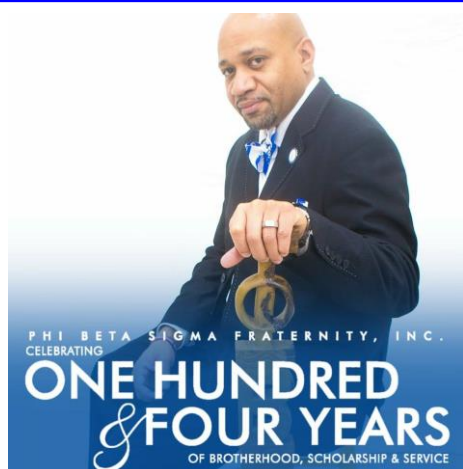


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***Brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. at our
Founders Day Photoshoot***

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2017 Sigma-Zeta Sip: Holiday Potluck



We want to thank all of the brothers who were able to come out and participate in the Sigma-Zeta Sip: holiday potluck that took place at Bro. Stephen Lovelace's house on December 16th, 2018. The Sigma's and Zetas got together for a few hours to celebrate the holiday season and fellowship over food and drinks. A good time was had by all as the night went on. Although there were quite a few people missing, we look forward to making this an annual event between our organizations to commune as brothers and sisters and take a load off of the continuous work our organizations constantly call us to be engaged in.



(From Left to Right)

Bros. Duvall Brown, Bobby Shepherd, Percy Turner, Lee Tate, Jay Hodge and Frank Andrews kicking it at the Holiday Sip



Brothers kicking it during the holiday
at Bro. Stephen Lovelace's house
during the Sigma /Zeta Blue and
White Sip



104th Founders Day Celebration:
Photo Shoot, Awards Dinner and Party



Gamma Alpha Sigma along with chapters all around the world celebrated 104 years of Brotherhood, Scholarship and, Service on Tuesday January 9th, 2018. The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma took part in a few activities leading up to and after our revered date throughout the city of Cleveland to celebrate the century plus history that is Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Here is what the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma in the Rock and Roll capital of the world did to celebrate our founder's day:

On January 9th, 2018 Gamma Alpha Sigma along with chapters and brothers around the world celebrated the 104th founding of our beloved fraternity. The brothers in Cleveland, Ohio met up at one of our usual hangout spots, Scorchers Casual Eatery and Draft House for drinks, wings and fellowship with one another. Many brothers of the fraternity, members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., family and friends came out to join in the festivities.



Bros of Blue and White getting it in on our 104th Founders Day!!!

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On January 13th, 2018 the brothers of the chapter continued the celebration by not only showing up for our regularly scheduled chapter meeting but for our chapter photoshoot as well. Special shout outs to Bro. Steven Brown for opening up the school he teaches at, Citizens Leadership Academy East and allowing us to have our chapter meeting and photoshoot there and also to both Bro. Duvall “Butter” Brown and Bro. Bobby “Showboat” Shepherd for lending their photographic talents and resources in getting the brothers right for our Founders Day photoshoot. The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma were “suited and booted” as Bros. Brown and Shepherd snapped away.

Bros. Johnny Wallace, Marricio Wilson and Jamie Taylor



2017-18 Gamma Alpha Sigma Exec Board

Bros. Bobby Shepherd and Duvall Brown getting things set up for the photoshoot



Bros. Frank Andrews, Ed Long and Jay Hodge

To wrap up our festivities and celebration of 104 years of brotherhood, scholarship and service, the brothers met later that day at Mitchell's Ultra lounge in Euclid, Ohio for dinner and to give out awards to this year's award recipients. After dinner was had by all, Chapter President Bro. Taurean R. Adams present this year's awards to those deserving brothers for their dedication to the chapter and fraternity as a whole. The President's Award was given to Gamma Alpha Sigma's youngest member (in frat years) Bro. Karlton Laster. This year's True Blue Award was presented to Bro. Joseph Lastery and a brand new award, The Blue Print Award (Undergraduate Member of the Year) was awarded to Bro. Jordan Williams of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at Kent State University. After dinner, all presentation of awards and formalities where taken care of the brothers of the chapter fellowshiped and partied into the night



For anything to exist a century, let alone 104 years is a true testament to its relevancy and importance in history. The story that is Phi beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. continues to be written each and every day as the years go on, with its members inking the pages with all the good works and impacts we have made in our communities. To all the brothers who came out and celebrated, we hope to see you all when the frat turns 105 and let us never ever forget....

