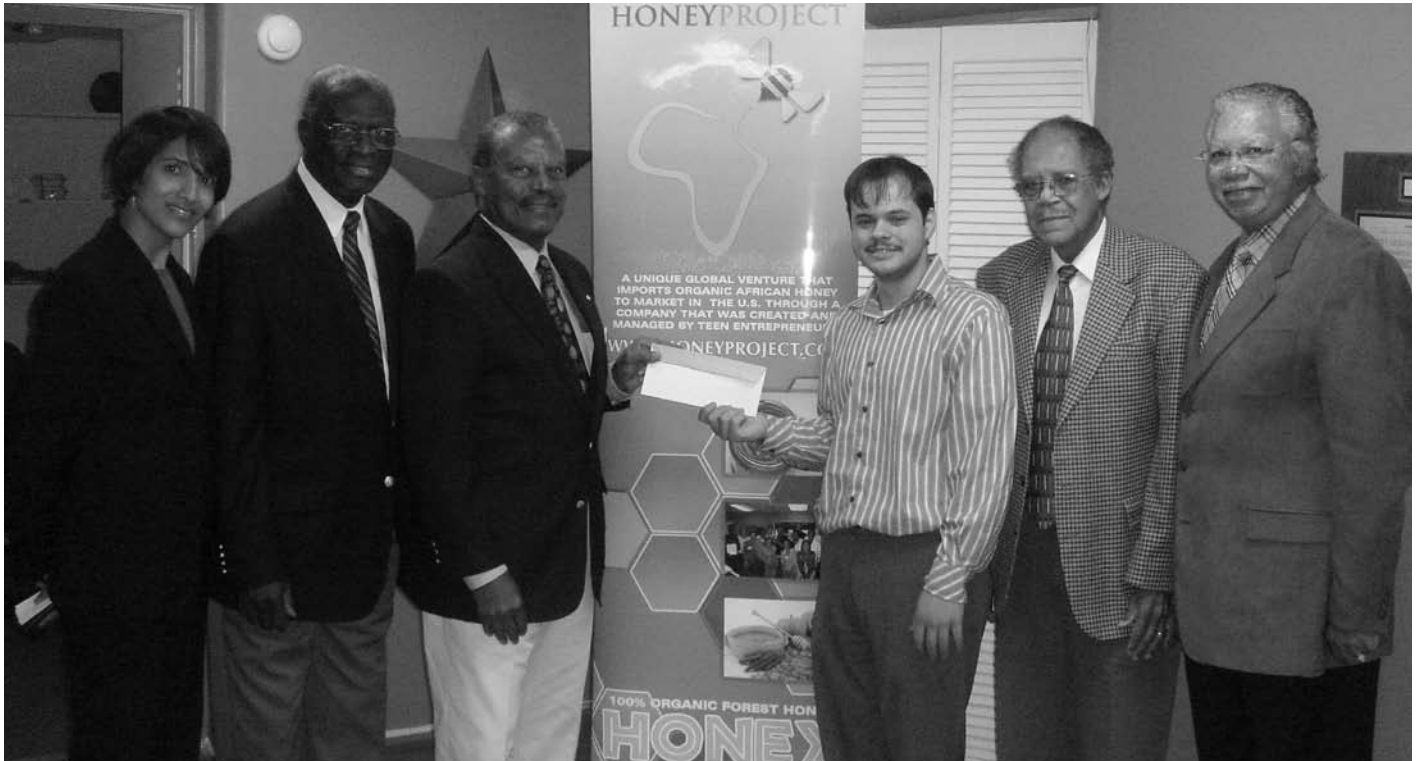


## ALPHA RHO ARCHONS SUPPORT HONEY PROJECT



Shruti Salghur, Archon Cecil Jonas, Sire Archon James Lockhart, Jovan Dushner, Archon Etzer Chicoye and Archon John Ruffin

**M**iami, Florida's Alpha Rho Boulé at its meeting in January committed \$1,000 to support the Honey Project, an international youth-oriented business venture marketing and selling organic honey imported from Africa into the United States. High-school students who participate in a twelve-week training program have the opportunity to join the company as partners; as such they must manage and run the company. The program actually serves two purposes: It develops the youths' entrepreneurial mindset and provides rural African farmers

with sustainable living wages through beekeeping and honey production.

The Honey Project focuses on the use of e-commerce and technology to enhance economic development and alleviate poverty while fostering partnerships with emerging African nations such as Ghana. The training program, which began in 2006 at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Florida's Nova Southeastern University, emphasizes that effective use of technological applications is key to the success of aspiring young entrepreneurs.

The Honey Co. was launched on July 19, 2007, at the Annual Sister Cities International Conference in Fort

Lauderdale. Currently twenty high-school students manage the company. In just two business quarters the young partners raised \$3,000 in owner's equity and grossed more than \$7,000 in honey sales.

