

QUES ON THE HILL

JANUARY 21 — 23, 2026 • TALLAHASSEE, FL

***SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION,
OUR WORK CONTINUES***

HONORARY HOSTS



**Senator
Darryl Rouson**



**Vice Mayor
Robert McKinzie**



**Commissioner
Nick Maddox**



**Commissioner
Reggie Leon**



**Property Appraiser
Reggie Cunningham**



**School Board Member
Eric Cummings**

Organizers:

Frank Peterman III
Russell Drake
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Manuel Jones
Bradford Johnson



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History of Florida's Ques on the Hill

Ques on the Hill was first hosted by Omega's Florida Statewide Organization in 2003.

The Vision of Senators Tony Hill & Gary Siplin, Representatives Tee Holloway & Frank Peterman, Jr. and Congressman Kendrick Meek, combined with the charge of 37th Grand Basileus, the Honorable George H. Grace and 18th Seventh District Representative Edgar L. Mathis, led to the creation of the first Omega Day at Capitol Hill. They wanted a day for Brothers to visit the State Capitol, learn about the legislative process and return home with civic knowledge to share.

Experienced with State & Federal Policy, Brother Sam Oliver became the Chairman for the occasion, with capable Co-Chair Brother Terrell Jenkins. Connecting the dots between the Brothers in the State House & Senate at the time, and leveraging their influence and resources, **they architected an impactful and educational Day on the Hill that broke ground for Omega**, immediately dawning the nickname "Ques on the Hill."

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was the FIRST NPHC Fraternity in the state to host a Day at the Capitol, paving the way for all Divine Nine frats to follow suit. It ran like a smooth train for a decade, masterfully oiled by Conductor Brother Oliver, with rising fraternity leaders like Brother Benjamin Crump, E. Newton Jackosn, Jr., and Darron Toston working alongside. Crafting themes annually and inviting Brothers from across the state & nation to participate, Ques on the Hill became a signature event for the Florida Statewide Organization (FSO)

After 2012, Omega was down to one (1) Brother left in the State Legislature: Brother Darryl Rouson of St. Petersburg serving in the State House. Soon after, Chairman Oliver ascended to other professional roles, taking his hands off the Ques on the Hill steering wheel for the first time since its inception. There was not another Omega to join Rep Rouson in the State House until 2015; by then resources dwindled and our day at the capitol came to a slow halt.

In 2019, 23rd FSO State Representative M. Kevin Woodall gave the charge to reestablish a Ques on the Hill, only to be thwarted by the pandemic. In 2022, 24th State Representative Darron Toston gave a similar charge, leading to a Virtual Ques on the Hill. **In 2023 Omega returned to an in-person Ques on the Hill for the first time in a decade:** led by Chair Russell Drake and VREM Committee Chairs J. Randy Johnson and Manuel Jones and anchored by Ques on the Hill Chair Emeritus Sam Oliver. Subsequently a **bountiful Ques on the Hill occurred in 2024 and 2025**. Persevering through years of pain to days of joy, **Senator Darryl Rouson is again our fraternity's lone representation in the Legislature.**

Omega is Back in Tallahassee for Ques on the Hill 2026 - Chaired by Frank Peterman III, with Co-Chairs Russell Drake, Terrell Jenkins, Manuel Jones and Bradford Johnson. Organized by a 25-man committee, **Omega has Cemented our Return to the Hill**, with a timely theme of ***"Silence is Not an Option, Our Work Continues"***.

Omega Men who Served in the Florida State Legislature

Senator James T. "Jim" Hargrett Jr. – Tampa, FL

- Florida Senate, District 21 (1993 to 2000)
- Florida House of Representatives, District 63 (1982 -1992)



Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill – Jacksonville, FL

- Florida Senate, District 1 (2002 to 2011)
- Florida House of Representatives, District 14 (1992 to 2000)



Congressman Kendrick B. Meek – Miami, FL

- United States House of Representatives, FL District 17 (2003 to 2011)
- Florida Senate, District 70 (1998-2002)
- Florida House of Representatives, District 104 (1994-1998)



