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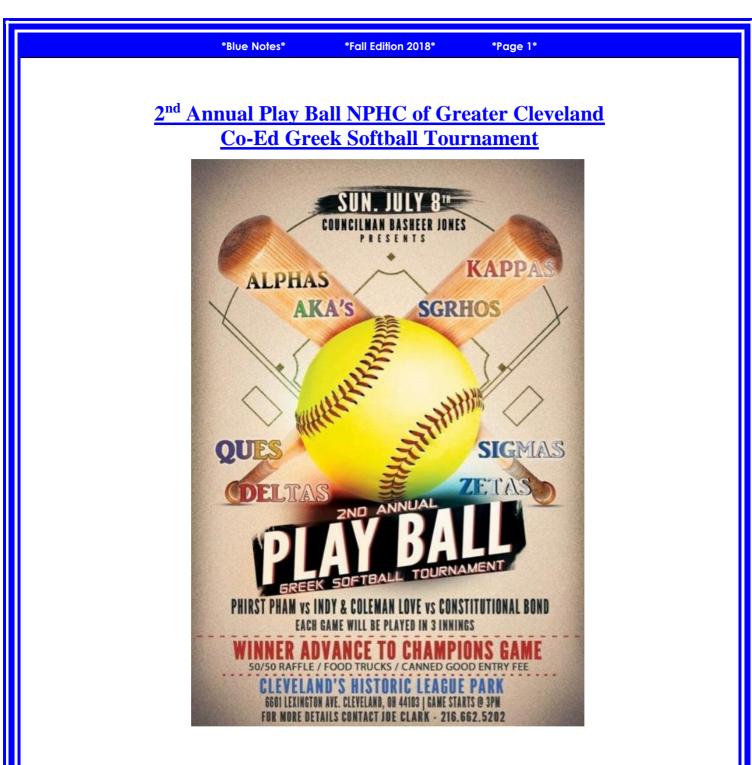
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We want to send a huge shout out to the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. who participated in this year's co-ed softball game. This year's event, thanks to Ward 7 Councilman (and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.) Basheer Jones was held at Historic League Park in the Hough neighborhood on Sunday July 8th, 2018. Our team "Constitutionally Bound" would unfortunately lose to Coleman Love (Omega Psi Phi & Delta Sigma Theta) in the opening round but ended up beating "Indy" (Kappa Alpha Psi & Sigma Gamma Rho) in the 3rd place round. *Blue Notes* *Fall Edition 2018* *Page 2*



This year's team was comprised of the following members of the Blue and White family:

Bro. Taurean R. Adams (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Jamie Taylor (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Steven Brown (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Joseph Lastery (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Ellian Jennings (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Carris Howard (Delta Rho Sigma) Bro. Roderic Swiner (Epsilon Epsilon) Bro. Alnarcius Wells (Lambda Epsilon) Bro. William Woodson (Lambda Epsilon) Soror Dijon Michelle (Gamma Delta Zeta) Soror Antonia Seawright (Psi Theta) Soror Jillian Jones (Psi Theta) Soror D'Ana Simmons (Psi Theta) Soror RoseAda White (Upsilon Epsilon) Soror N'Dia Anderson (Upsilon Epsilon) Soror Nicole Rivera (Upsilon Epsilon)

Fall Edition 2018 *Page 3* *Blue Notes* Members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta at the game at League Park

