

# BLUE NOTES



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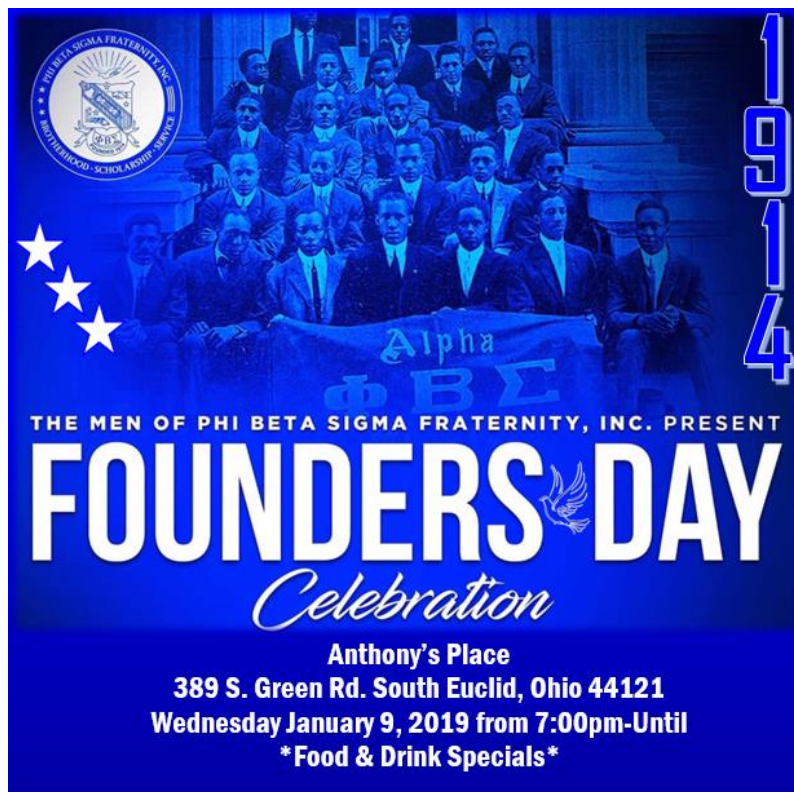


*Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. celebrating 105 years of  
Brotherhood, Scholarship and, Service on January 9<sup>th</sup>.*

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## Founders Day January 9th



Even though Founders Day this year fell on a Wednesday, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. from all over Northeast, Ohio showed up and showed out as we celebrated well into the wee hours of the night. The January 9<sup>th</sup> festivities took place at Anthony's Place Bar and Grille in South Euclid, Ohio. In attendance were the brothers of Sigma, our sisters of Zeta, fellow Greeks, family and friends as all enjoyed the music and food throughout the evening.







*Bros. Jamie Taylor, Jonathan Wilson, Taurean R. Adams, Steven Brown, Ellian Jennings, Samuel Morris, Karlton Laster and Joseph Lastery*



*Bros. Ed Long, William Phillips, Bobby Shepard, Percy Turner, Duvall Brown and Steven Lovelace*



*Bros. Woody Richmond and Taurean R. Adams with the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*

Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service  
105 years and Our Cause Still Speeds on Its Way!!!

GOMAB!!!

## 105<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Celebration Brunch

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

*105<sup>th</sup> Founders Day  
Celebration Brunch*



$\Phi$   $B$   $\Sigma$  PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

*Saturday January 19, 2019 from 10:00am-1:00pm*

*Mediterranean Party Center*

*25021 Rockside Rd, Bedford Heights, OH 44146*

*Admission: \$30.00*

We want to thank all of the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma and Sigma Beta's who came out to celebrate our 105<sup>th</sup> Founders Day at our morning celebration brunch. The event took place at the Mediterranean Party Center on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>. This year's speaker for the event would be

Ms. Cassie Joseph from the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center. After being introduced by Sigma Beta's Jay'llen Hathman and Camerin Crawford and her providing the audience of brothers in attendance vital information and statistics about domestic violence, a robust and strong open discussion took place between the brothers and the speaker as all in the room discussed tools and ways to aid in this ever growing problem and what we can do in our communities and with those we know who are victims / potential victims of domestic violence.

