

International Achievement  
Week Committee  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



International Graduate Chapter of the Year  
Award Application

# Award Application

**Graduate Chapter of the Year** - The Graduate Chapter of the Year should be a Graduate Chapter that has made significant contributions on the District and the International level of the Fraternity as well as to its community. Graduate Chapters with a financial membership of 5 to 49 members will be in the Graduate Chapter category. Additionally, the Chapter must be in good standing at the District and International levels during the immediate year prior to the award and the year of the award. The exception would be only for Graduate Chapters that were not chartered in the prior year.

The scoring criteria for the award are listed below:

**Special Notes: (Each Section must contain the following or point deductions will take place).**

- Ω The summary shall follow the outline and each section should be arranged as follows:
1. *Agenda, Program or Flyer that outlines or announces the event*
  2. *Photos (labeled to include description of the event and date) and news articles that support the activity*
  3. *Written report that documents the results of the activity*
  4. *Pictures and photos in the summary should coincide with the dates of the period covered*
  5. *Chapters must still provide mandatory items even though the committee will verify with IHQ*

All submissions must follow the International Graduate Chapter of The Year Evaluation Criteria listed below without deviation and in criteria order. Forms must not be altered / changed or deductions will take place. For example, the yearbook starts with:

- a) Introduction and Presentation
  - b) Table of Contents
  - c) Proper Labeling
- (The yearbook must follow that order without deviation).

The next section will include

- a) Achievement Week
  - b) Scholarship
  - c) Conclave / Leadership conference delegates
  - d) Memorial Service
  - e) Social Action
  - f) Talent Hunt
  - g) Reclamation / Retention
  - h) College Endowment Fund
  - i) NAACP Life Member
  - j) International Health Initiatives
  - k) Other Local Community Based Activities.
- (The yearbook must follow that order without deviation)

The last section is Chapter Awards and Other Recognition. (This should be your last section along with a signature page at the end).

# **THE PACKET MUST NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.**

**Note: Quantity over Quality is not best practice. Seeking the best quality packet, with a top to bottom overview based on the evaluation criteria along with the report out in the special notes provided. "Do Not Deviate from the Evaluation Criteria".**

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## **INTERNATIONAL LARGE GRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR Evaluation Criteria**

	Maximum Weight	Nominee's Score
<b>1. Year Book</b>		
<i>(Electronic Submission in pdf format on CD, DVD, or thumb drive)</i>		
a) Introduction and Presentation <i>(Attractiveness, creativity, theme, captivating)</i>	4	_____
b) Table of Contents <i>(Sequence of the year book, flow, easy to follow)</i>	2	_____
c) Proper labeling <i>(Documentation: Captions on the photographs and proper labeling of year book sections)</i>	6	_____
Sub-total for Year Book Electronic Submission	<b>12</b>	_____
<b>2. Programs</b>		
a) Achievement Week	12	_____
b) Scholarships (KRS conformation required)	10	_____
c) Conclave / Leadership Conference Delegates <i>(KRS confirmation of registered delegates required)</i>	2	_____
d) Memorial Service	4	_____
e) Social Action	16	_____
f) Talent Hunt	8	_____
g) Reclamation / Retention	6	_____
h) College Endowment Fund	2	_____
i) NAACP Life Member	2	_____
j) International Health Initiative	8	_____
k) Other Local Community Based Activities <i>(Documentation: mentoring programs, adopt-a-highway, visiting nursing homes, after school, youth athletic programs etc.)</i>	12	_____
Sub-total for Fraternity Programs	<b>82</b>	_____
<b>3. Chapter Awards and Other Recognitions</b>	6	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	_____

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2020 2021

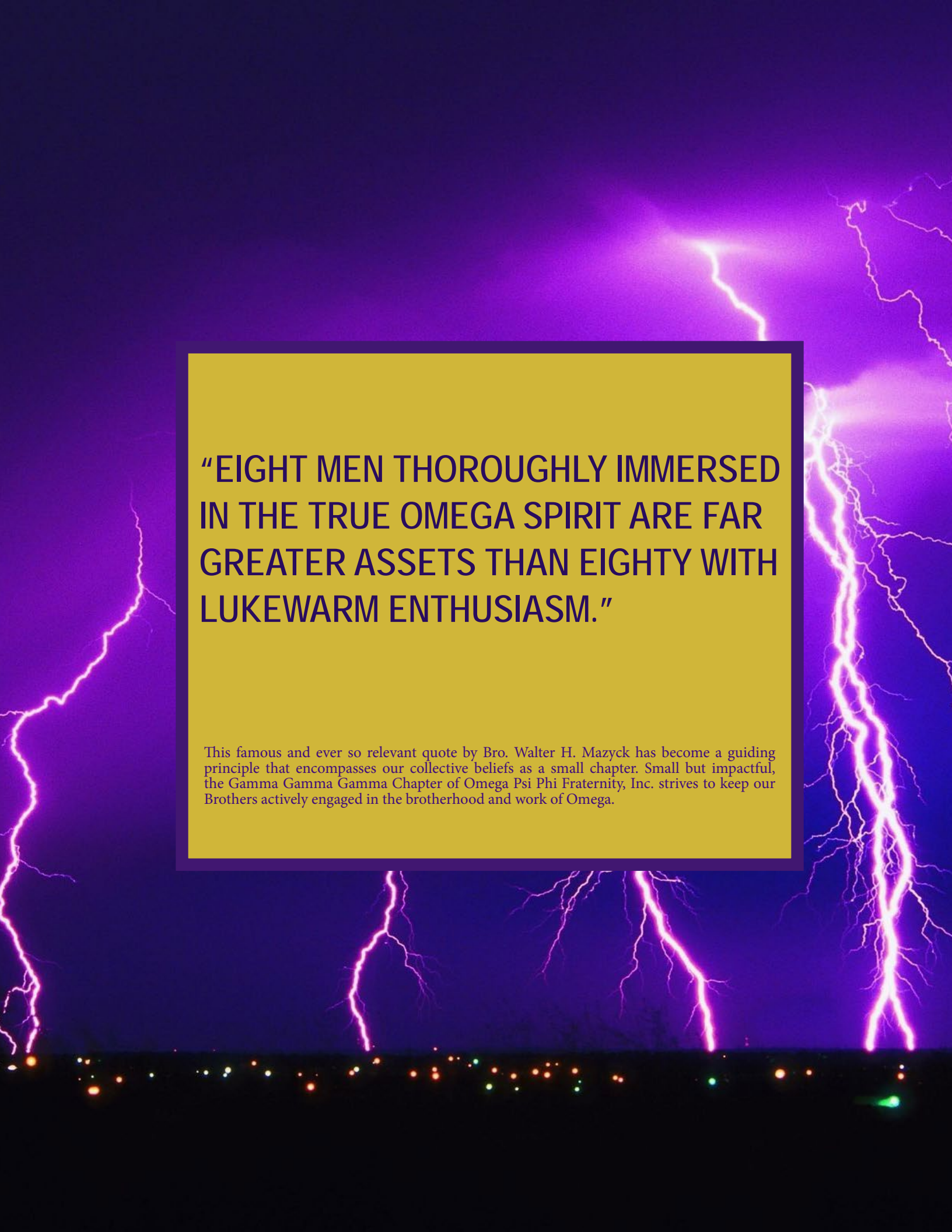
YEAR IN REVIEW



## RESPONSIBLE RESILIENCE



*During a year in which we have had to adapt to the ebbs and flows of the impact of COVID-19 on our community, the Gamma Gamma Gamma chapter has maintained a commitment to persevere and sustain our servitude, social livelihood, and sanity in the face of adversity.*



**"EIGHT MEN THOROUGHLY IMMERSSED  
IN THE TRUE OMEGA SPIRIT ARE FAR  
GREATER ASSETS THAN EIGHTY WITH  
LUKEWARM ENTHUSIASM."**

This famous and ever so relevant quote by Bro. Walter H. Mazyck has become a guiding principle that encompasses our collective beliefs as a small chapter. Small but impactful, the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. strives to keep our Brothers actively engaged in the brotherhood and work of Omega.

# BASILEUS WELCOME

**Brother Rafeeq Asad** is the Fall 2015 initiate of Gamma Gamma Gamma and the 2019-2020 Tenth District Graduate Omega Man of the Year. Brother Asad works for JLA Architects as the Director of Team Development and Vice President of the Firm. He also teaches as an adjunct professor of Architectural Design at University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee and serves in various roles within several community based organizations.



*On January 6, 2021, Gamma Gamma Gamma celebrated 37 years of brotherhood, service and uplift in the Madison Community.*



Greetings!

On behalf of the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, it is my honor to share with you our accomplishments of the past year.

This has continued to be a year of incredible adjustments, ingenuity, and perseverance. Despite the unprecedented times across the national landscape of social justice, politics, race relations and a global pandemic; we pride ourselves on our dedication to greatness and remaining actively engaged in the community and at large. Following an award-winning year for the chapter, we did not let the challenging environment hinder us from our social action mandates and working hard for Omega and her causes.

The Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter has remained focused, disciplined and dedicated to having an immense impact within the community. While our brothers climb and reach new heights in their respective fields, we remember to lift our neighbors in the backyards of the city in which we live, work, and play. In order to do so this year, we have embarked on some of our most ambitious initiatives to date through Social Action and Health Initiative grants and have utilized our 501(c)3, the Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and Community Service Foundation to execute them across the city of Madison.

As Basileus of this small, but mighty chapter, I am excited about our forward movement and look to grow our reach throughout the Madison and Dane County areas. Furthermore, I will continue to lead, encourage, uplift, and support each Brother in this Chapter. Together, we will be the change agents needed, continuing to set a clear vision for this chapter while striving to change lives and uplift the community.

# CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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This group of dynamic Brothers has made the task of leading this Chapter through a challenging year of ups and downs—facing an ongoing global pandemic and continued civil unrest—as rewarding and meaningful as possible. The 2020-2021 Gamma Gamma Gamma Executive Board and Chapter officers have once again risen to the occasion.



**VICE BASILEUS**  
ALEX THOMPSON  
GAMMA GAMMA GAMMA  
SUMMER 2018



**KEEPER OF RECORDS & SEAL**  
LANGSTON EVANS  
MU THETA  
SPRING 1992



**KEEPER OF FINANCE**  
TIMOTHY HALL, JR.  
GAMMA GAMMA GAMMA  
SPRING 2020



**CHAPLAIN**  
REV. DR. WILLIE LARKIN  
IOTA OMEGA  
SPRING 1998



**KEEPER OF PEACE**  
RODNEY RICE  
EPSILON THETA  
SPRING 1998



**IMMEDIATE PAST BASILEUS**  
SEDRIC MORRIS, SR.  
GAMMA GAMMA GAMMA  
SUMMER 2011

# CHAPTER HISTORY

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The Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Madison, Wisconsin, was chartered on January 6, 1984. After several attempts and six years, Bro. John S. Epps, the 10th District Representative, confirmed the chapter charter. Bro. Charles H. Brown drove the chapter application to the 1984 Kansas City Conclave and served as the first Basileus for three years.



