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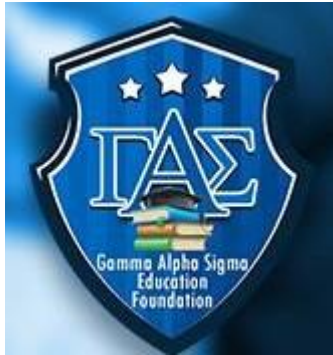


Bros. Jay Hodge and Bros. Lee Tate with Gamma Alpha Sigma chapters newly inducted summer 2014 members Bro. Brandon Tolliver and Bro. Issa T. Arney after their crossing ceremony.

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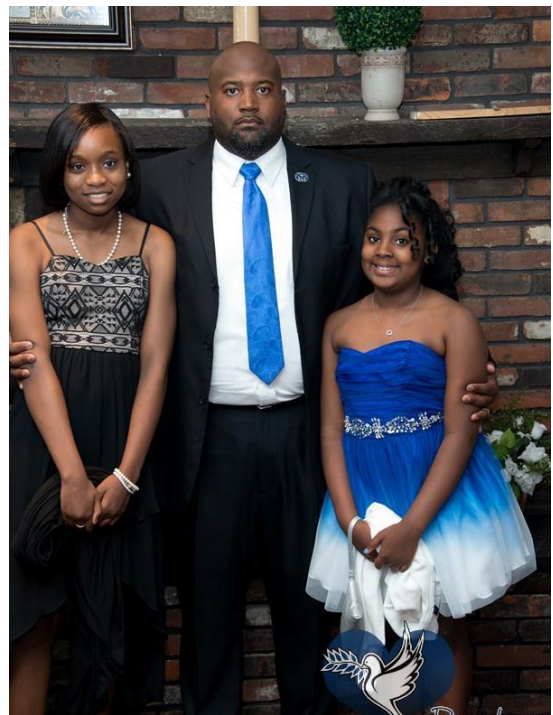
Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation Inaugural Father Daughter Dance



The non-profit arm of the chapter, the Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation held its inaugural Father / Daughter Dance entitled “A Dance with My Father...A Night to Remember” on June 13th, 2014 at the Mediterranean Party Center in Bedford, Ohio. The fathers, uncles and other male figures who escorted the young ladies to the event enjoyed dinner, dancing, a rich message from keynote speaker Reverend Todd C. Solomon, PHD of Antioch Baptist Church and, a special pledge that was recited by each male figure to their young ladies which included in sum that no matter what they would always be a positive force in their lives and live up to the high ideals of what a father/male role model should be in the life of a young lady.



Bro. Narayan Stitt with his Goddaughters

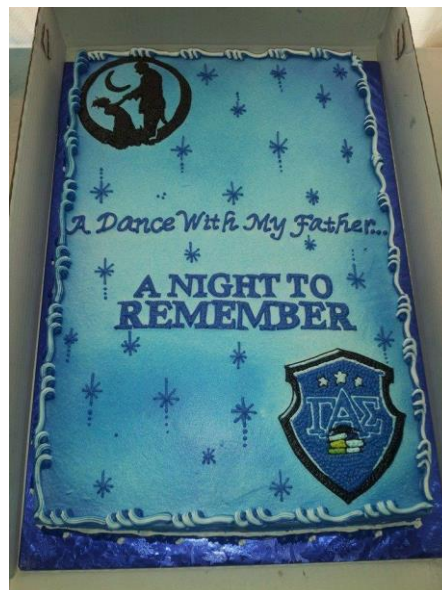


Bro. Percy Turner with his daughters



Bros. Jamie Taylor (left) and Ed Long (right) with their daughters at the event

Special thanks to local sponsors Popeye's Chicken, Hometech Healthcare Services and others who helped make the night a successful event. Also kudos to Bros. Ed Long, Ike Lewis, George Baker and everyone else who took the charge to put the event together. The success of the event looks to be repeated in future years to come.



