

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Xi Phi Chapter Presents
The Annual Omega Black College Tour
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The 2022 VIRTUAL Omega Black College Tour

Virtual Workshop Dates (each Saturday in late January, February & March)

Workshop dates and times are outlined on page 6 of this application

Applications are Being Accepted on a Rolling Basis at This Time

Please Read and Complete the Entire Application

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Omega Black College Tour (OBCT) strives to interest students in attending one of the publicly or privately supported historically black colleges and universities. These institutions are more relevant and necessary in 21st Century America than ever before. With their course offerings in the STEM fields, smaller class sizes, support networks, and diversity and openness, HBCUs are critical to developing the next generation of leaders who will support and build our knowledge-based technological society. The tour has resulted in transforming the futures of more than 1500 young people since it was founded in 1986.

THE BIRTH OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college. On Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty adviser, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This event occurred in the office of biology Professor Ernest E. Just, the faculty adviser, in the Science Hall (now known as Thirkield Hall). The three liberal arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning "Friendship is Essential to the Soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. The phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as cardinal principles.

Omega continued to flourish, largely because founders Love, Cooper, Coleman and Just were men of the very highest ideals and intellect. The Founders selected and attracted men of similar ideals and characteristics. It is not by accident that many of America's great black men are/were Omega Men. To this date, there are very few Americans whose lives have not been touched by a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Since its humble beginnings on the Howard University campus, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity continues to be on the front line, leveraging its power, influence and more than 100 years of commitment to the uplift of our people and our communities.

There are many notable Omega men recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, education, government, and science sectors at the local, national, and international level.

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Omega has built a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

The Omega Black College Tour is enthusiastically and purposely an extension of the fraternity's history.

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ABOUT XI PHI CHAPTER

Xi Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's oldest graduate chapter in New York City, was founded on November 11, 1926, by a group of graduate and professional men. Such notables as Richard E. Carey, Langston Hughes, Nathaniel Burwell and Judge Dennis Edwards, just to name a few, were dedicated to Omega's cardinal principles.

Community Uplift through Perseverance Inc. (C.U.P) 501c3 sponsors and underwrites the Omega Black College Tour. Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc (CUP) is a nonprofit, educational partnership and community innovation arm of Xi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated located in Harlem, New York. We believe the greatest way to elevate and impact the Harlem community is through inspired collaborations with businesses, brands, and organizations.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2022 VIRTUAL OMEGA BLACK COLLEGE TOUR (OBCT)

The Omega Black College Tour and its virtual workshops will start on **Saturday, January 22, 2022, and end on Saturday March 19, 2022**. The colleges and universities below are scheduled to participate in the tour. Guest speakers have been invited to educate participants about their respective institution (this list is subject to change).

- Lincoln University (Public, 4 Year)
- Morgan State University (Public, 4 Year)
- Hampton University (Private, 4 Year) and Norfolk State University (Public, 4 Year)
- Saint Augustine's University, North Carolina A&T, Winston-Salem State University (all Public, 4 Yr. schools)
- Clark Atlanta University (Private, 4 Yr.), Morehouse College (Private, 4 Yr.) & Spelman College (Private, 4 Yr.)
- Howard University (Private, 4 Year)

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent(s) or guardian(s) must be present for a designated interview.
2. Please complete the application in its entirety to be selected for an interview. You can also download the application by visiting www.xiphichapter.org if needed.
3. Factors that determine an applicant's participation are:
 - A. Potential for admission to a college or university as reflected by the applicant's academic record
 - B. Involvement in extracurricular activities in school and volunteer work outside of school.
 - C. Timeliness of the receipt of a completed application.

To be considered, all candidates should:

1. Complete the OBCT application and send it to: michaelgilbert74@gmail.com and Xiphi.bct@gmail.com. *If additional time is needed, please contact us immediately.* Completed applications are required to initiate the interview process.
2. Understand that the cost of the tour is \$75.00 plus a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee, for a TOTAL of \$100.00.
3. Submit TWO letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, religious leader, community leader, or education/nonprofit sector administrator. This individual must speak about your academic performance and leadership potential.
4. Provide ONE copy of your unofficial high school transcript from 9th grade to your current marking period.
5. Complete the Code of Conduct and Image Appearance forms prior to the start of the first workshop. Students accepted to the program must dress in business or business casual attire. Appropriate attire is:
 - Young Men – dress shirt, tie, jacket, dress pants and shoes.
 - Young Women – blouse, pantsuit or skirt (to knee) and shoes
6. Make payment to “Community Uplift Through Perseverance.” Please write “OBCT 2022 College Tour and Application Fee” on the memo area of your certified bank check or money order. Community Uplift Through Perseverance is a 501(c) (3) partner of Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated.
7. Students and their families will be notified of acceptance by a phone call and / or email. The completion of this application and signatures of the student and parent/guardian denotes an understanding of what is required and expected.
8. Any application without all required documentation (letters of recommendation, unofficial transcript, essay, and application fee) will not be processed.
9. Participants accepted to the program will have the opportunity to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship. Applicants will have to write a 750-word essay on a topic TBD.

