

# BLUE NOTES



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**Blue and White at March for Babies / March of Dimes 2017**

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**“Battle of the Blue Juice” Cabaret  
Memorial Day Weekend Party**



We want to thank all of the brothers who came out, helped out and participated in the chapters inaugural “Battle of the Blue Juice” Cabaret. The event took place the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Cooper Party Hall in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. While music was cranked out by DJ Mike Tic throughout the evening, guest got to put to rest (at least for this year) the conversation of who indeed has the best batch of Blue Juice in the chapter. The 4 entries into the inaugural event were, Bro. Stephen Lovelace, Bro. Jamie Taylor, Bro. Mario Snowden and Bro. Steven Brown. After countless tasting, tallying of score sheets and trash talking from the brothers, Bro. Mario Snowden would end up holding the trophy high at the end of the evening being declared the winner. Comment and feedback from the event the next day and even days after were nothing short of good. Many individuals are already looking forward to next year’s event where we will go toe-to-toe once again to see who will win.

Who will be the winner in 2018? Will we bring family in (Zeta’s) and go against them?  
What other twist will be added at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Battle of the Blue Juice” Cabaret?

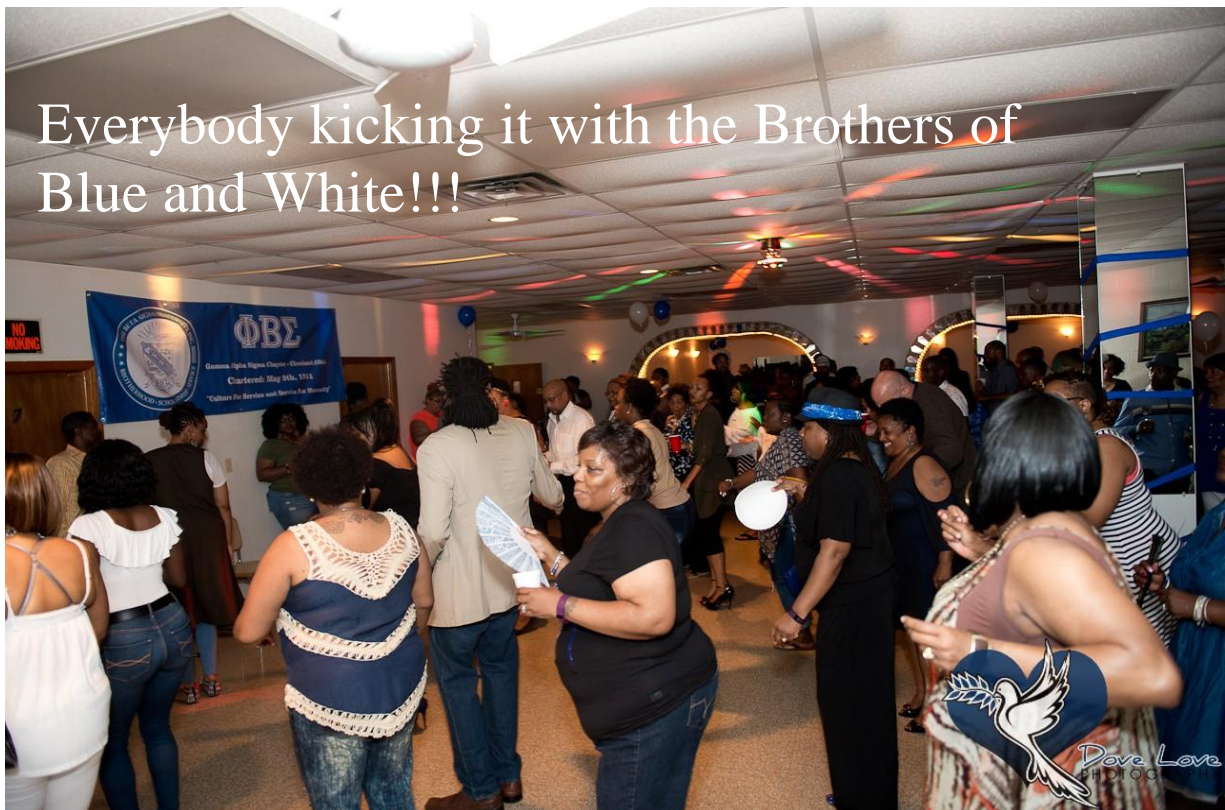
**Stay Tuned...**



Brothers getting in at the Battle  
of the Blue Juice Cabaret!!!



