

It's #D9 Thursday!!

Thanks for tuning in to another issue of the yard. In this month's issue you will find more information on great upcoming events of the chapters within the NPHC. You'll also find more exciting news and information about some of the organizations within the council celebrating decades of scholarship and service within and around the UMD community.

Finally, don't forget to take a look at some great images from the NPHC Step Show on February 22, 2014. Congratulations to the step show winners, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

Have a great D9 Thursday today and continue to tweet and Instagram when you see any of your favorite NPHC Geeks around campus.



Umd nphc unity stroll



Chapter Spotlight: Epsilon Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

By Donnell Robinson, Phi Beta Sigma

2014 has been the year of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service for the Epsilon Psi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Celebrating our centennial on January 9th, as well as charter day on January 25th, the chapter has upheld the ideals that the fraternity was founded on. Brothers of the chapter gathered first at College Park, then went to the campus of the first established chapter, Howard University, to fellowship with other brothers.

On Martin Luther King Day, the chapter participated in the MLK Day of Service event at the Bethesda North Marriot Conference center. At this event the chapter spent the day mentoring young children. Epsilon Psi also assisted in packing and giving out clothes and blankets to the homeless. In February the chapter teamed with The Community Police Department to foster a sense of community and inclusion at the College Park Community Center. Additionally, just last month, with the help of brothers who have graduated from Epsilon Psi as well as other chapters, we were able to win the 2014 NPHC Stepshow Competition.

For updates on future programs and our upcoming Sigma week (April 7th-13th), follow us on Twitter and IG at @UMDSigas.



March Events

Alpha Phi Alpha

3/10 "Stroll Like an Alpha"

Time: 5:00pm

Place: TBA

Alpha Kappa Alpha

3/11 "Seamless, Strapless and Sophisticated"

Time: 7:08pm

Place: TBA

3/25 "Pretty Hurts"

Time: 7:08pm

Place: Prince George's Room

Kappa Alpha Psi

3/6 "No Means No: Sexual Violence"

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Thurgood Marshall Room

3/25 "The Pill Crisis in America"

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Thurgood Marshall Room

Delta Sigma Theta

3/12 "Drop Dat: Drug & Alcohol Awareness"

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Armory

3/25 "Taste of Diversity"

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Nyumburu

Phi Beta Sigma

3/14 "Concessions @ UMD v. Villanova Lacrosse game"

3/23 "Maryland Day: Tree Planting"

3/24 "Wife Beater: Domestic Violence"

Time: TBA

Place: TBA

Sigma Gamma Rho

3/11 "Turn Down for What? : Drug/Alcohol Awareness"

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: TBA

3/30-4/5 "Sigma Gamma Rho Week"



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Gladiators In Pink: Ivy Week 2014 *By Shannon Clash, Alpha Kappa Alpha*

On Feb 23rd, the Tenacious ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Theta Nu Chapter began celebrating their Ivy Week. Starting with a church service at UMD's campus chapel, the Gladiators in Pink held a number of programs following their Scandal theme.

Monday, the ladies held their "Beltway Unbuckled" program where speakers provided information on unsafe driving trends among college students. On Tuesday, NAACP and Theta Nu co-sponsored their "Defiance, Interracial Dating" program, where attendees had a discussion on their experiences with interracial dating, and tackled the stereotypes associated with interracial couples. Wednesday, Theta Nu featured Councilwoman Karen R. Toles, Charter member Dennis McKenney and Stephanie Sprow to discuss their experiences as black women who work in politics, at their "It's Handled" program.

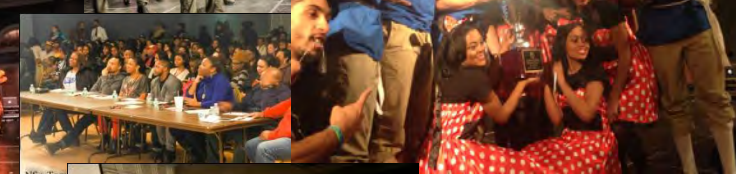
As the week continued, the programs became less formal and gave attendees the opportunity to mingle with current Theta Nu members. On Thursday, Theta Nu held their "White Gloves Off" program and Busboys and Poets, where attendees enjoyed dinner, and an informal meet and greet with Theta Nu Sorors. On Friday, Theta Nu held their "Any Questions" program, which gave those who attended the opportunity to learn about Theta Nu's history from alumni, and test their knowledge in a game of Jeopardy.

The Tenacious Theta Nu finished off their Ivy Week by serving the community cleaning up a highway on Saturday, and holding their 40th anniversary of their chartering on Sunday where over 300 Theta Nu alumni attended in their pink and green.



UMD NPHC Step Show 2014

All of the organizations that participated in this years' step show, themed around Disneyland, were creative and entertaining. Still only two teams, one fraternity and one sorority could take home the trophy and winning title. Congratulations to the 2014 Step Show Champions, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., for the second consecutive year, along with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. *(Photos by: Nathaniel Scott of Alpha Phi Alpha)*



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