

The ADVANCER

THE AOIP Family & Community Reading Newspaper

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The ADVANCER is prepared largely by the teachers in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. They are assisted, with helpful cooperation, by the teachers and other professionals in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

These highly-trained and deeply committed teachers—along with others in the more than 80 national organizations comprising AOIP—have far more concentrated experience than any other educators with Title I-type students. By focusing *The ADVANCER* primarily on such extraordinary needs, the supportive concerns of all other students are embraced automatically.

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BUILDING WORD POWER

ACCOMPANY (uh-kum'-puh-nee)—**v.** To go along with.

CHARITABLE (chair'-uh-tuh-b'l)—**adj.** Kind and generous in giving money or other help to people in need.

ENSLAVE (en-slave')—**v.** To make a slave of; put into slavery.

EPIDEMIC (ep-uh-dem'-ik)—**n.** The rapid spreading of a disease to many people at the same time.

FOCUS (fo'-kus)—**v.** To fix or settle on some one thing.

IDENTIFY (eye-den'tuh-fy)—**v.** To show or prove to be a certain person or thing.

IMMUNE (i-myoon')—**adj.** Protected against something bad, especially against a disease.

INDENTURE (in-den'-chur)—**v.** To put under a contract that binds a person to work for another for a certain length of time.

ORDAIN (or-dane')—**v.** To appoint as a minister, priest, or rabbi by a special ceremony.

RATIFY (rat'-uh-fy)—**v.** To approve in an official way.

SPONSOR (spahn'-sur)—**v.** To agree to be responsible for something as in paying the expenses.

TRAGEDY (traj'-uh-dee)—**n.** A very sad happening that brings great harm or suffering.

WITHER (with'-ur)—**v.** To dry up; shrivel.

A Message to Teachers and Tutors

It is important to know that the primary purposes of this "fun to learn" newspaper, known as *The ADVANCER*, include the following:

1. To serve as a supplemental—not a basal—reading-motivational and comprehension-enhancement tool;
2. To help rebuild the pride or sense of worth so deliberately and systematically stripped from Black families generations ago but which still remain unredressed to such a large degree today that many Black young students and adults have little or no will to learn or achieve;
3. To enable Hispanic students and their parents to better understand that America is their home whether they were born in the continental United States or not...and that they have a rich heritage upon which to build a bright future;
4. To maximize parental and other adult involvement by inserting *The ADVANCER* within the adult-oriented local cooperating community-building newspaper; And,
5. To assist in gaining a better racial understanding by students (mainly other Whites) in appreciating to a greater degree those aspects of the Black and Hispanic cultures which have been distorted so greatly and which remain unredressed to this day.

Did You Know That...

The Drifters, Inc. is a group of professional women who support civic, charitable and educational projects within the Black community.

The organization was founded in 1956. Today there are 23 chapters and more than 650 members.

The Drifters sponsor a national scholarship program each year. They also have a

fund that provides loans to students at Howard University's School of Nursing in Washington, D.C.; Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina; Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida; and Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky.

This is another organization that is helping us to re-build our Black communities.