Everybody kicking it with the Brothers of  
Blue and White!!!







**GOMAB!!!**



## Community Service @ University Settlement (We Are Back At It!!!)



**Brothers of the chapter and volunteer's doing their part at University Settlement**

We want to thank the brothers and volunteers who came out on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 to University Settlement as we get ready to go full throttle with our efforts there again. The chapter had to take a light hiatus from University Settlement as other groups had booked into the time we are usually there but with the coming of summer and schedules of other groups/individuals getting tied up, Gamma Alpha Sigma will be back to going on our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. For the brothers who do not know what University Settlement is or what they do, 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. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's the chapter participates in assisting in their serving of community meals and distributing items from their food pantry. Once again we thank everyone who came out and we will be back next month!



**“Life after High School”: NPHC Panel Forum/Discussion  
@ John F. Kennedy Senior High School**



We want to give a shout out to Bro. Taurean R. Adams who participated in the “Life after High School”: NPHC Panel Forum/Discussion at John F. Kennedy Senior High School on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The event was put together by a JFK alum wanted to expose those students to the thoughts, ideas, options and realities of what life has to offer after high school. Bro. Adams being a JFK class of 2005 alum himself was more than happy to participate in the event. Along with members of the Divine Nine, military personnel, athletes, small business owners and even those who may not have had the most pleasant or appealing paths after high school by means of trouble with the law participated in the “real talk-no holds barred” discussion to let students know in the audience that many options, dangers and, opportunities await them after they leave grade school.

Bro. Adams with other members of the D9, military, small business owners, college students and others at the event @ JFK Senior High School



The coordinator of the event has stated that the principal of the school was absolutely thrilled with the program and that they would love to do the event in the upcoming fall so stay tuned as the brothers of Sigma may be called upon once again to share our wisdom and knowledge with those upcoming individuals getting ready to enter the real world.

## Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. SPR 2017 Probate & Grand Theft Stroll Off Highlights



The newest members of the Epsilon Epsilon (Mau Mau) chapter at Kent State University getting ready to show out at their Probate



## SPR 17 line “Tried-N-True” performing at their Probate at Kent State University



We want to send a big shout out to neophyte Bros. Devon Parker, Jordan Williams and, CJ Owensby better known as the SPR 17 line “Tried-N-True” who crossed this past spring into the Epsilon Epsilon (Mau Mau) chapter at Kent State University. Their probate show which took place March 17th, 2017 drew out many members of blue and white from across the state of Ohio. The addition of these 3 new brothers further bolsters the chapter’s membership and influence at Kent State University as the chapter has been thriving in the past few years growing in numbers. We hope to see great things from the young men who have made the choice and have been awarded the opportunity to serve Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. GOMAB neos!!!

## Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. SPR 17 Probate



The good times would continue to roll into that Saturday as the brothers of EE would host their “Grand Theft Stroll Off” Stroll Competition. The stroll competition had participants from chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Phi Beta Sigma (Zeta Phi chapter from Purdue University) and, Zeta Phi Beta (Sigma Alpha chapter from Kent State University). After all music was played, strolls strolled, feet stomped, spins spun and, chanting yelled across the Kent State Auditorium the judges final tally would have the Zeta Phi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. winning the competition and taking home the cash prize of \$1,000. Special shout out to Bro. Stephan Henshaw (Lambda Epsilon chapter / University of Toledo) for being one of the co-host of the event and Bro. Taurean R. Adams who served as one of the judges for the event. The event was a huge success as the Epsilon Epsilon chapter made a substantial profit to go towards their future endeavors. Thanks to all the brothers who made the trip to Kent to support our undergrads and we look forward to next year’s event.





