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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter's Family Outing at the City Pavilion.

The chapter held a family outing at the Vicksburg City Pavilion during the end of the summer break on 11 August 2018 before the beginning of the fraternal and school year to fellowship with one another and used it to help reclaim some brothers by showing unity and love. The chapter invited the members of the Project Alpha Leadership Club and their family members, too. We were blessed with a gorgeous day to fellowship, eat some tasty barbeque and delicious desserts with friends and families. Bro. Davis amazing disc jockey setup provided some great music and videos for the attendees. The chapter members and guests enjoyed playing some casual games of Spades, ping pong, and cornhole/bean bag toss against each other. The finishing touch for the outing was the water balloon toss contest. Now, that was a lot fun to see and be a part of. Since it was a hot day, no one cared about getting wet. They enjoyed it with a smile and laughs. We can't wait for next year's outing. Great job Bro. Kevin Abraham for heading up this committee and all of the brothers who assisted with the event.



Highlights from the Chapter's Family Outing



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter holding a voter's registration drive, "Voteless People is a Hopeless People", at the Vicksburg Pemberton Mall.

The chapter held a voter's registration drive at the center court of the Vicksburg Pemberton Mall on 21 September 2018 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. We partner with the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta and another non-profit organization. Our chapter created flyers and pamphlets that we gave to the people in the mall and to those who we were able to register to vote. We distributed little voting reminders in the format of business cards to the public, too. We register about 20 people to vote.

We were able to educate some people who were not sure if they could or not vote concerning their rights to vote. In addition, the information we passed out consisted of two important links. One link directed people to the state's site to inform them if they were already register to vote or not. The other link requested people to enter their home address and it would show where they supposed to go to vote for elections. **REMEMBER, A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS TRULY A HOPELESS PEOPLE.**

A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People

"A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" was initiated as a National Program of Alpha during the 1930's when many African-Americans had the right to vote but were prevented from voting because of poll taxes, threats of reprisal, and lack of education about the voting process. Voter education and registration has remained a dominant focus of this outreach activity for over 65 years. In the 1990's, the focus has shifted to include political awareness and empowerment, delivered most frequently through town meetings and candidate forums.



Highlights from the Voting Registration Drive



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter volunteering to help Habitat for Humanity with two projects in the Vicksburg community.

Bro. Kerry Taylor has been doing a superb job representing Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. by assisting with Habitat for Humanity projects in our local community of Vicksburg, MS. Recently, he helped with a current project at a house on Roosevelt Street from 8-12 noon, 2 OCT 2018.

The organization and volunteers work on the houses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The completion date is pending. Once completed, there will be a homeowner dedication ceremony sponsored by the Mayor's Office. There will be more projects forthcoming. The organization and volunteers hold monthly planning/business every 1st Monday of each Month from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The local organization's contacts are the following: (601) 529-9361, E-mail: wchabitatreas541@att.net and <http://warrencountyhabitat.com/abouthabitat.htm>.

The Habitat for Humanity organization is a non-profit Christian housing organization. Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity International has built more than 175,000 houses, providing shelter for nearly 900,000 people worldwide. Now at work in 100 countries, we are building a house every 26 minutes. By 2005, Habitat houses will be sheltering 1 million people. Local Habitat affiliates coordinate house building and select partner families. The homeowner families purchase habitat houses. Three factors make the houses affordable to low-income people worldwide: (1) Houses are sold at no profit, with no interest charged on the mortgage, (2) Homeowners and volunteers build the houses under trained supervision, and (3) Individuals, corporations, faith groups and others provide financial support. Homeowner families are chosen according to their need; their ability to repay the no-profit, no-interest mortgage; and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat. Habitat for Humanity does not discriminate according to race, religion, or ethnic group. Local affiliates consist of employees from the nonprofit local organization, volunteers from AmeriCorps, local church organizations, local Fraternities/Sororities/Masonic Lodges, and the City of Vicksburg.



Bro. Kerry Taylor helping Habitat for Humanity with local projects



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Highlights from the Habitat for Humanity Project



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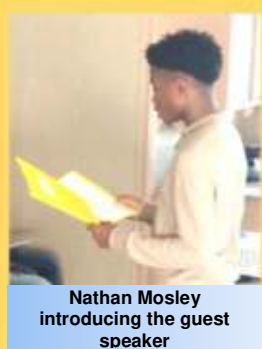
November 5, 2018

Greetings everyone! October's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) first meeting on Saturday, 27 OCT 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting was kicked off with a prayer by Bro. Gregory L. Jackson, who is the Director of Educational Activities. Then we welcome back the members and one new member after the mission statement and the motto was stated by this year's President of PALC, Tyler Jackson, who is a senior at Warren Central High School. Bro. Jackson explained to the young men about the leadership program pertaining to them being taught life skills, etiquette, and awareness. They were told how exciting this year would be for them and they would be challenged to be a positive figure within their community and among their peers. They were informed they would have fun participating in the planned teambuilding exercises and learn how to resolve matters by thinking outside of the box rather than the norm. In addition, they were informed their male mentors would help them make better and more informed choices about their sexual behavior.

