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Omega Alpha Gives Back to their Community

Thursday, May 31st, 2007, Philadelphia, P.A. – The Omega Alpha Graduate Chapter of Corazones Unidos Siempre, Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc. has made strong efforts to give back to their local communities by participating in the following community service projects: speaking in a career panel to Thomas Edison high school students, participating in the March of Dimes Walk, joining efforts in the Arthritis Walk and volunteering in the Philadelphia Mayoral Primary Election.



On April 26th, Omega Alpha members were honored to be career panelists and speak to approximately 25 Thomas Edison High School students. The group was comprised of young teenage mothers or expecting mothers from the ELECT/CTC program. The focus of this program is to keep these young women in school and prepare them for their next step within higher education or on a career path. The program is headed by Nisser Jimenez and the panelists consisted of the following individuals: Angelica Vidro, Vanessa C. Peralta, Catherine Williams-Frank, Angelica Latorre Aguirre and Tessy Infante. The career panel brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds with the hope of inspiring these young women to become successful professionals. The panelists offered a unique insight into their careers which ranged from the legal field to social work to communications. The panel also discussed the struggles and sacrifices needed to be successful in their careers and were able to motivate the students with their success stories. The students had the opportunity to ask questions directly to the panelist towards the end of the forum.

On Sunday April 29th, Omega Alpha participated in the March of Dimes Walk with the Omicron Delta Lambda Graduate Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Together these two graduate chapters walked the 6.5 miles, raised money and brought in a total of 40 volunteer walkers. The March of Dimes is designed to help families with babies that are born prematurely or babies that are born with birth defects. Money raised goes towards families, educational classes, programs and research.



On Saturday May 5th, Maricel Rivera, one of the Founding Mothers of Chi Upsilon Sigma, Robert W. Levy, Atlantic City Mayor, Omega Alpha and area Sisters joined efforts to complete the Arthritis Walk in Atlantic City. This annual event raises awareness and funds to fight arthritis, the nations' leading cause of disability. Money raised goes towards research, public health and public policy efforts to improve the lives of people with arthritis.

On Tuesday May 15th, Greater Philadelphia Cares and The Committee of Seventy hosted a non-partisan Election Day for the Mayoral Primary elections. Omega Alpha volunteered as "Election Watchdogs" by visiting eight polling places in the City Line Avenue area and provided information to election officials, answered voter's questions and settled minor disputes. On the ballot were Tom Knox, Michael Nutter, Chaka Fattah, Robert Brady, Dwight Evans, Queena Bass and Jesus White. Michael Nutter won the Democratic Mayoral Primary.



Omega Alpha Graduate Chapter

Established in 2002, the Omega Alpha Graduate Chapter aims to keep alumnae involved, support our local undergraduate chapters, provide professional events and assist our community. These goals are accomplished through various annual functions, monthly events and hands on community service. To learn more about the graduate chapter please visit our website at www.geocities.com/Omega_Alpha_CUS.

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