hosted Male Involvement Outreach. The school-based initiative aimed at encouraging fathers and father figures to take time out to be involved in the education of their children. Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Nu Xi Chapter took part as presenters and participants. As part of the seminar, attendees were afforded opportunities to engage in various activities with the students and teachers; such as, book building. They also received information regarding safe schools and academic support.



## Nu Xi 2014 Carter G. Woodson Black History Challenge

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, the Nu Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its 2014 Carter G. Woodson Black History Challenge. Sixteen local students from grades 4 – 6 endured four rounds of questioning concerning African-American achievements, accomplishments, and awareness. At the end of the competition, 10 students received \$50 digital savings bonds for their cultural acumen. All participants received a gift card, a certificate of participation, and a guided tour of the Natchez Association for the Preservation of African-American Culture (NAPAAC) Museum. The Nu Xi Chapter also bestowed its 2014 Carter G. Woodson “Living Black History” Award upon a 91 year old resident for her service and commitment to ensuring stories of the African-American experience are retold.



## The Eta and Eta Tau Chapter Canned Food Drive

The Eta and Eta Tau Chapters of Omega Psi Phi coordinated a canned/dry food drive during October and November. Over 100 items were collected and delivered to the Storehouse Community Food Pantry in Vicksburg, MS on November 27, 2013. This drive helped local families receive food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the Christmas holiday, the Eta and Eta Tau Chapters delivered food baskets to needy families in Claiborne, Jefferson, and Warren counties. The baskets contained a full course meal of meat, several cans of vegetables, and seasonings. This annual tradition is both chapter's way of giving back to the less fortunate in our surrounding areas.



## The Eta and Eta Tau Chapter Achievement Week

The Eta and Eta Tau Chapter's of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held their annual Achievement Week program luncheon December 8, 2013 on the campus of Alcorn State University. Over 30 brothers were in attendance. Doug Stewart, Eta Tau Basileus served as the program's host. Mississippi State Senator of District 36, Albert Butler (Eta Tau Chapter) served as guest speaker.

The following awards were presented:

- Ω Scholarship Award (Highest GPA UG) – Will Thomas
- Ω Omega Man of the Year (Undergraduate) – Semaj Thomas
- Ω Omega Man of the Year (Graduate) - Christopher Barnett
- Ω Superior Service Award – Jeremy Johnson
- Ω Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award – Colonel Columbus Hood
- Ω Graduate Citizen of the Year – Willie White
- Ω Founders' Award – Eric Lawson
- Ω Chapter of the Year (Graduate) – Eta Tau
- Ω Chapter of the Year (Undergraduate) - Eta
- Ω Undergraduate Chapter Advisor Award – William Bell
- Ω Leadership Award – Doug Stewart



## The Eta and Eta Tau Chapter Achievement Week Cont.



## The Eta and Eta Tau Chapter Christmas Toy Drive

The Eta and Eta Tau chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated collected over 60 toys for less fortunate children. The brothers were asked to donate at least two toys. Each year, the chapters select a county to deliver the toys. This year, Jefferson County was the recipient. Brothers Arnell Harried, Kendrick January, and Jonathan Turner delivered the toys to AJFC Head Start Center in Fayette, Mississippi.



## **Upcoming Event:**

**77th Seventh District Meeting  
April 10-13, 2014. Atlanta, GA**

**Atlanta Marriott Marquis  
265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta GA 30303  
Reservations: (404) 521-0000**

**Mississippi 2014 State Meeting  
September 5-6, 2014  
The Hub City Ques: Phi Rho (Graduate) and Nu Eta (Undergraduate)  
Hattiesburg, MS**

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