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Mr. Adrian L. Brown was born the 3rd child to the late Mr. Andrew Brown, former principal of Indianola Gentry High School and Mrs. Leatha Brown of Indianola, retired Indianola Jr. High School teacher. Adrian is a 1995 graduate of Indianola Gentry High School where he completed his high school education. Adrian has also obtained an Associate of Arts Degree from Mississippi Delta Community College (1997), Bachelor's of Science Degree in Social Science from Delta State University (1999), and a Master's of Science Degree in Community Development (2000) from Delta State University. Adrian recently completed course work towards the completion of a Ph.D. Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University. Adrian is entering the dissertation stage of degree fulfillment.

Adrian has participated in Leadership Bolivar County sponsored by The Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce, Class III of the Delta Emerging Leaders Program sponsored by Delta State University, and Class I of the Mid South Delta Leaders Program sponsored by Delta State University, Arkansas State University, and Grambling State University. He has participated in several International Community Development Study Tours held in Bangkok, Thailand, Tokyo, Japan, London, England, and Ghana, West Africa. Recently, Adrian L. Brown of Indianola, Mississippi was one of 49 selected participants chosen to the 2011 Class of Leadership Mississippi. The Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi is the second oldest leadership program in the country. An integral part of the M. B. Swayze Foundation, the leadership program is designed to build a strong diverse network of leaders from every corner of the state balancing a broad variety of individual leadership abilities and career accomplishments thereby creating a committed core to Mississippi's future.

The ultimate goal is to strengthen and focus the passion of our current and emerging leaders toward a high level of civic engagement. Adrian was initiated Spring 1998, Upsilon Delta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Presently he serves as Vice Basileus of Beta Rho Chapter, he also a National Life Member, District Life Member and State Life Member.

## EPSILON KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER

The Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Annual Scholarship Boat Party set sail Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Ross Barnett Reservoir, from 6:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. The boat ride along the reservoir included music, food and drinks. This event is EKK's annual fundraiser to provide scholarships for area high school students to attend college.



The event was a free Community-Wide Health Fair and Jamboree that included: Wal-Mart Vision Center Screenings, Medifit Body Mass Index Checks, Mid Delta Blood Pressure Checks and Prostate Cancer Screenings. This event is part of Omega Psi Phi's annual International Mandated Programs.

The Health Jamboree sponsored by the Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and American Prostate Cancer Research Fund, Inc. took place Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Mt. Zion Church Recreation Center located at 514 W. North Street in Canton, MS.



## EKK AND RHO EPSILON TALENT HUNT 2011



Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter (EKK) and Rho Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held it's annual Talent Hunt Program April 16, 2011 at New Jerusalem Church.

Competition in the Talent Hunt Contest is open for the following art forms:

Music: Vocal and instrumental, classical and contemporary.  
Interpretive movement to music: Ballet to pantomime.  
Speech: Poetry, reading, orations, monologues, etc.

The winners of the 2011 EKK/ Rho Epsilon Talent Hunt are:

- 1st Place was Dalron Robertson performing a piano selection "*Prelude Op. No. 2*" by Sergei Rachmaninoff
- 2nd Place was Arthur Thompson doing an interpretive movement to "Set the Atmosphere" by Kurt Carr
- 3rd Place was Shantasia Thomas performing a piano selection "*Moonlight Sonata*" by Ludwig van Beethoven
- 4th Place was Jerome Johnson performing a vocal selection "*Ordinary People*" by John Legend

All contestants received a certificate of achievement. The first and second place winners will represent Epsilon Kappa Kappa and Rho Epsilon in the Omega Psi Phi State of MS Talent Hunt to be held in Gulfport, MS, September of 2011.

## BETA RHO & BETA THETA

Brother Bill Clay, Chaplin for the Beta Rho chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Mississippi Valley State University is truly the embodiment of our Cardinal Principles. Bro. Clay is the director and founder of the Greenwood Mentoring Group, a non profit organization dedicated to the **UPLIFT** of youth in our community. Not only has Bro. Bill organized and coached summer athletics programs, he uses his platform to serve as a model of **MANHOOD** for many of the youth who do not have a father figure at home. Bro. Clay is a man on a mission to make his community a better place. He is the sponsor of an annual workshop he conceived entitled "From The Cradle to The Penitentiary". This workshop includes a panel of prominent community leaders including Judges, Politicians,

School Administrators and Law Enforcement officers. Each speaker discusses the rewards and pitfalls for choices the audience of youth will face relating to drugs, gang violence and educational goals. Bro. Clay is also the co-coordinator for an annual Prayer Breakfast which includes a panel of religious leaders from various denominations who come together to share ideals on how we can make our community a better place. Bro. Clay's relentless effort and **PERSEVERANCE** to open a community center to provide a place where kids and adults can go for help with school work and educational goals was finally achieved. The new Greenwood Mentoring Center is now open to promote **SCHOLARSHIP** and mentoring for our most valuable resource, our children. Beta theta and

Beta Rho of M.V.S.U. is proud to call Bill Clay our Brother.