Representative Wilbert T. "Tee" Holloway – Miami, FL

- Florida House of Representatives, District 103 (2000-2007)



Senator Gary A. Siplin – Orlando, FL

- Florida Senate, District 19 (2002 to 2012)
- Florida House of Representatives, District 39 (2000-2002)



Representative Frank W. Peterman, Jr. – St. Petersburg, FL

- Florida House of Representatives, District 55 (2000-2008)



Senator Darryl E. Rouson* – St. Petersburg, FL

- **Florida Senate, District 19 & 16 (2016 to 2026)**
- Florida House of Representatives, District 55 & 70 (2008-2016)



Representative Kionne L. McGhee – Miami, FL

- Florida House of Representatives, District 117 (2012-2020)



Representative Sean M. Shaw – Tampa, FL

- Florida House of Representatives, District 61 (2016-2018)



Representative Christopher E. Benjamin – Miami, FL

- Florida House of Representatives, District 107 (2020-2024)



** Currently serving in State Legislature*

Omegas in Elected Office in Florida 2026

County	Name	Office	Chapter
Alachua	Charles Chestnut IV	Alachua County Commissioner	Beta Pi
Brevard	Michael Blake	City of Cocoa Mayor	Gamma Nu
	Kenny Johnson	Palm Bay City Councilman	Gamma Nu
Broward	Woody Clermont	Broward County Court Judge	Sigma Alpha
	Sarai Martin	Lauder Hill City Commissioner	Zeta Chi
	Robert McKinzie	Broward County Commissioner & Vice Mayor	Zeta Chi
	Harold Pryor	Broward County State Attorney	Eta Nu
	Joshua Simmons	Coral Springs City Commissioner	Lambda Alpha Alpha
	Gordon Weekes	Broward County Public Defender	Zeta Chi
Duval	Lester Bass	Nassau County Circuit Court Judge	Theta Phi
	Reginald Blount	Duval County School Board Member	Theta Phi
	Brian Davis	Middle FL US District Court Judge	Theta Phi
Gadsden	Reginald Cunningham	Gaston County Property Appraiser	Chi Omega
Leon	Nicholas Maddox	Leon County Commissioner	Chi Omega
Marion	Eric Cummings	Marion County School Board Member	Psi Chi
Miami-Dade	Christopher Benjamin	Miami-Dade County Court Judge	Sigma Alpha
	Oliver Gilbert, III	Miami-Dade County Commissioner	Sigma Alpha
	Reggie Leon	Miami Gardens City Councilman	Sigma Alpha
	Kionne McGhee	Miami-Dade County Commissioner & Vice Chairman	Pi Nu
	Otis Wallace	City of Florida City Mayor	Pi Nu
Orange	Bakari Burns	Orlando City Commissioner	Chi Tau
	Jerry Demings	Orange County Mayor	Chi Tau
	Alexander Smith	Apopka City Commissioner	Chi Tau
	Reginald Whitehead	Orange County Court Judge	Chi Tau
Palm Beach	Edwin Ferguson	Palm Beach County School Board Member	Kappa Upsilon
Pinellas	Darryl Rouson	FL State Senator District 16	Eta Rho
	Kenneth Welch	City of St Petersburg Mayor	Eta Rho
Polk	Nathaniel Birdsong, Jr.	Winter Haven City Commissioner & Mayor Pro-Tem	Upsilon Xi
	Leo Longworth	Bartow City Commissioner	Upsilon Xi
Putnam	Will Jones	Palatka City Commissioner	Iota Mu Nu
St. Lucie	Arnold Gaines	Fort Pierce City Commissioner	Omicron Tau

Ques on the Hill 2026 Agenda and Mission

Mission

To have an impactful Omega Day at the Capitol that educates and mobilizes the collective of Omega Men across the State of Florida to take purposeful civic action. In doing so, build alliances and develop synergistic near- and long-term plans & solutions that elevate the communities we seek to serve.

