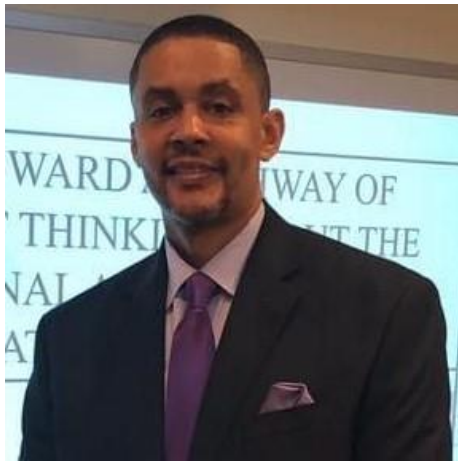




Social Action Committee End of Year Newsletter (October 2020)

FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL (F.I.E.T.T.S.)



Bro. Dr. Lorenzo R. Prillman

*MN Social Action Committee Chairman
Omega Year 2019 - 2020*

I would like to first take this time to thank all the brothers who participated in Social Action Committee events/programs during the 2019 – 2020 Omega Year. I would also like to publicly thank my Vice Chairman, Bro. Jason Miller for his outstanding leadership with organizing community uplift events/programs for students and families of Montgomery County, MD.

The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated are truly an inspiring group of men and I am extremely grateful to you and your service to the students and families of Montgomery County, MD.

Mu Nu Chapter of Montgomery County, MD celebrated its 50th year of

service in Montgomery County, MD under the leadership of Bro. Gabriel T. Brown, Basileus and Bro. Donnell Boykin, Vice Basileus. Brothers, thank you for your leadership and upholding the cardinal principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



During the 2019 – 2020 Omega Year, the Mu Nu Chapter Social Action Committee worked on planning, organizing, and executing community uplift programs/events to fulfill the organizations mission of providing community service to students and families of Montgomery County, MD. This newsletter provides an historical account of Mu Nu Chapter Social Action programs/events, organized, and executed by members of the Mu Nu Chapter Social Action Committee, during the 2019 – 2020 Omega Year.

**Hoops for Hope
Pink Madness Challenge**
Friday, November 01, 2019

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu

Chapter) participated in a fundraising campaign, in partnership with Francis Scott Key Middle School, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



The Hoops for Hope: Pink Madness Challenge 3-ON-3 basketball fundraiser is an annual fundraising event that is held at Francis Scott key Middle School to teach students about the importance of combating the dreadful disease of *Breast Cancer*.



Students support the fight against *Breast Cancer* by seeking out donations from their church organization, teachers, and family members to play in the tournament.



The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) assist with the fundraising event by donating their time to referee the tournament games.



Fifty-five students participated in the one-day tournament. Thank you to Brothers Lorenzo Prillman, Shaun Ratliff, Jason Miller, Jason Osborne, Glenn Grayer, Adrian McDaniel, Mac Gouin & Tracy Jones for supporting the event. All monetary donations received for the Hoops for Hope: Pink Madness Challenge is gifted to the American Cancers Society in the name of Francis Scott Key Middle School and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter). The 2019 Hoops for Hope: Pink Madness Challenge raised a total of \$1,000.00 for the American Cancer Society.

Bridge Builder Mentor Program Self-Confidence & Sports Saturday, November 02, 2019

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) participated in a mentoring session at Northwest High School in Montgomery County, MD. The topic of discussion for the November 2nd Bridge Builder session focused on the connection between building self-confidence and sports. Students were presented with a video presentation on a young African American male student, name Gerald Hodges, who took on the challenge of learning how to swim at his high school (Seguin High School) in Arlington, Texas. Although Gerald Hodges was a great athlete on land, he decided to face the challenge of learning how to swim head-on. Gerald's remarkable transformation ended with him earning his team a trip to the Texas state championships.



The follow-up discussions focused on the importance of having a *growth mindset* vs. a *fixed mindset* when facing a difficult task. Additional conversations focused on the importance of being a risk-taker and how failing at a task or project is an opportunity to learn and build confidence over time to eventually conquer the project or task. Mentors concluded the discussions with explaining how it is also important to be a risk-taker in the classroom when faced with learning a difficult concept or skill.



