

BLUE NOTES



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7th Annual Wayne Dawson Celebrity Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser @ Freeway Lanes

We would like to shout out all of the brothers of Sigma who went to participate in WJW television newscaster and co-host of Fox 8 in the Morning and Gamma Alpha Sigma's own Bro. Wayne Dawson during his annual celebrity bowling fundraiser at Freeway Lanes in Wickliffe, Ohio back in November. The annual fundraiser raises monetary support for the Annie L. Dawson Foundation for Justice, Education, and Achievement. The Mission of the foundation is to raise money for scholarships for inner-city children. Congratulations to Bro. Wayne Dawson on another successful year and his mission towards this worthy cause.



Bro. Wayne Dawson with Bro. Ed Long and family

13th Annual HBCU College Fair @ Warrensville Heights High School

The members of Gamma Alpha Sigma along with the Sigma Beta Club attended the 13th annual HBCU College Fair at Warrensville Heights High School back on November 21st. The action pack day included performances from the Warrensville Heights High School drumline, various breakout session discussing topics ranging from Greek life in college to preparing financial aid. Students also had the ability to talk to various representatives from many of the different HBCU's present and apply for them onsite for free. This was a great advantage for those seniors getting ready to make the transition from high school to an institution of higher learning. The Sigma Beta Club members who did come to the college fair definitely benefitted from talking to the various schools and organizations that were present as a few of them are entering their last years in high school and the others are getting ready to go to high school. The Sigma Beta advisors who were present will definitely have the group back in attendance next year as we continue to expose them to the opportunities of life after grade school.



Brothers at the
Sigma / Sigma
Beta table set up
at the college fair



Sigma Beta's Camerin Crawford, D'Andre Vaughn, Kevin Byous and, Jay'Ilen Hathman with Sigma Bros. Dawo Rogers and Kimrick Crawford

**Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter &
Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation
2015 Thanksgiving Holiday
Adopt-A-Family**



This is the press release that was put together by Bro. Ed Long for this year's Thanksgiving holiday Adopt-A-Family which received media coverage and aired on WJW Fox 8 News:

The Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation in conjunction with the **Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Maple Heights Mayor Elect Annette McMillian Blackwell & Giant Eagle Supermarkets of Beachwood and Maple Heights** have adopted **Miss. Tameka Love** for this year's **Annual Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays**. This annual cause allows our organizations to give back to the community that we are a part of. Each year, a deserving family is selected to receive a complete Thanksgiving meal provided by the foundation and the fraternity. This year's recipient **Tameka Love** received 1 turkey as well as \$150 in Giant Eagle gift cards to provide the remaining items needed to have a memorable Thanksgiving dinner. Ms. Love is a resident of the city of Maple Heights. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is dedicated to being a resource for the community and continues to operate within our motto ***"Culture for Service...Service for Humanity"***.

Ed Long, MSOD
Chairman
Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation

Mike Brown
President
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter





Bros. Lee Tate, Jay Hodge, Ed Long, Michael Brown, Frank Andrews and, Percy Turner with Adopt-A-Family recipient Tameka Love and family



Sigma Beta Club Information and Updates



Just want to update the chapter on a couple things the Sigma Beta Club has going on at the moment as we get ready to wrap up the year of 2015:

Sigma Beta Club GoFundMe Account

Brothers can go and encourage others to visit the fundraising page that has been set up for our local club. The web address is www.gofundme.com/SigmaBetaClub216. A goal of \$5000.00 has been set for the club as we will get there sooner or later.

SBC Candy Sale Competition

The Sigma Beta's are currently duking it out to see who can raise the most money by Founders Day 2016. The overall winner of the competition will receive a \$50.00 gift card along with the others being eligible to receive certain prizes for selling so many boxes by January. Currently (as of the typing of this portion of the Blue Notes) the Sigma Beta's have sold 27 boxes raising over \$800.00+ dollars to go into their bank account.

