

BLUE NOTES



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The 1st place winning members of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter who participated in the inaugural “Stepping for Scholarship” step show in Toledo, Ohio



(From left to right) Brothers Dawo Rodgers, Marricio Wilson, Trey Douglas, Taurean Adams, Narayan Stitt and Jamie Taylor

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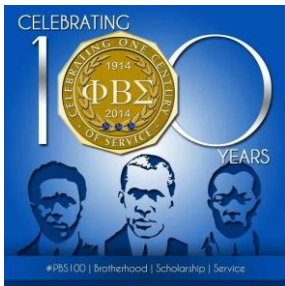
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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Zeta Xi Zeta Chapter Inaugural “Stepping For Scholarship” Alumni Exhibition Step Show

What better way to keep the centennial spirits high than by winning 1st place in a step show competition! For the brothers and those who weren't there, the chapter step team has been revived by 6 members of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter who participated in the first ever alumni exhibition step show hosted by the Toledo Zeta graduate chapter Feb 8th, 2014. The 6 brothers of the chapter had been practicing for a good month + getting ready for the stage. The step show was held at Garden Lakes Hall where the profits and funds collected were allocated toward the Zeta Xi Zeta chapter scholarship fund which will be awarded to graduating Toledo high school seniors getting ready to embark upon their freshman year in college. As the brothers of Sigma took first place fraternity the night was made even sweeter as the Zeta's also took first place sorority locking up a blue and white sweep for the evening. All and all a good time was had by all that weekend. The brothers who participated in the step show would like to send a special shout out and thank you to Brother Leonard Remmer and Soror Jackie Remmer for allowing us to practice our routine in the basement at Exclusive Touch for those multiple weeks and also showing us a step that help add to our show (thanks Lenny!) Word of the blue and white sweep has already gotten around the state and is sparking competition for next year's event. Don't worry; Gamma Alpha Sigma is looking to make it a back-to-back title in 2015.

Members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta after a blue and white sweep at the step show





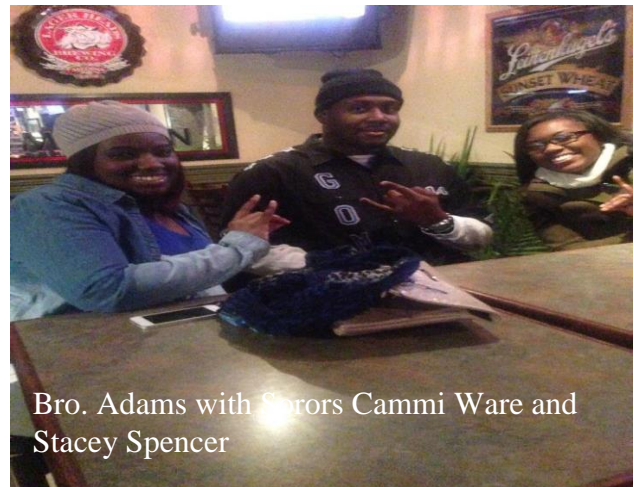
~The Takeoff~ The first days celebrating 100 years of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. in the city of Cleveland!!!



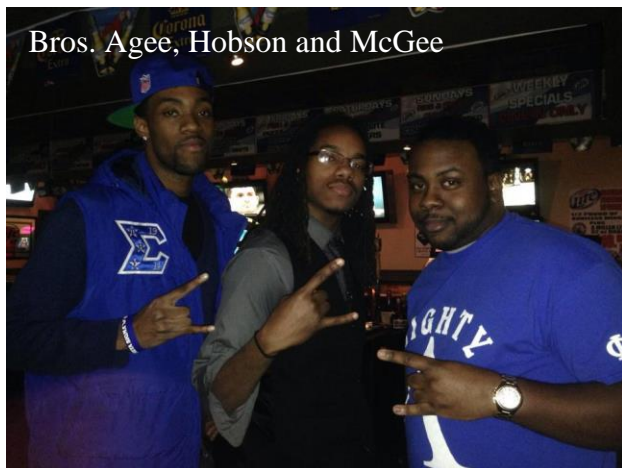
For any member of Phi Beta Sigma excited about seeing our great fraternity reach 100 years you should know that January 8th, 2014 was treated as if it were New Year's Eve. At the crack of midnight Sigma's at Howard University and everywhere around the world celebrated as our fraternity joined the prestigious century club of the NPHC. Here in the city of Cleveland the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter showed up and showed out not just on "centennial eve" but for the next 3 days, excited and letting the city of Cleveland know that 2014 is the year of blue and white. January 8th "centennial eve" included brothers of Sigma along with a few Zetas' meeting up at the bar inside of Geppetto's on Mayfield Rd. counting down the minutes until midnight. The feeling as the clock struck 12am could only be described as amazing because the brothers in the room knew that everywhere Sigma's could be found that the feeling was mutual and we shared a special moment in Sigma we will never see again in our lifetime.



