



The Weber & Sanders Memorial Scholarship



The Background

As you know, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc.'s signature community service program is the Groove Leader-ship Academy (GLA). The academy's mission is to provide leadership and community service experiences that nurture the growth and development of high school males, and to encourage these young men to extend their leadership and service to a college or university.

One year ago the L.A. Graduate chapter of Groove decided to embark on a mentoring program under the GLA banner. We made a commitment to build our GLA mentoring program around the philosophy of the **Five Wells** established by Dr. Robert Franklin, former president of Morehouse College. Dr. Franklin encouraged all of his students to embody the Five Wells by being:

- Well-read
- Well-spoken
- Well-traveled
- Well-dressed
- Well -balanced

Our curriculum was designed to assist the participating students in embodying these same qualities through discussions, assignments, and group activities. Each class was well thought out and we have had very positive feedback from the participating members and their parents. The following is a list of topics we addressed in our individual sessions over the past year:

- Planning & Goal Setting
- Improving Writing & Reading Skills
- Communication Skills
- Money Management
- Handling Conflicts & Confrontations
- Style & Presentation
- Improving Relationships
- Black History, Black Present, Black Future

The Scholarship

With that said we are now wrapping up year 1 and we want to end it by giving out a scholarship to the one student who was in the 12th grade during our program. He just graduated from High School and will be attending college in the fall. We intend to give the young man **at least a \$1,000 scholarship** (or more) to assist with books and other freshman year expenditures. We are currently raising money for the scholarship through multiple sources.

In an effort to maximize the fund raising effort, we have also created a **Go-Fund-Me** account. The Go-Fund-Me and the scholarship we're raising the money for will be in the name of **Jon Weber** from Tuskegee University and **Frank Sanders** from Bowie State College. These are two brothers who helped start the L.A. Graduate chapter of Groove Phi Groove and unfortunately have since passed on from this world. They are greatly missed and with this scholarship they will never be forgotten.

If you are reading this and you've personally had the privilege of knowing John or Frank, then we encourage you to go to <http://www.gofundme.com/lagradscholarship> and donate money towards the scholarship in their honor. Or if you just want to "Give Back" to a community that needs your help we encourage you to do the same.

In addition, the L.A. Graduate chapter is hosting a Labor Day Blowout weekend in Los Angeles from September 2nd through the 4th of 2016. It's going to be a great weekend to celebrate the life of our two fallen brethren. The whole weekend is filled with fun events from a bonfire on the beach (co-hosted by our sister organization Swing Phi Swing) to clubbing at an "All Black" affair where everyone is required to wear the color Black. So please RSVP for the Labor Day Blowout weekend by clicking [HERE](#).

The Los Angeles Graduate Chapter thanks you in advance for your consideration and support. For more information, contact the L.A. Grad chapter president Fl. Tierre Van Meter at 818-916-7223 or the far west regional director Fl. Robert Brown at 909-225-6332.

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