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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Vicksburg, MS continues to step up to the plate without expecting any type of recognition when it comes to helping people in its local community or any individuals in the state of need or assistance. Just as it says in our mission statement, we try to provide service and advocacy for our communities. Our greatest interest is outside of ourselves. Our membership in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is the presentation of our personal commitment to time which values words such as Service, Integrity, Quality and Community.

After Hurricane Harvey devastated parts of Texas, the chapter knew they had to find out a way to help the Texas storm victims. The chapter was informed a relief effort was setup in Vicksburg with drop off locations to collect donations to be transported to the victims in Texas. Several members of the chapter met at the Pemberton Mall on September 14, 2017 to donate several types of requested items toward the hurricane relief efforts of United Way and the Randy Nailor Foundation. In addition, the Project Alpha Leadership Club and Omicron Rho Lambda Educational Foundation donated a lot of school supplies. All of the donated items left for Houston the next day. The men of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter were just thankful they were able to help.



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October 8, 2017

Greetings everyone! October's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) first meeting on Saturday, 7 OCT 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year. The meeting was kicked off with a prayer by member, Anthony "AJ" Lumpkins. Then we welcome back the members and four new members after the mission statement and the motto was stated by members, Romon Shepherd and Tyler Jackson. Bro. Gregory Jackson explained to the young men how distinct this year is going to be for them compared to last year. They were informed the program will be special because the subject areas have increased because the program has expanded to include a new program called the Next Level Leadership Institute. In addition, there will be more field trips this year. As stated in information sent out earlier, the goal of these trips is to educate and inform the young men of the Next Level Leadership Project and Project Alpha Leadership Club on the significant contributions minority leaders gave to the Civil Rights movement.

Saturday's meeting was educational, entertaining and inspiring for the young men. As always, leadership qualities, life skills and education are the primary topics of discussion for each meeting. The agenda covered Qualities of an Effective Leader, Stress (Dealing with School or In the Classroom), and a TED Talk (The Danger of Silence) media clip. Also, the mentors spoke about the importance of reading, writing, creative thinking, and speaking go hand-in-hand and we will be focusing on those areas this year.

The young men participated in a team building challenge, Spot the Difference, conducted by the mentors. The exercise required their participation and attention to detail. The exercise targeted the improvement of their focusing ability. Thirteen young men attended the meeting. Donuts and orange juice were provided as refreshments. Bro. Willie Thomas, Bro. Lamar Bolls, and Bro. Mychal Winters assisted with the meeting and provided valuable input. Feel free to share the information about the leadership club with others who has young men who can benefit from the work we are doing as we develop tomorrow's leaders today. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, 11 NOV 2017.



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November 20, 2017

Greetings! November's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) meeting on Saturday, 11 NOV 2017. As always, we opened the meeting with a prayer by one of the PALC members. We welcome two new members to the leadership program after the mission statement and the motto was presented by two of the members. In the previous meeting the young men named one person who inspires them and in this meeting they were asked to share with everyone why or how that person inspires them. Then they had a brief discussion session about current events. It was good to know that the young men are starting to pay more attention to what is going on in their community and around the world by taking out time to listening and/or watching the news. Bro. Gregory Jackson had a talk session with the young men on Leadership Skills + Attitude & Behavior = Knowledge.

Leadership qualities or skills, life skills and education are the primary topics of discussion for each meeting. The agenda for this meeting covered Leadership Skills (Listening and Responsive), Teambuilding Exercise (Lap Sit), Teambuilding Challenge (Actionary), and we had Bro. Mychal Winters as the guest speaker. Bro. Winters is a teacher in the Vicksburg-Warren School District. He openly shared with them his personal struggles he experienced after high school or during college. Until he had a wakeup call and finally realized what he wanted to do in life which led to him becoming a successful educator to help nurture the minds of other young men and ladies. It really captured the young men's attention.

Thirteen young men attended the meeting. Donuts and orange juice were provided as refreshments. The young men were reminded about their upcoming community service project on Sat., 9 DEC 2017, as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army at Hobby Lobby and the field trip tentatively scheduled during their Christmas break.

Team Building Exercises for Teens

Actionary:

For 40 minutes:

- Paper
- Pen
- A good dice
- Play-dough

How to:

1. This game is a cross between charades,ictionary, and scrabble.
2. Make a list of dictionary words that are easy to draw, act and script.
3. Divide the team into four teams and hand each team a same piece, paper and a tray of play-doh. Also, select a leader for the teams.
4. Each team has to send a volunteer to the leader to get the game dice. The teams will take turns at rolling out the dice.

