

# BLUE NOTES



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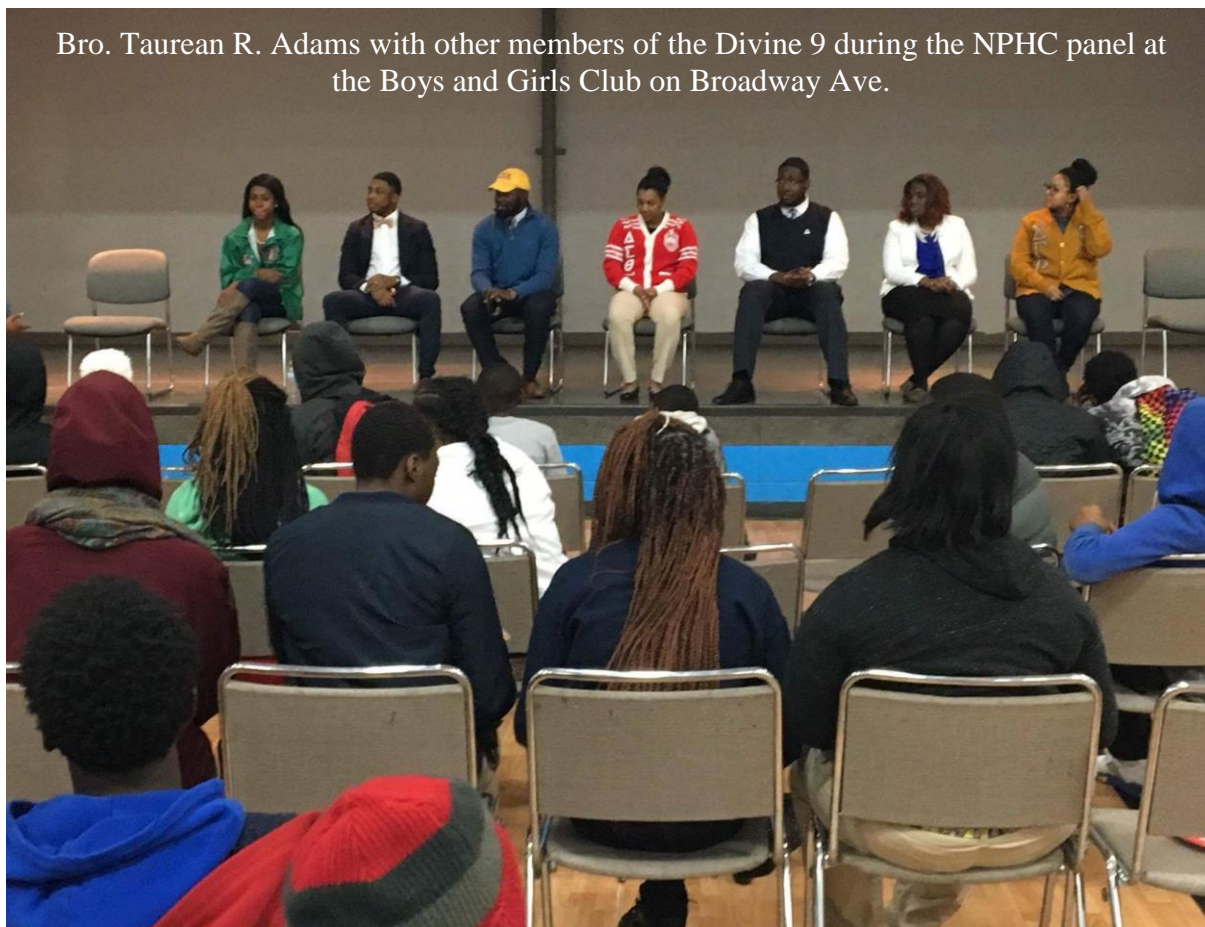
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**“The Divine 9: An Introduction”**  
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Bro. Taurean R. Adams with other members of the Divine 9 during the NPHC panel at the Boys and Girls Club on Broadway Ave.



We want to thank all of the brothers who were able to come out to the Boys and Girls Club on Broadway Ave. on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for their introduction to Black Greeks discussion panel. Soror Shanelle Moon of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. (who is a Teen Outreach Coordinator at the facility) invited each organization to come out that evening and talk to the parents and children in attendance about the many facets of being in a Black Greek Lettered Organization (BGLO).

Many excellent questions were asked during the discussion by the children and teens in the audience showing that many of them have already been exposed to Black Greek culture in some way via family members, friends, etc. and have aspirations of joining a BGLO when their time comes when they begin their college journey. Soror Moon expressed that she would love to have this event again at her club so be on the lookout as we may get the call to come out and support again, hopefully with more members of the fraternity. Once again thanks to all who came out to support and give the children and teens a glimpse of what we hold dear in our heart in regard to Phi Beta Sigma.

## Conclave 2017: Detroit, Michigan “A Family Reunion”



We want to encourage all the members of Gamma Alpha Sigma to attend the 2017 Conclave being held in Detroit, Michigan July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 through July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Detroit is America's great comeback story, a city on the return and ready for anything. A complete package destination, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity members will experience a great location for Conclave 2017 – A Family Reunion. During your free time at Conclave 2017, you can visit historic Detroit attractions. Visit the elegant homes of the auto barons including Dodge and Ford, or explore the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, the birthplace of the Model T. Tour the Automotive Hall of Fame with in-depth visual and interactive exhibits.