**March for Babies Dining to Donate  
@ Quaker State and Lube Restaurant**



We want to thank all of the brothers, sorors, Sigma Beta's, family and friends who came out on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to the support the chapter in its March of Dimes / March for Babies Campaign for 2017. The Dining to Donate event took place at Quaker State and Lube in Valley View, Ohio. Part of everyone's bill who came out to support was donated directly to the chapter for our donation for March of Dimes. Once again, thanks to all who came to support!



Sigma's, Zeta's, Sigma Beta's, family and friends at Quaker State supporting our Dine to Donate efforts for March for Babies / March of Dimes



## 2017 NFL Draft Night / Sigma Round Up

**Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.**

**Thursday  
Apr 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00pm-  
10:00pm  
@ Bobby D's  
Gateway  
25700 Aurora  
Rd. Bedford  
Heights, Ohio  
44146**

**\*\*\*Free Appetizers\*\*\*  
And  
Drink Specials Included**

**\$10.00  
Donation  
With the  
proceeds to  
benefit:**

**NFL DRAFT NIGHT**

**Sigma Round Up / March for Babies  
Fundraiser**

**March of Dimes  
Saving babies, together**

**MADE IN OHIO**

The brothers of the chapter got together on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to not only watch the NFL Draft but to also invite those brothers out who may not be as active and try and get them back into the swing of things. The event took place at Bobby D's gateway in Bedford Heights, Ohio. Not only were the brothers able to fellowship with other but also had a chance to meet individuals who are interested in the joining the frat in the future who came out as well. All and all, a good time was had by all in attendance as most watched anxiously in hoping for a good draft outcome for the hometown Cleveland Browns (we can only hope, pray and wait right?). Thanks to all who attended and also to those brothers and attendees who contributed to the chapters March of Dimes Campaign (donations that night totaled \$250.00). We will look forward to next year's NFL Draft event!

**2017 March of Dimes / March for Babies**  
**@ Wade Oval**



With all of the March of Dimes activities the chapter orchestrated and engaged in this spring, it all added up and help tremendously to a cause that effects numerous amounts of people year after year. All the fundraisers events throughout the spring lead up to the actual March for Babies event which took place at Wade Oval near University Circle in Cleveland, Ohio. Many Brothers, Sorors of Z Phi B and Sigma Beta's showed up that morning to participate in the annual event. When all was said and done, all the efforts of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter accumulated to a \$760.35 donation to the March of Dimes for 2017. We thank all of the brothers who participated, solicited donations and help in this year campaign.



City of Warrensville Heights, Ohio  
2017 Memorial Day Parade



Brothers and member of the Sigma Beta Club at the end of the parade route during the Memorial Day



We want to thank all of the brothers of the chapter, along with the Sigma Beta's who came out and participated in the city of Warrensville Heights Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The parade started at the corner of Wickfield and Warrensville Center Road and proceeded south down Warrensville Center Road to Warrensville Heights city hall where the parade would conclude. The 1 ½ mile parade included other members of the Divine 9, local politicians, city official, youth dance groups and, at the end of the parade route a special performance from youth-aged individuals who work directly with rap mogul and hip-hop artist Jermaine Dupri. Special shout out to brothers Jamie Taylor, Joseph Lastery, Camara Thomas, Steven Brown and Taurean R. Adams who put on a show for those attending the parade as they showed out down the parade route stepping and strolling. Once again thanks to all the brothers in attendance and we look forward to an even bigger turnout of brothers next year.





## 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-Citywide**



Beta Nu is currently in a rebuilding process. 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 as of recent, successfully hosted their 2017 Sigma Week which included many event, highlighted by their “Grand Theft Stroll” Stroll Competition. The chapter also throughout the spring semester initiated 3 new members into their chapter and into the brotherhood boosting their numbers and influence on campus. Stayed turned as Mau Mau will be putting out its calendar for the semester of Fall 2017 soon.

