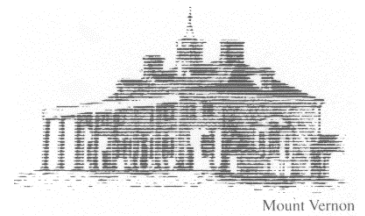




Dan Storck

*Mount Vernon District Supervisor
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
2511 Parkers Lane
Mount Vernon, VA 22306*



Telephone: (703) 780-7518 E-mail: mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

**Proclamation to Recognize the Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for Their Services in the Richmond Highway Corridor
Supervisor Dan Storck, Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and
Supervisor Rodney Lusk
June 28, 2022**

The Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc (PsiAA), affectionately known as "The Fairfax County Ques," has been an integral part of the Fairfax County Community since its inception on December 26, 1980. Over the past forty-one years, the chapter has prided itself on its commitment to providing education and performing arts opportunities to high schoolers, and the social impacts it provides through mentoring programs and partnerships with New Hope Housing, Rebuilding Together, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and the Gum Springs Community Center.

Under the current leadership of Mr. Willie J. (W.J.) Williams, Jr., the chapter has expanded to its highest levels of membership while growing their partnerships with other community and County organizations. PsiAA has grown their social action involvement to combat health disparities throughout the county as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PsiAA facilitates much of its work along the Route 1 Corridor with a focus on the Mount Vernon and Lee District communities. As a part of its "Adopt-a-Highway" effort, the chapter selected a stretch of Route 1 between Sherwood Hall Lane and Forest Place to pick up trash and debris. For many years, the chapter has made it a priority during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to donate gift cards to those in need in the Gum Springs Community as well as donate toys, clothing, and participate in the "Santa" tradition at the Gum Springs Community Center.

On a quarterly basis, the men of PsiAA interactively read to six 3rd grade classes at Riverside Elementary School where they also provide each student a library of approximately 30 books to help foster a love of learning and reading. At Mount Vernon High School, the chapter's MANUP Program partners with the MVHS Football Team to facilitate Mentoring and Study Hall sessions through a ten-week lecture series. These sessions feature multiple guest speakers engaging with 80+ students in areas of pre-college

initiative, financial literacy, military, and career readiness post high school. The MANUP program has also expanded to West Potomac High School and John Lewis High School, where they now mentor over 125 students across all schools.

Another vital committee is PsiAA's Fatherhood Initiative committee, where PsiAA collaborates with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Father Engagement Unit to facilitate "fathering" classes throughout the year in both physical and virtual environments. The "Dad's Parenting" program is an intensive interactive program that utilizes the **24/7 Dads** curriculum and engages the fathers about topics such as what it means to be a man, discipline, self-care, and even uncomfortable topics such as Domestic Violence. The broaching of these topics truly shows the depth at which the program is willing to go to ensure that the fathers have the proper tools in their toolbox to build or rebuild their own families. PsiAA involvement has helped increase Fairfax County DFS' capacity to meet the needs of fathers in Fairfax County, as well as educate fathers about the critical roles they play in the lives of their children.

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, the chapter was recognized at the fraternity's 89th Annual Third District Meeting for their fraternal and community service. The Third District encompasses 43 graduate and undergraduate chapters in Virginia and the District of Columbia. The three awards received were:

- Third District Graduate Large Chapter of the Year Omega Year 2020-21
- Third District Fatherhood Initiative Large Chapter of the Year
- Third District Youth Academy Program (Mentoring) Large Chapter of the Year

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection we request that we bring the Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity before the Board to receive a resolution recognizing their ongoing outreach, services, and mentoring in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.