Welcome back to The Yard! We hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxed winter break and that you are all back on campus, refreshed and ready for another great semester.

Today is D9 Thursday in the NPHC so don’t forget to tweet or Instagram when you see your favorite NPHC Greek wearing their letters and fellowshipping with others.

Additionally, the NPHC has great things in store for this semester. Let’s start with the Unity Step, which members of the NPHC will be performing during halftime at the Maryland v. Florida State basketball game this Saturday February 8th. Don’t miss the performance and a chance to celebrate 100 years of Greek life at UMD!

On February 22nd, there will be an even bigger and even better performance though as NPHC puts on its annual Step Show, which will be in the Colony Ballroom in Stamp Student Union at 7pm. Tickets will go on sale soon. We hope you won’t miss any of these great events and all that is to come from the NPHC this Spring.

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**February Events**

*Alpha Kappa Alpha*

2/18 “Watch What you Say”
Time: 7:08pm
Place: TBA

2/23-3/2 “Ivy Week”
Events TBA

*Kappa Alpha Psi*

2/27 “Playing with Fire: Relationships and Dating”
Time: 8pm
Place: Thurgood Marshall Room

3/4 “Financial Literacy”
Time: 7pm
Place: Banneker Room

**Delta Sigma Theta**

3/5 “Taste of Diversity”
Time: 7pm
Place: TBA

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**Chapter Spotlight: Kappa Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.**

This past January 26th 2014 the Oh SO FLY Kappa Phi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated celebrated 40 years of sisterhood and service at the University of Maryland. We celebrated our 11 charter members who paved the way for our amazing chapter and we honor them by upholding their commitments to educational excellence and service to our communities. Thus our outstanding scholastic achievement should come as no surprise. For the Fall 2013 semester we received the 4th highest GPA among all Greeks at the University of Maryland, coming in at a 3.5 average. Also in continuing Kappa Phi’s legacy of great programs and service, the Kappa Phi Chapter held a successful Delta Week 2014 this week, February 2nd-8th. Our theme is “Black H.E.R.story” (Hair. Enterprise. Racial Dialogue). Throughout the week our programs have worked to help women of color navigate professional work spaces, better manage their hair and health and confront issues of colorism within our communities and on social media.

And you know the Deltas still aren’t done! Kappa Phi will host Juke Joint tonight at 7pm and will volunteer tomorrow at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring Maryland, helping families transition from shelters into new homes. There’s still even more in store for the rest of the semester so follow us on Twitter @UMD_DST for more information and updates!
NPHC Celebrates Black History!

Despite the controversy started by Morgan Freeman (but surely others before him) about whether or not Black History Month is useful or productive for black Americans, let us still take this moment to honor those trailblazers, leaders, writers, orators, activists and even just regular people, who risked their lives marching and voting and sitting in so that we might enjoy the freedoms that we all do today. They paved the way for our very diverse educational experience as Greeks and Terps!

And as it is near and dear to our hearts in NPHC, let us celebrate all of the founders of each of the Divine Nine organizations who blazed trails to serve and uplift black communities, promoting scholarship among people of color. They saw a need in black communities and at institutions of higher learning and they proceeded to fill those needs in spite of the inequality and prejudices they faced in the early 20th century. Because of them we are who we are today! And through our scholarship and service, we aim to celebrate black history EVERY day.

NPHC STEP SHOW
2.22.14
Colony Ballroom, 7pm

Who will take home the trophy in 2014...?