As always, the meeting was educational, entertaining and inspiring for the young men. The primary topics for each meeting are leadership qualities, life skills, and education. The agenda covered Current Events, The 9 BEST Scientific Study Tips media clip by AsapSCIENCE, and two Leadership Skills Pertaining to Stress (2 Out of 12 Suggestions to Keep Stress Under Control Pertaining to School: Prioritize & Organize Your Environment). The guest speaker was Bro. Reginald Johnson, who is the Director of Respiratory at the Claiborne County Medical Center in Port Gibson, MS. He spoke to the young men about the importance of education, staying focus, put education first, and failing isn't an option. The young men had several questions for him and the feedback was very enlighten and beneficial for them. Nathan Mosley introduced the guest speaker and Tyler Jackson thanked him for coming. We use the introductions and closing remarks as a tool to help build self-esteem in the young men with public speaking. We ended the meeting with two fun teambuilding exercises, "Solve the Crime" and the "Baton Pass." Our goal was to build teamwork skills, to strengthen communication skills, and how to react under pressure or stress by increasing the comfort level of the group. We wanted them to learn how to work together as a group to solve a problem, too. Remember to VOTE!



Bro. Greg Jackson



Nathan Mosley introducing the guest speaker



Guest Speaker, Bro. Reggie Johnson



Bro. Courtney Grace sharing knowledge



Tyler Jackson thanking the guest speaker



Teambuilding Exercise: Solve the Crime



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November 17, 2018



Mr. Jackson explaining the proper way to check a tire's air pressure and how much air to put in a tire according to a tire's psi

November's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's meeting on Saturday, 10 NOV 2018.

The first hour consisted of a classroom setting with the young men at Alcorn State University's Vicksburg Branch and the second hour consisted of fun. The fun part was us taking the young men bowling at the bowling alley at Pemberton Square Mall. The meeting was short but very productive. As always, we have a set agenda for each meeting and for this meeting we used one of the young men as the time keeper to keep us on schedule. The agenda included a brain teaser for the young men which they always enjoy and it's one of the tools we use to make them take out time to think before reacting or responding so quickly. The brain teaser we chose for this meeting was 'Count the Number of Holes in the Shirt'. Only one of them got it correct. As you know we are developing them to be leaders and the two leadership qualities we discussed were Staying Focus and Remain Positive. We had a very good time discussing the two and how those qualities could benefit them in the future. We were very impressed with their feedback concerning the topics. We were able to include a How-To-Do exercise, too. Since they are young men, we always feel they should know how to do many things. So, we showed them how to properly read the air pressure in the tires of a vehicle and how to properly inflate the tires according to the tire's psi. We used a real tire and a tire gauge that each of them had to read, so they could gain that hands on experience. Before we left to go bowling we wrapped up our classroom session with one of our gentlemen courses which was practicing how to tie a bow tie. Two of our newest members were still learning the basics of it but we have no doubt they will all know how to tie a bow tie before the school year is over. Now, the bowling was fun and good trash talking. Of course, Mr. Huell and Mr. Jackson had to quieten them by finishing with higher scores than the young men. They were very humble afterwards. We all had a great time.



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December 23, 2018

December's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) community service project on Saturday, 8 DEC 2018.

Each year the young men participates in one or more community service projects that are scheduled by us, their mentors. This was the second community service project for the young men during this school year. We always explain to them that engaging in community service provides them with the opportunity to become active members of their community and has a lasting, positive impact on society. We love that it enables them to acquire life skills and knowledge and they are helping those who need it most. We have established a good relationship with the local Salvation Army as being volunteered Bell Ringers. Again, we were setup at Hobby Lobby. It was a rainy day but we didn't let that stop us. Each member was requested to volunteer for at least two hours. There was at least one mentor present with the young men. The event took place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It was another successful event. Great job!

