



*Greetings From The International Achievement Week Chairman*

Achievement Week is celebrated by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Chapters worldwide in November of each year with the founding of our beloved fraternity having taken place on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1911 at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Achievement Week will be celebrated this year during the week of November 16 – 22, 2008.

The Essay Contest question this year is: “Is race a relevant consideration in leading the United States of America?”

The theme remains consistent with the overall fraternity theme of “Three Looks, One Focus: Family / Fraternity / Friends” as introduced by the 38<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Brother Warren G. Lee, Jr.

The Cardinal Principles of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. - MANHOOD SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, and UPLIFT, have found expression in the four major programs undertaken by the fraternity since our beginning: 1) Talent Hunt, 2) Scholarship Assistance, 3) Social Action Programs, and 4) ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT WEEK.

The Observance of National Achievement Week, which began in the 1920s under the leadership of Brother-Dr. Carter G. Woodson, during a period when racism dominated social thinking, served a real and substantial purpose in the inspiration it afforded a socially depressed minority. The fraternity points with pride to members who by thought, word and deed have exemplified the ideals and the purposes of the Achievement Week Project.

During the various Achievement Week Banquets the goal is to honor public service within and outside of the fraternity as we recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves through service in the local and national community, as an outstanding Citizen of the Year, Omega Man of the Year, and in various other areas of achievement.

We must also take time out to remember our service men and women who continue the cause of freedom and our way of life, as they reside in hostile territories. Our prayers go out to all of them and their families.

Fraternally,

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