

# ROYAL L. BOLLING, SR. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

## EPSILON GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER



### **BROTHER DR. WILLIAM J. TOMLINSON, JR.**

Brother Dr. William J. Tomlinson, Jr. is a native of Inkster, Michigan, and a Spring 2012 initiate of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. through the Kappa Delta Lambda Chapter in Lansing, Michigan. In his personal life, Brother Tomlinson strives daily to be the best version of himself, taking up the duties of a loving and devoted father and loving husband.

Brother Dr. Tomlinson is a proven servant technical leader with over a decade of industry experience in hardware and software development and leading large-scale interdisciplinary technical projects. Currently, Dr. Tomlinson serves as the Director of the Software & Application Innovation Lab (SAIL), Boston University's own professionally staffed software engineering firm. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing operations, shaping and implementing long-term strategic plans, and managing organizational growth while seeking to develop new opportunities and partnerships. Prior to joining SAIL, Dr. Tomlinson held the roles of Principal Engineer and Group Leader (technical manager) for the Embedded & Comm. Systems Group at Draper Laboratory (Cambridge, MA). Here, he demonstrated proficiency in technical leadership, business development, strategic planning, program management, and developing mission-critical systems for wireless communications. Brother Tomlinson received his Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from Northeastern University, and an M.S. and B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University and North Carolina A&T State University, respectively.

Brother William J. Tomlinson, Jr., Ph.D. came to the Epsilon Gamma Lambda Chapter with a confirmed and engrained set of human values. Employing the project director skills seen in his professional career, Brother Tomlinson helps to lead the Community Service Committee for the Epsilon Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. His service to the chapter is notable, as he communicates effectively, coordinates efficiently, and aids the chapter in maintaining a steady presence on the campus of Boston University, graciously serving as host of many chapter meetings. In addition, Brother Tomlinson has helped to galvanize Brothers to participate in the March of Dimes. In his role, he plays a crucial part in raising funds and awareness to enhance the health of families. Dr. Tomlinson motivated both brothers and the larger community to support this commendable cause. Despite setting an ambitious fundraising goal of \$10,000 for the March of Dimes mission, Dr. Tomlinson's leadership resulted in the chapter exceeding their target, ultimately raising \$10,188 in donations.

Brother Tomlinson is a Brother's Brother. He is indeed worthy of the Royal L. Bolling, Sr. Community Service Award, as men before him have been so honored. His aspirations and accomplishments reflect great honor on his family, himself, and his fraternity.