Discipline the following members to the dice:

- 1 and 2 for charades.
- 3 and 4 forictionary.
- 5 and six scrabble.

1. Give the player the first word from the list. The player will go back to his group and draw, act or script out the word.
2. If the team guesses the word correctly, he gets a second chance to roll the dice and get a new word. The first team that gets the most numbers of words in the list will be the winner.



Reading the Motto



Bro. Mychal Winters



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December 21, 2017

Below are pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) community service project on Saturday, 9 DEC 2017. They helped the Salvation Army raise money by being bell ringers on a very cold day. The young boys volunteered at a minimum of two hours each at the outside front entrance of Hobby Lobby at the Pemberton Mall. We are very proud of the young men who were able to participate in the community service project that will make a difference in the lives of other people or families. The young men will receive a signed memo stating they completed two credit hours that they can use towards meeting their community service obligations for their other organizations. There was at least one advisor from Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. with the boys at all times.



PROJECT ALPHA Leadership Club & Next Level Leadership Development Institute





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January 8, 2018

Below are pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) field trip on Saturday, 30 DEC 2017. The young men first enjoyed breakfast from McDonald's before departing Vicksburg to begin their field trip. The first stop of the field trip for the young men was visiting and touring the new Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, MS. The tour was very informative and educational for them. They read, heard audio, and saw several videos of the history pertaining to the civil rights movement. They learn most of the information shared with them during the tour isn't taught to them in school or the history classes doesn't give all of the facts. Also, they saw several different people or things in the museum related to Vicksburg. Then they went to lunch at the Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant. Next we took them to a fun place to help work off some of the food they have eaten. They visited the ice skating rink and ice slide in Pearl. They had a ball but probably not as much fun as the advisors who laughed so much while the young men were ice skating. The day was filled with knowledge, food, and fun.





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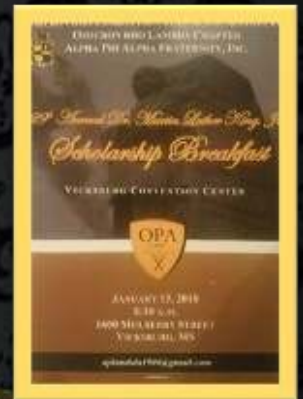
This storyboard consist of pictures of the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) members attending the 29th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, 15 JAN 2018 at the Vicksburg Convention Center. Kensell Batty II, who serves as the President of the leadership club, did an outstanding job presenting the occasion. All of the PALC members, who were well-dressed and presented themselves as true gentlemen, assisted the Alpha men by placing the programs on the tables. Also, they were available as a group to answer any questions concerning the leadership club, if anyone was to inquire about the program. As always, they received several compliments for wearing the bow ties. Later that evening, one of the young men, Cameron Jackson, participated in the Vicksburg City Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. He was on the program to perform the lighting of the candle during the program. A quote pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the young men to remember throughout their lives is "Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals."



Kensell Batty II



Cameron Jackson lighting the candle



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L-R: Bro. Ed Huell, Chairman of the ORL Ed. Foundation, Bro. Kelsey Rushing, the Guest Speaker & SRVP, and Bro. Ben Brown, President of the ORL Chapter



Community Service Recipient, Pastor Troy Truly



Bro. Dr. John Walls receives his 50th year Alpha member pin

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter and its Educational Foundation's 29th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, 15 JAN 2018 at the Vicksburg Convention Center in Vicksburg, MS which had over 350 people in attendance. Once again, we were blessed with another outstanding event. The weather was fantastic, the food was flavorsome, the speaker was great, the atmosphere was electrifying, and the Alpha brothers were great hostesses. Kensell Batty II, who serves as the President of the Project Alpha Leadership Club and the Next Level Leadership Development Institute sponsored by the foundation, did an outstanding job presenting the occasion and showed no signs of being nervous. The guest speaker was Bro. Kelsey Rushing, Esq. and he serves as Southern Regional Vice-President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He gave a great speech with a very deep message. Bro. Gabe Harris, the Vice-President of the ORL Chapter, presented the Community Service Award to Pastor Troy Truly and he was truly surprised. The foundation presented three 7th grade scholarships of \$100 each during the event. An AT&T representative, Mr. Michael Walker, made a special presentation by presenting a \$15,000 grant to the foundation to assist the foundation to continue educating and developing young teenage men into leaders in the Vicksburg and surrounding communities. The SRVP, Bro. Rushing, made a special presentation before the end of the event. He presented Bro. Dr. John Walls with his 50th year Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. member pin.



