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Mu



Iota

Columbus Ohio



Introduction

The brothers of Mu Iota live by the axiom, “You only look down on someone to help them up.” The Brothers of Mu Iota seek to be a source of uplift within the community because there are needs within the community for all manner of help.

Although Mu Iota cannot satisfy each one, it is in position to address those needs that are within its capacity to satisfy, thereby making Uplift the cornerstone of Mu Iota’s interaction with its neighbors.

Mu Iota view this interaction as a part of being of good neighbor or being my brother’s keeper. Therefore, the breadth of what Mu Iota does within the community runs an expansive gamut.

Mu Iota is always ready to extend a helping hand providing supplies to parents of newborns, to helping Omega Widows with home repairs or lawncare, and feeding children when school is not a session during the summer, because for some kids, if they did not have a meal during school hours, then they might go hungry.

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Achievement Week



International Achievement Week

The observance period was November 13th through 19th under the theme of "Omega Psi Phi Fraternity: Providing Uplift to Local, National and World Communities".

Likewise, the 2022 Mu Iota Chapter Achievement Week was punctuated by events that went to the heart of maintaining the well-being of the local community.

Mu Iota's observance of Achievement Week was the catalyst to get it laser focused on providing uplift to its local community that was over and above its standard level of care to the areas surrounding the Fraternity House.

Achievement Week 2022 featured a few significant events, which will be explained in more detail in the following pages.

They Crossed the Sand

Mu Iota welcomed four new members to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity after being read-in to the fraternity by Grand Basileus 42 Rickey L. Lewis this past weekend in a mass Read-In ceremony for the 4th District (Ohio and West Virginia) conducted November 19, 2022, in Cincinnati by Grand Basileus Lewis.



L-R Marvin Hawkins, Terry Evans, Grand Basileus 42 Rickey L. Lewis, Maurice Lett, and Nick Winslow Williams

"The Power of Uplift"

Bishop Brother Jonathan J. McReynolds presented the keynote address at the 77th Annual Achievement Week Awards Celebration that was hosted at the Backlick Woods Golf Club in Reynoldsburg Ohio. Bishop McReynolds spoke on the topic, "Providing Uplift to Local and National and World Communities."

Bishop McReynolds discussed how groups within society are drawn towards dividing into camps bent on tearing down the

framework of this country instead of doing what they can to uplift or raise the quality of life for the downtrodden. No one



considers the possibility God strategically leaves us in places to help and give uplift to people when they need it the most. McReynolds says Men of Omega have a responsibility to step in and help people when they could use a hand up. He also listed some key actions Omega men must always bear in mind:

- It is necessary to defend women
- We must mentor young men
- We must participate in the political process
- We must train the next generation of leaders
- We must bring transformative change to all segments of society



Pictured (L-R): Master of Ceremonies Brother Steve Miller, Keynote Speaker Bishop Brother Jonathan Reynolds, Mu Iota Basileus Brother Thomas Hill

Recognizing Achievement

Citizen of the Year

Dr. Laura Espy-Bell Dr. Bell was honored for her groundbreaking program, "Made for Medicine." As she explained, I was the only resident of color during my residency at OSU." She mentors black youth to cultivate a desire within them to study, and then go into the practice of medicine.



High School Essay Contest Winner

Haylee Taylor



Reynoldsburg High School Miss Taylor wrote on the topic, “A world crisis has caused a paradigm shift for health disparities and social justice. According to Miss Taylor:

1. We need to place a high value on diversity within our population, We need to stop supporting places that don't give

people fair work conditions.

2. We all must be involved to make positive change
 Mu Iota Presented an award of \$500 to Miss Taylor, and her essay will be entered into the International High School Essay Contest for the Fourth District (Ohio and West Virginia) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Rededication to Omega

The brothers of Mu Iota participated in a Joint Founders Day rededication event with the brothers of Eta Nu Nu Chapter, at the J. H. Ross Family Life Center located at 997 Lexington Avenue in Columbus Ohio.



(The brothers of Mu Iota and Eta Nu Nu Chapters)

Brother Past Grand Counselor Christopher Cooper Esq., spoke on friendship, and had brothers reaffirm the oath each accepted.

(Standing with hands raised to reaffirm the oath to Omega)

the day they were initiated into the fraternity. Brother Cooper recounted a story about how he spoke to a brother who wanted to come to



Founders Day, but he couldn't step. Brother Cooper quickly replied, “don't worry the founders couldn't step either”.



Brother Cooper brought an inspirational message of:

- Put aside petty differences; we're brothers
- Commit yourselves to the cardinal principles
- A (true) friend will do for us that we would do for ourselves

The rededication was a well needed respite that enabled brothers to rekindle friendships and to a greater extent it served as a catalyst for brothers to replenish the oil in their lamps, and to make the spirits of Manhood, [ΩΨΦ] Scholarship Perseverance and Uplift [ΩΨΦ] burn just as brightly for all to see today, as it did November 17, 1911, when three undergraduates, and their faculty advisor sat down in the spirit of unity to create The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



(Brother Basileus Hill, “If you want to be a friend, you must make yourself available.”)

Founders Day Giveaway

The brothers of Mu Iota distributed turkeys and all the trimmings to families at the Barack Recreation Center located at 580 East Woodrow Avenue, Columbus Ohio. (l-r Brothers Arnold Calhoun, Leo Cook, and Stephen Jones)





Scholarship

The Mu Iota Chapter awarded several scholarships to area students. Mu Iota awarded scholarships to area students, through the Talent Hunt Program and the annual High School Essay Contest.

