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Greetings brothers,

A new academic year is upon us and nearly all our chapter members have returned in-person to their campus communities. It excites me to see all the chapters sharing the service they are providing, promoting their recruiting activities and proudly showing what Alpha Phi Omega is about all over social media. Alumni continue their service by volunteering within the organization and have taken their learned skills to serve in thousands of roles within their local communities and beyond.

Our new vision and mission statement should inspire all of us to share Alpha Phi Omega with others even more and invite them to join us on this journey.

**“We create inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life, by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all.”**

As Alpha Phi Omega continues to share the vision and mission statement, I encourage you to spend some time asking yourself: “What can I do to make a more peaceful world and help create inclusive communities?” We know that as an organization and as a society we aren’t there yet, and we shouldn’t expect the ideal world created by our vision to exist right now. There are places where we fall short; however, if each of us take small steps each day to move in this direction, we can be hopeful of creating that more peaceful world.

Participants at the Alpha Phi Omega Leader’s Summit engaged in conversations about these questions and more. There were honest, and sometimes difficult, discussions about how we operate on a chapter level and as a National Fraternity. Attendees shared their experiences and perspectives with others as well as challenged old and current beliefs and practices. Our keynote speaker, futurist Bryan Alexander, shared the ways that the world is changing and how trends in technology, changing student population, declining trust and skepticism toward experts, and climate change will all impact Alpha Phi Omega’s future.

The answer to these questions ultimately lies within the mission statement; by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all. Who doesn’t want to feel a part of a group and feel a connection to others? Inclusion is a sense of belonging; feeling respected, valued and seen for who we are as individuals; a level of supportive energy and commitment from leaders, and members and others so that we – individually and collectively – can do our best work. There **IS** a place in Alpha Phi Omega for **ALL** people and we **WELCOME** their unique views and abilities.

Now the challenge for each of us is to take our thoughts and put them into action. Through your individual interactions with new members, conversations with fellow leaders in our organization, and coordinating events with partners at outside organizations you’ll have opportunities to put our vision and mission statement into practice. These actions will require each of us to push ourselves to become a part of the change that is happening around us. So I ask you again, what can you do to make a more peaceful world and help create inclusive communities?

In Leadership, Friendship and Service,

Melody A. Martin, National President



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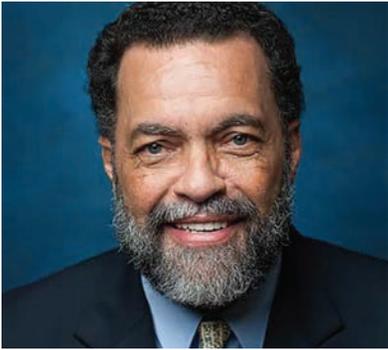
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### NOVEMBER

11/6-12: National Service Week

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11/15: Fall Charter Reaffirmation Due

11/15: Active Membership Dues (AMD) Due

11/15: National Service Week Reports Due

11/15: Annual Chapter Evaluation Due

11/24-27: National Office Closed

Visit [www.apo.org/calendar](http://www.apo.org/calendar) for a complete list of deadlines and events.

## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

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# NATIONWIDE FRATERNITY NEWS

## NOTES FROM THE JULY BOARD MEETING

The following notes were taken at the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors meeting on July 15, 2022:

The Board approved the agenda and adopted a consent agenda which included:

- Approval of the minutes of the April 30, 2022, meeting.
- Declaration of the following charters' as null and void:
  - o Alpha Alpha Chi, Fairmont State University
  - o Alpha Gamma Rho, Florida Institute of Technology
  - o Alpha Theta Kappa, Virginia Wesleyan University
  - o Beta Gamma, Roosevelt University
  - o Beta Upsilon, Northwest Missouri State University
  - o Chi Lambda, Elizabeth City State University
  - o Chi Pi, SUNY Fredonia
  - o Eta Lambda, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
  - o Psi Nu, Benedict College
  - o Sigma Mu, Virginia Union University

- Appointment of the following positions:
  - o Co-chair of the Fraternity's Centennial Celebration Committee: Brothers Richard Bragga, Epsilon Pi '66 and Melissa DeLuka, Epsilon Lambda '97
  - o Alumni Relations Chair: Brother Conner Bradford, Alpha Gamma Omicron, '15
  - o Advisor Development and Engagement Chair: Brother Tram-Anh "Teresa" Dinh, Kappa Sigma, '16

### STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed chapter revitalization.
- The Board discussed the strategic direction layout and design; encouraged moving forward in the direction presented with some minor "wordsmithing".

