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Gamma Alpha Sigma holding it down in Sin City during Las Vegas Blue & White Weekend 2018

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Cleveland State University Blue & White Week 2018







We want to thank all the members of the Blue and White family who were able to come out and participate in Cleveland State University's Blue & White Week, hosted by the neophytes of the Psi Theta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Beta Nu chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. during the week of September 24th, 2018. Blue & White Week on the campus of Cleveland State University has not taken place in MANY years due to the inactivity of both chapters but with both collegiate chapters haven been given new life due to the perseverance of their overseeing / advising alumni chapters Gamma Alpha Sigma and Nu Theta Zeta, the blue and white spark is back on CSU's campus in the hopes that these new members of Sigma and Zeta are the first in a never ending line of new blood for both chapters. Here are a few pics from their events during the week:











Brothers Jamie Taylor, Jordan Banks Taurean R. Adams, William Woodson, Jonathan Wilson and Mario Snowden with Sorors Maryssa Garrett, Danielle Hicks, Josephine Serwah and Antonio Seawright during Game Night on Wednesday





Bros. William Woodson, Steven Brown, Jonathan Wilson and Jordan Banks with Sorors Latrice Cox, Audrianna Rodriguez, Maryssa Garrett, Danielle Hicks and Antonia Seawright after the Dating, Sex and, Relationship forum on Thursday





Members of the Blue & White family hanging out during the cookout at The Edge apartment complex in the courtyard in Downtown Cleveland across from Cleveland State University on Saturday



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 from Gamma Alpha Sigma, Beta Nu, Psi Theta, Epsilon Epsilon and Sigma Alpha participating in Tuesday's community service event at University Settlement in September



Bros. Taurean R. Adams, Jamie Taylor, Steven Brown, Jordan Banks, Karlton Laster with Sorors Shayla Hurst and Josephine Serwah and other volunteers at University Settlement in October



Soror Josephine Serwah, Bro. Taurean R. Adams, Soror Shayla Hurst, Bro. Jordan Banks, Bro. Jonathan O. Wilson, Ryan Polk, Emmanuel Lovelace, Garrick Camp and Bro. Jamie Taylor at Settlement in November

Meet the Greeks @ Baldwin Wallace



Members of the Divine Nine hosting Meet the Greeks @ Baldwin Wallace University

We want to thank the member of the Blue and White family who were able to support the SPR 18 neo's of Sigma and Zeta at Baldwin Wallace University's Meet the Greeks that took place on September 19th, 2018. A panel comprised of each of the divine nine organization gave a brief history on their organization, took place in Q & A session and, talk to individuals further during the social period of the event. Shout out to Bro. William Woodson who sat on the panel representing the frat, giving his insights to what drew him to becoming a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., how it has affected his life and how he plans to move forward in the organization.

The Meet the Greeks events that most undergraduate NPHC's host during the beginning of the academic year are important events, especially for the individual who know nothing about Black Greek Lettered Organization and may be getting their first exposure to them via these type of events. We thank the brothers of Blue and White who participate in these events for being that positive first image to those initially exploring the idea of joining a divine nine organization and continuing to advocate for the fraternity in attempts to draw in new members.



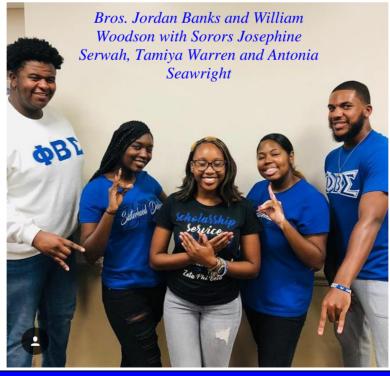
(Left)

Bro. William Woodson holding it down for the frat during the panel discussion portion of the Meet the Greeks @ Baldwin Wallace University

(Below)

Bros. Jordan Banks, William Woodson, Jamie Taylor, Jonathan Wilson and Taurean R. Adams





2018 State of Ohio Leadership Meeting & Conference



We want to thank all of the brothers of Sigma who were able to participate in this year's state meeting. The meeting took place in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday September 22nd, 2018 at the Cleveland Airport Marriot. Newly appointed State of Ohio Director Bro. Justin Gibson Sr. presided over the meeting with many items and presentations coming from 27th Great Lakes Regional Director Bro. David A. Turner, Vice Regional Director Bro. Charles Jones and many others as the 100+ brothers in attendance took in the information presented throughout the day



Bros. from the various chapters of the State of Ohio!