Talent Hunt Program

First Place and a check for \$1,000 was awarded to Saxophonist Nathaniel Davis of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School.



This was followed by Second Place and a check for \$500.00 being awarded to Visual Artist Emmalena D. Moore of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School.



Rounding out the top three finishing positions was a tie for Third Place and the \$250 prize. Dancer Brooklyn Barnes of Bishop Hartley High School took home a share Third Place with Pianist Antoine Lee of Pickerington Central School



High School Essay Contest

An award of \$500.00 was presented to the of the high school essay contest.

Mu Iota Teamed with the Omega Community Enhancement Foundation to Donate School Supplies



(L-R Brothers Zachery Hill, Stephen Jones, Bryan K. Dirke, and Eldon Smith)

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Conclave/Leadership Conference Delegates



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The electronic signature affixed below confirms the following brothers of the Mu Iota Chapter were delegates to the 2022 Grand Conclave in Charlotte North Carolina:

Reginald Adams, DPR

Bryan Dirke, Past Basileus

Thomas Hill, Basileus

Aaron Marshall, Past Basileus

Matthew Stinson

Roderick Booker

McKenzie Harmon, KF

Chris Kennerly

Arther Peace, Vice Basileus

Keith Warren, KRS

Aaron K. Marshall

10/31/2023

Aaron K. Marshall
Keeper of Records and Seal
Mu Iota Chapter
Columbus Ohio



Arrival in Charlotte NC. We greeted old friends and met a lot of new ones as we waited for luggage to slide down the carousel while listening to Brother George Clinton's "Atomic Dog".

Day One - Arrival at the Conclave site was uneventful. However, what weighed on lots of minds was the thought of prolonged standing in line to register and receive delegate credentials.



At first blush, the queue waiting to register looked undaunting. However, from this point in the line (which was the absolute tail end) it took less than 30 minutes of standing before everyone was registered, received meeting materials, and a conclave gift.



The rapid movement of the registration line was a testament to the superb organization put in place by the brothers in Charlotte.

Registration day was filled with activity. However, at every venue the lines moved briskly, which was a testament to effective planning and robust staffing.





We Learned the 2022 Charlotte Conclave was possibly the last time these Fragile Edifices Would Travel

We are speaking of the portraits of the founded of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity that were done on solid marble. Through passage of time, they have become fragile. If we continue to pack and ship these memorials of the founders which weigh-in at 500 pounds, we run the risk of causing irreparable damage to them. We learned that to see them in the future we may need

Downtown Charlotte was a Hub of Activity

Downtown Charlotte was a hub of activity for the Charlotte Conclave bringing out Motorcycle Ques and hundreds of good-natured, spirited revelers that spilled out onto sidewalks.





Streets of downtown Charlotte North Carolina was invaded by a horde of men clad in Old Gold and Royal Purple.

Appetites were satiated with heavy hors d'oeuvres served by various organizations seeking business opportunities



From sun-up to sunset this was the look of the main concourse at the Charlotte Convention Center - packed wall-to-wall with Ques.

Faces at the Conclave



There were some well-known faces at the Conclave. Leading the list was Brother George Clinton

l-r Mu Iota Basileus Thomas Hill and Evangelist Shriley Caesar



l-r A. J. Calloway original host of BET's 106th & Park and Mu Iota Basileus Thomas Hill



Memorial Service

March 12, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota assembled at their fraternity house located at 799 Old Leonard Avenue, Columbus Ohio and conducted the annual Memorial Service to recall the memory of those members who had entered Omega Chapter.

The brothers of Mu Iota subsequently conducted memorial services for the following brothers:

Brother David E. Dungy



The Brothers of Mu Iota assembled at 10:00 a.m. May 26, 2023, in the Chapel of the Marlan Gary Funeral Home, 2500 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH to perform an Omega Service for Brother David Eugene Dungy.

Brother David Eugene Dungy was born March 6, 1964. He was adopted by his devoted parents Charles and Betty Dungy. Their unwavering support,

guidance and love were instrumental in shaping him into the man he became.

Brother Dungy carried their lessons of compassion, and resilience throughout his life, honoring their legacy with every act of kindness and devotion.

Brother Dungy attended Mifflin High School where he excelled in football as a linebacker. He was inducted into the National Honor Society and graduated with honors.

He attended Hampton University and graduated with honors. While at Hampton, he was initiated into the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Hampton Virginia on February 23, 1985.

Brother Dungy held a special place in his heart for his fraternity family. Within the fraternity, he found a sense of belonging, brotherhood, and lifelong friendships.

Brother Dungy had a passion for entrepreneurship. Over the years he had business ventures, Above the Rim, Ujamaa Alliance, and Dungy-Scott Marketing & Consulting.

Brother Dungy's life took a joyous turn in 2018 when he had the opportunity to meet his biological daughter. Their reunion brought happiness and provided David with a renewed sense of purpose and family bonds.

Despite the physical distance, their connection grew stronger through shared experiences, exchanged photographs, and video. Brother David Eugene Dungy transitioned into Omega Chapter May 17, 2023.

Brother Daniel O. Sears



The Brothers of Mu Iota assembled at 9:00 a.m. May 26, 2023, in the Trinity Baptist Church, 461 St. Clair Avenue, Columbus, OH to perform an Omega Service for Brother Daniel Oliver Sears.

