



The Yard



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November Events

- ** ALL MONTH: clothing and food drive in Nyumburu (ΔΣΘ)
- 5th- Budgeting Tips(ΣΓΡ)
- 10th- KAΨ & BSU Catch the Cure
- 11-16th ΣΓΡ Founders Week
- 12th - Girl Code (ΔΣΘ)
- 12th- The Mash Up (ΦΒΣ)
- 13th- The Color Spectrum (ΦΒΣ)
- 15th-Applications Due for Ms. Black & Gold (ΑΦΑ)
- 19th- Climbing the [Corporate] Ladder (KAΨ)
- 21st- NPHC Alumni Panel
- 22nd- NPHC Honors Society Application Due
- 23rd St. Jude Walk(ΔΣΘ)
- 23rd - Martha's Table Community Service (ΑΦΑ)
- 24th- Alpha vs. Sigma Bowl
- 25th- Etiquette Dinner(ΔΣΘ)
- TBA-NPHC, Greek Alumni Panel
- STUDY HALLS
- Monday @ 8 KAΨ
- Wednesdays @ 7 ΔΣΘ
- 18th, ΣΓΡ



The Season to Serve!

By Tajah Ebram, ΔΣΘ, Editor-in-Chief

Greetings and welcome back to The Yard! As the countdown to Thanksgiving break begins, we hope that all of our fellow Greeks and Campus organizations will remember that with good food and family comes a responsibility to honor our commitments to service within our campus and surrounding communities.

According to the 2013 PIT from DC's Interagency Council on Homelessness, there are currently 6859 homeless in DC which includes those living in shelters and on the streets and 2,478 homeless youth living in DC as well. These numbers are troubling, particularly for our nation's captitol. And of course we know these number only account for the people that were actually documentable. But in this season to serve, we can make a change in the lives of those in need by volunteering at local food banks, shelters or by donating goods and dollars.

To make an immediate impact, join the members of the NPHC as we continue to give back this month. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will be hosting a month long clothing and food drive and items can be dropped off in the boxes at Nyumburu's patio entrance. On November 23rd, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will be visiting Martha's Table, an organization that provides healthy meals to hungry children and families. Additionally, come out on November 24th and support the Alpha vs. Sigma Bowl, 2pm at the Memorial Chapel. The game between Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. will serve as a service event to collect canned goods. Then join the Delta's again at the month's end for the annual St. JudeWalk on November 23rd.

Enjoy the season and keep on giving!

Chapter Spotlight: "Alpha Phi Alpha"

By Wendell Alston, ΑΦΑ, VP of External Affairs, NPHC

We are the Iota Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha chartered at UMD on Saturday April 27th 1974 by 10 men called the "10 Suns of the Phoenix". Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in America. The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as: Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Paul Robeson, and many others. True to its form as the "first of firsts," Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945.

This homecoming week was a very eventful week for the chapter! We were matched up with Alpha Phi, Delta Chi, and Phi Psi and our theme was Great Gatsby. We ended up winning 1st Place overall for the week, competing against 13 other match ups, while also taking 1st place in Flag Football and top two in all but one event. Special thanks to Brothers Damien Pinkett and Enrico Clarke for helping in leading us to a championship in Football, and Maurice Clarke and Wendell (DJ) Alston for choreographing and participating in skits. Lookout for our Martha's table community service event on November 23rd and Alpha week during the first week of December! Follows us on twitter at @TheINFamous_IZ



Quote of the Month

"You've got to be a thermostat rather than a thermometer. A thermostat shapes the climate of opinion: a thermometer just reflects it."

-Dr. Cornel West
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HOMECOMING 2013: Remember the RED!!

10/20-10/27

STEP SHOW: To celebrate 100 years of Greek Life at the University of Maryland, the NPHC, including Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi put on an awesome step showcase for UMD students, Greeks and Alumni at the homecoming Pep Rally on Mckeldin Mall. This was only a preview of what's to come at the step show in February!

SKITS: On Wednesday, organizations performed with their PHA and IFC matchups for homecoming skits! Congrats to the Alphas for taking home the winning trophy alongside Alpha Phi, Delta Chi and Phi Psi using the theme of The Great Gatsby.

ΔΣΘ, ΑΔΠ, ΣΦΕ- Wizard of Oz
 ΚΑΨ, ΖΤΑ, ΔΧΑ, ΦΚΤ- The Jungle Book
 ΦΒΣ, ΣΓΡ, ΑΕΠ, ΑΧΩ, - Peter Pan



HOMECOMING GAME: Congrats to our very own Wendell (DJ) Alston of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. for being named one of the top 5 all around male UMD students during halftime!



TAILGATE: On Saturday NPHC hosted its 2nd annual Homecoming Tailgate in the Nyumburu parking lot. Greeks and Alumni from all D9 organizations were in attendance, eating, fellowshiping, strolling and enjoying reunion with fellow Terps!



BRUNCH with President Loh: Finishing up the week of festivities on Sunday, leaders from the NPHC Executive board went to the University House and had brunch with Dr. Loh along with other Greek leaders and alumni!



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