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Preparing for Spring Break

Alexa Pierre, Vice-President of Public Relations

As spring time quickly approaches, most of us are eager to break out the sundresses and shades. For many Terps, this may come sooner than later with the upcoming spring break. With many headed to warmer climates such as Miami or Cancun, it is important to keep safety in mind and to have fun while acting responsibly. Below are some tips to keep in mind while enjoying your break:

- The legal drinking age in the U.S. is 21! Don't ruin your spring break, or your friends', by attempting to break the rules. Fake (or borrowed) IDs are not allowed.
- Stay hydrated! Between the beach, partying and drinks, its easy to drain your body. Keep water handy to avoid dehydration.
- Always have emergency cash. You never know what may come up and you wouldn't want to be left stranded anywhere.
- Watch your drinks! Always keep your beverages close by (if not in your hand).
- Travel in groups and don't wander off with strangers. Just because its spring break doesn't mean criminals have taken a week off.
- If you are sexually active, always, always, always practice safe sex!!

The UMD NPHC would like to wish everyone a safe and exciting spring break!

What's Happening

MARCH 2013

- 8th** : Crimson and Kreme Cabaret - DST and Kappas
7-11pm , Grand Ballroom
- 9th** : - Kappa Phi Chapter Presents: Zumba: Come Dance With the Divas - DST
2:30-3:30pm , Nyumburu Multipurpose Room
- 9th**: Mural Painting in DC – Sigmas
10am- 1pm , Whittier Education Campus (201 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20011)
- 10th**: African Art Museum - APHiA and Sigmas
12:30pm- 4pm , African Art Museum
- 12th** - A Taste of Diversity - Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Alpha Phi Sorority, Alpha Theta Gamma Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Chi Fraternity, Organization of Arab Students, Caribbean Student Association
6:30pm - 8:30pm , Nyumburu Multipurpose Room
- 14th** : A Women's Worth Org Co- Sponsor - Phi Beta Sigma
TBD
- 16th** : Project Alpha - APHiA *Brothers ONLY*
- 30th**: My Brother's Keeper - APHiA *Brothers ONLY*
- 25th- 31st** : Phi Beta Sigma Week



UMDCP NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL PRESENTS
THE SPRING 2013 MARYLAND GREEK

Taking it back to the Old School

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013
8:00PM STAMP STUDENT UNION
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

Quote of the Month

"If you don't understand yourself, you don't understand anybody else"

Nikki Giovanni
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated



Chapter Spotlight: Kappa Phi- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Jessica Archer, Internal Vice-President

Happy Women's History Month Terps! It gives me great pleasure to write the spotlight article on my own chapter, Oh SO FLY Kappa Phi! Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated was founded 100 years ago on the campus of Howard University by 22 inspiring collegiate women. In those 100 years, Delta has been dedicated to improving the status of black women as well as the larger community. In fact, DST's first public act was participating in the Women's Suffrage March in March 1913. Kappa Phi Chapter, along with Deltas from all over the world, traced our founder's footsteps last Sunday 100-year reenactment of the march. Continuing the legacy of service, Kappa Phi Chapter held a successful Delta Week 2013 in February with the theme "Black Diamonds: Building Love Achievement Culture and Knowledge." The programs centered on helping young women build healthy relationships, self-image and financial awareness. And you know the Deltas still aren't done! Kappa Phi DST and Theta Theta KAPsi would like to extend an invitation to the Crimson and Kreme Cabaret! Held in the Grand ballroom from 7-11pm, this formal will be an elegant night of dancing, prizes, food and more. Tickets are being sold out of the box office in Stamp. The next day, come dance with the Divas at Zumba! The class will be held in Nyumburu Saturday March 8th 2:30-3:30. If all that dancing leaves you hungry make sure to stop by "A Taste of Diversity", which will be a multicultural potluck (yes, FREE FOOD!) on Tuesday March 12th at 6:30 pm in Nyumburu. Like our [Facebook page](#) and follow our [Twitter @UMD_DST](#) for more information and updates!

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MICA Panel: Supporting Black Greek Letter Organizations

Tajah Ebram, Journalist

On February 27, 2013 MICA hosted a panel discussion between members of UMD's NPHC and faculty members in Black Greek organizations. The panel, entitled Supporting Black Greek Letter Organizations, delved into issues affecting Black Greeks at the University of Maryland and across the nation.

The panelists in attendance included Brandon Dula, Assistant Director of MICA and member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Dr. Audran M. Downing, Assistant Dean for The College of Arts and Humanities and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Marcus McRae, faculty adviser to the UMD chapter of NPHC and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Dr. Rashawn Ray, Assistant Professor in the school of Behavioral and Social Sciences and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., as well as Chris Grant, current NPHC President and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

One prominent issue of the discussion was the fact that members of NPHC feel that the council should not be held to the standard of the PHC, especially in terms of member numbers. Currently, under the regulations of DFSL, there must be eight members in any chapter of a Greek lettered organization for that organization to be active. That said, this number is in some cases, unrealistic for a Black Greek letter organization as we pride ourselves on the concepts of lifelong brotherhood and sisterhood which simply cannot be maintained with the pressure to meet a certain quota. Restrictions such as these put Black Greek organizations at a disadvantage, especially in comparison to those organizations in the PHC whose numbers almost never fall so low due to their

traditionally large pledge classes. It can become difficult to maintain a positive and inviting presence on campus while also maintaining funding for NPHC events when these regulations are at work.

Other topics discussed that day included the ever present issue of hazing. Students and faculty recognized the harmful effects that can be felt from hazing but also the desire to maintain an adequate process in which the rich histories of their organizations are fully realized and ingrained. There was some need for clarification on the conflation of the terms "hazing" and "pledging." However, Mr. Dula suggested that they are very different and one can exist without the other. He even called for a more "unified process" across the board for Black Greek organizations. The panelists were also careful to inform students to be well aware of the individualized consequences of being associated with hazing and the ways that legal consequences can be harmful even as we move on to our professional lives

Final comments within the panel were for member of the NPHC to continue serving the community but to also take action in regards to the issues that were discussed. Each member was charged with the responsibility of upholding the legacy of their organization while also being proactive and helping the organization move forward and progress.

NPHC Support and Participation

Nzinga Shury, Vice-President of Programming

With the semester just about half way in, the NPHC has been planning events that will benefit the campus community as well as continue traditions that have been set by previous Maryland Greeks on our campus. The Block Show, tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2013, has been a tradition for all NPHC members in a means to celebrate the end of the year, showcase all of the chapters and another outlet to bring Alumni together. The entire NPHC is currently doing multiple outlets to fundraise for the Block Show in May. At the most recent Juke Joint, we were able to raise a little over \$100 from donations from the UMD campus. While we hope our fundraising plans will be the sole support towards the Block Show in May we know that this is something we all need to stand by and support and we are asking you all for help. The NPHC has set up a PayPal account UMDNPHC.finance@gmail.com in order to accept donations towards making sure the Block Show happens! We are asking for a small donations in order to help us cover the cost of the show. Your support and participation is very important in creating and aiding in the show's success and the rich tradition that has been created. We are not only looking for financial support, but also that you become an active supporter and participant in the show. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions in reference to the show please contact Nzinga Shury email at umdnpnc.programming@gmail.com.