Daniel Oliver Sears, husband to Dr. Samantha Michelle Sears, father of Kennedy Olivia-Rose Sears (10) and Evanston Oliver-

Rhodes Sears (8 mos.), son of the late Charlene Dionne Sears, grandson of Charles Walter Sears (Iota Psi 1952) and the late Katherine Conley Sears.

Daniel is also a beloved cousin to many and a grandnephew. Daniel was a graduate of Thomas Worthington high school and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Beyond his dedication to the orange and white (UT).

His heartbeat was true for the purple and gold. Daniel was a loyal member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Brother Sears was initiated into the fraternity at the Iota Beta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Knoxville Tennessee on May 26, 2004.

He was trained in logistics and materials management and had forged a successful career in that regard working for several fortune 500 companies.

Brother Daniel Oliver Sears entered Omega Thursday, May 25, 2023. He will be interred at Wesley Chapel Cemetery near his mother and grandmother.



Social Actions

MLK Day 2023 - No Dampened Spirits



A festive atmosphere prevailed in front of Lincoln Theater on January 20, 2023. Temperatures dipped and although soaked from a steady drizzle everyone was genuinely happy to

see each other and looked forward to celebrating the legacy of Dr. King.

The day culminated with the brothers of Mu Iota marching with people of **(Bro. Mackenzie Harmon (center) and son)** all faiths, ages, races and ethnicities to symbolize unity and belief in Dr. King's message of non-violence.



Feed the Neighborhood is an on-going program of the Mu Iota Chapter

On December 10, 2022, the Mu Iota Social Actions chair worked through the Chapter Basileus to announce to the members an



(L-R Brothers Stephen Jones and Reg Adams at the Driving Park Recreation Center location)

members an opportunity to be of service to the community distributing food. The brothers established Feed the Neighborhood because the area serviced by Mu Iota does not have immediate access to fresh

meat and produce that is supplied by large inexpensive grocery sources like Kroger's or WalMart. On December 10, 2022, the brothers of Mu Iota supported its neighbors through contributing resources, volunteers, and then fanning out in the four points of the compass within the City of Columbus Ohio to distribute 600 hot meals to appreciative residents of the city.

Some of the recipients recognized the brothers as "those guys in purple, who are always doing stuff in the neighborhood". To others, it was a chance to learn about the fraternity and its other works within the city like neighborhood cleanup and mentoring high school



(Stopping traffic to pass prepared meals to drivers passing by the Driving Park Rec Center location)

students. During the day, the brothers approached residents located nearby:

- Driving Park Recreation Center
- Franklin Heights High School
- Linden Community Center and
- Marvin's on South Front Street

Helping Fight the Spread of Disease

The brothers of Mu Iota participated in the fight to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted disease by working with Equitas Health Ohio HIV Hotline to pack

and distribute condoms to the surrounding community. The importance of consistently and correctly using condoms to prevent the spread of disease cannot be over emphasized. Consistent and correct use of condoms: Reduces risk of sexually transmitted disease up to and including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and provides protection against diseases that may be



transmitted through sex like Zika and Ebola

Home Repair and Maintenance



On May 5, 2023, the brothers of Mu Iota made repairs to local homes and performed maintenance work on the homes of Nuki Grogan residents who expressed a need for this type of work but lacked financial means to pay for it. Mu Iota partnered with Non-Profit Organization

Come Help MODCON Living Rebuild a Healthy Neighborhood
 Saturday, May 6, 2023
 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Milo Grogan Area



Contact Brother Stephen Jones
 (614) 893-3797 or
 smjones1957@yahoo.com



MODCON Living and joined forces with private volunteer corporations, and community organizations to make minor repairs and complete maintenance work that improved the appearance and livability of areas homes.

Brothers believe everyone should have access to resources to live in a safe and healthy home. Service was provided to any resident who asked for help. Finished projects

improved appearance of homes and made lasting impression on the families serviced.

MODCON Living (3840 E. 5th Ave, Columbus, OH 43219 Telephone: (614) 252-2593) is dedicated to sustaining homes and neighborhoods by providing



reliable, affordable home repair and maintenance. Likewise, the brothers of Mu Iota are dedicated to sustaining academic excellence when it delivers school supplies to

the students of the Trevitt Elementary School in Columbus Ohio.

School Supplies Donated to Trevitt Elementary School

On August 22, 2023, Mu Iota's donation to Trevitt Elementary School (519 Trevitt Street, Columbus, OH 43203) is meant to ensure that no child is left behind for lack of school supplies.

Join Us August 22, 2023!


BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Trevitt Elementary School
 519 Trevitt Street, Columbus, OH 43203

NEEDS: PENCILS, PAPER, SCISSORS, CALCULATORS, ERASERS, TAPE & GLUE, HIGHLIGHTERS

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Therefore, it is important for them to have the supplies they need to fully engage with the education process. School Supply Distribution is a Social Actions program that, like any other program, requires money to operate. The Annual Mu Iota Mardi Gras is a major source of funds for social Action Programs.