Just three miles from downtown, head to Detroit's Cultural Center, which is chock-full of art, science and history museums. Also check out the The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Historical Museum and The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the only one of its kind in the country.

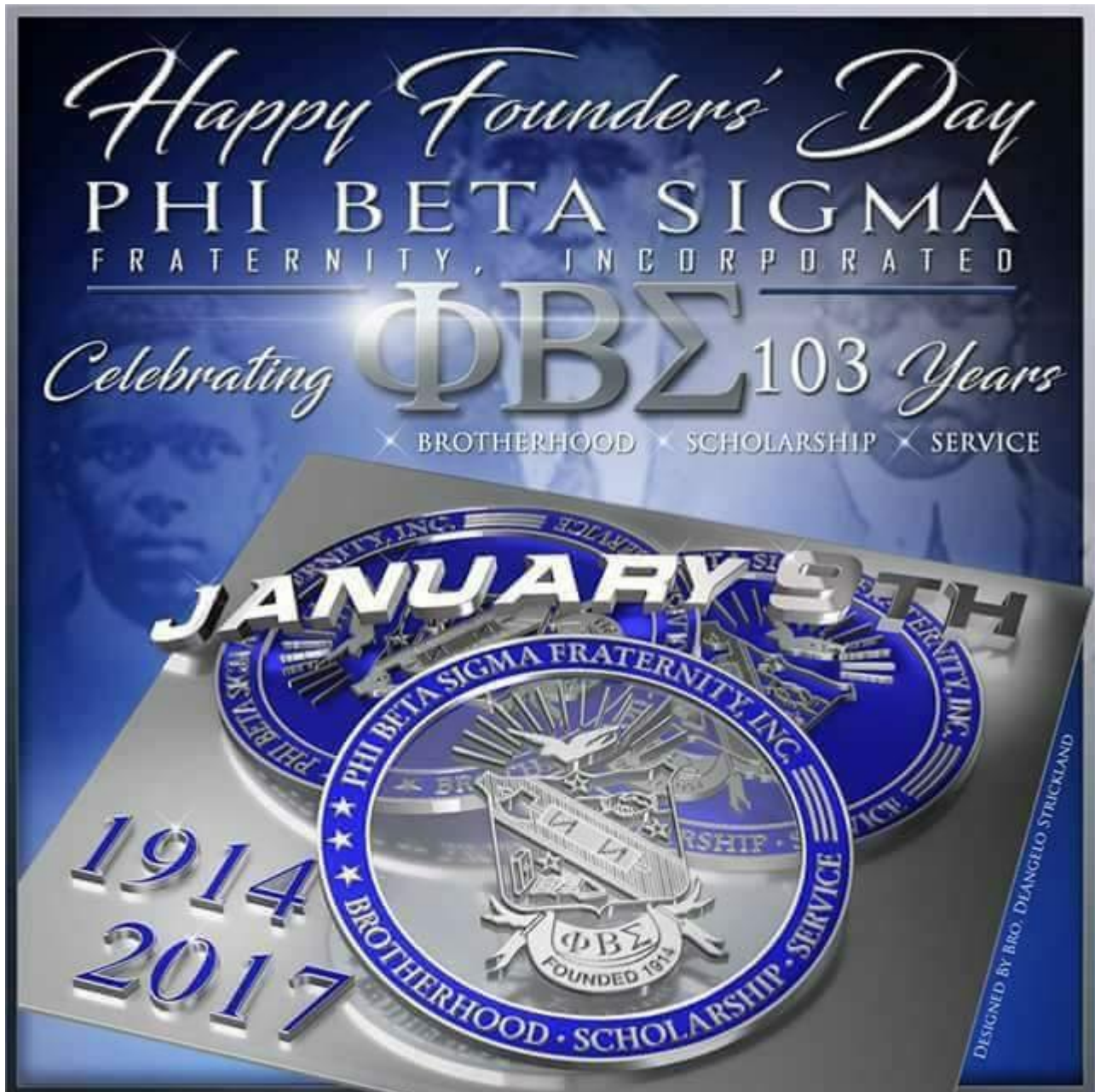
Gaming is open 24/7 in The D! Try your luck at thousands of slot machines and table games with three major downtown casinos – Greek town Casino-Hotel, MGM Grand Detroit and MotorCity Casino Hotel. Detroit is Motown. Visit the Motown Museum – Hittsville USA – to see where the Supremes, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and other stars revolutionized the world of music.

In short, Detroit has a plethora of exciting people, places and things to do while in the Motor City.

For more information on next year's Conclave in Detroit, Michigan. Visit [www.phibetasigma1914.org](http://www.phibetasigma1914.org) or log into the BluPrint Membership Database



**Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter**  
**103<sup>rd</sup> Founders Day Celebration & Kickback-Party**



