

# BLUE NOTES



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Kent State University  
Bachelors of Science  
Marketing

Bro. Jalen Brown  
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Master of Science  
Education

Bro. Devon Parker  
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Bachelor of Science  
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Psychology

**Congratulations to the spring 2019 Graduates of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.!!!**

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## Sigma Small Business Week 2019

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In Conjunction With:



### NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

May 5 – 11, 2019



In conjunction with the United States Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week that took place from Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. around the world promoted, patronized and participated in the efforts to support and give exposure to the numerous small minority owned businesses in the communities we live and serve in. The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter went on a social media blitz to promote and advertise numerous small minority owned businesses right here in Northeast, Ohio. The businesses promoted included:

[Beaded4Elegance \(Custom Jewelry\) / Lania "Mickie" Crawford](#)

[LocalityCle \(Scented Candles, Body Scrubs, Balms, Butter, Etc.\) / Wendy Horn](#)

[Art by Design Co. \(Handmade Jewelry\) / Linda More](#)

[Scoundrels Only LLC. \(Clothing and Apparel\) / Dwight Hendricks](#)

[G + Co. Apparel \(Ties Sets, Lapel pins, Clothing and Apparel\) Shaun Scott](#)

[JWilson Catering \(Catering Services\) / Jonathan Wilson](#)

[TakeNotice Visual Media \(Graphic Design, Website Creation, Paraphernalia\) / Duvall Brown](#)

Special shout out to all of these local businesses and a thank you to the brothers of Gamma Alpha Sigma for spreading the word and doing their part during this initiative to promote small business in our area!

## Gamma Alpha Sigma March of Dimes 2019 Campaign

We want to thank all of the brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter who have been diligent and attentive in throughout our March of Dimes / March for Babies campaign thus far for the year of 2019. The chapter (at the point of this entry in the BLUE NOTES) has raised over \$1,300.00 towards our \$1,914.00 + goal. With the events and efforts not over until the end of the year Brothers still have plenty of time to support the cause and help The chapter reach and break our set goal. If brothers wish to join the chapters team and donate to the cause, brothers can do so by going to the following link:



<https://www.marchforbabies.org/Fundraising/Team?teamId=902129&teamEventId=2900041>

On top of the individual donations that members of the chapter have made thus far or solicited from friends and family, other efforts have taken place and are in the talks to further our goal. Back on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> the chapter hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NFL Draft Night / March of Dimes Fundraiser which yielded funds to further this year's campaign. Brothers Ed Long and Michael Brown (this year's March of Dimes chair and co-chair) are also in the process of putting together a bowling event this summer/fall to raise even more funds and close out the chapter's campaign for 2019.



Stay tuned to the upcoming endeavors of the chapter in regard to all of our March of Dimes efforts. We thank those again who have done their part and look forward to making our goal by the end of the year!



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. Percy Turner

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

**Profession:** Executive Assistant to the Deputy  
Director at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

We want to congratulate Bro. Percy Turner on  
becoming a Master Mason and member of Masonic  
Lodge Ecclesiastes #120

CONGRATULATIONS!





**Name:** Bro. Tristan Hobson

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

**Profession:** Co-Founder / Visual Media at Beautiful Me Wellness LLC

We want to congratulate Bro. Tristan Hobson on the birth of his first child Adonis Amun-Ra Hobson! We wish you and his mother Brittany nothing but the best as you all raise your pride and joy!

**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 his involvement and recent accomplishment of being the Dean of the Spring 19 line that reactivated the Rho Theta “The Black Panther” chapter at West Virginia University after a 20 year absence from the schools campus. Congratulations to you and your neo’s as you begin to shine the Sigma light that has been rekindled at WVU.

**Name:** Bro. Jordan Banks

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

**Profession:** Senior @ Cleveland State University

We want to congratulate Bro. Jordan Banks on being inducted into Sigma Alpha Pi National Society of Leadership and Success during his final year at Cleveland State University on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Congratulations!





