



Freeman D. Sterling-Legacy Scholarship



Mr. Freeman Sterling was born on August 16, 1955, in Tyler, TX. Mr. Sterling attended W. A. Peete Elementary in 1961, A. T. Stewart Junior High School, and in 1970 he attended Robert E Lee (now known as Tyler Legacy High School). He participated in the band as a senior section leader for the clarinet/woodwind section and was a member of the choir and drama department. He continued his education at Tyler Junior College and graduated in May 1977 with an Associates of Science degree in Elementary Education. His thirst for knowledge did not stop there. He obtained a Preschool Certification from Texas Eastern University (now The University of Texas at Tyler) and a Master's degree in Education Administration from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M at Commerce)

Mr. Sterling taught second, fifth, and sixth grade students at Rice Elementary then transferred to Owens Elementary. There he was named second grade team leader for the next six years. Mr. Sterling, feeling the need to give back to his birth neighborhood and community, transferred to Jones Elementary as a fifth-grade teacher for one year and was assigned as an Instructional Consultant at T. J. Austin Elementary for two years. In May 1994, he was hired as the principal and instructional leader at W. A. Peete Elementary and remained in that position for 18 years during that time accomplishing several years of RECOGNIZED school ratings. He was instrumental in organizing and opening the new W. A. Peete Elementary campus, currently located on Bellwood Road in Tyler, TX. Mr. Sterling retired with 36 years in the Tyler Independent School District (TISD).

Mr. Sterling continued his dedication to education and the students and in May 2019, was sworn in as District 3 Representative. He stated that, "Having the honor to serve as a TISD Board of Trustee is a way for me to give back to the students, teachers, and the community" and "I want to make sure that the students are the focus of our educational system and community". Based on Freeman Sterling's commitment to the Sigma Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, this scholarship is named in his honor and only eligible to Legacies of Omega Psi Phi.

****Recipients of this scholarship must attend a 4-year institution to be eligible and must be related to a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Please include member's control number: #**