### **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

## 2017 High School Graduates of the Sigma Beta Club



We want to send a huge shout out to those members of the Sigma Beta Club who have completed their studies and coursework in grade school and will be leaving soon for college. The Sigma Beta Club has 3 graduating members who will all be going off to school this fall:



### *Jovon Jones*

Jovon Jones is a graduate of Konnect Ohio Preparatory School. Jovon while in school was a standout basketball player and excelled playing for the First Baptist Christian High School Sabres in his hometown of Elyria, Ohio. Jovon Jones is one of the listed charter members of the Sigma Beta Club of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter and has been consistently active all 4 years of high school since joining the club in 2013. Jovon will be attending Lorain County Community College for 2 years and then transferring to Kent State University in Kent, Ohio majoring in Criminal Justice.





## *Deanjelious Brown*

Deanjelious Brown (nephew of Bro. Taurean Adams) is a graduate of Bedford Heights High School in Bedford, Ohio. While in school, Deanjelious (or DJ for short) was highly active in multiple extracurricular activities including student council, choir, wrestling and football. Deanjelious won homecoming king during his senior year and was a standout player for the Bedford Bearcats Football team. Deanjelious is also a chartering member of the Sigma Beta Club of Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter and has been active since joining in 2013. Deanjelious will be attending and playing football for West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia on both academic and athletic scholarships this coming fall majoring in Communications



## ***Tyson D. Long***

Tyson Long (son of Bro. Ed Long) is a graduate of Shaker Heights High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio. While at Shaker, Tyson played football but perhaps was best known for his wrestling skills during his time there for the Red Raiders. Tyson over his high school career racked up numerous accolades and accomplishments as a stand out wrestler including winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kenston Invitational Tournament in 2016 (126 lb weight class) and making it to the OHSAA Division I state wrestling preliminaries earlier this year. Tyson Long will be attending Morehouse University in Atlanta, Georgia majoring in Business/Finance with a minor in Economics.

The advisors of the Sigma Beta Club along with all the brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. wish these 3 young men nothing but success as they move into the next chapter of their lives. Our hope and prayer is that something has been passed along from the Sigma men in their lives that they can carry forward to not only help them in their future endeavors but to use as a tool to help their fellow man as well.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!!!**



## Ward 1 (Lee/Harvard/Seville)-Caring Individuals

### “Stepping Out Against Breast Cancer”

### 2 Mile Walk

Thanks to all the brothers of the chapter who came out and participated in the “Stepping Out Against Breast Cancer” 2 Mile Walk on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Co-Sponsored by many organizations including the NPHC of Greater Cleveland, the event took place in the lot across the street from Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on Lee Road in Ward 1 of Cleveland. The proceeds from the event directly benefitted the Seidman Cancer Center of University Hospitals. Walkers in the 2 mile event were led by the Shaw High School Marching Band as the route went north on Lee Rd., east on Harvard Ave., south on 176<sup>th</sup> Street and, then west to DeForest Ave. back to the starting point of the event. Thanks to the brothers who made the early morning trip to Cleveland’s south east side to support this cause which has affected and claimed the lives of so many individuals. It is through efforts such as these that research can continue to break ground in the fight against breast cancer.





*(From left to right) Bros. Taurean R. Adams, George Baker, John Walker and, Judge Michael Ryan at the Sigma set-up table at the Breast Cancer Walk*







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

\*Conclave 2017: Detroit, Michigan\*

\*2017 Fall State of Ohio Meeting and Conference\*

\*Sigma Beta Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Super Saturday\*  
Fundraiser: BBQ and Awards Presentation

\*Lambda Phi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha\*  
Sorority Inc. Inaugural Progressive Fatherhood  
Award Luncheon

\*NPHC of Greater Cleveland 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala\*

\*Undergraduate Chapter Updates\*

\*2017 Ohio Blue and White Weekend\*

\*Other Events & Information\*

Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at Warrensville Heights Library located @ 4415 Northfield Rd. Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128 starting @ 10am

**(\*\*\*Unless communicated otherwise\*\*)**