STEPPING OUT FOR THE 50TH
NPHC CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK STUDENT LIFE
This year's 50th anniversary of Black Student Life was a joyous celebration for both alumni and students. As an alumni committee led by Dr. Maurice Wallace and Dr. Valerie Barnwell (aka) prepared to put together a thoughtful play about Black student life at Duke, NPHC reddied themselves to be a part of this momentous occasion. During the play, there would be a scene focused on the history and development of NPHC, beginning with Omega Psi Phi (Duke's first NPHC organization). As such, 13 sorors and fraters, under the stepping direction of Bryan Lockwood (ΦΒΣ) and Drew Underwood (ΚΑΨ), practiced for weeks, incorporating both their traditional steps and a new unity step. The performance was meant to showcase each organization's unique traditions, while at the same time, reminding the audience of the deep connectedness between both chapters and national organizations. Replete with Canes, Glittery Heals, and Preppy Clothing, NPHC wowed alumni reminding them that the campus remains enamored by the legacies that came to campus in the 70s. As one student said, “NPHC reminds us to be the best in all that we do...and their performance was ‘everything’!”

BOOKS FOR A CAUSE
NPHC RAISES 500+ BOOKS FOR LOCAL ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
When Duke Alumni Louis Threatt (Div, ’11) asked for help in developing his alternative school for students needing a second chance, The NPHC rose to the challenge. Threatt, a pastor, and the immediate past Executive Director of New Horizons Academy was in need of support in every possible area. When JT Ross (ΦΒΣ), the NPHC Community Service Chair, realized that the school needed more books for its library, he knew exactly what to do! As both a feature of NPHC week and an on-going program, JT organized chapters to raise money and find book donations for the school that would be suitable for middle and high school grade levels. In less than a month, JT’s efforts had proven successful as NPHC raised more than 500 books in its chapter competition, party, and plaza awareness drive. NPHC raised some money that was also given to the school. This initiative is a part of Frater Ross’ year-long focus on youth and education.
Each academic year, NPHC seeks to provide its own “welcome back” to the yard! As it has done for several years now, NPHC hosts NPHC week with several events to engage students. In past years, NPHC has hosted Greek 101 to educate students on the role of NPHC...and how they can join. At the end of the week, NPHC has hosted both an Annual Party and Stroll Show/Cookout which are signature events of their week. Under the leadership of President Segun Babatunde, NPHC provided some new and meaningful programs that would make for a robust understanding of Black Greek Letter Organizations, in this year’s NPHC week, “Leaders of the New School.” Thus, members of the community organized a Public Policy Lecture, mimicking National Conventions/Boules/Conclaves, featuring frater and alumni Rev. Dr. William Barber (ΑΦΑ), president of the NAACP. Presidents of each chapter offered formal greetings that sought to describe efforts of each organization in their civil rights activism. Other events included a cocktail party in the NPHC house, and a community service effort to raise books for a local school. Thus, the week provided education, community service, political engagement, artistry, leadership training, upscale and casual socializing to help inspire students in considering NPHC as a possibility for their collegiate experiences! As President Babatunde said, “NPHC needed a week that would reinvigorate its commitment to the community!”
When I began advising NPHC in the late spring of 2013, I thought to myself, “what have I gotten myself into?” I wondered if students would respond to my style of leadership. Would they see me as a support mechanism? Could I help them be “Dynamic,” ushering in a NPHC Renaissance? To be fair, working with NPHC is a bit like trying to channel lightning. Do it wrong, you end up hurt. Do it right, you can make magic happen. But, I received some great advice from my supervisor Chandra Guinn (AKA), and some amazing support and encouragement from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Director, Clarybel Peguero: “Sean Palmer, you must assess quickly and get a plan!” That’s exactly what I did!