## BETA RHO & BETA THETA CLOTHES DRIVE 2011

Beta Rho and Beta Theta Chapters from Mississippi Valley State University hosted its third Community Clothes Drive at the Mentoring Center in Greenwood, MS. Fraternity Brothers, family and friends donated clothes for the well received project. More than 80 patrons were pleased to select from a wide range of articles from infant to adult wear. The patrons were also treated to hamburgers or hot dogs fresh off the grill.



## SIGMA ALPHA ALPHA EASTER EGG HUNT 2011

The men of Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity partnered with a local Masonic Lodge to conduct its annual Easter egg hunt for the children in and around the local area of Jackson County. As in previous years the event was a resounding success in attracting participants that were from a variety of communities and in giving a positive impression of the friendship that our organization seeks to convey to the area. The brothers showed up to put together the Easter baskets that are emblematic of this holiday celebration and particular

attention was paid to insuring that underprivileged youth were the major target for the chapter's largesse. Bro. Terence Packer has showed great dedication and leadership in spearheading this effort annually. Truly the fraternity motto of "Friendship is Essential to the Soul" has convicted the heart, soul and the efforts of Bro. Packer. His membership in the local Masonic Lodge has been instrumental in the annual successes that the chapter has had over the past several years. Recent efforts to rekindle our community outreach to our local community which has endured a

steady stream of recovery efforts since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, are now squarely within the sights of the Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter. We shall strive to be the "Bridge Builders" for our communities and our local area.



## PHI RHO & NU ETA POWER WORD KNOWLEDGE

On May 17, 2011, the Phi Rho chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity completed its dictionary project, giving dictionaries to the third and fourth graders at Hawkins Elementary in Hattiesburg, MS. Bro Jamie Jackson, basileus of the chapter, and Bro Willie Foster, vice basileus, did the honors by delivering the dictionaries to the students. Bro Jackson encouraged Mrs. Williams' 4th grade class to use the dictionaries to look up words that are unfamiliar to them during

their summer reading. The students were excited to receive their own dictionaries. Even the school administrators and teachers expressed their gratitude to the chapter for donating the dictionaries to the students. Special thanks from the chapter to the principal, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Outlaw, and Mrs. Mackabee for working with us in this endeavor.



## PHI RHO & NU ETA BLOOD DRIVE 2011



On May 27, 2011, the Phi Rho and Nu Eta Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity conducted a joint blood drive at the United Blood Services in Hattiesburg, MS. The chapters partnered with the Lions Club and the United Blood Services of Hattiesburg to put on the event. The chapter members provided grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cold sodas for those who donated blood. There were several donors that accounted for 26 pints of whole blood and six platelet donations. The chapter members were given great information about various types of blood donations such as whole blood, double reds, platelets and plasma to help spread the word.

The Health Initiatives Programs is one of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's 10 internationally mandated programs. Under this program, every chapter is required to conduct an annual blood drive in honor of Dr Charles Drew, "The Father of Blood Plasma". Dr Charles Drew was an esteemed member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. During the month of June each year, chapters host a blood drive in his honor to commemorate his life achievements, memory, and works called the Dr Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive. There are over 750 chapters of Omega Psi Phi around the world and these annual blood drive accounts for hundreds of pints of donated blood each year.



## PHI RHO & NU ETA MISSION MILITARY PROGRAM 2011

During the month of June, the Omega men of Phi Rho and Nu Eta provided free tutoring for several young people hoping to one day join the military. The young people were getting training for the ASVAB which all people wanting to join the military must pass. Bro Jamie Jackson has been providing this service to local youths for the past three years. Bro Robert Johnson, Phi Rho member with a degree in Exercise Science and Bro DeRandy Butler of Nu Eta has been a tremendous help in providing their free time to tutor. Both Bro Jackson and Bro Butler know the value of being a member of the military. Bro Jackson is a captain in the Army National Guard with over 22 years and Bro DeRandy Butler is also a member of the Army National Guard who is currently enrolled at the Uni-

versity of Southern Mississippi in the ROTC program where he will be commissioned in December as a second lieutenant. Since the programs inception, hundreds have attended the tutoring and a great number of them have joined the military. The motto of the program still rings true, "Mission Military- Where young minds and military careers meet".