With the untimely passing of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter member Soror Aisha Fraser due to the horrors of domestic violence, the brothers of Sigma along with all of the members of D9 in Cleveland have been heavily engaged in forums, town hall and, programs that address this problem and what we can do to stop it.





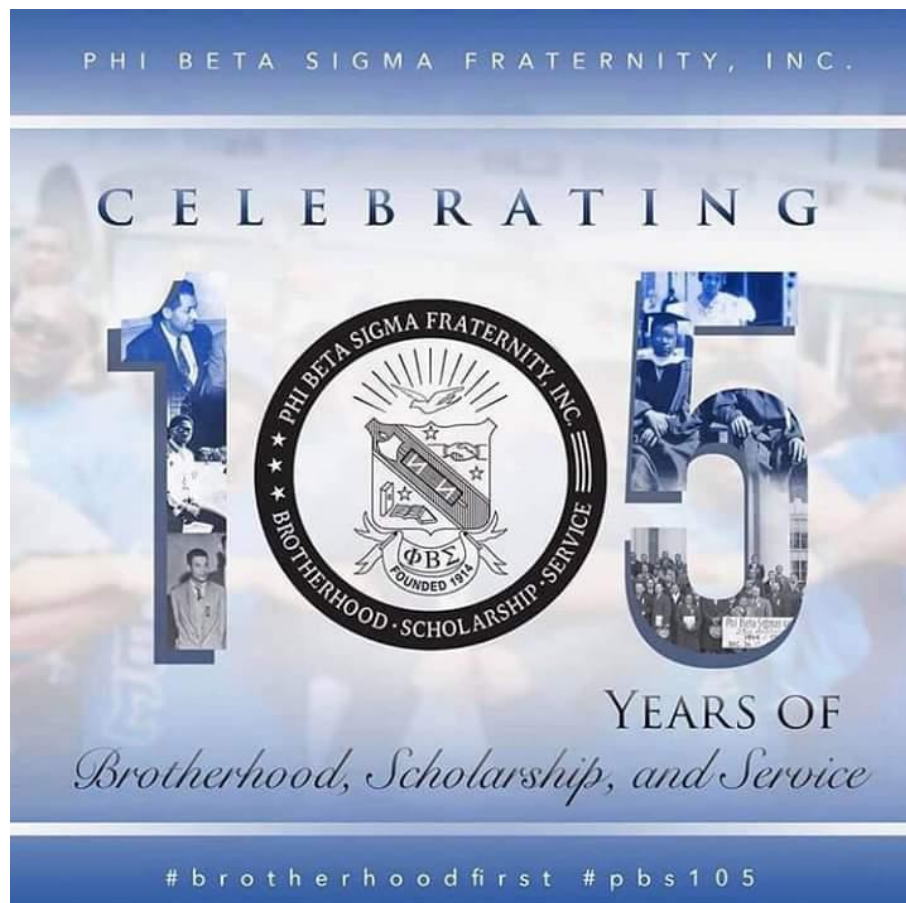
*Sigma Beta's Jay'llen Hathman, Avery Taylor and Camerin Crawford at the celebration brunch*



*(From Left to Right)  
Bros. Isaiah Lewis, Steven Lovelace, Kimrick Crawford, Duvall Brown, Ed Long, Woody Richmond and, Michael Long*



We want thank all of the brothers of Sigma who came out to celebrate the 105 year legacy that is Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. as our cause continues to speed on its ways!





## Nu Theta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. “Breakfast with Santa”

*Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*  
*Nu Theta Zeta Chapter*  
*presents*



**Raffle!  
Arts And  
Crafts!**

*Save \$1 off  
of each ticket  
by donating  
two canned  
goods!*

*Saturday  
December 8th  
9:00 AM - NOON  
Harvard Community Center  
18240 Harvard Ave  
Cleveland Ohio 44128  
\$15 for adults \$10 children  
ages 15 and under*

**Questions? Contact  
Chanell 2165025894**

We want to shout out GAS' own Bro. John Walker for coming to our sorors need of someone playing Santa for their breakfast with Santa event. The event took place at the Harvard Community Center on December 8th. While pancakes and other items were served to those in attendance, Bro. Walker played the role of jolly old St. Nick interacting with the kids. Once again big thanks to John for filling in where needed!



