

## Omega Delta Alumni Assoc. Awards First Walter N. Ridley Scholarship Award

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West Chester, Pa. October 13, 2018 | The Omega Delta Alumni Association chapter awarded its first Dr. Walter N. Ridley Memorial Scholarship to Justin Gibson. To be eligible for the \$500 scholarship students must have at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

In 1953, Walter Nathaniel Ridley, an Omega Man, upon receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Va. became the first African American to receive a doctoral degree from a traditional southern white college or university. During his tenure at West Chester University he worked to establish black fraternities on the campus. He played instrumental roles in both the establishments of Omega Psi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha at West Chester University. In 1972 Dr. Ridley served as the Advisor to Bro's. Charles Brown, and Lamont Mathis to help establish the Omega Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi on West Chester's campus. Brother Ridley was one of thirteen brothers initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Howard University Fall 1930.

Omega Delta Alumni Association is exceedingly proud and honored to offer this scholarship in his name.