

The Gamma Pi Chapter
of

Omega Psi Phi

is pleased to present

Achievement Week

2020

“Omega Men Ushering in Social Change”



Saturday, November 14, 2020

1:00 PM

Virtual Presentation

Bro. Richard Allison,

Master of Ceremony



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IMMEDIATE PAST BASILEUS

GAMMA PI CHAPTER *History*

The Gamma Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was originally conceived by several Brothers residing in the Prince George's community. Although the purpose and aim for establishing a chapter in Prince George's County mirrored those aims and purposes of the Founders of our fraternity, there were other bilateral issues that took precedent; establishing a chapter that would be closer to home for the members that were traveling to Montgomery County and Washington, D.C. to maintain their active membership in the fraternity and creating a chapter that would be small enough to maintain a close bond among the brotherhood in order to carry out the mandates of the fraternity. The Fraternity has always been a source of leadership training for young Black men, whose opportunities to exercise such skills has been limited. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that several young men across the country have sought to establish chapters of the fraternity in their respective places of residence. Whether their residence was on a college campus, or in the case of Graduate chapters, in their cities, or counties. The young leaders that chartered the Gamma Pi Chapter were no different. They sought the opportunity to further their alliance with the fraternity in an area that was remotely close to their residences.

In 1972, the idea to establish a graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Prince George's County, Maryland was conceived by several graduate brothers residing in the County. Many brothers were contacted to ascertain if they had a similar interest. The first meeting took place at Timothy McIntosh's home. Other initial meetings were held at various homes of the charter membership. Subsequent meetings were held at The First Baptist Church of Highland Park approximately a year after receiving the chapter charter. This group of brothers with similar ideals and like attainments began to grow and approached a membership of 21 brothers.

On January 31, 1973, twenty-one brothers made application to the Supreme Council of the Fraternity through the Second District Representative, Brother Milton Johnson, for a graduate charter, which established Gamma Pi Chapter in Prince George's County, Maryland. The charter was granted on March 5, 1973. Brothers Timothy McIntosh, John Robinson, Joseph Williams and Steve Settles were elected to the positions of Basileus, Vice Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seal, and Keeper of Finance, respectively. The chartering ceremony was held at what was at the time called Bowie State College, now known as Bowie State University.

The conceptualization of Achievement Week began at the Fraternity's Ninth National Conference, held 1920 in Nashville, Tennessee with a stimulating speech by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an honorary member of the Fraternity and the Director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In devotion to Dr. Woodson's work, the fraternity began to celebrate its Achievement Week Project known as the "Negro History and Literature Week" during the month of April. In 1949, the project name was changed to "National Achievement Week"; broadening its scope to include the achievements of all people regardless of ethnic or economic differences.

Present day, the 700-plus worldwide individual chapters of Omega Psi Phi observe Achievement Week yearly as part of the Fraternity's founding, on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. As the fraternity is preparing to celebrate its Centennial next summer, Achievement Week is even more important to Omega Psi Phi's legacy. Originally designated to promote "the study of Negro life and history," Achievement Week today has broadened to also recognize local and national citizens who have made noteworthy contributions toward improving the quality of life for African Americans.



Gamma Pi uses the Achievement Week observance to recognize outstanding leaders and students in the local community. In recent years, Gamma Pi chapter has also utilized that program to award more than \$20,000 in college scholarships to Prince George's County students who are either headed to college or are currently enrolled in college. Gamma Pi also traditionally includes chapter awards as part

of Achievement Week. Every year, the chapter draws a full house to its Achievement Week program held on the Saturday of Founders' Week.

In addition to scholarships and community and Fraternity awards, Gamma Pi has a history of selecting outstanding notable keynote speakers. Among them have been Civil Rights icon Ernest Green (Little Rock Nine), JFK Pallbearer James Felder, General William E. "Kip" Ward and Bowie State University President Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, all members of the Fraternity. In 2008 the Fraternity featured local news anchor Leon Harris as its keynote speaker. Achievement Week is always one of Gamma Pi's most anticipated programs

ORDER OF PROGRAM

Welcome

Invocation

Choral Selection

Acknowledgement of Guests

Keynote Speaker

Musical Selection

Presentation of Awards

Student of the Year

Citizen of the Year

Religious Leader of the Year

Educator of the Year

Superior Service Award

Founders Award

Omega Man of the Year

Remarks & Acknowledgements

Fraternity Hymn “Omega Dear”

Benediction

PGCPS CEO

Dr. Monica E. Goldson

2020 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Monica E. Goldson is Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

She previously served as Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning where she led a team that supported schools in the areas of curriculum and instruction, special education, testing, college and career readiness, and student services.

