

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated
Xi Phi Chapter, New York City
In Conjunction With
Community Uplift Through Perseverance, Inc.
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(C.U.P.)
Presents...

**Black College
Tour 2017
Sunday, February 19, 2017
THRU
Friday, February 24, 2017**

"KEEP OUR TRADITIONS ALIVE!"

Please Read Entire Application Packet Before Completing.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK COLLEGE TOUR (BCT)

Xi Phi, a New York City-based Graduate Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Community Uplift through Perseverance (CUP) sponsors and underwrites the Black College Tour. African-American high school students enrolled in schools in New York City and the broader metropolitan area will visit several Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Over the last 27 years, the vision that the African American experience for youth could be challenged through mentoring, leadership development and exposure to educational opportunities available outside the boundaries of New York City has become an attainable reality. This has resulted in transforming the futures of over 800 of our young people to date.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The Black College Tour (BCT) strives to stimulate an interest, among select students, in attending one of the publicly or privately supported HBCUs. The long-term objective of the project is to develop the ways and means to assure that qualified high school students in the New York area become familiar with the historic mission of Black Colleges and Universities and their broad range of high quality educational programs and academic fields. Another objective is to identify students who would benefit especially from the stimulating and supportive learning environments so characteristic of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

INFORMATION ABOUT BLACK COLLEGE TOUR (BCT) 2017

The 2017 Black College Tour (BCT) is scheduled to take place Sunday, February 19, 2017 through Friday, February 24, 2017, weather permitting. This year's theme is "*Keep Our Traditions Alive*". The reason for this theme is to ensure that our young people continue to be educated about the societal relevance of our historically black colleges and universities.

We are currently scheduled to visit the following institutions of higher learning.

1. **Clark-Atlanta University**, Atlanta, GA
2. **Delaware State University**, Dover, DE
3. **Hampton University**, Hampton, VA
4. **Howard University**, Washington D.C.
5. **Morgan State University**, Baltimore, MD
6. **Morehouse College**, Atlanta, GA
7. **Norfolk State University**, Norfolk, VA
8. **North Carolina A&T State University**, Greensboro, NC
9. **North Carolina Central University**, Durham, NC
10. **Spelman College**, Atlanta, GA
11. **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore**, Princess Anne, MD

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SELECTED STUDENTS MUST BE DRESSED IN BUSINESS OR BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE DURING THE BLACK COLLEGE TOUR!

INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Official Application Form for the Black College Tour (BCT) 2017 explains that:

1. This is an APPLICATION Process for an interview.
2. The results of the interview are used to determine the applicant's qualifications for participation in the Black College Tour 2017.
3. Some of the factors that may determine the applicant's participation are:
 - A. Having the potential for admission to a Historically Black College or University as reflected by your academic record in high school;
 - B. Being involved in extracurricular activities in school
 - C. Being involved in volunteer work

INFORMATION ABOUT THE BCT APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be considered, students are expected to:

- Understand all students selected must be dressed in business or business casual attire during the black college tour.
- Complete all parts of the black college tour application form and return it by **Friday, November 4, 2016**. Submit a typed and completed application for consideration.
- Come to a Personal Interview with a parent, guardian physically present.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, minister, priest, community leader, or education / non profit sector administrator. This individual must speak to your academic and leadership potential.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled interview time.
- Appropriate interview attire is as follows:
 - A. Young Men – dress shirt, tie, jacket, dress pants and shoes.
 - B. Young Women – blouse, pants suit or skirt (to knee) and dress shoes.

Any applicant not dressed appropriately or with a parent or guardian physically present will be required to re-schedule the interview.

NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED AND NOT ACCEPTED

There is a **non-refundable** \$25.00 application fee, which must be submitted with the application.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERVIEW

After the completed application form has been received, applicants will be notified of the date, time and location of their interviews. Your parent or guardian must call to confirm date and time. Please make sure that all of the information on the application is correct. We must be able to contact you, as well as your parent or guardian for notification of interview.