L-R Brothers Zachery Hill, Stephen Jones, Bryan K. Dirke, and Eldon Smith)

The 2023 Mu Iota Mardi Gras raises \$3,000 for Social Actions Programs

February 18, 2023 - The brick and glass Walters Commons of St. Charles Preparatory School provided the backdrop for the gala. As for getting people inside the



U.S. Representative Joyce Beatty was in attendance shown here with Bro. Steve Miller. In the background is Elder Brother Larry Price



venue, the word went out, and a host of people bought tickets to party whose proceed will be used to fund projects like College Scholarships, Talent Hunt, Supplies for Schools and other endeavors across Columbus Ohio.



Feed the Community

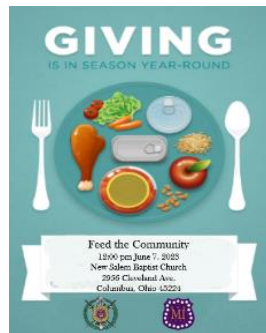
June 7, 2023 - The Brothers of Mu Iota devoted a portion of its on-going neighborhood feeding mission to team with New Salem Baptist church.



The brothers worked with the Food Ministry of New Salem to prepare food and then serve meals to some 200 members of the community.

The mission of Mu Iota is to provide support that is relevant and welcomed by its neighbors.

The brothers of Mu Iota always look for ways to be of service to uplift the community.



Charter Day - June 1, 2023

Brothers John White, Allen Wright, George Carter, and Elisha Peters. These are the brothers who chartered the Mu Iota chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity which presently celebrates 78 years of service in the capital city of Columbus



Ohio. The day was filled with food, music, and fellowship. The Barbeque Ques labored over several grills to churn out platters of chicken wings, hot dogs, and hamburgers for an enthusiastic group of diners. A wonderful aspect of the event was that it was family friendly in appreciation of the advice and assistance Omega Men receive from their extended families in serving the community.



Brothers from chapters as far north as Cleveland and as far south toward Cincinnati helped Mu Iota celebrate the day. The air was filled with conviviality.



Conversations, jesting, and good-natured ribbing ruled the day. Mu Iota couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. It was sunny and warm with a light breeze.



Mu Iota works with Troubled Youth

June 19, 2023 -- Mu Iota joined forces with members of the Divine 9 to work with youth detained in the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. They met with detainees in small groups over lunch and had open and frank discussions regarding challenges in life they can expect to face, and then passed on practical advice on making sound life decisions.



They finished their visit by helping the youth start a community garden. For the brothers of Mu Iota, it was an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of fellow citizens. Likewise, distributing food made a difference in the lives of economically challenged families.

Food for Families

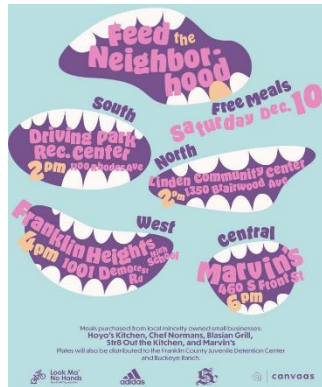
On December 10, 2022, the brothers of Mu Iota Chapter worked with members of the Divine 9 to distribute turkeys and other food items to families at several Columbus locations during a food drive sponsored by local NBC affiliate television station WMH-TV



(l-r Brothers Stephen Jones and Eugene Mitchell at Driving Park Recreation Center)

The brothers of Mu Iota have a philosophy of continuously looking for ways of supporting the minds, bodies and spirits of its neighbors as in the case of distributing food for thanksgiving.

Providing community clean-up in the Milo Grogan Area is in keeping of seeking ways to support this philosophy.



(Pictured: Bros. Arnold Calhoun, Leo Cook, Stephen Jones at Barack Recreation Center)

Community Clean-up in the Milo Grogan Area around New Beginnings Park



7/1/2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota donated sweat equity when it teamed with Keep Columbus Beautiful and the youth of StarHouse to clean the Area around New Beginnings Park.

Special thanks to Frank A. Brown of Travis Marion Foundation and Kamara

Willoughby from Cultivate CDC! The daylong project gave the brothers of Mu Iota opportunities to work with young people to show a sense of caring and images of positive manhood as in the case of the brothers working with the Omega Gents program.

Omega Gents

Omega Gents is a **mentoring program** sponsored by the Mu Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The Program is designed to teach and encourage high school by defining, planning, pursuing and achieving life goals. The program



includes monthly workshops, college preparatory counseling and life coaching by exposure to black professional men. Mentorship or having someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a student influences the personal and prepares them for educational growth. Likewise distributing hats and gloves to students to protect them against the cold helps them to be physically ready to participate in the courses of instruction that promote educational growth.

Hats and Gloves Given to Area Residents

Warm heads and hands were on the minds of the brothers of Mu Iota December 12, 2022, when they responded to a need of the community that children needed warm hats and gloves. The brothers elected to distribute them to area residents during a



(Brother Basileus Thomas Hill speaks to the team before meal service)

dinner sponsored by Mu Iota at the Glenwood Recreation Center, 1888 Fairmont Ave, Columbus Ohio. Hats and Gloves provided heads and hands welcome relief against the cold and provided affirmation someone cared about the wellbeing of students. This same sense of caring was evident as brothers delivered hot meals to house bound senior citizens in partnership with the CRC Food Pantry.