## PHI RHO & NU ETA OMEGA MINI MEALS 2011

On June 1, 2011, the members of Nu Eta and Phi Rho chapters combined to provide meals for the family members who stayed overnight that had loved ones in the Intensive Care Unit/ Critical Care Unit at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. The microwaveable meals were welcomed by the family members that stayed overnight. Many have loved ones that stay in ICU/CCU for weeks and meal cost can get expensive. Some may not have the money to purchase meals each day. Through these

donated meals, it will help offset some of the meal cost for those staying overnight. The chapters donated 50 microwaveable meals which ranged from Healthy Choice Chicken and Rice Soups, Chef Boy-R-Dee spaghetti and meatballs, beef ravioli, beef-a roni, Hormel Chili and Dinty Moore beef stew. These meals offered the families a little more than the traditional vending machine foods of chips and sodas. "The families already have enough on their minds with a loved one being in ICU/CCU." This is one small way we can help to uplift them, says Brother Butler.



## PHI RHO & NU ETA PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2011

On May 7, 2011, Phi Rho chapter held its annual Spring pancake breakfast at Longhorn Steakhouse on Hwy 98 in Hattiesburg, MS. The members of the chapter served patrons a hot meal of pancakes, sausages and hash browns. This event is one of the chapter's signature events that people look forward to every year. The event is used to raise money for granting scholarships to college bound seniors. Door prizes were given away as the patrons enjoyed their meals. The grand prize was a 32 inch TV raffled off at the conclusion of the breakfast

that was won by Ms Evon Strong. The chapter also acknowledged Bro James Ratliff who was initiated in 1951 at Eta chapter on the campus of Alcorn State University. Bro Ratliff has sixty years in the fraternity. The pancake breakfast has always been a great time for friends and fraternity fellowship. The brothers enjoy serving the meals and fellowship with everyone.



## PHI RHO & NU ETA 1000 HELPING HANDS 2011

On May 5, 2011, Bro Jackson, basilus of Phi Rho, volunteered his time to read several books to Mrs. Smiths' class at the J W Jones Headstart Center on HWY 42 in Hattiesburg. P.A.C.E. Head Start was looking for 1,000 volunteers for its second annual Volunteer Week in May. The goal was to promote school-family-community partnerships through volunteering. P.A.C.E. Head Start was encouraging Pine Belt community leaders to volunteer an hour of their time to a P.A.C.E. Head Start Center during May 2-6 from the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Volunteers could read a story to a class, assist a teacher, participate in an outdoor activity, wash a school bus or be a parent greeter. "I was amazed how

much the kids learn from headstart now. It is truly not the same headstart I went to years ago when we just played, snacked and slept. I was truly impressed with the knowledge levels of the 3& 4 year olds", says Bro Jackson.



## PHI RHO & NU ETA EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP 2011



On April 22, 2011, members of the Phi Rho chapter participated in a neighborhood street cleanup effort on Earth Day. Bro Isaiah Easterling and Bro Hersie Lucas were two of the members that came out to uplift and serve. The trash pickup began at the corner of Luther Street where the fraternity house is located then proceeded down Luther Street to Bell Street all the way to Helveston Avenue. Bro Lucas kept everyone going by sharing stories of his upbringing on the farm. Bro Lucas and Bro Easterling were also members of the charter line of the Phi Rho chapter in 1966. They have ninety years in the fraternity between them. The two have served Omega in this fashion since they joined. "These two brothers can be depended upon whatever the case. How many of us would be out in 86 degree Mississippi heat when others are in the air conditioning but these two wouldn't have it any other way", says Phi Rho's Basileus Bro Jamie Jackson. Bro Isaiah Easterling and Bro Hersie Lucas - still going strong in the fraternity, still upholding the cardinal principles after 45 years.



**PHI RHO & NU ETA STAMP OUT HUNGER CAMPAIGN 2011**

On May 14, 2011, the Phi Rho Chapter participated in the Stamp Out Hunger campaign by collecting and donating nonperishable goods to the local post office on 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hattiesburg. The chapter participates every year in this annual event. Brother Foster, Harris and Wiggins did the honors of gathering and delivering the non-perishables on Saturday. These brothers work tirelessly in the community and for the chapter. Now in its 19th year, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive,

which is always held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2010, drive organizers representing nearly 1,500 U.S. Post Office branches across the country, collected a record-setting total of 77.1 million pounds of food donations. This pushed the historical total for the drive to more than one billion pounds of food. The chapter has two more food drives plan for the rest of the year.



**PHI RHO CHAPTER DONATES RELAY FOR LIFE 2011**

On April 29, 2011, the American Cancer Society held its annual Relay for Life on Pride Field on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS. The Phi Rho chapter donated \$125 to Team Forest General to help with this endeavor. The chapter annually donates to the Relay for Life because cancer affects all walks of life from the young and old, to the rich and poor, and all ethnic backgrounds. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the

lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events. This year's Pride Field event ran from 6 pm thru 7 AM the next morning. We all have known someone that has been affected by cancer. It is one the leading causes of death in the US each year.

But hopefully through events such as Relay for Life, a cure is racing forward to save the day.



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