A product of the county schools, Dr. Goldson has spent her entire 29-year career in PGCPS, steadily climbing the ranks from the classroom to district leadership. She began her career at Suitland High School with long-term plans to become an actuary. Within weeks, she knew that education was her true calling. Two years later, she was promoted to Mathematics Instructional Specialist where she provided assistance to targeted schools across the system. She also observed and assisted more than 200 secondary teachers with classroom instruction.

Dr. Goldson later served as assistant principal of Forestville and Frederick Douglass high schools and principal of Frederick Douglass and Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. high schools. As the founding principal at Wise, she partnered with Prince George's Community College to launch a dual enrollment program and oversaw a 182-point increase in SAT scores. As Associate Superintendent for High Schools, Dr. Goldson worked to increase principals' leadership capacity and helped develop action plans to improve student achievement while monitoring more than \$5 million in federal grants.

Dr. Goldson believes in creating experiences that propel students to their highest levels of excellence. She increased student access to dual enrollment college credit years before state legislation granted free access to such programs. She oversaw higher passing rates on Advanced Placement exams, which gained PGCPS national recognition from The College Board. Most recently, she created a process to enhance access for all eighth-grade students to the county's premier specialty program, Science and Technology.

As Chief Operating Officer, she managed major divisions and offices, including Student Services, Information Technology, Supporting Services, Business Management and Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries. In this role, she developed and implemented policies and strategies related to service delivery and collaborated with staff to improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness. She also served as a board member for the Prince George's County Government's Transforming Neighborhood Initiative @ Schools team. This initiative focused on improving schools in five neighborhoods with significant economic, health, public safety and educational challenges.

Dr. Goldson currently sits on the board of directors for Nonprofit Prince George's and Prince George's Chamber of Commerce. A graduate of Leadership Greater Washington, she has been named to "The Most Powerful Women in Washington" list by Washingtonian and honored by the Washington Business Journal with a "Women Who Mean Business" award.

Dr. Goldson is a three-time graduate of historically Black colleges and universities with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Florida A&M University, a master's degree in Elementary and Secondary School Administration from Bowie State University, and a doctorate in Educational Administration and Policy from Howard University. Prior to becoming CEO, she served as an adjunct professor at The George Washington University, Howard University and Morgan State University. Dr. Goldson is the proud parent of two adult sons: a recent graduate from Savannah College of Arts and Design and another who attends Virginia Commonwealth University.



MD STATE DELEGATE

Mr. Jay Walker

2020 GUEST SPEAKER

Jay Walker is a California native who began his professional sports career at the tender age of 17 as part of the California Angles organization's minor league team. While in the minor league of baseball, Jay realized his passion was football, and pursued it. He was recruited as a Quarterback for Long Beach State University before transferring Howard University, where he led the Bison to their first playoff berth in the team's history after an 11-0 season in 1994. During his collegiate career he broke several MEAC and Howard University records on the path to becoming a Collegiate All-American. Jay majored in Political Science after reading several autobiographies written by politicians.



He was named I-AA football player of the year by Sports Illustrated; ranked the #3 Quarterback prospect by the NFL Draft Board in 1994, and drafted by the New England Patriots in the 1994 NFL Draft. He played four seasons in the NFL; two years with the New England Patriots and two years with the Minnesota Vikings. He is currently the President of Walker Financial Services, in Oxon Hill, MD. He also currently serves as Maryland State Delegate representing the 26th Legislative District in the Maryland General Assembly and is sought after as a lead color commentator; having worked for BET Sports, ESPN, NFL Network, as well as the Host of the Black Family Channel's weekly Sports Desk.

