WYLIE COLLEGE TOUR

Stepping Into Excellence

On Saturday, November 7, six enthusiastic students from the Richardson Plano Alumni (RPA) Kappa League embarked on an inspiring college road trip to Wiley University in Marshall, Texas. Supervised by dedicated advisors Brothers Tony Taylor and Brandon Hutchinson, the young men enjoyed a high-energy day filled with history, mentorship, and first-hand glimpses into higher education.





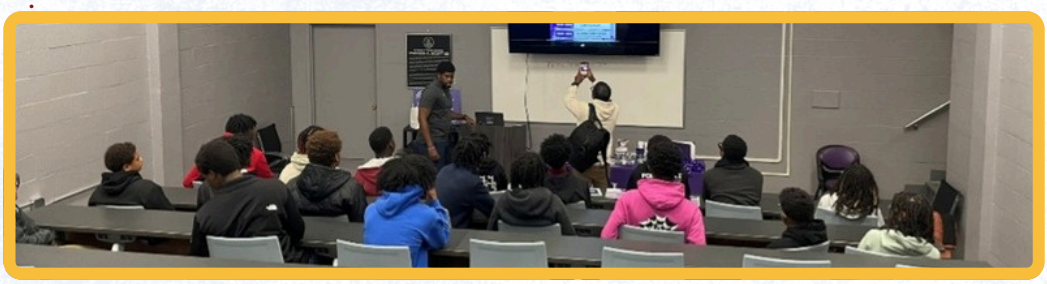
A Legacy of Firsts and Freedom

The day began with an immersive presentation providing a deep dive into **Wiley University's** rich history. Founded in 1873 with over 150 years of academic excellence, Wiley holds the monumental distinction of being the first HBCU west of the Mississippi River (frequently celebrated as the "Jewel of the South"). The Leaguers learned about the university's profound significance to the civil rights movement and its legendary legacy–including the historic exploits of its debate team, immortalized in The Great Debaters.

Exploring Campus Life and Brotherhood

Following the presentations, the group embarked on a comprehensive walking tour of the picturesque campus, checking out essential student services, athletic facilities, and campus housing. A major highlight of the visit was meeting with the undergraduate brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., who gave the students an authentic, unfiltered overview of what daily life, academic dedication, and brotherhood look like on a university campus. To top off the morning, the group gathered for a fantastic brunch at the campus dining facility.

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The Power of the Road

Beyond the campus boundaries, the journey to and from the DFW area was packed with fun, laughs, and valuable bonding time for the mentors and students alike.

Visits like these are vital catalysts for the Kappa League experience. Experiencing colleges firsthand–especially historic HBCUs like Wiley University–brings higher education out of the abstract and into reality for young men. Walking the historic grounds where generations of leaders, activists, and scholars were forged plants a seed of ambition, showing our youth that they, too, belong in these halls of excellence.

A massive thank you goes to Brothers Tony Taylor and Brandon Hutchinson for leading the way, ensuring our Leaguers continue to see new horizons, honor our past, and build their futures!