Read Across the 2nd District Tuesday, November 12, 2019

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) participated in the 1st annual Read Across the 2nd District Day. Mu Nu Chapter brothers (Bro. Lorenzo Prillman, Bro. Shawn Jenkins, and Bro. Jerry Jones) participated in the one-day event at Francis Scott Key Middle School, located in Montgomery County, MD.



Brothers participated in class reading/lesson discussions in ESOL and U.S. History classrooms. Bro. Shawn Jenkins took an active role in supporting ESOL students reading of a fictional text and assisting students with how to identify the main idea of a reading passage.



Bro. Jerry Jones and Bro. Lorenzo Prillman spent time visiting with several U.S. History classes that were preparing students to view the new film titled “Harriet.”



Brothers participated in a reading/discussion activity which focused on students learning about the history of slavery in the United States and the role that Harriet Tubman played with leading slaves to freedom, before the Civil War, as the conductor of the Underground Railroad.



Thank you to Brothers Lorenzo Prillman, Shawn Jenkins, and Jerry Jones for supporting this important initiative and for supporting the education of MCPS students.



3rd Annual BOND Summit Building Our Network of Diversity *Thursday, November 14, 2019*

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in the 3rd annual BOND Summit. The BOND Summit was held at Wheaton Woods Elementary School. The BOND Project is an initiative put forth by a group of Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) educators who believe the school system must develop a better plan to recruit and retain talented male educators of color, especially Black and Latino male teachers, with a focus on mentoring and support from experienced MCPS educators.



The topic of conversation for the 3rd annual BOND Summit involved discussions which focused on workforce diversity, with a specific focus on the influence of male educators of color on male students of color and their academic aspirations/achievements.



Bro. Dr. Lorenzo Prillman, a member of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) and a member/supporter of the BOND Project, attended the summit to participate in the important discussion on recruiting, training and retaining Black and Latino male teachers of color. Bro. Dr. Lorenzo Prillman is a twenty-four-year veteran teacher/administrator in Montgomery County Public Schools who believes that a diverse workforce can positively impact student achievement for Black and Latino male students of color, within MCPS, and across the nation.



Feed the Homeless Shepherd's Table *Tuesday, November 26, 2019*

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) participated in a service event at a local organization known as Shepherd's Table. Shepherd's Table serves individuals from all walks of life, experiencing a unique set of challenges, from homelessness, unemployment, mental health challenges, substance abuse, physical disabilities and more.



The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter participate in the monthly service event by assisting with food prep and serving food to approximately two-hundred and fifty homeless people.



The monthly service project was put forth by Bro. Jason Miller and other members of Mu Nu Chapter's Social Action Committee. You can find brothers of Mu Nu Chapter on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD, providing service to those who are less fortunate. RQQ to the Ques!



12th Annual Father-Daughter Dance *Friday, December 06, 2019*

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in the 12th annual Father-Daughter Dinner Dance. The Father-Daughter Dinner Dance is an annual event held by the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Theta Omega Omega Chapter) in partnership with the men of Omega Psi

Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Mu Nu Chapter) of Montgomery County, MD.



The event is held to provide an opportunity for Omega and non-Omega men to spend quality time with their daughters.



The annual Father-Daughter Dinner Dance show-case Omega men commitment to modeling excellence in the community. The Father-Daughter Dinner Dance is also a part of the Fatherhood Initiatives Program for Mu Nu Chapter. In the words of Bro. Donald Williams "As a leader and Omega man, there is no better feeling then to see our brothers dancing with their daughters, crowning them, and showing them how they should be treated."



Thank you to Bro. Lorenzo Prillman, Bro. Donald Williams, and Bro. Anthony Proctor (photographer) for assisting with making this event a success. Also, thank you to the women of Ivy Vine Charities for making this event possible.

Bridge Builder Mentor Program **Police & Community Relationships** *Saturday, December 07, 2019*

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) participated in a mentoring session at Northwest High School in Montgomery County, MD.

