Nationally, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) serves as the governing body for nine historically African American fraternities and sororities. The council consists of the following organizations (national founding dates included):

- Alpha Phi Alpha - 12/4/1906
- Alpha Kappa Alpha - 1/15/1908
- Kappa Alpha Psi - 1/5/1911
- Omega Psi Phi - 11/17/1911
- Delta Sigma Theta - 1/13/1913
- Phi Beta Sigma - 1/9/1914
- Zeta Phi Beta - 1/16/1920
- Sigma Gamma Rho - 11/12/1922
- Iota Phi Theta - 9/19/1963

The council was formed on the campus of Howard University on May 10, 1930. The stated purpose and mission of the collective in 1930 was “Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” The council became an incorporated organization in 1937.

The council was chartered at Duke University on March 28, 2003. Of the nine organizations, eight are represented on Duke’s campus. Iota Phi Theta is the only organization that has yet to step foot on the yard. Each semester, individual organizations and the collective council sponsor campus-wide events that promote community service, academic excellence, professional development, and cultural support and enrichment.
Community Service Highlight

Boys and Girls Club

During the fall and spring semester, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha volunteered every other Friday as mentors and tutors at the local Boys and Girls Club. In addition, they raised $400.00 for the Boys and Girls Club.

Campus Programming Highlight

Getting the Black Vote

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha hosted a panel discussion on the state of black political culture. Speakers from Duke Democrats, Duke Libertarians, Duke Student Government and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People provided perspective on the importance of the black vote in this coming election.

Historical Glimpse

The Founding Jewels of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. were no ordinary achievers. Given racial attitudes in 1906, their accomplishments were monumental. As founder Henry Arthur Callis euphemistically stated—because the half-dozen African American students at Cornell University during the school year 1904-05 did not return to campus the following year, the incoming students in 1905-06, in founding Alpha Phi Alpha, were determined to bind themselves together to ensure that each would survive in the racially hostile environment.

In coming together with this simple act, they preceded by decades the emergence of such on-campus programs as Affirmative Action and Upward Bound. The students set outstanding examples of Scholarship, Leadership and Tenacity—preceding the efforts even of the NAACP and similar civil rights organizations.

"First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"
Community Service Highlight

In the fall semester, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha hosted their Emerging Young Leaders Initiative. Through this initiative, Iota Mu worked with the Alpha Zeta Omega and the Alpha Chi Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. to work with young girls at Lowe’s Grove Middle School in Durham, NC. This program included opportunities for mentorship, as well as educational projects such as the HBCU initiative.

Campus Programming Highlight

In collaboration with the Black Student Alliance, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha sponsored a town hall meeting to convene their peers and discuss the future of the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture in light of renovations being made to the West Union.

Historical Glimpse

The small group of women who organized the Sorority was conscious of a privileged position as college-trained women of color, just one generation removed from slavery. They were resolute that their college experiences should be as meaningful and productive as possible. Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded to apply that determination; however, its influence extends beyond campus quads and student interest. It has a legacy of service that deepens, rather than ends, with college graduation.

“By Culture, By Merit”
Community Service Highlight
Kappa Christmas Social

During the fall semester, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi held a Christmas Social at the Plate and Pitchfork. They raised $500.00 for the Durham Rescue Mission which provided meals to over 200 people in need.

Campus Programming Highlight
Minorities on Wall Street

Minorities on Wall Street is an annual event hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. early in the fall semester. The event introduces students to potential careers in financial sector and gives them an opportunity to network with the top firms in the field. This past year they had representatives from Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, and Barclays Capital.

Historical Glimpse

It was the vision of the founders that enabled them in the school year 1910 - 11, more specifically the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin. It is a fact of which KAPPA ALPHA PSI is justly proud that the Constitution has never contained any clause which either excluded or suggested the exclusion of a man from membership merely because of his color, creed, or national origin. The Constitution of KAPPA ALPHA PSI is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of achievement through a truly democratic Fraternity.

“Achievement in Every Field Of Human Endeavor”
Community Service Highlight
Red Cross Charity Drive

The men of Omega Psi Phi hosted a Red Cross Charity Drive. They raised approximately $100.00 for the American Red Cross, the nation’s premier emergency response organization.

Campus Programming Highlight

In the spring semester, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi invited a speaker for their newly established QZ Lecture Series. They invited Ken Lewis who recently ran for NC State Senate and currently serves on the Obama 2012 Fundraising Board to talk about black political engagement.

Historical Glimpse

Omega Psi Phi were strong supporters of the rights of African Americans during the Great Depression. In 1933, Omega Psi Phi supported Omegaman John P. Davis, Chairman of the Joint Committee on National Recovery, as he fought for fair employment opportunities for African Americans. As the popular saying goes, during the Depression, African Americans were often the “last hired, and first fired.”

“Friendship is Essential to the Soul”
COMMUNITY SERVICE HIGHLIGHT

Rhapsody in Red

In the spring semester the women of Delta Sigma Theta hosted Rhapsody in Red which raised over $4,000.00 for Jean R. Cadet Restavek No More, Inc., which is a non-profit to end child slavery in Haiti.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSE

In March of 1913, nearly six weeks after its founding, several Delta Sigma Theta Founders marched in the historic Suffragist March under the Delta Sigma Theta Banner, the Sorority's first public act. Today, low voter turnout statistics highlight the need to continue to identify ways to include opportunities for all citizens to exercise their voting power.