*Bro. John Walker with the Sorors of the Nu Theta Zeta  
chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*

## Sigma Beta Club New Member Induction Ceremony



We want to thank all of the brothers of Sigma, current Sigma Beta's, family and friends who came out to our most recent Sigma Beta Club New Member Induction Ceremony. The event took place on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library. The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter inducted 4 new young men into the fold:

David Schultz: Nephew of Soror Sabrina Jackson  
Carson Burrows: Son of Bro. Grady Burrows  
Dominik Papp: Nephew of Bro. Samuel Morris & Soror Veronica Morris  
Lashaad Jackson: Step-son of Bro. Lee Tate

*Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma and current Sigma Beta's with the newly inducted members*







*(Left)*  
*Sigma Beta Club*  
*Coordinator Bro. Taurean*  
*R. Adams and Advisors*  
*Bro. Jamie Taylor and*  
*Samuel Morris going*  
*through the Sigma Beta*  
*Club Induction Ceremony*  
*with the new members*

*(Bottom)*  
*New Inductees with their*  
*fathers during part of the*  
*induction ceremony*





Gifts and items for the new Sigma Beta's

Once again, we want to thank everyone who came out that morning to support our boys as the chapter continues to grow its Sigma Beta Club and be the role models and mentors our young men so desperately need in today's day and age. If you have a young man between the ages of 8-18 that you want to get involved in the Sigma Beta Club, get in contact with Sigma Beta Club Coordinator Bro. Taurean R. Adams. The chapter will be holding its next induction ceremony somewhere between June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> (induction window for new members stated by the National Sigma Beta Club Foundation).

*“Next Generation of Leaders, Accepting the Responsibility and Loving the Challenge”*





## The Royal Family Affair: A Joint Founders Day Celebration

**The Royal Family Affair**  
 Blue & White Together, A Family Bond Forever  
 Celebrating Founders' Day 2019

**SATURDAY  
 Jan 19  
 2019**

6:00-11:00 PM  
 Tizzanos Party Center  
 1361 E 260th St  
 Euclid Ohio 44132

**Contact**  
 Tiona 216-561-7621  
 Amber 216-482-1503  
 Taurean 216-337-8693

**\$25 Entry**  
**Formal Attire**  
**Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres**

Even though the weather was **ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE** due to a winter storm that slammed the shores of Lake Erie and Northeast, Ohio the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. pressed on still made it out to the dual founders day celebration rightfully dubbed "*The Royal Family Affair: A Joint Founders Day Celebration*". The event took place on the evening of Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> at Tizzanos Party Center in Euclid, Ohio. The night included guest speakers from both sides of the Blue & White Family. Soror Thelma Boyd from the Mu Rho Zeta chapter in Akron, Ohio was the guest speaker for Zeta Phi Beta and Bro. Michael Ryan answered the last minute call to give a few words on behalf of the Sigmas due to originally scheduled guest speaker 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> International President Bro. Carter D. Womack cnot being able to make the drive to Cleveland that day due to the extreme weather conditions that arose that weekend.

Here are a few pictures from the evenings festivities



*Brothers of Sigma  
performing the  
fraternity hymn towards  
the end of the program*



Sorors Chanell Elston and Tiona Williams with  
Bro. Keith Patterson



Bros. Duvall "Butter" Brown, Steven Lovelace,  
Steven Brown Jr. Kimrick Crawford and Joseph  
Lastery Jr.



Sorors Chanell Elston, Chandi Hogan, Patricia  
Jones and Latrice Cox-Jones





Bro. Judge Michael A. Ryan stepping in as a guest speaker, giving a few words on behalf of Phi Beta Sigma



Soror Thelma Boyd receiving tokens of appreciation from the Joint Founders Day Committee



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



We want to give a huge shout out to Bro. Taurean R. Adams (Gamma Alpha Sigma), Soror Tiona Williams (Nu Theta Zeta) and, Soror Amber Calhoun (Gamma Delta Zeta) who served as the committee chairs for the event. We thank them for their commitment to get the job and done and pull off a successful joint founders day event!