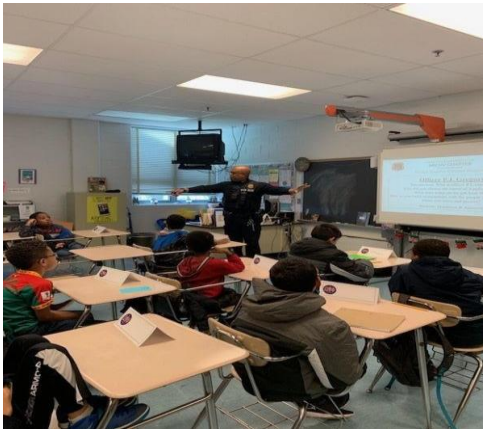


The *Bridge Builder Mentoring Program* is in its fifth year of existence under an arrangement between Saturday School and Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. The program encompasses academic, leadership, and self-confidence/esteem components and is one of the flagship programs for Mu Nu Chapter. The topic of discussion for the December 07th Bridge Builder Mentor Program session focused on

police & community relationships. The session started with a discussion on why many people have mixed feelings about the role of police officers in their community.



The session also covered the history of the Black Lives Matters Movement and how it has impacted communities of color across the nation. A video was also viewed by students which discussed how two police officers in Philadelphia, PA were using Karaoke to build relationships with the people in the community in which they pledged to serve and protect.



Finally, Bro. Officer P.J. Gregory, who serves as a School Resource Officer at Albert Einstein High School in Montgomery County, MD, shared with students how he goes about building relationships with students and families within the Montgomery County Public School System and surrounding communities.



**1st Annual
Toys for Tots & Teens Drive
Housing Opportunities Commission
Monday, December 23, 2019**

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) held its first annual Toys for Tots & Teens Drive at the Fire Station 1 Restaurant & Bar.



Brothers from Mu Nu Chapter and the public participated in the toy drive by collecting toys for children and families who needed financial support for the holidays. The toy drive collected over one-hundred items.



Toys collected from the drive were delivered to nine families and nineteen children who were part of the Housing Opportunities Commission Program in Olney, Maryland.



The generosity of the men of Omega and the caring citizens of Montgomery County, Maryland made the holidays a little brighter for nineteen children and nine families. Thank you to Bro. Jason Miller, Bro. Lorenzo Prillman, Bro. Shaun Ratliff, Bro. Jerry Jones, Bro. Stacey Herring and all the brothers of Mu Nu Chapter for making this event a success.



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Day of Service**
Monday, January 20, 2020

The annual M.L.K. Day of service was held at the Silver Spring Civic Center Building (1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD).



The annual M.L.K. Day of service brings various organizations together under one roof to work on service projects to support students and families of Montgomery County, MD.

Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated 2020 service project involved members of the chapter, and community, putting together over fifty (50) transitional baskets for homeless men in Montgomery County, MD.



At the conclusion of the four (4) hour service project, members of Mu Nu Chapter assisted with transporting the baskets to Shepherd's Table, in Silver Spring, MD where the baskets were distributed to residents of the on-site temporary housing unit.

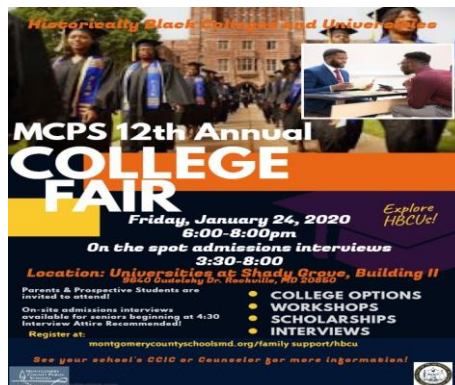


Thank you to the brothers of Mu Nu Chapter and the caring citizens of Montgomery County, Maryland for taking time out to continue to support the dream of Dr. King!



**MCPS 12th Annual
HBCU College Fair
Panel Discussion**
Friday, January 24, 2020

Members of Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated participated in a two-part event to promote the 12th annual HBCU College Fair held by Montgomery County Public Schools.



The HBCU College Fair kicked-off with a channel 4 news broadcast at 5:00 a.m., at the Universities of Shady Grove, in Rockville, MD to promote the HBCU Fair in Montgomery County, MD.



Members of the Divine Nine were well represented at the event and encouraged many of the students of Montgomery County, MD to attend an HBCU.



Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated also participated in the Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Fair by holding a panel discussion on HBCU Life. The HBCU panel discussion was moderated by Bro. Dr. Lorenzo Prillman, member of Mu Nu Chapter.



