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## Spotlight on Que: Brother Jason Cleavon Butler

By Jeffrey T. Smith

Brother Butler is a man of God who is also hardworking, adaptable, principled, intelligent, candid, and dedicated.

He is his brother's keeper and routinely makes inquiries on Omega men and others within his sphere. Brother

Butler readily speaks the courage of his convictions on a variety of topics including fraternity and sports. He is skilled at dancing and marching (stepping or hopping)

with great vigor and excitement. Butler espouses the fraternity's motto of Friendship is essential to the soul and his way of life aligns with the fraternity's charge of service to all mankind.

I met Brother Butler in 2004 through a mutual friend, Brother Earl Wilson, former International Executive Director, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. I received an email informing me of Butler's move to the Mile High City; I called Butler immediately to connect as a friend and to welcome him to the city. We became members of the same church and we shared the same high level of enthusiasm for the fraternity. The four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift will serve as an outline to provide a brief glimpse of Butler's story.

**Manhood:** Brother Butler is a single father of one son, Phillip Butler. Butler was born in Montgomery, AL and raised in Maplesville, AL mostly by his 'Madea' or grandmother. He has three siblings, a sister and two brothers; his twin brother, Yahari Butler, is an Omega man. Brother Butler graduated from Maplesville High School as the 3rd black Valedictorian in school's history; his twin graduated as the Salutatorian. Butler played football as a wide receiver and punt/kick-off coverage. He ran track as a member of the 4 x400m relay team.

Brother Butler was initiated into the Rho Gamma Chapter, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL on February 18, 1995 as the 'Deuce' on a line of 17. Butler was a member of Psi Alpha Chapter, San Antonio TX, receiving their Omega Man of the Year Award. He became a member of Chi Phi Chapter and served as Keeper of Finance, FY 2017-2019. Butler has worked on a number of chapter committees: 80th Chapter Anniversary (Chairman); Social Action (Chairman); Achievement Week (Co-Chairman); Hospitality for NBA All-Star Game in Denver; Rites of Passage/Omega Leadership Academy; and as Denver Panhellenic Council Representative. Brother Butler is the recipient of several Chi Phi Chapter awards namely the Superior Service Award, Basileus Award and several Chapter Service Awards. Butler's aspiration for Omega Psi Phi is for the Fraternity to continue to be leaders of men not only the historically Divine Nine Black fraternities but to be leaders of all men of all races. His hope for Chi Phi is for the Chapter to continue to be the best chapter locally, in the state of Colorado, and in the Eighth District.



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## Recent/Upcoming Events

### Mental Health Conversation

The chapter committee for mental health initiatives put on a virtual program aimed at providing information about mental and physical health. The program's speaker was Brother Jeff Vaden who is the owner of Dynasty Fitness, a gym in the city of Denver. Bro. Vaden shared several helpful facts about the effects of daily habits on the body and gave tips on healthy ways to eat and prepare food.

We appreciate the opportunity to share health information and to encourage one another in our fitness goals. These programs are great opportunities for helpful information to be shared with our community. We look forward to many more moments like this in the future.

### Happy Fathers Day

Brothers,  
May there be lots of joy and laughter for you on this special day. To those of you whose Father are no longer on this earthly plane, I pray your fond memories will give you peace and comfort on this day.

God Bless,  
Stanley W. Bey  
Chi Phi Chapter Chaplain

### Communications Committee

Lead by Bro. Jayde Henderson, the Communications Committee has been formed and is meeting regularly. This group includes Bro. Jeffrey T. Smith, Bro. Chip Boykin, Bro. James Sykes and Bro. Ronald Reeves. The aim of this committee is to expend the communication efforts of the chapter both internally and externally as well as to regularly provide information of value to the chapter in the coming future.

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**Scholarship:** Brother Butler graduated from Stillman College with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science in May 1995.

**Perseverance:** Brother Butler is an IT Technician and has endeavored in the field since college. Upon graduation, he was accepted to the University of Maryland for a Master in Computer Science and he also received a NASA Fellowship at Moffett Field, CA. Yet, Butler decided to move forward with life and start work as a civilian help desk intern at the Department of Defense (US Air Force) in San Antonio, TX. He would ascend to Chief of the Help Desk unit at age 26 based primarily on his can-do attitude and aptitude for solving IT problems. Butler was recognized as the Civilian of the Quarter while in the department. Brother Butler transitioned from government to corporate working a number of IT positions throughout his career. Here are some of Butler's IT jobs:

- Telecommunications Specialist, Southwestern Bell, San Antonio, TX
- Service Desk, TEKsystems, Golden, CO
- Customer Support Analyst, Orica USA Inc., Watkins, CO
- IT Technician, DISH Network, Englewood, CO
- Support Desk Technician, Tuff Shed Inc., Denver CO

**Uplift:** Brother Butler is a proud member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, CO, singing in the Male Chorus and playing on the softball team. Butler was a Youth League Football official in Broomfield, CO; he has served as a head linesman, umpire, and referee (white hat). Brother Butler officiated state-wide playoffs and presided over three televised championship games. He was selected a referee and voted the top official for three consecutive years. Sports is a passion for Butler with interests in all things college football (Auburn Tigers fan) and Women's College Softball.

In closing, Brother Butler is a quintessential Omega man and his thoughts, words and actions are congruent. He models the way for Christian manhood, friendship, brotherhood, and selfless service for others to observe and imitate. May God continue to richly bless Brother Butler, his son Phillip and their journey in life.