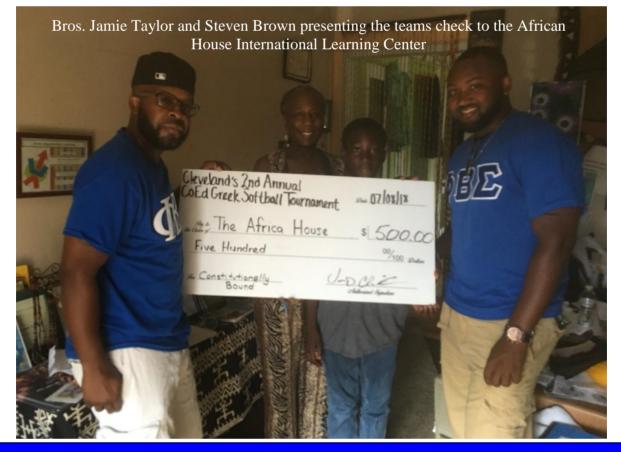


Bros. Jamie Taylor and Alnarcius Wells with Ward 7 Councilman and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Basheer Jones

Along with the games that took place, there were informational tables about each of the Divine Nine affiliate's present, vendors, food trucks, a DJ spinning tunes throughout the event, a chance to experience the League Park museum and, (the most significant item of all) each team that played that day made a \$500.00 donation to a different organization / cause taking place in the Ward 7 neighborhood.

Team Constitutionally Bound chose and presented the African House International Learning Center with their donation of \$500.00 to further aid them in their efforts. The African House International Learning Center located at 1695 E. 81st is a community based Learning Center established to keep the legacy of Dr. Willie R. Mackey (who was a co-founder, cultural artist and, employee of NASA as an astrophysics) alive by focusing on sustaining our arts, culture, solar and, other renewable energy technologies and provide health & wellness workshops / seminar in Northeast Ohio and abroad. Their other goals and visions include:

- Bring organizations, stakeholders and individuals together who are working to strengthen the inner city communities, families and youth at risk.
- Programs include mentoring, leadership development and team building skills.
- Inspire the next generation of Scientist, Technologist, Engineers, Artist and Mathematicians. Encourage critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.
- Exploration of career opportunities in the Environmental Sciences. Introduce communities to the Green Industry movement.



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We want to give a special shout out to Bro. Jamie Taylor who served as Team Captain for Constitutionally Bound for this year's event. Bro. Taylor's sharing of tactics, advise and, experience in playing college baseball at Morehouse University during part of his undergraduate career was most helpful in assisting everyone during the practices that were had a month plus prior to the big game. Once again, thanks to all of Blue and White who came out to support as we look forward to not only doing even better next year and bringing home the 1st place trophy but playing for a worthy cause to give back to the community.



Community Service @ University Settlement



We want to continue to thank the brothers, Sorors and all who come out month after month and assist in the efforts that take place every 4th Tuesday at University Settlement. We further encourage brothers to come out on that specified Tuesday around 5:30pm to join the others as we help out in handing out food from their food pantry and serving of their community meal to those who may or may not necessarily know where their next meal is coming from. Once again, thanks and hope to see you at the next community service event there. Here are a few shot from our last couple outings:



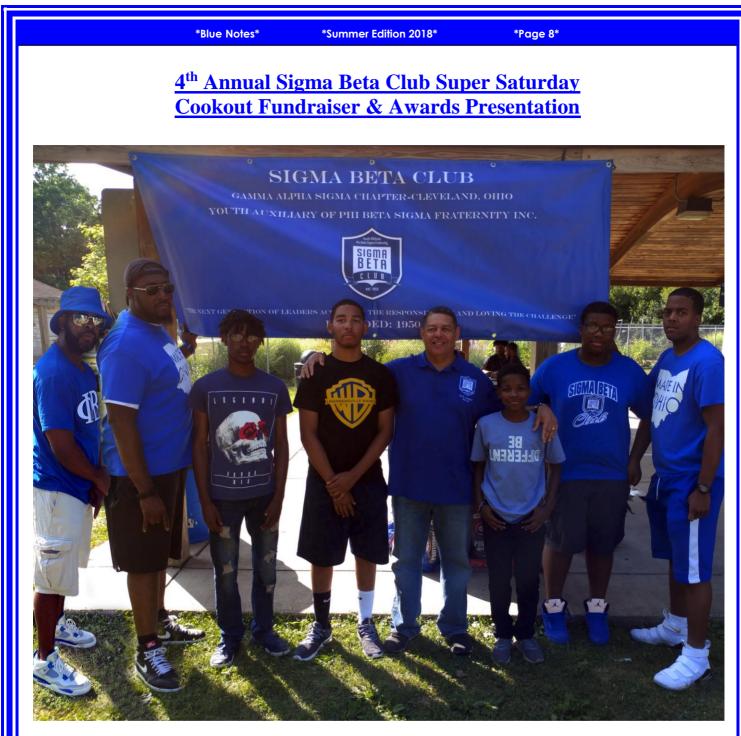
Members of the Blue and White Family along with family of University Settlement Board Member Bro. Tony Williams at University Settlement during June's community service event *Blue Notes* *Fall Edition 2018* *Page 7*