The panel discussion provided an opportunity for members of the Montgomery County Divine Nine to answer questions about HBCU life and why students of Montgomery County, MD should attend an HBCU.



A special thank you goes out to Mu Nu Chapter brothers Khary Earley, Stacey Herring and Brandon Ledyard for participating in the HBCU panel discussion and thank you to all the members of the Montgomery County, MD Divine Nine.



**Bridge Builder Mentor Program
Criminal Justice System**
Saturday, January 25, 2020

The topic of discussion for the January 25th Bridge Builder Mentor Program session focused on the criminal justice system. The session started with having students develop a conceptual understanding of the criminal justice system that included its purpose and how it functions. The session then explained how the criminal justice system does not always meet the common good of all people, especially

people of color. The session discussed specifically how race influences convictions and how black and brown people disproportionately make-up the prison population of the criminal justice system. A clip from the film “Just Mercy” provided the backdrop for the discussion on the U.S. Criminal Justice System.



Thank you to the brothers of Mu Nu Chapter (Bro. Duane Dickerson & Bro. Shaun Ratliff) who came out to provide uplift to our Bridge Builder Mentor Program students.



**Feed the Homeless
Shepherd's Table**
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) participated in their second service event at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD. Shepherd's Table serves individuals from all walks of life, experiencing a unique set of challenges, from homelessness, unemployment, mental health

challenges, substance abuse, physical disabilities and more.



The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter volunteered their time to participate in the January service event, at Shepherd's Table, by assisting with food prep and serving food to approximately three-hundred and fifty homeless people.



Thank you to all the brothers that participated in the January 2020 food service event at Shepherd's Table. You can find brothers of Mu Nu Chapter on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD, providing service to those who are less fortunate. RQQ to the Ques!



Feed the Homeless Shepherd's Table

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Mu Nu Chapter) participated in their third service event at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD. Shepherd's Table serves individuals from all walks of life, experiencing a unique set of challenges, from homelessness, unemployment, mental health challenges, substance abuse, physical disabilities and more.



The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter volunteered their time to participate in the February service event, at Shepherd's Table, by assisting with food prep and serving food to approximately two-hundred homeless people.



Thank you to all the brothers that participated in the February 2020 food service event at Shepherd's Table. You can find brothers of Mu Nu Chapter on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD, providing service to those who are less fortunate. RQQ to the Ques!

March of Dimes March for Babies (Virtual Walk)

Saturday, June 20, 2020

The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter, along with family and friends, participated in a virtual walk to raise funds for the March of Dimes. The virtual walk required each brother to conduct a 2k – 3k walk in their own community on Saturday, June 20th.



The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter, along with family and friends, were able to raise \$3,100.00 for the March of Dimes campaign. A special thanks goes out to Bro. Timothy Woods for being the Team Lead on the project. RQQ to the QUES!



Delta-Que Sickle Cell Blood Drive

Friday, July 10, 2020

The Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and Mu Nu Chapter of Montgomery County MD held a blood drive, with the support of the American Red Cross, to assist with the shortage of blood created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sister Pearl Parker was the Key organizer of the

event for the Deltas of Montgomery County, Maryland.



Bro. Lorenzo Prillman and Bro. Jason Miller were the key organizers of the Mu Nu Chapter Support Team for the blood drive. Members of the Mu Nu Chapter Support Team were responsible for taking the temperature of donors and keeping the blood drive areas sanitized for blood drive staff members & donors.



The Delta-Que Blood Drive was able to collect 70 units of blood and potentially save 194 lives. Congressman David Trone tweeted about the blood drive and thanked both organizations, along with the American Red Cross, for their effort to help make up for the blood shortage created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Thank you to the brothers of Mu Nu Chapter (Bro. Paul Scott, Bro. Donald Williams, Bro. Shaun Ratliff, Bro. Alejandro Gonzalez, Bro. Jason Osborne, and Bro. Jason Miller) for volunteering your time for a great cause. RQQ to the QUES!



**American Cancer Society
Real Ques Wear Pink
T-Shirt Fundraiser**
Saturday, October 17,

Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter participated in a T-Shirt fundraising campaign to benefit the American Cancer Society. The goal of the fundraiser was to raise funds for the American Cancer Society to continue the fight against the deadly disease of breast cancer through funding ongoing clinical research.



