## SHAPING A GENERATION

## **ONE BOY AT A TIME**

# STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

INIONIVATION
Student's Name
Age School
Home Address
Parent's Name
Home No.
Work No
Email:
School Activities
Special Interest/Hobbies:
Top 3 College Interests:
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PRODUCING DALLAS' FUTURE LEADERS

ALPHA MERIT
EDUCATE!
EMPOWER!
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CULTIVATE!
EDUCATION IS PARAMOUNT TO PROGRESS

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## HISTORY OF ALPHA MERIT



The Alpha Merit Group Committee, Inc. was founded and organized in 1964 by Mr. Earnest Wallace. Firmly committed to excellence in scholarship, the Alpha Merit Program began with eighty-five boys from predominately black schools in Dallas. This program generated a tremendous amount of interest due to the financial challenges Blacks faced when attempting to pursue Higher Education.

Today, Alpha Merit has mentored over 15,000 boys and has awarded over \$75,000.00 in scholarships. It's structured program is designed to enhance leadership skills, promote academic excellence, and broaden social skills of young upcoming males from grades 5 through 12 in the Dallas area.

The Alpha Merit Group is affiliated with the Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the oldest African American Greek-letter organization in the United States of America and abroad. This group of men is comprised of professional men from various walks of life and plays various roles in the Dallas/Ft. Worth community.

## ALPHA MERIT GROUP, INC.

A 501©(3) Educational Organization

The Alpha Merit Group was formed over 26 years ago to offset the financial cost of providing scholarships and other educational needs to our high school graduating Alpha scholars. Funds contributed to this foundation are tax deductible and are used strictly for scholarships and educational support. Each year the Alpha Merit Group awards scholarships to deserving students.

The Alpha Merit Group co-sponsors college fairs, Project Alpha, and in school mentoring programs. The Group also sponsors a yearly weekend retreat for all Alpha Merit scholars. During this program four scholarships are awarded, based on scholastics, community service, and a 1,500 or more word essay on a topic selected by the Alpha Merit Board members.

The Alpha Merit Scholars are required to attend at least 75% of the yearly mentoring sessions before they are eligible for the retreat and other "fun" events that are included in with mentoring. We annually have as many as 60 young men who participate in the Alpha Merit program. They range in ages from 12 to 18.

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#### THE MISSION STATEMENT

"Alpha Merit is committed to the educational uplift of our young African American males. It is committed to promoting academic excellence, enhancing leadership skills, and broadening social skills."

"Alpha Merit is designed and is committed to placing emphasis on keeping our young men focused during their formative years and making positive choices concerning their future."

#### ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC

#### **Collaborating Fraternity National Programs:**

"Go To High School Go To College" has been a part of the Alpha Sigma Lambda program since it's inception as a national program. This has been a collaboration of the Chapter and Alpha Merit to mentor and tutor young African American males in the class room and at our fraternity house. A. Maceo Smith High School has allowed us to take this program directly into its class rooms and to meet with male students once a month to discuss topics such as: staying in school, peer pressure, college life and how to balance studying and independence, as well as family life.

Every two years we sponsor a college fair that brings in colleges and universities from the surrounding the area to meet and provide students with material and information regarding their institutions.

"Project Alpha" is our way of giving back to the community through mentoring and partnerships. The first two weekends in October of every year are set aside for our Project Alpha program. Through our Alpha Merit Group and chapter brothers, we teach safe sex, abstinence, and an array of other health and family issues to over 30 young men.

#### PRIMARY CORE AREAS:

FINANCIAL LITERACY

JOB READINESS

**ETIQUETTE** 

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

**HUMANITARIAN SERVICES** 

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION

SCHOOL & EDUCATION PREP

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