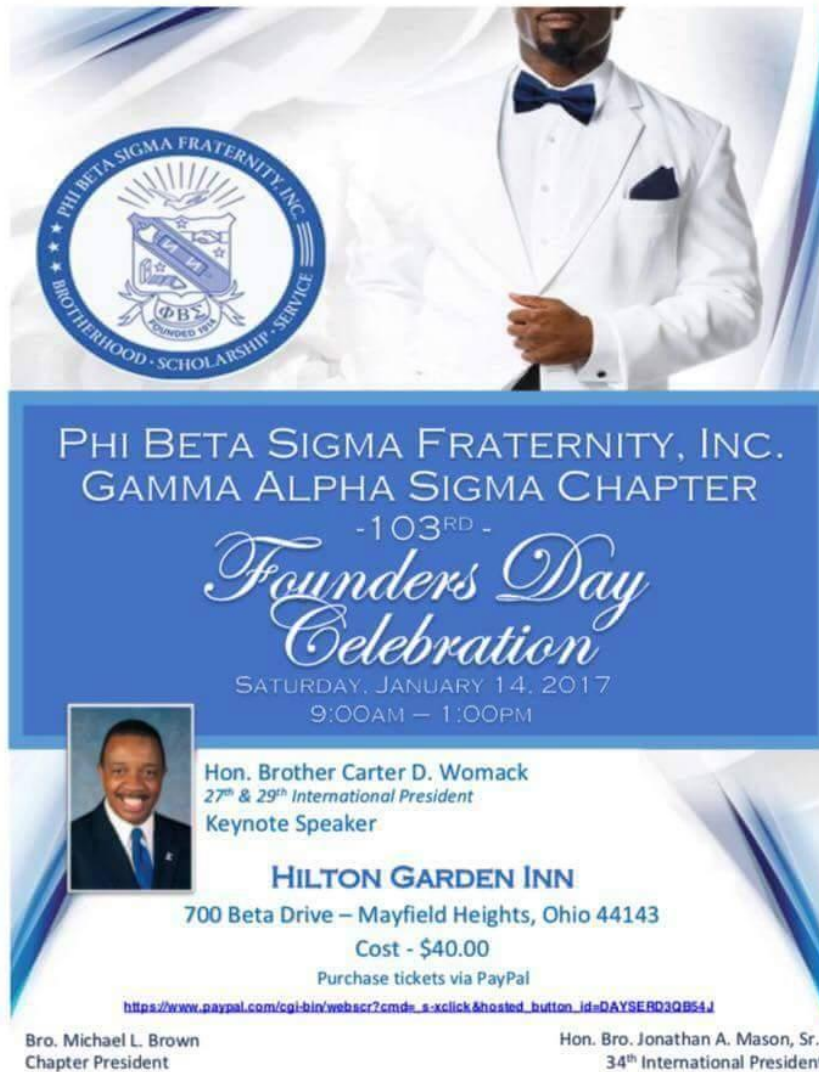
103 years of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service...

A feat only credited to a few who have survived the test of time. As usual  
Gamma Alpha Sigma celebrated appropriately for Founders Day.


Details are as follows...



The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter celebrated 103 years of Brotherhood, Scholarship and, Service in grand style this year as the chapter put together multiple events and gatherings for brothers to come and fellowship with one another. On Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> the brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma and others in the city met up at Fredericks Wine and Dine in Warrensville Heights, Ohio to officially celebrate 103 years of a dream become reality by our revered founders. Brothers over dinner, drinks, (and the watching of the college football championship that was on television) shared stories of fraternity events past, future thoughts of programming, ideas of bringing certain members back into the fold and all-in-all took in the spirit of brotherhood that January 9<sup>th</sup> gives us each year.



PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.  
GAMMA ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER  
- 103<sup>RD</sup> -  
*Founders Day  
Celebration*  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017  
9:00AM — 1:00PM



Hon. Brother Carter D. Womack  
27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> International President  
Keynote Speaker

**HILTON GARDEN INN**  
700 Beta Drive – Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44143  
Cost - \$40.00  
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Bro. Michael L. Brown  
Chapter President

Hon. Bro. Jonathan A. Mason, Sr.,  
34<sup>th</sup> International President

Although the brothers kicked it on January 9<sup>th</sup> officially for Founders Day, the chapter's planned activities for the celebration and party were scheduled for that following weekend on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday morning the brothers assembled at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village, Ohio for our annual Founders Day Celebration-Luncheon. The brothers had the opportunity to hear from 3 dynamics speakers that morning. The first speaker of the day would be Miesha Wilson, certified personal fitness trainer and owner of NuLife Fitness Camp. Miesha spoke on the importance of men's health, touching on topics ranging from high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity and, proper exercise / diet. The second speaker of the day would be one of Phi Beta Sigma's very own in Bro. Eric Hudson. Bro. Hudson who is an initiate of the "Infamous" Iota Beta chapter at the University of Akron also spoke on men's health as he also is a certified personal fitness trainer. Both Miesha and Bro. Hudson hit on very important topics, further emphasizing to the audience that proper diet and nutrition are crucial to staying healthy, warding off many preventable chronic conditions and maintaining an active lifestyle.





Men's health speakers Mrs. Miesha Wilson and Bro.  
Eric Hudson giving their messages to the brothers  
on Founders Day

After the brothers heard from our two dynamic men's health speakers, the brothers would enjoy brunch and then hear from keynote speaker of the day, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Past International President of the fraternity, Bro. Carter D. Womack. Bro. Womack spoke on multiple topics ranging from issues specific to Phi Beta Sigma around recruitment, retention and financial obligations to his organization Leadership At Its Best, LLC a Columbus, Ohio, based company that provides leadership and development training programs for pre-college students, colleges and universities, corporations and small business where the programs are designed to "Set People and Organizations UP for SUCCESS." Bro. Womack (as many brothers know) gave a dynamic presentation speaking from a true sense of concern for his love of Phi Beta Sigma, how we make it better moving into our 103rd year of existence, our obligation to our young men of color and, ultimately challenging the brotherhood in attendance that day to do more as we try and exemplify our principles to the next level. At the end of his presentation the brothers of the chapter presented Bro. Womack with a monetary donation to his organization.