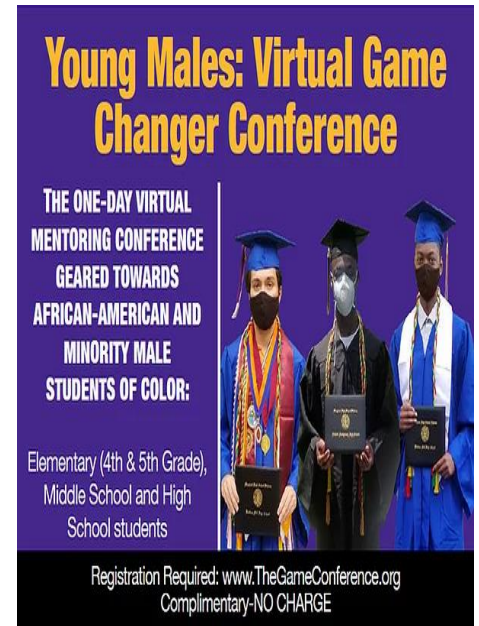
Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter participated in raising money for the American Cancer Society by purchasing a Think Pink T-Shirt titled "Real Ques Wear Pink." Twelve (\$12.00) dollars from each T-Shirt sold was donated to the American Cancer Society. The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter were able to raise a total of \$546.00 to be donated to the American Cancer Society.



Thank you to brother Adrian McDaniel for designing the T-Shirt and mass producing it for the brotherhood. In addition, thank you to every brother who participated in the Think Pink T-Shirt fundraiser. I look forward to brothers wearing their T-shirts and participating in the breast cancer walk in October of 2021.

**Virtual Game Changer Conference
For Young Males**
Saturday, October 24, 2020

The ninth annual Game Changer Conference for Young Males was held virtually on Saturday, October 24, 2020. The theme of the conference was "Mentoring in the Midst of a Crisis." There were approximately twenty-five parents and ninety students in attendance. Conference presentation topics included E-Learning Strategies for the Virtual Classroom, the Vote: Your Civil Duty, Salute to the Military, and Police & Community Relationships.



A special thank you goes out to the founder of the Game Changers Conference, Bro. Donald Williams for his efforts with organizing the first virtual G.C.C.Y.M. and inspiring our youth during these uncertain times.



A special thank you also goes out to the conference presenters (Bro. Clarence Thomas, Bro. Glenn Grayer, Bro. Walter Neighbors, Bro. David Hill, Bro. P.J. Gregory and the Master of Ceremony, Bro. Dr. Lorenzo Prillman) for sharing their wisdom and knowledge to assist students and families of Montgomery County, MD with navigating through these uncharted waters to find success. Great job!

**Mu Nu Chapter
Virtual Diabetes Walk**
Saturday, October 31, 2020

The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter, along with family and friends, participated in a virtual walk to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association. The virtual walk required each brother to conduct a 2k – 3k walk in their own community on Saturday, October 31st.



The brothers of Mu Nu Chapter, along with family and friends, were able to raise \$1,570.00 for the American Diabetes campaign. A special thanks goes out to Bro. Jason Miller for being the Team Lead on the project. RQQ to the QUES!



**1st Annual
Social Action Committee
Community Service Award
2019 - 2020**
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

The 1st Annual Social Action Committee Community Service Award was given out at the 2020 Achievement Week Ceremony for Mu Nu Chapter.



The Mu Nu Chapter Social Action Committee Community Service Award recognizes a brother for his superior work in serving the students and families of Montgomery County, MD through participating and/or leading various community uplift projects.



Congratulations to Bro. Shaun Ratliff on winning the 1st Annual Social Action Committee Community Service Award. Your dedication to the students and families of Montgomery County, MD is greatly appreciated!



**Mu Nu Chapter
2019 - 2020
Social Action Committee Members**

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Bro. Jason Miller, **Vice Chairman**

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Bro. Eddie Black
Bro. Kai Bough
Bro. Donnell Boykin, **Vice Basileus**
Bro. Greg Boykin
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Bro. Timothy Woods
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Bro. Greg Wims

Thank you!