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Local Omegas to Host Annual Talent Hunt Showcase to Provide Student Scholarships

Raleigh, NC - Raleigh, NC – (January 13, 2010) The Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated of Raleigh, NC will host their Annual Talent Hunt Showcase on Sunday, March 14th at 3:00 p.m. in Kenan Music Recital Hall on the campus of Peace College located at 15 East Peace Street in Raleigh.

The Talent Hunt Program originated in the Fraternity's Sixth District which encompasses both North and South Carolina. A national mandate of the Fraternity's commitment to scholarship and the performing arts, the Talent Hunt debuted at the 1953 Grand Conclave. Its continued success relies on the provided exposure, encouragement and financial assistance given to talented young high school students as it allows them to exhibit scholarship through the performing arts. Students from Wake, Lee and Johnston counties will compete in the local competition. The winners are awarded monetary stipends at the local and district levels of the Fraternity. The grand finale will be held during the 76th Grand Conclave and Ken Johnson, Basileus of the Iota Iota Chapter stated, "We are excited about the upcoming Talent Hunt. This is an opportunity for students to show their talent and enjoy peer fellowship under the umbrella and opportunity of scholarship and the performing arts."

The Talent Hunt Showcase is a signature activity for Iota Iota as the Chapter continuously prepares and "Counts Down to the 76th Grand Conclave" that will be held in the City July 22-30, 2010; the biggest convention ever to be held in Raleigh. Tony Knox, Grand Keeper of Finance and a member of the Supreme Council stated, "The Iota Iota Chapter is diligently building toward the Grand Conclave and we are hopeful that this event will produce a local participant that will go on and compete for the national title in July."

High schools, local churches and all organizations from the three counties are encouraged to invite and recommend talented students to participate in this exciting event. Participants will have to play a memorized musical selection on the piano or sing a vocal rendition during the timed competition. A panel of judges will choose the winner and the rules will be disseminated to participants. Student auditions will be held January 30th and February 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the MLK building on the campus of Saint Augustine's College located at 1315 Oakwood Avenue.

For more information regarding the Talent Hunt Showcase, please contact Rick Baskett, Sr., Chairman, Talent Hunt Committee at (919) 604-2673 or via email @ rick.baskett@yahoo.com to schedule auditions. Information may also be obtained by a click on the Chapter's website at <http://www.iotaiota.com/activities.html>.