Under the auspices of the National Social Action Commission, Delta Sigma Theta continues to institute programs that advocate:

- The reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act.
- The repeal of voter disenfranchisement laws.
- The full restoration of voting rights for individuals who have paid their debt to society.
- The full implementation of the Help America Vote Act.

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHT

Innocence Matters

In light of the death of Trayvon Martin, the women of Delta Sigma Theta collaborated with Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha to initiate a program to raise awareness and resources for the Innocence Project, a national organization that aims to provide justice for those wrongly incarcerated of crimes, as well as encouraging students to take active interest in critiquing the current criminal justice system in the U.S.

"Intelligence in the Torch of Wisdom"
The men of Phi Beta Sigma hosted the Casino Royale in the fall semester. This event raised over $500.00 for the March of Dimes which is an organization that helps moms have full-term pregnancies and researches problems related to the health of babies.

The men of Phi Beta Sigma hosted a collaborative program with Alpha Phi Alpha to engage a serious, open discussion on how black people outside of Duke perceive Duke black students, and how black students perceive each other at Duke.

At the 1941 Conclave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the fraternity became a permanent member of the National Negro Business League. At the same conclave Brother A. Phillip Randolph announced a proposed march on Washington, D.C., to protest racial discrimination in defense work and the armed forces. This proposed march would lead then president of the United States Franklin D. Roosevelt to create the Committee on Fair Employment Practice and issue Executive Order 8802 which barred discrimination in governmental and defense industry hiring.
Community Service Highlight
So Sweet Charity Date Auction

The women of Zeta Phi Beta hosted the So Sweet Charity Date Auction which raised over $4,000.00 for the March of Dimes which is an organization that helps moms have full-term pregnancies and researches problems related to the health of babies.

Campus Programming Highlight
Public Speaking: An Interactive Workshop

This was an experiential, interactive 90-minute seminar. Using principles and techniques from improvisational theater, participants explored ways to become more dynamic, confident, and authentic communicators. The program was especially good for people who worry about going off the plan or making mistakes in presentations, whether they’re for audiences of one or one thousand.

Historical Glimpse

Over the years since the sorority's inception, Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters and initiated thousands of women around the world. Zeta has continued to thrive and flourish while adapting to the ever-changing needs of a new century. Despite the Great Depression, discrimination and segregation and a host of other challenges, Zeta has continued to hold true to its ideals and purpose, for, as stated by one of the Sorority's founding members: "...I believe that no [other] organization could have been founded upon principles that were so near and dear to all of our hearts." (Founder Myrtle Tyler)

“A Community-Conscious, Action Oriented Organization”
The women of Sigma Gamma Rho hosted their Founder’s Day Ball in the fall semester. They raised nearly $500.00 for Welcome Baby, a Durham organization which provides free child development resources to parents in need.

Campus Programming Highlight

Respect Your Roots

Respect Your Roots was a collaboration with DukeAFRICA in which the focus was the importance of hair care for Black women. The program discussed hair trends on campus (including weaves, wigs, natural hair and relaxed hair), how to spot unhealthy hair, and how to restore hair to a healthy state. The owners of Hairizon Beauty, a local African-American owned natural hair boutique were invited to give a presentation on how to achieve healthy hair.

Historical Glimpse

Being the only African American sorority to be founded at a white institution (the other African American sororities were founded at Howard University), the new sorority faced many obstacles being that Butler University was in Indiana. During the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan enjoyed an amazing resurgence, resulting in a membership surge of over 4 million nationwide, and their main and strongest base of operation was in the state of Indiana. With nearly 30 percent of the male population initiated members of the Klan, Indiana’s informal name during the 1920s was Klandiana. It was in this hostile environment that Sigma Gamma Rho sought not only to survive but expand.

“Greater Service, Greater Progress”
Community Service Highlight  
*BSAI Step Show & After Party*

In the spring semester, the National Pan-Hellenic Council collectively hosted the Black Student Alliance Invitational Step Show & After Party. These events raised over $2,000.00. A portion of the proceeds will go toward establishing an annual scholarship fund which will be awarded to a local Durham high school student.

Campus Programming Highlight  
*Black Women Gathering/Black Men Gathering*

In the fall semester, as part of NPHC week, the council hosted concurrent discussion groups on the state of affairs and climate for young black women and young black men at Duke. These discussions provided an excellent resource for first and second year students of African descent to connect to a community of support.

**Additional Initiatives - NPHC Presidential Roundtables**

In the fall semester, the National Pan-Hellenic Council at Duke convened the presidential leadership from each of the 8 represented NPHC organizations to discuss the state of NPHC at Duke. The primary goal of these roundtables were to discuss ways in which the council could reflect and collectively move forward to better serve the community we committed to serve.

The Duke NPHC hosted the 1st Annual Five/Ten conference. Five/Ten represents 5/10 or May 10th as in May 10, 1930, the day that the National Pan-Hellenic Council was formed on the campus of Howard University. The purpose of the conference was to revisit the stated purpose and mission of the organization which is “Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” This was an opportunity for Duke NPHC to rejuvenate our collective purpose.