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2016 Great Lakes Regional Conference Louisville, Kentucky Highlights



We want to shout out the brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter who were able to attend this year's Regional Conference and represent our chapter in the dealings of Phi Beta Sigma. As usual conference topics included M.I.P, the upcoming Serious Sigma Summit in Orlando, Florida, dealings within the region and, other concerns. Thanks to those brothers who were able to go and we look forward to more brothers from Gamma Alpha Sigma being able to attend our regional conferences in the future.



Bros. Jamie Taylor and Samuel Morris with sorors from the Mu Rho Zeta chapter (Akron, Ohio) at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky during one of the events during the regional conference

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 advancing at a steady pace as they continue to move their chapter forward. The chapter recently added 3 new members to their ranks on April 1st, 2016. The chapter further participates in events on campus and throwing successful events themselves as they further the name of Sigma at KSU.

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

Sigma Beta Club Dining to Donate / March of Dimes Fundraiser
@ Buffalo Wild Wings



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We want to shout out our Sigma Beta's, their parents, members of Zeta Phi Beta, friends and, brothers of the chapter who came out to support our young men during their March of Dimes fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Cleveland Heights back on March 19th, 2016. Thanks to the participation of all those involved, Buffalo Wild Wings brought in a little over \$1800.00 dollars which yielded the Sigma Beta Club \$185.00. Part of the funds raised went directly towards their donation towards the March of Dimes. Once again thanks to all who participated!

Gamma Alpha Sigma
2016 March for Babies / March of Dimes Campaign



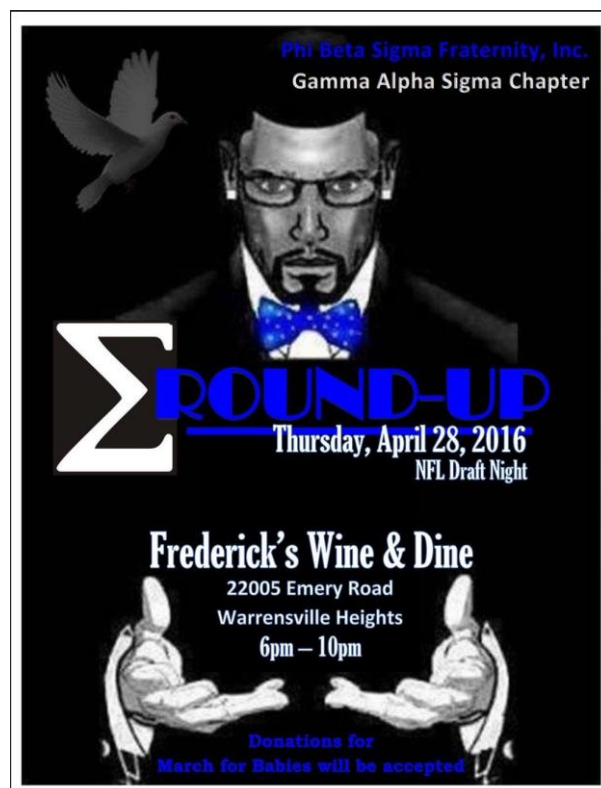
March
of Dimes
Saving babies, together

We want to thanks all the brothers who contributed to this year's March of Dimes / March for Babies campaign. Although the brothers this year did dramatically less than last year's outstanding financial showing, the chapter was still able to raise \$626.00. Once again, thanks to the brothers who were able to donate to the cause and to those brothers who were able to actually participate in the event back on May 1st at Wade Oval. The current exec board is currently in brainstorming mode to see how we can boost our financial showing and make an even bigger impact in 2017.