Project Alpha Leadership Club members

PALC member, Kensell Batty II giving the occasion speech



Highlights from the 29th Annual Dr. MLK Scholarship Breakfast



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This storyboard consist of pictures of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter members attending the 2018 MS MAN District Conference in Olive Branch, MS, 18-21 JAN 2018. It was a great turnout by the MS Alpha Brothers and the members of Omicron Rho Lambda. The chapter represented well at the conference. The chapter competed in the Alumni Chapter of the Year. Unfortunately, the chapter didn't win. Alpha Epsilon Lambda of Jackson won. We received a lot of compliments for all of the dedicated and hard work we have done. Several chapters wanted to know how we accomplished several of our tasks. The District Director, Bro. Kevin T. Wilbert, informed everyone who was in attendance at the Session II meeting how proud he was of Omicron Rho Lambda for the amazing work we have been doing as a chapter. We were proud to see one of our Educational Foundation's former members of Project Alpha, Bro. Austin Warren, who attends JSU, get selected as the new Asst. District Director for MS. He was serving as the Asst. Executive Director. All of the chapter's brothers attended the IMDP Training/Certification. The training was very informative. The Step Show and the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant was very entertaining. Mu Xi (USM) won the Step Show and Ms. Black and Gold from Delta Phi (JSU) won the pageant. Bro. Hall stepped in as the Pageant Director at the last minute to help make the pageant a success. Bro. Hall and Bro. Jackson attended the Necrology Service and Awards Luncheon on Sunday. Bro. Rev. John Carter gave a powerful sermon. The host chapter, Sigma Iota Lambda, did a great job. We closed the conference with the fraternal hymn and prayer.



Chapter's Display for Competition



Bro. Lewis and Bro. Bolls



L-R: Bro. Jackson greeting a former member of Project Alpha, Bro. Austin Warren,



Brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda attending the Oratorical Luncheon



Three of the Chapter's charter members in attendance: (L-R) Bro. Tolliver, Bro. Tonth, & Bro. Walls.



SRVP Bro. Rushing, Bro. Wilbert, the Dist. Dir., & the Asst. Dist. Director



Bro. Warren giving the welcome and occasion speech at the Oratorical Luncheon

Highlights from the 2018 MS MAN District Conference



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February 19, 2018



PALC member, Cameron Jackson, assisting Mr. Jackson with teaching newer members how to tie a bow tie using the thigh technique.

February's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute meeting on Saturday, 3 FEB 2018. After the young men completed the prayer and saying the mission statement and motto, they were presented an Upward Bound presentation from Bro. Terry Lockhart, who works for Hinds Community College. He informed them about how the program provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. He stated the program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves: high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. Information was giving to the young men to take home to their parents. Bro. Lockhart can be reached at 601-885-7084 for an application or additional information regarding the program.



The young men participated in an attention-grabbing learning exercise named "Snowflakes." It targeted communication skills and listening skills. This quick exercise highlighted the importance of clear communication and active listening in order to accurately express ideas and instructions or to receive messages from others. After hearing the same directions for creating a simple paper snowflake, they discovered that the individual results can vary considerably. Through discussion, they discovered that people interpret things differently, and understanding others relies on this concept. Then they were taught nine leadership lessons. The topic was "Be Like Steve – 9 Leadership Lessons from CPT America." It made a fun group discussion and it showed them how to lead from the front and by example. Since it was Black History Month, they briefly talked about black history and they were given a fun quiz. Next they watched a short media clip about a young teenager speaking about "Knowledge versus Materialistic Things." Basically, it was educating the young men about knowledge can't be taken away once you have it and material things are temporary. They were asked which one holds more value and they prefer to have. They had fun with a teambuilding exercise, "Men Wash Clothes, Too." They learned how to separate clothes, correct water temperature and water levels for clothes. Also, they learned the dos and don'ts. Then they practice tying bow ties by using the thigh technique. It was a busy and fun meeting.



PALC members watching a short media clip about knowledge versus material items.