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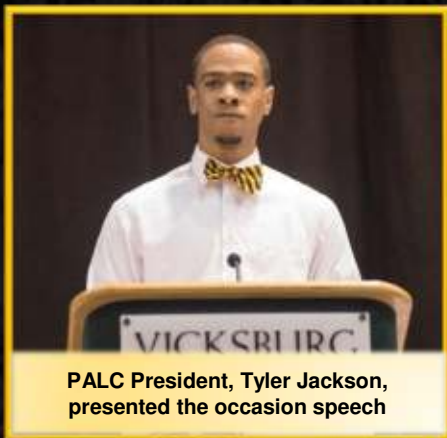
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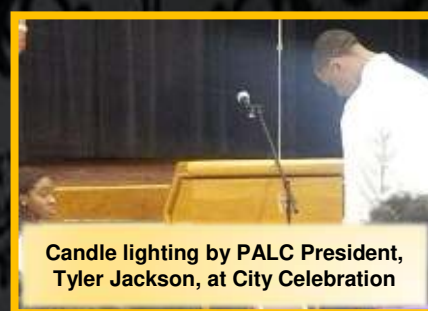
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February 8, 2019



PALC President, Tyler Jackson, presented the occasion speech

This storyboard consist of pictures of the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) members attending the 30th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, 21 JAN 2019 at the Vicksburg Convention Center. The Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) President, Mr. Tyler Jackson, sat at the head table with the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and he did a fabulous job presenting the occasion speech. All of the PALC members assisted the Alpha men with placing the programs on the tables and placing the observance posters. Mr. Gregory L Jackson, who is one of the young men's mentors and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., recognized the young men during the program and he explained to the audience about the PALC program. He added they are always recruiting 12-17 year old young men to be part of the program. The young men received a number of compliments for being well manner, respectful, and being well dressed with the bow ties. Later that evening, Tyler Jackson, accepted the request to participate in the Vicksburg City Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday at the Vicksburg City Auditorium. He was on the program to perform the lighting of the candle during the program.



Candle lighting by PALC President, Tyler Jackson, at City Celebration



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ORL Ed. Foundation
Chairman, Bro. Ed Huell,
presided the program



ORL President, Bro. Ben
Brown, presented warm
greetings



PALC President, Tyler
Jackson, presented the
occasion speech



Mayor Flaggs presented
the Key of the City to the
General President, Dr.
Everett Ward



A fellow Alpha man from Arkansas
who was born in Vicksburg
presented the Foundation with a
generous \$500 donation

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter and its Educational Foundation's 30th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, 21 JAN 2019 at the Vicksburg Convention Center in Vicksburg, MS. It was another great event. The event brought together hundreds of people for the birthday celebration and great fundraising event. The Educational Foundation is dedicated to providing educational and monetary assistance to talented, deserving junior high and high school students and the Alpha men are determined to transforming the lives of the local junior and high school students. The Foundation awarded an one-time scholarship in the amount of \$100 to five 7th grade students who attends either Vicksburg Junior High School or Warren Central Junior High School. In addition, the Foundation awarded the Community Service Award to Ms. Linda Fondren for her work she has done and continues to do in the local community. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Bro. Dr. Everett Ward, who is the 35th General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The Alpha brothers really enjoyed his attendance. The Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) President, Mr. Tyler Jackson, did a great job giving the occasion speech. After 30 years, the annual program is still going strong which is based on an idea from Bro. Walker when he was mayor of Vicksburg after he attended a conference and a scholarship breakfast out of town. The Foundation received a special presentation of a \$500 donation from a fellow Alpha man who has been a member for 50 years. He resides in Arkansas but was born and raised in Vicksburg. He stated it warmed his heart to see his fellow Alpha brothers doing Alpha work in their community.



ORL Educational Foundation's 7th Grade
Essay Scholarship Recipients (5)



Brothers of ORL are joined by the 35th General President, SRVP, District
Director, Asst. District Director and Executive Director



The Community Service
Award was awarded to
Ms. Linda Fondren



Bro. Walker



Young men of PALC



Highlights from the 30th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of the Building Renaming Ceremony in Honor of Bro. Robert M. Walker.

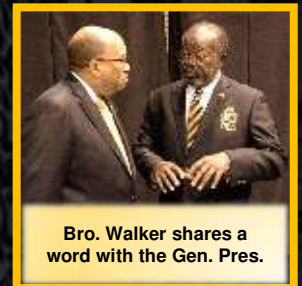
City of Vicksburg's board of Mayor and Aldermen hosted a building dedication ceremony which consisted of the renaming of an annex to the City Hall in the honor of former Mayor Bro. Robert Major Walker. The ceremony took place outside of the City Hall before noon, January 21, 2019. Most of the people in attendance had just left our 30th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast down the hill at the Vicksburg Convention Center. As soon as the Scholarship Breakfast had ended, Bro. Walker and his wife and best friend, Sylvia, headed to the celebration in his honor. The turnout of family, friends, and local citizens was pleasing. Even the weather cooperated for the outside event after the city had just experienced some freezing and snow flurries a couple of days before the ceremony. Several individuals on the program spoke, prayed, and sung. Mayor Flaggs shared some history of his relationship with Bro. Walker on a personal and professional level. Mayor Flaggs and everyone who shared some warm words had one thing in common pertaining to Bro. Walker. They all love and respect him. His wife, Sylvia, who is his own personal songbird, sung beautiful, too. Since the 35th General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Bro. Dr. Everett Ward, was present as the keynote speaker at our Scholarship Breakfast earlier that morning, he informed us he wanted to attend the event. Mayor Flaggs gave the General President an opportunity to say a few words in honor of Bro. Walker. After words of appreciation have been shared and songs have been sung so exquisitely, several city workers revealed the new name of the annex building, Robert M. Walker Building. A reception followed the ceremony at the Vicksburg City Auditorium. Bro. Walker, you are truly an inspiration to many and your brothers of the Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. are very proud of you.