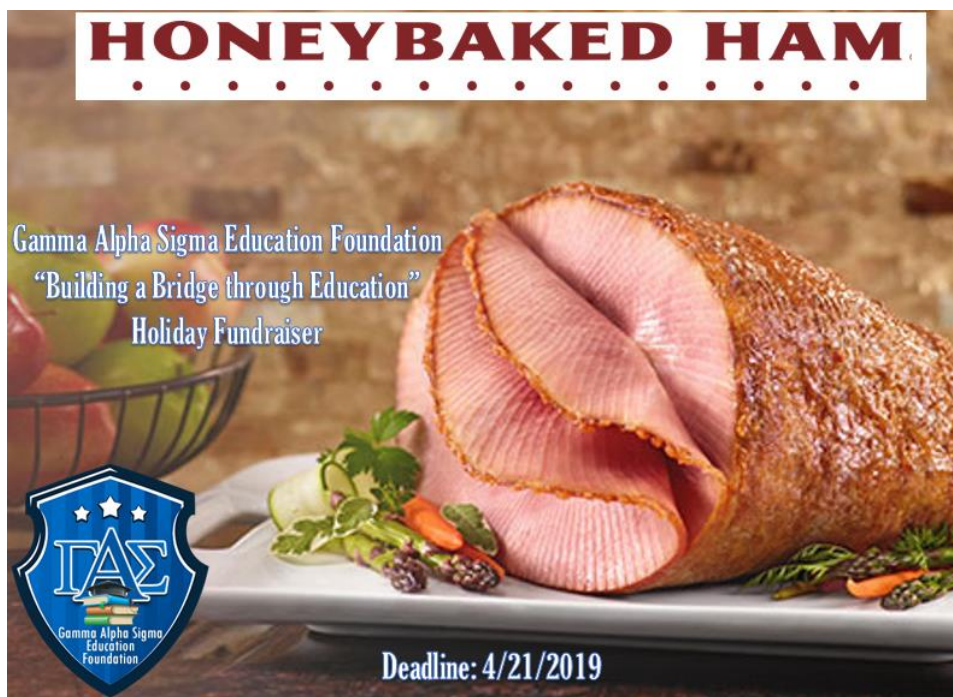
**Name:** Bro. Jalen Brown

**Initiated Chapter:** Alpha Beta Kappa  
Miami University of Ohio / Oxford, Ohio

**Profession:** Assistant Principal @ Lander Elementary  
School in Mayfield Heights, Ohio

We want to congratulate Bro. Jalen Brown on receiving his 5 year professional principal license from the State of Ohio. Congratulations on your accomplishment and new role as Assistant Principal at Lander Elementary School. We wish you much success as you go into your new position!

### **GASEF Honeybaked Ham Fundraiser Results**



We want to thank all of the brothers who promoted and pushed others to participate in the Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser that took place up until Easter to raise funds for the Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation and our "Building A Bridge Through Education" Scholarship. Thanks to the efforts of the brothers we have added funds to our 501c3 to further our mission in making sure we are doing our part to help deserving young men of color as they get ready to embark their college careers. Once again, thank you to all for your participation and stay tuned for our next fundraising activity.



## Ohio Blue & White Weekend 2019: Year of the Blue & White Family



The members of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and sorors of the Gamma Delta Zeta and Nu Theta Zeta chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. welcome of Sigma's, Zetas, Amicae, Sigma Beta's, Archonettes, Pearlettes, fellow Greeks, family and friends to the shores of Lake Erie for Ohio Blue and White 2019: Year of the Blue and White Family. This year's list of events will take place starting Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>. All of the events taking place and details in regard to each of them can be found on the chapter's website at [www.gas1914.org](http://www.gas1914.org) and also on Eventbrite. The host chapters in Cleveland look forward to seeing all family and friends at the end of July in Cleveland, Ohio!

## Congrats to the Grads: Spring 2019

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma had many of its members graduate from college this spring, looking forward to the opportunities that their newly acquired degrees can help them attain in their professional lives as they move forward in the world. Here are a few pics of the Blue and White family during this springs commencement ceremonies:



Graduates Bro. Devon Parker and Corbin Williams with old heads from the Mau Mau chapter @ Kent State University



Bro. Jalen Brown, Jordan Banks and, Soror Josephine Serwaah



Blue & White graduates from Cleveland State University Bros. Jalen Brown, Jordan Banks and Soror Josephine Serwaah with members of Sigma and Zeta



Bro. Jordan Banks with his Dean and ADP Bros. Taurean R. Adams and Jamie Taylor



## 2019 Ohio State Retreat / State Meeting

We want brothers to mark their calendars and get excited for this year's state meeting. This year's state meeting will be hosted by the brothers of the Rho Chi Sigma chapter (Westerville, Ohio) on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. The state meeting which was held in Cleveland, Ohio last year ended up having close to 100 brothers registered. The goal this year set by State Director Bro. Justin Gibson is to have 125. Be on the lookout for more information in regard to training, prices and others items pertaining to this year's state meeting.



### **SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Ohio State Retreat Saturday, September 14.**

- Mark your calendars for the 2019 Ohio State Retreat for Saturday, September 14 in Columbus
- Our goal is to have 125 brothers registered for this event
- More information, including registration, hotel, and agenda, will be released by June 1