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March 8, 2018

March's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute meeting on Saturday, 3 MAR 2018. The meeting was fun, fresh, and empowering for the young men and the brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter, who attended the meeting. The young men stepped up and volunteered to say the prayer and read the leadership program's mission statement and motto. We are very proud to see the growth in the young men and seeing them developing into young leaders. Bro. Abraham challenged them to site the mission statement and/or the motto by memory and he will present each a special prize. Ms. Amber Huell, who is the Accountant Officer at the Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, was the meeting's guest speaker. She spoke to the young men about the importance of education and how to stay focus on their studies by avoiding certain distractions. She shared with them her personal path from high school to college to her career. They had several questions for her and it really put a lot of things in perspective for them. We really appreciated her volunteering her time to speak to the young men. Whenever we have a guest speaker to visit, we use that opportunity to teach the young men about what to do and not to do when given a presentation to an audience. One person introduces the speaker by reading a script and another young man does the closing remarks. Bro. Kevin Abraham shared some great pointers with the young men about how to give a presentation. That was great because that carried over to our next exercise that we had on the agenda. The young men participated in an interesting reading exercise named "Animated Reading" that showed them how to be more lively, energetic, and active when reading in front of their peers in a classroom or on a church program. Then they were presented eight leadership skills for a group discussion and how those skills could benefit them to be a better person and leader. The leadership skills were Courage, Humility, Accountability, Trustworthy, Communication, Conviction, Trustworthy, & Aligned. The feedback was great.

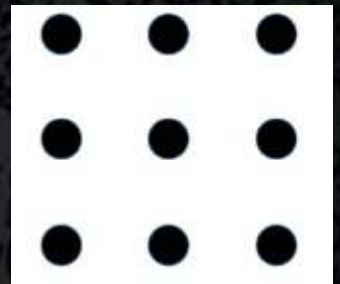
We closed the meeting with a fun teambuilding exercise, "Think Outside of the Box." This exercise requires teens to think out of the box or beyond the box by thinking differently or from a new perspective. They were given a "nine dots" puzzle. The goal of the puzzle is to link all 9 dots using four straight lines or fewer, without lifting the pen and without tracing the same line more than once or crossing a line. Our goal was to build teamwork skills, to strengthen communication skills, and to recognize how not to hold back hunches, guesses, wild ideas, images, plans or goals while working together as a group to solve a problem. We always encourage the young men to think out of the box and use team communication when they experience obstacles and challenges. Can you do it? They love these type of exercises.



**PALC member,
Adolphus Butler,
introducing the
Guest Speaker**



**Guest Speaker,
Ms. Amber Huell**



Bro. Abraham educating the young men.





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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.

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.

Locally, the organization have two projects in progress, a house on Second Street and a house on Roosevelt Street. The organization and volunteers work on the houses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The houses will be complete this summer. 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>.



Bro. Kerry Taylor with volunteers from the AmeriCorps and volunteers from the local community.

Highlights from the Habitat for Humanity Project



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March 23, 2018

This storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's field trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute on Saturday, 17 MAR 2018. For most teenage young men, their first and sometimes only exposure to a civil rights museum is through a school field trip. We have been so thankful to be able to take the young men on a second field trip this school year to learn more about their culture pertaining to black history outside of what they are being taught at their schools. The distance to and from the museum was quite lengthy but the young men used the time very well. It gave them time to get to know each other. They were able to share their passion, future plans, be friendly, or relax. The mentors / brothers of Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter took advantage of the time, too. It gave them the time to talk to the young men one on one to find out if they had any issues with school, what were their current grades, what class subjects they weren't doing too good in, having any life problems, male and female issues, college/military questions, etc. We made sure the young men were fed throughout the day, too. They were given breakfast from McDonald's as we departed Vicksburg and Clinton and given brown bags and beverages half way while traveling to the museum. When we arrived in Birmingham around noon, we took them to a lunch buffet at Golden Corral before heading to the museum. Next, we headed to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute to enjoy the museum experience of our history and have an interesting and fun time. After arriving and receiving our tickets, we noticed it was a very busy day for the museum because there were other leadership organizations present with many teenagers to experience the tour, too. The young men not only toured the museum but they were able to see and stand on the steps of the famous church, 16th Street Baptist Church, and the park that consisted of several civil rights statues across the street from the museum. The park was our last stop before departing and we asked each young man to share at least one thing with us what they have learned and what they liked about the tour. As always, we were quite impressed what they shared with the group. After departing Birmingham, we stopped in Tuscaloosa, AL and picked up several pizzas for the young men to dine on while traveling back home.

Such experiences helps the young men know that what they learn from these field trips are more than what is being taught to them in their history classes at school. One of our goals is to always enrich their thinking by presenting them facts about life and not opinions or "fake news." These type of trips are very important. Thanks to everyone for your continue support.





