

# BLUE NOTES



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Brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma holding it down at the bowling tournament during the NPHC of Greater Cleveland 2014 Bowling Party at Southgate Lanes in Maple Heights, Ohio



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## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority 80<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference Stroll Competition



(from left to right) Brothers Sam Morris, Dawo Rogers, Taurean Adams, Frank Andrews and, Narayan Stitt getting ready to hit the stage at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Cleveland

The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma had a chance to shine and show out once more during the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. 80<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference Stroll Competition, which took place on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. The brothers were one of many teams that also included 1 team from Alpha Kappa Alpha, 1 team from Kappa Alpha Psi, 1 team from Sigma Gamma Rho and 4 teams from Zeta Phi Beta. Although the brothers put on a good show during the 3 round competition the victors would be the graduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho of Cleveland, Ohio winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the graduate chapter of Zeta Phi Beta from Columbus, Ohio taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place being the host chapter of the conference, the Nu Theta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta. All and all during the competition, a good time was had by all in attendance and if the brothers had to lose to anybody in the NPHC...we'd rather it be our sisters. Oh well there is always next time. Congrats to the Zeta's and to the brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma who held it down for the fraternity.





GAS brothers getting it in!!!

GOMAB!!!



## Case Western Reserve University 2014 Scholarship Conference



Members of the Sigma Beta Club in the first row with members of Gamma Alpha Sigma in the row behind them @ Case Western University

The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma took place in a great teaching event to further prepare and expose the young men of the Sigma Beta Club to the beginning processes of college. Case Western University Office of Multicultural Affairs in association with Upward Bound of Greater Cleveland, the Cleveland office of the United Negro College fund and many other organizations held the 2014 Scholarship Conference on the campus of CWRU March 22, 2014. The primary objective of the conference was to expose high school students to the financial aid and scholarship process, showing them what websites to utilize and resources that would be helpful. The brothers wanted to make sure that the Sigma Beta's were present, especially as two of the older Sigma Beta's (Devin Brown who is a sophomore and Deanjelious Brown a freshman) will be embarking on the path of higher education very soon. The day included different educational sessions going over web browsing of different scholarship websites, an interactive tour of the Department of Education website, lunch provided by the school and also a little midday entertainment which included a performance by a local rap artist and a small step presentation by the men of Kappa Alpha Psi and of course, yours truly the brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma. The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma were presented with a certificate of participation from Case Western Reserve University and more importantly, the Sigma Beta's gain future knowledge in regard to the college preparation process. The Sigma Beta Club will be attending next year in greater numbers as we look forward to continuing to expose our young men to the life of higher education and the steps needed to get there.





Gamma Alpha Sigma brothers.....

.....Stepping at Case Western Reserve University



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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY SERVICE PROJECT