DAY 1 – Wednesday January 21st Ques on the Hill Kickoff

Virtual Kickoff – Silence in Not an Option Panel ~ 6 pm – 7:30 pm

- Darryl Rouson, State Senator District 16
- Robert McKinzie, Broward County Commission Vice Mayor
- Nick Maddox, Leon County Commissioner At-Large
- Reggie Leon, Miami Gardens City Commissioner Seat 2
- Bakari Burns, Orlando City Commissioner District 6
- Moderator: Matthew Tisdol, Zeta Nu Nu Chapter Basileus

In-Person Kickoff Reception ~ 6:30 pm – 9 pm at JoEllen's

215 W. College Ave, Tallahassee, FL

DAY 2 – Thursday January 22nd at State Capitol Senate Office Building

(SOB), Room 221 ~ 400 S. Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL

Lobby Day – Our Work Continues

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Meet Up & Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome and Agenda for Day
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Visiting Lawmakers and Senate Gallery (Groups of 20)
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Candidate Awareness Education Session
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Dialogue w/ Equal Ground
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Visiting Lawmakers and Lobbying Stances
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Government Education Workshop
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Run for Something Brothers
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Ques on the Hill Photo & Tour of Senate Chambers
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	A Night Owl at Midtown & 3rd Restaurant - 1002 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL

DAY 3 – Friday January 23rd at FAMU Student Union – Senate Chambers

1601 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Tallahassee, FL

Unified Hour of Action – Unity Panel

9:30 am – 10:00 am	Meet Up & Breakfast
10:00 am – 10:30 am	VREM Committee Charge
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Unity Across the Generations Panel
12:00 pm	Unity Photo
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Brunch at Earley's Kitchen (1458 S. Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL)
2:00 pm	Most Brothers Will Depart Tallahassee

Our Works Continues ~ 2026 Stances and Bills to Support

Our Focus Issues include:

- **Access to high quality public education for all children.**
- **Fair and equitable health outcomes for all Floridians**
- **Access to capital and government contracts for small and local businesses**
- **Affordable housing for all Floridians**

We rise in support of the following bills and budget item(s), as well as pose an inquiry:

Budget Line Item for Florida Lighthouse At-Risk Youth Mentorship Program (Funding)

Senator Corey Simon

SB 1302 Pediatric Behavioral and Mental Health Screenings Senator Darryl Rouson

SB 96 Veterans Dental Care Grant Program Senator Barbara Sharief

HB 157 School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program Representative Yvonne Hinson

SB 235 Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle

Representatives Fentrice Driskell and Darryl Campbell

HB 385 Economic Hardship Grant Program Representative Michele Rayner

HB 471 Recruitment and Retention of Speech-language Pathologists Rep Kevin Chambliss

HB 503 Drowning Prevention Education Representative Anna Eskamani

CS/SB 578 Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Initiative Senator Corey Simon

HB 675 Affordable Housing Representative Fentrice Driskell

SB 720 Resident Status for Tuition Purposes Senator Rosalind Osgood

HB 1041 Business Development Incentives for Veterans/ Military Spouses

Representative Ashley Gantt

SB 1252 Pilot Program for Students with Reading Deficiencies Senator Shevrin Jones

HB 1517 Approval of Data Center Facilities Representative Dottie Joseph

SB 1626 Rent Reporting to Credit Reporting Agencies Senator Lavon Bracy Davis

SB 1694 Technology Education Senator Bryan Avila

INQUIRY: Why has no one been inducted in Civil Rights Hall of Fame since 2019?

In 2010, The Florida Legislature ([CS/HB 523](#)) established [Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame](#), approved by near unanimous consent. It was signed into law by Governor Rick Scott on May 11, 2010 (Chapter No. [2010-53](#)).

Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame Inductees

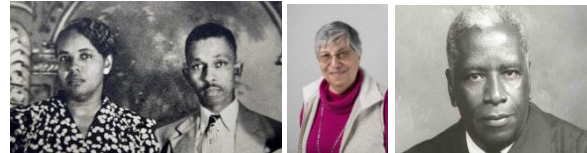
2012

Mary McLeod Bethune – Palatka
Claude Denson Pepper – Perry
Charles Kenzie (C.K.) Steele – Tallahassee



2013

Harry T. and Harriette Moore – Mims
Margarita Romo – Dade City
James B. Sanderlin – St. Petersburg



2014

Dr. Robert B. Hayling – St. Augustine
James Weldon Johnson – Jacksonville
Asa Philip Randolph – Crescent City



2015

Reubin O'Donovan Askew – Pensacola
Edward Daniel Davis – Ocala
Sallye Brooks Mathis – Jacksonville



2016

Earl M. Johnson – Jacksonville
Jesse McCrary Jr. – Miami
Rutledge Henry Pearson – Jacksonville



2017

Patricia Stephens Due – Quincy
Dr. Arnett Elyus Girardeau Jr. – Jacksonville
Willie H. Williams* – Orlando



2018

Marvin Davies – Hampton
John Dorsey Due, Jr. – Quincy
Reverend Dr. Willie Oliver Wells, Sr. – Cocoa



2019

Daniel Webster (D.W.) Perkins* – Jacksonville
Charles Ullman Smith – Tallahassee
Henry "Hank" James Thomas – Jacksonville



** Omega Men*

www.FICivilRightsHallOfFame.org

FL Civil Right Hall of Fame Status and Petition

In 2010, The Florida Legislature ([CS/HB 523](#)) established the [Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame](#) to recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions as leaders for equality & justice in human and civil rights. Under the law, the [Florida Commission on Human Relations](#) recommends 10 people to the Governor, who selects up to three inductees. To be considered, nominees must have been born in Florida or have adopted Florida as their home state or base of operation.

FL Civil Rights Hall of Fame is located at the Florida State Capitol Building on the Plaza Level southeast corner of the Rotunda. Each inductee has a permanent plaque with an appended photograph and biography in tribute to their works. The first class was nominated in 2011 and inducted in February 2012. Classes were nominated and inducted annually until 2019.

The Civil Rights Hall of Fame MUST BE RE-ACTIVATED!!

Sign the petition to get the movement started:

<https://ReactivateFloridaCivilRightsHall.com>



Sign Petition

DAY 1 ~ Silence is Not an Option Virtual Kickoff

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DAY 1 – VIRTUAL KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 21, 2026

6:00 PM EST VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

FACEBOOK.COM/FLORIDAQUES1974

FEATURED PANELISTS



**State Senator
Darryl Rouson**



**Broward County
Vice Mayor
Robert McKinzie**



**Miami Gardens
Commissioner
Reggie Leon**



**Leon County
Commissioner
Nick Maddox**



**Orlando City
Commissioner
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MODERATOR:
ZNN Chapter Basileus
Matthew Tisdol

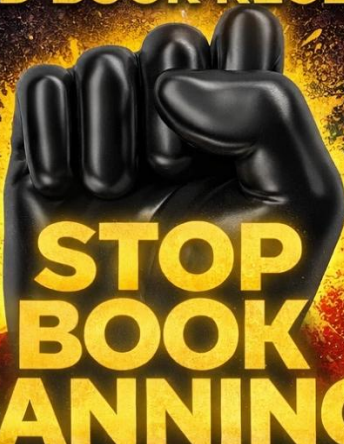


COMPLETE WEEK AGENDA AT:
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DAY 1 ~ In-Person Kickoff Reception

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Seventh District Florida
Statewide Organization and Chi Omega Chapter presents



QUES ON THE HILL BANNED BOOK RECEPTION



STOP BOOK BANNING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026
7PM - 9PM
JOELLEN'S RESTAURANT
215 W. COLLEGE AVE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

Bring a Banned Book for Entry
RSVP at www.bannedbookreception.com



Build Black Daily CEO & Founder
RUSSELL DRAKE

Books Benefiting:
The Black History Project
Underground Railroad Teach-In
Omega FSO Community Library

Ques on the Hill Kickoff Reception

January 21, 2026

Derrick Dudley, Presiding

Mix and Mingle

Food and Beverages Served

Elected Official(s)

Acknowledgment and Remarks

Tally of Books

State President Royle King II

Sponsor & Book Recipient Remarks

More Mix and Mingle

Presented by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc
Seventh District FL Statewide Organization