**WHETHER ITS SIGMA OR ZETA...IT'S ALL PHI BETA!!!**

## Conclave 2019: Las Vegas. NV



We want to remind and encourage brothers to register for this year's Conclave which will be taking place in Las Vegas, Nevada from July 9th through July 14th at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. This Conclave's theme "The Pride and Power: Celebrating African American Men" will be looking to honor and highlight those men who have had impacts on their communities. Brothers can register for Conclave via the international website of the fraternity or by going to the BluPrint Membership Database.

Hope to see you there!

## GASEF Honeybaked Ham Fundraiser



We want to remind brothers to remind everybody that the HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser for the Building A Bridge through Education Scholarship is still up and going. The Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation along with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. have once again teamed up with HoneyBaked Ham through their gift card fundraiser. For each gift card purchased through our fundraising link (listed below) 20% of each purchase will go directly towards the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation! Gift cards can be purchased through April 21<sup>st</sup>.

[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/building\\_a\\_bridge\\_through\\_education?fbclid=IwAR17CEuOrDMRYrK\\_1AawYSqQ3PTHLwzAm7wOr0T9TBLbd6WOIoIvZENBzg8](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/building_a_bridge_through_education?fbclid=IwAR17CEuOrDMRYrK_1AawYSqQ3PTHLwzAm7wOr0T9TBLbd6WOIoIvZENBzg8)



## Domestic Violence Education Panel Discussion @ Tri-C



**THE MEN OF THE DIVINE NINE PRESENT**

**A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q&A ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**DEC. 20, 2018 | 6-8 PM**

**CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
METRO CAMPUS THEATER  
2900 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AVE,  
CLEVELAND**

**PANELISTS:**

- HON. JUDGE MICHAEL RYAN, PHI BETA SIGMA
- MINISTER JOHN TWYMON, KAPPA ALPHA PSI
- HON. JUDGE C. ELLEN CONNALLY, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
- MICHELLE KENNEY, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
- NICKY MILLER, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
- CARRIE JOSEPH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
- KATHY FELLOWS, FORMER POLICE OFFICER
- LISA HUSAMADEEN, COUNSELOR, LPC, LSC, TRI-C

**MODERATORS:**

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MAYOR OF WOODMERE VILLAGE  
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY
- MS. BETTY HALLIBURTON  
JOURNALIST  
DELTA SIGMA THETA

Designed By: 

With the untimely death of Soror Aisha Fraser, beloved member of the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. the members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater Cleveland have poured numerous resources, time and energy into efforts and programs to do our best in making sure this doesn't happen again to not only anybody amongst our Greek ranks but to anybody in the city of Cleveland as a whole. The 5 fraternities of the NPHC took it upon themselves to host a community forum to further spread awareness of domestic violence and make resources available to anyone who may be dealing with it.

The domestic violence panel took place on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Campus Theatre of Cuyahoga Community College in downtown Cleveland. Many individuals from pastors to judges sat on the panel and answered the numerous questions that came from those in attendance after providing first hand accounts and statistics of domestic violence cases.



*Members of the panel along with assistance from a sign-language specialist for the hearing impaired in the audience as the discussions and questions ramped up*



*(Left to Right)  
Bros. Darreal Gay, George Baker, Taurean R. Adams,  
Percy Turner, Michael Ryan before the start of the event*



Special shoutouts to Bro. Ed. Long who served as the representative for Sigma in helping organize the event with the other men of the D9 fraternities and Bro. Michael Ryan for sitting on the panel during the event. The hope and prayer of all who were in attendance that night is that this conversation continues to stay in the forefront so that further programming, events and initiatives can be executed to continue to fight this problem in our communities.

## Cleveland State University NPHC SPR 19 Meet the Greek



*Members of CSU's D9 during the event*



Want to thank the brothers who were able to head down to Cleveland State University on February 11<sup>th</sup> for CSU's NPHC Spring 2019 Meet the Greeks event. All members of the D9 were present to answer questions and talk to those who were present during the event. The re-build of Beta Nu is steady in the process, so events such as Meet the Greeks are vital in giving the brothers of Sigma down there another opportunity to show the campus what our fraternity has to offer. Once again thanks to those in attendance!