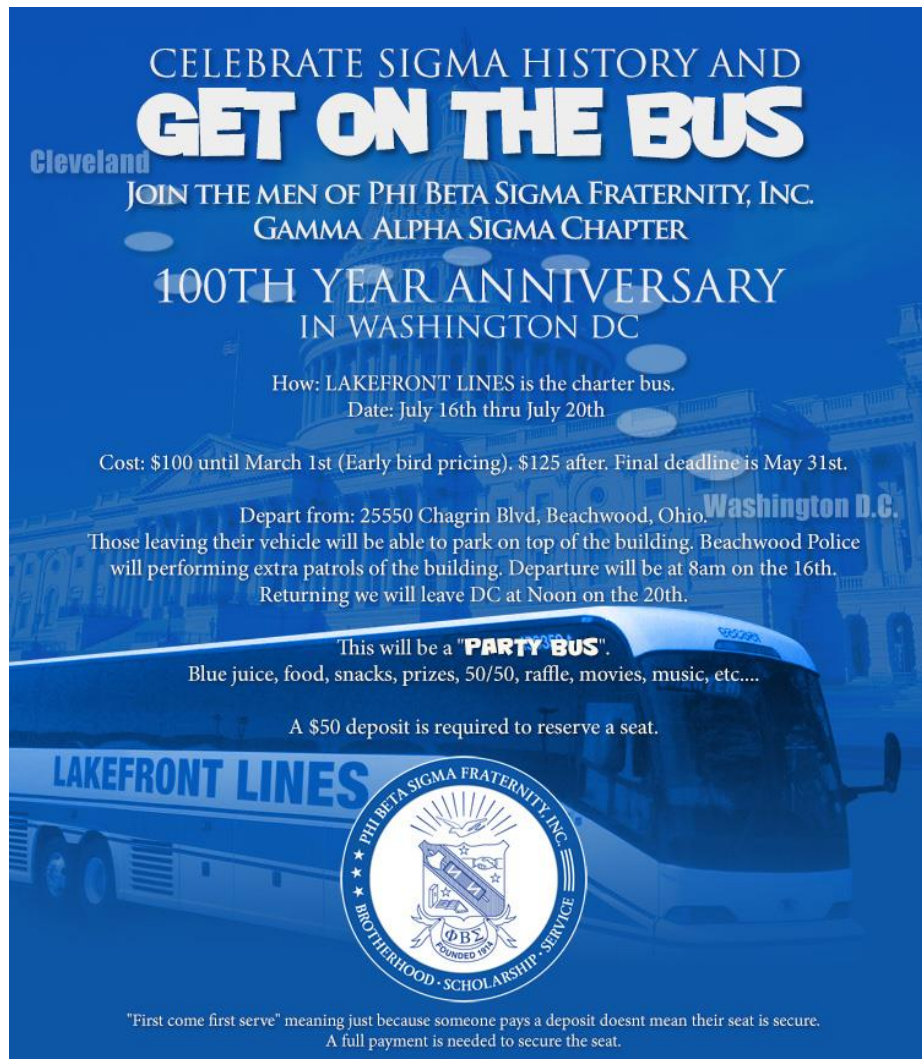
Bros. Ike Lewis, George Baker, Taurean Adams, DeVaughn Exum, Duvall Brown, Sam Morris, Jay Hodge, Ed Long and, James Jones cleaning up our section of Interstate 480 E/W ~ 271 N/S

The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. officially has its own spot of the highway we can call our very own. As you may remember the chapter took the steps necessary back in the later part of 2013 to join the Adopt-A-Highway project instituted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Located between the Forbes/Broadway exit and Alexander Road overpass on Interstates 480 E/W ~ 271 N/S, the chapter undertook its first day of cleaning up out on the highway May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The brothers were amazed just how much stuff they found in just the first 100 feet of the cleanup with items ranging from household items, excessive amounts of aluminum cans and one brother even found an entire pack of chicken breast that somehow found its way to the shoulder of the highway. The chapter is obligated to clean our section of the highway 4 times out of the year. The chapter is asking all Sigma's who are willing and able to support the project as we continue to show the community that we are a service oriented group of men, standing tall on the principles left to us by our founders.



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

\*\*\*BROTHERS THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET ON THE BUS\*\*\*



CELEBRATE SIGMA HISTORY AND  
**GET ON THE BUS**  
Cleveland

JOIN THE MEN OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.  
GAMMA ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
IN WASHINGTON DC

How: LAKEFRONT LINES is the charter bus.  
Date: July 16th thru July 20th

Cost: \$100 until March 1st (Early bird pricing). \$125 after. Final deadline is May 31st.

Depart from: 25550 Chagrin Blvd, Beachwood, Ohio.  
Those leaving their vehicle will be able to park on top of the building. Beachwood Police  
will performing extra patrols of the building. Departure will be at 8am on the 16th.  
Returning we will leave DC at Noon on the 20th.

This will be a "PARTY BUS".  
Blue juice, food, snacks, prizes, 50/50, raffle, movies, music, etc....

A \$50 deposit is required to reserve a seat.

"First come first serve" meaning just because someone pays a deposit doesnt mean their seat is secure.  
A full payment is needed to secure the seat.

Brothers our Centennial Celebration is rapidly approaching and the question still stands...

### HOW ARE YOU GETTING TO THE MOST IMPORTANT AND HISTORICAL EVENT IN PHI BETA SIGMA HISTORY SINCE JAN 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2014?