Bro. Walker and his wife, Sylvia



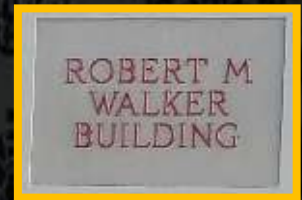
The 35th General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,
Bro. Dr. Everett Ward



Bro. Walker shares a word with the Gen. Pres.



Ms. Bettye Oliver,
presided the ceremony



Highlights from Bro. Walker's Building Renaming Ceremony



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Bro. Adrian Hall giving some important advice

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We were happy to see the young men because it had been awhile since we met with them in a meeting session to discuss the important topics or work on the important things like life skills, awareness, and self-esteem. The last time we had that type of session was in November 2018. Now, we have met since then but it was for events. They had a community service event in December 2018 and was part of the 30th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast hosted by their mentors, the men of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in January 2019. So, we had a lot on the agenda to cover with them for this meeting. After a different young man volunteered to say the prayer, vision, mission, and the motto, we were able to share some great dialogues with one another. First, we covered some current events pertaining to what they have noticed in the news lately and why they thought it was important. We always encourage the young men to pay attention to what is happening locally and nationally by watching at least a few minutes of the news on TV or through social media. Of course, the hot topic of discussion was about the President of the United States. We added a brain teaser for this meeting, too. We did an attention experiment to test their attention to detail by showing them a short media clip. It was a classic study on sustained inattention blindness. It was interesting because they found out more about themselves when it comes to paying attention to detail. Only one or two of them had the correct answer and we showed it twice. Since it is Black History Month, we had a discussion on how black youth impacted the Civil Rights Movement or how they played a pivotal role in the movement. Then we use that to have another discussion by hitting them with 'Responding to the Black Male Problem Today' and why our program is so important to keep them from the negative things in our society like crime, drugs, teenage pregnancies, school dropouts, etc. The two leadership qualities discussed were Confidence and Visionary Outlook. Several of them shared why they felt this was one of their best qualities and it was pleasing to hear. Next, we conducted a leadership exercise, Animated Reading, with the young men. This exercise helps with self-esteem and public speaking. After receiving some pointers from us, they did a great job. Also, we shared some do's and don'ts of public speaking. The last thing we covered on the agenda was a How-To-Do Exercise which was checking a vehicle's oil level and how to add oil to the proper level. As I said earlier, we had a lot to cover with the young men. We have a great balance with our meetings by having serious discussions with mixture of fun learning activities because we are very aware of the attention span of young people.



Animated Reading Exercise before moving to the podium



Animated Reading Exercise

February 9, 2019

How to Check Your Oil

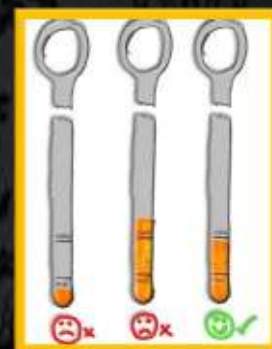
Oil keeps your vehicle's engine running smoothly. Check it regularly to prevent problems to the future.

- 1 Check in the morning, when oil has thoroughly drained from the engine.
- 2 Lift your hood. Locate the dipstick. (If screen fit, if necessary.) Have wiping towel ready. Pull dipstick out.
- 3 Wipe the dipstick clean and reinsert it yourself with the markings. There should be two marks, one for minimum and one for maximum oil levels.
- 4 Completely remove the entire dipstick so you get a proper reading.
- 5 Pull out the dipstick a second time. Compare the oil level to the marks. The oil level should be at or near the maximum oil mark. If the oil level is near or below the minimum oil mark, schedule an oil change.
- 6 Reinsert the dipstick, screw it tight (if necessary) and close your hood.

You're all set to get back on the road.



The young men learning how to check and add oil at the proper level in a vehicle



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consists of pictures from brothers participating in the National Read Across America Day.

Several brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter volunteered their time by participating in the National Read Across America Day on Friday, March 1, 2019 in the Vicksburg-Warren School District. It was discussed in one of the chapter's earlier meetings that brothers who were available for the event could go to various schools to read to a class. The brothers agreed to partner with Bro. Bolts' wife's school, Warren Central Intermediate, where she serves as an Assistant Principal. It was stated by several brothers in the chapter that this would be another great opportunity for us to give back to the Vicksburg community and celebrate reading and literacy. It was a great showing by the chapter. The brothers were sort of anxious to know what type of book they would be given by the teachers to read because they know the Dr. Seuss books can be a quite interesting piece to read to kids. It was a fun and exciting day for the kids and for the brothers who were available to participate in the event. Great job, Brothers!

