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*Our cause speeds on its way*

# Quarterly Report



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### Community Highlights

#### Illinois State Meeting 2018

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Great Lakes Region 2018 Illinois State Meeting was held at Illinois State University, Schroeder Hall on Saturday, October 6th in Normal, Illinois. Epsilon Chi and Kappa Mu Sigma hosted the State Meeting. Phi Beta Sigma has a 90+ year history in the state of Illinois. Bro. Marcus S. Morgan, Illinois State Director exclaimed, "It is clear that our fraternity is impacting this state in a lasting and meaningful way. Bro. Morgan asserted "It



is my sincere desire that we 'Focus Forward' by working together to raise the profile of our fraternity in this state. Uniformity is key!" Among distinguished speakers were Great Lakes Regional Director, Bro. David Turner and First International Vice President, Bro. Jean B. Lamothe.

The State Meeting was well attended by 147 or so brothers from collegiate and alumni chapters across the state. The brothers of Omicron Alpha Sigma Chapter showed up in big numbers and was recognized for registering 14 members for the State Meeting. A major focus of the Illinois State Meeting was Fraternity membership growth. Bro. First International Vice President, Jean B.

Lamothe congratulated OAS for achieving 10% growth in 2017 in the Barbershop Group. Currently, OAS has 45 brothers that are financial and active.

There were three Workshops that participants could attend from a list of very relevant topics. OAS' own, Bro. Dr. Robert Clay moderated the Career Roundtable for collegiate brothers. The Roundtable served as a forum to expose the collegiates to successful brothers who were willing to give them career guidance.

The Illinois State Meeting concluded with several acknowledgements. OAS' Chapter President, Bro. Dr. Milton Armston, Jr. was presented a certificate for dedication to the Brotherhood of the State of Illinois.

-by **Dr. Milton Armston, Jr.**



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## National Day of Service



At the Classics, during the tailgating event, OAS organized a sleeping bag fundraiser to combat the rising homeless problem in the South Suburbs of Chicago. For a considerable portion of the South Suburbs' population, homelessness is a way of life for those living on the cold streets. OAS is doing something about this problem. We took to the parking lot to raise money for cold weather sleeping bags and winter care packages (toiletries, bottled water, hats and gloves) to keep those experiencing homelessness warm through the upcoming winter months. Most of the homeless people are kids that have fallen through the foster care system, the mentally ill, and veterans. "No one likes to see

campsites under bridges, but something has to be done," says Dr. Armston, OAS Chapter President. "We need to have compassion when we see people sleeping under a bridge somewhere; to do nothing is inhumane." Life happens and everyone has a right to be warm. The problem is growing. "Homelessness is going up." With cuts to social service programs, shelters cannot accommodate the demand in Cook County. The need is definitely increasing. To offer some help to the homeless, OAS' goal is to raise \$800. In November, the members of the chapter will fan out across the South Suburbs to hand out the sleeping bags and winter care packages. Any leftover bags will be donated to local nonprofits.

-by **Dr. Milton Armston, Jr.**

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## Youth Pitch In For Community Service

The members of OAS Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. took to the streets this past weekend, Saturday, June 16 to clean up trash and debris along their 2 mile stretch of Highway on Cicero Avenue from Lincoln Highway to Vollmer Road in Matteson, Illinois. The Illinois Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program began in 1995 through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The Adopt-A-Highway program brings citizen volunteers into partnerships with IDOT to pick up trash and keep the community's roadsides clean. Since 2013, OAS Chapter has committed to this service project twice a year. "The project provides the chapter with visibility to the community in which it serves" says Malcolm McCoy, Past President of OAS. During this roadside clean up OAS had three additional helpers: Donia Lewis, Donay Lewis, and Donovan Lewis. They are ages 18, 15 and 14 years old, respectively. Donia is a senior at Southland College Prep High



School in Richton Park, Illinois. She is a National Honor Society member, an Honor Roll student all 4 years and is Co-captain of her school's Volleyball team. Donay is in her second year at Southland College Prep High School. She is an Honor Roll student who is also in the Band. Donay is being considered for membership in the National Honor Society at Southland College Prep. Donovan is an 8th grader at Huth Middle School. He is an Honor Roll student with "a very big dream of blessing the world with his kindness. Community service is a school requirement for all three students.