CRC Food Pantry



December 10, 2022 - The brothers of Mu Iota continued its mission of

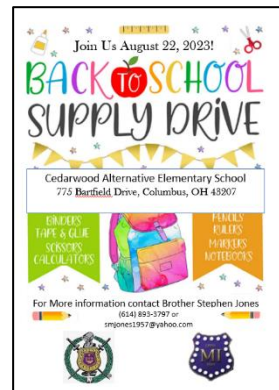


(L-R Brothers Antwan Pratt, Tavares Dishmon, Anthony Williams, Roberto Pierre, Wimberly Cook and Dywan Bright with member of CRC Food Pantry)

feeding the hungry. The brothers worked with non-profit agency CRC in its Senior Supportive Services workers to connect homebound seniors with hot meals and to ensure they know of other resources outside additional CRC programs. This is why Mu Iota went through its neighborhood to deliver meals. The brothers provided hot meals to seniors to help them comfortably move throughout their days without hunger pangs. Likewise providing students with supplies helped students of Cedarwood Elementary School engage with the education process without the pangs of academically falling behind their peers due to lack of adequate pencils, paper, erasers, and other supplies that are essential for learning.

School Supplies Distributed to Students of Cedarwood Elementary School

August 22, 2022 - The brothers of Mu Iota partnered with the Omega Community Enrichment Foundation, NCUS



Tech, and members of the Franklin County Sheriff's office to provide school supplies and vital information to adults on educational resources, during the Annual Ice Cream Social for Cedarwood Alternative Elementary School.

The gift of supplies is meant to ensure students are adequately equipped. According to Mu Iota

Basileus Thomas Hill. "Every child should have the basics of supplies and equipment that enables them to fully participate in learning.

No student should be left behind because of a parent's inability to afford the cost of school supplies."





L-R Brothers Eugene Mitchell, Roberick Booker, Maurice Lett, Zahary Hill, Dywan Bright

Students in possession of adequate school supplies is just one piece of the of what it takes to educate a young person. Equally important for the academic success of students is for parents to

visibly show support for their students by participating with them in events like in the case of “Pull Up with Dad”.

Pull Up with Dad

October 12, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota partnered with Urban Family in the second annual Pull Up with Dad. It was a day set aside for fathers to take their children to school.



The brothers of Mu Iota joined with other volunteers at Trevitt Elementary school of Columbus Ohio to greet dads and children with rounds of applause as they made their way through a gauntlet of well wishers forming a corridor

leading to the main entrance. Once inside, everyone was treated to breakfast with students.

Brothers made is a point to sit with children whose fathers were unable to attend the special day. Through the efforts of Social Actions Chair Brother Stephen Jones, Mu Iota has a relationship with Trevitt Elementary School that spans several years of participating in school supply drive and interacting with students in classrooms for events like story telling. The relationship is bolstered by the fact the brothers of Mu Iota understand



children who are engaged with fathers, (although in some cases surrogate fathers) “tend to be more patient; and when they are older, they can handle the stresses and frustrations associated with schooling more easily than children with less involved fathers.”¹ [Zero to Three, Connections that](#)



Front Row l-r Stephen Jones and Dywan Bright
Row l-r Matt Stinson, Elton, Smith, and Anthony Alston

[last a lifetime](#) . It was a spirit of inclusiveness that drove the brothers of Mu Iota to sit with children whose fathers could not be in attendance that drove Mu Iota to show-up to support the Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Walk/Run October 7, 2023.

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Walk/Run

The brothers of Mu Iota helped spread the word to bring awareness to breast cancer at Gahanna Ohio’s Creekside Park on October 7, 2023. Mu Iota was driven to do what it could after being enlightened of the following sobering facts regarding the incidence of Breast Cancer in African American women that was taken from bcpp.org:



- 40% Breast Cancer Mortality Rate – the highest of any U.S. racial or ethnic group
- Among women younger than 40, breast cancer incidence is higher among African American women than White women.
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. for AA Women
- Black women who used hair dye at least every 5-8 weeks had a 60% higher breast cancer risk.



Brothers Dywan Bright and Eugene Williams

The brothers worked with Breast Cancer Awareness to bring awareness to an important issue facing the community.

Likewise, the brothers helped advertise and then work with party organizers to provide a safe atmosphere for children to enjoy a Halloween party at the Brentnell Community Center.

Halloween Party at Brentnell Community Center

October 27, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota sponsored a Halloween party for children at the Brentnell Community Center located at 1280 Brentnell Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.



The brothers donated treats and then helped supervise an afternoon of fun.

They passed



out treats and then stayed on to help supervise games and encouraged all children to let loose and have a good time participating in them.

This enabled every child to enjoy an evening of safe, family-oriented fun.



Bros. Arnold Calhoun, Leo Cook, Stephen Jones

Food for Families

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(l-r Brothers Stephen Jones and Eugene Mitchell at Driving Park Recreation Center) NBC affiliate television station WCMH-TV.



Talent Hunt

Talent Hunt 2023



Mu Iota hosted Talent Hunt at the Columbus Performing Arts Center on March 25, 2023. The Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt Showcase provides high school students with an opportunity to showcase their talents in several

disciplines such as vocal, instrumental, dance, spoken word, and visual arts. The International Talent Hunt Committee provides guidelines and assistance to local, state, and district chairmen in their search and presentation of the best available talent within their respective areas. The local chapter provides the original impetus for state and districts competitions and the International Talent Hunt Demonstration.



Visual Artist Caleb Curenton of the Columbus Arts & Technology Academy High School.

The Mistress of Ceremonies

In charge of keeping the program smoothly flowing and providing color commentary was Judge Kimberly Cocroft of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, the Mistress of ceremonies for the day.