## CHARTER MEMBERS

There were nine charter members: Brothers Orlando Bell, Charles Brown, Alphonso Cooper, William T. Lewis, Darryl Madison, Charles Peevy, Lewis Ritcherson, Jerry E. Smith, Jr., and Rev. James C. Wright. Brothers Bell, Wright, Peevy, Ritcherson and Madison are now in OMEGA Chapter.

Since its inception 37 years ago, the chapter has maintained a strong commitment to scholarship. We have had minority scholarship and/or book award recipients for all the years we've existed. Gamma Gamma Gamma also recognizes community service as an essential function of Omega Psi Phi.

In 1994, the chapter undertook a revolutionary idea and implemented it. In that year the 501c(3) Carter G. Woodson Scholarship & Community Service Foundation, Inc. was founded. Today the Woodson Foundation handles virtually all the service efforts of the chapter. Bro. Anthony Wade served as the first president of the foundation. The foundation has an aggressive fundraising campaign and has remained financially sound.

Therefore, the chapter has been actively involved in uplifting the Madison community. The chapter had continued the Thanksgiving Food Drive to feed needy families and individuals for 12 years before the Woodson Foundation took it over for the last 15 years. The Woodson Foundation continues to drive many of the Chapter's initiatives, taking on two new grants this year totaling over \$70,000 to combat COVID-19 and uplift young, black, middle and high school students.





# GGG AT A GLANCE

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Gamma Gamma Gamma has received many accolades and commendations over the years. Historically, the Chapter received certificates from the 10th District Reclamation Committee, Assault on Illiteracy Committee, and Voter Registration Education and Mobilization at the District Level. Most recently, Gamma Gamma Gamma has been awarded as the Tenth District Graduate Small Chapter of the Year for the third year in a row.



**2020 10th District Graduate Small Chapter of the Year**  
Basileus: Bro. Rafeeq Asad



**2019 10th District Graduate Small Chapter of the Year**  
Basileus: Bro. Rafeeq Asad



**2018 10th District Graduate Small Chapter of the Year**  
Basileus: Bro. Sedric Morris Sr.

- 10th District History & Archives Chair:** Bro. Rafeeq Asad
- 10th District History & Archives Members:** Bro. Sedric Morris + Bro. Langston Evans
- 10th District Reclamation & Retention Committee:** Bro. Alex Thompson
- 10th District Achievement Week Committee:** Bro. Rafeeq Asad
- 10th District Scholarship Committee:** Bro. Rafeeq Asad
- 10th District Social Action Committee:** Bro. Sedric Morris, Sr.
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Chapter Awards and Other Recognitions



**ACHIEVEMENT WEEK**

# ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

For the first time in Chapter history, Gamma Gamma Gamma was faced with adapting our long-running Achievement Week traditions to a safer, often virtual, reality. To accomplish this tall task, Brothers modified some of our historic activities and added a flare of ingenuity to implement some things we had never done before. The end result was not only successful, but fruitful, as our efforts cost the Chapter less money and ultimately raised funds towards our James C. Wright scholarship through a partnership with Pampered Chef leading up to the week.

To kick off the week, Bro. Rev. David Hart held a socially distant "Praise in the Parking Lot" at his Sherman Avenue Church. In place of the usual Monday Meetup, Brothers opened our virtual doors to the public and live-streamed a cooking demo hosted by Pampered Chef and Delta Sigma Theta Sister Melanie Calhoun. Brothers reveled over group chat about the Founders' Day video put together by IHQ. Keeping with tradition, just via Zoom, Brothers still participated in Bible study and some mentoring by educating young Black boys about their jobs and possible career paths.

Achievement Week concluded with a unique spin. Bro. Rafeeq Asad (Basileus) prepared dishes for the entire Chapter, which were delivered to Brothers doorsteps in sealed packages along with special gift boxes containing souvenirs and all the essentials to raise a rededication toast to 109 years, fellowshipping together in spite of being apart. The week concluded with one more virtual party open to the public, supporting our favorite local DJ in the process.

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED.

GAMMA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

## ACHIEVEMENT WEEK 2020

*A Virtual Reality*

"Omega Men Ushering in Change!"

<b>SUN - 11   15 9:30AM</b> PRAISE IN THE PARKING LOT SHERMAN CHURCH REV. BRO. HART	<b>MON - 11   16 6PM</b> OWT WIT THE BRUHZ MONDAY MEETUP PC PARTY + COOKING DEMO
<b>TUES - 11   17 11PM</b> INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET BROTHERS ONLY*	<b>WED - 11   18 6PM</b> MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BRO. RICHARD JONES
<b>THUR - 11   19</b> VIRTUAL CAREER DAY 1PM SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT 6PM	<b>FRI - 11   20 7PM</b> REDEDICATION TOAST BROTHERS ONLY*
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PRESENTS

## MONDAY MEETUP PAMPERED CHEF PARTY!

NOVEMBER 16TH  
6:00 PM

Virtual Cooking Demo by  
Melanie Calhoun  
(DELTA SIGMA THETA)

You're invited to a Pampered Chef party! Mark your calendar and invite a friend or two! Get ready to learn recipes and tips to make meals that fuel your lifestyle with some of Pampered Chef's best products. Don't miss out on the fun!

**REGISTER AT**  
[WWW.MADISONOMEGAS.COM](http://WWW.MADISONOMEGAS.COM)

# ACHIEVEMENT WEEK



Brothers enjoyed a virtual retelling of our historic beginnings.



Bro. Andre Small educating Madison East High School students on Founders' Day.



Students from the Vera Court Neighborhood Center learned about a wide variety of career paths.



Bro. Rev. David Hart, Esqs sporting an Omega bow-tie, with his wife Azure.



Each Brother received identical gift boxes for a virtual rededication dinner.



The contents of each box, including all the fixings for a virtual toast.



SCHOLARSHIP

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## CARTER G WOODSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and Community Service Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation whose ultimate mission is to help improve the quality of life for the less fortunate in the Madison community. To those ends, over the last twenty (20) years, we have:

- Launched the Woodson Boys Club Mentoring Program.
- Distributed new, multicultural, high interest books to middle school students.
- Offered cultural enrichment opportunities for youth who lack access to such.
- Donated food to needy families and individuals at Thanksgiving.
- Granted college scholarships and/or book awards to high school students.

The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school students, who have demonstrated a commitment to education as a pathway to a successful life and to community service as a means of changing the world. Carter G. Woodson Foundation Scholarship winners will have demonstrated an ability to overcome adversity and a commitment to helping others.



Our First Recipient desires to end the discrimination that exists within our criminal justice system and serve as an agent of change for those who are marginalized and mistreated. As an African American woman, she is often frustrated when she sees people who look like her facing countless acts of abuse and mistreatment in a system intended to be just and fair to all. As a firm believer that the color of one's skin should not determine the severity of the charges or sentence, she is committed to eliminating the stereotypes and negative ideologies that produce the inequities that people of color face.

*Carter G. Woodson Scholarship Recipient,  
Miss Adeja Shannon.*

She desires to major in Criminal Justice with a minor in African American Studies so that she can help return the criminal justice to its intended purposes and help underprivileged people who fall victim to the biases within the justice system by raising awareness of the mistreatment, educating the community, serving as a role model and inspiring youth to make positive change. Believing that racism in the criminal justice system is a pressing matter that we cannot ignore, she intends to help eliminate the impurities that lie deep within our criminal justice system and encourage others to do the same.

Therefore, the Carter G. Woodson Foundation is honored to award our first scholarship to a young who is in passionate pursuit of justice for others, **Miss Adeja Shannon.**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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## CARTER G WOODSON SCHOLARSHIP



*Second Carter G. Woodson Scholarship Recipient, Miss Kareena Thao.*

Our next recipient is concerned with the health care received by Hmong patients in a system not intended to meet the myriad of needs of those of us who are Hmong and comprehend little to no English. She desires to bridge the gap between the Hmong community and healthcare providers.

When she attended doctor appointments with her grandparents she was struck by the inability of doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers to effectively communicate with her grandparents and they would often leave those appointments not understanding any of the information relative to their diagnosis, treatment, medications, etc. Therefore, they are often left lacking important knowledge of their medical status which can have negative consequences.

Believing that the presence of a Hmong nurse could help Hmong patients by easing their uncertainty about their treatment and creating a comfortable space to ask and understand their health issues and concerns, she intends to major in nursing and serve as that Hmong nurse that her community so desperately needs.

The Carter G. Woodson Foundation is therefore honored to award our second scholarship to our next great healthcare provider who will open the doors of access to the Hmong community, **Miss Kareena Thao.**



# SCHOLARSHIP

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## REV. JAMES C. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP



*Rev. James C. Wright Scholarship  
Recipient, Mr. Christian Bell.*

The Rev. James C. Wright was a native of Camden, South Carolina where he graduated from Mather Academy. His teachers at Mather were role models who “dared to make a difference.” They fought against and resisted every vestige of segregation and discrimination. And it was that attitude and obligation that Rev. Wright adopted and that helped to shape the remainder of his life’s work. Recognizing the importance of education, Rev. Wright left home to study philosophy at Virginia Union University where he became involved in the Virginia civil and human rights movement. After completing his pre-theological training at Union, he studied philosophy and theology at Payne A.M.E. Theological Seminary and Wilberforce University and psychology at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

His work in Madison speaks for itself, but it also reflects the reality that the Rev. James C. Wright was a “drum major for justice” and a change agent who believed that his presence in the world was intended to help shape and change the world. Thus, the Rev. James C. Wright Scholarship is awarded to young men who desire to make a difference in the world and whose desire for further education is intended to enhance their ability impact the communities and world that they live in. And today, we have come to recognize a young man whose life, ambitions, and hopes mirror those of Rev. Wright and make him the perfect recipient of this year’s Rev. James C. Wright Scholarship.

This year’s recipient of the James C. Wright Scholarship is an exceptional young man raised by a strong, loving single mother, and who has succeeded academically, socially, and personally. Recognizing the obstacles and opposition that African American men face, he desires to contradict the negative stereotypes. He desires to earn his college degree not only for himself, but also for all of the other young black men in the world who did not have the chance to do so.