### ACTION ITEMS

- The budget was presented and approved.
- The Board approved Brother William "Damani" Keene, Zeta Phi '63, as the 2022 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

### DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

The following topics were discussed:

- Chapter Support Task Force
- Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Working Group
- Operations Council Updates
- Executive Director Evaluation Process
- Membership Updates
- Leader's Summit Overview



## APO BROTHER NAMED FULLBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Brother Rachel "Annie" Cortes, Pi '18, has been named a Fulbright Scholar. Fulbright recipients travel to a host country where they will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country. They experience a cultural exchange and gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs. Brother Cortes will be traveling to Tawain to serve as an English teaching assistant for the 2022-23 school year. Congratulations, Brother Cortes!

## APO BROTHER NAMED CAMPUS CONNECT 2022 NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW



Brother Sydney Lamb, Zeta Rho '19, has been named a Campus Connect 2022 Newman Civic Fellow. Brother Lamb is currently serving as chapter president at Zeta Rho Chapter at Wittenberg University. She has also served as pledge/new member educator and vice president during of service her time in APO. Being nominated as a Newman Civic Fellow is an honor given to students to learn and grow through virtual training and networking opportunities. Brother Lamb is planning to use the knowledge gained through this experience to better lead her community and create a positive change. Congratulations, Brother Lamb!

## BROTHER TARA IZADI NAMED NATIONAL VENTURING PRESIDENT

Brother Tara Izadi has been an APO member since Fall 2020 when she was initiated by Chi Chapter at UCLA. She serves her chapter as vice president of membership and was a Region B Representative on the National Student Advisory Committee and a member of the Nominations Reference Committee to the 2021 National Convention. Outside of Alpha Phi Omega, Brother Izadi stays involved with Scouting through Venturing, which she has been involved with since 2016. She is a member of the first inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts and was recently selected as the National Venturing Officers' Association President. Tara has served as the Western Region Area 4 Venturing Officers' Association President and the California Inland Empire Council's Venturing Officers' Association President and Vice President of Administration. She has earned the Council and Area Venturing Leadership Awards. Congratulations, Brother Izadi!





## ETA ETA RE-CHARTERING

Eta Eta Chapter at Arizona State University re-chartered on July 16, 2022, at the 2022 APO Leader's Summit in Phoenix, Arizona with brothers of the chapter and leaders of the Fraternity present. Congratulations Eta Eta Chapter, the Fraternity can't wait to see the amazing things you will do in the future!





# CONGRATS!

## JOHN MACK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The John Mack Scholarship is a yearly award given to Alpha Phi Omega members who show leadership in extracurricular activities that benefit charitable organizations and those in need. The award is accompanied by funds to be dedicated to educational expenses at the recipient's college or university to help them move forward in their educational and service journeys. Alpha Phi Omega is proud to announce this year's John Mack Scholarship recipients. Congratulations!

Amanda L. Walljasper, Lambda Rho

Andrea R. Kezh, Mu Mu

Aubryana Wedge, Beta Beta

Avery Bohman, Zeta Lambda

Carlos J. Estrada, Phi Xi

Christopher M. Pereira, Zeta Beta

Evelyn V. Proctor, Theta Zeta

Isabel P. Scott, Alpha Beta Gamma

Jason D. Neiswinter, Zeta Beta

Jose Catunao, Omega Sigma

Kai Lacefield, Alpha Phi

Leah M. Northington, Mu Alpha

Lemuel Cartman, Zeta Gamma

Meghann E. Lewis, Omicron Phi

Ngoc Nguyen, Alpha Beta Gamma

Nicole Larson Bratton, Epsilon Mu

Sheila Mendez, Beta Sigma

Stanley Zhu, Kappa Mu

Teanna Reese, Psi Sigma

Vicelle A. Juanites, Alpha Delta Phi

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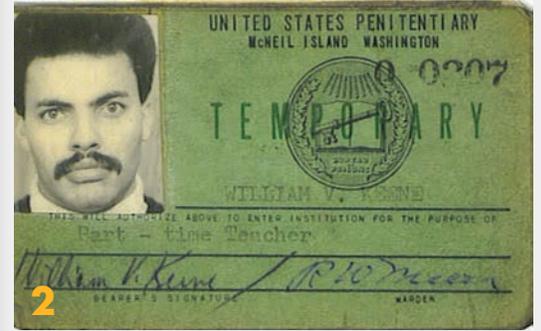


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Inside the "Quarters" for enslaved Africans, including Damani's great grandmother Mariah Otey Reddick, at the Carnton Plantation in Franklin, TN



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**B**eing named as the Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree is about highlighting the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. Brother William “Damani” Keene, Zeta Phi ’63, is a great example of all three. Brother Keene was selected by the Fraternity for his commitment to developing the leadership skills of all students - both on campus and the community at large-, his attention to the needs of students of color, his global work to advance the principles of pan-africanism and his tireless efforts, both publicly and privately, to support Zeta Phi’s rechartering efforts and the supporting of elevation of black women in historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) throughout the country.