Caleb presented his artwork that features variations on Will Smith portraiture.

The Performers

Students put their “best foot forward” in a hotly contested. Hosting Talent Hunt 2023 brought students, teachers, and parents together for an afternoon of entertainment at the Columbus Performing Arts Center.

The students relished the opportunity to compete and cheer one another on, and the buzz generated by Talent Hunt 2022 opened the door to hosting Talent Hunt 2023.



Electric Guitarist Mikhailo Santos of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School



Mikhailo performed an electric guitar solo off of the energetic Guns and Roses piece, “Welcome to The Jungle”.



Visual Artist Emmalena D. Moore of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School



Dancer Brooklyn Barnes of Bishop Hartley High School.



Emmalena presented her artwork that depicted the moral decay of society and the promise of good in the future.



Brooklyn danced to The Jacksons, “Blame It On The Boogie”



Saxophonist Dylan Burk of Ohio Construction Academy High School



Dylan performed, “Dylan’s Blues”, a variation of a work by Duke Ellington. Dylan’s demeanor and look was described by the Emcee “cooler than the other side of the pillow.”



Azzarria raised memories of the not too distant past in her rendition of a Billie Holiday classic, “Strange Fruit.”



Vocalist Azzaria Wilson of Briggs High School



Saxophonist Nathaniel Davis of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School.



Nathaniel brought Gerald Albright energy in his performance of Luther Vandross', "Amazing".

The Results

Out of the performances, the Judges singled out four artists as particularly noteworthy.

First Place and a check for \$1,000 was awarded to Saxophonist Nathaniel Davis of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School.



This was followed by Second Place and a check for \$250.00 being awarded to Visual Artist Emmalena D. Moore of Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School.



Pianist Antoine Lee of Pickerington Central High School.



Rounding out the top three finishing positions was a tie for Third Place and the \$250 prize.



Antoine raised memories of the past with his haunting rendition of, "Nobody knows the Trouble I've Seen."



Dancer Brooklyn Barnes of Bishop Hartley High School took home a share Third Place with Pianist Antoine Lee of Pickerington Central School



Edward A. Hill, Jr. is a performer, arranger, music director, producer, and composer of music.



The Judges

The unenviable task of grading the performances fell upon the shoulders of the following judges:



Dr. William Theodore (Ted) McDaniel, Jr. is Professor Emeritus of Music and African American & African studies at The Ohio State University



Mitchell Franklin joined Urban Strings as Assistant Director in 2009. Mitchell became Music Librarian for Urban Strings this year. Mitchell has been a member of the Bethany Presbyterian Choir, singing tenor, baritone and base.

Supporters

The production of Talent Hunt was a team effort that required the efforts of Ad sponsors, Financial Donors, and members of the Mu Iota Talent Hunt Committee consisting of the following Brothers:

- Basileus Thomas Hill,
- Stephen Jones,
- Mark Shaw,
- Reg Adams,
- Elder Larry Price, Charles Price,
- Past Basileus Bryan K. Dirke,
- Eugene Mitchell,
- Alaric Green,
- Eugene Williams,
- Lawrence Lundy,
- Anthony Alston,
- and Sebastian French

Mu Iota sincerely thanks the following Ad Sponsors:

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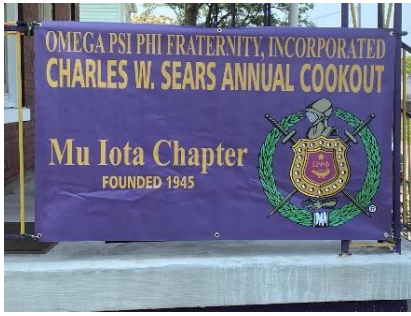
- Reg Adams
- Marlon Gary
- Chester Harden
- Stephen Jones
- Steven Miller
- Charles Price
- Elder Larry Price
- Mark Shaw
- Eugene Williams Jr.



Reclamation and Retention

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Reaching out to inactive brothers and returning them to financial status is an on-going effort of the Mu Iota Reclamation and Retention Committee. Mu Iota reclaimed Delane L. Crutcher, Robert L. Hemphill Jr., and Michael



Hendrix

For the brothers, it is all about building personal relationships and showing non-financial brothers the activities and projects they could be involved with if they return to the fold. The Reclamation & Retention summer is capped off with the annual Charles Sears picnic. It is a time when interested parties have an opportunity to meet the men of Omega in an informal setting.



The brothers gathered at the Frat House on Saturday August 19, 2023 to host the annual Charles W. Sears Reclamation and Retention cookout. The cookout is named in honor of Brother W. Sears, Iota Psi 1952. The weather cooperated for the event which featured fun for the young and not-so-young. The day was mixed with a little business and a lot of fun. Business came in the form of making introductions to brothers of parties who expressed interest in becoming Omega Men.

Join us August 19, 2023

For The Annual

BROTHER CHARLES W. SEARS COOKOUT
Reclamation and Retention...

Start Time: 12:00 pm 899-900 Old Leonard Ave Columbus, Ohio 43203	Hosting undergraduate brothers who will be attending the undergraduate summit at OSU
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The day was filled with food, music, and fellowship.



Brothers manning grills churned out wings, hot dogs, and hamburgers for an enthusiastic group of diners. A wonderful aspect of the event was that it was family friendly in appreciation of the advice and assistance Omega Men receive from their extended families in serving the community.

