This semester, NPHC continued to uphold the principles upon which our organizations were founded by actively engaging with both the Duke and Durham communities. Members of the council started the year off right by committing themselves to fostering collaborative relationships within, and outside of, the council at OFSL’s annual Greek Leadership Retreat. The council then exemplified a commitment to social activism through a number of creative, meaningful events and partnerships. Members of NPHC were critical in voicing concerns and organizing action in response to community discussions held by Duke Administration to address racial issues, mental health concerns, and other problems experienced on campus. We enjoyed various service opportunities including blood drives, community beautification efforts, mentorships, and Ronald McDonald House visits. Fall 2015 was undoubtedly one for the books!
Duke NPHC brought in fall semester with a bang! A *Different World: NPHC Week 2015* was an incredible success. In true NPHC spirit, the council cultivated a week full of impactful events. From fellowshipping at our snazzy all-white mixer to putting in work at study hall to cooking a delicious meal for the Ronald McDonald House of Durham, Duke NPHC used the week as a platform to interact with the Duke community, foster progressive change, and have a good ol’ time!

One of the highlights of the week was an intimate discussion from photographer, entrepreneur, and social activist, Eunique Jones-Gibson. Jones-Gibson is the creator of *Because of Them, We Can*, a movement honoring trailblazing persons of color, which Jones-Gibson generated to empower our present generation. She is also a member of NPHC by way of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Jones-Gibson spoke to event attendees about her life journey and shared her wisdom surrounding goal pursuits and creative social activism.
NPHC was organized to promote unity between its member organizations. Throughout this semester, NPHC sought to uphold this ideal through collaboration and support of one another. From the executive board bonding at Frankie’s Fun Park during their Fall Retreat to the ladies of AKA and DST mentoring young women at the North Carolina School of Science and Math, NPHC was tremendously involved this semester!
The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. celebrated their 40th Charter Day with an exciting weekend commemorating the brotherhood that exists among Duke Alphas both past and present. The chapter also hosted a number of events during the semester including a Democratic Debate watch party and a panel discussion, co-hosted by Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc., which addressed the experiences of Black and Brown laborers of the university.

Highlighted by their annual Casino Royale Charity Ball, the Alpha Alpha Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. had a busy semester fostering a culture for service and enriching the Duke and Durham communities. AAX hosted To Pimp A Butterfly: Sigma Week 2015 this semester, during which they held events addressing microaggressions on campus, discussing mental health at Duke, and celebrating the chapter’s charter day on October 24.

The council welcomes Deion Williams who joined the Omega Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. this semester!
The women of Iota Mu continued their dedication to service to all mankind by partnering with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority to sponsor “Fits for Fall,” a cold-weather clothing drive for those less fortunate. Iota Mu also partnered with the Global Education Office in hosting a forum for the Duke Community to discuss opportunities to study and perform research abroad in addition to black women’s experiences with study abroad programs. The chapter also welcomed four new members this semester. Congratulations to Adriana Dickerson, Chelsey Williams, Alexandria Card, and Gabrielle Sawyer! Welcome to the council!

Lambda Omega championed for generational poverty and the #BlackLivesMatter movement with their Little Black Dress Campaign Initiative and an interactive mural. The mural was done in correlation with a talk by Patrisse Cullors, creator of the #BlackLivesMatter movement. The ladies of Lambda Omega also held two of their chapter’s signature events, Black Faculty Mixer and Red Lounge, to help the campus network with Black faculty and to raise awareness surrounding HIV/AIDS.
Omicron Nu certainly had a busy semester! Through Operation: Big Book Bag, the chapter was able to collect school supplies to donate to Merrick Moore Elementary. Omicron Nu also hosted From Sigma ... With Love: Sigma Gamma Rho Week 2015. Some of the events during the chapter’s week included an opportunity to meet the ladies of SGRho, a discussion on black leadership, and a closed founders day event. Omicron Nu could also be found supporting SGRho chapters around the Triangle!

The ladies of Nu Omicron vowed to #SayHerName during their charter day event which remembered the lives of women of color who have fallen victim to police brutality. Throughout the semester, the chapter also upheld their dedication to being a community-conscious, action-oriented organization by tabling to honor United States veterans and visiting the Durham Nursing and Rehabilitation center. The ladies of Nu Omicron also held Zetaversity, the chapter’s signature study hall, which offered students a studious environment with great company!
Our Advisor Extraordinaire

The council welcomes Ms. Deona Hatley who joined The Dynamic Duke NPHC as our advisor this semester! Deona works primarily with Central Campus residents as a Residential Coordinator. Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, Deona graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism. She also holds a M.A. in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from Ball State University. Deona has a passion for crime prevention and law enforcement, and in her spare time enjoys listening to music, watching crime shows, and volunteering in the community. In addition to advising NPHC, Deona also coaches cheerleading at the North Carolina School of Science and Math. Deona is an incredibly bubbly individual with a spunky personality who has been an incomparable asset to the council this year!

Be on the look out for another semester of amazing programming in the spring, and be sure to follow Duke NPHC on social media to keep up with everything going on in the council!

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