National Education of Association (NEA) is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading through NEA's theme: Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers. Many schools and libraries celebrate with an annual event on March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss, but NEA's Read Across America also provides NEA members, parents, caregivers, and children the resources and activities they need to keep reading on the calendar 365 days a year.

It has been stated that in our diverse and complex society, students need books that provide both windows and mirrors if we are going to create more readers, writers, and people who feel included and recognized, and who understand that the world is far richer than just their experiences alone. Continue the great work you have been doing my brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Any help is better than no help...a great line to use to reclaim brothers.



March 31, 2019



Assistant Principal, Mrs. Marlena Bolts, and brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter



Highlights from the National Read Across America Day



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consists of pictures from the 88th Annual Southern Regional Convention in Jackson, MS.

Annually, for the last 87 years, brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., living in the southern region of the United States, have convened in various cities of the seven regional states—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The purpose of these annual gatherings is to share ideas, build on the fraternal bond, and engage in personal and professional development. Over a thousand brothers registered and/or attended the 88th Annual Southern Regional Convention in Jackson, MS during 21-24 MAR 2019. The business sessions and most of the scheduled events were held at the Jackson Convention Complex. The chapter display competition was held at one of the host hotels, The Westin Hotel. We, the Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter, had nine brothers, who were registered. That included our newest member (neophyte), Bro. Sonni Taylor, too. Bro. Brady Tonth even made a surprise visit. There was a F.O.C.U.S. HBCU Fair on the first day of the Convention, which consisted of a public program and welcome reception. It was a great opportunity for the brothers and it was open to the public. There was a great opportunity for brothers to visit to corporations/businesses setup at the convention for internships but it was announced several times during the convention that they weren't taking advantage of the opportunity. The General President, Bro. Everett B. Ward, delivered a thoughtful and seemingly heartfelt "State of the Fraternity" address that was enthusiastically received by convention-goers. He even spoke well about us, the Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter, for the unbelievable work we do with the young men in our community and asked us to stand and be recognized by our fellow brothers. That was a very proud moment. In addition, the 27th Southern Region Vice-President, Bro. Kelsey L. Rushing, didn't hold any punches when he presented his "State of the Region" presentation. They both received long, loud applause during their speeches because of the contents of their speeches. Brothers, if you weren't there to hear either speech, you missed a true treat. Just like the District Convention, there were several candidates in attendance giving their pitch to become the next General President. Several of the brothers left the Convention and attended JSU's Cluster to see the newest members of Delta Phi Chapter come out, too. Las Vegas is next!

March 31, 2019

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Highlights from 88th Annual Southern Regional Convention





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March 9, 2019

March's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's meeting on Saturday, 2 MAR 2019.

There was a nice group of sixteen young men in attendance for a morning full of mentoring, learning, and fun. We were thrilled to have four new members to attend the leadership club's meeting for the first time, too. They were welcomed by each current member who provided a brief introduction (name, school/grade, and future career goal) of himself to them. We have made discussing current events one of our monthly topics on the agenda so we can know how the young men feel about what is happening in their community or around the world. Even though the news to them may seem dull, we informed them that it's quite insightful if they want to think outside their bubble. We are asking the parents to encourage their sons to watch the news a little, too. To get their blood flowing and out of their seats, we conducted a few brain teasers to get them thinking and knowing the importance of taking their time to read and follow simple instructions. We are always challenging them to think outside of the box because the benefits of it can have a positive effect on their education, future careers, and even their interpersonal relationships. We remind them when a problem seems to have no good solutions, their ability to take a completely different approach could be the key to finding the solution that nobody else can see. The brain teasers proved that point and it was fun, too. We have made it a thing during this school year to have discussions about 'Keeping Stress Under Control Pertaining to School' and the two topics we discussed this month was about 'Talk Out Tough Issues' and 'Control Your Contact Time'. Great discussions! We added a short TED Talks media clip of a young teenage lady who spoke about how she handled stress as a teenager pertaining to school in the past. Next, they participated in a group leadership exercise called 'It is Possible!' to help them to work together and to think and share their ideas. This month's life skill for the young men was learning how to jump start a car. We shared the dos and don'ts and safety precautions. To our surprise, several of the young men knew how to jump start a vehicle. Their next meeting is April 13, 2019. Enjoy your Spring Break!