Our Cause Speeds on Its Way...



University Settlement 2nd Annual Holiday Gift / Toy Drive



2nd Annual Holiday Gift / Toy Drive

The Brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. will be collecting gifts and toys for University Settlement's 2nd Annual Holiday Gift / Toy Drive!

Deadline for donations is 12-14-2017 ~ Volunteers needed for distribution on 12-20-2017

Please contact Bro. Jamie Taylor at 216-973-3434 for more information

We want to thank all of the brothers, sorors of Zeta Phi Beta, family and friends who assisted us in gathering toys and gifts to make the holidays a little brighter for all who came to University Settlement's 2nd Annual Holiday / Gift Toy Drive. The brothers along with family and friends donated well over \$1,000 worth of items to the annual event! Thanks for your support and we look forward to doing even more next year.



Bros. Rico McGee, Jamie Taylor, Steven Brown and Tony Williams with members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. assisting with the Toy Drive at University Settlement

Bros. Jamie Taylor and Issa Arney unloading a truck full of gifts and toys at University Settlement



Undergraduate Chapter Updates



Epsilon Epsilon Chapter / Kent State University

The Epsilon Epsilon chapter at Kent State University is doing an absolutely great job in upholding the principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service on their schools campus. The brothers of the chapter recently at their schools Greek awards ceremony took home four awards.

Epsilon Epsilon was recognized as a Chapter of Excellence in Brotherhood & Philanthropy / Community Service, Most Outstanding Community Service and Most Collaborative Event of the Year. Mau Mau led by chapter president Bro. Jordan Williams are raising the bar for what an undergraduate chapter should be in our fraternity, The chapter has a number of events coming up including their "Game of Thrones" 2nd Annual Stroll Competition and are currently in the midst of M.I.P, getting ready to bring new blood into not only their chapter but our organization as well. Kudos to the brothers at Kent State University as they continue to do good work!



Beta Nu Chapter / Cleveland State University

The Beta Nu chapter at CSU is currently a work in process at the moment as the chapter is currently inactive. The younger members of the M.I.P team are taking a special interest in trying to bring a undergraduate Sigma presence back to Cleveland State University and the 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

Iota Beta Chapter / University of Akron

The Iota Beta chapter unfortunately due to items of misconduct in recent years has been suspended by the school and the fraternity as a whole. Word has been communicated though that possible sanctions and suspensions could be lifted as soon as 2018. Stay tuned as we look to do our part in getting Iota Beta back together.

Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation Honeybaked Ham Fundraiser



HONEYBAKED HAM.
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Specialty Foods, Catering & Café



The Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation in conjunction with the chapter is currently in the midst of our holiday season fundraiser with the help of Honeybaked Ham to support our “Building a Bridge through Education” Scholarship Fund. You have the opportunity to help us by purchasing Honeybaked Ham gift cards to be used or given as gifts to friends, family, staff etc.

Cards can be purchased in any denomination and have no expiration date. The chapter to date has raised \$330 through this effort! The deadline to support is 3/31/2018. Please use the following link.

https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Building_a_Bridge_Through_Education

Thanks in advance for your support!