-by **Dr. Milton Armston, Jr.**



## Relay for Life at Crete Monee High School

In the past, OAS participated in the Harvey-Markham Relay for Life. Due to low community support, the Harvey-Markham Relay for Life was not held at the Thornton Township High School track. Instead, OAS organized this year at Crete Monee High School in the gymnasium to support the students' Relay for Life of All-Youth on May 18, 2018. Earlier this year, OAS adopted Crete Monee High School as part of the Fraternity's Education Program, Adopt-a-School. Also, the chapter set up a table at the event to promote its Male Youth Mentoring Program on Crete's campus, the Sigma Beta Club.

Brother and Coach Edward Dino Ivory and his basketball team, Lady Meanstreets Travel Basketball partnered with OAS. Lady Meanstreets Travel Basketball is dedicated to the overall empowerment of young ladies in the following areas: Academics, Athletics, Social Awareness, and Community Service. The program offers support in all the aforementioned areas. Our overall goal is not only to maximize the young ladies' athletic potential, but also to maximize their influence and contribution in society at large.

OAS and Lady Meanstreets Travel Basketball team raised close to \$1080. The money raised through Relay For Life events helps realize the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives, celebrate life, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. Donations are used to fund life-saving cancer research, patient support services, prevention and education information, and detection and treatment programs.

-by Edward Dino Ivory

## Happy Sigmaverversary S.S.D.O.G.Z., July 21



## After the Chapter Meeting



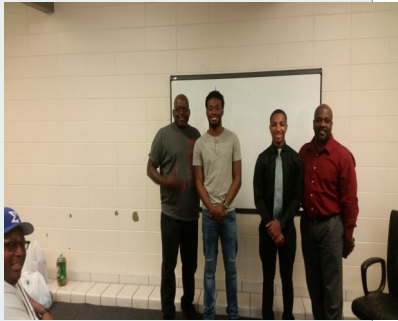
After September's Chapter meeting, the Executive Board of OAS planned a Chicken and Fish Fry to celebrate brotherhood and solidarity. Bro. Dr. Milton Armston, Jr. explained, "Our Founders exemplified the ideals of brotherhood and our commitment to scholarship and service.

The Chicken and Fish Fry was a way for the Executive Board to say 'thank you' to the brothers for upholding those ideals. OAS members are hardworking and definitely dedicated to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and the community we serve. Brothers brought their outdoor chairs, beverages, and appetites and "kicked it" in the parking lot until it was dark. Everyone had a great time. Dr. Armston stated, "We are always doing for others and sometimes a simple gesture and little recognition to the members go a long ways. Brothers you are appreciated!" Special thanks to Bro. Demetrious Monroe, Chapter Treasurer for working the deep fryer.

-by Dr. Milton Armston, Jr.

## Education and Sigma Beta Club

### 2018 Scholarship Awardees



Illinois State Meeting-continued



Omicron Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is confident that investing in our young people today will produce effective leaders of tomorrow. Three students were awarded \$500 scholarships each. This was the first time the chapter gave a monetary award. In the past, students were awarded Trunk Scholarships. Trunks were filled with the things students needed to adjust and reach success in their new environment (desk supplies, bedding and linens, and other important items). Two recipients of this year's scholarships were sons of OAS Chapter and one a student of Crete Monee High School. OAS adopted Crete Monee High School earlier this year.

Bro. Lawrence Hoy is the son of Bro. Larry Hoy. Lawrence is a senior at SIUC majoring in Criminal Justice. He has a 3.0 GPA and will graduate in May 2019. Lawrence is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Epsilon Sigma Chapter. Upon graduation, Lawrence looks to continue the family legacy in law enforcement by joining the Chicago Police Department (CPD). He is a candidate of CPD and has completed 2/3 of the requirements for admission.

Elijah Webster is the son of Bro. Warren McBride. Elijah has a 3.2 GPA and is a graduate of Tinley Park High School. During his senior year, he was named All Conference in Football and Elijah was recognized as

MVP. Elijah attends Robert Morris University and is on Football Scholarship.

Curtis Pointer is a graduate of Crete Monee High School with a 3.25 GPA. Curtis was his Varsity's Wrestling Team Captain and Journalism Editorial Assistant. His community involvement included Kids In the Hall Program and Governors State University College Pathway Program. Curtis attends Western Illinois University.