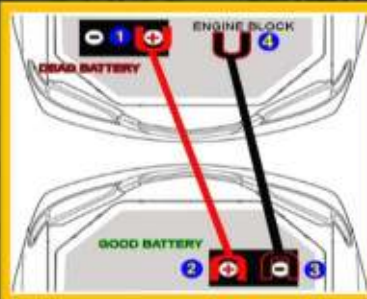
Mr. D'Von Dampier participating in a group discussion



BRAIN TEASER

Try to re-arrange the letters of **NEW DOOR** to make one word.

THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX:
The young men were challenged with individual tasks and working together as a team for group tasks



LIFE SKILL: The young men learned how to jump start a car



One of the young men, Mr. Kellen Washington, speaking during one of the exercises



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March 28, 2019

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consists of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter volunteering to help Habitat for Humanity with a home project in the Vicksburg community.

Bro. Kerry Taylor continues to do a fine job representing Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. within the community by volunteering his time assisting with Habitat for Humanity projects in our local community of Vicksburg, MS. Recently, he helped with adding ceiling plywood to an ongoing project he has been helping with on Roosevelt Street during March 2019.

For information purposes, the organization and volunteers work on the houses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The completion date is pending. Once completed, there will be a homeowner dedication ceremony sponsored by the Mayor's Office. There will be more projects forthcoming. The organization and volunteers hold monthly planning/business every 1st Monday of each Month from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The local organization's contacts are the following: (601) 529-9361, E-mail: wchabitattreas541@att.net and <http://warrencountyhabitat.com/abouthabitat.htm>.

The Habitat for Humanity organization is a non-profit Christian housing organization. Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity International has built more than 175,000 houses, providing shelter for nearly 900,000 people worldwide. Now at work in 100 countries, we are building a house every 26 minutes. By 2005, Habitat houses will be sheltering 1 million people. Local Habitat affiliates coordinate house building and select partner families. The homeowner families purchase habitat houses. Three factors make the houses affordable to low-income people worldwide: (1) Houses are sold at no profit, with no interest charged on the mortgage, (2) Homeowners and volunteers build the houses under trained supervision, and (3) Individuals, corporations, faith groups and others provide financial support. Homeowner families are chosen according to their need; their ability to repay the no-profit, no-interest mortgage; and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat. Habitat for Humanity does not discriminate according to race, religion, or ethnic group. Local affiliates consist of employees from the nonprofit local organization, volunteers from AmeriCorps, local church organizations, local Fraternities/Sororities/Masonic Lodges, and the City of Vicksburg.



Bro. Kerry Taylor helping Habitat for Humanity with ceiling plywood



Highlights from the Habitat for Humanity Project



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consists of pictures from our very own Trailblazer, Bro. Brady Tonth, Jr.

March 31, 2019

There has been many individuals who have made a significant mark in our history _ black history _ and they are known as Trailblazers. A lot of those individuals happen to be Alpha men, too. We even have several trailblazers connected to our chapter, Omicron Rho Lambda. Bro. Frank Crump, Bro. Jim Stirgus, Sr., Bro. Dr. John Walls, Jr., and Bro. Robert Walker to name some who have blazed a trail in the Vicksburg community and in our dear fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. This year the Vicksburg community sought fit to recognize another one of our brothers for his outstanding accomplishments. That individual is one of our very own chapter brothers and charter member, Bro. Brady Tonth, Jr. or should we call him Mr. First. He is known to be the first Mississippian for several things as a black man. Because of those great accomplishments, he is known as a Mississippi Trailblazer. The Vicksburg Post newspaper wrote a nice news piece on him during Black History Month this year. For those not familiar with Bro. Tonth accomplishments, here's a quick history lesson. He was the first ROTC pilot to be commissioned as an officer to graduate from Mississippi Valley State University in 1973. He was assigned to Columbus Air Force Base and became the first black trainee from Mississippi to complete the Air Force Pilot Training School. He joined the Mississippi Air National Guard (MANG) in 1979 becoming the first black pilot to fly for the MANG. He earned the distinction of being the first black pilot to carry transport survival goods to a major war during Desert Storm. He eventually earned the rank of Major. He was Captain of the three-member crew that was the first all-black flight crew to pilot a commercial airliner for American Airlines in 1986. He was also the first black pilot to fly a passenger jet from Jackson's Medgar Evers Airport. He's piloted a private jet for actor Morgan Freeman and is the first and only black pilot from Mississippi who is certified to fly 26 different aircraft, both private and commercial. Bro. Tonth, we celebrate you brother by saying thank you for serving close to home, saving lives around the world, and being a great representation of a true Alpha man.



Highlights from a True Trailblazer, Bro. Brady Tonth, Jr.



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April 30, 2019

April's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's meeting on Saturday, 13 APR 2019.

