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Omega U: Impact Statement

Omega U is the mentoring program for the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter in the 3rd District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., serving the greater Prince William County and surrounding communities. Omega U aligns with the Fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The program was launched at Potomac Middle School in Dumfries, VA in 2009 to assist youth impacted negatively by their environment whether in the classroom or neighborhood. Since then, the program has expanded to twelve locations within Prince William County and has impacted over 700 students.

The mission of Omega U is to partner with Prince William County Public Schools (PWCPS) in mentoring, exposure and enabling students with confidence and development of personal skills through pre-collegiate initiatives, career readiness, and community service projects.

The Omega U program executes on average 25 annual weekend events for students from participating Prince William County (PWC) and surrounding area middle and high school campuses. The program plans and executes over 40 hours of community service within each school calendar year. In addition, Omega U provides tutoring, character development, STEAM projects, reading, SOL preparation, memorization, speaking, writing, career awareness and readiness for 130+ students that participate in mentoring. Omega U provided SPARK, PWCPS charitable 501(c)(3) organization, in-kind services of \$20,000.



During Omega FY 2022, Pi Lambda Lambda's Omega U:



Hosted **8** weekend events for students from participating Prince William County (PWC) and surrounding area middle and high school campuses.



Planned and executed. **40+ hours** of community service for students at each school location.



Provided tutoring, character development, reading and writing support, Standards of Learning preparation, and skill building efforts centered around - memorization, public speaking, career awareness, and college readiness for **over 130+ students** via the Omega U mentoring program.

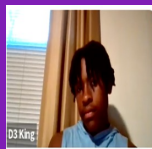
Mentorship: Pre-College and Career Readiness

Pi Lambda Lambda's Omega U remains committed to the planning, management, coordination, and execution of high-quality virtual and in-person events. Events completed during FY 2022, focused on a range of topics to include but not limited to:



Pre-College Initiative:

On April 21, 2022, Omega U program held a Scholarship Workshop presentation hosted by the PLL Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee formulated a roadmap for the students to follow so they have an opportunity to attend a college of their choosing. Bro. Art Sobers, Chairman of the PLL Scholarship Committee, spoke to students about the opportunities that the military has to offer and still be able to attend college to obtain a degree.



Career Readiness:

The objective is to prepare our students for their future goals with the hope that perhaps their road to a career will be less challenging. On January 14, 2023, U.S. Marine Sergeant Major Bro Gary Smith led a leadership development discussion promoting the utilization of effective critical thinking, by the youth in attendance, during their day-to-day activities within their schools and prospective communities. Bro Gary Smith further focused on the essentials required to be a contributing member of society, further fostering understanding of how to best serve themselves and those around them that are counting on their help, support, and stewardship.

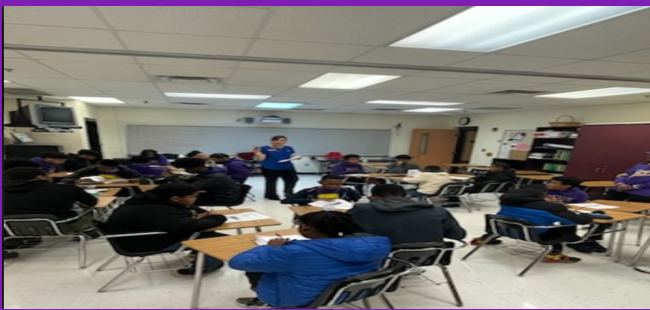
Mentorship: Financial Literacy and STEAM



Financial Literacy can be defined as a combination of financial awareness, knowledge, skills, attitude, and behavior necessary to make sound financial decisions and ultimately achieve individual financial well-being.

Financial Literacy/Wealth Management:

Financial literacy is the ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing. On December 3, 2022, the Omega U Program held a financial literacy presentation hosted by Apple Federal Credit Union at Potomac Middle School. Educating our students from the start about spending money the right way is as essential as teaching the four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance & Uplift.



STEAM:

On July 11-15, 2022, Omega U participated in a STEAM program hosted by EduCerc. Leading the charge to educate students in STEAM for Prince William County in Virginia, Omega U partnered with EduSerc to create an innovative experience in STEAM for middle and high school youth in the area of aeronautical engineering. Over the course of one week, students learned about the engineering process to develop requirements, design, build, test, and fly a model airplane from scratch. EduSerc hosts programs all over the country for summer, after-school and in-school residency targeted groups for the 5th -12th grades.

When we lose wealth in our own inner city communities it is not a conspiracy, it's often a lack of our own financial literacy


~John Hope Bryant

Omega U

Testimonial and Community Service



**The Honorable Andrea O. Bailey
Supervisor Potomac District
Board Of County Supervisors**

 **PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

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January 3, 2023

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter:

It gives me great pleasure and honor to write this letter of distinguished service in support of the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter.