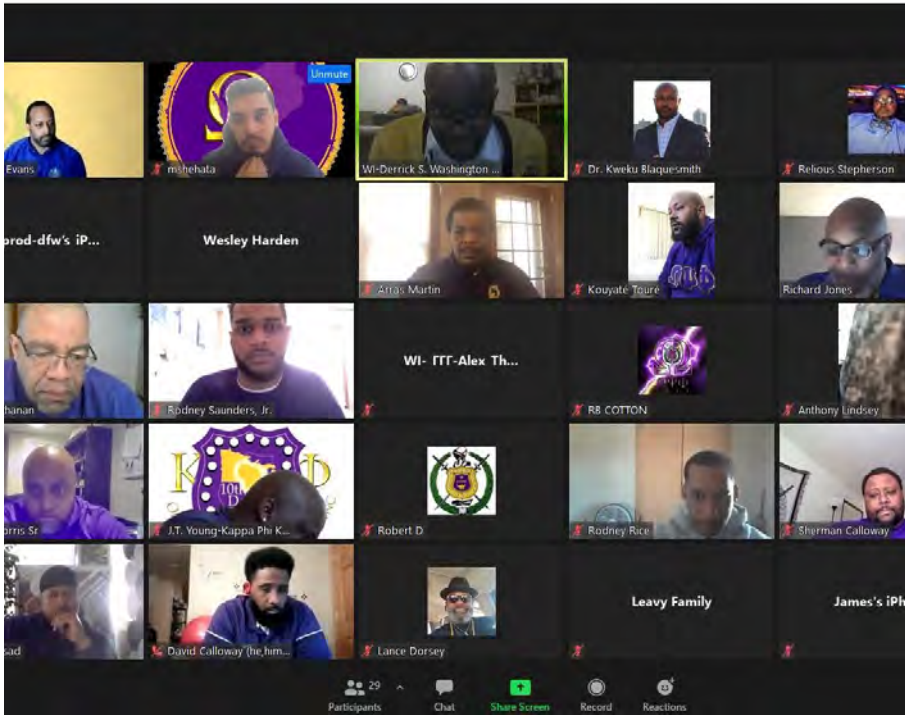
His dreams are entrepreneurial and desires to major in Business Administration and develop his own business. Those dreams have always rested in his heart and in pursuit of those dreams he consistently enrolled in business classes in high school and began his own Online Sneaker Resale Business. As a training ground for his entrepreneurial pursuits, he plans to work in a corporate position for a retail company.

For all of those reasons and many more, it is our honor to award to the 2021 Rev. James C. Wright Scholarship to one who desires to show the world that all black boys are not thugs but have dreams that positively impact our world as one of our community’s next great entrepreneurs, **Mr. Christian Bell.**



# LEADERSHIP DELEGATES

# WISCONSIN STATE MEETING



Wisconsin State Representatives hosted a virtual State Meeting on February 27, 2021. The meeting was attended by brothers from Gamma Gamma Gamma, Kappa Phi, and Sigma Zeta chapters, in addition to the newly reactivated Nu Kappa Kappa chapter in Green Bay, WI. The purpose of the meeting was to work collectively to accomplish worthy projects. All financial members were invited to attend as a means to strengthen our bonds as a unified state, come together and celebrate Nu Kappa Kappa, and keep efforts rolling to reactivate the state's undergraduate chapters next.

Brothers celebrate the reactivation of Nu Kappa Kappa.

April 30 - May 1, 2021

# 10TH DISTRICT CONVENTION



Following an award-winning year with several accolades at the individual and Chapter level, Gamma Gamma Gamma elevated the work which back to back Chapter of the Year awards and won a third consecutive award following the 2019-20 fiscal year. Brothers took great pride in winning again, demonstrating that their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to the community was validated and acknowledged by the Tenth District. Gamma Gamma Gamma Brothers take pride in our 8 > 80 mentality, doing more work with fewer men, such as the re-elected District Counselor, Bro. Richard Jones, Sr. and back to back District Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Rafeeq Asad.

Gamma Gamma Gamma celebrates another award winning year.

The men of the 10th District extend their appreciation and gratitude to Bro. Rafeeq Asad who has upheld the Cardinal principles to the true Omega spirit and therefore named the 2020 10th District Graduate Omega Man of The Year.

# FALL COUNCIL

Over the weekend of October 15-16 Nu Omega Chapter hosted the 2021 10th District Fall Council in a hybrid format with the in-person events taking place in Detroit, MI. On the first night, Brothers throughout the district fellowshipped and attended various trainings pertaining to chapter officer positions before ending the day with a meeting hosted by District Officers. On the second day, Brothers once again gathered as a collective group for the presentation of the District Council Report, committee chair updates, and a discussion of any new business. Brothers received a greeting from the Grand Basileus and the Supreme Council.

One of the highlights of Fall Council was the Community Policing presentation on day two. This day ended with a discussion regarding sexual harassment, the iQue/QueZone Review, a training on protocol, and concluded with State Representative and Chapter Advisors Training and Best Practices.

Gamma Gamma Gamma Brothers who attended virtually remarked that the meeting was “uplifting and motivating,” with excellent planning and program content. Brothers spoke positively of the Fraternity’s decision to support the 2nd Borehole commission in Ghana, remarking that this initiative will supply clean drinking water and further go to show how much Omega is a change agent to the world.



Omega’s leadership at the District and International levels attended in-person, masked for safety.



First Vice District Representative, Bro. Sean T. Long addressing Brothers of the 10th District



**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

## MEMORIAL SERVICE



Bro. Darryl Madison, charter member of Gamma Gamma Gamma, entered Omega Chapter on October 17, 2020

On Saturday, March 13, 2021, Gamma Gamma Gamma conducted its second virtual Memorial Service. This year came with the sad reality of honoring another fallen charter member of the Chapter. Chaplain, Bro. Willie Larkin opened the service in prayer. Bro. Anthony Wade spoke in remembrance of our departed Brothers, including Gamma Gamma Gamma charter member Bro. Darryl Madison, who entered Omega Chapter on October 17, 2020. Bro. David Hart delivered another dialogue of remembrance. Bro. Rodney Saunders, Jr. shared reflections of Omega Men, including what binds us and the principles by which we live. Several other Brothers took time to share personal reflections and stories over all the men our Chapter has lost. Bro. Larkin closed the service out in prayer before Bro. Andre Small closed out singing Omega Dear.

When we wear  
the gloves...



Memorial Service  
Saturday, March 13, 2021





**SOCIAL ACTION**

# CGW FOUNDATION

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The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and Community Service Foundation is the service arm of the Gamma Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The foundation has a 501(c)(3). Status as a charitable corporation from the internal revenue Service. The mission of the foundation is two fold: to provide community service to the disadvantaged and downtrodden and to extend scholarship to graduating seniors who enroll full time in accredited post-secondary educational institutions. the ultimate goal of the foundation is to help improve the quality of life for the less fortunate in the Madison community. Most of the chapters service efforts fall under the umbrella of one of the four programs of the foundation. Those essential programs are:

**READING IS FUNDAMENTAL:** The Carter G. Woodson's reading is fundamental program is designed to enhance and present new opportunities to children. according to the program, books and literacy resources can transform a child's life

**SOCIAL ACTION:** The social action program is aligned with the national mandate that is comprised of activities that uplift the community.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship program grants cash scholarships and/or book awards to college-bound, graduating high school seniors. Both scholarships and book awards have been presented annually to recipients since the inception of the foundation.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** The Cultural Enrichment program promotes cultural opportunities for your who lack access to major arts and cultural institutions. Our signature initiatives under this program are the Woodson Boys Club Mentoring initiative and the Talent Hunt Program. The foundation aggressively seeks contributions for its programming for individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations. All contributions are income tax deductible due to the 501(c)(3) status with the IRS



#### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Promotes cultural opportunities for youth..



#### READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Promote reading to youth as a life-long activity.



#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships awarded to underserved, college-bound, graduating high school seniors.



#### SOCIAL ACTION

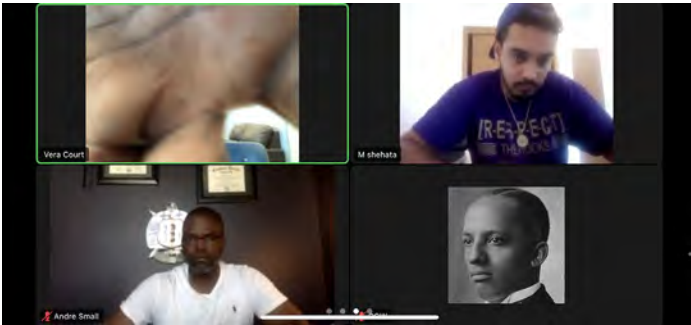
Engages in multi-facted community service projects of a charitable



**Arlington Davis, III**  
**CGW President**



# SOCIAL ACTION MENTORING



Mentoring Program virtual kick off



Mentees participate in the zoom kick off session from Vera Court Neighborhood Center.

Gamma Gamma Gamma's 501c3 affiliate, the Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and Community Service Foundation received an incredible boost to help propel the Chapter's Social Action initiatives forward. Woodson Foundation President, Bro. Arlington Davis, III and Secretary, Bro. Richard Jones, Sr. worked to obtain a \$35,000 grant from Madison Metropolitan School District to mentor Black, male, middle and high school students on Madison's Northside. Bro. Tim Hall, the "Life as a Boy" coordinator at Vera Court Neighborhood Center, helped secure a location to host mentoring sessions. Cultural Enrichment Director Bro. Rodney Saunders, Jr. helped spearhead the Black Excellence Mentoring Program as Chair, and Bro. Langston Evans has taken over as the Vice Chair and curriculum planner.

Truly a Chapter-led initiative, Brothers welcomed the students to the program virtually in Spring 2021 and began rolling out lessons rotating around the Fraternity's cardinal principles. As CDC guidelines allowed mentors to interact in-person, which immediately proved more effective, boys learned about Carter G. Woodson, Col. Charles Young, Juneteenth, their rights and responsibilities when interacting with police, and much, much, more. Mentees not only gain education not often taught in school, they have fun on field trips, the Chapter routinely provides them with meals, and they even received back to school haircuts as part of a lesson on entrepreneurship. The Chapter plans to renew the grant annually and continue to mentor students through graduation.



# SOCIAL ACTION MENTORING



Mentees engage with Brothers via zoom.



Bro. Shannon Blackmore speaks to mentees about their rights as civilians.



Mentees join with Brothers to watch NBA Finals.



Mentees enjoy snacks while taking in the NBA finals with Brothers.

# SOCIAL ACTION

## MENTORING



Mentees pose with mentors, ready to go back to school with their fresh haircuts.



