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COLUMBIA, MD—Four months after the Tau Pi Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary in April 2025, the chapter's leadership began preparing for the next Omega fiscal year at their annual August planning meeting.

Over 25 Omega men attended the planning session held at Howard County Community College. One of the major topics discussed was increasing attention to fulfilling all of the Fraternity's mandated programs. Brother Earl Jefferson, the chapter's Basileus, mentioned that the goal is to improve the greater Columbia community participation in the chapter's activities, often created from the Fraternity's unique mandated programs.

The Fraternity's Internationally Mandated Programs include Achievement Week; College Endowment Fund; Fatherhood & Mentoring;

Health Initiatives; Memorial Service, NAACP, Reclamation & Retention; Scholarship; Social Action; STEM; Talent Hunt, and Voter registration.

During the session, all the chapter's committee chairs engaged with the brotherhood using detailed PowerPoint presentations and oral presentations, which highlighted the committee's accomplishments and upcoming future events, as well as projected goals.

One of the significant presentations was made by Brother Henry Bell, MD, the chairman of Health Initiatives. Dr. Bell, one of the country's most respected pathologists and the Medical Director of Capital Digestive Care Laboratory based in Bowie, Maryland, updates the chapter membership quarterly by providing advice through his electronic medical newsletters.

Before the chapter's Brother Charles Drew Blood Drive event, Dr. Bell's medical advice provided Omega men with valuable information on the importance of donating blood. Brother Bell said the blood supply provides plasma and platelets that help the survival of trauma victims and cancer patients.

In the Winter 2020 issue of The Oracle Magazine, Dr. Bell wrote a groundbreaking article titled Our Global Problem: A Pandemic. Bell said that "unfortunately, before the pandemic, some of our communities were adversely affected by detrimental government policies, ineffective public health programs and policies, pre-existing health conditions, social and economic factors.

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