

Omegas Celebrate 101 Years of Friendship And Service



Valley area men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gathered to celebrate the fraternity's 101st year history in mid-November at the Mesa Convention Center.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated its rich 101st year history on Saturday evening, November 17, at the Mesa Convention Center. The fraternity was founded November 17, 1911, in Washington DC, on the campus of Howard University in Thirkield Hall by three undergraduate students- Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman- along with faculty advisor Dr. Ernest E. Just.

The celebration also included an Achievement Week awards presentation where the members

of Phi Iota graduate chapter and Alpha Theta undergraduate chapter were recognized for their outstanding service.

Over the past year, Valley area Omega men have participated in numerous social action activities including the Omega Youth Leadership Academy (OYLA) program, voter registration efforts, Omega's annual Adopt-a-Family program, support of the American Diabetes Association walk-a-thon, and partnering with Big Brother/Big Sisters of America.

This year six Omega men were recognized for their

outstanding service. The highest honor awarded by the organization is the Omega Man of the Year award; The Graduate award was presented to Dr. Quebec Logan, who serves as the Vice President of Phi Iota Chapter. Other awards were the Superior service award presented to Andrew Davis, Citizen of the Year award presented to Dr. William Smith, Founders Award presented to J. Carl McNeary, and Undergraduate Advisor of the Year Award presented to John Gresham. A special recognition was also given to the mentors of the OYLA Team.

Miss Alicia Davis, a senior at Mesquite High School in Gilbert was the recipient of the National High School Essay contest scholarship. She has a 3.0 GPA and has excelled as a varsity cheerleader and in American Sign Language studies. Miss Davis plans to attend Mesa Community College where she will pursue a degree to become a veterinarian technician.

The keynote speaker for the event was the current International Keeper of Finance, W. Kelly Shannon, who spoke to the audience on "Our Omega Commitment; A look at the past with an eye on the future."

Jerrell Robinson and Andrew Davis served as co-chairmen for the event and Lee Anderson was the master of ceremony.

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