Collegiate and Alumni of the "Elite" Epsilon Phi Chapter

Collegiate and Alumni of the "Unstoppable" Lambda Epsilon Chapter



Collegiate and Alumni of the Epsilon Epsilon "Mau Mau" Chapter

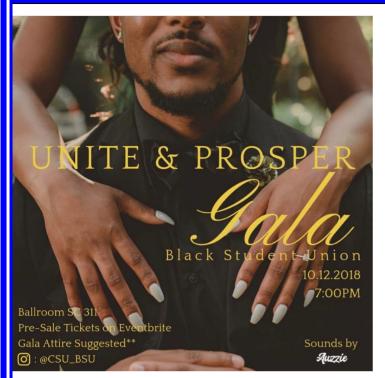
Conversation and discussions were had ranging from MIP, membership, our 3 national programs and how to move the state of Ohio forward as a whole when it comes to our place not only in the region but in the fraternity as a whole. After all was said and done, brothers adjourned the meeting and circled up to sing the fraternity hymn. We thank those brothers of the chapter who took the time out of their busy schedules to see that not only the work of Sigma was attended to and completed but represent Gamma Alpha Sigma properly as the hosting chapter for this year's meeting. We hope to see double the number of attendees at next year's meeting and even more brothers from Gamma Alpha Sigma as we look to further our influence in the state and move the fraternity forward.





Cleveland State University Black Student Union Unite & Prosper Gala





We want to thanks the brothers who were able to participate in the Unite and Prosper Gala that took place on October 12th, 2018 at Cleveland State University. The 2nd annual event brings together the Black Greek Lettered Organizations and other minority organizations at Cleveland State University to showcase their presence at the University. Each organization is given a chance to speak amongst the audience about their mission statement and perks to joining their organization. Tables are also set up so that each organization has opportunities to do one on one conversations about what their organization has to offer. The night also included a guest speaker who gave an inspiring message to all in attendance. Once again thanks to the members of Sigma who were able to participate and present what we have to offer on the campus of CSU!

2018 Blue & White Holiday Potluck



It's that time of year again!

Come out and enjoy the holiday season with fellow members of the Blue and White Family on December 15th from 6:00pm-Until. The potluck will take place at the home of Bro. Steven Lovelace located at 16214 Oakhill Rd. Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44112.

To RSVP / indicate what you would like to bring, use the following sign up link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0848ABAB28AAFC1-2018

Come out and enjoy the holiday season with your fellow members of Blue and White!

Sigma Beta Club Open House



Saturday October 20th, 2018 Garfield Heights Public Library 5409 Turney Rd. Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

11:00am - 1:00pm

Come out and learn about the youth affiliate of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. We want to thank all of the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma and those overall who attended the Fall Sigma Beta Club Open House which took place on Saturday October 20, 2018 at Garfield Heights Library. All of the advisors of the club and many of the Sigma Beta's themselves were in attendance. Information about the clubs activities past, present and future were shared as the club looks to grow and reach to new heights. Many Blue and White parents, uncles and aunts showed up that morning as they came out to learn more about what the Sigma Beta Club has to offer!

The advisors of the club will be looking to have another induction ceremony very soon (before the end of the year). If any brother knows of anyone who can benefit from joining our male youth affiliate, please contact Bro. Taurean R. Adams @ taureanadams2@gmail.com as we continue to raise the "next generation of leaders, accepting the responsibility and loving the challenge"!



Las Vegas Blue & White Weekend 2018



Brothers...

There is **NO WAY** to describe the fun, fellowship, brotherhood, shenanigans and flat out good time had by all those who made the trip to Las Vegas, Nevada for this year's Blue and White Weekend which took place Veterans Day Weekend in November. So with that being said, hopefully these pictures give some insight into the 4 days spent by members of GAS in Sin City:



Bros. Craig Smith, Issa Arney, Kimrick Crawford, Duvall Brown, Jamie Taylor, Sam Morris, Joseph Lastery, Jonathan Wilson, Taurean R. Adams, Steven Brown, Jay Hodge, Percy Turner, Woody Richmond, Marricio Wilson, Ed Long and Ron Pierce at the Blue & White Picnic







Bros. Percy Turner, Ron Pierce, Woody Richmond, Ed Long, Jay Hodge and Craig Smith before the Blue Jeans and Blazers event







Bros. Sam Morris, Joseph Lastery, Steven Brown and Jamie Taylor before the Blue Jeans and Blazers event



Don't be the brother who misses out on next year's trip because....

IT GOES DOWN!!!!

GOMAB!!!

Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. 2019-2020 Executive Board



Brothers! The next group of Sigma's have been voted upon / selected to guide and steer Gamma Alpha Sigma through the next two years. The brothers who will comprise the 2019-2020 will be charged with many challenges including running the chapter through the centennial year of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. The newly elected officers of Gamma Alpha Sigma will run their first chapter meeting of the New Year as the new board on January 12th and officially be sworn into office at the 105th Founders Day Celebration Brunch on January 19th at the Mediterranean Party Center. The newly elected 2019-2020 Executive Board is as follows:

> **President: Bro. Taurean R. Adams Vice President: Bro. Jamie Taylor Recording Secretary: Bro. Karlton A. Laster Corresponding Secretary: Bro. Camara Thomas** Treasurer: Bro. Kimrick A. Crawford Sergeant-at-Arms: Bro. Jonathan O. Wilson **Chaplain: Bro. Rev. Michael A. Brown**

We wish the newly elected executive board of Gamma Alpha Sigma the best of luck and fortune as they prepare to lay out the road map for the chapter moving forward over the next 2 years!

10th Annual Wayne Dawson Celebrity Bowl-A-Thon

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Celebrity Bowlathon



Saturday, November 3, 2018 3-6pm Rollhouse - Wickliffe 28801 Euclid Ave., 44092



Bros. Marricio Wilson, Ed Long and Joseph Lastery with Soror Samantha Williams-Pierce supporting Bro. Wayne Dawson at the 10th annual bowl-a-thon

Shout out to members of the Blue and White family who were able to go out and support Bro. Wayne Dawson's annual celebrity bowling event, which took place at the Rollhouse in Wickliffe, Ohio on November 3rd. The annual event raises funds for the Dawson Foundation's Annie L. Dawson Foundation for Justice, Education and Achievement Scholarship.



SIGMA SPOTLIGHT





The Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

"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. Judge Michael J. Ryan

<u>Initiated Chapter:</u> Nu Mu Chapter Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania

<u>Profession:</u> Judge for Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division

We want to send a huge congratulations to our own Bro. Judge Michael J. Ryan on being one of the many recipients of the Community Champion Award presented by Molina Healthcare during a reception / dinner that was held October 9th, 2018. Harvard Community Services Center based upon his designation also received a \$1000.00 grant to help with its mission to aid impoverished families. Continue to be a shining beacon in our community Bro. Ryan and once again, CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Name: Bro. Jordan Banks

<u>Initiated Chapter:</u> Gamma Alpha Sigma Cleveland Alumni / Cleveland, OH

<u>Profession:</u> Senior at Cleveland State University currently majoring in Psychology

We want to congratulate Bro. Jordan Banks on being awarded both the Huntington National Bank Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year and the Fall 2018 Educational Scholarship from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. The Huntington National Bank Scholarship each year is awarded to an upperclassmen who has demonstrated excellent academics and has financial need. Recipients of the scholarship must also be a graduate of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The Fall 2018 Educational Scholarship from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is awarded to those brothers who have achieved a 3.0 or higher and meet certain fraternity requirements. The scholarships both for \$1,000.00 a piece will aid Bro. Banks as he completes his last year as an undergrad at Cleveland State University. Congratulations!!!



Name: Bro. Taurean R. Adams

<u>Initiated Chapter:</u> Lambda Epsilon University of Toledo / Toledo, Ohio

Profession: IT Business Applications Analyst II at University Hospitals

We want to congratulate Bro. Taurean R. Adams on his recent promotion to an IT Business Applications Analyst II at University Hospitals. Bro. Adams has worked in IT for the hospital systems for a little over 2 years and has learned much, combining the ever changing landscape of healthcare with the dynamics of information technology. Congratulations!!!



Name: Bro. Jordan Williams

<u>Initiated Chapter:</u> Epsilon Epsilon Kent State University / Kent, Ohio

Profession: West Virginia University Graduate Student

We want to congratulate Bro. Jordan Williams on winning first place in the Order of Omega Case Study Competition at the Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Meeting held Nov 28th – Dec 1st in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bro. Williams was partnered with a fellow graduate from George Mason University and together wrote a case study addressing systemic issues of diversity in institutions of higher education. Bro. Williams received a full scholarship to the annual meeting where he volunteered to participate in the competition. Congratulations!