The 2017-2018 Chapter Exec Board & Ohio State Director with men's health speaker Miesha Wilson and her guest before the start of the Founders Day Program.



Keynote speaker Bro. Carter D. Womack giving his message to the brotherhood



Bro. Jamie Taylor presenting the fraternity history with Bro. Steven Lovelace serving as Master of Ceremonies







**Bros. Marricio Wilson, Aristotle Wilson, Duvall Brown and Joseph Lastery taking in information during the program**



**State Director Bro. Percy Turner doing the officer installation of the 2017-2018 Executive Board for Gamma Alpha Sigma**



Members of the Sigma Beta Club in attendance with the Sigma Beta Club Advisors



Brothers ending the program singing the fraternity hymn



## BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!!!!...

After the founder's day program at the hotel that morning, the brothers would rally together again that evening for our founder's day kickback-party at 6<sup>th</sup> Man Bar and Grille in Euclid, Ohio. The brothers along with our sorors of Zeta Phi Beta, family and friends partied late into the night as all enjoyed fellowship, bonding & camaraderie of being together as brothers in blue!



Bros. Frank Andrews, Ed Long and Jay Hodge with Sorors Chanell and Tiona



Bros. Sam Morris and Taurean Adams with Soror Emma Craver



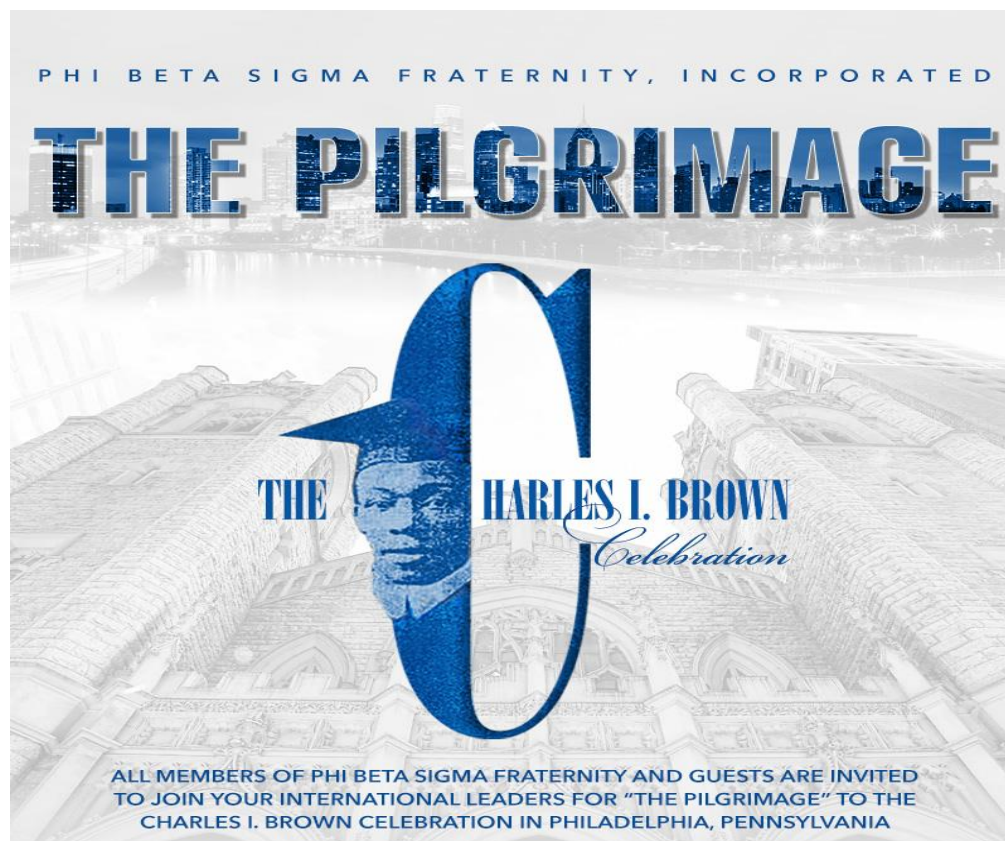


### **Sigma's & Zeta's kicking it for Founder's Day!!!**

We want to thank all of the exec board, brothers of the chapter and others who made this year's founder's day celebration a success. The founder's day program alone this year brought out more brothers than have been in attendance in the past few years. The goal now is to ride the momentum that has been created and carry it throughout 2017 and beyond in order to take Gamma Alpha Sigma to new heights and do more not only amongst ourselves as brothers, but as caretakers and servicers to our community.

**JOB WELL DONE!**

**The Pilgrimage:**  
**Charles I. Brown Celebration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



**JANUARY 6 - 7, 2017**  
**FREE ADMISSION TO ALL**

*I decided to add in the email and information that came in from International Headquarters in regard to the finding of our lost founder, the Honorable Charles I. Brown so that those brothers who may not have internet access or not as likely to use/check their email are aware that this years old Sigma mystery and question FINALLY has an answer and that founder Brown has been properly memorialized into the Omega chapter.*

For most living members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, there has always existed a troublesome piece of our history: what happened to Honorable Founder Charles Ignatius Brown? Our official history notes that Founders Morse and Taylor apparently lost contact with him in 1924, with no one being able to determine his whereabouts or in what place and time did he depart from this life. On the weekend prior to the celebration of our 103rd anniversary, some of those questions have been answered, thanks to the work of our International Historian Bro. Mark Pacich and his team of researchers and archivists. Joined by members of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the life and work of Honorable Charles I. Brown was celebrated in grand style! Those who attended this event were provided an opportunity to learn about how Founder Brown continued to do the work which he began with his brothers at Howard University, even though he was not actively connected with Phi Beta Sigma in his later years.