Jay has been featured on The George Michael Sports Machine, ESPN, SportsTalk with Glenn Harris, Comcast Sportsnet, The Sports Groove, and The Washington Post for both his success on the field as a Quarterback, as well as his community involvement off of the field. While the accolades have been rewarding, Jay Walker has always remained humble in the fact that "it's always better to give than receive." While in the NFL, Jay Walker was chairman of the 1998 Multiple Sclerosis READ-a-THON and 5K Walk. He promoted literacy through public speaking and was an active participant in Christian Athletes United for Spiritual Empowerment (CASUE). Once Jay Walker retired from the NFL, he started the Prince George's County, Maryland-based Sky Walker Flight School Football Camp in 1999, as a free service to young men. Current and former NFL players and coaches, who volunteer their time to hone skills of high school players, staff the camp. This free skills camp started out as a one day camp in a park, and it has grown to become a two-day camp, where the young men are housed on the campus of Bowie State University, and receive a mandatory SAT Preparatory Course, and media workshop training as part of the experience.

Jay Walker lives in Fort Washington, MD with his wife Monique Anderson Walker and their three children.

Mr. Michael Woods

STUDENT ATHELETE OF THE YEAR



Michael “ Mike” Woods is a senior at Frederick Douglass High School. He is an International Baccalaureate student, which is a global program for top students. Last year he had a grade point average of 4.9, and cumulative has carried a 4.03 GPA throughout his high school academic career. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government Association, and participates in Jazz Band playing saxophone.

Michael is exemplary student athlete. He has been a varsity basketball player all 4 years of high school, serving as captain his 11th and 12th grade years. Mike is listed as a top-30 player in the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area, and has committed to attend and play Division 1 basketball at the United States Naval Academy next year.

Mike has 3 brothers, 1 older and 2 younger, and is a role model for many in the community. He currently works with 5th graders, tutoring them in mathematics. Michael is also a proud member of Woodstream Baptist Church.

Mrs. Molette Green

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Molette Green is an American NBC journalist for News4 Today. Green was born and brought up in Washington DC, educated in DC Public Schools, and graduated from Howard University.

For more than 20 years, Green has covered news in her hometown of Washington, DC. She anchored the morning news on NewsChannel 8 for eight years before brief stints at WTTG-TV and in COX Media Group’s Washington Bureau. Most recently, Green has been heard on WHUR Radio, covering morning and evening newscasts and contributing to Talk of the Town. She also produced and hosted programs on Howard University’s WHUT.

After attending Green left town for a few years to anchor the news in Mississippi before returning to Washington to start her family.

Green has been honored many times throughout her career, including special honors by the Associated Press and through Washington’s Salute to Professional African American Women. Green lives with her husband and two children in Prince George’s County.

Pastor Brian King is a native Washingtonian who graduated from Georgetown Preparatory, before obtaining a Bachelors from Catholic University and Masters from McDaniel University.

He proudly displays his service and leadership as Assistant Principal for PGPCS and as Pastor of the Greater Bethesda Church. He is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi, having previously served as chaplain of the Gamma Pi chapter.

Brother King has been married to his lovely wife Mrs. Courtney M. King for over twenty years. Together they founded the Love Lived charity in 2017 and are the proud parents of two beloved sons, Brian Jr. and Cameron Theodore King.

Pastor King is known for his in-depth teaching of God's word; he goes beyond the "surface" of the scriptures to reveal lessons and messages that may be applied to individuals' daily living. Pastor King's sincere desire is to please God by living by his favorite scripture Hebrews 12:14 "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which, no man shall see the Lord."

Dr. Charlene M. Dukes is the former President of Prince Georges Community College. Dr. Dukes is a talented educator and leader who is passionate about the county and region having served the community as president for 13 years before retiring June 30, 2020.

During her tenure, Dr. Dukes helped develop the Academy for Health Sciences, a teacher academy, two P-Tech schools, and the 3D Scholars program in partnership with UMGC. Dukes also co-chaired the development of the PG County Promise Scholarship adopted and funded by former County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, to support students graduating from PG County Public Schools.