DAY 2 ~ Our Work Continues – Lobby Day

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DAY 2 – LOBBY DAY

THURSDAY • JANUARY 22, 2026

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING • TALLAHASSEE, FL

— FEATURED PRESENTERS: —



Equal Ground
Education



Florida State Senator
District 16
DARRYL ROUSON



Build Black
Daily

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DAY 3 - UNITED HOUR OF ACTION

FRIDAY - JANUARY 23, 2026

FAMU STUDENT UNION

SENATE CHAMBERS • TALLAHASSEE, FL

UNITY ACROSS THE GENERATIONS PANEL

ENGAGING YOUNG MINDS FOR UNIFIED SOLUTIONS



HOST & MODERATOR:

AKENHATON "AK" THOMAS
COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

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KNOW YOUR VOTING STATUS, STAY ACTIVE – BE ACTIVE

<https://registration.dos.fl.gov/CheckVoterStatus>

It takes less than 45 seconds to check your status

WHY should you look up and check your voter information???

States try to keep their voter registration lists as accurate as possible:

- Removing registrations of voters who are no longer residents
- Marking some registrations as inactive

You may be marked inactive if you:

- Do not respond to election officials' postcards or letters
- Have not voted in the last two federal general elections

Checking and updating your registration ahead of time ensures:

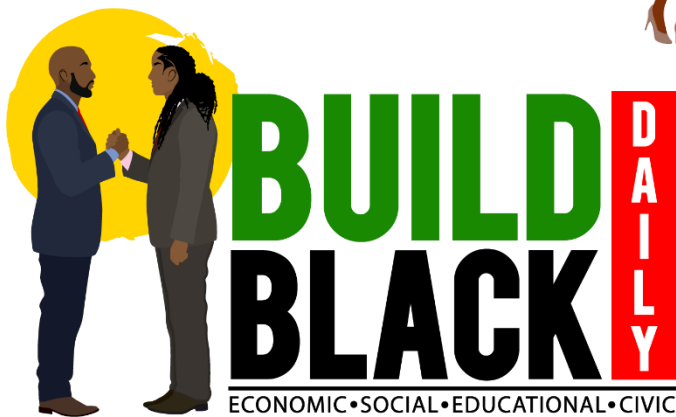
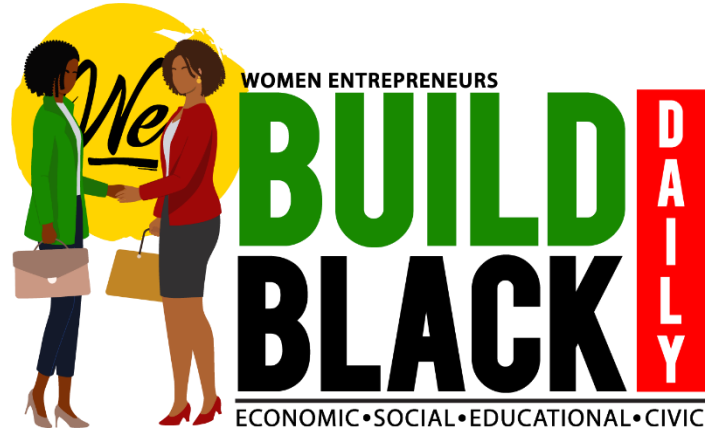
- Your name, address, and party affiliation are up-to-date
- **You have time to make any necessary changes** if your registration is marked inactive
- **You can ensure that you're signed up to receive Vote by Mail ballots**
- **You can vote**
- **You know your correct polling place**

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK YOUR VOTING STATUS HERE

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James Moran, Jr.	Alonzo Mitchell	Frank Peterman, III
Samuel Oliver	Darryl Rouson	Curtis Rush
Sean Shaw	Joshua Simmons	Latif Taylor
Akhenaton Thomas	Matthew Tisdol	Chi Omega Chapter

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State Chaplain	Tamolis Clark
Immediate Past State Representative	Darron Toston

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE

