The Yard
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What’s Happening
December 2012
6th: Charles Richardson Memorial Scholarship Program, 1:00pm Nyumburu, Kappa Alpha Psi
6th: Greek Recognition Banquet, 7:30pm Grand Ballroom (Stamp)
**Alpha Phi Alpha Week**
6th: Poetic JustiCE - Open Mic Night 9:00pm Bus Boys and Poets Hyattsville
7th: Art of Peer Pressure 11:00am Bucklodge Middle School
7th: #BLACK&GLOW by Alpha Phi Alpha, 10:00pm Washington DC
8th: Native American Indian Powwow, 10:00am Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
9th: Church Service 11:00am West Chapel
13th – 19th: Final Exam Week
19th: Fall Commencement Ceremony, 6:00pm Comcast Center

Congratulations Fall Graduates
Amelia Baines
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
College of Arts and Humanities
Cameron Boykins
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
College of Arts and Humanities

Quote of the Month

“Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose. It is a seeking that he who wishes may know the cosmic secrets of the world and they that dwell therein.”

Nora Zeale Hurston, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Monthly Showcase: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated, the Epsilon Psi Chapter has done many great things this semester. Our biggest achievement being the successful Fall 2012 initiation of the two newest members to our Fraternity, Akeem Alade and Eli Raiford. The Fraternity has always lived by the motto Culture for Service and Service for Humanity. Epsilon Psi also known as the “Body Chapter” has lived up to our motto primarily through our signature service program, The South Campus Diner Hall Clean Up. You can find the Sigma’s on campus hosting development programs, giving tours to incoming/potential students, or strolling and stepping around the yard. Nonetheless, “Our cause speeds on its way...”

Chris Sakyi, Epsilon Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma

Semester Reflections: This is Just the Beginning
Jessica Archer, Historian

What happened to the semester?!? The fall 2012 semester has officially come and gone. With classes ending and finals starting, I know you have enough to study already so I’ll make it easy and provide a quick recap. Here is NINE of NPHC’s many accomplishments this semester.

1) Started the wonderful newsletter (you are now reading) that has been published in the Black Eclipse newspaper and sent to the entire campus community via social media. #innovation
2) Inspired other Greek councils to follow this example and start their own newsletter, check out the IFC’s “The Greek Terp.” #trendsetting
3) Started #D9Thursdays! This hashtag has resulted in thousands of tweets, most of which are NPHC Greeks supporting each other by cross promoting events, offering encouragement and celebrating Greek life in general. #D9Thursdays has definitely become a way for The Yard to communicate more effectively and become closer. #unity
4) NPHC has followed through with #D9Thursdays events on campus each week. Our Greeks have come together for an event EVERY Thursday this semester! #UNITY
5) Successfully hosted an NPHC Alumni Panel where interested and curious students alike could learn more about the organizations in the council and ask questions. #outreach
6) Successfully hosted a Homecoming #D9 Tailgate for the greater community. #building
7) We have also participated in campus wide events such as Meet the Greeks, The First Look Fair, STAMP Student Union’s “All Nighter” and not to mention having a chapter on the winning match up for Homecoming 2012! #winning!
8) Inspired high school students at Washington DC’s Anacostia High School to consider college as a part of the new Track2 Success Tour. #service!
9) We were Ice Cold, Pretty, Smooth, Devastating, Super & Elegant while doing it! #nice

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