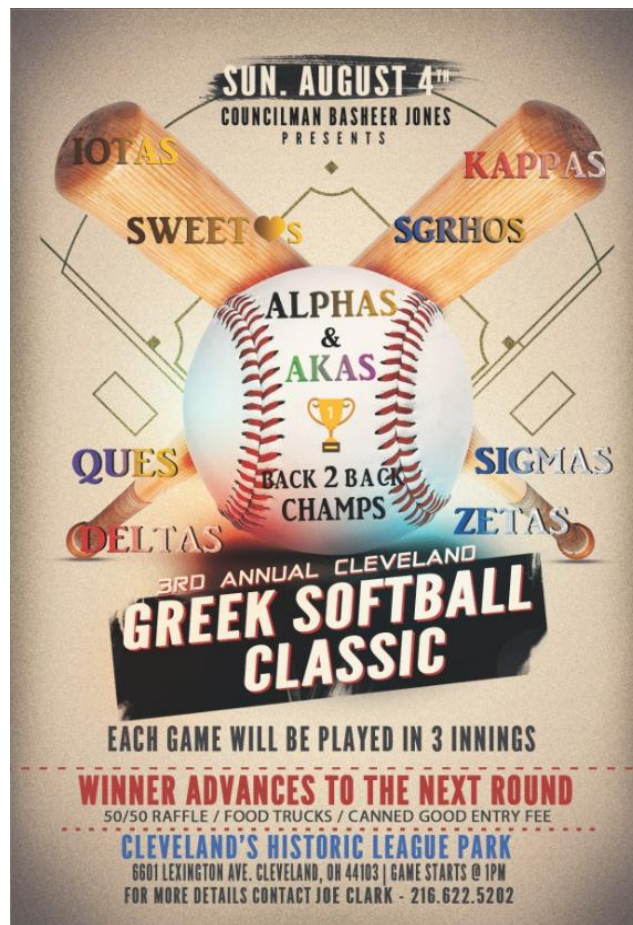
## Conclave 2019 Las Vegas, NV “The Pride and The Power”: Celebrating African American Men

Brothers!

It isn't too late to register and be a part of the biggest Conclave in the history of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. history! Brothers can register by going to the BluPrint Membership Database or by downloading forms from the International website and sending them directly to IHQ. Be sure to check out the international website for all of the details in regard to Conclave 2019!



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cleveland Greek Softball Classic



The challenge has been set for 2019! Make sure you come out and support team “Constitutionally Bound”, consisting of members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. as they go up against the rest of the D9 during this year’s softball tournament.

The event will take place on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Historic League Park @ 1:00pm. The Blue and White family came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place last year but are dying to take the crown from the Alpha’s and AKA’s who have both years prior. Entry in the event for the day is a simple canned good donation. Food trucks, vendors and other activities will be taking place during the event as well.

Each team will be making a donation to a charity / organization of their choice so come out, support the home team and let’s take the trophy!



## University Settlement Community Service



Bros. Jamie Taylor, Taurean R. Adams and Jordan Banks with volunteers, family and, friends at University Settlement in April during their 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday community meal and food pantry



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.

## NPHC of Greater Cleveland Annual Bowling Party & Tournament



We want to send a HUGE shout out to the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. who held it all the way down during this year's NPHC of Greater Cleveland Bowling Party and Tournament. The event this year took place at the newly remodeled and opened Lanes Bowling Alley located in Maple Heights, Ohio. As the night pressed on and into the late hours of the night into the early morning of the next day, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma would come out on top sweeping the entire tournament. Here are the stats from the competition:

Men's High Game (Bro. Michael Brown – 213)  
Men's Overall High Series (Bro. Michael Brown – 560)  
Men's Team High Game – 832  
Men's Team Overall High Score - 2300

We want to shout out the brothers of Sigma who made up this year's team and brought home the hardware against the other fraternities:

Bro. Michael Brown  
Bro. Jordan Banks  
Bro. Eillan Jennings  
Bro. Jamie Taylor  
Bro. Joseph Lastery Jr.





Bros. Taurean R. Adams, Eillan Jennings, Michael Brown and, Joseph Lastery Jr. at the end of the tournament with all the winning trophies

Once again, thanks to those brothers who held it down for the frat and brothers in attendance to cheer them on as we look forward to doing the same next year!

### Warrensville Heights Memorial Day Parade



Sigma's, Zeta's, Amicae, Sigma Beta's and, Archonettes participating in the 2019 Warrensville Heights Memorial Day Parade.



We want to thank all the members of the blue and white family who came out and participated in this year's Memorial Day Parade in Warrensville Heights. All the branches of the blue and white family marched down Warrensville Center Rd. heading towards Warrensville Heights City Hall on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Once again thanks to all who participated and look forward to seeing more of us out next year for the event!



Bros. Jason Rives, Joseph Lastery Jr., Franklin Chesney, Jordan Banks, Hemba Unongo, William Woodson, Calil Cage, Ed Long, Jonathan Wilson, Steven Brown, Taurean R. Adams, Kimrick Crawford, Samuel Morris (with son CJ), Eillan Jennings, Jamie Taylor, Camara Thomas and, Sigma Beta Dominik Papp at the end of the parade route.



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**~ANNOUNCEMENTS~**

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

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

*\*The Blackout 2019\**

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