## Chapter Website: Northeast Ohio Sigma / Zeta Business Network



The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter are always looking to see how we can further our bond with our sorors of Zeta and promote commerce and business within the black community. Well, the brothers have taken another step forward in doing both! If you take a look at the chapter website at [www.gas1914.org](http://www.gas1914.org), you will see a newly created tab called “Northeast Ohio Sigma / Zeta Business Network”. This new edition to the chapter website houses information on all of the black owned businesses ran by members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta right here in Northeast Ohio! With the diversity of members within both of our organizations, it is not suprising that we have family doing business in many activities and fields that we purchase, support and are in need of everyday with the more well known stores and businesses. From security to home healthcare, to freight/transport to tax services, the goal is to not only promote business within the blue and white family but further promote black business in our community. Bigger Better Business Director for Gamma Alpha Sigma Bro. Ed Long is currently in the process of gathering information from members of the blue and white family who own there own business so if you would like to be added to the Blue and White Business Directory please get in contact with him at [edlongji@roadrunner.com](mailto:edlongji@roadrunner.com)

Welcome to the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter Site | Cleveland, Ohio



Click the link from here and take a look at the business  
in the Blue and White Directory

HOME

Welcome

SIGMA  
BETA CLUB  
From Boys to  
Men

MEMBERSHIP  
Become a  
Member

INTERNATIONAL  
WEBSITE  
National Headquarters

GAS EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

PHOTO  
GALLERY

OUR COLLEGIATE  
CHAPTERS

NORTHEAST OHIO SIGMA /  
ZETA BUSINESS NETWORK



## University Settlement 2018 Toy Drive Giveaway



### 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 Annual Holiday Gift / Toy Drive

December 19, 2018 @ University Settlement 4800 Broadway Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44127

(Set Up from 11:00am-3:00pm / Giveaway from 3:00pm-6:00pm)

Please contact Bro. Jamie Taylor at 216-973-3434 for information on donations / volunteering

*Sorors Jillian Jones and T'Maya Howard with Bros. Jamie Taylor, Jordan Banks, Tony Williams, Taurean R. Adams, Joseph Lastery, Michael Ryan and his son during the holiday gift / toy drive @ University Settlement*



We want to thank the members of the blue and white family who came out to University Settlements annual holiday gift / toy drive. On December 19<sup>th</sup> members from various community organizations descended upon University Settlement in the Slavic Village / Braodway neighborhood to assist in the annual event where families who are less fortunate can come and receive items for the holiday season. Toys, clothes, food and all sorts of items found their way to individuals who showed up throughout the day. Members of the blue and white family helped families carry their items to their cars, wraps gifts and assist with the clean-up after the event was all said and done.



Once again, thanks to all who participated and hope to see even more of the blue and white family out next year for this annual holiday event!



## National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater Cleveland Beatrice Wright Fox Undergraduate Scholarship



Beatrice Wright Fox was an educator and the first African-American administrator in the Mount Pleasant area in Cleveland, OH as well as an advisor/director with the Phillis Wheatley Association. She was a dedicated member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Alpha Lambda Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Cleveland, OH and the Founder of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater Cleveland. Because of her exemplary service to the community and passion for youth shown by Mrs. Fox, a scholarship was established by the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater Cleveland and named in her honor.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. are proud to announce that Bro. Jordan Banks was awarded the scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 early this year. For those who have been keeping count, Bro. Banks has racked up nearly \$5,000 in scholarship funds since joining the fraternity back in May 2018. We congratulate Bro. Banks as he continues to exemplify the high ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service as he gets ready to close out his undergraduate career at Cleveland State University as he will be graduating this upcoming May.

*Bro. Banks with Soror Monica Bourne of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and current NPHC President and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Soror Patricia Jones*



*Bros. William Woodson and Karlton Laster with Bro. Banks after receiving the scholarship*



## State of Ohio Joint Founders Day Celebration

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. & ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.



### *Statewide Joint Founders' Day Celebration*



FEBRUARY 2, 2019  
BERWICK MANOR  
COLUMBUS, OHIO  
11:30AM-2:30PM



Doors open at 11AM  
Reaffirmation ceremony at 10:30  
am. Ceremony attire required for  
participants



*Presidents of the Zeta and Sigma Graduate chapters in the State of Ohio at the  
Statewide Joint Founder's Day Celebration in Columbus, Ohio*





Ohio's Blue and White came together to celebrate the Unbreakable Bond between Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta by hosting a historic statewide joint Founders' Day celebration on Saturday, February 2.