PRE AND POST-TOUR WORKSHOPS

If you are selected to participate, you and your parent/guardian MUST attend all workshops and one Post-Tour Workshop. Please note the workshops are scheduled to begin tentatively on **Saturday, January 14, 2017** and will be hosted every Saturday thereafter until Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The closing ceremony is on Sunday, February 26, 2017 starting at 1p.m.

NOTE: the first pre tour workshop on January 7th will be held from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This workshop is an orientation regarding expectations during and prior to the tour experience for all selected students.

ALL SENIORS WHO ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 BLACK COLLEGE TOUR MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE January 14th WORKSHOP:

1. 10 copies of your SAT scores
2. 10 copies of your transcript
3. 10 copies of a typed 500 word personal statement as part of your college application

This specific workshop is also dedicated to all seniors applying for all Colleges/Universities we will visit on the 2017 Tour. All eligible high school seniors are required to apply to the college or university of their choice. This will save time while we are visiting the college campuses during the tour.

All workshops are designed to enhance a college-bound student's skills (study habits, test taking, etc.) and to get them familiar with the collegiate experience. This will also serve as an opportunity for the students to get to know each other. All workshops are mandatory for all students selected.

Please note that parents or guardians must be in attendance for the Parent/Student Orientation, Financial Aid workshop and closing ceremony during the dates outlined below.

*If there are any conflicts, please inform the Chairman of the Black College Tour immediately. **Please note that the initial interview, Parent/Student Orientation, and closing ceremony cannot be excluded.** Please note the following workshops are tentative and subject to change.*

Saturday, January 14, 2017 (Parents must be in attendance): Parent / Student Orientation

1. Overview of BCT 2017 Tour Itinerary
2. The History, Mission and purpose of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
3. What to Bring, What to Wear
4. Processing Senior Applications

Saturday, January 21, 2017:

1. Academic / Career Exploration,
2. Public Speaking-Social Media Etiquette
3. Personal Statement Brainstorm

Saturday, January 28, 2017(Parents must be in attendance):

1. Financial Aid Workshop
2. Introduction to Opportunity, STEM and McNair related programs
3. Income Alternatives (work study process overview)
4. What to Bring, What to Wear on Tour (recap / questions)
5. Processing Senior Applications (continued)

Saturday, February 4, 2017:

1. Test Taking Strategies
2. Time Management
3. Diversity

Saturday, February 11, 2017: Introduction to College Life

Saturday, February 25, 2017 @1pm (Parents must be in attendance): Closing Ceremony & Tour Evaluations

SUMMARY REGARDING THE BCT FEE AND NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

The cost of the Tour is \$450.00 per student and includes transportation, lodging, and all Pre- and Post- Tour Workshops. Those selected to participate must pay for their own lunch and dinner during the tour.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 Black College Tour will be available starting Monday, July 4, 2017 please email the Black College Tour Chairman using the information below for details regarding where and how to obtain the application.

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TYPED, NOT HANDWRITTEN

There is a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee, which must be submitted with the application. An application without the appropriate documentation and fees will not be processed.

The \$450.00 balance must be paid in FULL by Saturday, February 4, 2017 other unless payment arrangements are made with the BCT Chairman.

A convenient installment schedule can be arranged. A certified bank check or money order must be made payable to Community Uplift through Perseverance or C.U.P. If you are selected to participate, you will be notified shortly after the interview.

Please mail your **completed** application, Letters of Recommendation, Official Transcript and PSAT/SAT/ACT and \$25.00 certified bank check or money order. *(NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH PLEASE)*

Please note that the \$450.00 tour fee is non-refundable.

**YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE MAILED TO:
Michael Gilbert, Black College Tour 2017
325 Main Street, 6D
White Plains, NY 10601**

If you have any questions, please contact:

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The 2017 Black College Tour Program**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Two Reference Letters
- Official Transcripts and
- Please attach a 2 x 3 head shot to your application
- Notarized Medical Form and Copy of Medical Insurance Form
- Notarized Personal Consent Form
- Signed Code of Behavior Form by student and Parent (form will be notarized during 1st workshop)
- 10 copies of your SAT and / or ACT scores, 10 copies of your transcript, 10 copies of a typed 500 word personal statement (Seniors ONLY)
- \$25 Non refundable certified check or money order fee submitted

**Xi Phi Chapter
Black College Tour
2017**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Xi Phi Chapter – New York, NY

Black College Tour 2017 Application

Please type only, do not handwrite any portion of this application.

All sections must be completed.

Please submit application with \$25 non-refundable deposit.

STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME _____ GENDER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ MOBILE PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

WORK PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ MOBILE PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

WORK PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ WORK _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE NEW YORK CITY OMEGA BLACK COLLEGE TOUR?

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

School Name	(freshman, sophomore, junior or senior)	Public School	Private School
School Address	City	State	Zip Code
Principal	Phone	Email	
Counselor	Phone	Email	
Overall Grade Point Average	Intended College Major		

Please check one of the choices indicated below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcasting <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Management Information Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Media <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Other (if your major of interest is not listed, or if you are undecided regarding a major of interest, please indicate below) |
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Have you taken the following standardized tests?

PSAT	DATE	SCORE
SAT	DATE	SCORE
ACT	DATE	SCORE

If you have not taken any test, when will it be taken?

MONTH	YEAR
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LIST SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION CITATIONS YOU RECEIVED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Please answer the following questions using between 200-250 words: (*please attach to your completed application*)

- 1. Who are you? What are your academic and career aspirations?**
- 2. Why should you be chosen as a black college tour 2017 participant?**
- 3. What in your opinion, has prepared for this potential experience to date?**
- 4. How would this experience change you?**

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (*Use additional sheets if necessary*)

MEDICAL HISTORY:

1. Are you presently under a physician's care? Yes _____ No _____

2. Are regularly scheduled appointments required? Yes _____ No _____ (If yes to 1 and or 2, please list the condition(s) for which you are being treated. Use additional sheets if necessary)

3. List any medication(s) that you are currently taking and reason.

4. Have you had any contact with Hepatitis or other contagious illness?
Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, list illness and dates)

5. Have you had a PPD test? Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, please give year) Year? _____
The PPD test was: Positive _____ Negative _____

If a chest X-ray was completed: (Date) _____ (Result) _____

6. Do you have or have you had any of the following during the past year?

Persistent Cough	Yes___ NO ___	Nervousness	Yes___ NO ___
Shortness of Breath	Yes___ NO ___	Joint Pain	Yes___ NO ___
Chest Pain	Yes___ NO ___	Back Pain	Yes___ NO ___
Swollen Ankles	Yes___ NO ___	Frequent Colds	Yes___ NO ___
Abdominal Pain	Yes___ NO ___	Weight Loss	Yes___ NO ___
Hernia	Yes___ NO ___	Frequent Vomiting	Yes___ NO ___
Fainting	Yes___ NO ___	Persistent Diarrhea	Yes___ NO ___
Dizziness	Yes___ NO ___	Constipation	Yes___ NO ___
Numbness	Yes___ NO ___	Eye Problems	Yes___ NO ___
Asthma	Yes___ NO ___	Diabetes	Yes___ NO ___

7. Do you have any allergies? Yes _____ No _____
(If you answered yes, please list) _____

Medical Insurance Coverage Information:

(This form must be notarized. Medical insurance is required for all tour participants; please attach copy of medical insurance card to this application)

In case of emergency where it becomes necessary for my child to be treated by a hospital or physician, the medical insurance coverage is as follows:

Name of Insured: _____ Relation to Child: _____

Carrier: _____ Policy ID #: _____

Employer or Group: _____ Group #: _____

STUDENT'S MEDICAL DOCTOR INFORMATION:

Doctor's / Medical Provider's Full Name

Business Address and Office Telephone Number

PARENTAL CONSENT & MEDICAL STATEMENT

I do hereby give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Xi Phi Chapter Black College Tour from _____ through _____. It is expected that my child will remain with the group during the entire tour and he/she will abide by the rules applying to conduct in effect during the tour. *I grant Black College Tour Chaperones and planning committee members permission to provide any emergency medical services needed, if necessary.*

In the event that it may become necessary to have my child returned home for medical reasons while on the tour, transportation costs will be at my expense.

It is further understood that this form has been notarized granting permission for the hospital or doctor to treat my child. I have also read the completed "Medical History." The above medical record for my child is thorough and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name Parent/Guardian Date

Signature Parent/Guardian Date

Signature & Stamp of Notary Public Date

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Black College Tour 2017 CODE OF BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT FORM (Page 1)

PLEASE PRINT AND BRING THIS DOCUMENT TO THE 1ST BLACK COLLEGE TOUR WORKSHOP; DO NOT SIGN AND NOTARIZE THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE THE 1ST WORKSHOP

- I will clean up after myself at all times on the black college tour bus and hotels.
- I will observe the 11:00pm curfew. I understand that a violation of the curfew will result in my being sent home at my parents' expense.
- I will not take hotel property of any kind while on the black college tour.
- I understand that I must wear dress / professional attire while on this Tour Monday through Friday and during each workshop. I know that I must wear comfortable shoes.
- I understand that I must follow the instructions of all of all Black College Tour chaperones, as well as, the Black College Tour Chairman. Any conduct which jeopardizes the safety, security or integrity of the Tour will result in my being sent home at my parents' expense.
- I understand that the black college tour is an educational trip and will complete all of the work assigned during the Pre-Tour Workshops, as well as, while on the Tour.
- I understand that, although I might not want to participate in scheduled and unscheduled activities, I must. I know that I cannot be left alone.
- I will remain with the Tour at all times. I understand that leaving the Tour will result in my being sent home at my parents' expense.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to eat properly. I will not knowingly eat anything that will make me sick.
- I understand and accept give all electronic equipment to black college tour chaperones when requested; that I will be attentive to presentations on admissions, financial aid, as well as, information given during walking campus tours.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to carry my assigned notebook and wear lanyards to all black college tour workshops and on campus presentations.
- I know that it is inappropriate for me to disturb fellow black college tour program participants, chaperones, as well as, other hotel guests. I understand what it means to be a guest in a hotel, as well as a guest on a campus. I will comport myself accordingly.
- I understand that it is inappropriate for me to use inappropriate or demeaning language toward any person while on the black college tour.

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PERSONAL CONSENT AND RELEASE

I hereby authorize Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc and its affiliates, licensees, successors and assigns (collectively, "CUP") to make use of my appearance in connection with the "Black College Tour" (the "Program"), as follows:

1. To photograph me and any materials I include in my performance (e.g., photographs, audio or video clips);
2. To record my voice, conversation and sounds, including the performance of any musical composition(s), during and in connection with the Program; and
3. To edit, use, reproduce, exhibit and distribute, in whole or in part, in any manner and media now known or hereinafter invented, an unlimited number of times in perpetuity throughout the world, these photographs and recordings, in support of, or to promote, CUP's educational programs and mission.

I hereby waive the right to inspect or approve any of the photographs or recordings. I understand that CUP will be the exclusive owner of all of the photographs and recordings.

I also agree that CUP may use my name, voice, likeness and biographical material for promotion of the black college tour.

I hereby release and hold harmless CUP and those acting pursuant to its authority from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation in the Program or the actions of CUP in reliance of this consent and release. I have read and fully understand the terms of this consent and release.

Required Signatures:

Print Name - Student

Date

Signature - Student

Date

Print Name Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature & Stamp of Notary Public

Date