Ohio Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Project (Continued)



We want to further encourage brothers to continue to come out and support the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up that the chapter has undertaken since the beginning of the spring this year. The brothers have been out on our stretch of Interstate 480-E / 271-S 3 times this year with the final clean-up of the year scheduled for **October 4th, 2014**. As we move forward with this initiative into 2015 we encourage more of the brothers to participate as we continue to show our unified effort to stay committed to the task we choose to undertake. On October 4th, 2014 we will meet in the empty parking lot across from the Circle K gas station on Broadway Avenue (near the 480-E / 271- S ramp) and carpool to our designated spot to conduct our final clean-up of the year. Be on the lookout for the time and we hope to see you there.



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Centennial Celebration Washington D.C.



I am not even sure how you begin to explain the fun, brotherhood, shenanigans, feelings and whatever other adjectives or words you could insert in this sentence to convey and completely express this once-in-a-lifetime experience that took place in Washington D.C. the days of July 16th through July 20th celebrating the 100 year journey of our great Fraternity. Years from now future Sigma's, Zeta's, Greeks and the world over will see how we celebrated a century of Phi Beta Sigma. If you were not there for whatever reason I hope these pictures give you a sense of the time had by all in Washington D.C.!

BLU PHI!!! YOU KNOW!!!



Brothers getting ready for the ride to the nations capital



Left to Right: Bros. Hodge, Andrews, Ngozi, Long and Neubauer at one of the rest stops on our way to Centennial



Left to Right: Bros. Adams, Stitt, Crawford and Brown at the Opening Ceremony

Left to Right: Bros. Tolliver, Andrews, Hodge, Long, Turner, Smith, Demmings and, Pierce at the Sigma plot on the campus of Howard University



Left to Right: Bros. Lovelace, Brown, Smith, Crawford, Copeland, Long, Henderson and Demmings at the Grand Orchid Ball



Left to Right: Bros. Long, Hodge, Turner, Arney, Andrews, Tolliver and Tate at the newly dedicated Centennial Monument on the campus of Howard University



Left to Right: Bros. Long, Hodge, Tate and Andrews outside of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Centennial House



Left to Right: Bros. Adams, Stitt, Anderson (immediate past Vice President of Gamma Alpha Sigma) and Orr at the Syleena Johnson Day Party

100+ years later and our cause STILL speed on its way...GOMAB!!!

University Settlement: Ongoing Service Project



We would like the brothers to know that our support towards our ongoing service project where we have been volunteering at University Settlement on select Tuesdays throughout the past couple of months has been highly appreciated by their staff as we have stepped in and saved the day on multiple occasions in helping serve meals to those less fortunate and the surrounding community. For the brothers who don't know, 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. When the call is sent out that our help is needed, brothers have responded every time answering the call to come out and pitch in where need be. Be on the lookout for the next call, text or email (usually sent out by Gamma Alpha Sigma President Bro. Percy Turner) in regard to the next time the Sigma's will be called to service!



Bros. Taurean Adams and Michael Brown with a student volunteer from Cleveland State University at the latest call to service at University Settlement on August 12th, 2014

2014 State of Ohio Leadership State Conference/Meeting



The Ohio State Conference will occur Saturday September 27, 2014 in Cleveland, Ohio at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South (6001 Rockside Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44131). This will be a State Conference unlike any other in recent years as we will have our International President Honorable Jonathan A. Mason Sr. in attendance! The State director has stated that his goals for the State Conference include the following: 1) To provide appropriate trainings and certifications for chapters to function effectively and, 2) Make an asserted effort to focus brothers attention on the reporting tools, risk/liability/ threats to our organization. M.I.P. training will be provided for brothers at the State Conference as the M.I.P. intake window for this fall will run September 8, 2014 - November 16, 2014. Registration for the State Conference is currently open. Please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/phi-beta-sigma-ohio-state-director-2673574930?s=27620449> to register. All brothers who register for the state conference