Bros. Everett Williams, Jamie Taylor, Jonathan Wilson, Steven Brown, Taurean R. Adams. Jordan Banks, Richard Johnson, Karlton Laster and Demario Spivey with Mijah Taylor and Sorors Danielle Hicks, Shayla Hurst, Jillian Jones and Antonia Seawright at University Settlement in July



Bros. Tony Williams, Jonathan Wilson, Jamie Taylor, Taurean R. Adams, Demario Spivey, Soror Shayla Hurst and, volunteer Emmanuel Lovelace at University Settlement in August



Sigma Beta Club Advisors Bros. Jamie Taylor, Taurean R. Adams, Kimrick Crawford and Samuel Morris with Sigma Beta's Marcus Allen, Camerin Crawford, Tyler Allen and Avery Taylor at the Sigma Beta Club Cookout Fundraiser



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Brothers of Sigma, Sigma Beta's, family and friends hanging out at the Sigma Beta Club Cookout

We want to thank all of the brothers of Sigma, Sorors of Zeta, family and, friends who were able to come out and support the young men of our Sigma Beta Club. The 4th Annual Sigma Beta Club Cookout Fundraiser took place on Saturday July 28th, 2018 at Quarry Park in South Euclid, Ohio. The club through donations from all those who came out, were able to raise \$125.00 to go towards their future programming and events. Special thanks to Bro. Jonathan Wilson who manned the grill for the event making sure the food stayed hot, ready and, in rotation for all in attendance. Once again thanks to all who came out and supported and we will see all at next year's event as we continue to mentor and support our next generation of leaders *Blue Notes*

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Undergraduate Chapter Updates



Epsilon Epsilon Chapter / Kent State University



The brothers of the Mau Mau chapter are back on campus and back in action as the new school year begins. The brothers have already started to put together multiple plans in regard to events and outreach programs they plan to put on during the 2018-2019 school year. The chapter has already participated in their schools Greek Council Meet the Greeks which took place on September 11th and have already confirmed 3 individuals who have been vetted and ready to go through the M.I.P Process to become members of the fraternity.

We wish these brothers luck and much success as they prepare to continue to push the agenda of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. forward and be a positive force not only on their campus but in the community as well.

Beta Nu Chapter / Cleveland State University

Newly initiated SPR18 member Bro. Jordan Banks has wasted absolutely no time in getting involved in the realm of Greek life not only at CSU but in Cleveland undergraduate NPHC life as a whole, as he looks to be part of the catalyst in getting the Beta Nu chapter back up off the ground and back into the light where it belongs. Bro. Banks along with Bro. William Woodson who also crossed SPR 18, through the Lambda Epsilon chapter at The University of Toledo who has graduated and moved back home to Cleveland and, their 6 Zeta sands from Cleveland State & Baldwin Wallace have formed a great bond and have multiple ideas to put Blue and White back on the map. The troop as a whole have participated in many events and will also be hosting their Blue and White Week (which hasn't been done in a few years) at the end of September.



Bro. Jordan Banks with members of Zeta Phi Beta welcoming the class of 2022 during Cleveland State University's Magnus Fest in the Wolstein Center.

