



Arrin Young (Center), President of Sigma Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and fraternity brothers receive a California Senate Certificate of Recognition.

About Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc:

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college.

On the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirfield Hall) at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates — Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just.

From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, “friendship is essential to the soul“, the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto.

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About Sigma Iota Iota Chapter:

In 1990, on the military base of Fort Irwin, a small group of professional men with similar ideas and like attainment ventured out to create Sigma Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. These astute gentlemen committed themselves to transforming their vision into a reality as they were guided by the Fraternity’s motto, “Friendship Is Essential To The Soul” and its cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

After, two years of active planning and local community engagement, the Sigma Iota Iota Chapter was chartered on August 7, 1992, in Barstow. The Sigma Iota Iota Chapter was the creation of its stalwart five (5) founders Randy Charleston, Shannon Young, Leroy Jones, Larry Day, and Stuart Young.

In 1996, visionary Chapter members John Ward (SII 1993) and Eddie Oliphant (SII 1995) were instrumental in relocating the Chapter to the Antelope Valley (AV) while ensuring that the original spirit and aim of the founding members were mirrored for the AV community. There were several goals that were identified, with the primary being the following:

- Establishment of a chapter that would be closer to our core demographics, centrally located and easily accessible to Fort Irwin, Victorville, Apple Valley and Hesperia allowing members to maintain active membership within the fraternity.
- Creation of a chapter that would be small enough to maintain a close bond among its members to execute the Fraternity's mandated programs.
- Service to the community through mentorship and outreach.

For over thirty-two years the Sigma Iota Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has held these goals at the forefront in servicing diverse communities across the Antelope Valley.

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