

Beta Sigma Boulé Awards \$22,000 in Scholarships

Names One Boule Scholar and Three Howard L. Edmonds Academic Scholars



Beta Sigma Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, chartered in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1983, is pleased to announce that \$22,000 in academic scholarships has been awarded to four outstanding young men. Mohan Setty-Charity, a graduate of Amherst Regional High School of Amherst, Massachusetts, has been selected as a Boulé Scholar for 2020. The Boulé Scholar Program provides a \$10,000, four-year scholarship to high achieving African American males in their final year of high school. Mohan Setty-Charity has been admitted to Princeton University and plans to study Economics.

The Boulé Scholars Program is a uniform social action program of Beta Sigma Boulé and the Grand Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. The program is a comprehensive effort to address the low academic performance of black male youth and concomitantly the existing gap between black male youth and their peers and other ethnic groups. It aims to raise the level of educational expectations and performance of black male students by cultivating and celebrating their academic excellence from elementary school to college and graduate and professional school levels. Boulé Scholars are envisioned as meriting the same level of prestige, or higher, as that associated with students selected as Rhodes Scholars.

Gregory Vincent, Grand Sire Archon of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, assembled an Education Sub-Committee that selected Mohan Setty-Charity as one of ten Boulé Scholars across the nation this year. "As a fraternity of accomplished men, we are determined to stem the national crisis of poor academic performance of black male children and congratulate those chosen to represent us for tomorrow," he stated. Sire Archon Jeff Johnson of Beta Sigma is proud that Mohan Setty-Charity, their nominee, was selected by the Education Sub-Committee and looks forward to their responsibilities. As a Boulé Scholar sponsor, Beta Sigma will monitor and follow

academic criteria that will be used to assess Mohan Setty-Charity's performance during his college matriculation.

Beta Sigma Boulé is also pleased to announce the winners of its annual Howard L. Edmonds Academic Scholarships. An additional \$12,000 in scholarships has been awarded to three outstanding young men. The scholarships are named in honor of the late Archon Howard L. Edmonds who was a charter member of Beta Sigma Boulé and a prominent educator in the Springfield public school system. Each Howard L. Edmonds scholar will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. This year's scholarship winners are as follows:

- Shawn Asiamah, a graduate of Springfield Central High School, will attend the University of Connecticut where he plans to study finance.
- Maurice Powe, a graduate of Longmeadow High School, will pursue a degree in psychology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Justin Roberson, a graduate of SABIS® International Charter School, will study nursing at the University of Pittsburgh.
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"We are amazed at the caliber of applicants we see year after year, and we are delighted to have awarded over \$70,000 in scholarships since the Howard L. Edmonds scholarship program began in 2010," stated Sire Archon Johnson.