Bros. William Woodson and Bro. Jordan Banks holding down the Sigma table during CSU's Campus Organizations Fair in the Student Union



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Bro. Jordan Banks with his Zeta sands and CSU Freshman during Freshman Move in Day

Bro. Jordan Banks hanging with his sands Bro. William Woodson in the courtyard at Cleveland State University



We wish Bro. Banks and all the brothers of Sigma and Sorors of Zeta who will be directly and indirectly be a part of the grueling task to get Beta Nu back on its feet in the upcoming semesters. Stay tuned as the story unfolds as we attempt to re-ignite the flame of Sigma back at Cleveland State University.

12th Annual Kids in Need Resource Center & Fox 8 News

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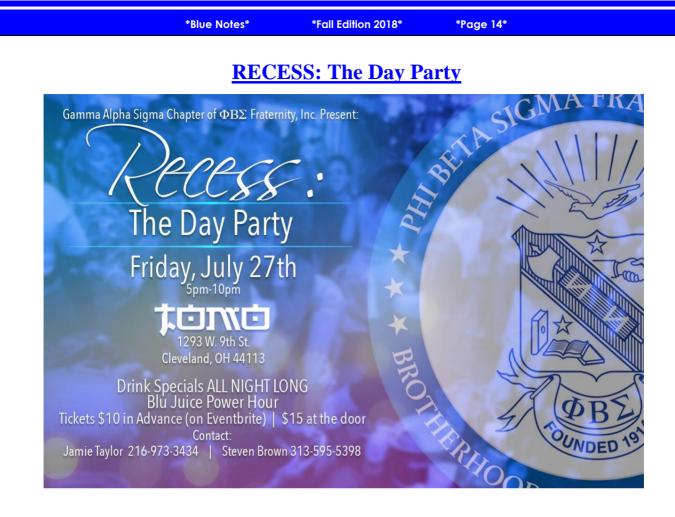


Bros. Ed Long, Marricio Wilson and son of Bro. Ed Long, graduated Sigma Beta and now sophomore at Morehouse College Tyson Long posing for the camera after dropping off over 100+ book bags at this year Stuff the Bus event at Fox 8 Studios in Downtown Cleveland

On the morning of Tuesday August 7th, 2018 the brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter participated in the 12th annual Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive hosted by Fox 8 News and Kids In Need Resource Center. The brothers of the chapter donated 100+ book bags stuffed with school supplies during the event.

The Kids In Need Resource Center bridges the gap between great need and available resources to provide school supplies to teachers and their students in Cleveland, Ohio. Each year, the Center receives more than \$1 million worth of nationally- and locally-donated supplies for distribution. Kids In Need relies on dedicated community members, companies and organizations who volunteer their time and resource to keeping shelves stocked and helping the teachers during shopping hours.

A huge thank you to all the brothers who helped us reach our goal this year as we look forward to doing even more in 2019.



We want to thank all the brothers of the Sigma, Sorors of Zeta, family and, friends who came out and supported the chapter's very first day party. The event took place in downtown Cleveland at Tomo Hookah Bar and Lounge on Friday July 27th, 2018. The day party brought in a decent size crowd as the event carried on into the evening.



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Bros. Jamie Taylor, Brandon Moore, Taurean R. Adams, Joseph Lastery and, Steven Brown having a toast during the day party

Special shout out to Bro. Joseph Lastery who took the lead in having multiple meetings with the owner of the establishment to insure the different beverage specials and making sure everything was a go for the event. The chapter looks forward to possibly doing an event there in the future with the success we had this time. Once again thanks to all the brothers of the chapter who participated and helped in the effort to produce a profitable and successful event.