Bro. Saunders talks to mentees about group cooperation.



JP Lining up another mentee.

# SOCIAL ACTION

## THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE



For over 30 years, Gamma Gamma Gamma has provided turkey meals to those in need, every year before Thanksgiving without fail. Families all over the Madison area benefit from turkey baskets consisting of a turkey and enough sides to support a Thanksgiving meal. The event is held annually at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. In 2020, the Chapter had to come up with a socially distanced way to keep this tradition for the first time in its history. To keep each other and the families in need safe, Brothers stayed outdoors even as it snowed, with only a select few who retrieved bags from the church. For those who could not drive up, meals were delivered directly to them. This year was aided by local high school volunteers to ensure no meal went wasted and was delivered to someone in need.



Brothers pose after successful turkey basket giveaway.



Food arrives at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.



Bro. Saunders is ready to give away more food!

# SOCIAL ACTION

## VOTER REGISTRATION, EDUCATION, AND MOBILIZATION

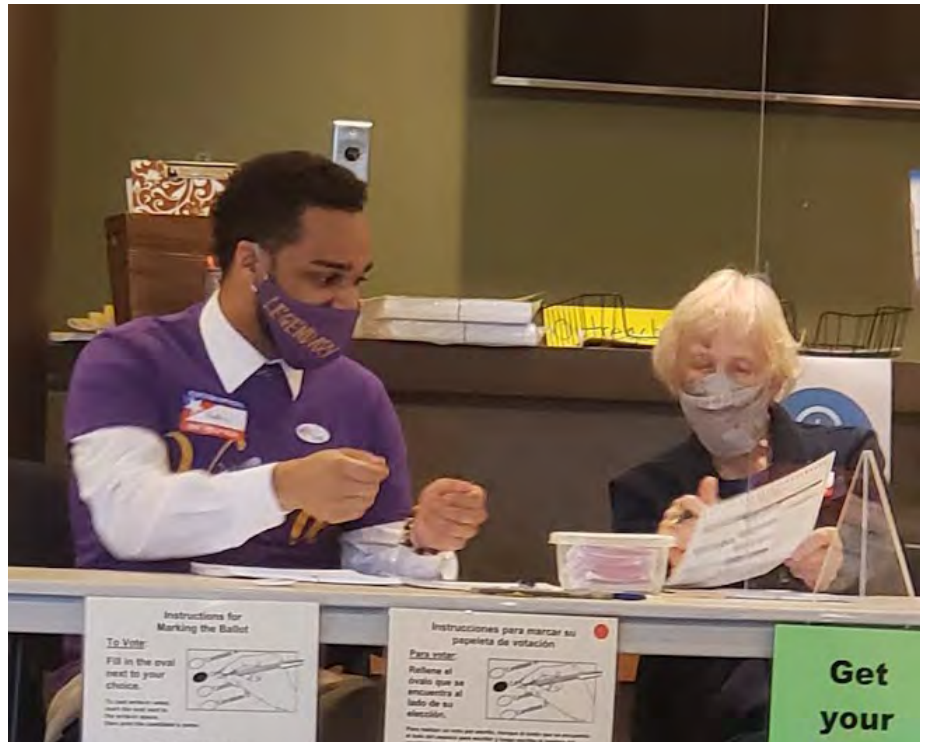


Brothers convene after working the polls.

For the 2020 Presidential Election, Brothers of Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter did not let the pandemic hold them back from voting or getting the word out, or assisting others. On the contrary, the Chapter coordinated volunteers to work together at a single polling place – Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Brothers rotated shifts throughout the entire day, from the first ballot to the last. Some Brothers stayed for more than one shift and those worked in the evening stayed behind to ensure ballots were counted correctly and accurately. No COVID-19 cases were reported and Brothers remained healthy following the proper precautions.



Basileus Rafeeq Asad led the charge in safety by not only wearing a mask, but added an extra layer of protection with his splash protection face shield.



Bro. Saunders discusses the polling process with volunteer.

# SOCIAL ACTION

## ADOPT A FAMILY

Over the 2020 holiday season, Brothers supplied a family in need with toys, clothes, and gift cards for groceries. Bro. Rodney Saunders, Jr., who worked as a Program Manager for a homeless services agency, coordinated the event between Gamma Gamma Gamma and The Salvation Army. The family's children had an opportunity to meet the Brothers via Zoom, where Bro. Saunders played an elf and Bro. Lance Dorsey, Sr. played Santa. Bros. learned about the boys' wishes and Santa's helper help make some of their dreams come true.



Chapter provided full family with gifts for the holiday season.



Gifts wrapped and ready to be delivered.



Gift card was provided instead of food due to COVID-19.



Bro. Saunders delivers gifts to Salvation Army.



**TALENT HUNT**

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GAMMA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER OF  
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. PRESENTS...

**virtual**  
**2021 TALENT HUNT**

FREE ADMISSION  
via  
ZOOM  
(LINK TO BE SENT)

SATURDAY  
**20TH**  
FEBRUARY

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS  
Singers | Musicians | Dancers | Poetry | Visual Arts

FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$100</b>

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Bro. Alex Thompson, organizes The Gamma Gamma Gamma Talent Hunt Program and serves on the Tenth District Talent Hunt Committee.

On February 20th, 2021 we held our annual Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt Competition for the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter. It was held in conjunction with the Black History Education Conference as part of the Student Strand. The performances were held via zoom and they were pre-recorded. We had three very accomplished adjudicators. The first adjudicator was Ryan Thompson who is an accomplished musician and music teacher. The second was Prenicia Clifton who is an accomplished and experienced Opera vocalist. The third is Alexandra Cordell who is an emerging Gospel Singer and Youtube Influencer. We had a total of four contestants competing this year. The four contestants included Yani Thoranka who did her spoken word piece entitled, "My Journey". Elijah Edwards who performed his rendition of "A Change is Gonna Come" originally composed by Sam Cooke. Camryn Currier performed "I'm Here" from the Broadway musical "The Color Purple." Finally, Abubacarr Darboe presented a piece of photography entitled, "Black Mental Health." The winner was Yani Thoronka, who will be advancing to the District Competition this coming April. Each of the winners will receive cash prizes but all will receive a token of appreciation on behalf of the chapter.





# RECLAMATION & RETENTION

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## MONDAY MEETUP

Every Monday, Brothers of the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter select a location to gather as a form of brotherhood, camaraderie, and fellowship. We refer to this event simply as "Monday Meetup." Depending on both Dane County and IHQ guidelines regarding COVID-19 and its variants, Monday Meetup at times took place either in-person or virtually. Reclamation and Retention Committee members typically select a local eatery or occasionally make reservations at a local recreation facility. Regardless of the venue, Brothers routinely look forward to unwinding in solidarity.



Brothers enjoy dinner at Bear and Bottle.



Brothers gather outside to practice their driving skills on the range.



Still practicing wearing masks in social settings.



Bro. Toure organized Monday Meetup as part of the Reclamation and Retention Committee.



Brothers enjoy a break during Monday Meetup.

# RECLAMATION & RETENTION

## 3X CHAPTER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

As a chapter small in numbers, it was very significant for the chapter to be awarded Tenth District Graduate Chapter of the Year for three consecutive years. As such, and given the recent roll-out of vaccines and lifted CDC guidelines, Gamma Gamma Gamma Brothers celebrated in-person for the first time in over a year. The first event was a Brothers-only dinner hosted by Basileus Rafeeq Asad. The second event was an outdoor cookout at Waunona Park and included families, spouses, friends, and special guests: mentees from the Woodson Foundation. This was a truly special event for the Chapter in many ways and further motivation to keep the momentum going.



Bro. Kendrick Hooker delivers speech to brothers following third consecutive Chapter of The Year award.



Gamma Gamma Gamma members view video tribute from Bro. Anthony Burks during Chapter of The Year celebration dinner.

June 4-5, 2021

# RECLAMATION/ RETENTION

## 3X CHAPTER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION



Gamma Gamma Gamma members at chapter celebration cook out.



After a night of celebrating, Brothers gave back to the mentees on the following day with a cook out.



# COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

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Annually, Omega Psi Phi gives at least \$50,000 to historically black colleges and universities in furtherance of Omega's commitment to provide philanthropic support each year. On the local level, the Gamma Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. contributes towards this mandate on an annual basis.



In addition to the College Endowment Fund, Gamma Gamma Gamma has donated at the local level in support of Madison's mother chapter, Epsilon Theta. On April 26, 2021 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, student leaders and university officials hosted a dedication ceremony and broke ground on a new Divine Nine Garden Plaza located at East Campus Mall. The initiative was designed to establish a physical site in which the NPHC and its affiliate organizations could be recognized by all. The plot was created by the NPHC in partnership with the Student Inclusion Coalition and UW-Madison administration.

Bro. Cole celebrates his acceptance into the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) program. This competitive program only accepts 20 people a year. This program (under the AACSB accreditation) is only 1 of 27 schools in the U.S.



*Divine Nine Garden Plaza*



NAACP

# NAACP LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has always financially supported the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its mission to ensure equality and safety for all. In March of 2020, the chapter made a \$75 membership installment payment to the NAACP. This year, the Chapter made its final payment and reached a Silver Life Membership (\$750).

Although the chapter maintains a Member at Large status with the NAACP, Gamma Gamma Gamma encourages brothers to become local members. Two such individuals, Bro. Dr. Willie D. Larkin and Bro. Richard Jones, both Past Basilei of Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter, have answered the call. Bro. Dr. Larkin serves on the board of NAACP Dane County Branch #36AB. Furthermore, Bro. Dr. Larkin and his wife, Dr. Vivian Larkin, co-chair the branch's education committee. Bro. Jones chairs the Criminal Justice Committee.



Bro. Willie Larkin, Board Member



Bro. Richard Jones, Committee Chair







# HEALTH INITIATIVES

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## COVID GRANT

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) issued a grant program aimed at promoting racial and geographic equity in the COVID-19 vaccination program. DHS awarded approximately 50 grants to community-based organizations engaged in health equity work that complemented Wisconsin's efforts to promote vaccine confidence and minimize systemic barriers. In addition to the Mentoring Grant from Madison Metropolitan School District, the Woodson Foundation 501c3 obtained this grant from DHS in the amount of \$35,000.

Led by Bros. Anthony Wade and Wesley Harden, the Chapter used this grant to work with local news and radio stations spreading the message to stop the spread of Covid 19. The Chapter reached out to local homeless shelters, such as the Beacon Day Center and provided those guests and others in need with bus passes. Bros. Wade and Harden also collaborated with the Black Excellence Mentoring Program students at the Vera Court Neighborhood Center, interactively educating them on how the COVID-19 vaccine works against the virus. Following the success of the grant, the Chapter intends to apply for a renewal this year.

