

PULse



MAINTAINING OUR PULSE: BROTHERHOOD, SERVICE, ADVOCACY

President's Corner

Greetings Brothers.

Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2021 edition of the PULse!

As we close the first half of the 2021/2022 fraternal year, I am extremely proud of all that what we have accomplished as a chapter operating during a global pandemic. We remain true to our theme for this fraternal year, "Elevating our PULse in the New Normal: Building a Better Legacy."

We kicked off the fraternal year in fine PUL tradition by hosting our annual Summer Retreat at the Donaldson / Brown Estate. This was our first event in-person chapter event since the pandemic began and we were able to conduct our business as Alpha men while enjoying and strengthening the bond of brotherhood within our chapter. We followed up our retreat by holding our annual Chapter Cookout hosted by our Spring 2020 Neophytes who

did an outstanding job with planning and execution - they had two years to plan . We also maintained our normally scheduled activities including the fall highway clean-up and our annual Holiday Food Basket Distribution led by our outstanding PACE Committee Chairman, Bro Ernie Ross.

I am most proud that we again showed incredible innovation by holding our very first "Hybrid" Chapter Meeting in November. This was a major goal and we executed flawlessly. Over 30 brothers attended in-person at SKC while another 30 attended virtually. I want to congratulate and extend thanks to our IT Committee and its outstanding Chairman, Bro. Martrel Perry for leading the way to this historic moment within our Chapter's history.

As we close 2021 and begin 2022, our work is not done. We have several major chapter events and programs planned that will require support from all 118 Brothers who call PUL their home. I encourage Brothers to

attend our upcoming mid-year retreat in January where we will take the time to discuss the planning for our Spring programming as well as plans for the Spring 2022 IMDP cycle. We want to hear from you and learn how we can do better!

In closing, please take time to enjoy this edition of the PULse which was published by Bro. Kishawn Sutton, who has successfully taken over the reins as Associate Editor to the Sphinx and is doing an outstanding job. I also want to wish all of you and your families a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Brother Omar M. Boulware
President, Pi Upsilon Lambda



Ice Cold Cookout and Back to School Supply Drive

March 2020 ushered in a new era. Most of us thought that this would quickly be over and then we got a rude awakening. We've been wearing face masks for nearly two years at this point, in-person Chapter meetings and gatherings were halted, and IMDP got a major facelift.

On the other hand, as many municipalities started rolling out Aiplin Featernis

vaccines, hope sprang anew. The masses took to social media to share in the frenzy of getting inoculated with the latest potion, and in blue states the vaccination card became the golden ticket. So we [Pi Upsilon Lambda] ventured to chart a new direction for the Brotherhood as we gathered for the August 2021 Chapter Retreat. Brothers rejoiced to be in each other's presence again. The neos finally got to host a Chapter Cookout, The Pi Upsilon Lambda Charitable Foundation got to have their Scholarship Luncheon and the Chapter meetings now have a hybrid component. Despite the Omicron variant showing up on the scene, we will "keep hope alive!".





Brotherhood Fishing Trip



On September 19, 2021, Brothers of PUL took to the raging sea to embark upon an adventure to capture the fish of the day at Chesapeake. The sea was generous, and Brothers walked away with great catches. The day provided a great Brotherhood smoke and good conversation amongst the Brothers.









Brotherhood Walk

On October 16, 2021, Brothers got together for their annual 3.5 miles walk during the early morning. The purpose of the walk is to encourage brothers to participate in some form of physical activity. The gathering also allows for a brief distribution of pertinent information and fellowshipping over a nice breakfast afterwards.

The Health and Fitness committee will continue to increase the distance over a period of time and change locations to keep brothers interest. The event occurs twice a year, during the Fall and Spring seasons. Health is Wealth!!









Servicing Our Community

Highway Cleanup



On Saturday, October 23, 2021, the Brothers held their Fall highway cleanup in Landover, Maryland. Almost 15 Brothers were in attendance and ensured the road we sponsored was thoroughly cleaned of debris.



Jazz Luncheon

On November 14, 2021, The Pi Upsilon Lambda Charitable Foundation (PULCF) in conjunction with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter hosted a luncheon at the Camelot by Martins in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The event featured melodious sounds from the Restored Vocal Band. Also, on the menu, was a delicious buffet lunch for everyone's enjoyment. The program's Master of Ceremony was the Eastern Region Assistant Vice President Tamir Harper. The event also included an auction to financially benefit the Pi Upsilon Lambda's Charitable Foundation. The

program was well received by the many guests in attendance and reported by the Brotherhood







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Fall Thanksgiving Basket Delivery



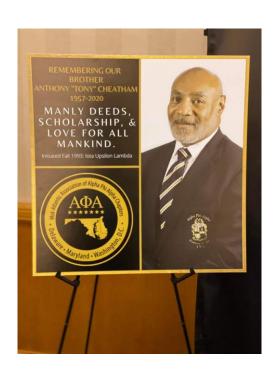
On a brisk cold Saturday, November 20, 2021, Brothers of PUL supported families of the Prince George's community by providing school age children that depend on food during Holiday break in lieu of schools that would provide them food. Brothers assisted with loading the food in vehicles and made home deliveries.



