

# BLUE NOTES



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## 2016 Founders Day Celebration Program / Luncheon



Members of Phi Beta Sigma and Sigma Beta Club with the guest speaker of the day

102 years of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. was celebrated by the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter at the Blue Canyon Restaurant in Twinsburg, Ohio on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This would make our second year straight at the restaurant as the founder's day program last year as many of you know was also held at Blue Canyon. The theme of this year's founder's day mimicked last years, as we stay aligned with the national initiatives of the fraternity put forth by International President Bro. Johnathan A Mason Sr. "IAMBK" (I Am My Brother's Keeper). This founder's day program was different from those in year's past in many different ways. In efforts to increase numbers and financial gain due to lack of participation from the membership, this year's founder's day event was opened up to family and friends. The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. along with other fellow Greeks were also invited to share in our celebration of our fraternity's 102 year legacy.

After the cocktail hour, opening greetings, welcomes, a word of prayer, and a delicious three course lunch, our guest speaker of the day addressed those in attendance speaking on the importance of being “my brother’s keeper” especially in this day and age. This year’s founder’s day speaker would be Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings Jr., Superintendent of the Shaker Heights School District. Dr. Hutchings gave a dynamic and well prepared message to all (especially to the Sigma Beta’s who were in attendance) about the importance of never giving up, being a positive role model and acknowledging those people who are mentors and sources of guidance and those men and women who were “his keeper” during his journey to where he is now, explaining to all that if we all commit to “being our brother’s keeper” and if “each one teaches one” we all can succeed. After Dr. Hutchings speech, the exec board went about presenting awards for work and initiatives done the previous year. This year’s award recipients are as follows:

*“3 For the Founders Award”* Bro. Steven Lovelace

*“President’s Award”* Bro. Dawo Rogers

*“True Blue Award”* Bro. Jamie Taylor





Not only were brothers of the chapter recognized for their work and efforts in the name of Sigma for the year 2015 but the Sigma Beta Club would also give out its first ever awards to deserving members for their efforts the previous year. The first ever award recipients for the Sigma Beta Club of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter are as follows:

***“Blue Star Award”*** (2015 Sigma Beta of the Year)  
Jay’llen Hathman

***“3 For the Founders Award”*** (2015 Highest GPA / Grades Elementary-Middle School)  
Tyler Allen

***“3 For the Founders Award”*** (2015 Highest GPA / Grades High School)  
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***“Thunderback Award”*** (2015 Most Improved Grades)  
Jovon Jones

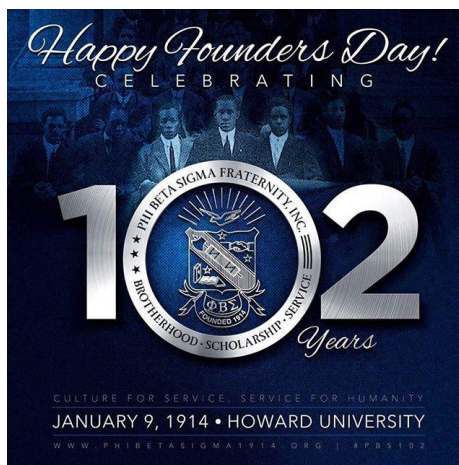




*Standing (from left to right): SBC Advisor Bro. Kimrick Crawford, SBC Advisor Bro. Sam Morris, Sigma Beta Jaden Phelps, Sigma Beta Sayid Harvin, SBC Advisor Bro. Jamie Taylor, Sigma Beta Camerin Crawford, Sigma Beta Jovon Jones, SBC Advisor Bro. Dawo Rogers, Former SBC member (and now member of the fraternity by way of Alpha chapter) Bro. Richard Johnson.*

*Sitting (from left to right): Chapter President Bro. Michael Brown, Sigma Beta Jay'llen Hathman and Chapter Vice President and Sigma Beta Club Coordinator Bro. Taurean R. Adams*

We want to thank all of the brothers, Sigma Betas, Zetas, family and, friends who came out to this year's founder's day celebration event. The exec board is already planning and moving on next year's event which may entail a breakfast to better accommodate the financials of the chapter and further include others. We pray this year to be a successful one for Gamma Alpha Sigma and the fraternity as a whole as we move through 102 years of brotherhood, scholarship and service.





