

# National News and Achievements

## Chisholm Wins Hoodie Award



Sylvester Chisholm, left, displays Hoodie Award with business partner, Mr. Arthur Shivers.

Sylvester Chisholm, a 2001 Omicron Epsilon initiate, and his business partner, Mr. Arthur Shivers, recently won a 2008 Steve Harvey Hoodie Award. Chisholm's St. Louis-based Showroom Shine Express Detailing won the award as Best Detail Shop in the Country. Chisholm and his partner have grown their business into two mobile units and a full-service auto detailing facility that offers paint sealants, window tinting, paint-less dent repair, headlight restoration, and bumper repair.

The 6th Annual Hoodie Awards, hosted by comedian Mr. Steve Harvey, honored business establishments, religious and community leaders, churches, and high schools for excellence in business and contributions to the community. The show, sometimes referred to as the "Urban Oscars," was held at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas September 20. Sponsors for the award were NAPA Auto Parts and Kodak.

## Clay Selected for Nuclear Commission Program

Erick Clay, a 1993 Kappa Alpha initiate and member of the Richton Park Alumni Chapter, has been selected to participate in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



Erick Clay

License Program. He was selected based on his education, professional, and military experience. Clay earned a B.S. in industrial technology, energy, and power from Illinois State University. He currently works for Exelon Corporation as a supervisor of the instrumentation and controls department at Dresden Nuclear Power Plant, one of the 10 nuclear plants operated by the company in the United States. As a member of the U.S. Army, Clay served in Desert Storm as a petroleum supply specialist.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission License Program is a selective program that lasts 18 months. The training includes fundamentals (components, thermodynamics, and reactor theory), nuclear systems, and simulator training. After completing the program, Clay will obtain the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission license, which will enable him to become a senior reactor operator with approximately 1,000 employees reporting to him. At present, there are only 274 senior reactor operators in the nation.

## Conerly Elected to ANAB Board

Keith Conerly, director of quality assurance for US Pharmacopoeial (USP), was recently elected to the board of directors of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-American Society for Quality (ASQ)'s National Accreditation Board (ANAB), the U.S. accreditation body for management systems certification and an accreditation body for laboratories. Conerly joins the ANAB board, which includes representatives from the American Society for Quality, Bayer Material Science, Chrysler Group, Fujitsu Network Communications, IBM, Motorola, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Conerly has served as USP's director of quality assurance since 2004. In this role, he is responsible for setting the direction of



Keith Conerly

and maintaining quality assurance related issues. A 1985 Delta Delta initiate and member of the Frederick (MD) Alumni Chapter, Conerly holds a B.S. in chemistry from Jackson State University, and M.B.A. in management from Central Michigan University, and an executive certificate in international management from Thunderbird Executive Education, The Garvin School of International Management. He also holds certifications from in quality auditing and quality management from the American Society for Quality.

## Ferguson Receives National Policy Board Award

Cleveland Ferguson, III, associate professor of law at Florida Coastal School of Law, has been selected for the 2007-2008 National Policy Board Award. The award recognizes "outstanding law professors who have



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achieved excellence in the academy as well as the greater community and demonstrated servant leadership among the consortium of law schools." Ferguson was honored for developing international programs for lawyers and law faculty as well as statewide programs for teachers and students in Florida.

Ferguson co-directed Florida Coastal's inaugural Summer Abroad Program at the Universite' d'Auvergne in Clermont-Ferrand, France, and taught Comparative Enforcement of Human Rights: the Millennium Development Goals. The law faculty selected him to make a presentation at the Quincentennial Observance of the Law of Custom in the Auvergne Region of France.

Ferguson is the author of *A Practical Approach to Florida Constitutional Law*, a textbook published by the Carolina Academic Press, and is the editor-in-chief for the *American and Caribbean Law Initiative News*. He also recently published articles in the *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy* and *Coastal Law Magazine*.

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Vice chairman of the American Bar Association's Nongovernmental Organization Committee and a member of the board of directors for Florida Legal Services, Inc., Ferguson is a member of the Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville Alumni Chapters.

## Johnson Receives Diversity Leadership Award

Sid Johnson, a Delta Zeta initiate, has been named to *Diversity MBA Magazine's* "Top 100 Under 50 Corporate Executives & Emerging Leaders" list. Johnson is vice president of global supply management with Delphi Corporation. The award recognizes "exceptional executives under the age of 50 who consistently seek and/or have achieved success within a highly competitive corporate environment." Award recipients were selected based on several attributes, including position held in a publicly or privately held company, size of budget managed, scope of responsibility, participation in community service activities, and attainment of an M.B.A. or graduate degree.



Sid Johnson

Johnson was featured in the magazine's summer issue and was honored at the magazine's second annual Diversity Leadership Awards Gala September 11 in Chicago.

## McKeever Heads Hidden Beach Recordings

Steve McKeever, a 1980 Beta Chapter initiate and native of Chicago, is the music producer and executive of Hidden Beach Recordings, an award-winning California-based company that has launched the careers of artists including Jill Scott and Kindred the Family Soul. His company has



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also introduced the world to the concept of Unwrapped, the unique blend of hip hop and jazz. McKeever was recently named one of the "50 Most Powerful African Americans in the Entertainment Business" by *Black Enterprise* magazine. Additionally, he has been honored by the Artist Empowerment Coalition, an artists' rights advocacy group founded and supported by recording artists including Prince and Stevie Wonder.

McKeever graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Chicago and earned a B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received a J.D. from the Harvard University Law School in 1985. After graduating from Harvard, McKeever was hired by the law firm of Irell & Manella, LLP, in Los Angeles as an entertainment lawyer. While there, he discovered comedian Robin Harris and helped him land a role in Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing*. McKeever joined Motown Records as senior vice president of artists and repertoire in 1991, expanding the label's lineup with artists including Queen Latifah and managing acts including Boyz II Men and Stevie Wonder. The following year, he launched MoJAZZ Records, a subsidiary of Motown, and in 1993, he played an instrumental role in the sale of Motown to PolyGram Records. McKeever left Motown in 1995 to work on his own projects and founded Hidden Beach Recordings (HBR) in 1998.

At Hidden Beach Recordings, McKeever began the College Intern Program, which provides college students with hands-on music industry experience. He serves on the boards of directors of several organizations, including the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Northern Trust DreamMakers Forum, and City of Hope, a Los Angeles-based cancer research foundation.

## Miller Selected as TV Show Cast Member

Jerome "Scottie" Miller, a member of the Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter, has been

selected as a cast member for season three of the popular *Design Star* show appearing on the HGTV network. Miller will compete with eight other cast members to host his own show on the network.

Miller earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Carolina A&T State University in civil engineering. He is employed as regional property manager for the Charlotte/Mecklenberg (NC) Public Schools.



Jerome "Scottie" Miller

## Sherman Named Chief of Staff for Planning Commission

Michael Sherman, a 1988 Killeen-Fort Hood Alumni initiate and Life Member, has been named chief of staff for the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) in Washington, DC. The NCPC is the federal government's central planning agency for federal land and buildings in the National Capital Region. Its jurisdiction covers 2,500 square miles, including the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia.

In his role, Sherman will serve as staff advisor to the executive director of the commission; prepare and review policy recommendations and technical proposals; coordinate policy recommendations and program proposals; work with executive staff; and ensure that critical matters are brought to the executive director's attention.

Sherman serves in the U.S. Army Reserves as a major in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he recently completed a one-year tour of duty to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a 1986 graduate of Hampton University and a 1993 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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