

## Pontiac student to travel to Japan



Cedric Dukes of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is at the podium with fraternity members Gregory Riggs (from left), Lawrence Williams, Vernon Baker and John Littleton, along with Kanye Anderson, Brenda Carter and Sylvia Sturgis, lead teacher at the school. Photo submitted by Marvin Goodwin

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Kanye Anderson, a student at Pontiac International Academy, will have a little help when he visits Japan later this year as part of a global educational program.

A check for \$1,000 from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Iota Rho Lambda Chapter, and the R.H.O. Foundation, was presented to Anderson recently during a Pontiac city council meeting. The funds are earmarked for Anderson's expenses when he travels to Kusatsu, Japan.

The Pontiac School District has the only middle school Japanese student exchange program in Oakland County, according to Brenda Carter, board of education president.

"We were told we could do this monumental task ... (but) we could not use funds from the district," Carter said. "The community came through for us."

The fraternity saw the need and reacted.

"I saw (Anderson's) video and it was very impressive. ... We saw the light that's in you (and) just keep marching forward, whatever you want you can have and do," said Lawrence Williams, president of Iota Rho Lambda Chapter.

Anderson was grateful.

"I'd like to thank all of you for supporting our adventure and our experience in this," Anderson said. "We believe you're making a huge impact on our lives."

—Marvin Goodwin, *The Oakland Press*