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1. Keene and wife, Ife, at the Panama Highlands near the Keene’s current home.
2. Keene’s photo ID from teaching a black history course at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary near Tacoma, Washington.
3. Keene poured a libation - in the African tradition - at the trip to his mother’s hometown in Franklin, TN.
4. Damani and his wife Carole “Ife” Keene received The Preservation Award from the African American Heritage Society of Williamson County for their research to reclaim “lost” history.



5. Keene with college peers and their then-girlfriends. All three couples were married within a year. Dr. James R. Cowan, far left, and Cleveland Christophe.
6. "Operation STOP" in its campaign against Cornell complicity (via 93,500 shares of Gulf Oil) in the continued oppression of Africans by Portugal, urged that Cornell dispose of its Gulf stock.
7. Damani and Ife at Cornell University, attending a demonstration in response to the killings of inmates and guards by the state of New York.
8. Cover of Keene's recently published historical novel *CLANDESTINE*, inspired by the life of Brother Keene's formerly-enslaved great grandmother Mariah Otey Reddick and resulting from years of family heritage research.

In Brother Keene's own words, "Accomplishments aside, I am most gratified by the experience of having students, who weeks, months, years or even decades later have told me – sometimes to the point of becoming emotional – how I made a huge difference in their lives."

Brother Keene grew up in New York, moving at 8-years-old from Harlem to Queens. His father was a Jamaican immigrant, and his mother was from Franklin, Tennessee. He was involved in the Boy Scouts of America through Troop 75 in St. Albans, New York. After high school, Brother Keene studied at Howard University where he was active in Alpha Phi Omega, student government, intramural sports and on the H-Book staff. He was also very active in campus and community service projects. It was on the Howard campus that Keene met his wife of 56 years, Carole "Ife" Keene.

"Keene has long manifested the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service, both during his time in leadership of Alpha Phi Omega, and in higher education. His commitment to developing the leadership skills of all students, and attention to the needs of students of color, make him an outstanding choice," expresses the Mu Alpha Alumni Association in their nomination of Brother Keene for this honor.

### Developing Leaders

Brother Keene returned to Howard University in 1972 where he took on the role of associate director

of student activities. He was promoted to several other positions during his 32-year tenure at the University. These roles included executive assistant to the vice president for student affairs, dean for residence life and other director-level positions in international services, student center and athletics. Brother Keene greatly enjoyed working with students to help develop them into leaders and great citizens.

Brother Keene has been honored several times by a variety of organizations. Most notably, in addition to many awards from student groups, he was honored by the Howard University Alumni Association with the Golden Bison Award and served as an alumni trustee from 2014 to 2017. On a national level, he served as president of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP). Additionally, Brother Keene was appointed as a member of parliament of the 'State of the African Diaspora,' which is an important part of the African Union in 2020. In 2021, Brother Keene was a primary catalyst in founding the independent Howard Alumni United Organization.

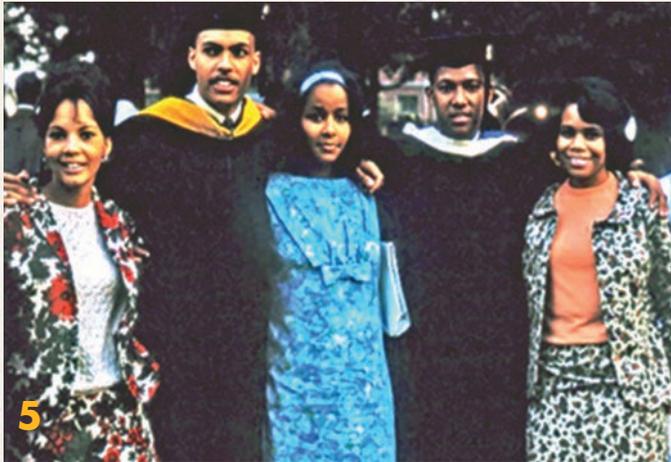
### Uniting Members through Friendship

During his time at Howard University, Keene was able to make some exceptional bonds with his Alpha Phi Omega brothers. Brother James Cowan M.D., Zeta Phi '63 and Brother Cleveland Christophe, Zeta Phi '63. Each of the women were members of Gamma Sigma Sigma and, within a year, all three couples were married.

Keene also served as a chapter faculty advisor of Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard University before he retired. His special attention to students of color, global work to advance the principles of Pan-Africanism and his

tireless efforts to support Zeta Phi's rechartering are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Keene

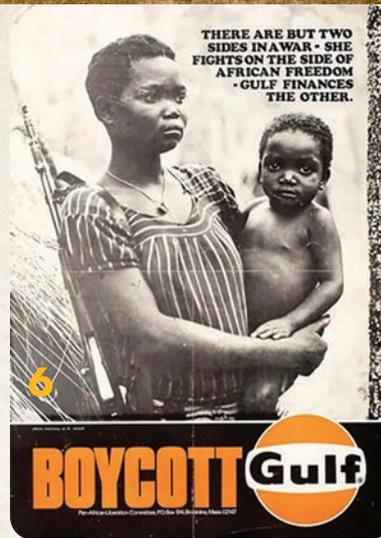
His work encouraged HBCU brothers to stand on his shoulders as the chapter grew and expanded. His dedication to Zeta Phi and Howard University expanded to gaining more female members and encouraging inclusion and growth across the chapter.



### Rendering Service to All

After graduating from Howard, Brother Keene joined the U.S. Air Force and was promoted to Captain before being honorably discharged in 1970. During that time, he served as a "visiting" teacher for a Back History class at the McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary near his assignment in Tacoma, Washington. While in graduate school at Cornell University, Brother Keene led protests in response to the Attica State Prison killings as well as against the stock Cornell had in Gulf Oil, given Gulf Oil's involvement with colonialism at the time in southern Africa.

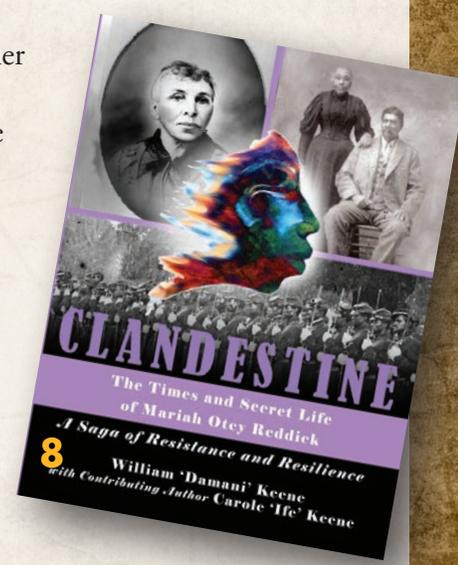
During the 1970's, Brother Keene was a volunteer and staffer for African Liberation Day activities in Washington, D.C. He also worked with Project Harvest from the very beginning, which is an organization that distributes thousands of good baskets to hungry families throughout Washington, D.C., where he continued to volunteer for nearly 20 years. Brother Keene was also very involved as a parent; he participated as a parent-volunteer at two Afrocentric schools: Ujamaa Shule and Watoto Shule. He served as a co-chair of the Parent's Council at Watoto Shule.



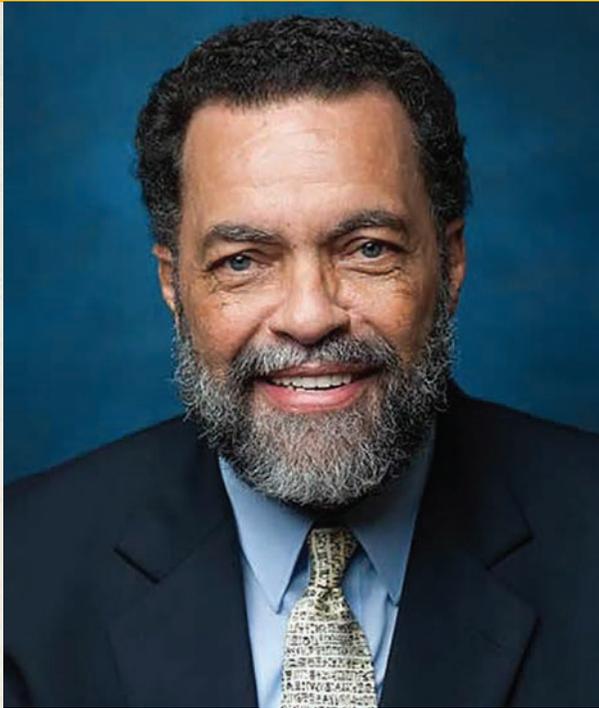
Brother Keene's dedication to the community did not end with his retirement in 2004. Keene has been using his marketing knowledge to help small businesses abroad. He and his wife have hosted tour groups to Panama, where he and Ife retired to in 2004. They use a portion of the proceeds to offer loans to small business owners in Africa and the Caribbean. They have loaned a total of \$1,375 since the start in 2009.