All brothers in attendance will receive a T-Shirt (shown to the right) designed by Gamma Alpha Sigma chapters very own Bro. Duvall Brown



~*Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma*~ Scholarship Gala

The poster features a blue background with a faint circular seal of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in the center. The text is white and yellow. On the right side, there is a large portrait of Bro. Jonathan A. Mason. On the left, there are two smaller portraits of Danita Harris and Wayne Dawson. The text includes the event title, date, time, guest speakers, keynote speaker, location, and ticket information.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter

Celebrating 100 Years
"Saving the Youth and Reclaiming Our Faith"
September 27, 2014 6pm-12am

Guest speakers will be


Danita Harris
Mistress of Ceremonies
Award winning News-
Channel 5 Anchor, and
Minister.


Wayne Dawson
Award winning Fox 8
News in the Morning
Anchor, and
Minister.

Keynote Speaker:
Bro. Jonathan A. Mason
34th International President of
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Location:
Holiday Inn
Cleveland Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio

Individual tickets - \$65 | Couples - \$100 | Full table - \$480
Hotel Accomodations Available:
Call (216) 524-8050, extension 298 and identify yourself as part of the Phi Beta Sigma
event for the special room rate of \$92.

If you don't know by now Gamma Alpha Sigma is looking to throw its most meaningful and exciting event during our fraternity's centennial year. The night will include dinner, dancing, live music, messages from keynote speakers Wayne Dawson of FOX 8, Phi Beta Sigma's own 34th International President Bro. Johnathan A. Mason and, then we will party the night away in what we pray will be one of the most successful events in Gamma Alpha Sigma's 60+ year history. For those travelling from out of town, accommodations have been made at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Road- Independence, Ohio 44131. Room rates are \$92/night (plus tax). For those guests coming from out of town, you can make a reservation by calling 216-524-8050 and stating you are with the Phi Beta Sigma group or by clicking on this link:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=clein&PMID=99801505&GPC=phi>

For those brothers who need to purchase tickets here is the link to do so:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-100-years-saving-the-youth-and-reclaiming-our-faith-scholarship-gala-tickets-11650600259>

The proceeds of the evening will benefit the Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation, the non-profit arm of the chapter, which will be looking to utilize some of the funds raised to start issuing out Scholarships in the upcoming year. We hope and pray that brothers are Committed to the cause in making this event the absolute best it can be By means of cooperation and supporting this endeavor.



2015-2016 Gamma Alpha Sigma Officer Elections

*Straight from our Chapter President Bro. Percy Turner via an email
Communicated to the chapter back on June 20th, 2014:*



Brothers,

I want to remind everyone that this is an election year, and as stated by our Constitution, Article III Section 1: The elected officers of The Chapter shall be the President, 1st Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at- Arms. Section 4 reads: No officers, with the exception of parliamentarian (appointed), may serve more than two (2) successive terms. Section 7 reads: All members who were financially active the prior year are eligible to hold an elected office.

As such, the election cycle shall proceed as follows:

October Meeting: Nominations of Officers for '15-'16,

November Meeting: Presentations from nominees on qualifications, etc.

December Meeting: Closed elections

January Meeting (or Founders Day Program): Installation of New Officers.

If anyone has any questions in regard to the chapters constitution obtaining a copy of the chapters constitution or what exactly the role of the offices listed above entail please contact Bro. Percy Turner. We all must look inside ourselves to see where we can serve Sigma in a greater role. **Don't just be a t-shirt wearer, GET INVOLVED!**

Summer 2014 Neophytes of Gamma Alpha Sigma



We would like to give a big shout out to the newest members of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Brother Issa T. Arney (#1 Sigma Known As "Blue Rage") and Brother Brandon Tolliver (#2 Sigma Known As "Quick Draw") who crossed and joined our wondrous band back on July 13th, 2014. The summer 2014 line known as "Lesser of 2 Evils" was headed by their Dean Bro. Lee Tate and their ADP Bro. Jay Hodge. We want to thank the summer 2014 Membership Intake Team who took the time in preparing these 2 men to join our organization. These individuals include:

Bro. Lee Tate (Gamma Alpha Sigma / NE Ohio Membership Intake Chairman)

Bro. Jay Hodge (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

Bro. George Baker (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

Bro. Lee Jackson (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

Bro. Narayan Stitt (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

Bro. Michael Brown (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

Bro. Taurean Adams (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

Bro. Percy Turner (Gamma Alpha Sigma)

We wish our newest chapter members the best of success in their personal endeavors and their new bound journey and responsibilities as men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. GOMAB!

3rd Annual All Ohio Blue and White Weekend Cleveland, Ohio



The All Ohio Blue and White Weekend found its way to the shores of Lake Erie this year with this being the 3rd year since its inception running this year from June 27th to June 29th. The weekend included a series of events starting with a Blue and White Happy Hour at TOMO Sushi and Hibachi Restaurant at 1293 West 9th Street in downtown Cleveland. Saturday included the Blue and White Picnic at Punderson State Park in Newbury, Ohio with the after party back in downtown Cleveland at Club Rumor. Sunday included a bon voyage breakfast at the Holiday Inn in Independence, Ohio where hotel accommodation's had been set up for out of town guest. All-in-all the weekend was a success for the Sigma and Zeta Grad chapters hosting the weekend as Sigma's and Zeta from each corner of the state showed up and supported the weekend events. We want to thank the committee that took up the charge in making sure that the weekend was a success. Those individuals include:

Bro. Percy Turner (Gamma Alpha Sigma)
Bro. Taurean R. Adams (Gamma Alpha Sigma)
Soror Chamomile Ware (Nu Theta Zeta)
Soror Kimberly King (Gamma Delta Zeta)
Soror Aria Reynold (Gamma Delta Zeta)



Sigma's and Zeta's showing out
at the Blue and White Picnic



Bros. Dawo Rodgers, Jamie
Taylor and Taurean Adams with
Soror. Emma Craver



Sorors Tiona Williams and
Angy Long with Bro. Jamie
Taylor



Bros. Dawo Rodgers, Narayan Stitt, Percy
Turner, Steven Miller and Sam Morris

2014 NPHC of Greater Cleveland Greek Weekend

FRIDAY
August 8th

FISH FRY

Omega House
15435 Saint Clair Ave
Cleveland, OH
6:00pm — Until



After Work Social Gathering
10.00 — Fish Dinners
\$5.00 — Social Only
- Cash Bar -
It's Time to Celebrate!

For More Information
www.ClevelandNPHC.org

SATURDAY
August 9th

GREEK PICNIC

City of Solon, OH
Timberlake Park
Off of Pettibone Road & Root Road
11am — 6pm

Music By DJ STEADY PACE

Group
Photos
Begin
@2pm

STROLL OFF
@ 3pm

Games, Fellowship & Fun
"Bring Your Own Baskets"
Vendor Space Available

All Events Open to the
General Public

SUNDAY
August 10th

WORSHIP SERVICE

Come lift up the name of Jesus in a
contemporary and relaxed
atmosphere

"REP YOUR COLORS"
DRESS DOWN SUNDAY



Israelite Missionary Baptist Church
12527 Kinsman Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44120
Service Begins - 10am

We want to thank all the brothers who participated in this year's NPHC Greek Weekend in the city of Cleveland. Friday started with the usual social hour / fish fry at the Omega House on the east side of the city. Saturday included the annual NPHC picnic which was held out in Solon, Ohio. Sunday concluded the activities with morning worship service at Israelite Missionary Baptist Church where our own Sigma brothers Michael Brown and Keith Ireland pastor and minister. Thanks to all the brothers who participated and we look forward to next years festivities.



Kicking it at the NPHC Picnic!!!

