



# THE OHL CHRONICLE

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### OUTSTANDING HONORABLE LEADERS

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities. This mission statement resonates strongly within the Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter based in Washington D.C. Indeed, OHL is making significant strides! As we surpass the halfway mark of our year, reflecting on our achievements since July 2023 fills us with pride. Whether through active participation within our chapter, community engagements, or district initiatives, OHL has demonstrated remarkable visibility and impact. Chapter brothers dedicated time and effort to launch the 2023-2024 year by electing officers and diving straight into their responsibilities.

Members of the Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter in attendance at the Annual Chapter Dinner.

During the summer season, we journeyed to our 97th General Convention in Dallas, Texas, where we had the privilege of convening with brothers from across the globe. This gathering provided a splendid occasion to reconnect with brothers from various chapters, districts, and regions.



Brothers of OHL step away for a quick photo at Ben Murch Elementary School's Read for Black History Program

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***“Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year.”***

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*- Brother W.E.B. DuBois”*

Harnessing that momentum, the 618th House seamlessly transitioned into the fall season with community-focused initiatives, including our Back-To-School Beautification Day hosted at Amidon Bowen Elementary School in Southwest DC. Remaining steadfast in our commitment to serve the DC community, particularly Southwest DC, we also organized our Annual Community Day. This event was a heartwarming experience, brimming with love and support for those we serve. Featuring live music, stepping, free book-bags, food, and vendors providing services and networking opportunities for students, parents, and members of the DC community.

OHL concluded the summer season with our Annual Summer Cookout, where brothers relished in the positive energy and camaraderie at a familiar Black-owned establishment. Maintaining a diverse focus, chapter members dedicated to mental health education and advocacy also contributed to September's Suicide Prevention Month by disseminating tips and statistics on how to support, empathize with, and assist individuals grappling with mental health challenges across our communities. As the leaves changed hues and gracefully descended from the trees across the DMV area, Omicron Eta Lambda persisted in its momentum as the year approached its conclusion. Engaging in Book-O-Ween activities with the children of Friendship Blow Pierce Elementary in Northeast DC propelled us into the holiday season, accompanied by a subtle chill in the air. This familiar chill, embraced with unwavering determination, resonates with the resilience inherent in the Phrozen men of Alpha.



Brothers of the Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter in attendance at the 2023 MAAC District Conference

November and December were filled with excitement as we kicked off our beloved Fraternity's Founder's Week celebrations. It was time for OHL to A.C.T. Up in our distinctive fashion, demonstrating Advocacy, Connection, and Thriving within our community while enjoying ourselves. Founder's Week featured a range of activities and events, allowing us to rejoice with Alphas across DC and continue serving our community through donations, giveaways, and toy drives. This season also provided ample opportunities for active engagement within the MAAC district, including participation in the MAAC District Conference and the MACC Founder's Day Breakfast. During the MAAC Conference, our own Bro. Maurice Foushee was honored for his exceptional community service efforts with the 2023 Jewel Award, named in memory of Jewel Brother George Biddle Kelley. Closing out the year with the Annual OHL Holiday Party, we embraced the spirit of service and brotherhood before welcoming the New Year.



OHL Brothers donating their time and efforts to the Alpha Week: So Others Might Eat - 1906 Canned Food Drive.

Our chapter commenced the year with active participation in DC's Martin Luther King Peace Walk and Parade in Southeast DC, Phirst Pham DC's Dodgeball event, and our own midyear retreat. Engaging in activities across the district while nurturing connections within reinforces OHL's cohesion. Despite the brevity of February, it presented opportunities for our chapter to virtually raise awareness about Alzheimer's & Dementia and engage directly with the children of Ben Murch Elementary through our Read for Black History initiative. Chapter members in the healthcare field, alongside the National Capital Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, led a virtual seminar to educate and discuss the disease. Later in the month, brothers dedicated time to read to elementary school children, sharing moments of song and stepping to enrich their experience.



Servants of All! OHL Brothers out during the Adopt-A-Block Cleanup in SW DC.



As Cherry Blossom season unfolds, OHL springs into action with ongoing service and activities throughout March. This includes participation in the DC Alphas College Fair, the Phirst Pham and Coleman Love Bowling fun, and the lively excitement of welcoming the Spring 2024 initiates of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter, with the most H.8.T.E.D. welcome to the Oh-so-great 6-1-8! Our DoubleGood popcorn sales to support the Nathaniel Allison Murray Scholarship Program are in full swing, and there's much more to be proud of as the year progresses. Our commitment extends to programs and initiatives such as continued collaboration with DC's NPHC, Food and Friends, Get O.H.L., various committee meetings, and our Southwest DC OHL Block Clean Up. With never a dull moment within our chapter, we eagerly anticipate showcasing future events throughout the rest of the year.

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Brother Arlan Arthur, Spr. 24 dropping gems during his popcorn promotion.



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Under the leadership and guidance of Brother DeMarques Coleman and Brother Zach Thomas, Key 618 welcomed 8 new Brothers this Spring. The Most H.8.T.E.D. include: Stephon Woods, Nate Nelson, Joshua Miles, Douglas Sands, Arlan Arthur, Audley Bain, Darius Johnson, and Jaden Cody.