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THE P.R.E.M.I.E.R. COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY



The **P.R.E.M.I.E.R.** (*Preparing Readiness Education Mentoring Individuals Empowering Results*) College Prep Academy is our Chapter's initiative of the GO-TO-HIGH SCHOOL, GO-TO-COLLEGE National Program. GTHSGTC was established in 1922 and it concentrates on the importance of completing post secondary education as a road to advancement. Statistics prove the

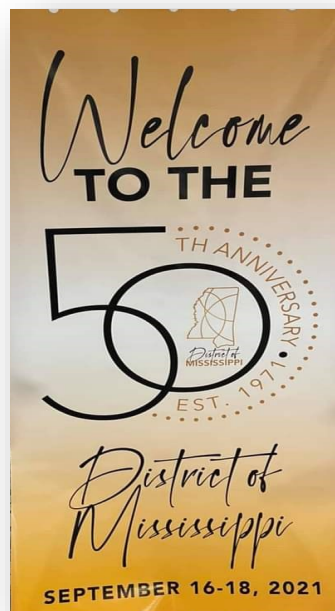
value of this extra impetus in making the difference in the success of young African-American men, given that school completion is the single best predictor of future economic success. Through this program, young men receive information and learn strategies that facilitate success. Alpha men provide youth participants with excellent role models to emulate.

Created by EXL Recording Secretary Brother Willie E. Gant, Jr. (*EXL Spring 2019 initiate*), the purpose of The P.R.E.M.I.E.R. College Prep Academy is to provide male high school students with the necessary information and skills for their preparation for and advancement through college to become active, productive, and contributing citizens within society.

There are four pillars that consists of Academics, Communication, Personal Development, and Professional Development. Each participant must earn seven merits called “Ice Cold Units” to complete this program. “This will really become a vital asset to our Fraternity fulfilling the National Program on a local Chapter level.” said EXL President Bro. Edward H. Hill. The program will be monitored by our Director of Educational Activities Bro. Aaron White.



Bro. Willie E. Gant, Jr.



The District of Mississippi celebrated its 50th year anniversary in Jackson, MS. EXL Chapter received an award for having the highest membership increase for the 2020-21 Fraternal year and EXL 100 year-old Treasurer Bro. Samuel Blackburn was recognized and awarded as the oldest active brother in the District of Mississippi. *In attendance was (L to R) Recording Secretary Bro. Willie E. Gant, Jr., Vice President Bro. Tracy Mims, President Bro. Edward H. Hill, Delegate Bro. Tremayne Kimmons, and Financial Secretary Bro. Charles L. Hardy.*

EPSILON XI LAMBDA CHAPTER *NEW OFFICERS INSTALLATION*



Another round for President Bro. Edward H. Hill and the entire cabinet. Each officer was unanimously re-elected for another term. As a team, they operated effectively during COVID-19 and have made a huge impact not only in the community, but in the Chapter.

So far, EXL membership has increased from thirty to roughly fifty-five active brothers over the pandemic. Leadership and



brotherhood have been very instrumental within the Chapter. Brothers who met their financial obligations before the first

meeting was rewarded an Ice cold bag of keepsakes. On

September 19, 2021 in Mound Bayou, MS, the officers were re-installed by Mississippi District Area One Director Bro. Preston Brownlow before the first meeting. Fellowship dinner followed at Delta State University.



You did it!
Congratulations

EXL "LIVING LEGEND" BRO. SAMUEL BLACKBURN




Brother Samuel Blackburn, 100 years old of Clarksdale, MS was named the oldest brother at the **Mississippi District of Alpha during the 50th District Gala Celebration** held September 16, 2021 in Jackson, MS at the historical King Edwards Hotel. With him being the first and only initiate on March 12, 1953 in Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter seated in Mound Bayou, Mississippi., he has managed to continue Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for

All Mankind. His life membership number (#749 since October 26, 1971) speaks for itself. Having been initiated by our Fraternity's 3rd General President Brother Frederick H. Miller, who co-founded this Chapter in 1951, has made history even more grand within the Chapter. He is a former President and currently holds the position of Treasurer. Brother Blackburn will turn 101 years old on November 19, 2021.

*****DID I FORGET SOMETHING???



DO YOU KNOW THESE EXL BROTHERS???




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Brother Avis N. Neal Jr.
Office of Admission

MCKEE NAMED DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID





Joseph McKee
DIRECTOR - FINANCIAL AID

EXL Bro. James Mattic

Congrats!

NEW
Human Resource Staff Member!

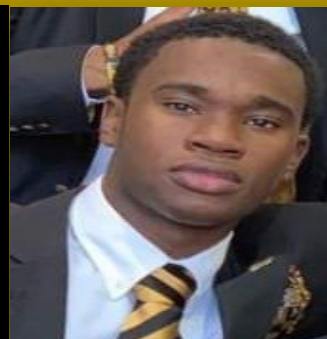
MOREHOUSE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Office of Faculty Affairs and Development

Dr. James McGary III, PharmD, MS
Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor

WELCOME TO THE 224th HOUSE OF ALPHA



Brother Ro'Myrus Preston



Brother DaShawn Wess



Brother Ryan Celestine



Brother Robert L. Jackson

EXL KICKS OFF MAJOR FUNDRAISER!!!



Ice Calendar Fundraiser



Bro. Tremayne Kimmons
1st \$500 Support Winner!

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First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities. That is why our motto - First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All - has become a fraternal brand throughout the world. "The Premier" Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter was chartered on August 20, 1951 at 8:00 p.m. in Mound Bayou, MS and is one of the fourteen dedicated alumni chapters situated throughout the State of Mississippi. We have been serving the Delta area faithfully for 69 years with outstanding programs such as: Go-To-High, Go-To-College; A Voteless People is A Hopeless People; My Brother's Keeper; and Project Alpha. As we embark on our 70th year, we will continue to be the leading, dynamic, distinguished gentlemen, who will continue to dedicate ourselves to aiding down-trodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status.

SAVE the DATES!!! 115th Fraternity Founder's Week Celebration... December 1-5, 2021

Seventy Years of Premier: "A RECENT GLIMPSE OF THE PAST"



APA General President Bro. Dr. Willis L. Lonzer, III, EXL President Bro. Edward H. Hill, Vice-President Bro. Dr. Tracy Mims, Delegate Bro. Tremayne Kimmons, and Recording Secretary Bro. Willie E. Gant, Jr. at the 50th Year Gala Celebration of the Mississippi District



EXL President Bro. Edward H. Hill, Vice-President Bro. Dr. Tracy Mims; Recording Secretary Bro. Willie E. Gant, Jr.; and Financial Secretary Bro. Charles L. Hardy at the 96th Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. General Convention held in Indianapolis, IN on July 17th, 2021.



EXL Chapter Cancer Awareness kickoff on October 17, 2021.

Bro. Rory Micou @ Mound Bayou CRUSH CANCER Walk on October 23, 2021.



EXL Chapter 70th Year Celebration held on August 22, 2021 at Greater New Kingdom MB Church in Cleveland, Mississippi. None other than our very own President Bro. Edward H. Hill was the speaker.