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April 26, 2018



April's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club (PALC) and Next Level Leadership Development Institute's meeting on Saturday, 21 APR 2018. There wasn't as many young men in attendance for this meeting compared to our previous meetings because it was such a busy weekend in the local community in Vicksburg. The city's Riverfest, an AAU basketball tournament, and many other things were happening. Of course, that didn't prevent us from having a very fun and productive meeting. This meeting was special because it consisted of a community service project for the young men, too. This was their second community service project during this school year. They did a great job! Even though the meeting was brief, it was very effective and important towards the young men's future. We focused more on educating the young men about absenteeism, teen pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). After we had a brief discussion, we showed the young men a short media clip named S.T.A.T.S ("Sex, Teens, Aids: Take 'Em Serious") that consisted of teens acting out a scripted situation related to sex and teens and what consequences that can happen.

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



Global Hope of Glory

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation began collaboratively implementing Project Alpha in 1980. This collaborative project is designed to provide education, motivation and skill-building on issues of responsibility, relationships, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases for young males ages 12-15 years. Designed to provide young men with current and accurate information about teen pregnancy prevention, Project Alpha consists of a series of workshops and informational sessions conducted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity brothers.

The three goals of Project Alpha programs are:

- Sharing Knowledge by combating ignorance and fear with factual information.
- Changing Attitudes by providing motivation toward positive changes in sexual behavior.
- Providing Skills by creating a sense of empowerment and self-esteem.

The Project Alpha curriculum focuses on five key topics:

- Responsibility, Respect and the Role of Males in Relationships
- Adolescent Pregnancy and Fatherhood
- Protecting Yourself and Your Partner
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Intimate Violence in Relationships



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**TODAY IS YOUR DAY.
YOU'RE OFF TO
GREAT PLACES!
YOU'RE OFF AND AWAY!**



The Tour Guide gives a brief introduction of the museum before we started our tour



Nathan Mosley, &
Education Foundation
Chair, Bro. Ed Huell



Jordan Johnson, Taylen
Mustipher & Nigel
Cornelius

This month's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) third field trip on Saturday, 19 MAY 2018. We usually have one field trip scheduled for the young men each year, but with the support of other businesses or organizations, who appreciate what we are doing in the Vicksburg community, wanted to help us to do more for the young men this year. So, we gracefully accepted their financial support and we were able to take the young men on three field trips this year rather than one. Bro. Gregory L. Jackson, the Director of Educational Activities, reminded the young men that the field trips are more than just visiting a black history museum. Lifelong learning begins at a young age and museums are a great place to spark an interest in history, art, and science. Our history, Black History, is more than Harriett Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. Black history is our history and if we don't remember it, talk about it and pass it on, surely it will die. The field trips are our way of connecting young black men with Black History. By connecting children with history, they'll gain a better understanding of themselves no matter what color they are. And, they'll learn to develop compassion for other people. In addition, we want them to read more.

There was a lot going on at the museum during our visit and people were everywhere. Vendors were setup on the outside selling items, presenting how-to instructions, colleges recruiting future students, or conducting a reading festival/book fair. It was an exciting day. The Southern College of Optometry had a booth setup and they gave the young men little keepsakes and a brochure that explained about their institution and what it takes to become a Doctor of Optometry. They conducted free eye screenings for children, too. The school is located in Memphis, TN. The Ruby Bridges Reading Festival was awesome! Do you know Ruby Bridges? At six years old, Ruby Bridges was the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana in 1960 when her parents responded to a request by the NAACP to help integrate the New Orleans school system. The Ruby Bridges Reading Festival celebrates Bridges' legacy of passionately advocating for equal rights, education and tolerance by bringing together families across racial, economic and educational backgrounds around reading. The highlight of the festival was Ms. Ruby Bridges-Hall being present for book reading and signing. Unfortunately, she had left by the time the young men had finished the museum tour and visited the festival. They had so many books and they were free. The ladies were encouraging the young men to choose as many books as they wanted and to read them. They gave them free drawstring backpacks, too. The event featured fun activities like face painting, balloon animals, dance and musical performances and food trucks.

