



**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**  
**Gamma Pi Lambda Chapter**  
Central Middle School Gentlemen's Club

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**Session: Introduction**

**Date: 1/11/2018**

- **Who are we?**
- **Why are we here?**
- **What can we do to help you?**
- **What can you expect?**

**Who are we?** We are the Gamma Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc. We embrace the national goals of our fraternity to “Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College”, established in 1922. Collectively, we are active and retired professionals that include doctors, engineers, professors, teachers, police officers, etc. Our chapter is headquartered on Galveston Island—while our national office is in Baltimore, Maryland. Our membership includes such men as Dr. Martin Luther King, Thurgood Marshall, Duke Ellington, and local men like Mayor Sylvester Turner, Congressman Al Green, UTMB Vice President Ian Barrett, and former Galveston City Manager, Doug Matthews. Our membership also includes countless numbers of professional athletes in the NBA and NFL.

**Why are we here?** We recognize the need to “give back to the community” by donating our time and experiences to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders; who should now be thinking about careers. We all have undergone what you are now experiencing—trying to prepare for life on the next level—transitioning to teenagers and young adults. Our backgrounds and experiences uniquely qualify us for making that transition easier for you.



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**What can we do to help you?** We can present concepts and ideas that can stimulate possibilities for you to consider. We can discuss possible careers and the ways you can achieve them. We can also present some possible “pitfalls” that might impede progressing towards your goals. We can give tips on how to write resumes, interview for a job, and promote ideas. We can answer questions you might have on variety of topics; and, we can prompt ideas that may get you started.

All we ask in return is for your attention and serious consideration for what we have to present.

**What can you expect?** Twice monthly, we will meet with you to present concepts and ideas that we feel will benefit you. Each meeting will include presentations by various fraternity members, followed by your opportunity to ask related questions. You can expect handouts (like this one) that we encourage you to review after the meetings.

We will place emphasis on literacy—recognizing the benefits that it will provide for you, including making your future educational endeavors easier.

Next meeting: We will elect officers (president and vice president). Please come prepared with nominations.

We will also begin our first (of two) discussion on banking—also known as: “making money.”