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We want to give a huge shootout to the brothers of Sigma who participated in the Inaugural NPHC of Greater Cleveland Flag Football tournament. The event took place on Saturday August 11th, 2018 during the annual Greek Weekend Reunion Picnic at Luke Easter Park. The brothers of Blue and White participated in the first game of the day against the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



The team was comprised of the following brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.:

Bro. Percy Turner (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Demario Spivey (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Joseph Lastery (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Eillan Jennings (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Samuel Morris (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. Steven Brown (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. David Drummond (Gamma Alpha Sigma) Bro. William Woodson (Lambda Epsilon) Bro. Devon Mitchell (Lambda Epsilon) Bro. Demar Terrance (Epsilon Epsilon) Bro. David Duncan (Iota Beta) Bro. Tre Dotson (Iota Beta)

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Bros. Demar Terrance, David Duncan, Devon Mitchell after the game

Although the brothers played a well game, it would not be enough to beat the Alpha's as the brothers lost the game by a touchdown. Rest assured the brothers have already began the process of getting ready for next year's sure to happen rematch / event as bragging rights & redemption are now on the line and on the minds for each of the fraternities that participated. Special thanks to Bros. Steven Brown and Devon Mitchell who served as the team captains / coordinators for the event, organizing and setting up practices prior to the event before the big day. Once again, shout out to all who participated this year, the brothers of Sigma who came out to support and, to all in attendance as we look forward to next year's rematches / matchups.

Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation Save Around Cleveland 2019 Coupon Book Fundraiser



We want to encourage all the brothers of the chapter to get involved and participate in helping us out with raising funds for our scholarship fund. The Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation along with the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has once again teamed up with Save Around to provide coupon books to sell to raise funds for our scholarship program. Books are \$25 each and are filled with valuable savings from local business such as restaurants, auto repair, movie theaters, sporting goods and many others. There is also a mobile app that's available so that you keep the savings with you all the time. By purchasing a book / getting books sold, your support will continue us to provide educational opportunities to the underserved and underrepresented youth in the Cleveland area.

You may also use the following link <u>http://www.supportourgroups.com/GN/74746</u> to purchase your book(s) online. The online feature also allows book purchases for other markets outside of Ohio. You can also view the books online to get an idea of what's inside and what savings are available. If brothers have any questions, you can get in contact with the chair of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation Bro. Ed Long. We thank in advance for your support as we do our part in aiding those looking to better themselves by means of a college education <u>Celebration Reception for newly elected 1st Anti Basileus of</u> Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Soror Tamara Manning-Gordon



The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter want to send a huge congratulations to member of Nu Theta Zeta chapter (Warrensville Heights, Ohio) Soror Tamara Manning-Gordon on her recent election to 1st Anti Basileus (1st International Vice President) of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. For anyone who knows even the tiniest bit about her dedication to her chapter and Zeta Phi Beta overall, Sorors worldwide can be rest assured that she will work tirelessly in her efforts to maintain the high ideals set forth by their founders, advocate for her state and region and be a guiding light in her organization. Members of her chapter threw a special celebration reception for her on Sunday August 26th, 2018 at Henn Mansion on the shores of Lake Erie in Euclid, Ohio. In attendance were members of her chapter, other members of the Divine Nine 9, family, friends and of course the brothers Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. We wish our Soror of Zeta the best of luck in her new position as she begins to work harder and push Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. to the next level.

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Members of the Divine Nine @ Henn Mansion during the celebration reception





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"Sigma Spotlight was added to the newsletter to acknowledge and celebrate those bruhs who are not only doing great things within the realm of Sigma but in their personal, professional and, educational 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 while continuing to represent Sigma in the highest regard through their personal endeavors and accomplishments.