The Application deadline for the 2018 Scholarships was May 5, 2018. The recipients were recognized at the August Chapter Meeting. Also, OAS is a donor to UNCF and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

-by Dr. Milton Armston, Jr.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Chapter Membership Dues



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It's Quick and Easy!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.  
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# CHAPTER RETREAT

NOVEMBER 9 - 11 2018

\$55 PER BROTHER  
(Covers Lodging, Food, & Other necessities)

GRAND BEAR RESORT LUXURY CABINS  
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Reactivation/Retention 2019 Payment Plan  
October 6, 2018 - December 8, 2018

\$180 - Financial Brothers in 2018  
Oct 6, 2018 - \$60  
Nov 10, 2018 - \$60  
Dec 8, 2018 - \$60

\$192.50 - Non-Financial Brothers in 2018  
Oct 6, 2018 - \$64  
Nov 10, 2018 - \$64  
Dec 8, 2018 - \$64

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Payments can be made via PayPal or QuickPay: [pbsoas@gmail.com](mailto:pbsoas@gmail.com)

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#### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to those brothers born in the months of May through October.

#### Illnesses

Brother Michael Plunkett

Brother Carlton Jackson

Brother James Knight's Mother

Brother Mark Gamble's Mother

Brother Christopher Bates' Father

#### Deaths

Brother Malcolm McCoy's Sister, Willa Hinton

Brothers Jeffrey and Jamie Freeman's Brother, Joe Freeman

Brother Christopher Bates' Father, Lamar Bates

#### Accomplishments

Brother, Dr. Robert Clay, completed doctoral program

Brother Reginald Crump, completed Master's program

Brother Larry Gavin, enrolled in a doctoral program

Brother Eric Morris, working on his bachelor's degree

Brother Donzel King passed his CPD Power Test

*"Brotherhood first!"*

## Job Postings

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### Community HealthNet Health Centers

Community HealthNet Health Centers, a federally qualified health center, is currently seeking a full-time HIV Medical Case Manager in our Behavioral Health Department. The HIV Medical Case Manager is responsible for completing comprehensive psychosocial needs assessment, develop care plans and link HIV+ individuals with needed services and resources. A Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or Human Services is REQUIRED. One year experience in Case Management or health care is preferred.

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### Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has a distinguished history dating back to the founding of our nation. As the steward of U.S. economic and financial systems, Treasury is a major and influential leader in today's global economy. As a Revenue Officer you will serve as a civil enforcement officer, and perform collection related activities within the established laws, rules and regulations. The role of the Revenue Officer varies depending on the organization for which you are hired. You may qualify by a combination of experience and education. The anticipated start date is March 19, 2019 with future start dates to be decided at a later date.

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## Money Matters

### 30 Million Americans May Not Be Withholding Enough After the New Tax Law



*Updating tax withholding with your employer is simple.*

You probably noticed your paycheck got a little bigger this past year. Thanks to the new tax law, many of us got a raise, basically a reduction in tax withholding.

That little extra take-home pay is great — for now. Unfortunately, that larger paycheck might mean you'll be cutting the IRS a check come tax time in April. Due to changes implemented as part of the new tax law, your employer might not be withholding enough of your wages from each paycheck. If, indeed, you're being under-withheld, you'll be on the hook to pay the difference at tax time next year.

According to a [new report](#) from the Government Accountability Office, some 30 million people — 21 percent of all U.S. taxpayers — are in the same boat. According to the GAO's report, the hypothetical taxpayer who will be paying in April is married with two children, earns \$180,000 annually, \$20,000 of which comes from non-wage income and itemizes deductions. If that's you (or close to you), you might want to save a check for the IRS, or

better yet, change your withholding now. If your taxes are simple, you may still get a refund.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to review their paychecks and their tax withholding anytime there are changes to tax law. You'll also want to update it when you have a big life change like getting married, changing jobs or having a baby.

Having the right amount withheld ensures your money stays in the hands of its best manager: you. If your employer withholds too much money, you'll get a refund but you're basically giving Uncle Sam an interest free loan for a year — you could probably put that money to better use in the meantime. If your employer doesn't withhold enough, you'll get a bigger paycheck, but you'll owe money at tax time. Getting your withholding just right ensures you're giving Uncle Sam exactly what he needs from each check.

To update your withholding, you simply submit a new Form W-4 to your employer before Dec. 1. And if you're unsure whether the tax law changes will affect you, the IRS created a [withholding calculator](#) so you can figure out what you'll owe.

-by **Carl Engelking**

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Omicron Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., chartered in Matteson, Illinois is a part of an international organization comprised of 150,000 college-educated men. Over the one hundred plus years of existence, the Fraternity has focused on improving the global community through **dedicated service**.

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