First, as a spouse of tenured member of this chapter and as a honored recipient of the "Citizen of the Year" award from Omega Psi Phi, I have personally had the opportunity to experience the hard work and dedication that each member has for our community. Each member from the seasoned age of 90 plus to the youthful age of 30 plus lives the art of giving, serving, and engaging with intentionality. They are especially intentional about leaving a legacy for the next generation for male youth.

As an elected official, it is important when we can depend on advocates in the community to support endeavors and projects while serving the community. The men of Omega Psi Phi Chapter are such an organization. I have witnessed and participated as a guest speaker and supporter during several activities and events in their Omega U programs. The foundational efforts through their mentorship to students in my magisterial district from middle school to high school age has exhibited, projected, and instilled maturity, creativity, manhood, and perseverance skills while building trust and respect within the group. The Chapter requires a sense of excellence and pride in the students in all activities. The young men respond by being uplifted and assured with confidence and a sense of knowing their value.

The Chapter's reputation in the community is one of preparedness and readiness in all that they conduct or achieve. It is a skillset that they have imbedded in Omega U as well. Achievement is a mantra for this organization, therefore, through Omega U, they demonstrate through college readiness and career preparation as the pathway of accountability to succeed! The students have visibly succeeded in our community by the number of scholarships from the chapter, other organizations, and awards as they matriculate from high school to the college level.

The men of Omega Psi Phi believe in friendship as the embodiment of longevity and strength in its organization. They breathe and demonstrates with consistency their love, devotion, and devout respect for each other as well as in our community. They are always willing and able to stand in the gap where the need is. They are reliant, they are deliberate, and they do it with joy...always.

This Chapter's sustainability and staple of service has only bred a sense of purpose, ingenuity, and style in our environment. They are tried and true, and, the Prince William County, VA, community is so fortunate to have the fiber of men who possess the purple passion and gold resilience of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. dwell in it.

Respectfully yours and Your Friend,
Andrea O. Bailey
Andrea O. Bailey, Potomac District Supervisor, Board of County Supervisors,
Prince William County, Va.
"Citizen of the Year" Recipient (2020), Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Community Service:

On September 10, 2022, the Omega U Program participated in the Dumfries Slave Cemetery Clean up. This cemetery was established in the 19th century for the local African American community. In 2009, archaeology was conducted to delineated the cemetery, locating fieldstones (potential burial markers) and grave shafts indicating burials. Prince William County Public Schools gave the Prince William County NAACP entry rights to the cemetery for purpose of restoring, landscaping, and maintaining the cemetery.



6 Mentee Spotlight

Elijah Gartrell enrolled in Omega U mentorship program in his 6th grade year at Potomac Middle School. He continued through the program in his middle school years and became the president of the program. He continued his presidency through high school years at Potomac Senior graduating in the class of 2021 with over 10 college acceptances.

Post-graduation he committed to Old Dominion University (ODU) majoring in Cybersecurity. In his first year of university, he ran track for the university, participated in the ODU Cyber Club, NATO Cybersecurity Case competition (2021), undergraduate cybersecurity research for the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative, and secured two internships to MITRE & IHS Automation where he received return offers for both companies; all while averaging a 3.6 GPA. In his sophomore year, he participated in the NATO Cybersecurity Challenge, the Innovate Challenge under Commonwealth Cyber Initiative, offered by NSA for a Cybersecurity Internship. He is actively working towards establishing his own cybersecurity club at ODU for local schools in the area.



Elijah Gartrell

“
Omega U has impacted me by showing me how to be a leader and teaching me how to navigate through life as a young man pursuing my scholastic endeavors
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Fatherhood Initiative Impact Statement

The Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter Fatherhood Initiative is an international program in the 3rd District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., serving Prince William County, Virginia. PLL FI raises awareness of the importance of fatherhood in our communities, partnering with the Prince William County Fatherhood Initiatives Program to promote and give a voice to fathers and to celebrate and encourage fathers who serve a vital role in their children's lives. Taking a holistic approach, PLL FI strives to address the needs of the fathers of the PWC community, regardless of race or economic standing.

The goal of Pi Lambda Lambda Fatherhood Initiative is to promote responsible fatherhood by helping fathers of all ages achieve greater self-esteem and better awareness of their responsibilities to their families and community and understanding and support needed to help them become successful parents. Taking a holistic approach, PLL FI strives to address the needs of the fathers of the PWC community, regardless of race or economic standing. Working closely with PWC FI Program, PLL FI gains valuable experience providing support to the fathers of our community in most need while still supporting Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, specific brothers within PLL. Collaborating with other mandated program committees, PLL FI took a 360-degree view of all the services and support that fathers in our community need and actively engaged and encouraged them as parents. Below is a list of programs totaling over 30 hours the FI Committee did during the past year.

“The nature of impending fatherhood is that you are doing something that you're unqualified to do, and then you become qualified while doing it.”

During Omega FY 2022, Pi Lambda Lambda's Fatherhood Initiative:



Strong partnership with the Prince William County Fatherhood Initiative Program that will result in future success community engagement, like the 2022 PWC FIP Father/ Dance draw **110 father and daughter** participants



Planned and executed. **30+ hours** of community service events illustrating the importance of the role fathers play in our families.