Awards @ 2016 Founders Day

The following awards be given out to deserving Sigma Beta at the 2016 Founders Day Luncheon-Celebration:

Blue Star Award- This will be for the Sigma Beta of the Year

3 For the Founders Award- This will be given for highest GPA / grades to 2 Sigma Beta's

Thunderback Award- This award will be given to the Sigma Beta for most improved grades

Be on the lookout for further updates and events as we further mentor our "next generations of leaders" who are "accepting responsibility and loving the challenge" If anybody wants to get involved in working with the Sigma Beta Club, please get in contact with Sigma Beta Club Advisor Bro. Taurean Adams

Nu Theta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. “CoZtume Cabaret”

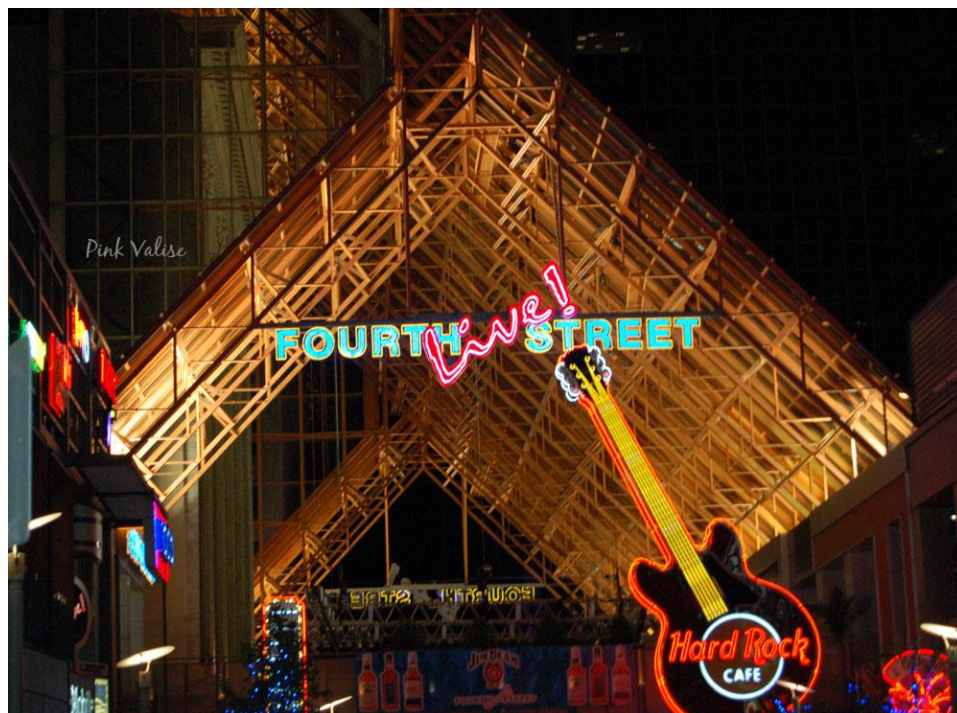


Wanted to shout out the brothers of the chapter who were able to make it to the Nu Theta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc Halloween costume party. Brothers showed up and showed out as usual. In the picture (from left to right) we have Bros. Samuel Morris (Nerd), Issa Arney (Samurai Warrior), Jamie Taylor (Minion from the motion picture “Despicable Me”), Michael Brown (Rick James) Taurean Adams (1920’s / prohibition era gangster) and, Lee Jackson...as himself. Thanks to all the brothers who came out to support our sisters function.

2016 Great Lakes Regional Conference
Louisville, Kentucky



We want to encourage ALL brothers of the chapter to register for the upcoming regional conference which will take place April 14th-17th in Louisville, Kentucky. Details and registration prices can be found on the regional website at <http://www.pbsgreatlakes.org/greatlakes/>. This year's regional conference will be in conjunction with the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. so after business is taken care during the day, the nightlife and party aspect is sure to be one not to be missed!



