



Delta Alpha Chapter Awards Seven Scholarships to Local College Students

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DAYTON, Ohio -- Delta Alpha Chapter's Founders Banquet was held in the Charity Early Room at Sinclair College on Nov 18, 2017. The Delta Alpha Chapter's Citizen of the Year Award went to Attorney Michael Wright. The Omega Man of the Year was Eric Dilworth. Bro. Fred Aikens won the Superior Service Award, and Bro. Emmett C. Orr won the Founders Award. The Bro. Herb Smalls Scholarship recipient Bro. Zamarre' Neely of Wilberforce University (with Basileus Robert E. Wilson, Jr. and Scholarship Chairman Orr) is featured in the photo. The chapter awarded four endowed scholarships to a total of seven recipients.

The Delta Alpha Foundation, in the names of those who endowed the respective awards, presented all four scholarships. Brothers Herb Smalls, Dale Harmon, Ben Adams, and Bro. Emmett C. Orr, along with Master Sergeant Brother Jason & Rashica Ward endowed the scholarships.

Bro. Herb Smalls is a long time active member of Delta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Bro. Smalls had a long professional career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and was an active community volunteer worker at the local YMCA where he taught swimming and gave life guard training for many years. Bro. Neely is a senior attending Wilberforce University majoring in Social Work. He is currently employed at the Colonel Charles Young Home in Wilberforce and hopes to seek a professional opportunity with the Federal Government upon graduation. He is also a scholar-athlete on the Men's Basketball team. If all goes well, he will attend graduate school while pursuing his goal of becoming a Professional Basketball player. Zamarre' as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc has embraced the four cardinal principals of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. Bro. Neely proudly received a \$500 scholarship that will support him in his continued diligence toward achieving his academic and professional goals.

The next scholarship awarded by Delta Alpha Foundation is in the name of Bro. Dale Harmon a former officer and committed member of Delta Alpha graduate chapter. He was Director of Human Resources at Central State and a dedicated family man. This year's Dale Harmon scholar was LaShawn T. Bell, a Freshman attending Central State University majoring in Social Work with the goal of being a Juvenile Social Worker. The major she has selected is excellent for her, because she is a genuine outgoing person always eager to help those in need. LaShawn received a \$500.00 tuition scholarship toward the achievement of her academic goals.

There were three Bro. Ben Adams Scholarships awarded this year. The first went to Brandon J. Coleman who is a senior mechanical engineering major with a 3.24 GPA attending the University of Dayton. He plans to go to Law School and become a patent attorney. This \$500 scholarship award will help him achieve his desire to continue his education and accomplish his goals.

The second Ben Adams Scholarship went to Porsha Hightower, a freshman nursing major attending Wright State University with a 3.6 GPA. Her goal is to become a traveling nurse, which will allow her to see the world while doing something that she loves to do, helping others.

The third and final 2017 Ben Adams Scholarship recipient is Justin A.. Baker, a freshman student with a 3.8 GPA at Sinclair Community College. He began his narrative this way, "I am the son of an immigrant who worked diligently to become an American citizen and a college trained social worker. Unfortunately, I live in a world where the color of my skin dictates the social and economic disadvantages I face. Knowing this my mother believed the only way to achieve a truly rewarding life was through educational attainment. From birth, my mother imposed upon me the importance of education. Outside of school, I spent most of my time at the library. The adventures and knowledge I gained between hardcoverd books lit a fire within me. My desire is to be a highly skilled and informed Federal Law Enforcement Officer who saves and positively impacts the lives he encounters."

The namesake for the award is Bro. Ben Adams, a retired IRS certified public accountant, previously served Delta Alpha Chapter as the Keeper of Finance. He was the first African American to attain the professional level he held at the IRS.

The next endowed award known as the "Aim High Scholarship" (endowed by Bro. C. Orr), which each year goes to assist students in achieving their college or post high school educational goals. This year the Aim High Scholarship went to Cameron M. Barnes, a sophomore business marketing major with a 3.6 GPA attending Central State University. Cameron hopes to follow in the path of his mentor Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. and make a positive impact on the lives of the marginalized, impoverished and those most in need..

The last scholarship awarded by Delta Alpha Foundation is identified as the "Military Leadership Scholarship." It was established by Master Sergeant Bro. Jason & Rashica Ward to assist graduating high school seniors or current college students that are participants in their school ROTC programs. Bro. Ward recognizes and acknowledges the significant impact his military career has had on his professional and leadership development. He now wishes to encourage future generations toward a rewarding professional career of service with one of the country's fine military organizations. The Military Leadership Scholar is Zaneria Campbell, who is a freshman with a 3.0 GPA attending Central State University. She was born and raised in Milwaukee and selected Central State to continue her educational goals. She enrolled in the R.O.T.C. military

classes as a non-contracted cadet. Later she decided to enlist in the Ohio Army National Guard. Her job there is a Petroleum Supply Specialist, because she wanted a good foundation in basic management leadership skills and more structure while in college. She is a Biology major and is handling both of her demanding roles effectively.

Delta Alpha Chapter congratulates all the honorees receiving Delta Alpha Chapter's 2017 Citizen of the Year Award, Omega Man of the Year Award, and the various endowed Scholarships.