Founders' Day Celebration



The MAAC's Founders' Day Celebration was birthed out of an idea that Brother Russell Campbell, Sr. had to convene the Metro Alpha Chapters for an area-wide program "to commemorate and honor our 'Jewels,' to share in brotherly love, acknowledge chapter successes, and to inspire brothers to be reclaimed and unite with an area chapter. Brothers Anthony Cheatham and Maurice Purvis acted on Brother Campbell's eagerness to host this event." For 21 of the last 22 years, Brother Cheatham has served diligently on the committee. Brother Tony Cheatham entered into Omega Chapter on December 31, 2020. It was only fitting that the 2021 Celebration be in his honor. The photo to the right, you will see a step and repeat that highlights the efforts of the committee to showcase their love for the dedication and loyalty of Brother Cheatham to Alpha.

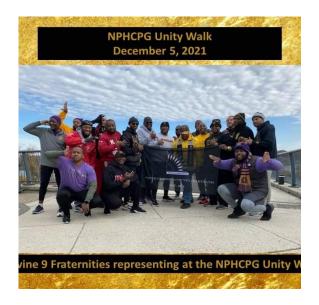


NPHC Unity Walk

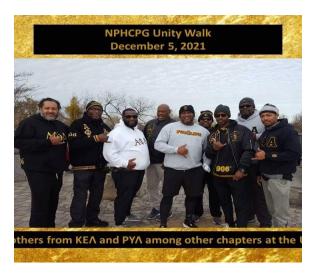
The NPHC-PG Unity Walk organized by Brother Michael Nelson was to show unity among the Devine 9 members of Prince George's County. The walk started in Alexandria, Virginia and crossed the Woodrow Wilson Bridge into Maryland on Sunday, December 5, 2021. Members of the Divine 9 then converged upon the Brass Tap restaurant for networking and good conversation in National Harbor, Maryland.











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Christmas Jingle Mingle Toy Drive

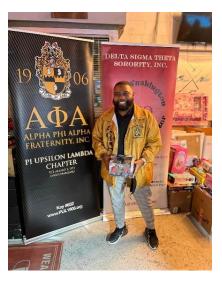


The P.A.C.E committee in conjunction with the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., hosted Jingle & Mingle Toy Drive on Friday December 10,2021. The toy donations will benefit children at Bladensburg. C. Paul Barnhart, John Bayne and Longfields Elementary Schools.









Brothers Breaking Barrier's JEOPARDY ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER PROFESSORS TOURNAMENT

Bro. Dr. John Harkless of PUL is among the stellar professors in the first-ever JEOPARDY Professors Tournament. Instructors from 15 colleges and universities will face the ultimate test in higher education when they step away from their classrooms and onto Jeopardy stage.

Jeopardy's host Bialik stated, "It was an unbelievable thrill to see so many brilliant professors from all kinds of schools and backgrounds come together on the Jeopardy stage," "There was a sense of kinship and academic camaraderie among the group, along with a healthy dose of competitiveness. That energy made this inaugural Professors Tournament incredibly special." As these elite educators competed for a \$100,000 grand prize and spot in the upcoming tournament of Champions.









Breaking News Congressional Radio-Television

Thursday December 16, 2021, Brother Paul Brown won the election to the Executive Committee of the Congressional Radio and Television Correspondents' Association (RTCA).

RTCA was founded in 1939 and consists of broadcast journalists who report on the United States Congress. Membership includes radio and television broadcasters from around the world.

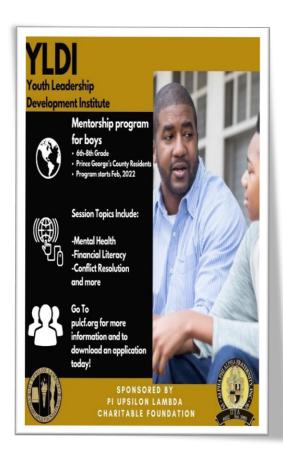
As a member of the Executive Committee, Bro. Brown will advocate for press access and protect the rights and privileges of radio and television news reporters who are assigned to bring the news of the United States Congress to viewers and listeners across the globe. Brother Brown was elected to serve a two-year term.



Youth Leadership Development Institute

YLDI is designed to supplement the academic process by providing young men In Prince George's County, Maryland with life skills that may not be covered in the standard school curriculum. YLDI will introduce young men to different social and cultural experiences; stress the importance of planning life goals; and instill the value of preparation for college and career beyond high school. Session topics include financial literacy, mental health, information technology and entrepreneurship.

The program will start in February and run through April 2022.







60th

Dr. Woodrow M. Knight

25th

David E. Smith, II

20th

Robert J. Dantzler

Wade A. Woolfolk

15th

Durrell A. Bullock

10th

Pierre N. Thomas

5th

Ricky A. Griswold

Charles L. Scott, III

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The Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha meets on the 2nd Friday of every month, promptly at 7:06 p.m at:

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