Through Brother Keene's passion for uncovering marginalized history and family heritage research, he was able to write a novel with his wife. *CLANDESTINE*, inspired by the life of his formerly enslaved great-grandmother, Mariah Otey Reddick. In 2018, Brother Keene and his wife, Ife, received the Preservation Award from the African American Heritage Society of Williamson County, where Franklin, TN is located.

Alpha Phi Omega is grateful to be able to highlight Brother Keene through this honor. He has set quite the example and offered large footprints for future members to fill. His work to serve and bring equity to the underserved is inspirational and is the basis for his challenge to the fall pledge or new member class of Alpha Phi Omega.



# Challenge to the 2022 Fall Pledge or New Member Class



## Fraternal Greetings!

It is an unexpected honor beyond description for my beloved fraternity to designate me as the namesake of the fall 2022 pledge or new member class. Amplifying that humbling honor is that my own dean of pledges at Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard University in Spring 1963 was Togo Dennis West, Jr., Zeta Phi '61 who was likewise honored in 2004 as was Zeta Phi's own Brother and Past National President LTC Lucius E. Young, Zeta Phi '48, in 1974.

The time-tested Cardinal Principles of Alpha Phi Omega – Leadership, Friendship and Service – serve as unfailing guideposts. I call upon all pledge or new member groups and chapters to embrace and embody them in their activities while keeping a focus on egalitarian and inclusive approaches and programs.

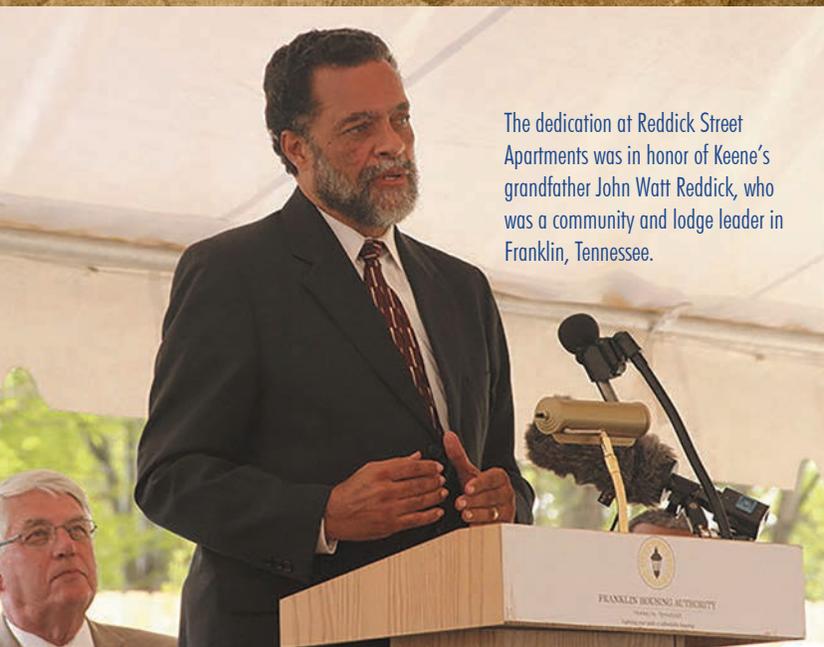
It was the distinctive focus on service that first attracted me, as a 17-year-old freshman, to our fraternity. During my undergraduate years, we were

proud that Torch & Trefoil often listed Zeta Phi chapter for its achievements and service. Among our numerous service projects, brothers tutored orphans and cleaned the yard of an orphanage one block from the D.C. campus. We took a busload of those same black youngsters to the 1964 New York World's Fair - an exhilarating and eye-opening experience for those youngsters, many of whom had never been outside their immediate neighborhood.

And it was a significant lesson for me because, at first, I was against spending the funds the chapter had raised in that manner. Instead, I argued that the orphanage needed dozens of blankets for the winter and big fans for the hot and humid summers. Practicality was my watchword.

In the end, however, I was happy and humbled that I lost that debate when I saw the delighted looks on the kids' faces during their World's Fair adventure. I am sure the impact on the kids of that once in a lifetime outing was positive. I learned a life-long lesson: my most thoughtfully considered analysis and position might not turn out to be the best one.

**I challenge all fall 2022 pledges and new members of APO to create a service project that benefits an underserved group in their community. The lessons that I learned when helping plan the World's Fair adventure are ones to keep in mind as you develop this project - never underestimate the impact you and your fellow pledges or new members can have, especially on underserved groups!**



The dedication at Reddick Street Apartments was in honor of Keene's grandfather John Watt Reddick, who was a community and lodge leader in Franklin, Tennessee.

Zeta Phi Chapter became the largest Greek-letter organization on Howard's campus, and I served as its president my senior year. After graduating in 1966, completing military service, teaching Black History at a federal prison, and attending graduate school at Cornell University, where I led anti-Apartheid protests, I returned to Howard University to work in student affairs - to pay it forward.

During my 32-year career at Howard in several positions, including dean for residence life, I was advisor to interest groups seeking to re-charter Zeta Phi Chapter, which had - despite its historic and illustrious greatness - become inactive. I am proud to say that one of those rechartering groups included my oldest son Khalid and my nephew Eric Jackson, who became my fraternity brothers.

Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is invaluable, irreplaceable, and one-of-a-kind. I challenge the fall 2022 pledge or new member class to devote your leadership, energy, and talents to making a significant difference on your campus, in your community, and in the nation.

May we always be...

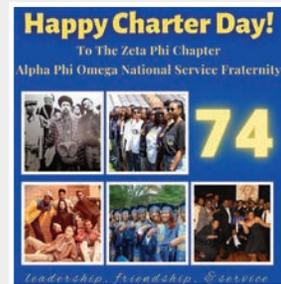
*William "Damari" Keene*

## Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard university

Here is what they are doing in their community and on the Howard campus



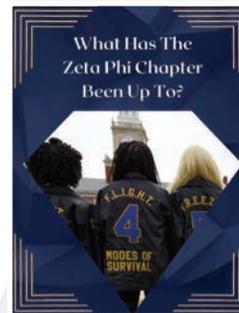
@apozetaphi In honor of our beloved Charter Day tomorrow, the Zeta Phi Chapter partnered with Seabury Resources for Aging to provide house cleaning and yard work service to two neighboring homes. It was such a blast to be a support system to elderly adults who are no longer able to complete some of these tasks.



@apozetaphi "Small acts done by many people can change the world." Today, the Excellent Zeta Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity celebrates 74 years since our charter on May 29, 1948, at Howard University.

Our charter was led by 39 service driven men, alongside founder Dr. Ray O. Wyland, seeking to fulfill the fraternity's principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service on Howard's campus and the surrounding community.

Happy Charter Day to all of our Zeta Phi Brothers!



@apozetaphi This past summer, the brothers of the Excellent Zeta Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity were committed to developing their skill sets and knowledge. This school year, we look forward to the service we have planned for our campus, community, nation, and beloved fraternity.

@apozetaphi Be sure to come out to our Rush Week, "Black Beta Assemble," to learn more about our excellent chapter and how we unite in leadership, friendship, and service to bring change within our community



# 2022 APO LEADER'S SUMMIT



The 2022 Alpha Phi Omega Leader's Summit took place on July 14-16, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona. The primary focus of the Summit was on the impact of Alpha Phi Omega in the next 100 years and how the Fraternity can prepare now for plausible futures and to remain relevant.

This was the Fraternity's first in-person national gathering since COVID-19 and was a constructive event attended by members ready to reconnect and examine the future of Alpha Phi Omega. Attendees took time to reconnect, discuss, share and explore new ideas throughout the weekend's activities. With students making up 20 percent of attendees, this was an amazing opportunity to hear vast experiences from both students and alumni.

Through generous donations, the Fraternity was able to help more than 80 attendees with the cost of travel to and from the event so their voice could be heard. Thank you to these donors and their dedication to the Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service!

President Melody Martin and Vice President Disraeli Smith kicked off the work of the Summit with a collaborative launch of APO's reimagined Vision and Mission Statement: **It is the vision of Alpha Phi Omega to create inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life, by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all.**

Attendees were invited to collaborate, as well as offer feedback and thoughts on the newly approved statement. The positive energy around the new vision and mission set the stage for the rest of the event! Attendees took time together to talk about how they could help in the pursuit of a more peaceful world through their role in APO and gave feedback on areas where the Fraternity could focus to better achieve these goals.

Attendees left rejuvenated and excited to support the vision and mission statement as champions. The Fraternity learned from a broad stroke of attendees and heard many ideas that could help support our members better both today and in the future.

After exploring and discussing how attendees can help the Fraternity in its pursuit of a more peaceful world, Bryan Alexander, an acclaimed speaker, writer and futurist, shared potential shifts in society, the economy and more that could affect higher education and student organizations. He offered insight into some of the more obvious causes such as the pandemic and changing technology. He also surprised attendees with the less discussed impacts of underpopulation, climate change, health and wellness. Alexander encouraged attendees to think outside our own experiences.

