

## **Bro. Jonathan C.W. Jones**

### **Gamma Xi Lambda Outstanding Brother of the Year**

Bro. Jonathan Jones received his bachelors degree in Special Education from Xavier University (LA), his masters of education degree in Special Education from Pennsylvania State University and a K-12 Principal Licensure from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He is in his twenty-sixth in the education, including twelve years as a licensed professional. Currently, he is an Instructional Coach in St. Paul Public Schools.

Bro. Jones serves as the Director of Educational Initiatives for Gamma Xi Lambda and the Program Officer for the Raymond W. Cannon Education Foundation. Additionally, he is the CEO of Ideation4, serves as the president of the Minnesota chapter of the Xavier University, is active with the Xulu Troop/Pack 61 of the Boy Scouts and is a member of the Mt Olivet Baptist Church. Bro. Jones is married to Sabrina Denson Jones and the father of two sons, future Alphas, CJ and Cairo.

#### **Abbreviated Nominator's Comments:**

Bro. Jones works deliberately, selflessly, and tirelessly to make important connections with community organizations and education leaders. He has written three successful grant proposals for Alpha MN. He also created and implemented our "Adopt-a-Teacher" initiative now in its' second year.

Brother Jones works deliberately, selflessly, intensively behind the scenes without much fanfare. When we were first afforded the opportunity to submit a grant for the ASPIRE Mentor Program, he quickly volunteered to assist with the grant (alone with another brother). He not only helped us garner the grant but he helped us envision, design and implement the program. He made important connections with community organizations and education leaders and wrote a second grant to EdMinnesota to supplement the work of the program.

Although not his fault, when funding for the ACT program was lost, Bro. Jones was not deterred or dashed in his commitment to Alpha or the program. Instead, he rolled up his sleeves to continue working on the program, including writing two grants to allow the continuation of the program. Our ACT Program will continue this year because of his steadfast dedication to organizing brothers, securing funds and connecting our work to community organizations.

He also created and implement our "Adopt-a-Teacher" initiative now its' second year. In his second year as our Director of Education Initiatives, he has done a lion share of work to bring all of our educational initiatives are successful, reinvigorated and have bright futures ahead of them.

Please join me in congratulating GXL's Outstanding Brother of the Year, Bro. Jonathan C.W. Jones.