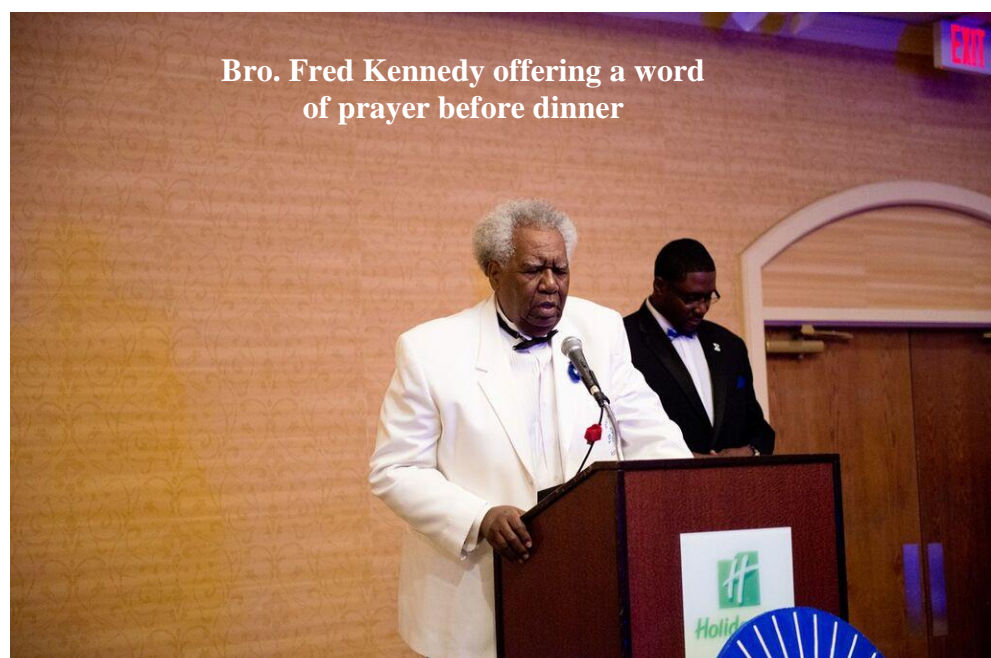
2nd Annual Gamma Alpha Sigma Scholarship Gala & Dance

Congratulations is in order to the chapter for successfully hosting its 2nd Annual Scholarship Gala and Dance which took place back on October 3rd at the Holiday Inn South in Independence, Ohio. The night included a warm welcome from two of Gamma Alpha Sigma's very own Sigma Beta's leading right into dinner. After dinner the guest speaker of the night Honorable Judge Bro.

Michael Ryan gave a moving speech in how being "my brother's keeper" (the theme for this year's gala) is everyone's responsibility, especially those of us blessed enough to be college educated black men and have the privilege to be a part of our great fraternity. After all of the formalities and the program came to a close, the party began and went well into the night.



**Bros. Lee Tate, Honorable Judge Michael Ryan
and Percy Turner**



**Bro. Fred Kennedy offering a word
of prayer before dinner**

GAS Vice President & Sigma Beta Club Coordinator Bro. Taurean Adams with Sigma Beta's Jay'llen Hathman and Camerin Crawford giving the welcome

