



**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Mu Iota Chapter
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March 5, 2010

Mr. Alburuj R. Rahman
C/O Mrs. Sultana N. Nahar
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Dear Mr. Rahman,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the 2010 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Talent Hunt Program. The Committee was very impressed with your audition on February 27, 2010. The Program will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center, 546 Jack Gibbs Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43215 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Please plan to arrive by 3:00 P.M. in order that we may go over final preparations for the Program.

Male participants must wear a dark suit or appropriate attire (i.e. No T-shirts, jeans, sneakers, etc.). Each female must wear appropriate attire (i.e. a dressy dress, or a simple short or long evening dress). Dance and drama participants may wear appropriate attire for their presentation. Proper dress is essential.

Please keep the following important factors in mind: Five (5) points will be deducted for each minute performed over seven (7) minutes; Participants must memorize selection; **Vocal and instrumental selections must fall within the categories of classical, semi-classical, gospel or jazz and Participant must have six (6) copies of sheet music or scripts for the judges.**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 718-0281 (Home) or (614) 531-7748 (Cell). We thank you in advance for working with us on this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Shaw
Chairman

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Talent Hunt History

The Talent Hunt program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is one of several national programs designed to identify and support the youth of our nation and world. The original idea was credited to Brother J. Austin Atkins of Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Brother Dewey Duckett of Rock Hill, South Carolina. While the idea was conceived in 1945, the first District Talent Hunt program was held in the Sixth District in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 19, 1946. The need for such a program was born out of unequal opportunity afforded to some American youth to develop and give full expression to their talents. The success of the Talent Hunt program, especially in the Sixth District, from the standpoint of community interest and the scholarship assistance made available to the winners as a result of overwhelming public support, led to its adoption by the national organization. Talent Hunt, as a national program, made its grand debut in 1953 when the Fraternity featured the winners of the local and regional contest on a public program at the Grand Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The original statement of the Talent Hunt idea included this expression: Creative and outstanding capacities in any honorable activity should be eligible for consideration." During public presentations, all original displays were limited to the field of music. Since that time, the Talent Hunt program has been expanded to include other forms of the expressive arts. It is significant to note that prior to 1969, all participants in the Talent Hunt program were required to be high school seniors. The year 1969 appears on documents indicating a revision in the guidelines for the operation of Talent Hunt programs on every level. That revision expanded the level of participation to grades 9 through 12. The Talent Hunt Program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has touched thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to make outstanding contributions to their communities and to our world. Many have earned scholarships, awards, and recognitions through exposure from this program. It is our unyielding commitment to support our youth.

PROGRAM

Welcome.....	Bro. Mark C. Shaw <i>Talent Hunt Chairman</i>
Invocation	Bro. Anthony Preston <i>Chaplain</i>
History of Talent Hunt.....	Bro. Jhade Barnes
Introduction of MC.....	Bro. Lawrence Spann
Judges	
Min. Merlyn Ruffin, Joyce Robinson, Dr. Jan Edwards, Gene Walker & Bro. Ethan Farris	
Presentation of Contestants	
Mistress of Ceremonies.....	Ms. Brittany Westbrook WBNS 10TV
De'Darius J. Jackson.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Beechcroft High School</i>
Alicia M. Lucas.....	<i>Poetry</i> <i>East High School</i>
Tiantian Zhang.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Dublin Coffman High School</i>
Whitney L. Washington.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Eastmoor Academy</i>
Alburuj R. Rahman.....	<i>Instrumental Solo</i> <i>The Metro High School</i>
Chynna K. Turner.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Dublin Coffman High School</i>
Chris S. Upchurch.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Centennial High School</i>
Allen R. Roe.....	<i>Instrumental Solo</i> <i>Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center</i>
LiLi M. Sanner.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Bishop Watterson High School</i>
DeMeeshia W. Marshall.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center</i>
Chika N. Mora.....	<i>Vocal Solo</i> <i>Bishop Hartley High School</i>
Recognition of Parents and Relatives	Bro. Bryan K. Dirke <i>Basileus</i>
& Closing Remarks	
Benediction	Bro. Anthony Preston <i>Chaplain</i>