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Make The Holidays Meaningful

By Logan Nelson, Δ Σ Θ,
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Students are looking forward to finishing off the fall semester and heading home for the holidays. With the festive decor, home cooked meals, free laundry, and reuniting with friends and family, there are countless things to be thankful for. Unfortunately, we often forget how fortunate we are. As leaders in our communities, we need to ensure that we give back this season.

The holidays happen to be one of the most prominent times where the needs of the homeless and hunger rises. Currently, there are over 11,500 people homeless only in the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia happens to have one of the largest populations of homeless individuals. Imagine the homeless population across the country.

As Greek organizations founded on principles of service, we can make a difference by volunteering at local shelters, donating food and money, and much more. With a warm smile, a "please" or a "thank you," you can help to make others' days a bit happier and even find fulfillment in it. If you don't know where to start, there are plenty resources available. Many organizations are requesting different items as part of their holiday drive. It goes further than actually donating food and money. This is also an opportunity for you and your family or friends to participate in giving back together.

Right on our campus, chapters of the Divine 9 present various opportunities to give back this season. This entire week until November 16, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will be collecting school supplies for Operation Big Book Bag at their events. On November 17, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will be having a canned food drive. November 17 also begins the month long clothing and food drive hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The boxes for the drive will be located on the Nyumburu patio.

I encourage us all to not only make giving a seasonal thing but a year long effort. Enjoy the holiday season!



November Events

- *Every Tuesday, Study Halls (KAΨ)
- *Every Tuesday, Study Halls (ΦΒΣ)
- *Every Tuesday & Thursday, Study Halls (ΑΦΑ)
- 13th-Beyond the Degree: Career Panel and Mixer (ΣΓΡ)
- 15th-Knock Out (ΣΓΡ)
- 15th- Training For Excellence (NPHC)
- 16th-Church Service (NPHC)
- 17th to Dec. 1st Clothing & Food Drive (ΔΣΘ)
- 21st-Shabbat Dinner (ΣΓΡ)
- 22nd-St. Judes Walk (ΔΣΘ)
- 24th- Pillow Talk (AKA)
- Dec. 2nd- NPHC ELECTIONS TONIGHT!



Chapter Spotlight: Epsilon Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma

By Donnell Robinson, ΦΒΣ

As our centennial year comes to a close, the Epsilon Psi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated has many events and surprises in store. Join us, the Black Business Association, and other guests on 11/4 as we discuss the ins and outs of providing quality customer service. On November 10th, Epsilon Psi will also be hosting a professional development seminar with the men of the College Success Scholars program. On November 21st, the chapter, along with the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho, will be traveling to KIPP Ujima in Baltimore to speak with young teens to get them enthusiastic about going to college. Both groups will be performing as well.

The chapter's commitment to social action, one of our national programs, does not end there.

Epsilon Psi chapter has also been tapped to perform for Kappa Phi Lambda's Annual Dedication Show. Established five years ago, Dedicated is an annual cultural show that the sorority uses to raise funds in support of issues such as clean water, global hunger, and poverty. As reigning stroll and step champions, you certainly don't want to miss this performance.

For updates on future programs and performances, follow us on Twitter and IG at @UMDSigas.



Quote of the Month

"If you aren't in service to others, what are you doing? It doesn't matter who or where you are, you can always be of service to others."

Malik Yoba
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



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HOMECOMING 2k14 RECAP

By Logan Nelson, ΔΣΘ, Editor in Chief

Homecoming week officially kicked off with Skits. The Divine 9 collaborated with their matchups in PHA, UGC, and IFC to bring a great show on Wednesday evening. This years theme was Testudo Travels The World. The different matchups explored countries like Jamaica, Berlin, and Tokyo. Everyone came out to win, but there could only be one matchup winner. Congrats to Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Tau, and Beta Tau Rho for taking home first place for their theme: Athens.

Thursday evening marked the annual Step Show. Stomp The Yard: Terp Nation Edition was a show you did not want to miss. Being an exhibition show this year, the atmosphere was filled with pure fun and encouragement for the Divine 9 organizations on stage. With a sold out house, the current NPHC eboard was very pleased to see the seats filling quickly upon entry. The diverse crowd involvement was outstanding during the show, especially during the traditional role calls.

That Saturday of Homecoming Week, students and alumna all gathered in the parking lot of the Nyumburu Cultural Center for the third annual Homecoming Tailgate. Those in attendance enjoyed great fellowship, food, strolling, and music. All organizations of the Divine 9 represented as they strolled amongst the reunion. With a great turn out, we can not wait until the fourth annual Homecoming Tailgate comes around next year.



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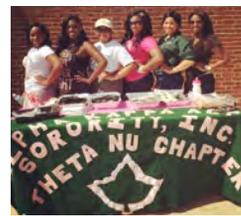
AIDS WALK

By Erica Williams, ΔΣΘ

Participating in the AIDs Walk was one of the most tangible forms of service that we have accomplished as a chapter this semester. From our fundraising efforts before the walk to our participation in the event in Washington, we were able to gain a better understanding of the importance of supporting a cause as monumental as AIDs research. While it was rewarding to surpass our goals by raising over \$600 as a team for AIDs research, we know now more than ever that we cannot let our support of causes that affect our nation stop here. Our chapter is looking forward to participating in the St. Jude's Walk on November 22nd to raise money for the St. Jude's research hospital. In addition to the walk, we will also be having our DSTressed event at 7:13 PM tomorrow, November 12th in the Margaret Brent Room of Stamp. Please stay tuned for other upcoming events as we prepare to close out the semester!



The Divine 9



Kouture for a Kure

By Lenaya Stewart, AKA.

On Friday, October 24th, 2014, the Theta Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INC. led by Kamille Pointdexter and Jasmine Everett, hosted its first Kouture for a Kure Fashion Show. 207 tickets were sold and proceeds were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for research towards a cure for breast cancer.

The Black Student Union, Lambda Theta Alpha, Sorority, INC., the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, INC., Echelon Fashion Society, and Models Inc. cosponsored this event. Without the tireless help of this diverse group with practices, planning and promotion this event would never have happened.

To fundraise for the event, six sponsorship levels were promoted to local organizations, businesses, and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Golden Pearl Sponsors donated \$500, Pearl Sponsors \$250, Pink Sponsors \$125, Green Sponsors \$75, Ivy Sponsors \$50 and White Sponsors \$25. From the support of 16 donations over \$2,600 was raised. We were delighted to see a passion within our community towards Breast Cancer research and the support of our donors further inspired us to deliver an amazing event.

Kouture for a Kure models displayed clothing from four designers: Jasmine Desiree, Shantelle Neal, Latoya Browne, and Deontre. This event not only featured runway, but also included a vocal performance from Funsho, and spotlighted those who have fought, or are currently fighting breast cancer. This was an emotional moment, as survivors were asked to stand, and the 2014 Survivorship Award was given to Tina Coleman, the mother of our late line sister, Aarraryn Perez.

Due to positive feedback received after the show, Theta Nu will continue to support this great cause by having Kouture for a Kure annually.



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