

OMICRON RHO LAMBDA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. OMICRON RHO LAMBDA CHAPTER ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. P.O. Box 821544

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July 8, 2022

This storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) Gentlemen Luncheon on Saturday, June 11, 2022. The luncheon was held at the Vicksburg Event and Business Center, 2321 Washington Street, Vicksburg, MS.

The Gentlemen Luncheon was the last event of the year for the young men of PALC. After a two-year absence due to the coronavirus pandemic, the men of Omicron Rho Lambda (ORL) Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. were able to hold the event again. They ended the 2021-2022 program year by honoring the young men and giving a special congratulation to the PALC senior members, who graduated from high school. This luncheon was very special because this was the first year that PALC members could invite family members or guest to accompany them to the luncheon. This was all because of our kind donors and sponsors, who have made generous donations this year to our foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The young men arrived at the luncheon looking very debonaire wearing their bow ties and the mentors were dressed in their black and gold Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. paraphernalia attire. There were several PALC members who were on the program and they did an excellent job. The guest speaker was former PALC member and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. member, Bro. Nathan Mosley. His speech was brief but his message included some great take aways for the young men.

The leadership club had three young men, who graduated this year, and all three are enrolled in college for this upcoming fall semester. They were given personalized back packs. In addition, they qualified and were recipients of our Foundation's \$250 Book Scholarship. All of the members were presented Certificates of Appreciation and medallions, which stated on the front "You Make A Difference" and on the back it stated "Project Alpha Leadership Club 2021-2022 – Integrity." Fifteen of them received a certificate for voluntarily participating in a community service project. Every member received a gift card and a couple of other little tokens of appreciation. Bro. Willie Thomas, Sr., ORL Chapter President, and Warren County Board of Supervisor of District 3, Ms. Shawn Jackson, offered some motivating words of encouragement. Before the benediction was given to end the luncheon, the young men stood and delivered the PALC pledge that reminds them to act as gentlemen in and out of the leadership club.

A special thanks to Mrs. Debra Stansfield and Mrs. Benita Abraham of the Vicksburg Event and Business Center for all of your help. Both of you were a true blessing to us with arranging and decorating the setup for the luncheon. You truly exceeded our expectations. Thanks to the men of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter and the parents of the young men for your support and for an exceptional year. Enjoy your summer and we can't wait for the 2022-2023 program year to start in October.



Highlights from the Gentlemen Luncheon



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This storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) Field Trip on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The field trip was to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, MS.

Each year we attempt to take the young men on at least one educational trip. Most of the times, it's to an African American museum because we want them to learn more about their culture and the importance of diversity, inclusion, and equity. We know they aren't receiving this in-depth information about their culture at their schools. So, the field trips are a great learning experience and eye opener for them.



Before we departed Vicksburg, MS to head to the museum, we picked up breakfast from McDonald's for the young men. Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were able to ride in comfort on a bus at no cost to the foundation. The tour of the museum was amazing. There was a lot happening on the outside of the museum with vendors and fun activities but we were more concern about what the inside had to offer. Inside, the museum does a terrific job showing what life was like for Black Americans throughout history and how different their lives were from the lives of contemporary white Americans. The information was easy for the young men to understand through print, audio, and/or videos at the different exhibits. At the end of the tour, the young men were quiz to see what they have learn and they didn't disappoint us. Before heading back home, we stop for lunch at the Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant. It was a great day of learning about African American history. Can't wait to see where we are going next year.



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March 21, 2022

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard pertains to the Brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda celebrating their 35th anniversary as a chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter was chartered March 21, 1987, as the first National Pan-Hellenic Council affiliated fraternity with a Chapter in Vicksburg, MS by seventeen Brothers to foster the Alpha Spirit, scholarship, to promote the national and local initiatives, the objectives and partner with other civic organizations for the community good of Vicksburg Warren County.

Those seventeen men known as "Charter Brothers" are:

Kenneth E. Connerly Eugene Winn Charles Johnson Louis B. Sullivan Robert Walker Mitchell Dent Royal Hill Troy J. Stewart Sr. Thomas Tolliver Norris A. Edney II Jerome Holmes, Sr. James E. Stirgus, Sr. Brady Tonth, Jr. Hubert S. Gaskin III James E. Jefferson Jr. James E. Stirgus, Jr. John E. Walls, Jr.



Today, Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter continues to be a positive vessel of service to the Vicksburg Warren County community. The chapter has a reputation throughout for being hardworking, persevering, educationally mission focused and spirit led that will continue to contribute to the legacy of the greatest inter-collegiate Greek-lettered fraternity ever established.

Kappy Anniversary



<u> 1987 - 2022</u>



Happy 35th Anniversary Brothers!



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consists of photos of Omicron Rho Lambda conducting a couple of community service projects in their local community of Vicksburg Warren County.

The Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter planned, organized, and conducted a couple of community service projects to bless the hungry and homeless people in their community. The "Day of Giving Back" consisted of the following two outreach events on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

At 10:00 a.m., the men supported the Knights of Columbus' Food Drive at the Corner Market by purchasing and donating several non-perishable food items to help restock the Storehouse Community Food Pantry to aid the less fortunate. The Knights of Columbus representatives were very surprise of the size of the donation. They couldn't stop smiling and saying thank you. Two of their Boy Scouts were present and they helped unload the items from the baskets and onto their trailer.



FEED THE HUNGRY





At 11:30 a.m., Bro. Kevin Abraham and Bro. Greg Jackson served a tasty, hot lunch to the residents of the River City Rescue Mission, Inc. in the facility's cafeteria. The lunch was catered by the Biscuit Company Restaurant. The residents were very thankful for the meal and they said it was very good. The Rescue Mission's Chaplain was present and he blessed the meal.



FEED THE HOMELESS





811 million people are chronically undernourished

99% of people living in hunger are in low and middle income countries

Women and girls account for 60% of people living in hunger worldwide