On Friday, January 6th, the celebration began with a Welcome Reception hosted by the Planning Committee and local chapters of Phi Beta Sigma at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. Nearly 1,000 Sigma brothers and friends gathered in large numbers from around the country to discover where and how our missing founder spent his later years.

On that evening, it was revealed that Founder Brown lived to be 96 years old, and spent his final years serving at the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Philadelphia. Members of the parish were unaware of his status as one of the founders of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, until Bro. Pacich and his team pursued leads suggesting that he had migrated to Philadelphia and lived there until his passing in 1981.

These discoveries were made with the assistance of two genealogists, Barbara LaClair and Carole Ashbridge, and Anne Kirkwood, a professional archivist and historian, all of who attended this event. Honorable Brother Daniel J. Tann and Brother Derek Bowmer served as the local chair and co-chair, respectively for the weekend event. Our International President Jonathan Mason best summed up the feelings of many when he stated that "We can now put a period at the end of the sentence which began 93 years ago-our brother, Honorable Founder Charles Ignatius Brown, has been found!" The evening was exciting and emotional, as brothers became aware of the reality that going forward, new members of Phi Beta Sigma would learn a new history, one reflecting the biography of Founder Brown, to which none of us had been privy.



The events of Saturday provided an exclamation point for this celebration. Brothers gathered early to march to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, to celebrate mass with members of the local Roman Catholic community. Father John Dava provided an inspiring message to the capacity congregation, reminding all that Charles I. Brown indeed carried on the tradition of service to the community which was the hallmark of Phi Beta Sigma's founding, and that this event was equally exciting for the Archdiocese. At the end of the mass, President Mason presented a plaque to the parish where Founder Brown served. From the Cathedral, Philadelphia law enforcement escorted a 10-bus caravan of brothers to Holy Cross Cemetery, the final resting place of Honorable Founder Brown. Amid a significant snowstorm, hundreds of brothers honored our beloved founder by the sharing of the Omega Ceremony. For many, the reality was sinking in. While many will still ask questions about what became of Charles Ignatius Brown after 1924, we can now be at peace with the knowledge that he lived in a community which loved and appreciated his commitment to service just as much as the brotherhood which he helped to create.



International President Johnathan A. Mason Sr. presenting a plaque to Father John Dava where founder Charles I. Brown served

#### *Charles Ignatius Brown Memorial Mass*

In a four-year historical research collaboration between St. John's and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, we have proven that Charles Ignatius Brown, our former St. John's staff member (1965-1981), was a long-lost founder of this prestigious college fraternity, founded at Howard University in 1914. Charles was born to a devout Catholic family in Washington DC, orphaned at a young age, and raised by St. Katherine Drexel and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem in the 1890s. Many years after college, he returned to Philadelphia and spent his last years working at St. John's and cared for by our priests in old age. Please join us in congratulating the fraternity on this momentous historical discovery at a 9:00am Memorial Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, January 7, 2017. At 11:30am, after the Mass, a monument will be dedicated in a ceremony at St. John's parish plot, where Charles is buried, at Holy Cross cemetery in Yeadon. Later that day, at 12:30pm, a plaque in Charles' honor will be unveiled here at St. John's. Join us for these festive events marking a unique chapter in the history of St. John the Evangelist parish and church.



*May Honorable Founder Charles I. Brown rest in peace and know that what he helped to create those 103 years ago, still flourishes and that the organization after all this time STILL strives to uphold the high ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship and, Service*

*Honorable Founder Charles Ignatius Brown*

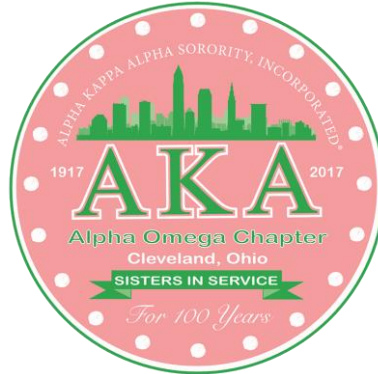
*Sunrise: August 27th, 1885*

*Sunset: December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1981*

*Omega Ceremony (and closing a very important chapter of Sigma history): January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



## Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Centennial Anniversary Public Meeting & Reception



We want to thank the brothers of the chapter who were able to come out and show support to the women of the Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. as they kicked off the chapter's centennial anniversary with their public meeting and reception at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown on Alpha Kappa Alpha's founder's day January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The event included greetings from multiple officers of AKA, singing from the NPHC of Greater Cleveland Choir and a presentation of the history of the Alpha Omega chapter and their influence and commitment to service in the Cleveland area over the course of a century. We wish our sisters in greekdom much success as they celebrate 100 years of upholding their principles and being a positive force in our community.



## Sigma Beta Club Spring 2017 Updates and Information



The Sigma Beta Club has been moving right along with its activities and events thus far in 2017. Here is a snapshot of what they have done recently:

### *Dining to Donate @ Buffalo Wild Wings...*

We want to thank all of the brothers, sorors of Zeta, family and friends who came out to support the Sigma Beta Club's Dining to Donate event back on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We packed out the party room as usual with many of us spilling into the main dining area (a good problem to have!) After all was done and the flyers tallied up, the Sigma Beta Club yielded a gain of \$120.00 to go into their account to further support their activities.