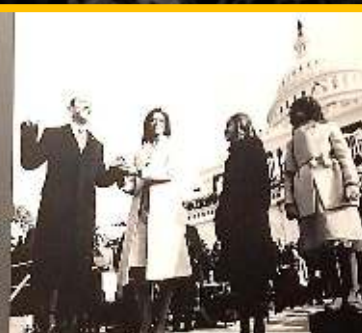
Before traveling back home, the young men ate lunch at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill Restaurant in Hernando, MS. Admission to the museum and the meals were provided by the leadership club's sponsor, Omicron Rho Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. Bro. Ed Huell, Bro. Brady Tonth and Bro. Jackson took 13 young men on the field trip. Thanks to Greater Grove M.B. Church for the use of their bus and Bro. Tonth for driving us.



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This month's storyboard includes pictures from the Project Alpha Leadership Club's (PALC) Gentlemen Luncheon on Saturday, 2 JUN 2018, when we honored the young men for another exceptional year. The luncheon was held at The Anthony Restaurant at the Country Club's golf course in Vicksburg, MS. The luncheon was the last puzzle piece to a wonderful year for the young men. It was more like their graduation. The young men arrived to the luncheon looking like distinguished gentlemen and their mentors of Omicron Rho Lambda (ORL) Chapter were dressed in their black and gold Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. paraphernalia attire.

Bro. Gregory L. Jackson, the Director of Educational Activities and Senior Advisor for PALC, presided over the program. Mr. Jordan Johnson kickoff the luncheon by praying and blessing the food. After enjoying such a good meal, Bro. Jackson continued with the program. Again, we were blessed to have several of the young men to make the luncheon a success by volunteering to be on the program. Mr. Adolphous Butler presented a speech on the leadership club's mission, Mr. Nathan Mosley led the young men in saying the club's motto, Mr. Tyler Jackson presented a great poem on education, and at the last minute Mr. Cameron Jackson accepted the task to introduce the Guest Speaker, Mr. Donald "Field" Brown, who we were so blessed to have present. The night before the luncheon we were informed of this local gentleman, who is a Rhodes Scholar and who wanted to speak to the young men very briefly. This was the perfect occasion for it. His speech was brief but his message was on point. There's not too many times young people have the opportunity to have a Rhodes Scholar come speak to them. The leadership club had two young men, Mr. Kensell Batty II, who attended Warren Central High School and Mr. Adolphous Butler, who attended Raymond High School, who graduated this year. They both were given plaques to congratulate them on graduating and this being their last year as a PALC member. In addition, they both qualified and were recipients of our Foundation's \$250 Book Scholarship, which were presented by the Chairman, Bro. Ed Huell. 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 2017-2018 – Focus." Every member received a personalized drawstring backpack with a valet shoeshine, lip balm, and a bag of candy. Bro. Ben Brown, ORL Chapter President, offered some motivating words of encouragement. Bro. Jackson had the young men stand and repeat after him a pledge that reminded them to act as gentlemen in and out of the leadership club. Mr. Kameran Batty gave the benediction to end the program.

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 to start the PALC meetings in the fall of 2018.

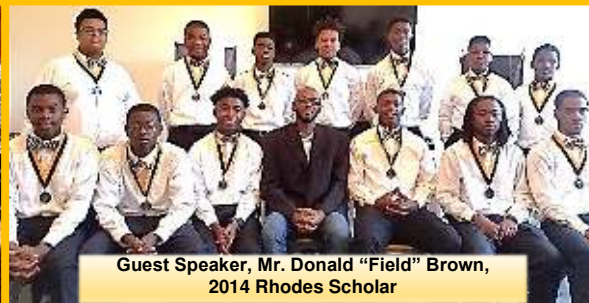


PALC member,
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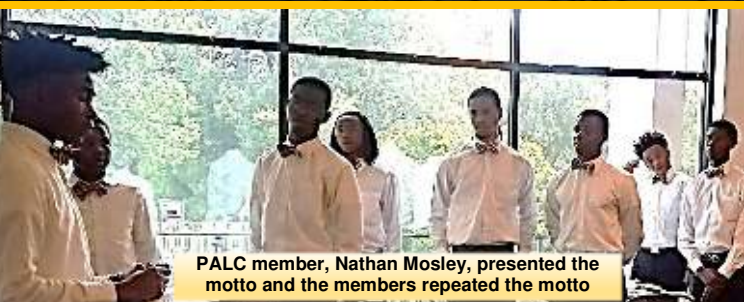
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PALC member,
Cameron Jackson,
introducing the
Guest Speaker



Guest Speaker, Mr. Donald "Field" Brown,
2014 Rhodes Scholar



PALC member, Nathan Mosley, presented the motto and the members repeated the motto