## Zeta Archonette-Amicettes-Pearlette / Sigma Beta Club Holiday Party



*(From left to right) Sigma Beta's Jay'llen Hathman, Jaden Phelps, Sayid Harvin, Camerin Crawford, Marcus Allen, Kevin Byous III, Tyler Allen and Tommie Johnson III*

Want to thank all of the Sigma Beta Club Advisors and brothers of the chapter who came out that Saturday in December to assist with the inaugural Zeta Youth / Sigma Beta Club holiday party which took place at the Cleveland Heights Public Library. The young men and women of each organization had a chance to participate in doing arts & crafts, playing different games, karaoke and a multitude of things together while together.



The advisors and coordinators for both organizations clubs agreed that this will be the first of many cooperative endeavors together as we move forward into 2016. Once again thanks to all who came out and we hope to see more brothers at the next collaborative Sigma / Zeta youth group event



### **2016 Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter** **Executive Board Plenary Session**

The current exec board wants brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma to know that the current leadership of the chapter is constantly hard at work trying to make necessary changes, schedule worthwhile events and, do everything in its power to make our chapter the absolute best it can be in being a positive force in the city of Cleveland and beyond within our great fraternity. The exec board held a plenary session back on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to go over the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our chapter. By the end of the meeting, many ideas had been shared and goals were set to accomplish by the end of 2016. Some of the thoughts, ideas and goals that were expressed are as follows:

*\*Having a minimum of \$5,000.00 in the General Fund by the end of 2016\**

*\*Bring in 10 new quality members by the end of 2016\**

*\*Have at least 75% of the current membership of Gamma Alpha Sigma financial on all 3 levels\**

*\*Complete at least 6 Community Service projects\**

*\*Learn a chapter step / stroll\**

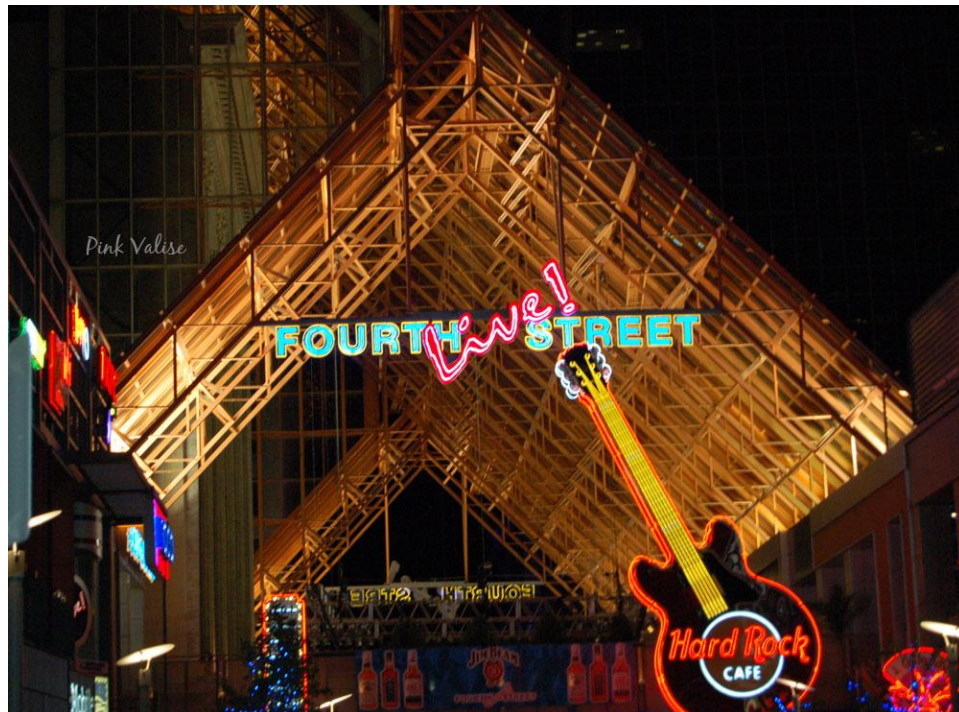
The hope of the exec board is that the chapter gets behind these goals and does their part in making them reality in order to take our chapter to the next level and move to a higher echelon in Phi Beta Sigma.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 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 of during the day, the nightlife and party aspect is sure to be one not to be missed!