The Sigma Beta Club also recently met up on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> at Golden Corral in Macedonia, Ohio for their yearly Breakfast Meeting. Over a buffet of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and, a slew of other breakfast items, the club discussed plan for future events, received information from the advisors and simply got a chance to fellowship with one another in a laid back setting. Many of the Sigma Beta's parents joined their sons that morning, adding to the fellowship and company.

Here are other future events that are being planned for the Sigma Beta Club for the first half of 2017:

Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Open Gym-Basketball Meeting @ Warrensville Heights High School @10:00am

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Boys to Men Health Summit @ Tri-C East from 8:30am-3:30pm

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Sigma Beta Bowling Party Fundraiser (Time and location to be announced)

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Super Saturday Fundraiser / Cookout & Awards Presentation (Time and location to be announced)

We want to once again thank the brothers who act as advisors to the club and continue to be the positive male influences that our young men of color need in times such as these. In being exposed to so much negativity that the world produces, outlets such as the Sigma Beta Club are truly needed in our communities today. If any brother wishes donate to the, provide resources or serve as an advisor to the Sigma Beta Club please contact Bro. Taurean R. Adams to do so. The advisors and those who assist with the Sigma Beta Club truly look and aspire to raise "the next generation of leaders, accepting the responsibility and loving the challenge"

**Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation**  
**“Building a Bridge through Education” Scholarship**



We want the brothers of the chapter to know that some great news is coming down the pike from the 501c3 arm of the chapter. The Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation has been in full swing taking applications for its **“Building a Bridge through Education” Scholarship**. The scholarship will award selected African American male candidates with financial assistance to be used for tuition, books and/or fees at an accredited 2 or 4-year institution of higher learning for the 2017 school year. Applications will be reviewed for academic achievement, leadership and community service to determine eligibility and ultimately award. As a final push to promote the scholarship, if any brother knows of someone who can possibly benefit from the scholarship, it is important that all application materials are completed in its entirety and must be legible. Additionally, all requested materials must be received by the scholarship committee no later than Friday, March 17, 2017 (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). Any application received that is not complete, legible and/or is not received by the aforementioned guidelines will be automatically excluded from consideration.

In order for candidates to be eligible, all applicants for the “Building a Bridge through Education” Scholarship must:

- 🏰 Complete and submit application in its entirety by Friday, **March 17, 2017**
- 🏰 Be an African American Male graduating high school in 2016-2017 school year
- 🏰 Have a grade point average of 2.5 and above (on 4.0 scale)
- 🏰 Be accepted as a full time student at a 2 or 4-year college for the 2017 academic year
- 🏰 Include 2 letters of recommendations (non-family and at least 1 academic)
- 🏰 Official transcripts from Registrars’ Office
- 🏰 Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States
- 🏰 Must attend school in Cuyahoga or surrounding counties
- 🏰 Complete 300 word typed essay answering the question ***“How will you use education to build a bridge to help the African American Community?”***



We are proud and excited to know that through our efforts we will be able to help deserving young African American males achieve their goals and dreams through post-secondary education. If anyone has any other questions about the Building a Bridge through Education Scholarship or for the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation in general, please contact Bro. Ed Long. Stay tuned for further updates in regard to the foundation, scholarship award winners and presentation of those awards later in the year.

## **Black Students in Action “Meet the Greeks”** **@ John Carroll University**

We want to thank the brothers of the Epsilon Epsilon chapter and Gamma Alpha Sigma who were able to come out and support JCU’s Black Students in Action at their Meet the Greeks event on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The organization host this event every year and invites chapters and members of the D9 out to John Carroll to speak on their respected organization. John Carroll

University as many of us know is a predominantly white university and many black organizations are not present on the campus. This annual event is a chance to bring BGLO’s to the campus and expose those students to the activities and culture of NPHC organizations were they may not have any other chance to. Once again thanks to the brothers who were able to come out and participate, interact with the students there and, we will do it all over next year.



Brothers of Epsilon Epsilon  
and Gamma Alpha Sigma  
participating at the  
“Meet the Greeks” event at  
John Carroll University

## 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 Blue Notes newsletter 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 along with the brothers from the Kent State University chapter are looking to take a special interest in trying to bring a undergraduate Sigma presence back to Cleveland State University and surrounding colleges / universities with it being “in the backyard” of Gamma Alpha Sigma. Stay tuned as details develop as we attempt to reignite the Sigma light at CSU

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



The Mau Mau chapter at Kent State University has been very busy planning events and moving Sigma forward. The chapter currently has planned their “Grand Theft Stroll Off” Stroll Competition which will take place on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:14pm at the school. The chapter is also in the process of getting ready to submit paperwork for MIP as they have stated they have drawn multiple interest from individuals. Stay tuned as the Kent State Sigma keep rolling through 2017

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



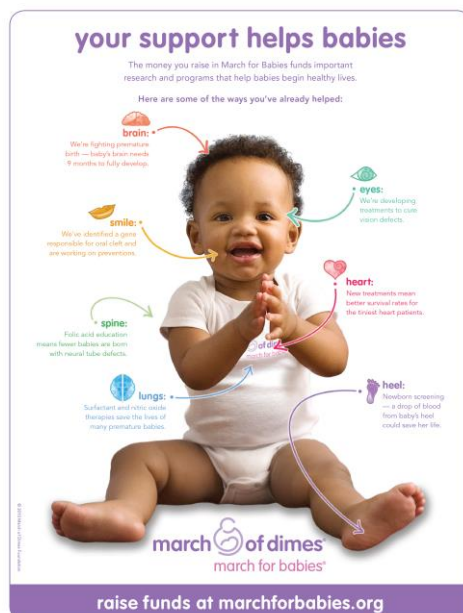
The Iota Beta chapter unfortunately due to hazing allegations and other items of misconduct in recent years has been suspended by the school and the fraternity as a whole until the later part of the decade. We will keep the chapter and all informed if imposed sanctions and punishments are lifted off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



## Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter 2017 March for Babies / March of Dimes Campaign



The campaigning for this year's March of Dimes / March for Babies is in full swing around the country. Here in the city of Cleveland sponsorships, donations, fundraisers are in full effect by those in efforts to raise funds for this year's event which will take place April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 starting around 8:00am at Wade Oval. The goal for the chapter this year is to raise \$1,914 dollars (if not better). This is a much more aggressive goal than years pass but one the chapter has the ability to make as back in 2015 the chapter reached well over \$1,200 dollars. The chapter currently (at the time of putting this entry into the Blue Notes Newsletter) has raised \$360.00 dollars towards our campaign. With that being said there is much work to be done but with 60+ days left until the event, plenty of time is still available for the chapter to do its part in this year's effort. The fraternity as a whole is looking to raise \$150K-\$200K total amongst all of the brotherhood. If brothers have not done so already, **PLEASE** go to [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org), log in (or get registered on the site if you haven't done so in the past) and join the chapters team which can be found as "Phi Beta Sigma-Gamma Alpha Sigma". Once logged in you can view who has donated what, see how far the chapter has to go to reach its goal and, utilize various tools to help solicit donations for our campaign. We want to thank the brothers who have done so thus far and to those who will as we look to do our part.



## Christmas Holiday Service Project @ University Settlement

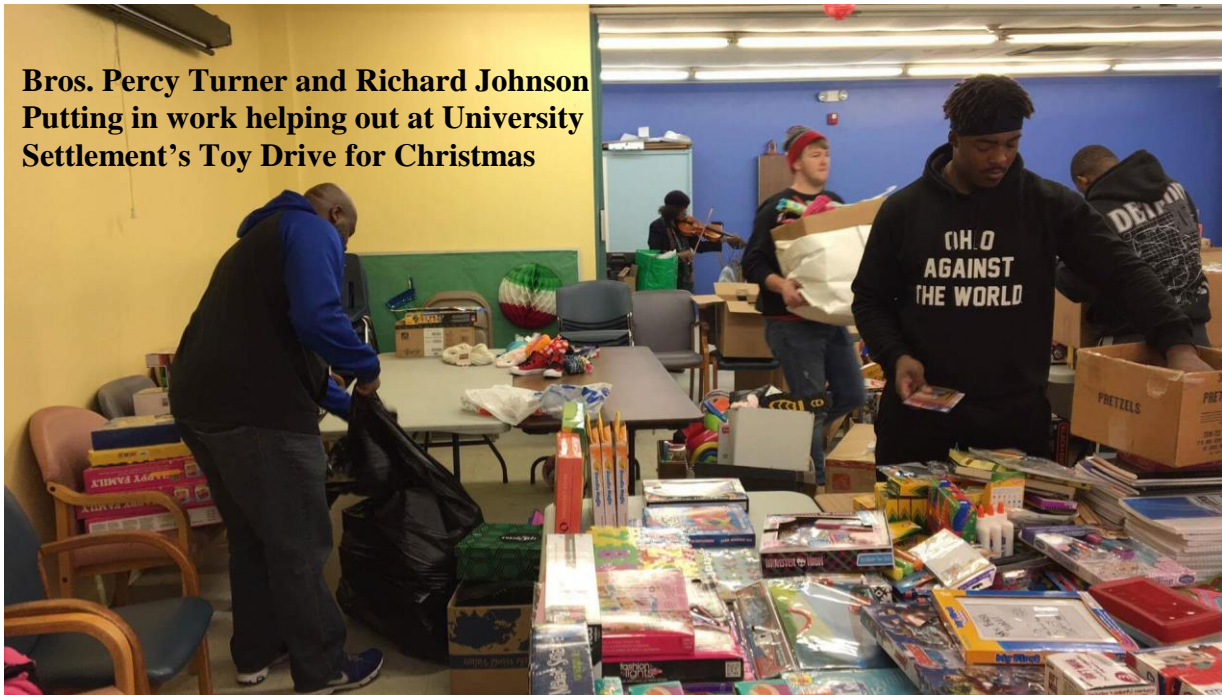


Brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter along with undergrads from Lambda Epsilon (University of Toledo), Alpha (Howard University) and Zeta Phi (Purdue University) who were home for the holidays lending a helping hand setting up at University Settlement's Christmas Toy Drive



We want to give a big shout out to the brothers of the chapter who donated toys and other items and to those brothers who were physically able to participate in University Settlement's Christmas Toy Drive on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Special shout out to Bro. Jamie Taylor who coordinated everything from collecting donations from the brothers, setting up times to meet with brothers and, driving all over the city of Cleveland beforehand to make sure that Gamma Alpha Sigma did their part in making sure our efforts went towards making someone else's holiday a little brighter.

**Bros. Percy Turner and Richard Johnson  
Putting in work helping out at University  
Settlement's Toy Drive for Christmas**



**Sigma brothers with other  
volunteers at University  
Settlement getting ready for  
the Toy Drive**



Gamma Alpha Sigma alone collected over 100 toys, various gifts cards and, monetary donations to add to the wide spread of items that were generously contributed to support the efforts at University Settlement.