From this keynote, attendees gathered the next day to explore how these plausible futures might impact APO and its members. National Executive Director Bob London facilitated discussions and collaborative sessions where groups of attendees examined what APO might look like in the next 10, 15, 20 years as a result of changes in higher ed and how the Fraternity can begin preparing today for tomorrow to ensure the Fraternity remains relevant to our members and continue to make the world a more peaceful place. Through small and large group activities, attendees dug in and actively participated and provided some insightful thoughts regarding how APO can prepare for these futures including expanding the APO experience beyond the campus structure; better harnessing the time, talent and treasure of the alumni network; clearly defining our value proposition and our why; and being willing to meet the moment to build inclusive communities for a more peaceful world.

The work of the attendees was energizing and left everyone excited to get back to their corner of the world to begin



etching away at their impact on the Cardinal Principles and the future of APO, and create champions in local chapters, sections and regions who will also dedicate themselves to create a more peaceful world through inclusive communities.

The Leader's Summit gathered some of the best and brightest in APO and asked them to help examine the realities that may lie ahead and map out the future of APO. They worked diligently and collaboratively throughout the event. Through small and large group activities, attendees actively participated and provided some wonderful thoughts, that over the coming months, the board of directors, operations council and professional staff will work together to implement.

Thank you to those brothers who gathered in Phoenix for the Summit. The work done by these attendees is invaluable and will help solidify a future for Alpha Phi Omega.

Vice President Disraeli Smith announced the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award as members of the **National Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**, and **National Membership Committees** for their meaningful and memorable contributions to Alpha Phi Omega. The National Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee led the start of our DEI education, training and understanding efforts. The National Membership Committee worked diligently to adapt and transition chapter operations support to align with the shift to a virtual environment created by COVID-19.

## I.C.Y.M.I. (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT): CREATING A VISION FOR THE NEW CENTURY

The 2022 APO Leader's Summit was a great opportunity for members of all walks of life to gather and provide their input on the new vision and mission statement. Will you join us as we seek to create more inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life? We need ALL of you as we set our sights on providing LFS in the next 100 years with this vision and mission in mind!

After numerous sessions and receiving feedback from hundreds of alumni and students, ultimately, the task force began working on a vision that better reflected the guiding focus of our organization in today's world, and a mission statement that supported the vision with a call to action. Synthesizing all the feedback and discussions, the Board unanimously approved a new vision and mission statement to unify and support the desire of Alpha Phi Omega.

The following will guide Alpha Phi Omega into the next century as our vision and mission statement: **We create inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life, by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all.**



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# CHAPTER NOTES

See what great Leadership, Friendship and Service projects chapters have showcased to inspire others through Instagram.

## REGION A



Alpha Epsilon Nu at the University of San Francisco  
[@aphiousf](#) Brothers as future nurses!

## REGION B



Alpha Delta at San Diego State University  
[@APOSDSU](#) Pitbull's International Love couldn't describe how special this class is to me. Shoutout AG!

## REGION C



Sigma Alpha at the University of Missouri – St. Louis  
[@umslaposa](#) CAPS has been completed successfully! There were so many fantastic topics and activities discussed! We are excited to meet our new brothers in the fall!

## REGION D



Zeta Omega at Baylor University  
[@apobaylor](#) Our brothers worked hard this morning to help #BU26 move in and make them feel welcomed!

## REGION E



APO Region E  
[@aporegione](#) A huge thank you to the Region E students and alumni volunteers who participated in the APO Leader's Summit this past weekend!

## REGION F



Zeta Gamma at Valparaiso University  
[@valpoalphaphiomega](#) Hope everyone's enjoying their summer! We can wait to see each other again!do!

## REGION G



Alpha Theta Nu at Kettering University  
[@apo.ketteringb](#) Congratulations to our 34 new initiates of Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Theta Nu! Spring 22'

## REGION H



Xi Upsilon at the University of Mount Union  
[@apoxiupsilon64](#) APO has brought me so many new friends and opportunities and joining APO was by far the best decision I ever made.

## REGION I



Alpha Zeta at the University of Kentucky  
[@kyalphaphiomega](#) This school year, we initiated 45 new members, and our brothers completed approximately 4400 service hours, 1975 fellowship points, 1760 leadership points, 900 fundraising points, and 275 interchapter points.

REGION J



Epsilon Eta at the University of West Georgia  
 @aphioeh This morning our President, Brother Jordan Chambers was nominated by the Dean over the Tanner Health System School of Nursing to walk alongside President Kelly for Carrollton's Annual 4th of July Parade! Congratulations on this opportunity!