Bros. Hodge, Neubauer, Tate and Ngozi



Bro. Adams with Sorors Cammi Ware and Stacey Spencer



Bros. Agee, Hobson and McGee



A toast to 100 years of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service!!! GOMAB!!!

The party didn't stop then as brothers would get together officially on the evening of January 9th for a "centennial sip" and watch party at the office of Bro. Steven Lovelace as the International President Johnathan A. Mason addressed the fraternity live via the web that night expressing his excitement and vision for the fraternity as we moved into our next 100 years of Sigma. The atmosphere was ecstatic as brothers watched the message and soon after began to chant, sing Sigma hymn's and toast to 100 years of brotherhood, scholarship and service.

The brotherhood January 9th, 2014 celebrating and watching the Centennial Address from International President Bro. Johnathan A. Mason



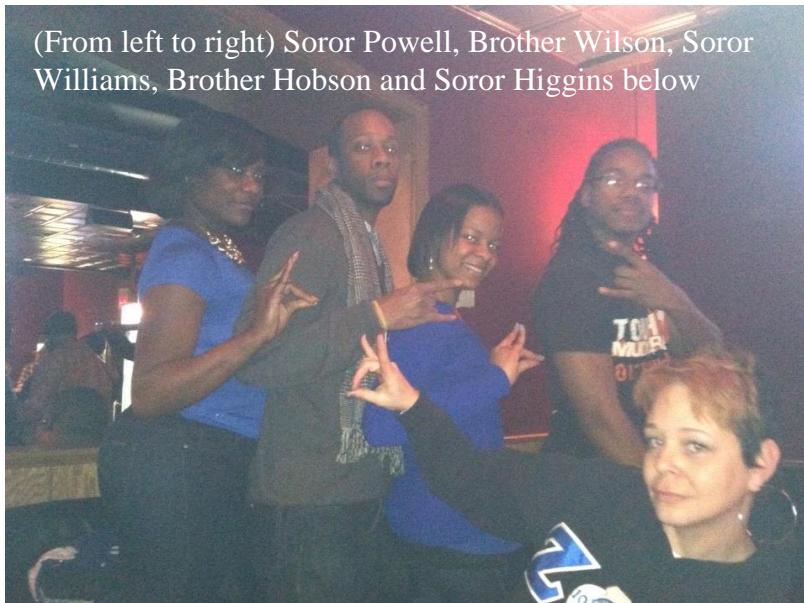
And if you thought the centennial celebrating and shenanigans would die down after those two days...YOU ARE SADLY MISTAKEN! The chapter would keep the party going Friday night January 10th, 2014 as Sigma's and Zeta's would meet up at Helen's Game Time in Mayfield Heights to further spread the good news of blue and white celebrating 100 years.

Blue and White...still celebrating...day 3 of the festivities!!!

(From left to right) Soror Higgins, Bro. Taylor, Bro. Adams, Soror Williams, Bro. Hobson and Bro. Long



(From left to right) Soror Powell, Brother Wilson, Soror Williams, Brother Hobson and Soror Higgins below



Saturday January 11th, 2014 the brothers came back together in a more formal manner during our annual founder's day celebration and luncheon at the Solon Community Center in Solon Ohio. The guest speakers this year at this special centennial founder's day would be Gamma Alpha Sigma's own Bro. Darrell C. Claytor giving a presentation on investment and financial management and Channel 8 WJW's own Bro. Wayne Dawson speaking on the spiritual aspects of our lives and how it must tie into our lives not only as men of Phi Beta Sigma but of God. The brothers present along with the Sigma Beta Club who were in attendance took in the knowledge from these two individuals and look to further apply it to our personal and fraternal endeavors. Brother Percy Turner, president of Gamma Alpha Sigma also handed out 3 awards this year at the luncheon. Brothers Michael Brown and Taurean Adams both received the Presidential Award from the chapter while Brother Lee Tate received the "True Blue" Sigma of the year award for his constant dedication and leadership in the fraternity.



Awards given out and the present and past presidents of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter



Now we all know that having fun, celebrating with friends and family and kicking it are all fine and dandy with it being our centennial but when it comes down to it we are and will always be first about service. Sunday January 12th, 2014 as deemed by international president Johnathan A. Mason was to be "Sigma Centennial Service Day" where brothers worldwide were to engage in a service project. Gamma Alpha Sigma answered the call by participating with Greater Cleveland Family Promise, a community service organization that provides temporary housing for select families transitioning from being homeless to self-sufficient. The brothers who participated cleaned up the apartment for the incoming family and stocked the kitchen with food and other items to get them started.