Name: Bro. Wayne A. Dawson

Initiated Chapter: Gamma Alpha Sigma Cleveland Alumni, Cleveland, OH

Profession: Co-Anchor of Fox 8 News in the Morning

We want to send congratulations to Bro. Wayne Dawson who has been called to be the new Pastor of Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lyndhurst, Ohio. The brothers of Sigma pray your strength as you take on your new responsibilities in serving as the head of the church. His official installation service will take place Sunday September 16th, 2018 @ 3:30pm for all who wish to attend.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

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Name: Bro. Jordan Banks

Initiated Chapter: Gamma Alpha Sigma Cleveland Alumni / Cleveland, OH

Profession: Senior at Cleveland State University majoring in Psychology

We want to congratulate Bro. Jordan Banks on his winning of the Thomas Dorsey / Sally Martin Scholarship through the National Convention of Gospel Choruses Inc. The total amount of the scholarship is \$1,500.00 and will pay the rest of his college fees of his senior year at Cleveland State University. Congrats to Bro. Banks as he gets ready to complete the final leg of his undergraduate career.

Better Love Yourself / Trunk Event 2018



We want to thank Gamma Alpha Sigma and the Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation for participating in the 12th annual Trunk Event that took place July 22nd, 2018 at the Phyllis Wheatley Association. The event collects donations and then stuffs them in trunks for students who are college bound. The giveaway was then followed by a small concert featuring recording artist and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. own Tarisa Griffin. The chapter and the foundation both donated funds to purchase a trunk a piece to be given away to deserving students. Thanks to Bro. Ronald V. Johnson who annually helps in multiple capacities for the event and bringing it to the attention of the chapter, to participate in such a worthy cause. We look forward to being able to do more at next year's event.



<u>11th Congressional District Labor Day</u> <u>Parade and Festival 2018</u>



Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Sigma Beta Club right before step off the annual Labor Day Parade & Festival

We want to thank all of the brothers of the chapter and the Sigma Beta Club who came out and participated in the annual 11th Congressional District Labor Day Parade and Festival on Monday September 3rd, 2018. The extremely hot day saw many members of the Blue and White family out that day. The parade (as always) starts at 147th and Kinsman at Andrew J. Rickoff Elementary School, proceeds down Kinsman Ave. and finishes at Luke Easter Park at MLK Jr. Blvd. While the Sigma Beta's tossed and handed out candy, the brothers of the chapter performed various strolls and steps as the parade progressed down the street. Once again, we thank all the brothers who participated and we look forward to seeing all and more members of the frat out next year!

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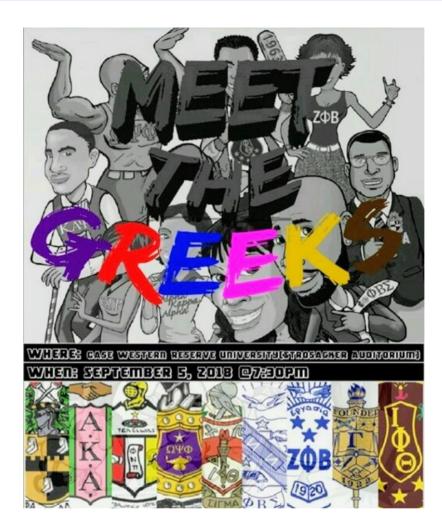
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Blue & White coming down the street!!



Meet the Greeks @ Case Western Reserve University 2018



We want to thank the brothers who were able to participate in the Meet the Greeks event that took place Wednesday September 5th, 2018 at Case Western Reserve University. As always, the annual Meet the Greeks events at the different colleges around the city in the fall are set up so that students can come out and learn about the different Divine Nine organizations and what they have to offer, see how they can become potential members and promote Black Greek Letter Organizations on their respective campuses.

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Inaugural Fall Benefit Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Bro. Judge Michael Ryan



(From left to right) Bros. Joseph Lastery, Ed Long, Michael Brown, Judge Michael Ryan, Duvall Brown and Kimrick Crawford and the event

We want to thank the brothers of the chapter who were able to go out and support our own Bro. Judge Michael Ryan at the inaugural fall benefit luncheon for D'Jakes Community Resource Inc. D Jakes Community Resources Inc. is an organization founded with a mission to fill the gaps for families lacking the resources that they need to thrive in the Greater Cleveland Area. The event included numerous raffles, luncheon and a keynote speech given by our own Bro. Judge Michael Ryan. All in all, the event was a success raising funds for the organization so they can continue on with their mission in helping those in Cleveland, Ohio. Thanks again to the brothers who were able to participate and support the cause.