Hough's Historic League Park Grand Reopening

The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter participated in a momentous event on August 23rd, 2014 as League Park in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood held its grand Re-opening. For those who are unfamiliar with the Significance of the baseball field, League Park Which was built in 1891 and once known as Dunn Field, Is baseball's oldest existing Major League ball Grounds. It also is the first former Major League Park turned into a community park. It was the site Of numerous key moments in baseball history, Including the Indians 1920 World Series Championship, Babe Ruth's 500th career home run, Joe DiMaggio's 56th consecutive hit. A long list of Hall of Famers called it home or visited, from Cy Young, to Satchel Paige, to Feller. The NFL's Cleveland Rams played there, as did the Negro League champion Buckeyes. Even the Browns Practiced at League Park. After the Indians Abandoned it in 1946 and the Buckeyes folded a Few years later, most of the stadium that held more Than 19,000 fans was torn down in the 1950s. On August 23rd, 2014 Bro T.J. Dow, councilman of Cleveland's Ward 7 neighborhood which houses the Hough Community along with other politicians, local leaders And, other individual's gave remarks in the historic reopening of the legendary field.

Bro. T.J. also gave congratulations and commendations on the 100 year centennial anniversary of Phi Beta Sigma in his presentation acknowledging the fraternity in his presentation. Surely the history and legacy of League Park is alive and well within the Hough neighborhood and will be for years to come with Bro. T.J. Dow doing what he can for his community and constituents. It is moments like this where men who have been called to carry the blue and white banner of Sigma not only show up and show out for the frat but our ultimate cause for the betterment of others as expressed in our motto "culture for service and service for humanity".



Bro. T.J. Dow speaking at the grand re-opening of League Park



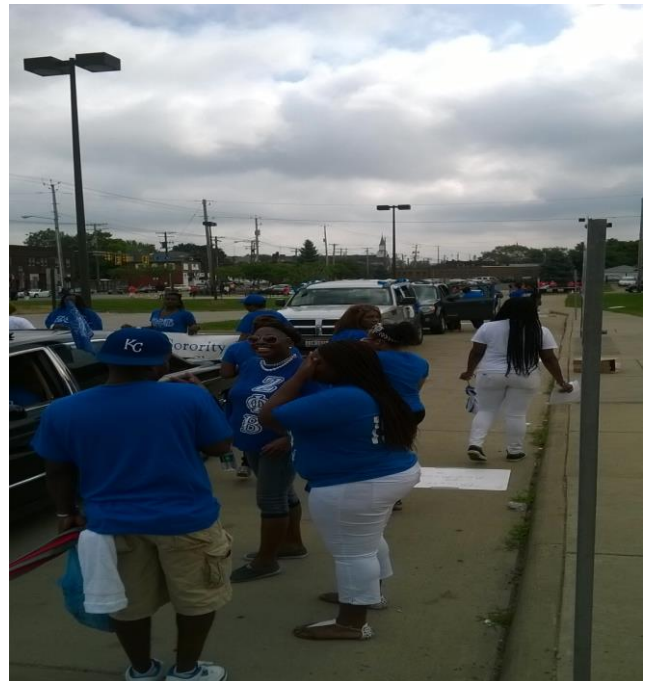
11th Congressional District Community Caucus Annual Labor Day Parade



Bro. Woody Richmond bringing out the Bentley for the Labor Day Parade



Sigma's and Zeta's getting ready to step off for the parade



We want to shout out all the brothers who came out to participate in the annual Labor Day parade. The brothers traveled from Andrew J. Rickoff Elementary School at 147th Street and ended at Luke Easter Park on the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and Kinsman Ave. The brothers were also accompanied from our Sigma Beta's who helped pass out candy to spectators along the parade route. All-and-all a good time was had by everyone in attendance and look forward to participating next year.



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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

Founders Day 2015

Sigma Beta Club Activities and Events

* Sigma Scholarship Gala in September Highlights*

2014 Ohio Leadership Conference Highlights

Other Events and Information

Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings
are the 2nd 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...