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## KA 2012 Founders' Ball

Brother Antonio Knox, 1st Vice Grand Basileus Keynote Speaker



Kappa Alpha Basileus Brother Beauregard King, V (Far Left) and 1st Vice Grand Basileus, Brother Antonio Knox (Far Right) congratulate the 2012 Achievement Week winners

**ROCK HILL, SC -** November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, The Omegas of Rock Hill, Inc., held its Annual Founders' Ball to celebrated local citizens, chapter brothers and the 101st birthday of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s 1st Vice Grand Basileus Brother Antonio Knox was the keynote speaker for the evening. During the banquet portion of the event,

the Kappa Alpha Chapter presented the following awards: **Manhood** - Mr. Steven Loney ; **Scholarship** - Miss Carol Morel, **Perseverance** - Master Kendall Jones, **Uplift** - Mr. Cleavon and Jovon Bradley. **The Citizen of the Year** was Mrs. Anna Sumter Boulware. Chapter Award winners: **Members vs. Men Award**, Brother Eddie White;

**F.I.E.T.T.S. Award**, Brother Ike Wright; **Superior Service Award**, Brother Twan Barber; **Founders' Award**, Brother Charles Smalls; **Omega Man of the Year** Brother Derrick Barksdale. Special thanks to Accurate Engraving, Alvin Hinton Photography, Darby's Catering and DJ Tab D'Bia\$\$i.

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# KA Achievement Week Winners



**Omega Man of the Year**  
*Brother Derrick Barksdale*



**Superior Service Award**  
*Brother Twan Barber*



**Founders Award**  
*Brother Charles Smalls*



**Citizen of the Year**  
*Mrs. Anna Sumter Boulware*



**Members vs. Men Award**  
*Brother Eddie White*



**F.I.E.T.T.S. Award**  
*Brother Ike Wright*



**Manhood Award**  
*Mr. Steven Loney*



**Scholarship Award**  
*Ms. Carol Morel*



**Perseverance Award**  
*Master Kendall Jones*



**Uplife Award**  
*Mr. Cleavon and Mr. Jovon Bradley*





# Psi K Achievement Week Winners



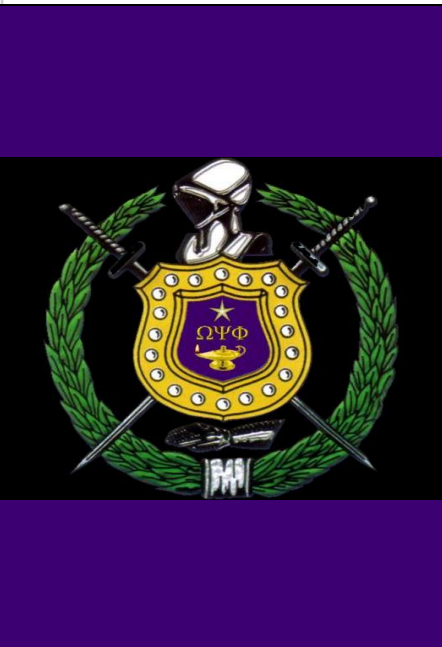
**Psi K Omega Man of the Year**  
*Brother Conrad Hayes*



**Psi K Manhood Award**  
*Dr. Darren Ritzer*



**Psi K Uplift Award**  
*Sgt. Sandra Richardson*



**Psi K Scholarship Award**  
*Mrs. Phylandra Gaither*



**Outstanding Faculty Member**  
*Dr. Takita Sumter*



**Psi K Perseverance Award**  
*Mr. Frank Rizzo*

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# Miss Carol Morel Wins Essay Contest

**With the Rising Cost of a College Education, what Value Do You Place on Earning a College Degree?**



Miss Carol Morel

I stare at the blank word document, the cursor blinking impatiently as it waits for me to begin writing. But where do I start? How do I convey my need to prove that a first-generation minority student can have what it takes to not just go to college, but to achieve scholarships, awards, and honors as well? For, despite the rising cost of a college education and my own family's lack of funds, I would do anything to obtain a college degree.

Statistics show that first-generation college students are significantly less likely to obtain a post-secondary degree. This is often due to lack of knowledge about various forms of financial aid and the actual costs of a college education. I personally find it intimidating to see that going to an in-state public school can cost up to \$23,000 per year and that, if I do not make tuition payments on time, I can be dropped from my classes. Even though schools on average meet about 85% of a student's financial

need, some of that need is mitigated by loans, which can leave that student with about \$20,000 in debt by the time he or she graduates. Nonetheless, I have seen the hardships of the life of someone who had not earned a college degree. Without a college degree, I would be at a higher risk of losing my job, earn significantly less money than the average college-educated American, and would thus carry the financial burden of supplying my needs and wants with very limited resources. So even though learning how to become the most qualified for grants and scholarships can feel like trying to navigate through a maze with no sense of direction, I am motivated by my passion to obtain a college degree.

Having such a strong drive to become a successful and college-educated individual motivates me to excel in school, take challenging courses, and remain in the top 6% of my class. For, ever since the economy took a turn for the worse, I knew that the only way I was going to college was by proving myself academically. I started high school as the 22<sup>nd</sup> student in my graduating class, but by my senior year I had successfully climbed up to 15<sup>th</sup>. I never took a core class that was not honors level, and if the honors version was not offered, I took the advanced placement course. I take about half of the advanced placement classes at my school, and I have done quite well in the ones that I have already taken. I am continuously studying and working hard to always do my best, and I often spend entire weekends focused just on school. Though my social life may be lacking, I enjoy the early mornings and late nights because I know I am working to achieve my goal.

Not only do I try to work hard on academics, but I also attempt to participate in extracurricular activities and community projects. I find that it is a cheap way to hang out with friends while giving back to the community, but for another, it is part of my effort to obtain a college degree. I would love to say that the only reason I participate in school related activities or in my community is to have fun or to give back, but there is also that ever present desire within me to do the best that I can to obtain a college degree. And what do colleges like more than anything else? Extracurricular activities, especially ones that involve volunteer work. So I keep up the volunteer hours I need to stay in Beta Club, volunteer at every church event, sign up for the fundraising and gold seal committees in FBLA, offer free babysitting services, remain a member of Girl Scouts, and volunteer for our local Home Works club even though I can't hammer in a nail to save my life.

And this is why I so frankly ask you to consider me as a candidate for one of your scholarships. For, although college is too expensive and students are often left with thousands of dollars in debt, the value I place on a college education exceeds the average. I personally see every day how having only a high school degree can affect one's life, and so I am and will continue to do everything I am able so that I can go to college. I know that if I achieve this goal, I can accomplish anything.



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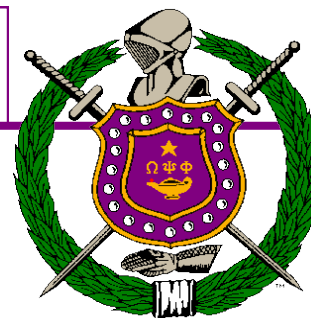


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## December 2012

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				Eric Jordan		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					6th District 2nd Council Meeting	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Myrtle Beach, SC				Travis Kennedy		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Chapter Meeting		Family Dinner Ruby Tuesday				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	 Merry Christmas				
				Nate Barber		

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