(from left to right) Brothers Rogers, Taylor Neubauer, Scudder, Adams, Jones and Turner and Sigma Beta Jah'rael Jones



I believe the first couple days of us celebrating our centennial is best put by the words of our international president “there is something special going on in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.” Brothers (I hope) truly feel that this is true, not only with this being our centennial year but with the changes, endeavors and moves the fraternity has been making in the past couple of months which is leading us up to our grand centennial celebration in Washington D.C. this summer. I hope the excitement that Gamma Alpha Sigma experienced in the first 72+ hours of our centennial year does not die out but serves as the constant catalyst to keep brothers energized and excited about not only where the fraternity is heading as a whole but Gamma Alpha Sigma’s role within the entire role of Sigma and in the city of Cleveland.



**Happy centennial brothers...After 100 years, our
cause STILL speeds on its way!!!**

Centennial 2014 Washington D.C. How you getting there???

Brothers....

How do you plan on getting to the Sigma event of all Sigma events in July? Well Gamma Alpha Sigma has a great alternative that you may have not considered... How about riding on the charter bus the chapter is getting for all those Sigma's, Zeta's and friends who are looking forward to traveling to Washington D.C. this summer? The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter has secured a deposit with Lakefront Lines as our transportation to Washington D.C. and is now taking deposits for seats. One thing is for sure, **Phi Beta Sigma is about to celebrate like no Greek organization has done before!**

Payments to secure you seat on the bus can be paid via PayPal using these links:

Bus ride deposit https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=DTKJE64J37WN6

Bus ride payment in full https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9E2EZZWYXGXL2

The Blu Print Membership Database is here!!!

As of December 11, 2013 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. has taken leaps and bounds to provide better membership services to its members. With that being said, enter The Blu Print Membership Database! Brothers are strongly urged to become a part of the newest transformation to arrive to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Since the unveiling of the Blu Print Membership Database, hundreds of brothers have already claimed their user profiles and some have already paid their 2014 dues online! The Phi Beta Sigma network has become instantly stronger. Now brothers have the ability to verify fraternity memberships, search for chapters by name and location and instantly correct mailing address and other contact information. Faster and more efficient services have arrived to our members. Brothers can create their profiles, login and, personally feel Phi Beta Sigma's newest experience.

To the brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma, I highly urge you go to the national website at www.phibetasigma1914.org and go to the link for the Blu Print to create you profile. The more brothers we get to sign up for the database, the easier it is for the flow of information from IHQ to us, maintaining accurate rosters for the chapter and a whole host of other things. Log on, you just might like it



17th Annual Sigma Gamma Rho Youth Symposium

We would like to shout out three of our Sigma Beta's who participated this year in the annual Youth Symposium hosted by both SGRho Cleveland Alumnae chapters at Memorial Junior High School in South, Euclid on Saturday March 8th, 2014. Sigma Beta's Jayllen Hathman, Jah'rael Jones and Jaden Phelps took part in various educational sessions ranging from bullying to domestic violence. The boys learned a lot from the different speakers that were present and also enjoyed some downtown with a short music concert from local rap and hip-hop artist Nova the Rebel. The goal for next year's symposium will be to have the ENTIRE Sigma Beta club present so that all can take in the knowledge and information presented to the youth.



City of Cleveland Centennial Proclamation to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.



Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. along with members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. in council chambers at Cleveland City Hall during the proclamation presentation

The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter was honored by the city and presented with a proclamation congratulating the fraternity on 100 years of brotherhood, scholarship and service. The evening included a light reception provided for those in attendance and various television interviews with Gamma Alpha Sigma president Percy Turner by channels Fox 8 and TV 20. Not only did the chapter receive a proclamation from the city but various notable Sigma's in the city including councilmen Bros. TJ Dow and Jeffrey Johnson, honorable judge Michael Ryan, Fox 8's very own Wayne Dawson and a host of others in attendance that evening.



President Percy Turner giving a small speech during the proclamation presentation with the Gamma Alpha Sigma Exec Board and Sigma dignitaries



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

Cleveland Centennial Celebration Updates

**Phi Beta Sigma Great Lakes Regional Conference*
April 17-20 in Chicago, Illinois*

** Zeta Phi Beta Great Lakes Regional Conference*
April 27-29 in Cleveland, Ohio*

Sigma Beta Club Activities and Events

2014 Centennial in Washington D.C. Updates

** Sigma Scholarship Gala in September**

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 got a chair waiting for you...