FIRST FRIDAY Happy Hours



The chapters FIRST FRIDAY Happy Hours continue to be a good setting for brothers, friends, fellow Greeks and all to come out, relax, meet people / other brothers they may not know and, show ourselves as a collective group and force around the city of Cleveland. If you haven't been to one, I suggest you come on out! Here are a couple pics from our FIRST FRIDAYS from January, February and March:



Members of Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta and Iota Phi Lambda kicking it at FIRST FRIDAY at Bourbon Street Barrel Room in March



Bros. Tony Williams, Steven Brown, Ed Long and Joseph Lastery kicking it at Rudy's Pub during FIRST FRIDAY in February

SIGMA SPOTLIGHT



The Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

“Sigma Spotlight” is a newly added section of the Blue Notes Newsletter. The idea behind it is to acknowledge and celebrate those bruhs who are not only doing great things within the realm of Sigma but in their professional, educational and, career lives as well. As men of business and achievement, we want to salute and highlight those brothers of our chapter who are thriving and excelling at their craft and continuing to represent Sigma in the highest regard through their personal endeavors and accomplishments.



Name: Bro. Steven D. Brown Jr.

Initiated Chapter: Delta Omicron
The Ohio State University / Columbus, Ohio

Profession: Educator and Track Coach @ Citizens
Leadership Academy

We want to congratulate fall 2017 graduate Bro. Steven Brown on his pursuit and accomplishment in obtaining his Masters in Athletic Administration from Ohio University. We wish him the best as he uses his newly acquired degree to move forward in his profession



Name: Bro. Franklin Chesney

Initiated Chapter: Epsilon Epsilon
Kent State University / Kent, Ohio

Profession: Recent College Grad

We want to congratulate one of our undergrads Bro. Franklin Chesney in obtaining his Bachelors of Digital Science from Kent State University this fall. We wish him the best as he moves forward in his future professional and educational endeavors as he joins the ranks of other Blue and White Alumni from Kent State.



Name: Bro. Gregory B. Parker Jr.

Initiated Chapter: Beta Nu
Cleveland State University / Cleveland, Ohio

Profession:

We want to congratulate fall 2017 graduate Bro. Gregory B. Parker Jr. in obtaining his Masters of Business Administration Entrepreneurship from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. We wish Bro. Parker the best as he moves forward in his goals with newly acquired degree



Name: Bro. Percy Tuner

Initiated Chapter: Epsilon Phi
Bowling Green State University / Bowling Green, Ohio

Profession: Team Lead / Supervisor @ the Cuyahoga
County Board of Elections

We want to congratulate Bro. Percy Turner on his receiving of the 2017 Team Lead Award from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Bro. Turner has worked for the board of elections for many years in which he has been able to include the chapter on many projects and events in which the chapter has been able to aid in the cause of voter awareness, preparedness and items of the like. Congrats once again on your achievement from the 123rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio



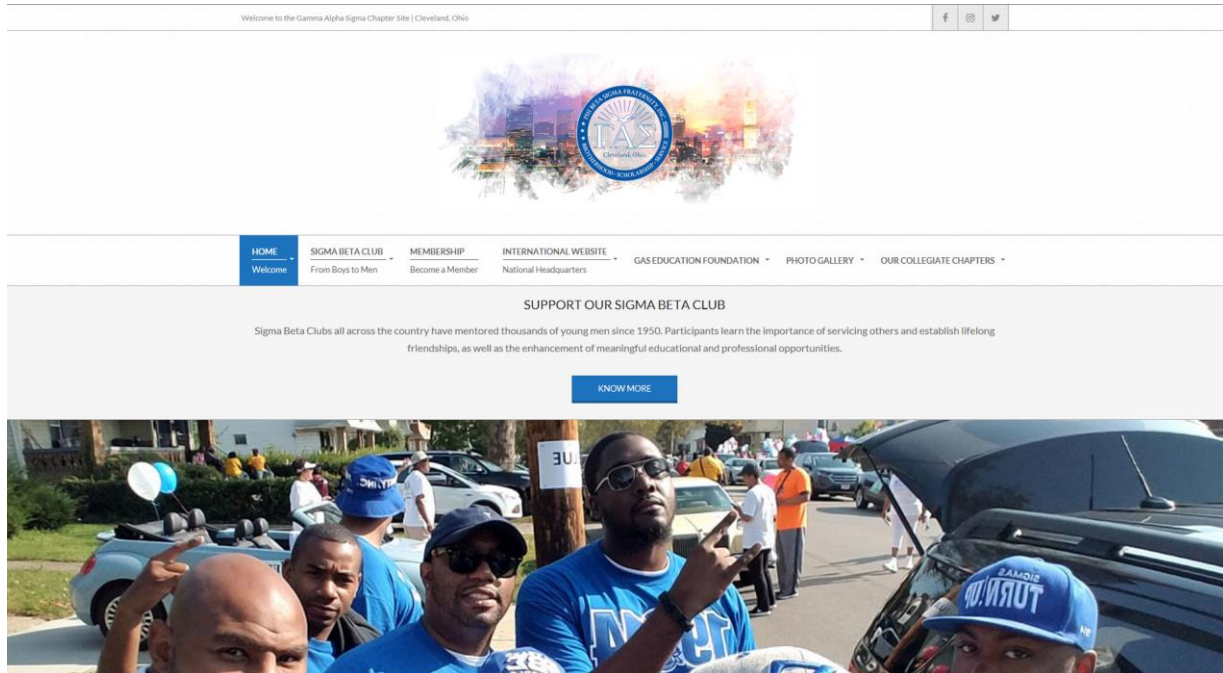
Name: Bro. Duane Hawkins

Initiated Chapter: Epsilon Phi
Bowling Green State University / Bowling Green, Ohio

Profession: Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga
County

We want to congratulate Bro. Duane Hawkins on being inducted into the 47th Class of the Elyria Sports Hall of Fame. Bro. Hawkins as part of his high school career at Elyria West High School played football and also was a part of the team that brought home the state championship in 1995 in the 4x100m relay. Congratulations to Bro. Hawkins on this recognition.

Chapter Website Updates



So if brothers do not know by now, the chapter website has been up and running for a few months now. Brothers are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to go to www.gas1914.org and check out our homepage. If there is something you believe should be added, omitted or changed get in contact with Bro. Taurean R. Adams or Bro. Duvall Brown. Our website is well on its way to being a “one-stop shop” for all information relevant to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in northeastern Ohio. Brothers can do the following things on the website today:

- Pay National, Regional and Local Dues for 2018
- Get information on our local Sigma Beta Club
- View photos from past events
- Get information on the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation (Scholarship Information)
- Get information on our local undergraduate chapters
- Check out all of the upcoming events including chapter meetings, community service, etc.
- Check out current and past issues of the chapter newsletter (BLUE NOTES)
- AND MORE!!!

Take a moment to check out the homepage of the chapter and **STAY INFORMED!**

NPHC of Greater Cleveland Bi-Annual Silver and Gold Celebration



The NPHC of Greater Cleveland recently held its Bi-Annual Silver and Gold Celebration to acknowledge and recognize those members of the Divine Nine who have 25 and 50 years of service to their respected organizations on Sunday February 25th, 2018 at Warrensville Heights Library. Gamma Alpha Sigma had two brothers who both are celebrating 25 years in Phi Beta Sigma. Bro. Aristotle Wilson Sr. (Lambda Epsilon / University of Toledo) and Craig Smith (Epsilon Phi / Bowling Green State University) both crossed in 1993 and are now part of this group of tenured Greeks in the city of Cleveland. Congratulations to both of these brothers!



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**Upcoming Events in Sigma and
Info/Stories to look for in future
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Great Lakes Regional Conference 2018
Indianapolis, Indiana

March of Dimes / March for Babies
Fundraisers and Event

Sigma Beta Club Updates & Information

Ohio Blue and White Weekend 2018

Battle of the Blue Juice 2 Highlights

Other Events & Information