Brothers from chapters as far north as Cleveland and south toward Cincinnati helped Mu Iota celebrate the day. The air was filled with conviviality.

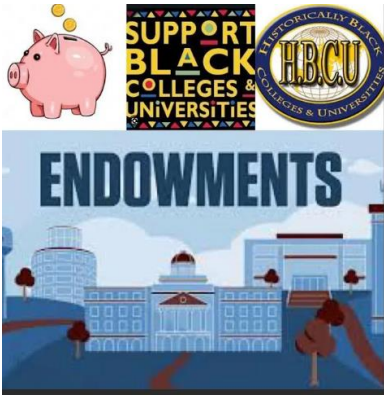


Conversations, jesting, and good-natured ribbing ruled the day.



College Endowment Fund

Mu Iota paid \$500 into the College Endowment Fund.



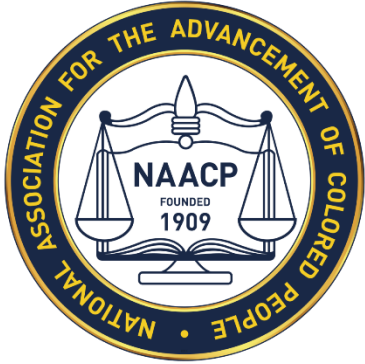
Each year the fraternity gives at least \$50,000.00 to Historically Black College Institutions (HBCU) in furtherance of Omega's commitment to provide philanthropic support. Chapters are assessed donations based on chapter size.



NAACP

Life Member

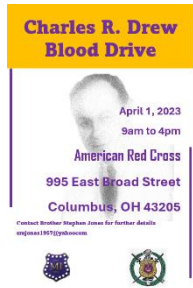
The Mu Iota Chapter has a paid annual membership with the NAACP.





International Health Initiatives

Mu Iota Sponsors the Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive



On the 1st of April, the brothers of Mu Iota sponsored its 2023 rendition of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. The brothers had a goal of contributing 7 donations to the Columbus Red Cross, before deciding to partner with the Columbus Chapter of the National Panhellenic Council to attract more

participants to the worthy cause since this year's blood drive was especially important because the components that are extracted from the donations would be used to create blood-based products that are essential for treating



L-R Bros. Nicolas Williams and Jesse Dunne with candidates interested in Omega



(Brother Nicholas Williams)

Central Ohio patients suffering from sickle cell anemia. Mu Iota exceeded its goal of 7 to contribute 11 donations to the blood collection drive.

Mu Iota Chapter Smashes Fund-Raising Goal for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The brothers of Mu Iota had a goal of collecting \$1,000 at the onset of the fund-raising campaign.



However, after reading literature and learning how donating

to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, would help St. Jude continue its lifesaving work to find cures and means of prevention for childhood cancer and other pediatric, life-threatening diseases. The brothers met the \$1,000 goal and then continued to raise an additional \$1,080, and then presented \$2,080 to St. Jude.

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Walk/Run

The brothers of Mu Iota helped spread the word to bring awareness to breast cancer at Gahanna Ohio's Creekside Park on October 7, 2023.



Mu Iota was driven to do what it could after being enlightened of the following sobering facts



L-R Brothers Dywan Bright and Eugene Williams

regarding the incidence of Breast Cancer in African American Women that was taken from bcpp.org:

- 40% Breast Cancer Mortality Rate – the highest of any U.S. racial or ethnic group
- Among women younger than 40, breast cancer incidence is higher among African American women than White women
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. for AA Women
- Black women who used hair dye at least every 5-8 weeks had a 60% higher breast cancer risk

Other Local Community Based Activities



Community Clean-up in the Milo Grogan Area of Columbus Ohio

July 1, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota to help beautify their piece of Columbus when they picked-up, swept up, and raked up recreational spaces encompassing the New Beginnings Park

The brothers worked with “Keep Columbus Beautiful” and youth from StarHouse
Special thanks to Frank A. Brown of Travis Marion Foundation and Kamara Willoughby from Cultivate CDC!

Halloween Party at Brentnell Community Center

October 27, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota sponsored a Halloween party for children at the Brentnell Community Center located at 1280 Brentnell Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.



The brothers donated treats and then helped supervise an afternoon of fun.

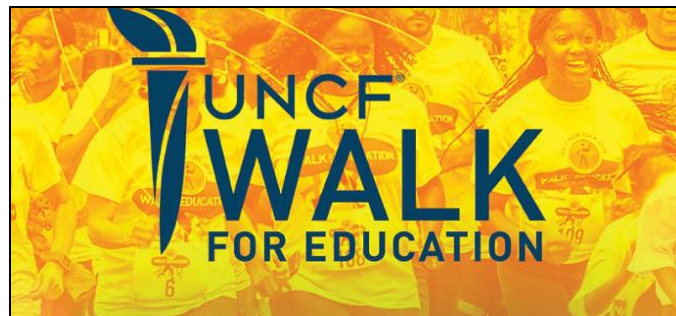
They passed out treats and then stayed on to help supervise games and encouraged all children to let loose and have a good time participating in them.



This enabled every child to enjoy an evening of safe, family-oriented fun.

United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Walk for Education

September 24, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota partnered with the UNCF to sponsor the Columbus Walk for Education and raised \$1,875 to provide funds to UNCF supported students.