REGION K



Tau at the University of Florida  
 @aphiotau happy summer everyone!! sending you lots of sun and smiles from our brothers

REGION L



Gamma Lambda at Clemson University  
 @demson\_apo Our brothers embraced the final days of summer while enjoying one of our APO fellowship events.

REGION M



Gamma at James Madison University  
 @jmu\_apo Nothing like brothers smiling and laughing with each other! #apoiscool

REGION N



Alpha Alpha Delta at Salisbury University  
 @apo\_salisbury APO recently walked the most cutest dogs and visited adorable cats at the Humane Society. Hope everyone has a great finals week!

REGION O



Alpha at Lafayette College  
 @apolafayette Missing our Bros ♥

REGION P



Alpha Eta Tau at Hofstra University  
 @apohofstra Our brothers always happy when they're together! ☺ Tag a brother you can't wait to hang with!

REGION Q



Theta Kappa at Binghamton University  
 @apobinghamton It's National Friend's Day! Here are our Brothers hanging out all summer long :)

REGION R



Alpha Theta Theta at Sacred Heart University  
 @shu.alphaphiomega Brothers Maddie and Jess in Dingle, Ireland for the short term May program!!



# What is your Legacy?

When we think of a legacy, we often think of a younger relative becoming a member of the Fraternity. We also think of a legacy as the historical impact a member has on the Fraternity. We look at the impact through three lenses or types of legacies that members can have on the Fraternity – time, talent and treasure. For the Schmidts: time, talent and treasure means serving in many ways. Recently, the Schmidts included APO, specifically the Jamie Conover Stewart Chapter Growth Grants, in their estate plan. This support of extension efforts means setting new chapters up for success, and that is why the Schmidt's plan includes a donation to this fund.

The legacy of time includes all the volunteer hours given to the Fraternity. The hours spent as a sectional and/or regional volunteer, national committee volunteers, members of the National Operations Council, and members of the Board of Directors. Then there are the more than 1,600 chapter advisors, many of whom attend chapter meetings at less than convenient times and provide the balanced advising of not being too pushy while still helping the chapter continue to grow and thrive in an ever-changing, chaotic environment. The impact on hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of student members is their legacy.

The legacy of talent overlaps with the time legacy, as

our most successful volunteers use their talents every day in their volunteer roles. Additionally, we think of all the conference workshops, webinars and resource development that volunteers provide making the Fraternity a better organization is truly a legacy for many.

The legacy of treasure is multi-faceted. For example, we have the legacy of John Mack. The money he donated to the Fraternity both as a major gift and as part of his estate after he passed has provided thousands of members with academic scholarships over the years. This type of legacy is not possible for many members and so they choose to be Torchbearers every single year for decades. Others make a smaller one-time gift that supports programs or operations and some leave an estate gift, often a life insurance policy, with the Fraternity as the beneficiary.

Regardless of the type of legacy; each has an impact on the Fraternity and our ability to remain cost effective for the vast majority of new members and advance our vision of creating inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life.

Our legacy to the Fraternity says – I am here to leave it better than I found it. It does not matter the size, type, or breadth. What is your legacy?

Yes! I will support APO's Torchbearer Fund!

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# BECOME A TORCHBEARER

Darrin and Holly Lynne met as pledge brothers of the Zeta Beta Chapter at Virginia Tech. While at Virginia Tech, Holly Lynne and Darrin worked with the APO rechartering effort at Ferrum College where they met several APO leaders who would become dear friends and mentors. Already Life Members, Holly Lynne and Darrin were looking for how to serve APO after graduation. Meeting other brothers with interest in extension activities, including Jamie Conover Stewart, started their participation in several APO activities as alumni members.

For the Schmidts, living "In LFS" means serving their community and organizations in many ways. They are very involved with the Daughters, Sons, and Children of the American Revolution (DAR/SAR/C.A.R.), Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts (Genealogy Merit Badge Counselors), and in their church. Recently, the Schmidts included APO, specifically the Jamie Conover Stewart Building A New Chapter Fund in their estate plan. Extension efforts mean setting the new chapter up for success, and that is why the Schmidts' plan includes a donation to this fund. "Being able to direct this gift to a specific fund means that we'll be able to support our fraternity and continue to honor a dear mentor and friend."



Brothers Darrin & Holly Lynne Schmidt

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The Alpha Phi Omega logo, featuring the text "Alpha Phi Omega" in a serif font with a stylized flame above the word "Phi".

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**Will you** join us as we work to create inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life, by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all.