



“THE ACHIEVEMENT”

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The President’s Message

A Moment to Salute and Acknowledgement of Good Brothers Greetings Chapter Brothers of the “U”, friends and supporters of our foundation, Kappa Youth Development, Inc. Since October of 2020, much work and responsibilities were placed on the shoulders of newly elected officers, board of director members, committee chairpersons and new committee members with a grand and noble mission to expand on the legacy of this foundation. Many goals were set and achieved due to the commitment and dedication of brothers active and inactive for initiatives such as: strategic planning, official tax-exempt letters for donations to KYD, State of Maryland tax exemption certificate for planned events, an official scholarship process for college bound students, renewed efforts to assist our Guide Right Program, financial support of community service projects, new leadership of our fundraising committee, appointment of audit chairperson, donations within and outside to our foundation, named scholarships and our Combined Finance Campaign along with the renewed support and collaboration with our chapter leadership just to name a few. While more is still to be done, with that said, I would like to convey my deepest thanks and to give a salute to all the brothers who have dedicated and given their commitment to moving our foundation in a strong and positive direction.



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Yours in the Bond,

Brother Aaron McKinney

President, Kappa Youth Development, Inc.

Mental Health Awareness



On November 18, 2021, the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf Kappa Leaguers spoke with mental health professionals, Anitra Payne and Nicholas to discuss the importance of maintaining their

mental wellness, and the intersection of mental health and social justice. The Kappa Leaguers discussed their current school experience as well as their home lives during the Covid 19 pandemic. The young men also discussed the social unrest occurring around the court case of Kyle Rittenhouse and the murder of Ahmaud Albert. Finally, the Kappa Leaguers learned that their mental well-being should not be ignored, and they should inform a trusted adult if they feel things are more than they can handle.

Teaching Financial Responsibility



On October 16, 2021, Brother Benjamin Moore gave an informative presentation to the Kappa Leaguers on fiscal responsibility. Brother Moore charted a path and gave the young men real world examples of being responsible with their future earnings. Brother Moore explained

how making the right decisions early in life can help them become financially independent and live a good life. The topics ranged from day-to-day spending to the benefits of long-term retirement savings were covered. This interactive session discussed the three ways to earn a living. They are 1) own or work for a business, 2) work for the government or 3) live off welfare. They must choose one. There was a lot of interest in the topics discussed with questions from the Kappa Leaguers like “what is the best way to get started saving, what is welfare, etc.” Ben also compared social media to real life. Specifically, the lifestyles shown on Instagram, Snapchat, and other social media sites. Then, compared that to actual household incomes and the reality that nearly 4 out of 5 U.S. workers live paycheck to paycheck. Therefore, spending above their means could lead to bankruptcy, evictions, and other legal actions to name a few. In conclusion, the presentation was well received by the Kappa Leaguers, and many wanted to follow up with Brother Moore seeking additional advice.

Intellectual Property Career

On December 18, 2021, Brother Anthony Edwards, a patent examiner and registered Patent Agent with the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) provided a presentation on Intellectual Property to the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf Kappa Leaguers. Brother Edwards delved into the similarities and differences between the various types of



Intellectual Property (IP) protection, including (1) patents - which is a grant of a property right to an inventor issued by the USPTO, (2) trademarks, i.e., a word, name, symbol, or device that is used in trade to distinguish a product or service from the goods of others, and (3) copyrights which is a form of protection provided to the authors of original works of art (e.g., art and music). Copyrights are registered by the US copyright office, a department of the Library of Congress. Brother Edwards showed the Kappa Leaguers a few real-world examples relating to each type of IP protection, such as the “McDonald's” vs. the “McDowell's” Trademarks made famous by the movie "Coming to America," and the copyright infringement case filed by the family of Marvin Gaye against Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams for the illegal use of the Mr. Gaye’s “Got to Give it Up” in their song “Blurred Lines.” The presentation and information was well received by the Kappa Leaguers. The main take away was that there are different occupations in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and that majoring in those fields in college can provide a variety of opportunities for success professionally. protections, through music sampling.

Kappa League Check-in



We will be shining a spotlight on former members of the Upper Marlboro/ Waldorf Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Leaguers. This edition we will be spotlighting, Mr. James McKinney. James was a part of our Guide Right and Kappa League programs for 7 years. James served as the Kappa League President

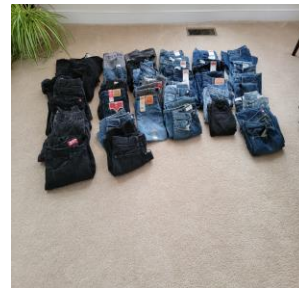
for the year 2020-2021. James is a freshman currently attending Virginia Commonwealth University with hopes of becoming a Mechanical Engineer. James would like to pass on some advice to the Kappa Leaguers following him: “Throughout my years in Kappa League, I learned many different things and gained and improved on multiple skills. Kappa League taught me how to speak publicly, how to become a leader not only in kappa league but in the world as well. I learned a lot about African American history like the events at Selma in 1965. I also learned about a lot of great African American people. For example, Martin Luther King Jr, W.E.B Du Bois, Frederick Douglass, Maya Angelou and more. Kappa League taught me how I can help and take care of my community through the events we did like food and sock drives, feeding the homeless, and the Adopt a Highway event. Kappa League has taught me all of this plus more and I couldn’t be more grateful for the experiences while I was in the program. To the current and future Kappa Leaguers first, I want to say make sure you take in as much information as you can from the presentations and lessons that you will get every session. Next, I want you all to remember to be grateful and stay humbled because not everyone is given the opportunity to be in this program like you. Lastly, I want you all to have fun in the different events that they plan and even among your peers in the regular Saturday sessions.

Adopt-A-Highway

On November 13, 2021, the Charles County Kappa Leaguers, and five members of the Upper Marlboro/ Waldorf Chapter participated in the Fall 2021 Adopt-A-Highway clean up in front of Westlake High School in Waldorf, Md. Brother Twitty, coordinator, would like to thank Ronald Watson Sr., Jamerson Pender, Marshall Edwards, Marcelino Lake, and Marcus Smith for their participation.



Jean Drive



The Kappa Leaguers conducted a Jean Drive January 10- 14th The Drive collected new and gently used jeans benefiting youth in foster care, homeless communities and youth in need. Thank you to all the Brothers that donated.

Our Place Soup Kitchen



The Kappa Leaguers volunteered at Our Place Waldorf Soup Kitchen on Sunday, January 23. The Kappa Leaguers helped to feed those down on their luck.

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