Name: Bro. Karlton A. Laster

<u>Initiated Chapter:</u> Gamma Alpha Sigma Cleveland Alumni / Cleveland, Ohio

<u>Profession:</u> Freelance Writer & Previous Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations @ Case Western Reserve University

We want to congratulate Bro. Karlton A. Laster who recently has had multiple write up's including "When will White Folks Start Listening To Black Folks" and "Is Being A black Nerd Appreciated Or Appropriated" posted / published by Blavity.com. Blavity is an American Internet media company and website based in Los Angeles, created by and for black millennials. Their mission is to "economically and creatively support Black millennials across the African diaspora, so they can pursue the work they love, and change the world in the process." Congratulations Bro. Laster and keep up the thought provoking articles.

FIRST FRIDAY Happy Hours







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.



Bros. Jonathan Wilson, Jay Hodge, Ed Long, Frank Andrews, Brandon Moore and Tony Williams during FIRST FRIDAY in November @ Fredericks Wine & Dine

Destination HBCU: 2018 HBCU College Fair



Bro. Jamie Taylor, John Walker, Kimrick Crawford, Jonathan O. Wilson, visiting frat representing Lincoln University at the fair, Samuel Morris, Joseph Lastery and, Taurean R. Adams with Sigma Beta's Sayid Harvin, Jay'llen Hathman and Camerin Crawford at the HBCU College Fair

We want to thank all of the brothers who were able to participate in the Destination HBCU: 2018 College Fair that took place on Saturday November 17, 2018 at Warrensville Heights High School. Amongst all of the HBCU's that were present, many other social / service organizations along with the Divine Nine were present to also give out information and present themselves to the students in attendance. The brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma handed out many of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundations "Building a Bridge through Education" scholarship packets to many African American male seniors who will be on their way to college in the fall of 2019 in hopes that they can secure further funds for their college education. Once again, thanks to all who answered the call to come out, talk to the students and assisted in the event.



The Blackout 2018: Black Friday Weekend Bash



We want to thank all the members of the Blue and White family, fellow Greeks, friends and family that came out to this years' black Friday weekend party. The event was packed from wall to wall as we partied the night away. Proceeds from various items/avenues went to different causes throughout the night. The proceeds from the raffle baskets will directly benefit the programs and initiatives of the Sigma Beta Club, part of the overall proceeds from the event will benefit the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundations "Building a Bridge Through Education" scholarship and, donations collected throughout the night and those collected at the bar will be donated to the family of the late Aisha Fraser (member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Greater Cleveland Alumni Chapter) who tragically loss her life due to domestic violence earlier in the month. All and all, nothing but good reviews have come back on the event from those in attendance and individuals are looking forward to next year's event. Special shout outs to Bro. Jonathan Wilson and Bro. Jamie Taylor who took care of the food for the evening, Bro. Justin Willis who took care of the DJ'ing / music for the evening, Bros. Marricio Wilson, Kimrick Crawford, Steven Lovelace, Steven Brown and Michael Brown who alternated in and out as bartenders, Bro. Lee Tate who ran the door and Bro. Taurean R. Adams for overseeing the Sigma Beta Club raffles. Here are a couple pics from the evening:



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(Left)

Bro. Steven
Brown & Soror
Nicole Rivera

(Right)

Bro. Brandon
Moore, Bro. Kenneth
Agee, Jonathan O.
Wilson and Soror
Danielle Hicks



105th Founders Day Celebration Brunch & The Royal Affair: Joint Founders Day Celebration





We want to invite all the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. out to our 2019 Founders Day events! On the morning of Saturday January 19, 2018 the brothers will gather at the Mediterranean Party Center for our 105th Founders Day Celebration Brunch. The brothers only brunch will start at 10:00am. The cost to attend is \$30.00 (If you have not paid your local dues by 12/31).

That evening there will be a joint event with our sisters of Zeta as we celebrate our founder's days together as the blue and white family. The affair will take place at Tizzanos Party Center in Euclid, Ohio starting at 6:00pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, a small program, cash bar and music provided by DJ Steady Pace are all included the evening event. Soror Thelma Boyd from the Mu Rho Zeta chapter (Akron, Ohio) will be the guest speaker on behalf of the Zeta's and our own 27th and 29th past International President Bro. Carter D. Womack will speak on behalf of the brothers. The evening event will cost \$25.00.

If there are any questions about the brunch and/or the joint event please contact chapter President Bro. Taurean R. Adams at 216-337-8693

We hope to see all the blue and white family out on Saturday January 19, 2019!



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~*2017-2018 Executive Board *~

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

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Day Celebration Highlights

Conclave 2019: Las Vegas, Nevada

2018 Blue & White Holiday Potluck Highlights

Other Events & Information

