



# THE YARD

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## Why Do NPHC Greeks Step?

Contrary to popular belief, stepping is not an intrinsic element of NPHC sororities and fraternities. In fact, stepping was not widely practiced by the Divine 9 organizations until the 1970s, when most of the organizations had been in existence for over 50 years.

The roots of stepping can be traced to African traditions of chanting and dancing, as well as military drills and Motown R&B acts such as The Temptations. It is rumored that stepping in Black Greek organizations started with both the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. In the beginning, the fraternities would chant and sing out in the open to celebrate their brotherhood. Later it evolved to incorporate dancing and intricate stomping of the feet and slaps to the body. Step shows were organized, and the best steppers would gain more recruits for their organizations.

For NPHC organizations, step shows serve as a strong catalyst toward a more diverse community for UMD students. Maryland's NPHC chapters are small and sometimes overlooked when it comes to the bigger picture of Greek life. A step show is a great chance for the usually small organizations to be seen and heard on campus. While there will be no Homecoming Step Show this semester, in the Spring the NPHC is planning a major step show for the greater community!

Jessica Archer, Historian

## What's Happening

### October 2012

- 4<sup>TH</sup> – Throwback Thursday NPHC Panel  
7PM, Jiminez Hall Rm 0105
- 6<sup>TH</sup> – ΚΑΨ Family Weekend Tailgate  
12:30PM, Nyumburu Cultural Center
- 11<sup>TH</sup> – ΑΦΑ Voteless People/Hopeless People
- 11<sup>TH</sup> – ΑΦΑ Laser Tag  
XP Laser Sport in Laurel, Maryland
- 25<sup>TH</sup> – ΣΓΡ The Game of LIFE: Financial Planning  
7:30pm, Charles Carroll Rm (Stamp)
- 25<sup>TH</sup> – ΔΣΘ "All Things Red" Bake Sale
- 27<sup>TH</sup> – AIDS Walk DC

### University of Maryland HOMECOMING

- 17<sup>TH</sup> – ΑΘΓ Mashup 2 cosponsored w/ ΦΒΣ  
7PM, Grand Ballroom
- 17<sup>TH</sup> – Greek Skits Competition  
7PM, Cole Field House
- 18<sup>TH</sup> – SEE Homecoming Comedy Show  
8PM, Cole Field House
- 20<sup>TH</sup> – Homecoming Football Game & TAILGATE  
Terps vs. NC State  
TBA, Capital One Field

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**#D9Thursdays**  
On Twitter

## Homecoming Season is Here

Alexa Pierre, VP of Public Relations

As we enter the month of October, the campus community is eager to join in the fun and excitement of Homecoming week as we welcome back thousands of UMD's alumni. This year's Homecoming will take place during the week of October 14th through the 20th and will feature a wide variety of events and programs for the UMD community. Historically, the NPHC has always been

heavily involved with Homecoming events and is excited to bring another year of activities and excitement. Events include match ups with organizations from the United Greek Council (UGC), the Pan-Hellenic Association (PHA) and the Inter-fraternity Council (IFC). NPHC will also host a tailgate for all UMD students and alumni on Saturday at the Nyumburu Cultural Center Patio. This event will begin three hours before game-time. Please visit [homecoming.umd.edu](http://homecoming.umd.edu) for the time.



Greek Unity at McKeldin Library (Taken Sept 10, 2012)

## Quote of the Month

"...Keep Fighting Until your Victory is Won."

Maurette Brown Clarke

Kappa Phi Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc

## Monthly Showcase: Eta Beta Chapter Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated



Greetings,  
We are the Sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho of the Eta Beta Chapter. In everything we do, we carry ourselves with the highest level of sophistication, respect, dignity, and pride. Be sure to check out our events calendar, twitter, and website to get the latest information about SGRho. This month of October is our **Sigma Reloaded** month! Visit us at: @hbprettypoodles or [www.elegantetabeta.wix.com/sgrho](http://www.elegantetabeta.wix.com/sgrho). Currently we are raffling 2 front row tickets to the **Kevin Hart Comedy Show on Oct 20th** at the Verizon Center. Just look for us around campus (with **Rhoyal blue** and **gold** canes). We hope to see you out during our **Sigma Reloaded** month!

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