There is still plenty of space left on our "party bus" that's heading to Washington D.C. in July. If you have any questions in regard to the bus or Centennial in general contact President Bro. Percy Turner at 216-299-8891

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

**Bus ride payment in full** [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=9E2EZZWYXGXL2](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9E2EZZWYXGXL2)

## NPHC of Greater Cleveland 2014 Bowling Party



We definitely want to give a big shout out to the brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter who showed up and showed out at the 2014 NPHC of Greater Cleveland Bowling Party which was held at Southgate Lanes on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. During the party the divine nine organizations held a bowling tournament to see which fraternity and sorority would go home with top honors and bragging rights for the year. The men of Sigma did not disappoint as Bro. Michael Brown would take top individual overall score out of the fraternities and lead the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter to a 1<sup>st</sup> place victory as top fraternity for the evening. Shout out to all the brothers who participated allowing us to brag for the next 365 days until next year's party.



Bro. Michael Brown holding the trophies for top individual highest score and top fraternity score along with other Sigma brothers of the chapter



## **The Blu Print Membership Database is here!!!**

\*\*\*A FRIENDLY REMINDER IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY\*\*\*

Back in December of 2013 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. took 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 once again highly urge you go to the national website at [www.phibetasigma1914.org](http://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.

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BLU PRINT  
NEW MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Brothers  
Enter Here

## University Settlement Community Service Project

The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma are always on the move and helping out in the community when the call to action is made. The brothers once again answered the call as they went to help prepare and serve food to the elderly and other individuals at the University Settlement on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. University Settlement is a neighborhood center that provides social services to residents of the Broadway/Slavic Village neighborhood in southeast Cleveland. Headquartered at 4800 Broadway Avenue, the agency operates three facilities and hosts 10 major programs that serve children, families, and seniors. Many of the brothers who participated expressed deeply how good it felt to help out that evening not only preparing and serving those meals that evening but putting smiles on the faces of those who were there. GOMAB brothers!



Bros. Jamie Taylor, Percy Turner, DeVaughn Exum, Geoff Betts, and Joseph Lastery helping out at University Settlement



## Sigma Round Up (Part 2)

The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma held there 2<sup>nd</sup> Sigma Round-Up April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Holiday Inn hotel in Independence, Ohio. If you don't know by now the purpose of the gathering is to get brothers who may not necessarily "be in the loop" of things together, have fun outside of the formalities of meetings and pass along information about the chapter and the fraternity as a whole. Unlike the first round-up where it was strictly brothers, invitations this time around were extended to our lovely sorority sisters of Zeta Phi Beta to come out and join us for food and drinks. Once again a good time was had by all as brothers and sisters communed together and got important information about the centennial. The chapter plans to continue having these round-up's on a regular basis to always encourage those brothers who may have gone astray that they are still family and we want them to be a part of the great works that Gamma Alpha Sigma is working and striving towards. Be on the lookout as we plan to have another one very soon.

### Phi Beta Sigma & Zeta Phi Beta



Whether its Sigma or Zeta...It's all Phi Beta...

## March of Dimes: 2014 March For Babies



(Picture to the left): Brothers Lee Tate, Ron Pierce, Jay Hodge, Percy Turner and Tristan Hobson representing the Blue and White at the March for Babies.

(Picture to the Right): Delta Rho Sigma president Bro. Michael Leftwich with Gamma Alpha Sigma brothers Jay Hodge and Mario Snowden

Shout out to the brothers of our Gamma Alpha Sigma along with the brothers of Delta Rho Sigma (Akron alumni chapter) who participated in this year's March of Dimes event at Wade Oval back on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This year marks the 75th anniversary for the March for Babies, an effort by the March of Dimes. The money fundraised through this annual event support programs in the local community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies and also funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten babies such as premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality. The walk has been taking place since 1970 and has raised an incredible \$2.3 billion nationwide to benefit babies here and abroad. This year the brothers helped hand out food and beverages to those individuals walking the 3 mile route near University Circle.







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## **~ANNOUNCEMENTS~**

*If you have anything that you would like to have included into the quarterly Blue Notes Newsletter you can send all information/articles/pictures to Blue Notes Editor-In-Chief:*

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

\*Cleveland Centennial Celebration Updates\*

\*Phi Beta Sigma Inaugural Father Daughter Dance\*

\* More on our Adopt-A-Highway Project\*

\*Sigma Beta Club Activities and Events\*

\*2014 Centennial in Washington D.C. Updates\*

\* Sigma Scholarship Gala in September\*

\*2014 State of Ohio Meeting/Leadership Conference

### **Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings**

**are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month**  
**starting at 6:30pm in the office of Bro.**  
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**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...**