		<b>CHAPTER MEETING</b> <b>January 8, 2022</b>	<i>It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives. It's what we do consistently.</i>
<b>9 Months</b> \$35,000 used to strategically influence our community re education and vaccinations	<b>CONNECTED W/</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today Not Tomorrow (TNT)</li> <li>• Mahogonies</li> <li>• Beacon</li> <li>• Dr. Ward U W School of Nursing</li> <li>• Second Baptist Church</li> <li>• Mr. Rudd Barber Shop</li> <li>• Boys and Girls Club</li> <li>• City Park on East Washington Ave. Homeless Population</li> <li>• Sankofa Recovery Christmas Program</li> </ul>	<b>GOALS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Grant December 1, 2021-October 31, 2022</li> <li>• How the chapter receives funds</li> <li>• Challenges with the new grant</li> <li>• Strategies</li> <li>• More input</li> <li>• Schedule monthly meetings</li> </ul>	
	<b>OVERVIEW</b>		
<b>SUGGESTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Incentives</b> – Responsible for maintaining spreadsheet of gas cards and bus passes. Log name, date, organization.</li> <li>• <b>Community Outreach</b> – Constant view in the public whether it be at Church, homeless shelter, homeless encampments/hotels, boys and girls club, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Events</b> – <u>PARTICIPATION AT ALL EVENTS WE ATTEND</u></li> <li>• <b>Strategic Vision Planning</b> – We need new ideas brought to the table that are un-biased and help the community, as a whole.</li> <li>• <b>Relationship Management</b> – Bro. Wade has done an amazing job with this, naturally.</li> <li>• <b>Communication</b> – We need to establish a monthly routine for more brothers to be involved and <b>EVENTS RAN BY GGG.</b></li> </ul>		
Health Initiative Collaboration  Vera Court Collaboration  Boys and Girls Club Collaboration  Check-in on Homeless Population (Hotels)  Advocate for Booster Shots	<b>STATS</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 4,000 individuals contacted in 9 months of this grant.</li> <li>• Over 250 hours of work thus far as a chapter</li> <li>• Thousands of individuals vaccinated and got booster shots as well</li> <li>• <b>THE COMMUNITY FEELS OUR PRESENCE</b></li> </ul>		



Bros. Wade and Harden visit The Beacon raising awareness about COVID-19 vaccine options.



Beacon guests receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

# HEALTH INITIATIVE

## BLACK MEN RUN



Brothers take a photo with Black Men Run Madison outside of Madison Zoo.



Brothers join the book discussion following a two-mile run.



Brothers share a laugh with Black Men Run participants as they prepare for the run.

The Men of Gamma Gamma Gamma participants in the weekly Black Men Run events. Black Men Run is a national organization, and the local chapter was established in 2015 as a program of the Rebalanced-Life Wellness Association, a nonprofit founded by Aaron Perry. Black Men Run's mission is to encourage health and wellness among African American men by promoting a culture of running to stay fit. This group is open to beginners and advanced runners. The ask of each participant:

- (1.) Take Running Seriously! Set weekly and monthly goals for distance and pace
- (2.) When you share your running routes on social media with apps like "Nike+ Running" and "Map My Run" use the hashtag #blackmenrun. Using this hashtag will make the term searchable and help with spreading the word.
- (3.) Start a Black Men Run Meetup in your city and encourage others to run in local races events
- (4.) Share this page with others along with our Facebook fan page, website and merchandise
- (5.) Most of all be an inspiration to others.

# HEALTH INITIATIVE

## WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START



Saturday, January 23rd | 11AM-1PM CST

[Register for the Zoom Webinar here.](#)



**DL Hughley**  
Actor, Comedian,  
Political Commentator



**Dr. Kevin D Whitlow, MD**  
Internal Medicine  
Henry Ford Hospital  
Detroit Lions Team Physician



**Dannon Green**  
Actor, Writer,  
Comedian

Join our special guests for this free event as we empower Black men to keep their New Year's resolutions in place by establishing unity, trust and unconditional support for each other throughout 2021 and beyond. We will discuss relationship building with your medical team, knowing your numbers, as well as managing and maintaining good health and healthy habits throughout life.

**Introduction:**

Aaron G Perry  
CEO Rebalanced-Life Wellness Association

**Moderators:**

Darryl Davidson  
City of Milwaukee Community Engagement  
Director

Maurice Horton  
Alderman, City of Racine, Wisconsin

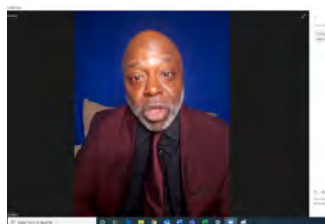


On January 23, 2021 Aaron Perry (Founder of the Rebalanced Life Wellness Association) sponsored the free virtual event, "We're Off to a Good Start". The main focus of this event was to empower Black men to keep their New Year's resolutions in place by establishing unity, trust and unconditional support for each other throughout 2021 and beyond. Topics discussed were relationship building with your medical team, knowing your numbers, as well as how to manage and maintain good health habits throughout life. Special guest of the even were comedian, actor and writer Dannon Green, Dr. Kevin Whitlow, moderating was Darryl Davidson, and the keynote speakers were actor, comedian, international superstars, and members of Omega Psi Phi Inc. Guy Torry and D.L. Hughley. Bro. D.L. Hughley spoke on his experience with COVID-19 and unknowingly spreading it and also taking ownership of his responsibility to the community. He encouraged everyone to speak with their healthcare providers and get vaccinated! D.L. then talked about his upcoming book, Predisposed, which is about the predisposition of Black people to more challenges than their white counterparts.



"It doesn't have to be good to you to be good for you" is the quote he left us all with.

Bro. Joe Torry emphasized the importance of dietary health for black men. He also provided advice on supplements, vitamins, and other recommendations to improve energy and health.



Bros. Green, Hughley, and Torry all gave Gamma Gamma Gamma Bro. Dennis McClain a shout for his work in the Madison Area. To Aaron Perry from Bro. McClain: "Thanks for the shout out, but you deserve the glory. I just believed in you when I hired you many years ago. We remain connective and being friends with you is a blessing."

Special guest speakers of the "We're Off To A Good Start" virtual event.

# HEALTH INITIATIVE

## WISCONSIN AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

**Wisconsin Chapters Host  
Virtual AKA Day at  
the Capitol**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
11am-1:30pm**

**Reaching for Health Equity in a  
COVID-19 Environment:  
Policies and Practices Affecting  
African Americans**

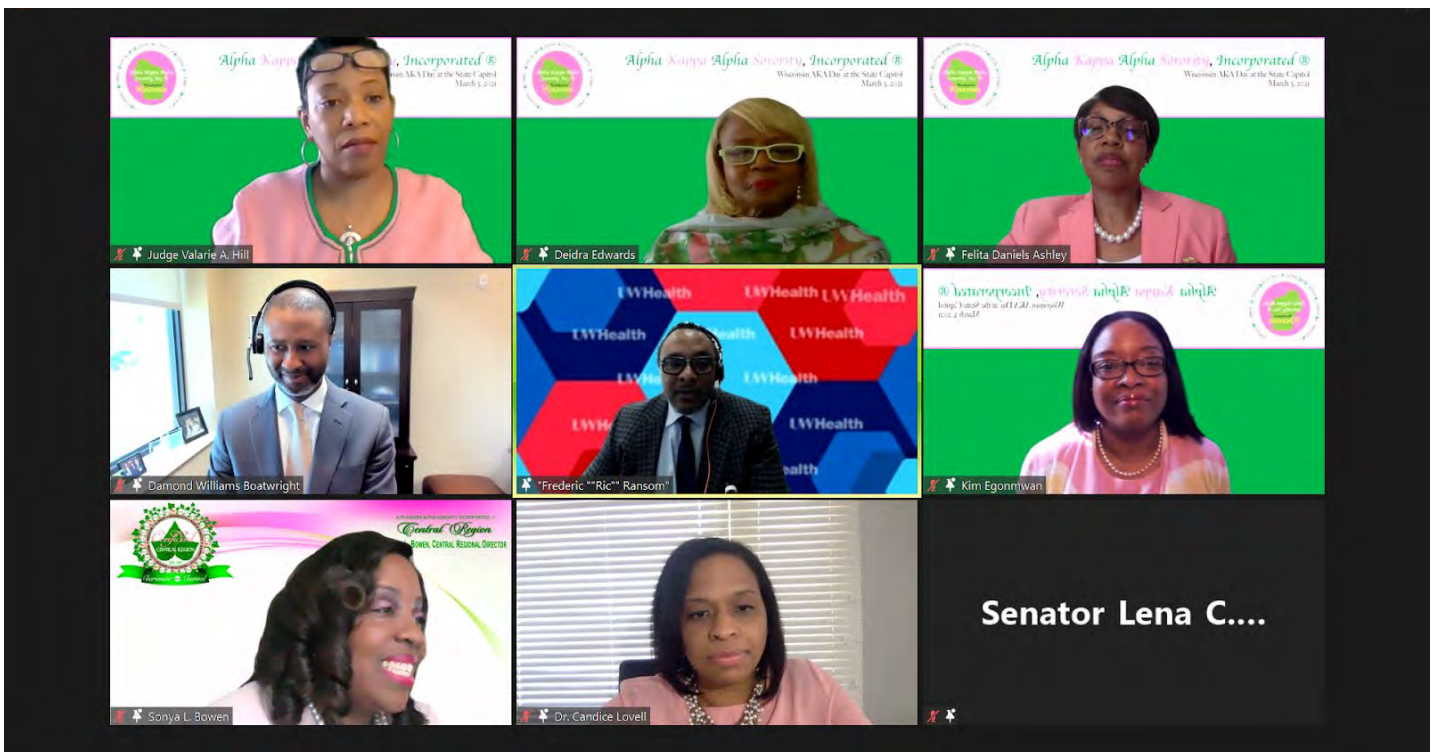
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<http://bit.ly/AKADAYWI>**

**VOTE  
AKAs L.E.A.D.  
Learn, Empower, Advocate and Decide**

**Sonya L. Bowen  
Central Regional Director**

In response to the rise in public concerns regarding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines, Bro. Frederic "Ric" Ransom, Regional Vice President of UW Hospitals in Madison, WI teamed up with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to educate the public on COVID-19 awareness, health and safety protocols, effectiveness of masks, vaccine information (e.g., delivery methods, how it works, that it does not alter ones DNA, questions/concerns about pregnant women, etc.) and encouragement, especially for communities of color. Panelist dispelled comparisons to the Tuskegee Experiment and other commonly cited causes for concern.