This was the last regular scheduled meeting during the 2018-2019 school year for the young men and we presented them with a full agenda. We discussed current events and their comments showed that they are grasping the importance of knowing what is going on in the world and the impact it can have on their current lives and their future. Since we are always teaching them about leadership and how to be an effective leader, the young men were asked to use their smart phones to login menti.com and submit a code to answer a question concerning leadership from their point of view. The question was "Which skill do you think is most important for leaders" and there were six choices. There wasn't a right or wrong answer but amazingly, most of them answered "Ability to motivate others." Wow! We talked about two leadership qualities, Trust and Teamwork. Each year there is one leadership quality that we use a lot throughout the year. The last ones were Integrity, Respect, and Staying Focus. This year it was Trust. We conducted a brief exercise related to trust which consisted of paper clips and water. The exercise showed them the advantage of trusting a knowledgeable and skilled person to help teach them the things they don't know. Sometimes two heads are better than one. We showed them a short media clip, The Essence of Leadership, by an extraordinary man, Former Secretary of State and retired General Colin L. Powell, who have lived the life of being a much respected leader throughout the world and he talked about trust, too. As a team building exercise, the young men worked together to complete a STEM exercise, the Cup Stack Challenge, and it was fun to see them work together and give input to complete the challenge from the instructions and items giving to them. We conducted a budgeting activity that showed them how to budget their money and know the differences of fixed and variable expenses. They had some great answers or suggestions. We ended the meeting with a lesson of how to wear cologne and practicing the tying of a bow tie by using the thigh technique. We look forward to seeing all of the young men on May 18th for the field trip to the New Orleans African Am. Museum.



Bro. Courtney Grace spoke about leadership



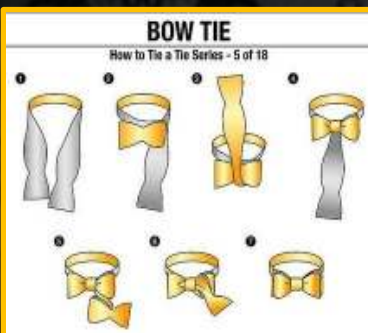
Bro. Willie Thomas shared some wisdom to the young men



LIFE SKILL: Budgeting Activity



General Colin L. Powell, (Retired) & Former Secretary of State



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May 21, 2019



May's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's field trip on Saturday, 18 MAY 2019.

We had a great time visiting the New Orleans African American Museum (NOAAM) in New Orleans, LA. This was our first time taking the young men of the leadership program to visit the NOAAM. We were very fortunate to have Ms. Gia M. Hamilton, who is the Executive Director and Chief Curator of the museum, to give us a personal tour and enlighten the young men of the African American history of New Orleans. We strongly encouraged the young men to read the exhibits and to listen closely to any information given by the tour guide. The tour was very enlightening for all of us and to absorb how different the African American history was in New Orleans compared to other places in the United States. The museum didn't have a lot of exhibits but it had a lot of photographs and it told powerful stories but not as powerful as it will in the near future. The museum had just reopened in April this year and most of it is still under renovation but Ms. Hamilton did a phenomenal job. The museum is a memorial to the resilience of African Americans and the culture they created. The tone, throughout the tour in the main building that consisted of the wall displays or short texted panels, was a shifting mix of sadness and celebration. We quizzed the young men afterwards to see what they have learned. Each one of the 15 young men shared at least one observation that they learned or what was very interesting to them. Since they shared their personal thoughts about the museum, they were rewarded by receiving a personalized Project Alpha Leadership Club silicone bracelet. It was a great learning experience for the young men. They were fed breakfast, given snack bags with sandwiches during the ride from Vicksburg to New Orleans, and enjoyed a lunch buffet at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Kenner, LA before heading back home to Vicksburg. We can't wait to see which African American history trail we will follow for our field trip next year. Thanks to the Greater Grove Street M.B. Church for assisting us with transportation and for everyone's support.



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June's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's Gentlemen Luncheon on Saturday, 1 JUN 2019.