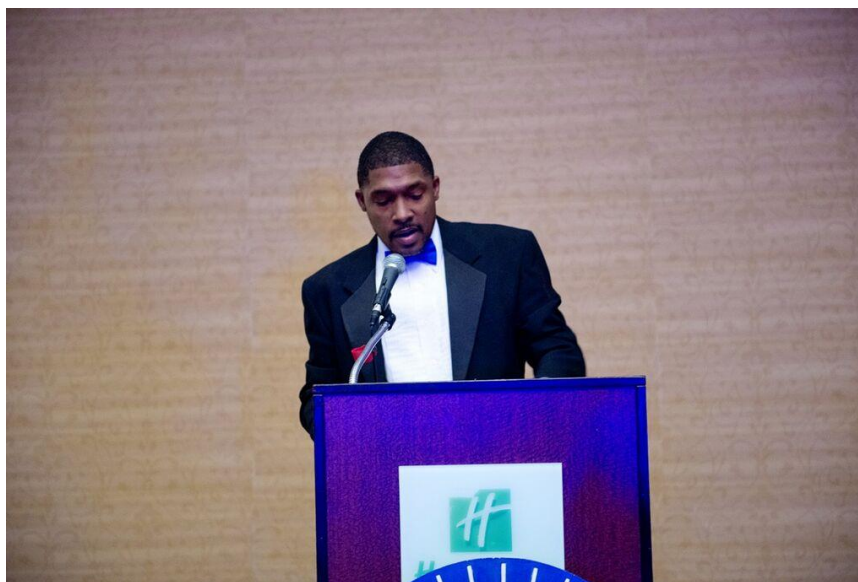


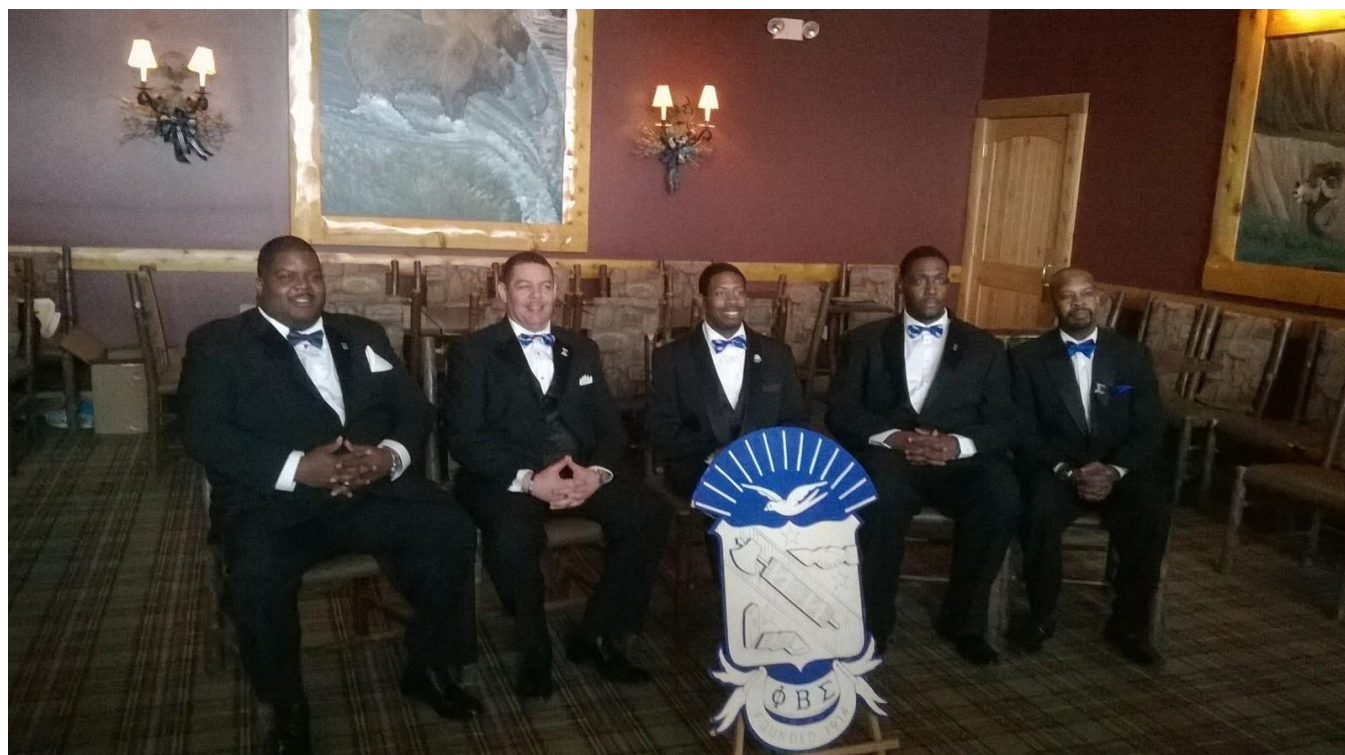
Brothers at the end of the program singing the fraternity hymn



We want to thank all those brothers who attended countless meetings in person and on the phone, traveled to the hotel in order to square items away, worked with the Sigma Beta's so they were presentable and ready for the evening and just all of the little things that have to be done in order to pull off such a event. Although this year's attendance was done from last year, the current administration is already making moves to make the 3rd annual event bigger and better than ever. The major goal for the gala next year will be to award deserving seniors on their way to college their scholarship awards at the event. Once again thanks to all the brothers who attended, donated even if they couldn't and, further our cause in the community we serve.

**GAS President Michael Brown thanking Honorable Judge Bro.
Michael Ryan for his speaking at the gala**





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Upcoming Events in Sigma and Info/Stories to look for in future BLUE NOTES:

New Section of BLUE NOTES: "Undergrad Updates"

Founders Day Celebration 2016

Sigma Beta Club Activities & Events

2016 Great Lakes Regional Conference in
Louisville, Kentucky

2016 Serious Sigma Summit in Orlando, Florida

Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings are the 2nd Friday of every month starting at 6:30pm in the office of Bro. Steven Lovelace located at 25550 Chagrin Blvd Suite 404 Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Whether you come all the time, haven't been in a while or haven't been at all...come on out frat, we have a chair waiting for you...