Several of the panelists, including Bro. Ransom himself, modeled by example, disclosing their own vaccination experience, how there was no more than some mild soreness, akin to the flu shot. Although the event was Wisconsin-based, the panelists and the attendees they drew in were from all over the country.



# HEALTH INITIATIVE

## BLACK MEN'S WELLNESS - REBALANCED WELLNESS ASSOCIATION



Bro. Rafeq Asad and Bro. Sedric Morris Jr. arrive at the Wellness -Rebalanced Wellness Association.



Bro. Sedric Morris Jr gets the Covid-19 vaccine.

The Rebalanced Life Wellness Association (RLWA) Men's Health & Education Center opened the nation's first Men's Health & Education Center to eliminate health disparities and bring preventative healthcare to men of color from a location that they trust and respect, Madison's largest black barbershop. In 2021 founder of the RLWA Aaron Perry created an opportunity for Madison's disenfranchised population to get vaccinated for Covid-19 when access to vaccines in the area were very scarce. The men of the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. not only spread the word in the community for others to participate, but the men of the chapter itself also participated in this event.



Bro. Sedric Morris Jr interviewed by local news.

# HEALTH INITIATIVE

## COLON CANCER 2 WEEK CHALLENGE

### Metamucil 2-Week Challenge

\$65,000 in Honorariums | HBCUs | Divine 9



Metamucil is boldly stepping up as a Force For Good by awarding over \$65,000 in grants and honorariums to HBCUs and The Divine 9 whose missions we support. Let's support our communities by ensuring that our collective health pillars bring actionable solutions to the people we serve.

#### The Divine 9 and HBCU 2-Week Challenge

- Sign up today at [Metamucil.com](http://Metamucil.com) for the 2-Week Challenge and experience the benefits of Metamucil for yourself while helping your fraternity or sorority and favorite HBCU win over \$65K in honorariums
- The fraternity and sorority chapters with the most sign-ups will each receive a \$10K honorarium. The 2nd place fraternity and sorority will each receive \$5K, 3rd place receives \$3K, with 4th & 5th places receiving \$2K each to be dispersed to the winning chapters by the winning organizations' national offices\*. HBCUs will receive \$10K, \$7.5K, and \$5K for placing 1st - 3rd.
- Winners will be announced on the February 20th NAACP Image Awards!

#### About Metamucil

Did you know that feeling sluggish and weighed down could be signs that your digestive system is not working at its best? Taking Metamucil every day can help! The psyllium fiber in Metamucil gels to trap and remove the waste that weighs you down\*, and it also supports: **Healthy blood sugar levels\* | Heart health by lowering cholesterol† | Appetite Control\***

†Diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol that include 7 grams of soluble fiber per day from psyllium husk, as in Metamucil, may reduce the risk of heart disease by lowering cholesterol. One serving of Metamucil has 3.4 grams of this soluble fiber. One serving of Metamucil capsules has at least 1.8 grams of this soluble fiber. Please consult your doctor before use.

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During Black History Month of 2021, Brothers joined other Divine Nine organizations in Metamucil's 2-Week Challenge to raise awareness for colon cancer, as well as scholarships for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Colon cancer is known to disproportionately affect members of the Black community, with African Americans about 20% more likely to die from it than most other groups.

Omega's International Medical and Health Initiatives Chairman Bro. Dr. Delon Brennen, who was just featured on the Oracle months earlier for fighting the pandemic, charged Brothers across the globe to participate in this health initiative. Gamma Gamma Gamma Brothers of all ages supported the cause and their own health simultaneously.



# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES



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## JOB WELL DONE

While the challenges of 2021 have been many, the brothers of the Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter have continued to see it through in spite of it all. The Madison Omegas have risen to the occasion and continue to make strides in their various career paths. We wanted to take the time to recognize our Brothers who made significant strides this year. Whether receiving a long-overdue promotion or changing directions altogether, we are proud to boast a litany of prominent men in the Madison community. "Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it..."



**BRO. ANDRÉ SMALL**  
EDUCATOR - MADISON EAST HIGH SCHOOL

BRO. SMALL WILL BE TEACHING PROGRAMMING AND PERSONAL FINANCE AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT MADISON EAST HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE WILL ALSO MANAGE THE SCHOOL STORE AND THE DECA PROGRAM.



RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM AFTER WORKING IN CORRECTIONS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE, BRO. SMALL WILL PAIR HIS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**MANHOOD**

Bro. Andre Small  
Educator

**BRO. DAVID HART, III**  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT - MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRO. HART WILL BE WORKING AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MMSD ON POLICY, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SPECIAL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE SURROUNDING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.



BRO. HART'S BACKGROUND INCLUDES BEING A PASTOR AND FORMER PROSECUTOR. HIS EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE DANE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OFFERS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE THAT WILL WORK TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Bro. David Hart  
Special Assistant to the Superintendent

**BRO. SHANNON BLACKAMORE**  
LIEUTENANT OF DETECTIVES - MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

WITH OVER 20 YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE, BRO. BLACKAMORE HAS DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY WITH THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT, MERITING HIS PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT OF DETECTIVES.



BRO. BLACKAMORE HAS CLIMBED THE RANKS FROM AN UNDERCOVER OFFICER, TO DETECTIVE. THIS MOST RECENT LEAP FOLLOWS HIS ROLE AS A SERGEANT DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR OF SOCIAL UNREST.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**PERSEVERANCE**

Bro. Shannon Blackamore  
Lieutenant of Detectives

**BRO. SEAN LEAVY**  
PRINCIPAL - MADISON EAST HIGH SCHOOL

FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN EARNING A SEAT ON THE BELLOIT SCHOOL BOARD, BRO. LEAVY IS NOW THE HEAD PRINCIPAL OF MADISON EAST HIGH SCHOOL.



BRO. LEAVY JOINS THE MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER 10 YEARS AS AN ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL AT THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WESTOSHA.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**UPLIFT**

Bro. Sean Leavy  
Principal

**BRO. BRIAN BURT**  
TENURED PROFESSOR - UW-MADISON

BRO. BRIAN A. BURT, PH.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE FACTORS AND SOURCES OF MOTIVATION THAT INFLUENCE BLACK MEN IN ENGINEERING GRADUATE PROGRAMS TO PERSIST. HE STUDIES THE EXPERIENCE OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND THE INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT INFLUENCE STUDENTS' PERSISTENCE. HIS WORK PROVIDES NEW IDEAS TO PROFESSORS AND SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS AND THE EXPERIENCES THAT MIGHT ATTRACT STUDENTS TO OR TURN THEM AWAY FROM SCIENCE PATHWAYS.



BRO. BURT'S WORK HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF EDUCATION/SPENCER POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S EARLY CAREER AWARD, AND OTHER FOUNDATIONS AND AGENCIES. HE ALSO SERVES AS RESEARCH SCIENTIST IN THE WISCONSIN EQUITY & INCLUSION LABORATORY (WEI LAB). WE ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE BRO. BURT FOR EARNING TENURE AS A PROFESSOR.


CONGRATULATIONS!

**MANHOOD**

Bro. Brian Burt  
Tenured Professor

**BRO. SEDRIC MORRIS, SR.**  
DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY - MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

OVERSEEING THE PROTECTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR THE ENTIRE MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, BRO. MORRIS IS STEPPING INTO A NEW ROLE WITH A STRONG BACKGROUND TO GUIDE HIS DIRECTION.



NOW WORKING IN AN EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, BRO. MORRIS WILL BE ABLE TO MERGE HIS BACKGROUND IN CORRECTIONS WITH HIS MOST RECENT POSITION A YOUTH JUSTICE COORDINATOR WITH DANE COUNTY.


CONGRATULATIONS!

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Bro. Sedric Morris Sr.  
Director of Safety and Security

**BRO. RAFAQE ASAD**  
VICE PRESIDENT - JJA ARCHITECTS

IN JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS AT JJA ARCHITECTS (BROTHY LEE & ASSOCIATES), BRO. ASAD HAS CLIMBED THE RANKS - FROM PROJECT SPECIALIST AND IS NOW THE DIRECTOR OF TEAM DEVELOPMENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM.



AS BRO. ASAD CONTINUES TO GROW, HE ALSO LIFTS OTHERS IN THE PROCESS. EARNING RECOGNITION FOR DESIGNING A MORE INCLUSIVE CITY AND TEACHING ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE.

HE IS LEADING THE DESIGN EFFORTS OF SEVERAL HIGH PROFILE PROJECTS LOCAL TO MADISON AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A PLACE AS A THOUGHT LEADER IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH DESIGN.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**PERSEVERANCE**

Bro. Rafeeq Asad  
Vice President

**BRO. ALEX THOMPSON**  
PRINCIPAL - SHERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOLLOWING NEARLY A DECADE AT MADISON EAST HIGH SCHOOL - AS AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR SEVEN YEARS AND LEAD OF STUDENTS FOR TWO, BRO. THOMPSON IS NOW THE DIRECTING PRINCIPAL AT SHERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.



BRO. THOMPSON'S PERSEVERANCE IN HIS PURSUIT TO LEAD A SCHOOL HAS FINALLY BEEN RECOGNIZED BY MMSD, WHERE HE WILL SHAPE THE LIVES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS, KNOWING WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THEM.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**PERSEVERANCE**

Bro. Alex Thompson  
Principal

**BRO. RODNEY SAUNDERS, JR.**  
EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND WORKFORCE PROGRAM MANAGER - WISCONSIN DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

PREVIOUSLY A PROGRAM MANAGER AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES, BRO. SAUNDERS NOW ADVISES ONE OF THE LARGEST STATE AGENCIES ON POLICIES REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE AREAS OF RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND AGENCY CULTURE.



BRO. SAUNDERS WORKED FOR OVER 5 YEARS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES, SERVING ADOLESCENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. HE WILL NOW EXPAND ON THE DEI EFFORTS HE LED THERE WITH WISDOT.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**UPLIFT**

Bro. Rodney Saunders Jr.  
Equity and Inclusion Officer

# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Every year, Gamma Gamma Gamma Brothers support an annual backpack giveaway for students and families in need. Formerly known as "Backpacks for Success", this event is partnered with the 100 Black Men of Madison and provided over 40,000 free backpacks over the past 26 years. Brothers work to ensure a meaningful start to the school year for all students of our community.

Historically, the backpack giveaway has taken place on the campus of Madison Area Technical College (MATC), but due to the pandemic has moved to the Alliant Energy Center. This location has provided a more open outdoor space for a socially distance drive-through giveaway, in addition to on-site COVID-19 testing and free vaccinations for 12 years and older.