Walk for Education at Wolfe Park 105 Park Drive Columbus, OH 43209. the brothers of Mu Iota believe working with UNCF and Historically Black Colleges and Universities is a means for maintaining a pipeline of graduates ready to become the future generation of professionals in our country.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, 2023 - The brothers of Mu Iota sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Christ United Methodist Church, 1480 Zettler Road Columbus Ohio 43227.



Mu Iota provided a sense of competition when it hid “Lucky Golden Eggs” among the eggs. Those fortunate to find a “Lucky Golden Egg” received one of 15 loaded Easter Baskets.

Mu Iota also donated three \$50 Walmart Gift Cards. The Easter Egg Hunt put smiles on the faces

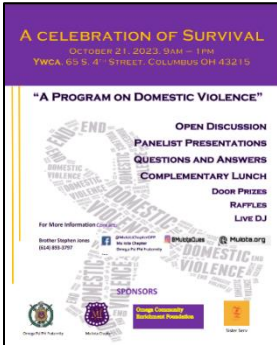


L-R Brothers Brian Johnson, Zachery Hill, Stephen Jones, and Thomas Hill

of all the children that participated in the day that was set-aside for family-oriented fun.



Domestic Violence Celebration of Survival



The brothers of Mu Iota sponsored a day to celebrate women who escaped living with physical and emotional abusers.

Many left abusive situations with their children and just the clothes on their backs in hopes of restarting their lives free from their abusers. The event

provided food for the mind and body. It featured discussion from a panel of experts who took questions and provided information and access to resources that



L-R Bros. Stephen Jones and Bryan K. Dirke

support the rehabilitation of abused women and families.



After the discussion, the brothers provided and serviced lunch to all guests in

attendance. Mu Iota also restocked the home supply closet where women in residence at the YWCA could obtain housekeeping items.

The brothers provided detergent, mops, buckets, brooms, dust pans, and feminine hygiene products.



Chapter Awards and Other Recognition



The 2022 Community Service Award Goes to Mu Iota

The Mu Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was awarded the 2022 Community Service by publisher Ohio MBE. The award is in recognition of the



chapter's work in combating hunger, Voter Education and Registration, Prevention of Domestic Violence, School Supplies Drive, added to a host of other efforts like Easter Basket Giveaway, Summer Lunch Program for elementary students, and Halloween Parties for school kids in safe

environments. Special words of thanks and congrats for this award go to MI Social Actions Chair Bro. Stephen Jones for his tireless work throughout the community on behalf of Mu Iota.



L-R Bro. Stephen Jones and Bro. Matt Stinson

Brother Matt Stinson Receives Award



6/20/2023 -- Brother Matt Stinson was honored at the National Panhellenic Council Columbus Unity Week Awards Banquet.



Brother Stinson was recognized for outstanding service, leadership, innovation, and contributions to NPHC Columbus.

Brother Arthur Peace Receives The Rosa L. Parks Award

This year's tribute hosted by the Central Ohio Transit Authority and United States Representative Joyce Beatty, celebrates *The Power of One*. Brother Peace was



honored as an individual who has brought forth societal change and demonstrated courage to build a freer, fairer, and more just nation for everyone.

(Elder) Brother Larry Price Receives the "Leading by Example Award"

The award was presented by IMPACT, which is part of a state and national network where Brother Price works to:



- Empower low-income individuals and families in their efforts to become self-sufficient.
- Advocate for a poverty-free community
- Stimulate expansion of economic opportunities for the poor and the community through economic development programs and services

Team Mu Iota Wins Unity Week Step Competition

The team from Mu Iota punctuated another great



National Panhellenic Council Columbus Unity Week with a win at the annual Unity Week Step Competition.

with a win in the Step & Stroll Competition with a high flying, energetic performance they had been rehearsing for weeks.

Team Mu Iota consisted of the following Brothers: Chris Jones, Moe Lee, James Norvet III, Roberto Pierre, Sam Turay, Keith Warren, Devin Harris (Judge), Maurice Lett (Technician)



CHAPTER AWARDS

Superior Service Award

Brother Stephen Jones



(l-r) Brother Steve Miller, Brother Stephen Jones, and Brother Basileus Thomas Hill

Brother Jones is a dynamo who has a finger on the pulse of the community. He ensures resources from Mu Iota are distributed where they can

have the greater impact. Brother Jones never stays in one place. He has tirelessly worked behind the scenes to ensure children were fed during summer recess, new parents received diapers, formula, and clothing, and kids had safe fun at community parties that commemorated special days like Halloween and Easter.

Omega Man of the Year

Brother Rick A. Lewis



Omega Man of the Year Award was presented to Rick A. Lewis, a brother who made

extraordinary contributions to the community and the Mu Iota Chapter during 2022.

Brotherhood Awards

The Mu Iota Chapter presented awards to members who provided services that made life easier for all members of the Chapter. Recipients of the 2023 Brotherhood Award are the following brothers:

Brother Reg Adams



Brother Chester Hardin



Brother Devis Harris



Brother Jesse Dunn



Brother Makenzie Harmon



Brother Marlon Gary



Brother Eugene Mitchell



Brother Roberto Pierre



Brother Anthony Wilson



Not Pictured

- Brother Bryan Lowery
- Brother Quinton Mallory
- Brother Gerard Pickens

Brother Mark Shaw



King Lincoln District Presents award to Brother Reg Adams



Brother Matthew Stinson



The King Lincoln District presented the Hero Award to Brother Adams with appreciation for his service to the country and the community.

Brother Keith Warren



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