The Honey Project partners in July 2007 contributed twenty-five percent (\$1,000) of their earnings to Chief Nana Akouko Sarpong of the Agogo Traditional Area in Ghana. Since then they have contributed an additional \$1,000 in AID (actual investment dollars) to the village of Agogo to help end poverty through the beekeeping enterprise.

*Archon George F. Knox  
Grapter, Alpha Rho Boulé*

# RHO HONORS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Scholars Jason Dorsey and Michael Larsen Edwards; Rho Sire Archon Joseph K. Williams; Rho Archons Greg Spencer, chairman of the scholarship committee, and Aaron Walton; and scholars Blake Butler and Samuel Sing III

**D**uring its December 2007 celebration, Rho Boulé of Pittsburgh and its scholarship committee celebrated the accomplishments of the young men to whom the boulé has awarded scholarships. The scholars, all pursuing four-year degrees, were accompanied to the event by their parents. The members of Rho's scholarship committee are Archon Greg Spencer, the chairman; Sire Archon Joseph K. Williams; and Archons Aaron A. Walton and William Trueheart.

Five years ago Rho Boulé revised its scholarship program to better serve the recipients. The more robust program now lets the boulé invest more than \$100,000 in the academic potential of five young men whose talents, goals and characters reflect the qualities most valued by Rho Boulé. Since 2003 the boulé has awarded a renewable \$5,000 scholarship to one student a year. Each of the five students now participating will receive \$5,000 for every year he maintains at least a 3.0 GPA.

Meet the Rho scholars:

**Michael Larsen Edwards**, the 2004 scholar, graduated at the top of his class at Winchester Thurston, a private high school where he founded the African American Awareness Program to educate students about the achievements and contributions of his forefathers. Michael, currently a senior at the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering, was raised by a single mother.

**Jason Dorsey**, 2005's recipient, was the valedictorian of his high-school class and president of the Honor Society. He also placed first in an area science fair, was Student of the Year for three consecutive years, and received the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award. Jason is a junior at Duquesne University, where he majors in finance and international business.

**Blake Butler**, who won the scholarship in 2006, graduated from Sewickley Academy, a private school he attended by traveling by school bus more than 75 minutes each way while living in an underserved section of Pittsburgh. He was the student director of Urban Youth Action, which provides tutor-

ing and academic support to inner-city students, and was also a national officer for a student organization of the National Urban League. Blake, a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis, plans to be a surgeon.

**Samuel Sing III**, the 2007 awardee, graduated third in a class of 187 students at Langley High School, where he played football, basketball, soccer and volleyball. He also worked part-time, volunteered at a local senior-citizen home, was an usher at his church, and tutored elementary-school students. Raised with loving discipline by a single mother, Samuel is a freshman at the Swanson School of Engineering.

**Dominic Malloy**, who was recently named the 2008 scholar, is a senior at Bethlehem Center High School in Washington County, just outside Pittsburgh. He plans to major in engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and will receive his scholarship in August.

*Archon Carl G. Cooper  
Grapter, Rho Boulé*

# ALPHA MU HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS



**Archon Charles Lamback, BBUILD's program director, and Sire Archon Ronald Brown with program participants from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Augusta**

**T**he Archons and Archousai of Augusta, Georgia's Alpha Mu Boulé held a festive holiday dinner on December 21 at the Partridge Inn to celebrate the successful launch of the boulé's BBUILD (Boulé Brothers Uplifting, Influencing, Leading and Developing) program. Hosted by Sire Archon Ronald Brown and Archousa Mary Brown, along with BBUILD program director Archon Charles Lamback and Archousa Judy Lamback, the evening was also an opportunity to congratulate the program's stellar group of young male participants, who were joined by their proud parents, invited instructors and mentors from the dedicated legions of Alpha Mu.

The program, which was created in the autumn of 2007 under the direc-

tion of Archon Lamback, helps African American boys in Augusta-area middle schools by focusing on key components to support their academic and personal success: providing positive role models and promoting images of successful black men; enhancing the students' study habits and individual talents; promoting good character and cultural development; and developing integrity. A multiyear initiative, BBUILD provides continuous support to its participants from grades six through eight. Alpha Mu's partners in the program are the Boys & Girls Clubs of Augusta and the Richmond County School System.

For the celebratory evening, which included a motivational program in addition to a formal dinner, Alpha Mu provided the young men with tuxedos and guided them through this extend-

ed exposure to what was, for most of them, a very different cultural experience. After a delicious dinner with all the trimmings, Sire Archon Brown spoke from the heart about his own journey from circumstances very similar to those of many of the young men to a fulfilling life as a prominent physician and business owner and a loving husband and father. The young men in the audience responded strongly to his truly inspirational words, and the Archons and Archousai seated with them at the individual tables had a strong sense that the future for these young men – and the broader community – would burn bright.