Representing for the brothers was the 27th and 29th International President Hon. Bro. Carter D. Womack; for the sisters it was, the International First Vice President Soror Tamara Manning-Gordon and International Treasurer Melissa Walton-Jones. During the ceremony, Soror Helen Robinson, the granddaughter of Most Honorable Founder Bro. Leonard F. Morse, read an excerpt from Hon. Bro. Morse's Watch Night sermon from 1923. Soror Robinson eloquently stated that he preached about issues in 1923 that still affecting black people in America and around the world today.

The event was also attended by descendants of the Triumphant Zeta Founders Sorors Myrtle Tyler-Faithful and Viola Tyler-Goings. The descendants, 95-year-old Soror Wynona Kidd, the daughter of Founder Tyler-Goings. Other descendants included Soror Kyra Hardiman (granddaughter of Viola Tyler-Goings, great niece of Myrtle Tyler Faithful) and Soror Debbie Hill (granddaughter of Viola Tyler Goings, great niece of Myrtle Tyler Faithful). The event was emceed by Bro. Michael Tyler II (greatgrandnephew of Myrtle Tyler Faithful and Viola Tyler Goings). Proceeds from this event benefited Zeta's Z-HOPE and the Beta Omicron Sigma (Columbus) chapter's Sigma Beta Club. The statewide event was planned and executed perfectly by Ohio State Directors Bro. Justin Gibson and Soror Isi Green.

## University Settlement Community Service



*Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. with volunteers, family and, friends at University Settlement during the month of February during their community meal and food pantry give-away*

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

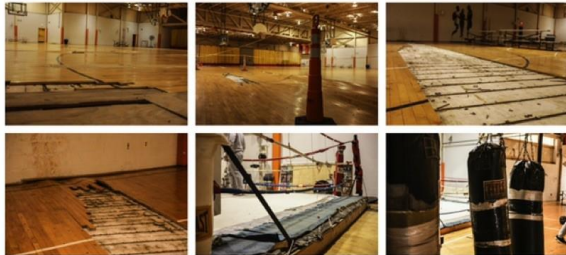


## EC Rise / Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Renovation Project



### CURRENT GYM CONDITION

Broken Wooden Floors | Old Gym Equipment | Electrical Issues | HVAC System Issues



### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

WE HAVE CURRENTLY REMOVED OVER 70% OF THE GYM FLOOR.  
JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SERVICE DAY TO FINISH THE DEMOLITION!

# THE FINALE

Saturday, February 23, 2019

9:00am - 4:00pm

Sign up at: [www.ecrise.org/serve](http://www.ecrise.org/serve)

We want to thank all of the members of the blue and white family who have given of their time over the past weekends in January and February to be a part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Renovation Project in East Cleveland, Ohio. For anybody who know the current state of East Cleveland, you know that the city is in dire straits on many fronts. A non-profit organization known as EC Rise is has been the driver in getting the renovations at the civic center done and has solicited much help and materials from outside organizations and donors as they look to bring East Cleveland out of its current condition. Many members of the blue and white family grew up in East Cleveland, spending many days in the building during their youth so when the opportunity arose to help out and help transform the building they did not hesitate to respond to the call to action.



*(Left)*

*Members of Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Zeta Amicae, Sigma Beta Club, Zeta Archonettes, and other volunteers at the MLK Jr. Civic Center after tearing up and removing another good portion of the gym floor to be replaced*

*Bros. Jonathan Wilson, Joseph Lastery and Jamie Taylor with Sorors Gina Jackson and Emma Craver*



*Bros. Jonathan Wilson, Joseph Lastery and Jamie Taylor tearing up the floor*



*Sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. tearing up sections of the old gym floor*



*Bro. Taurean Adams going at the floor with sorors in the background hauling the old floorboards to the dumpster*

Even though much work is left to done in the facility, the light at the end of tunnel is a bit brighter thanks to the help of the blue and white family in making the MLK Jr. Civic Center a better place for the residence of East Cleveland. Special shout out to Bro. Jamie Taylor who passionately brought this opportunity the blue and white family assist in any way possible. Much potential was seen by those in attendance as brothers and sorors conversed over the space. Stay tuned as this project and initiative will have many phases as EC Rise looks to reach their ultimate goal. Once again thanks to all for your support!