In addition, Dr. Dukes has served on an impressive array of boards for organizations such as the PG County Chamber of Commerce, the Meyer Foundation, and the MD Board of Ed to name a few. Washingtonian magazine recognized President Dukes as one of the 100 most powerful women in the Washington metropolitan area in 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017. She was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in 2013, and was awarded the Dr. Reginald Wilson Diversity Leadership Award by the American Council on Education in 2014.

*Pastor Brother
Brian King*

RELIGIOUS LEADER OF THE YEAR



*Dr. Charlene
Dukes*

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Brother
Tiresias McCall
SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD



Brother McCall has provided exemplary service to his community as an exemplary member of Omega Psi Phi's Social Action Committee since 2016. He has been on the front lines of making a meaningful impact on a variety of initiatives in the PG County and surrounding areas.

Through his own initiative, Brother McCall has displayed the power of technology in disseminating information about and recruiting for Chapter Social Action events. He continues to use his voice and resources to improve the lives of marginalized citizens impacted by an array of socioeconomic factors. Brother McCall has proven to be effective and reliable to this chapter and the community it serves.

Brother McCall was born to serve and does so daily through the Gamma Pi Chapter and his most important role as a dedicated Husband and Family Man to his wife Dr. Anna B. McCall and their daughter's Kamara, Adama, Makeda and Amina McCall. He places nothing before his family but understands that his responsibility to serving others, the community is his ultimate responsibility.

Brother
Brian K. Long
FOUNDERS AWARD



Brother Brian Long entered into the Fraternity by way of Psi Delta Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1986. He immediately began his service to Omega by being elected first as Chaplain and finally as Basileus of his undergraduate chapter before continued his service to Omega through various chapters.

In 1992, he became a member of Kappa Psi Chapter in Washington DC, where he served on a variety of committees before fulfilling several leadership roles. Brother Long joined the Gamma Pi Chapter in 2008, continuing to lend his leadership and expertise to an array of committees.

Brother Long continues to lead through his career at the Environmental Protection Agency, as a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, DC, and on the Board of Directors for his Homeowners Association. He is married to the lovely Tina Latimer Long and is the proud father of two children, Briana and Brandon.

Brother Long continues to epitomize the highest ideals of Omega's Four Cardinal Principles.

2020 Omega Man of the Year

*Brother
Eric Fields*



Brother Fields currently serves as the Chapter Keeper of Record and Seal and has been an Omega Man since 1987. He is a long-time resident of Prince Georges County who went on to graduate from the University of Maryland with a Bachelors in Economics and Finance. Brother Fields continues to work hard through his career in telecommunications and is currently an Account Executive for Comcast Business.

Brother Fields has lent his technological aptitude and standard of excellence to the chapter, pioneering several initiatives to streamline chapter communications and operations. Some of the ways in which Brother Fields has paved the way include a chapter-wide text messaging system, electronic payments, fiscal recovery and management, and document management/signing.

He has been the pinnacle of professionalism, proudly representing the Men of Gamma Pi on both the District and International levels. Gamma Pi is now the largest chapter in the 2nd District in large part due to his record processing and member retention efforts. Brother Fields hard work as KRS was recognized by District Leadership as best in Corridor 1 and high ranking within the 2nd District. On a broader scale, he is responsible for establishing a payment portal for Service Award payments all while ensuring that the Gamma Pi Chapter crossed seven candidates with no issue and communicating effectively with Headquarters.

Brother Fields is a proud father of three and educated his children through the Prince Georges County Public School System. With his care and guidance, they are all thriving adults whom went on to attend Colleges and Universities subsequently establishing successful careers. He is also a proud member of the First Baptist Church of Glenarden and Life Member of Omega Psi Phi.

As this year's Omega Man of the Year, Brother Fields is being recognized for his contributions to his Chapter, the 2nd District and the International level of the Fraternity for his significant contributions to humanity and his community.

Achievement Week Committee

Bro. Roderick Watson, Chairman

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Bro. Keith Keemer

Bro. Richard Allison

Bro. Brian King

Bro. Gordon Everett

Bro. Edward High

Thank you for all efforts to make this event a success!