*Archon Mac Bowman  
Grapter, Alpha Mu Boulé*

# BETA BOULÉ SUPPORTS CHARTER SCHOOL



**Student Robert Henderson; Archons Chris Lee and Roland Burris, social-action committee cochair; Sire Archon Guy Summers; student Tyler Beck; Archons Hilton Clark and Donald Stewart, social-action committee cochair; Urban Prep founder and CEO Tim King; and student Austin Henderson**

Chicago's Beta Boulé presented a \$10,500 check on March 11 to Urban Prep Charter Academy, an all-male charter high school located in the Englewood neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. The mission of the academy (its motto is "We believe") is to prepare its young male students, who live in some of Chicago's most impoverished areas, for college success through character development and academic achievement. Archons Donald Stewart and Roland Burris, cochairs of Beta Boulé's social-action committee, presented the check to the academy. The boulé also gave the school a copy of the book *Beta Boulé: A Chronicle of 100 Years*.

Archons Stewart and Burris, who coordinated the fund-raising among Beta members, outlined three boulé initiatives in support of the academy:

1. To provide Urban Prep with financial support. The \$10,500 check represents a portion of the annual cost of providing dress blazers to the students. The total raised through contributions from Beta members is expected to exceed the check amount.

2. To serve as role models to the students. Beta Boulé will participate in a special Career Day, during which Archons will talk about their job responsibilities and career paths.

3. To interact with the academy's "prides." Urban Prep organizes its students in groups of twenty-four to twenty-six students, referred to as prides. (The leonine metaphor is also reflected in the name of the student newspaper, called *Lions' Roar*.) Beta members will meet individually with each pride to discuss their jobs in more depth and learn about the career aspirations of the individual students.

Beta Boulé's relationship with Urban Prep was launched when Tim King, the school's founder and CEO, was a guest speaker at one of Beta's 2007 monthly dinners and Archons Burris and Stewart arranged for all boulé members to tour the academy. Beta's support of the academy is just part of the boulé's mission to assist young African American males in the Chicago area.

*Archon Hilton Clark  
Grapter, Beta Boulé*

# PROGRAM COACHES AND MENTORS YOUTHS

**A**lpha Beta Boulé has launched a program designed to inspire, motivate and support positive lifestyles for young African American males. Leading the effort is Archon Steve Morgan, chair of the Boulé's social action committee, and Alpha Beta's Sire Archon Alexander L. Mosby. Other Archons who are going the extra mile include Jesse Frierson, Eugene Cheek, Hamilton Robinson, Roger Gregory, Lindley Smith, Monroe Harris, James Spencer, Elwood Boone, Jr., Albert Thweatt and Waide Robinson (program leader).

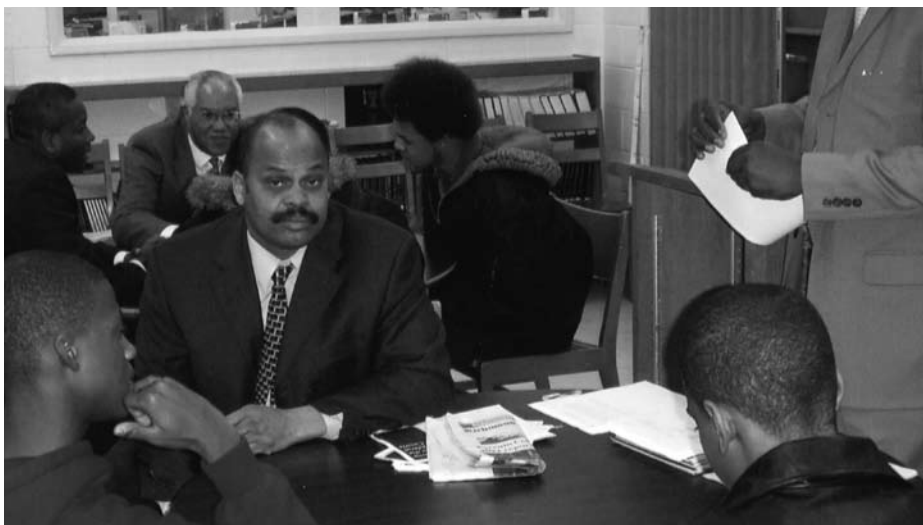
After discussing a number of the Grand Boulé's national initiatives, the Archons agreed that mentoring remains a top priority, and they are eager to begin working with students in Richmond's public schools. There are currently fifteen high-school students in the program, ranging from grades nine through twelve.

Alpha Beta Archons are carefully reviewing various ways to best establish a high-quality mentoring program that will encourage students to improve their academic performance and to stay in school. The Archons are also seeking to develop strategies that will prevent juvenile delinquency and gang involvement while fostering healthy interpersonal relationships with peers, teachers and other adults and family members.

*Archon Chuck Brown  
Grapter, Alpha Beta Boulé*



**Alpha Beta Archons**



**Archon Eugene Cheek and students**



**Student with Archons Steve Malone and Elwood Boone, Jr.**