## Sigma Beta Club Black History Outing

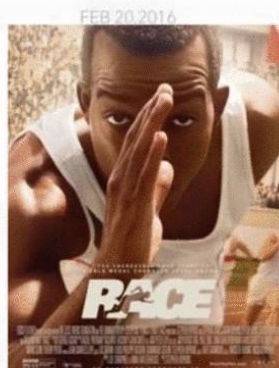


The Sigma Beta Club was taken out to breakfast and to see the movie "RACE", the Jesse Owens bio-pic for the clubs black history outing for the month of February. A good portion of the Sigma Beta Club was able to attend the day's festivities as the brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma started the day at Golden Corral for breakfast with the young men and then shortly after, make their way over the Valley View cinemas to take in the big screen flick about the great track star

Jesse Owens, and the many trials and tribulations he was faced with at The Ohio State University and in the Olympics. Shout out to the SBC advisors and brothers of the chapter who were able to come out that day and spend it with our young men.



Sigma Beta Club  
"The Race" Outing



## Undergraduate Chapter Updates

For those who are unaware Gamma Alpha Sigma is the overseeing alumni chapter for the 3 undergraduate / collegiate chapters in northeast Ohio. Those chapters are Beta Nu (Cleveland State University), Iota Beta (University of Akron) and, Epsilon Epsilon (Kent State University).

This will be an added edition in each upcoming Blue Notes as it is important as an alumni chapter to mentor, aid and encourage our collegiate brothers in any way possible. Here is what is currently going on with our collegiate chapters:

### **Beta Nu Chapter / Cleveland State University**



Beta Nu is currently in a rebuilding process as there is only one brother on the yard at the moment. The younger members of the M.I.P team have taken a special interest in trying to bring a Sigma presence back to Cleveland State University with it being “in the backyard” of Gamma Alpha Sigma. Be on the lookout for events at CSU as Gamma Alpha Sigma brothers along with the collegiate chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. at Cleveland State look to plan events separately and also in collaboration with each other to draw interest to Beta Nu and end the Sigma drought on the campus.

### **Epsilon Epsilon Chapter / Kent State University**



The “Mau Mau” chapter at Kent State University has been on a roll with programming, events and being a positive force for Sigma out in Stark County. With a solid core of brothers on the yard and more looking to join our wondrous band in the very near future, Epsilon Epsilon is moving in the right direction. Be on the lookout for updates and programming from this flourishing chapter.

### **Iota Beta Chapter / University of Akron**



The Iota Beta chapter unfortunately due to hazing allegations and other items of misconduct in recent years has been suspended by the school and the fraternity as a whole until the later part of the decade. We will keep the chapter informed if imposed sanctions and punishments get lifted off the chapter anytime sooner





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

\*Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation\*  
2016 Father / Daughter Dance

\*Sigma Beta Club Activities & Events\*

\*2016 Great Lakes Regional Conference in\*  
Louisville, Kentucky

\*2016 Serious Sigma Summit in Orlando, Florida\*

\*Other Events & Information\*

**Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month starting @ 6:30pm. Be on the lookout for meeting location via email and / or other means of communication**

**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...**