

SPOTLIGHT ON QUE

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Brother Hadee is an Omega man of principle, precision, and purpose and he will let you know which side is up not long after engaging him. His candid dialogue is both refreshing and real, intelligent and unfiltered. Furthermore, Hadee's brotherly love and comradeship are two qualities that have forged lifelong friendships with family, friends, fraternity members and others fortunate enough to cross his path. Brother Hadee is a tremendous person with a gigantic heart for serving and helping others who may have been a complete stranger just moments before the meeting. His example of a worthy brother is one I believe envisioned by the founders of Omega Psi Phi and the men who continued her traditions down through the years.

Brother Hadee and I met nearly 25 years ago and we have had a pleasant and productive relationship over time due, in large measure, to our mutual respect, common interests, and the need to see Omega projects through completion delivered with quality and impact. Brother Hadee's took a little time to provide me with a brief glimpse of his noteworthy achievements and activities from

yesteryear.

Manhood. Brother Hadee was born in Camden, New Jersey and is the baby boy to an older brother and sister.

Brother Hadee was initiated on January 22, 1976 through the Pi Rho Chapter, Riverside, California; he was the ace on a line of seven Lampados. Hadee became a charter member of Sigma Eta Chapter, University of California (UC) – Riverside and served as the Keeper of Records and Seal for his undergraduate chapter. Hadee's body of work in Chi Phi Chapter starts with his participation in Positive Image, Brotha-2-Brotha, and Project Manhood youth and high school mentoring programs. He was the chapter's Pan Hellenic Council representative for many years and was part of the team that organized the Greek Softball League. Brother Hadee managed the chapter's Achievement Week committee for five years presenting innovative programs and black tie affairs year-over-year. His contributions toward Chi Phi Chapter's 75th Anniversary were instrumental in the success of the banquet and dance. Hadee was a key component in the chapter's duties as host to both the Eighth District's 50th and 60th Annual Meetings. He helped with the Golf Tournament committee and served on the Membership Selection Program team. Lastly, Brother Hadee held the position of Vice Basileus, leading men on community service projects and other Omega Psi Phi programs.

Scholarship. Brother Hadee attended the UC – Riverside, majoring in Black Studies. He was the president of the

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Black Student Union and served as a Student Commissioner of Education. His matriculation at UC was filled with a variety of activities including a member of the university's track team and a Thespian performing in two plays to name a few. Hadee's high school record of accomplishments were extensive and worthy of reference. They were: Student Body President; a baseball player; prom king; body surfer; a musician (trumpet player for marching, pep, and Jazz bands); three year varsity football player (safety, cornerback, and halfback); and, captain and three year letterman of the track team where he ran the 120 low hurdles, pole vault (school record), 440 relay, and long jump.

Perseverance. Professionally, Brother Hadee has been an entrepreneur since his college days, avoiding the corporate America path when and where possible. He is the proud owner of Chemical Unlimited, providing a plethora of automotive products, industrial cleaners for janitorial and car washer businesses, and other products for appliances. Personally, Hadee was a member of four professional musical groups, playing the trumpet, sax, flute, piano, bass guitar, and singing lead vocals. For years, Hadee performed as a disc jockey, working many of the chapter events during the 90's. He has a music collection – digital, wax, instruments, and radio – that is unrivalled in the local area.

Uplift. In addition to the programs, projects, and other community service activities mentioned earlier, Hadee has received numerous awards and certificates for his selfless service on behalf of others. He was the recipient of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated's Frater of the Year Award for his endeavors within and outside of Greekdom. In Omega, Hadee received the Omega Man of the Year Award, Superior Service Award (multiple winner), and several Basileus Awards, Scrolls of Honor, and Chapter Service Awards.

In closing, Brother Hadee stated his aspiration for Chi Phi Chapter is to acquire a fraternity house to support the youth programs, meeting space needs, and a place for members to fellowship. He along with other brothers in the chapter have been passionate advocates for the purchase of a building or house.

The next time you hear or recite the poem 'Invictus' think of Brother Daoud Hadee for he epitomizes each stanza therein. Hadee's service to Omega Psi Phi has been filled with great enthusiasm, fraternal knowledge, helping members, and displaying brotherhood. His versatility extends through several fields which supports the cliché of 'a brother of many talents.' Hadee enjoys cooking, sharing music, and having fun. He is another 'big brother' of Chi Phi Chapter and Dear Omega, modeling the way for a principle, precision, and purposeful life. May God continue to bless him, his family, and friends.