Blue and White during the
March of Dimes / March for
Babies walk at Wade Oval

2016 NFL Draft Night / Sigma Round Up
@ Fredericks Wine & Dine



On April 28th, 2016 the brothers of the chapter met up at Fredericks Wine and Dine to enjoy the 2016 NFL Draft during one of many Sigma Round Ups the chapter has planned to do this year. If you are not sure what a Sigma Round Up is or have never been to one, it is simply a gathering for the brothers to fellowship with one another and hopefully get those brothers who may be “out of the loop” back into the swing of things and back active in the chapter. Brothers during the recent round up enjoyed food and drinks as the excitement mounted as prospective players for the 2016 year were drafted by our hometown Cleveland Browns. Most of the faces present were familiar but with every Sigma Round Up there is a brother or two who are new to the area, local but not as active as they should and, show up to the event. Special thanks to Bro. Jamie Taylor who took the lead in getting everything set up at Fredericks for this Round Up. Stay tuned as the chapter will be setting up and sending out notices for the next round up in the near future.

Sigma Beta Club Updates and Information



Here are a couple updates and information regarding our Sigma Beta Club and its members:

We want to shout out and congratulate Sigma Beta Devin Brown who just graduated from Bedford High School on June 1st, 2016, Devin plans to take classes at Cuyahoga Community College in the fall. Although he hasn't decided upon and declared a specific major Devin has expressed interest in pursuing a career in either audio/music production or automotive mechanics/technology. Congratulations to Devin and the entire class of 2016!



Sigma Beta Devin Brown
and his father at his
graduation from Bedford
High School @ Cleveland
State University's Wolstein
Center



Members of the Sigma Beta Club recently assisted the masonic brothers of Ecclesiastes Lodge #120 during their Adopt-A-Highway clean up on May 21st, 2016. Bro Jamie Taylor (who is also a member of the Lodge) took the young men of the Sigma Beta Club to participate before going about Sigma Beta Club business during their own scheduled meeting that same day.



Bro. Jamie Taylor was Sigma Beta's Kevin Byous III, Marcus Allen Jr., Tyler Allen, Avery Taylor and, the men of Ecclesiastes Lodge #120

We want to acknowledge Sigma Beta Deanjelious Brown (younger brother of Sigma Beta Devin Brown) who was chosen to represent their school, Bedford High School during WJW Channel Fox 8 "Cool School" selection back in May. Each month during the school year the news station does online voting for viewers to nominate a school and highlight what makes them a cool school. As Bedford High School won, Deanjelious (better known as DJ) along with another classmate were chosen to speak and represent their school during a morning broadcast. DJ is the Vice President of his class and will be graduating next year in 2017. Congrats to our Sigma Beta!



Sigma Beta Deanjelious Brown with one of his fellow classmates with the morning crew during the Fox 8 Cool School segment of the morning broadcast

Community Service @ University Settlement



I am glad to announce that Gamma Alpha Sigma's involvement at University Settlement is back on after a brief hiatus from action. The brothers of the chapter went up to University Settlement back on May 24th to help assist in making and passing out meals for those less fortunate in the Slavic Village neighborhood. **The chapter has also locked in dates to go assist in the future on both Tuesday July 26th and Tuesday Aug 23rd so come and help out if you can.** The chapter was highly active at University Settlement about a year and a half ago so we are looking to get back to this simple, yet highly impactful community service event/project that all can participate in.



Bros. Jamie Taylor and Lee Tate
@ University Settlement preparing to serve



Nu Theta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.
Annual “Crystal Blue” Cabaret



Blue and White kicking it at Crystal Blue @ Tizzanos Party Center!!!

If brothers missed out on our sorority sisters annual Crystal Blue Cabaret this year, you have got to be in attendance next year because Blue and White partied hard! The Nu Theta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. held their annual cabaret on March 26th, 2016 at Tizzanos Party Center in Euclid, Ohio. Shout out to the brothers who were able to support as part of the funds raised directly support their scholarship fund. Once again thanks to those brothers who were able to participate and we hope to see a stronger turn out in supporting our sisters next year.



Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter Bros. Dawo Rogers, Eilan Jennings, Taurean Adams, Jamie Taylor and Samuel Morris

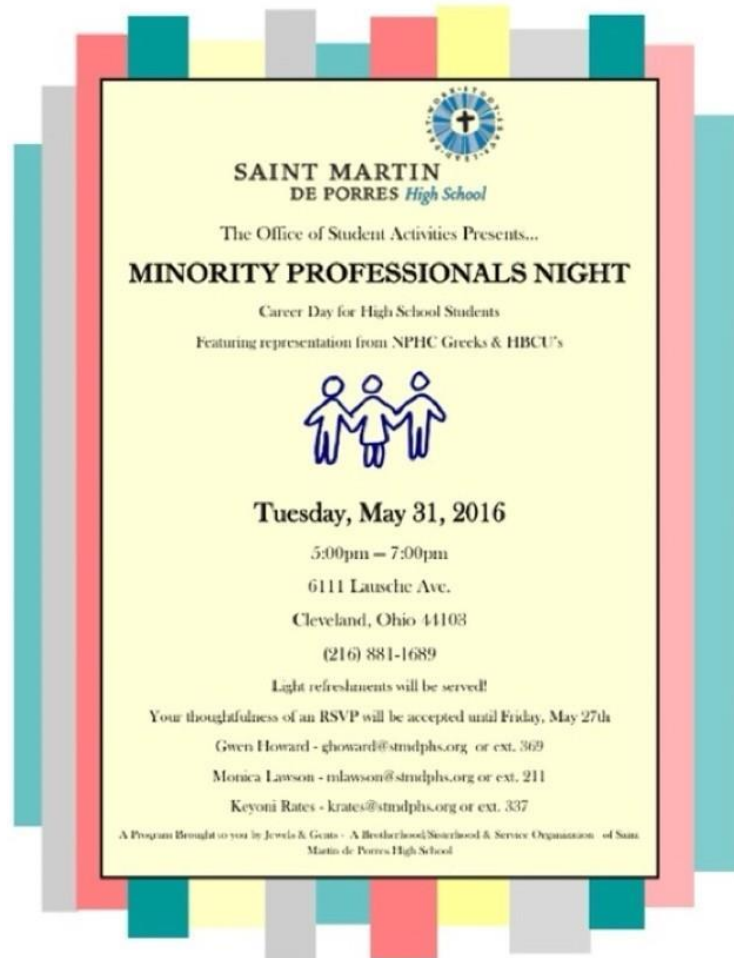
NPHC of Greater Cleveland 2016 Gold and Silver Recognition Ceremony



We want to give a big shout out and congratulations to 3 brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter who are celebrating their 25 year / silver anniversary's this year. The NPHC of Greater Cleveland recognized these 3 brothers during their annual Silver and Gold Recognition Ceremony back on May 22nd, 2016 at the Warrensville Heights Library in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. Brothers Ed Long who crossed into the "Elite" Epsilon Phi chapter at Bowling Green State University, Jay Hodge who crossed into the "Infamous" Iota Beta chapter at University of Akron and, Mark "Moon" Neubauer who crossed into the Epsilon Epsilon / "Mau Mau" chapter at Kent State University all joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. in 1991. Congratulations to these brothers for upholding the high ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service for all these years and staying true to the call and cause of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.



Minority Professional Night @ St. Martin de Porres High School



We want to thank Bros. Darrell Claytor, Samuel Morris and, Jamie Taylor for participating in Minority Professionals Night at St. Martin De Porres High School on May 31st. The brothers along with other minority business owners, entrepreneurs, HBCU graduates and fellow members of the NPHC talked and discussed with students about their careers, college experiences and options they have after leaving high school. Thanks to those brothers who were able to participate and give their firsthand accounts of life after grade school and the many options that are available afterwards



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

Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation
3rd Annual Father Daughter Dance

Sigma Beta Club Activities & Events

3rd Annual Scholarship Gala & Dance

Gamma Delta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta
Sorority Inc. 70th Anniversary Gala

Other Events & Information

Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings are the 2nd Friday of every month starting at 6:30pm.

****Location to be announced via** email, text, social media**

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...