

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY

Gamma Phi Chapter

Nashville Tennessee

2017 Achievement Week Edition

November 2017

Achievement Week

On the eve of its 106th anniversary, Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc., with more than 750 chapters spanning the globe, began celebrating its annual Achievement Week.

Achievement Week, one of 10 Mandated Programs, is observed each November to recognize those individuals at the local and International level who have contributed to community uplift. "At its core, I find Achievement Week to be an opportunity to stop, reflect and recognize the outstanding accomplishments of members past and present, as well as those non-members who selflessly serve within our community", says Ralph Yarborough, Gamma Phi Chapter.

The Gamma Phi Chapter hosted several events during the 2017 Achievement Week.



The Gamma Phi Chapter

The Gamma Phi Chapter having celebrated its 92nd anniversary a few weeks earlier, on October 25th, gathered together in the spirit of friendship and fraternity on Founder's Day. This year's event was special as the keynote speaker was the erudite Bro. Dr. Shawn Joseph, Director of Nashville Public Schools, who delivered a message filled with words of wisdom often citing excerpts from the speech of one of our Founders, the honorable Bro. Bishop Edgar Amos Love. Bro. Joseph remarked on our motto — "Friendship is Essential to the Soul", why it was chosen and the importance of friendship. I could sense that the words being spoken were from the conscience of our Founders who built this lasting organization whose principles we must diligently uphold until our last breath. "As we enter this new year of service we hold true to our Cardinal Principles: **Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.**"

Omega Chapter
Dr. Albert G. Berry



June 29, 1933 - October 16, 2017
Initiated Zeta Epsilon 4/21/1951
Life Member Omega Psi Phi
Former 5th District Representative

*"In order for our fraternity to
stay strong, brothers must love
one another."*

Dr. Albert G. Berry

Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award
2017 recipient Bro. Herschell Warren, on right.



Superior Service Award
2017 recipient Bro. Daniel Craig, on right.



Founders' Day Program



Award Recipients

The Founder's Day program recognized several individuals for their superior performance and leadership, as well as their commitment to the Principles and ideals of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This year's award recipients are as follows:

Bro. Jerry Blackman — Omega Man of the Year

Ms. Jacqueline McKie — Citizen of the Year

Bro. Herschell Warren — Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award

Bro. Daniel Craig — Superior Service Award

Bro. John Houston, Sr. — Colonel Charles D. Young Military Leadership Award

Bro. Tevin Thompson — My Brother's Keeper Award

Bro. Steve Gerido — Superior Silent Service Award



L to R.: Bro. Milliner, Basileus Gamma Phi Chapter and Citizen of the Year Award Recipient Ms. Jaqueline McKie.

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Award Recipients, cont'd.

My Brother's Keeper Award



Bro. Tevin Thompson, on right

Superior Silent Service Award



Bro. Steve Gerido, on right

Col. Young Military Service Award



Bro. John Houston, Sr., on right

Achievement Week Programs

Social Action Program

Monday Night Football with the Omegas

The brothers of Gamma Phi Chapter came together to enjoy an evening of football and fellowship in support of the "Room in the Inn Project". The Room in the Inn Project is an organization that supports the local community by providing overnight shelter to Nashville's homeless citizens. The Gamma Phi Chapter asked brothers to support this cause by donating personal hygiene items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and other personal items which would be given to those in need.



Worship at Temple Church

Brothers of Gamma Phi Chapter gather for breakfast at Temple Church on Sunday November 12th to kick off Achievement Week.



Pictured from L to R. Bros. John Burwell, Jr., Mike Milliner, Dale Robinson, Henry Stinson, and Julius Hill

Health Initiatives

How you can be in your best health and enjoy life more!

Brothers of Gamma Phi chapter listen to a presentation by Dr. Kevin Billups and Ira Bxter.



Value your health, it's important!



Social Action

**Community Outreach
Thanksgiving Dinner at
Hadley Park Towers**



The members of Gamma Phi Chapter pause for a photo opportunity. Chapter members along with many others spent the afternoon serving Thanksgiving dinners to the residents of Hadley Park Towers.

Scholarship

College Prep Workshop

The Gamma Phi Chapter conducted a College Prep Workshop in conjunction with Tennessee State University, Belmont University, and RealSports Leadership Academy. The workshop, designed to help prepare students for the future, supplied students with information on the following important topics; How to improve your GPA, ACT Preparation, Scholarship and Grant Opportunities. The event, which was held on the campus Tennessee State University, was attended by 38 students and parents representing 12 schools.



The students listened to inspiring messages from several leaders in academia. Those presenting to the students were Keynote speaker, Dr. Shawn

Joseph, Director of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, Dr. Mary Clark, Director Bridges to Belmont and Multicultural Learning and Experiences, Ms. Barbara Murrell, Director of Community Relations, Tennessee State University and Ms. Shemeka Beadle and Kym Dukes, School Counselors, Metropolitan Nashville



Public Schools. In addition, former NFL player and Tennessee State Alumnus Randy Fuller shared his life experiences and why he choose to attend Tennessee State University.

The event was organized by the Gamma Phi Scholarship Committee, chaired by Roderick Owens. When asked why such an event is important, Mr. Owens remarked, "Our goal was to connect the students with life changing opportunities afforded through higher learning or a college education".