## Sigma Beta Club End of the Year Celebration



We want to shout out the advisors of the chapters Sigma Beta Club as they continue to mentor the next generation of leaders. The club on Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> ended the year of 2018 with a day of good food and games at Dave and Busters out in Westlake, Ohio for their end of the year celebration. As much information as the advisors give to the Sigma Beta's throughout the year, the advisors keep in mind that these young men are still kids and remind them constantly that "if you work hard, you can then play hard". Once again thanks to all the work that our advisors have done with our Sigma Beta Club

*(Left)*

*Sigma Betas Jay'llen Hathman, La'Shaad Jackson, Avery Taylor, Dominic Papp and Camerin Crawford with advisors Bro. Taurean R. Adams, Samuel Morris, Kimrick Crawford, Jamie Taylor and, Lee Tate*

## 2018 Blue & White Holiday Potluck



We want to thank Bro. Steven Lovelace for once again opening up his home to host the 2018 Blue and White Holiday Potluck that took place on December 15<sup>th</sup>. In the spirit of the holidays, the blue and white family got together to enjoy each other company and feast on dishes prepared/brought that evening. Shout out to all who attended as we will be looking for more of the blue and white family in attendance next year!



*Bros. Duane Hawkins, Joseph Lastery, Jonathan Wilson, Marricio Wilson and Ed Long with Sorors Alva McFarland, Dorian Marsh, Josephine Serwah, Danielle Hicks and Antonia Searight during the potluck*





*Bros. Percy Turner, Woody Richmond,  
Ed Long and, Steven Lovelace*



*Bro. Ed Long with Sorors Alva McFarland  
and Brittany Williams*



*Bros. Joseph Lastery, Marricio Wilson and Ed Long*



“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. Roderic Swiner

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

**Profession:** Recent College Graduate

We want to congratulate Bro. Roderic Swiner who graduated from Kent State University with his Bachelors of Science Integrative Studies with a concentration Sports Administration and Pan-African Studies in December of 2018. We wish Bro. Swiner much success as he begins the next chapter of his life as he moves on from his undergraduate career....

**CONGRATULATIONS!**





**Name:** Bro. Jason Rives

**Initiated Chapter:** Beta Nu  
Cleveland State University / Cleveland, OH

**Profession:** Software Developer

We want to congratulate Bro. Jason Rives who graduated from Cleveland State University with his Masters of Business Administration. Congratulations Bro. Rives as you use your newly acquired degree to move forward in your career and endeavors!

**Name:** Bro. Jordan Williams

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

**Profession:** Graduate Student / West Virginia University



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 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Along with this information Bro. Williams has also recently accepted a summer internship at Rutgers University-New Brunswick working in the office of New Student Orientation and Family Programs. Congratulations Bro. Williams as you continue to move forward!



**Name:** Bro. Duvall "Butter" Brown

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

**Profession:** Self Employed / Digital Arts-Graphic Designer-Website

We want to congratulate Bro. Duvall Brown on the success launch of his digital magazine! Bro Brown had been working on the concept for some time and finally went live with it at the beginning of the year. You can check out his work at [www.allaccessclemag.com](http://www.allaccessclemag.com). Congratulations once again to Bro. Brown!

## **FIRST FRIDAY: The Black Business Tour**



The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter are continuing their FIRST FRIDAY Happy Hour events in the year of 2019 but have decided to focus on patronizing and supporting the many black businesses / establishments in Northeast Ohio, hence FIRST FRIDAY "The Black Business Tour! The first couple of locations we have chosen those far this year have welcomed us with opened arms and been very hospitable. If there is a location you think the chapter should check out, let us know. Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming FIRST FRIDAY!



***Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter  
Cleveland, Ohio***



**~\*2019-2020 Executive Board\*~**

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

*\*March of Dimes 2019\**

*\*Battle of the Blue Juice Round III Highlights\**

*\*The Blackout 2019\**

*\*Conclave 2019: Las Vegas, Nevada\**

*\*Ohio Blue and White Weekend 2019\**

*\*Other Events & Information\**