Gamma Gamma Gamma members discuss success of backpack giveaway.



Community members distributing backpacks.



100 Black Men host the event annually.

# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

## ALL WHITE PARTY

July 10, 2021 The Gamma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. hosted an "All White Party" commemorating the one year anniversary of the last group of men inducted into the chapter as members. Men of several chapters of Omega Psi Phi Inc. attended and joined in the celebration. Members of Wisconsin's Kappa Phi, Nu Kappa Kappa, Epsilon Theta, and Sigma Zeta chapters (to name a few) enjoyed a night of music, dancing, delicacies, and fellowship.



Brothers from 1970s - 2020s gathering as one.



Brothers and guest share a laugh on the dance floor.



Wisconsin Brothers after setting Owt a hop on the stage.



Madison welcomed Kappa Phi, Sigma Zeta & Nu Kappa Kappa.



Guests gathered at the Robinia Courtyard.



Madison community members enjoy the GGG themed cocktails.

# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

## NOMA FALL MIXER



Bro. Rafeeq Asad with NOMA Members.



Bro. Rafeeq Asad, who serves as VP of the Wisconsin Chapter of The National Organization of Minority Architects (Wisco NOMA) organized a Fall Mixer to introduce city leaders in the architecture, engineering, and construction trades to the Black architects located throughout the State of Wisconsin. The event included the pinning of newly licensed architect Michael Ford, who now serves as the President of Wisco NOMA. NOMA National President Jason Pugh of Chicago was a special guests at the event! Gamma Gamma Gamma brothers came out to support this event.



# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

## DIVINE NINE FOOD DRIVE



Mt. Zion Baptist Church kept its doors open on October 15 and 16, 2021 for a bit of friendly competition amongst the city's NPHC organizations, but rooted in all of our core values to uplift our community. Members of each fraternity and sorority were encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items and unused toiletries. Because the goal of the drive is to drive out hunger, especially among the economically vulnerable, proceeds go completely to Mt. Zion's food pantry and serve families in need on Madison's south side. Participating exclusively for the good of the cause, Brothers showed up and gave what they could whether that meant raiding their cupboards at home or filling their trunks with canned goods at the grocery store.



Brothers collaborating with Deltas to collect food for the community.



Bro Alex Thompson delivers food to Mt Zion Baptist Church.

# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

## NEW YEAR'S EVE RAFFLE



Following a year full of uncertainty, canceled plans, and economic downturn seeing even big businesses crash – Gamma Gamma Gamma Brothers realized we are not immune to financial pitfalls. The usual “Bowling with the Bruhz” and “Vegas Nights” fundraisers could not be safely done in the given environment and over a year had passed since either of those events brought any money in for the Chapter. Bro. Rodney Rice presented a crazy idea to the Chapter: buy and auction a car for New Year’s.

The Brothers did not go for it. However, after further discussion, Brothers agreed to use Chapter funds to purchase a Peloton, a Macbook, and a brand new TV. The end result: we held a virtual raffle and our investments paid for themselves and much more. Proceeds supported the James C. Wright Scholarship Fund and there was enough wiggle room to give away additional door prizes to participants. This would become the first annual New Year’s Eve Raffle hosted by Gamma Gamma Gamma.



NYE Raffle Winner



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# COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

## POLICE CHIEF WELCOME

Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Host Virtual Welcome for...

### DR. SHON BARNES NEWLY APPOINTED CITY OF MADISON POLICE CHIEF



**SPEAKERS INCLUDE**

- Pastor Dr. Alex Gee, Jr.  
Fountain of Life Covenant Church
- Rep. Shelia Stubbs  
Wisconsin Legislature and Dane County Board
- Ms. Sheri Carter  
Madison City Council President
- Mr. George Tervalon  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Mr. William Greer  
Police and Hero Commission
- Ms. Kwana Bernette  
Police Civilian Oversight Committee
- Dr. Carlton Jenkins  
Madison Metropolitan School District
- Dr. Ruben Anthony  
Urban League of Greater Madison
- Dr. Marcus Allen  
Mount Zion Baptist Church
- Dr. Floyd Rose  
103 Black Men of Madison

Moderated by  
Pastor David Hart, III  
President, Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County

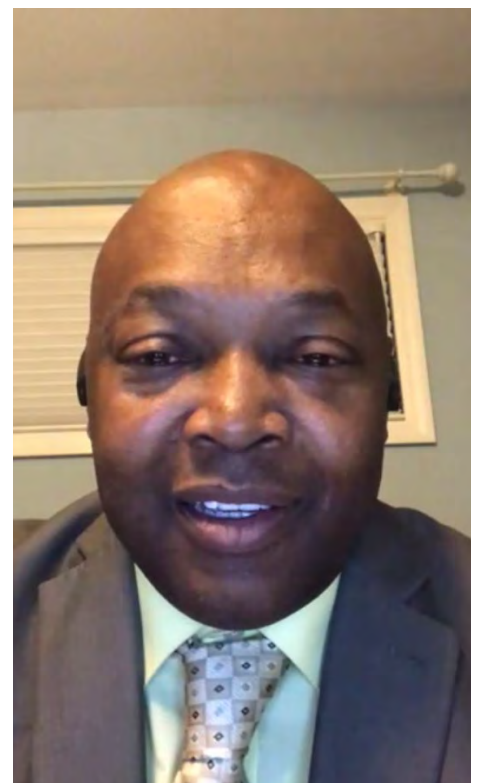
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On Monday, February 1, 2021, prominent Black Men and Women throughout the Madison community opened up Black History Month by welcoming Madison Police Department's first Black Police Chief, Dr. Shon Barnes. Among those to welcome Dr. Barnes were Madison Metropolitan School District's first Black Superintendent, Bro. Carlton Jenkins, and assistant to the Superintendent, Bro. David Hart, III. The welcome was sponsored by Captains, Inc. Real Estate Management, 100 Black Men of Madison, as well as the Madison area graduate chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha (Mu Eta Lambda Chapter), Alpha Kappa Alpha (Kappa Psi Omega Chapter), Kappa Alpha Psi (Madison, Wisconsin Alumni Chapter), and Delta Sigma Theta (Madison Alumnae Chapter). Bro. Hart, a local attorney, senior pastor of Sherman Avenue Methodist Church, and President of Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County (BPSADC), was the moderator for the event.



Event was at capacity, filled with local community leaders.



Bro. Carlton Jenkins welcomes Dr. Barnes



# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

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**BRO. RICHARD JONES**  
TENTH DISTRICT COUNSELOR

**BRO. RAFAQ ASAD**  
TENTH DISTRICT OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR

**BRO. ANTHONY BURKS**  
TENTH DISTRICT COL CHARLES YOUNG AWARD

2019-20 TENTH DISTRICT SMALL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR (3 PEAT)

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# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR

**Bro. Rafeeq Asad**  
2020 Omega Man of The Year

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. TIM HALL JR.



### Madison on Election Day: Youth mentor Timothy Hall

Timothy Hall was awakened the morning of Election Day by a flurry of text messages telling him to get up and vote.

"It's been exciting!" Hall said. "You wake up and everyone's super excited about the day. Everyone is like 'Go! Go! Go!' I had like a hundred texts in five minutes about going to vote to make sure I went out to vote."

Hall, who runs the "Life as a Boy" youth program at the Vera Court Neighborhood Center on Madison's north side, said that this particular election is different than others he's experienced.

"Just all around you can see the excitement downtown. We took the kids downtown so they could see how the election is going," Hall said. "It's pretty crazy downtown. The kids got a chance to take a picture with Uncle Sam. There's a guy standing on stilts downtown dressed up as Uncle Sam!"

Hall said people were up and moving and excited to be taking part in what is potentially the most landmark election in modern times. But as someone who mentors kids, Hall was also perceptive about how those who are too young to vote are spending the day.

# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## BRO. DAVID HART



### Black political leaders host online forum to encourage, prepare Black candidates to run for political office

"It is no secret that we need determined leaders to take the will and to create real change here in this city," said State Rep. Shelia Stubbs, the first African-American to represent Madison and Dane County in the Wisconsin Assembly. "If we're going to be dedicated to ending the public health crisis of racism, we need people of color to hold elected positions."

Stubbs was one of several African-American politicians offering advice and inspiration on Nov. 27 as Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County (BPSADC) hosted an online training forum titled "Preparing Black Candidates for Political Office." With the registration deadline for Dane County's 2021 spring elections quickly approaching, this BPSADC forum was looking to encourage and educate Dane country residents interested in running for public office.

The event was moderated by Pastor David Hart, president of the BPSADC, and featured a panel of five local political leaders: State Rep. Stubbs; Ray Allen, a former Madison School Board member and Madison mayoral candidate; former Madison School Board President James Howard; Madison Common Council President Alder Sheri Carter; and Kaleem Caire, a recent Madison School Board candidate.

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. EVERETT MITCHELL



## 'Let's Talk About It': Book preserves, celebrates Madison's Black Lives Matter murals

This Is A Revolution. Justice4Everyone.

Those words were painted on boarded up windows at 227 State St. early last summer and were part of a blocks-long impromptu art gallery that sought to both beautify a stretch of plywood boards and give voice to those protesting against the police killing of Black people.

The messages captured a moment in time.

The protests that took over downtown Madison streets throughout the summer led to business owners boarding up their storefronts after windows were broken. Those boards, in turn, became canvases carrying messages of anguish and pride from people of color.

At a time when many of the street's retail stores and restaurants were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, damage suffered during the protests or both, the artwork brought people to the street.

But as the intensity of the protests subsided and the boards started to come down, many grew concerned that the messages of the murals would be lost. Preserving the works of art and their messages became a priority for Dane County Judge Everett Mitchell.

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. LANGSTON EVANS



## Langston Evans honored with College Station's 2021 College Access Champion Award

Langston Evans says that he is really excited to be honored with The College Station's 2021 College Access Champion Award, which was recently presented to him for his "dedication to supporting and empowering young people to achieve their education dreams."

"I'm really happy that our community has an award like this and really recognizes college access and the importance of it," Evans, the Madison Metropolitan School District's AVID District Coordinator, tells Madison365. "I'm certainly honored to receive this award and I accept it on the behalf of the collective work that we all have done. We've done a lot, but there is so much more to be done."

Each year, The College Station recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions local individuals make in advancing college access and educational success for underrepresented and underserved students.

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. RAFEEQ ASAD



### Rafeeq Asad named VP of JLA Architects

Rafeeq Asad has been promoted to vice president and director of team development at JLA Architects.