Greetings! Each year we hold a luncheon for the entire student body of the PALC to close out the year. It's a form of graduation for the young men and for the men of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to show their appreciation after the young men have completed a year of vigorous training in character and leadership. After a year of helping the young men be leaders in their community, encouraging them to make a positive difference, and supporting them as they discover their individual talents, it was a pleasure to break bread with them and share some encouraging words of wisdom. The young men were dressed in their Project Alpha attire and the men of Alpha were in their fraternity attire. The three seniors, Mr. Tyler Jackson, Mr. Taylen Mustipher, and Mr. Fionn Smith, had roles in the Gentlemen Luncheon's program and they were presented gifts for graduating from high school, which consisted of a personalized portfolio and a personalized award. In addition, the three of them were recipients of the PALC's Book Scholarship in the amount of \$250 each and would be awarded the scholarship after they have shown proof of enrollment at a college/university. All three are scheduled to attend college in the Fall of 2019. The guest speaker, Mr. Kensell Batty II, who is a former PALC member and last year's PALC President and now a full-time student at Alcorn State University, gave a very informative speech, which consisted of his first year of college experience. He informed them to take heed to the information given to them during the PALC meetings because it will definitely help prepare them for college life and how to become a better student. On behalf of the PALC members, the current PALC President, Mr. Tyler Jackson, presented Mr. Batty with a couple of tokens of appreciation, after he thanked him for being the Luncheon's guest speaker. The Educational Foundation's Chairman, Bro. Ed Huell, Jr., and the President of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter, Mr. Ben Brown, Jr., both gave some great advice to the young men to follow. Before the young men left to enjoy the summer break, each member was given a certificate of appreciation and some were presented a community service award/certificate for volunteering in one or both community service projects, complimentary gifts (tie clip and ear buds), and a "You Make a Difference" medallion, which had the word "Trust" on the back of it that signified the leadership quality used a lot during the 2018-2019 leadership year. Once again, it was an outstanding year for the program. We look forward to seeing all of the young men for the 2019-2020 leadership year and to welcome any new members. Enjoy your summer, read a book or read regularly, and be safe.

June 15, 2019



Mr. Fionn Smith, who graduated from Warren Central High School this year, shares PALC's mission statement



Mr. Taylen Mustipher, who graduated from Clinton High School, has the PALC members to repeat the leadership club's motto



Mr. Nathan Mosley, who will be a 2019-2020 senior at Warren Central High School, introduces the guest speaker



Mr. Tyler Jackson, PALC President (L) presents Guest Speaker, Mr. Kensell Batty II, with a token of appreciation



Bro. Ed Huell, Jr. names the recipients (3) of the \$250 Book Scholarship while Bro. Dr. Kevin Abraham looks on



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July 13, 2019



Mississippi's Chaperones (1st Row) & Students



The 2019 summer's storyboard includes pictures from the Regional Leadership Development Institute, 26-30 JUN 2019.

Earlier this summer our educational foundation was fortunate to sponsor five young men to attend our fraternity's 36th Southern Regional Leadership Development / Citizenship Education Institute. Approximately 184 students and chaperones met on the beautiful campus of Alcorn State University for the purpose of preparing the students to be the next generation of leaders. Our southern region consists of seven states and Mississippi sent or sponsored the second most students for the event. Georgia sent the most students. The daily agendas were full of great topics and speakers, who were professionals/experts, and they instructed the students in parliamentary procedures, conflict resolution, models of leadership, public speaking, community and civic engagement, and educational enhancer skills. In addition, we implemented all of our fraternity's national programs. We balanced it with a lot of fun activities, too. Several of the students competed in the competitions, which were the Oratorical Contest, Talent Show, Writing Contest, Art Show, and Poetry Contest. Mr. Kameran Batty did a great job competing in the talent show. One evening the student leaders watched the film 'The Hate U Give'. After the film, there was a student led discussion about subjects shared and their thoughts and feelings around current issues. Our young men met Alcorn's Head Football Coach, Mr. Fred McNair, and some got to play in a 3-On-3 Basketball Tournament against some of Alcorn's female basketball players. The students participated in sessions led by current college students (What to Expect When You Arrive at College), the dangers of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Cannon-Dozier Project), and College Admissions & Financial Aid. Staying in dorms on a college campus was a great experience for the young men. The cost for each young man we sponsored was covered by our foundation. Bro. Adrian Hall and Bro. Willie Thomas, Sr. were on the agenda as speakers. Bro. Gregory L. Jackson and Bro. Hall served as registered chaperones but other brothers/members from Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Vicksburg, MS attended some of the sessions/workshops throughout the leadership conference, too. Bro. Dr. Arthur D. Vaughn, who is the Regional Chair of the LDI, and the brothers of Alpha South did a superb job orchestrating another great leadership conference for the students. As Dr. Vaughn stated, this was not a summer camp but an institute to aid in the development of the next generation of leaders. Thanks for everyone's support.



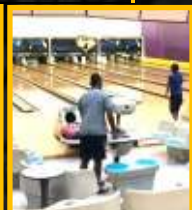
Bro. Dr. Arthur Vaughn, Regional Chair (L) & Bro. Tracy Cook, Local LDI Chair (R)



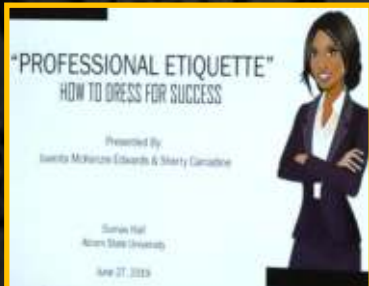
Kellen Washington (R)



Picture with Alcorn's Head Football Coach, Fred McNair



Bro. Willie Thomas



Kameran Batty (L) & Jer'Darrius Davis (R)



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