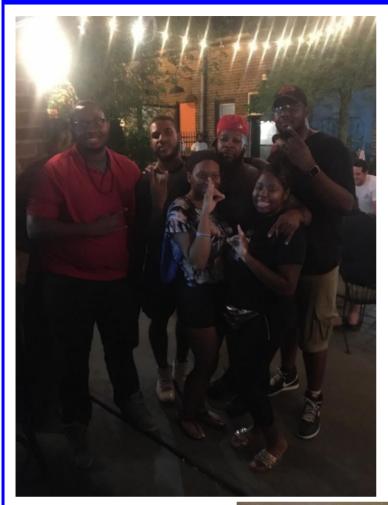


The FIRST FRIDAYS continue to roll in the city of Cleveland as the brothers meet up on the first Friday of every month to fellowship with not only each other but other Greeks, family and friends as well. FIRST FRIDAY's were set up to have a designated day where not only the brothers could get together but show our presence as a unit in the community. Here are a couple of pics from the last few outings!



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(Left) Bros. Eillan Jennings, William Woodson, Jamie Taylor and Taurean R. Adams with Sorors Danielle Hicks and Antonia Seawright hanging out at Tavern Company on the patio

(Right) Bros. Taurean R. Adams, Marricio Wilson, Brandon Moore and Jamie Taylor



2018 State of Ohio Meeting

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BROTHERS!!!!!

There is still time to register for the 2018 State of Ohio Meeting which will be taking place Saturday September 22nd, 2018 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the Cleveland Airport Marriot in Cleveland, Ohio. This year's agenda includes presentations from the newly appointed State Director Bro. Justin Gibson, the newly elected 27th Regional Director Bro. David A. Turner, information in regard to the Sigma Beta Club and more. Registration for collegiate/undergrads is \$35.00 and \$45.00 for graduate/alumni brothers. Brothers can access the link below to register for the State Meeting. Please consider registering for the meeting and seeing what is going on with your fraternity from a statewide perspective!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-state-meeting-phi-beta-sigma-fraternity-inc-ohio-chapter-tickets-47356436376?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

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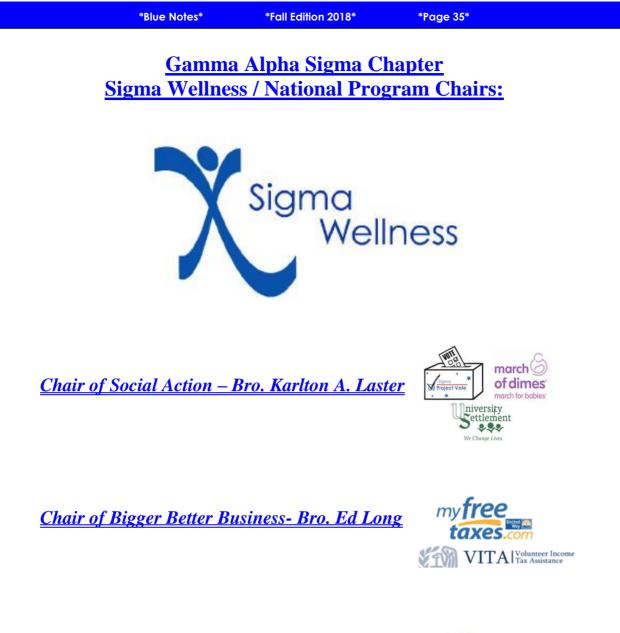
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Upcoming Events in Sigma and Info/Stories to look for in future BLUE NOTES:

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