In his new role, he will “strategically conceive, implement, facilitate” professional development and continuing education for the firm’s approximately 30 employees in both its Madison and Milwaukee offices. He will also remain a part of the firm’s design team, and continue working on projects across southern Wisconsin.

In a Facebook post Monday, the firm wrote, “We are excited for him to bring his experience and passion to strategize, conceive, and facilitate firm-wide professional development to enhance the growth of our team members, both individually and collectively. He will also continue as a member of our project teams assisting with projects from inception to completion.”

Asad joined JLA three years ago as a project specialist, working on projects like the forthcoming Center for Black Excellence, planned for Madison’s South Side.

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. DAVID HART



### In new school district role, pastor David Hart wants to create “a two-way conversation”

One of the newest members to Dr. Carlton Jenkins’ Madison school cabinet is well-known pastor and former prosecutor David Hart.

Hart started as special assistant to the superintendent at Madison Metropolitan School District in the last month and said there are three facets to the position: policy, community engagement and special issues, particularly surrounding restorative justice.

And although he enjoyed his previous position as a prosecutor in the Dane County District Attorney’s Office, he believed in Jenkins’ vision.

“I really did enjoy the work that I was doing with District Attorney (Ismael) Ozanne,” Hart told Madison365. “I was doing really important work and really meaningful work — I was prosecuting domestic violence cases and hate crimes. But I chose to accept this role because I believe in Dr. Jenkins’s vision. It’s a clear vision, it’s an innovative one, it’s audacious and it’s something that this community needs and it’s long overdue.”

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. JERRY JORDAN



### Madison artist's work chosen for Chicago museum exhibit

"[The painting] just gives the viewer a young black couple. They're free....They're free to be who they want to be and free from the stereotypes of what a Black couple is supposed to be like. Not full of drama and trouble and problems and everything. Just a black couple being together."

That is how artist Jerry Jordan describes his new piece *A New Song*, set to make its formal debut in the 2021 Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois.

Jordan, who is also academic advisor for UW University School of Education, submitted *A New Song* along with another piece, *Ray of Light*, for evaluation back in January. By mid-February, *A New Song* was chosen out of the two to be presented at the exhibition.

"I just wanted to kind of put us, put African Americans in a painting that is not about a struggle because not everything in life is a struggle and [that] sometimes we can be presented in a non-struggle," Jordan continued.



## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. MARVIN PRYOR



### **‘What’s your dream?:’ As MMSD’s chief academic officer, Dr. Marvin Pryor wants students to have high aspirations**

As a young man, Dr. Marvin A. Pryor envisioned his life as a professional jazz musician touring the nation opening for acts such as Ray Charles, Cameo and The Ohio Players.

Pryor accomplished that dream and since then has been helping students and educators realize theirs.

He is the author of three nonfiction books, is the trombonist in a nationally touring jazz band The PR Experience, and has 30 years of educational experience.

In 2020 he moved to Madison to be one of the district’s chiefs of secondary education. But just seven months into his position, Madison Metropolitan School District announced that he will be promoted to the chief academic officer.

In coordination with superintendent Dr. Carlton Jenkins, Pryor will help set the framework for what instruction is going to look like in the 52 MMSD schools that serve some 27,000 students. He will focus on alignment between departments in how they support schools, as well as ensuring student success through graduation, college and community readiness, Pryor said.

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. SEAN LEAVY



## Anderson and Leavy win seats on Beloit school board

Incumbent Spencer Anderson and newcomer Sean Leavy won the two open seats on the Beloit school board while newcomers Christine Raleigh and Gregg Schneider didn't make it.

The votes were as follows: Anderson, 1,259 votes or 27%; Leavy, 1,182 votes, or 26%; Raleigh, 1,115, or 24%; and Schneider, 1,004 votes or 22%. There were 38 write-in's or 0.83%

Leavy said he wanted to thank the voters that supported his campaign by volunteering and those who made donations as well as old and new friends, family members and fraternity brothers at Omega Psi Phi. He gave a special thanks to his wife, board member Amiee Leavy.

"My wife inspired me through her own campaign and service this year," he said. He also said his children—Sean, 12, and daughter Madison, 10—were supportive and understanding.

Leavy said he is looking forward to working with the six other board members and Superintendent Dan Keyser as the district makes its return to in-person learning and develops a vision for student achievement and creates its strategic plan.

## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. PERCY BROWN JR.



## Teachers worry legislation limiting race discussion could have ‘chilling’ effect in Wisconsin classroom

Six months ago, Percy Brown Jr. sat in front of a virtual background depicting basketball greats Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan to talk about combatting racism through activism.

As his young child, babbling and cooing, popped in and out of the frame, Brown led an online discussion about research and civic engagement for a seventh-grade literacy and social studies class at the behest of a teacher at Middleton’s Kromrey Middle School. During the nearly 40-minute discussion he highlighted his family’s history and involvement in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, and answered questions about what activism means to him, as both an educator and as a father of a young biracial child.

“We will need young folks to start learning about these things now so that as you start entering the workforce or enter your adult lives you’ll be informed and educated and ready to take on these fights,” he said during the presentation.

Months later Brown, the director of diversity and student engagement at the Middleton-Cross Plains School District, found himself in the middle of the latest controversy over how teachers help students think about race. Last month, the conservative Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty singled out Brown’s presentation in a report that called for legislation ordering schools to publicly post all their teaching material after a parent complained that Brown had promoted “violent revolution” during the discussion.

# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## BRO. BRIAN BURT



### UW–Madison’s Burt earns Wickenden Award from American Society for Engineering Education

UW–Madison’s Brian Burt received the William Elgin Wickenden Award of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) on Thursday, July 29, for his article, “Broadening participation in the engineering professoriate: Influences on Allen’s journey in developing professorial intentions.”

Burt is an assistant professor with the School of Education’s Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis.

Burt’s award-winning article was published in the October 2020 issue of the Journal of Engineering Education (JEE). The annual Wickenden Award recognizes an article that represents the highest standards of scholarly research in engineering education among the articles published in this journal each year. Burt’s article was selected by the Editorial Board of the Journal of Engineering Education from the articles published in 2020.

“I want to express my sincere appreciation to the ASEE and JEE Awards Committee for recognizing my work with the Wickenden Outstanding Publication award,” Burt said in accepting the award virtually during the ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition.

# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## BRO. RAFEEQ ASAD.



### Urban League of Greater Madison receives \$400K grant for prospective Black Business Hub tenants

Prospective occupants of a planned business hub for minority-owned businesses on Madison’s South Side could get help to sustain and scale up their operations from the hub’s capital fund — a fund that itself scaled up with state support Friday.

The Urban League of Greater Madison is receiving a \$400,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. for a fund that will provide loans, grants and technical assistance to startups and existing businesses considering moving into the South Madison Black Business Hub.

“The purpose of the hub will create a space to grow and nurture Black and other businesses,” Urban League president and CEO Ruben Anthony said at a news conference Friday. “It’s critical when you have a hub coming up to have an accelerator and grant and loan program.”

The fund — dubbed the Black Business Hub Accelerator Fund — has commitments totaling nearly \$1.5 million now, Anthony said. It’s anticipated to help at least 40 business owners gain access to financial capital, which Anthony said is one of the major challenges Black-owned businesses face.

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## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. SEDRIC MORRIS SR.



## Couple devoted to making Madison a better place where all can flourish

In their youth, they found each other and a lasting appreciation for the value of community, mentoring and service.

Now, after 21 years of marriage, two now-adult children and recently renewing their wedding vows, Sedric Morris and Yolanda Shelton-Morris also remain devoted to making Madison a better place. He's the Madison School District's new director of safety and security in the first school year after the district ended the Madison Police Department's school resource officer (SRO) program. She's the community resources manager in the city's Community Development Division.

Yolanda, a Madison native, and Sedric, who moved here from Coahoma, Mississippi, with his family when he was 3 years old, met while in middle school at an after-school program called Bootstrap. She graduated from Memorial, and he from West high schools.

Then, she earned a bachelor of science degree in human services and criminal justice from Upper Iowa University and a master's of science in social work with a concentration in child, youth and family welfare from UW-Madison. She's worked in state and local government for almost 20 years in areas focusing on child welfare, human services, education and community services, and been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority since 2013 and is a current member of the Madison Alumnae

# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## BRO. CARLTON JENKINS



### Madison's new superintendent faces steep challenge as he tackles the 'two pandemics'

Madison School District Superintendent Carlton Jenkins returned to Madison amid what he calls two pandemics: COVID-19 and racism.

His tenure as superintendent in Madison began a little more than a year ago heading into what would become a full school year disrupted by the coronavirus as he oversaw a shift from fully online learning to a hybrid that mixed in part-time in-person learning for many students.

In that first year, he also experienced the fallout from two hidden camera scandals at East High School that carried over from the previous administration, conflict with the local teachers union over contracts, and significant turnover in the administrative office as he sought to shift the district's standing from "good to great."

Through it all, Madison's first Black superintendent told the Wisconsin State Journal in a sit-down interview he remains steadfast in his goal: to make the district a prototype for the rest of the nation to follow in an effort to eliminate disparities in educational outcomes between students of color and their white counterparts.

# CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## BRO. ALEX THOMPSON



### Sherman Middle School unveils two new equity-focused murals

Sherman Middle School staff unveiled two new murals focused on equity, created by the Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA).

American Family Insurance and Salesforce collaborated with DAMA to promote equity through artwork through the Adopt-A-School Program.

“Well, the mural is a unique project. We partner with three different schools in the Madison area: Lake View Elementary, Sherman Middle School, and East High School. We’ve been working with Sherman for the past seven years,” said Jeff Close, the Talent Acquisition Unit Manager at American Family Insurance.

Adopt-A-School’s events have evolved amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, as they typically coordinate recognition events and assist with eighth-grade graduation ceremonies, Close said.



## CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### BRO. EVERETT MITCHELL



## A judge challenged a man in his court to a game of chess, and helped change a life in the process

Green, 52, has also been involved in the criminal justice system in one way or another for a lot of his life, and played a lot of chess while incarcerated. About two years ago, he found himself in front of Judge Everett Mitchell in Dane County's high-risk drug court, a program of the criminal justice system targeting people who have committed non-violent, drug-related crimes. People who complete the drug court program and stay sober can have their sentences reduced or even have charges dismissed.

Mitchell says he tries to approach people in his court as individuals, rather than numbers in a system. He says he doesn't even use the word "defendant" in drug court, making a point to refer to people by their names.

"I try to find something that each person has a unique thing about, whether it is their art or their children, or chess, or reading books, or putting together puzzles," Mitchell says. "You find something and you build on that strength, because you want them to know that they're not invisible. And even though they're adults, they're still capable of change."

For Green, that unique thing was chess.

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