*(From Left to Right)*  
**Bros. Damarcus Lett, Bobby Shepard,  
Jamie Taylor, Percy Turner and Lee Tate**





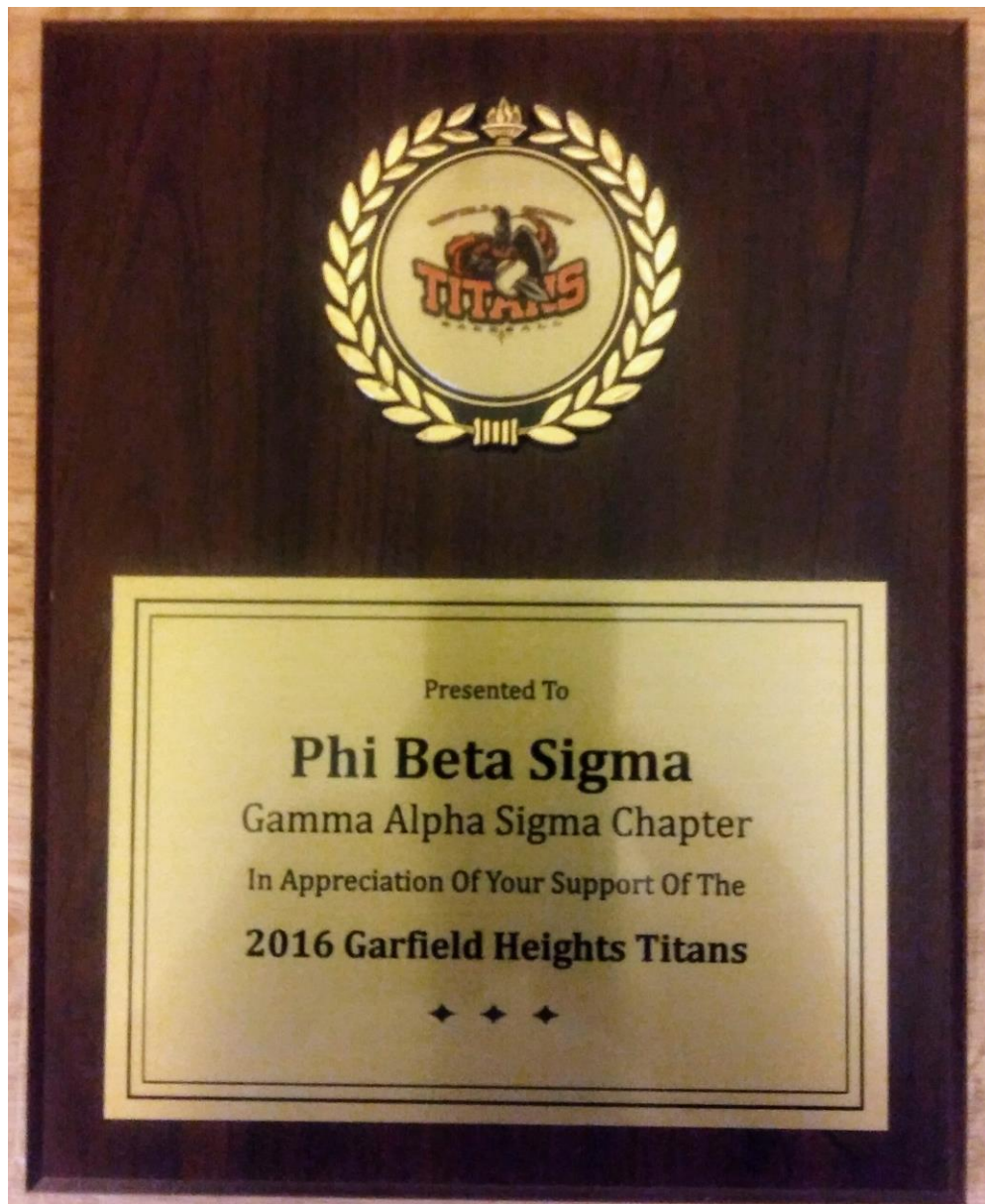


We once again thank all those brothers who were able to participate in one way or another and make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate. We look forward to continuing to build the relationship we have with University Settlement and assist in any way we can in the future to help those individuals in the Broadway-Slavic Village Community.

**GOMAB BROTHERS!!!!**



**Sponsorship Recognition from the  
Garfield Heights Titans 13U Travel Baseball Team**



The chapter recently received a plaque from the Garfield Heights Titans 13U Travel Baseball Team of Garfield Heights, Ohio for their support and sponsorship during their 2016 season. The team each year looks for donations and sponsors to help the team pay for various fees such as the upkeep of their field, travel, tournament fees, uniforms and, many other expenses that they accrue throughout the year. This is the second year that the chapter has supported the team and (more than likely) will be asked to do so in the near future.





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

\*Conclave 2017: Detroit, Michigan \*

\*2017 March for Babies / March of Dimes\*  
Campaign

\*Sigma Beta Club Updates & Information\*

\*4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Gala and Dance\*

\*4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gamma Alpha Sigma Education\*  
Foundation Father / Daughter Dance

\*"Battle of the Blue Juice" Cabaret Highlights\*

\*Great Lakes Regional Conference: Cedar Rapids,\*  
Iowa

\*Other Events & Information\*

Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter  
meetings are now the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday of every month at the  
Maple Heights Library located @  
5225 Library Ln, Maple Heights,  
Ohio 44137 starting at 10:00am