Providing support to the fathers of our community in most need while still supporting Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, specific brothers within PLL,

Fatherhood Initiative and Community Involvement

Virtual Black History Month Movie Night
 Presented by The Fatherhood Initiative Committee.
 " FATHERHOOD "
 Sunday February 27 at 4:00 PM

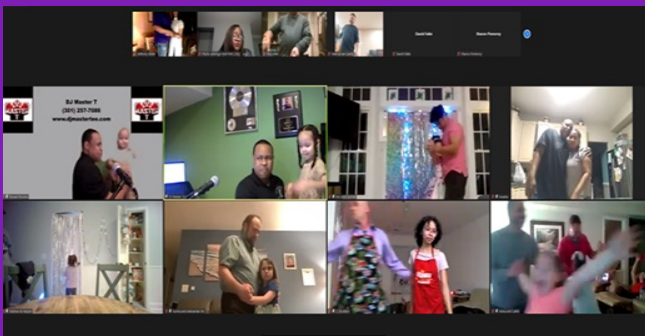


February 27, 2022

CYBER BLAST FATHER & DAUGHTER VIRTUAL DANCE
 Saturday, March 26th, 2022
 From 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Comedy & Magic
 DJ
 Choreographer
 Chef

A Gift Box will be provided for pick-up at the Fertazzo Building for all the virtual activities.
 Register at: www.eventbrite.com



On March 26, 2022, after a two-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic, PLL and the Prince William County Father Initiative program collaborated by holding The "CYBER BLAST Father & Daughter Virtual Dance."

See It Through

BROTHER, YOU'RE ON MY MIND
"MIND YOUR HEALTH"
 A FRANK DISCUSSION ON MENTAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

DATE: May 14th, 2022 / TIME: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Plus: a 30-minute "Overtime" session, if needed

"Mind Your Health" is a discussion on mental health presented under the banner of the "Brother, You're on My Mind" Program, a partnership between Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and the National Institute of Health. This will be a two-part discussion:

Session #1 (~ 45 min – 1 hr): A Presentation on Mental Health by Dr. Jim Monestine
 Session #2 (~ 45 min – 1 hr): A "Stand on My 1st" Frank Discussion on Brothers and the Stigma Surrounding Mental Health Issues
 (**This session is a Brothers Only event)

Zoom Information:

May 14, 2022



June 4th, 2022

Collaboration with Omega U mentoring Program to hold Community Involvement event hosted by Prince William County Police Chief Newsham. The seminar was designed to help our students think about how to bridge the gap between the community and the Prince William County Police Department.

"You fathers will understand. You have a little girl. She looks up to you. You're her oracle. You're her hero. And then the day comes when she gets her first permanent wave and goes to her first real party, and from that day on, you're in a constant state of panic."

~Stanley T. Banks~

Fatherhood Initiative

Pi Lambda Lambda Father of the Year



Bro. Aaron Works is the Pi Lambda Lambda award recipient for Father of the Year. Bro. Works serves as Chairman of Omega U in Prince William County where he helps facilitates 100 hours of community service for the Omega U program per school calendar year.



Bro. Aaron Works is a proud member of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., where he was initiated into Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter in 2018. Bro. Works is a father of 2 beautiful children and enjoys being a full-time dad and actively participates in his children's lives. Bro. Works also serves as the Chairman of Omega U mentoring 138 students from 5th-12th grades. Bro. Works currently works for U.S. Customs and Border Protection as a Supervisor IT Specialist providing a safe and protection at our borders, airports and seaports. He also serves as a mentor and positive role model for the students at Prince William County schools. Bro. Works is a Husband, Father, Brother and Mentor.

Bro. Works serves as Chairman of Omega U several schools in Prince William County. He positively interacts with students and adults daily and consistently maintain the wellbeing and safety of others. His presence, conduct, and inspiration to others is clear to all who meet and interact with him. Bro. Works serves as an inspiration to other students and single fathers in his community in being consistently present in providing a loving parent environment he shares with his wife Dionne and his children Jayden and Jaya.

Serving as the Omega U Chairman, Bro. Works is charged with developing and helping others every day in Prince William County. Bro. Works serves on the Omega U Program as the Chairman, where he is responsible for coordinating and serving several schools and the Omega U Program. He helps oversee the execution of 150 Hours of Mentor Hours and over 100 afterschool/in school mentoring sessions for the school calendar year. He also serves as a mentor to students in the school as well as in the community. He is responsible with assisting the students with understanding conflict resolution and serves as a mediation coordinator for student conflicts.

Bro. Works serves as an inspiration for other fathers by being a full-time hands-on parent. His commitment to creating a positive atmosphere has inspired others. In addition, his presence furthering the fatherhood initiative within the Omega U Program and Pi Lambda Lambda of Dumfries has been a guiding force of inspiration to all fathers.