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If you prefer to mail your application through the United States Postal Service, please send it and the \$25 application fee to:

Michael Gilbert
Application Intake and Interview Scheduling
Omega Black College Tour
1 Martine Avenue, Apt. 310
White Plains, NY 10606

INTERVIEW PROCESS

After the application has been received, applicants will be notified of the date, time, and location of their virtual (zoom) interview. Please make sure all information in the application is correct. We must be able to contact you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) for notification and confirmation of an interview. If you are selected for the tour, you will have to complete additional documents such as one on behavioral expectations, by or during the first required workshop.

Please note that the target population for the tour are New York City high school students. Students from schools outside of the City who wish to apply will be interviewed at the discretion of the planning committee.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following individuals in the order listed:

1. Michael Gilbert, Application Intake and Interview Scheduling (917) 939-7936
2. Jamel Nedderman, OBCT 2021 Chairman (917) 207-6599
3. Harry Watson, OBCT 2021 Co-Chairman - harrymwatsonii@gmail.com

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PRE AND POST TOUR WORKSHOPS

Selected students must attend all virtual workshops and a post tour workshop

Workshops are designed to build community among participants, to have them think critically about college preparation, to enhance their emotional intelligence, and to familiarize them with the college experience.

The first workshop is an orientation about expectations prior to and during the tour. All parents or guardians must participate in this workshop.

*In addition to the first pre-tour workshop, parents or guardians must participate in the **Financial Aid workshop, the final workshop prior to the tour, and the closing ceremony**. The date of the financial aid workshop will be shared during the student interview.*

If there are any conflicts regarding workshop participation such as test prep or work issues, please inform one of the Co-Chairman immediately. Dates and times for the workshops below are subject to change.

WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

JANUARY 2022

- Saturday, 1/22/22 – 11am to 2pm: Introductory Workshop & Administrative Matters
- Saturday, 1/29/22 – 11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced

FEBRUARY 2022

- Saturday, 2/5/22 – 11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced
- Saturday, 2/12/22 – 11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced
- Saturday, 2/19/22 – 11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced
- Saturday, 2/26/22 – 11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced

MARCH 2022

- Saturday, 3/5/21–11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced
- Saturday, 3/12/21– 11am to 2pm: Workshop subject matter to be announced
- Saturday, 3/19/21– 11am to 2pm: Close Out Workshop

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1. Submission of a completed typed or neatly written application for consideration is required for the interview process.
2. Remember to attach ONE copy of your unofficial high school transcript from 9th grade to your current marking period.
3. Understanding that the cost **of the tour is \$75.00 and a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee for a TOTAL of \$100.00.**
4. **Please email your applications to michaelgilbert74@gmail.com and Xiphi.bct@gmail.com.** The \$25 application fee can be submitted to the address below.

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Omega Black College Tour 2022 Application
All sections must be completed.

STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME: _____

GENDER _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ HOME PHONE _____

MOBILE PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ PARENT MOBILE PHONE _____

PARENT EMAIL _____ PARENT WORK PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ MOBILE PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

WORK PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ WORK _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE HBCU COLLEGE TOUR? Please specify who or where you obtained information about the tour (attach to application if needed).

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EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Remember to attach ONE copy of your unofficial high school transcript from 9th grade to your current marking period.

School Name	(freshman, sophomore, junior or senior)	Public School	Private School
School Address	City	State	Zip Code
Principal	Phone	Email	
Counselor	Phone	Email	
Overall Grade Point Average:	Intended College Major:		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcasting <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Management Information Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Media <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (if your major of interest is not listed, or if you are undecided regarding a major of interest, please indicate)
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Have you taken the following standardized tests?		
PSAT	DATE	SCORE
SAT	DATE	SCORE
ACT	DATE	SCORE
If you have not taken any test, when will it be taken?		
MONTH	YEAR	

LIST SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION CITATIONS YOU RECEIVED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: *Attach separately to your completed application.*

Please answer the following questions using 350-400 words.

Attach separately to your completed application.

- 1. Introduce yourself...who are you? What are your academic and career aspirations?**
 - 2. What in your opinion, has prepared for this potential experience to date?**
 - 3. How would this experience change you?**
 - 4. What do you intend to contribute from a leadership standpoint if selected?**
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: *Attach separately to your completed application if needed.*

By signing page this document, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the information provided within this entire application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____, DATE _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (print) _____, DATE _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____, DATE _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (print) _____, DATE _____

END OF APPLICATION!