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The Brotherhood Journey

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It has been sixteen years since the founding of the Kenwood Academy Brotherhood. Over 700 young men have learned how to improve themselves using education as the catalyst. I'm really proud of the sincere interest that the alumni have in the character building and enrichment opportunities of the current members. Monthly, an alumni stops by Kenwood to participate in the "Brotherhood Way."

In January, Lance Chapple called to see if the members still loved basketball. "Are you kidding", was my reply? He provided 25 complimentary tickets to attend the Bulls vs Milwaukee Bucks game. Unfortunately the Bulls didn't win.

Chicago Public Schools held its 6th Annual Young Men of Color Summit. The Brotherhood was requested to create **TWO** presentations to male students on creating a school based male mentoring program. The

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Cameron Cole

2017-2019 President

Kenwood Academy Brotherhood

By Cameron Cole, President

The end of the Brotherhood school year is always an exciting and bitter sweet time. We took our Freedom College Tour to Southern California to tour various schools and got a glimpse of college life in other parts of the nation. It is always amazing to see what my brothers will come up with for our annual awards ceremony as the ceremony represents the manifestation of our creed: **Fraternity, Responsibility, and Creativity**. It also marks the transition of the officer teams to the next classes and the planning for next year at the annual retreat with Dr. Wyatt. These traditions that we uphold not only keep the organization strong, but they also show our unity.

This year also marks a bittersweet end to my time and my fellow senior's time in Brotherhood. Spanning two to six years, all our seniors have been involved in keeping the organization going strong, and saying goodbye is always hard, however we all know that as alumni we will still play a role in Brotherhood. Reflecting on this past year and all my past years in Brotherhood, it makes me

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Following the New Brotherhood PACT

By Darrien Smith, Alumni class of 2018

Freshman Year Summary-Xavier University



Darrien Smith,

Xavier University
Major: Mass Communications
New Orleans

As my first year of college comes to a close, I feel more at ease with the idea of being away from home and still continuing my focus toward finishing my education and striving for the goals I've set out. My first Year of Xavier has been a long journey of late night struggles and defeat but also it has been one of the biggest and valuable learning experiences I've had the pleasure to be a part of. Opening my eyes to how big the world is and how much opportunity is out there, Xavier puts me in the forefront of all of this. Being that my school is small compared to the average Historically Black College or Predominantly White schools, this allows my face to be seen and my voice to be heard around campus. The availability of opportunity is always there and being active gives me an edge over everyone else at my school. I can say I'm very thankful for my experience and glad God put me in the position to even see outside of Chicago because I know many people haven't even been out of their neighborhood.

Going forward into my second year I know there's always room for improvement. I've always been told or heard people say the first year of college is just the huge learner that's going to prepare you for the rest of college, and that's absolutely what it is. I really believe in nothing being too late to change as long as you're changing for the good. Next year of School will really determine keeping my word of this. I must always put myself in the best position to succeed. I've always kept the strong mottos of Brotherhood and ho it taught me how to carry myself, everywhere I go. Next year will be a huge stepping stone but greatness will be not far away.

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members divided into two groups, created and presented an interactive presentation that the audience thoroughly enjoyed. Several schools have invited the Brotherhood to visit to explain how to create an organization the "Brotherhood Way." Alumni, you should be **PROUD** that the Brotherhood Way is still **STRONG, COURAGEOUS, and CONFIDENT**.

The song "It never rains in Southern California" held true as fifteen members and 3 chaperones participated in the **15th Annual Freedom College tour**. We toured University of Southern California, OTIS – Graphic Arts School, University of California Los Angeles and California State University Los Angeles. The male mentoring program that we helped organize in 2008 was glad to see us visit Long Beach Polytechnic High School. Both groups collaborated on the good and bad of administering each program. Before leaving California we did get a chance to visit Six Flags Magic Mountain and Venice Beach. A wealth of postsecondary information was received and a fun time was had by all. Thanks for your support!



Wassup with the Brotherhood Alumni?

ERICK MCCREE

My experience in Brotherhood was great. I didn't have the attendance I should have my first two years or my experience would have been better than it was. My junior year I was able to attend the Spring Break Freedom College tour. It was amazing and really made me see the importance of college. Honestly, one of the only reasons school is still a part of my plans till this day is because of that trip.

The first college I visited with the Brotherhood was the first I attended. The financial burden was a lot for my parents. I had to leave that costly place. I now attend Kennedy King community college. It is one of the City Colleges of Chicago. I love the different ages and small classes where I am able to get to know my teachers.

Brotherhood has been a great way to network without even knowing it. I still see members around a few years after I left, some who even came before me. It is a safe space to discuss things with your guy friends, maybe a couple girls if they wanted to join.

Right now I'm coaching for four different organizations namely, "We Got Game", "Girls in the Game", "i9 Sports", and "Overtime Athletics". Along with coaching I record and perform music. Although it is a costly thing, I'm living what I've dreamed of. I'm also working on getting my ACE certification to become a personal trainer. Brotherhood also introduced me into trade school. I'll be doing this for the next 3-6 months. Also I have plans to travel outside the USA around the winter time for a trip somewhere in Europe.

LOOKING FOR MORE ALUMNI TO SHARE YOUR STORY

EMAIL Dr. Wyatt at drstw@kbi2012.org

Register your contact info online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9hwkc3e>.



ALUMNI PIN - \$5.00



Erick McCree

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extremely proud and grateful to be part of this community and all the wonderful experiences that we have had together.

This past year, each of the officer positions was held by a senior, meaning that the upcoming year will be a completely new officer's board. However, I know I speak for my fellow officers in saying that the officers do not make the organization, it's the work of our members together regardless of office that makes us great. Secondly, regardless of whoever assumes the offices, the organization of the Brotherhood will be, and will always continue to be, strong.

Next fall, I will be pursuing a degree in **Mechanical Engineering at the University of Southern California (USC) Viterbi School of Engineering** on a full tuition scholarship. In February, I visited the campus to interview and one of the most memorable points of my interview was in discussing the Brotherhood.

Transitioning to a different stage of life is always challenging. As I leave to embark on the next chapter of my life, I do so knowing that the foundation the Brotherhood has provided for me and my brothers will weather the storm and stand the test of time. Regardless of the time and distance between us, we will all forever be brothers exemplifying our **Fraternity, Responsibility, and Creativity**. CAM

The whole admission staff was utterly shocked by the peer-lead nature of the Brotherhood.



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Check it out: kenwoodbrotherhood.com

Upcoming Events

By Daniel Barrera, Event Planner

May & June 2019

Upcoming events that we are working on:

1. May 23rd - 16th Awards Ceremony
2. May 28th - DePaul Male Leadership
3. May 29th - Wednesday Mtg.
4. May 31st - Friday Mtg
5. June 5th - Wednesday Mtg.
6. June 7th - Friday Mtg.

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