



Former presidents pass the Presidential Mace to the newly elected 16th president, Carey L. Savage. From left, James G. Slaughter, H. Walter Early, Darrell L. Tiller, Carey L. Savage, Ernest M. Merriweather Jr. and Kevin D. Lamb.



The newly elected officers are installed by 12th president Kevin D. Lamb.



Dr. O. Wilson Winters Scholarship recipients and Paul Frost Memorial Book Awards recipients.



Darrell L. Tiller, left, presents the 2016 Brother of the Year Cup to Warren Green.



President-Elect Carey L. Savage, left, and President Darrell L. Tiller prepare to lead the procession of brothers and young men into the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

Alphas host scholarship annual awards program

Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. ended another tremendous fraternal year by celebrating and awarding scholarships to outstanding young men from the Philadelphia region at the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

Darrell L. Tiller stepped down after five years of outstanding leadership as the chapter's 15th president. His visionary leadership has revitalized its membership, stimulated its program activities, leaving a strong and vital chapter for its newly elected 16th president, **Carey L. Savage**.

Senior Past President **James G. Slaughter** remarked, "Brother Tiller's meticulous attention to detail is one of the many wonderful qualities exhibited in his strong leadership. He leaves the chapter extremely vibrant and posed for the future."

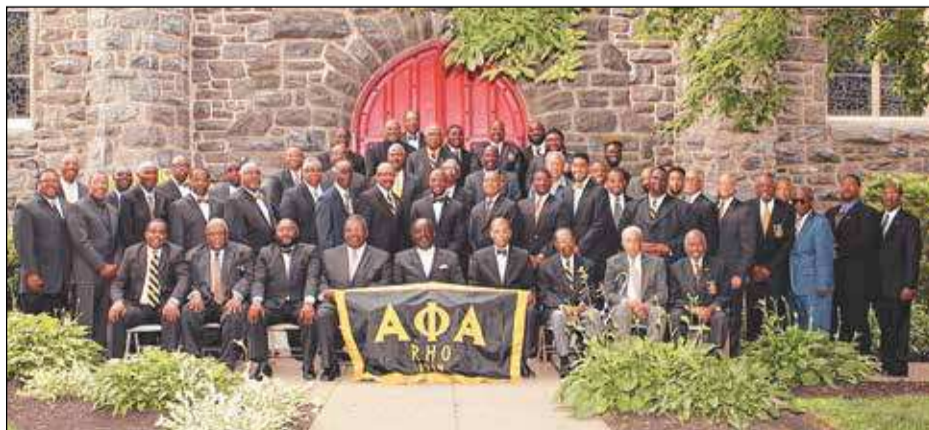
The Rho Education Foundation continues to fund the chapter's scholarship awards. The Foundation is led by **Thomas H. Watkins Jr.** Founded under the leadership of **Jeffrey Otis Jones**, the Rho Education Foundation was established to maintain in perpetuity an endowment which would annually provide scholarship awards for young men who are college bound and potential candidates for membership in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The scholarships have been awarded annually for over 40 years. **David Poindexter** is the chair of the chapter's education committee.

Along with scholarship awards, the fraternity presents the Paul Frost Memorial Book Awards to students in grades 3 through 8.

They also presented the Dr. Thomas H. Watkins Sr. Oratorical Contest during the scholarship awards program. The oratorical contest is presented during the scholarship award program to help encourage other young men to participate in the contest and to highlight the need for students to sharpen their



From left, Carey L. Savage; Robert Bruce Hill; Troy C. Robinson Jr. of Boys Latin Charter High School; Shamir Vernon-Alexis I. Dupont High School; Canaan Sims of Cheltenham High School; and Darrell L. Tiller.



Members of Alpha Phi Alpha, Rho Chapter gather for a photo during their annual scholarship awards program. — SUBMITTED PHOTOS

public speaking skills in order to prepare themselves for college and the professional world.

This year's winners are **Shamir Vernon-Alexis** from Dupont High School (1st Place); **Canaan Sims** from Cheltenham High School (2nd Place); and

Troy C. Robinson Jr. from Boys Latin Charter High School (3rd Place).

Rho Chapter Awards are given to members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Recipients are currently enrolled in college and have a minimum cumula-

tive grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale. Recipients have demonstrated excellence in extracurricular and community service activities as well as demonstrated progress toward achieving their scholastic and career ambitions. They receive a

monetary award in the amount of \$1,200. Recipients were **Kenneth Anderson**, University of Richmond and **Christian Johnson**, Hampton University.

The Watkins Family Memorial College Awards are given in honor of the Watkins Family. Recipients are currently enrolled in college and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale. Recipients have demonstrated excellence in extracurricular and community service activities as well as demonstrated progress toward achieving their scholastic and career ambitions. Recipients receive a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000.

Recipients were **Jibreel Mutan**, Temple University; **Wilfredo Amil**, Arcadia University; **Omar Elhajmoussa**, Community College of Philadelphia; **Noah Earland**, Southern Methodist University and **Michael Hall Jr.**, Lincoln University.

The Whitney Family Memorial High School Awards are given in honor of the Whitney Family. Recipients are 2016 graduates from their respective high schools and have been accepted into a college or university where they will continue their education. Recipients have achieved a minimum cumula-

tive grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, and have also demonstrated excellence in extracurricular and community service activities. Recipients receive a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000.

Recipients were **Marcus Carter**, Deptford High School; **DaQwan RaMath**, Civics & Science Charter School; **Kurtis Cunningham**, Lankenau High School; **Junius Johnson**, Fruster Freire Charter School; **Tya'ron Hawkins**, William Bodine High School; **Samuel Wragg III**, Parkway West School; and **Darrell Andrews**, Wellspring Christian Academy.

There were also Paul Frost Memorial Book Award recipients. The family of the late member **Norrece Jones** made a contribution in his memory which helped fund these book awards. These awards were received by **Brandon Johnson**, **Xavier Mills**, **Andre Tyler**, **Mason Roberts** and 40 outstanding students from throughout the Philadelphia region.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and thank you for your support of these young scholars.

Have a fantastic week "Out & About" everyone!