As such, I sat my sights on helping the chapters develop stronger membership. After all, you can’t really run the yard if you only induct two members every other year. My way wasn’t to just complain at meetings, but it was to help NPHC realize their potential and strength as a beacon of inspiration for all students. Thus, I verbalized a goal which I logically thought might be a little out of our reach in one year, but one I knew in faith was possible. Amazingly, the students rose to the occasion, and reminded me that NPHC is still the hallmark of leadership, effort, and excellence. I am happy to say that within a semester the council has doubled in size and includes brothers and sisters representative of Duke’s diverse Pan-African community. My NPHC isn’t ordinary…it’s a force to be reckoned with!

-Frater Sean P.-

This year’s leadership followed suit with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary plans as all students were invited to hear a bit of living history from esteemed frater and Duke Alumni, Judge Michael Morgan (’76). Judge Morgan is a founding member of Duke’s first Black Greek Letter Organization, Omega Psi Phi! With more than 500 people in attendance, Judge Morgan regaled the community about how Omega Psi Phi and many other NPHC organizations came into being only 10 years after Duke began integrating its student body. Frater Morgan connected his message of integration and beginnings to a legacy of leadership and activism that made every person in attendance think about the robust traditions of every organization. Also, many Omega alumni attended the event, hosting a reception in honor of Judge Morgan, giving students time to socialize with and meet Frater Morgan personally. Omega Psi Phi continues to be an active leader in the Duke Community!

A CARNIVAL BETWEEN COUNCILS

For the past few years, The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) has invited the NPHC to participate in its “First Big Weekend” Carnival, which typically has the highest attendance of any events during the university’s campus wide celebration to welcome new and old students after the long, hot summer. Thus, our First Vice President of NPHC, Najerie Danns (AKA) was excited to lead in the effort between the two councils. Najerie made sure that NPHCs organizations had tables, complete with food and games for passers-by. Groups like Phi Beta Sigma and Delta Sigma Theta led the way with an all out two council stroll off that had the whole campus feeling excited about the new academic year.
SNAPSHOT

Sorority Life in Full View from the Fall Semester

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Hosted two campus-wide events: Keeping Up With The K’s & Loving the Skin We’re In
- Gave a generous monetary donation to Keep Durham Beautiful
- Hosted Two Alumni Receptions
- 4 Members Honored at The Regional Undergraduate Roundup for Academic Excellence
- Collected donations for Breast Cancer Awareness with Alpha Phi Alpha
- Led a session of Emerging Young Leaders at Lowes Grove Middle School on Careers in Technology
- Members are involved in leading the following: Future Is Now, Baldwin Scholars, United In Praise, NPHC, MAPS, Duke Track & Field, and The Standard Magazine

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Hosted the Black Faculty Mixer, which had 40 students and sorors in attendance
- Hosted the Annual Back To School Car Wash, partnering with Bull City Car Wash
- Volunteered at Grace’s Healthcare Center, providing games, and Halloween themed arts and crafts
- Hosted the Annual Red Lounge, as a part of World AIDS Week, hosting soror Sharon Bynum, who was able to give us insight into CAARE, Inc. The event also featured Know-Your-Status and Rhythm & Blue.
- Hosted an End of the Semester Salsa Study Break with members of LambdaUpsilon Lambda Fraternity
- Members are involved in leading the following: Black Student Alliance, Ice Skating, Future Is Now, Baldwin Scholars

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Hosted a sold out performanc of Striver’s Row with Spoken Verb.
- Raised $1,000 for the March of Dimes through the Striver’s Row Event
- Had the Largest percentage of alumni participating in helping Black Duke Alumni reach the 50th Anniversary Commitee Fundraising goal
- Chapter members authored a spoken word poem in honor of the 50th Anniversary
- Members are involved in leading the following: Cardea Foellows, SAGE Tutoring, Equity Council, NPHC, BSA, SpokenVerb, and Presidents Council of Black Affairs

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Presented a line of 2 initiates in November
- Raised over $100 and collected lightly used school supplies for Operation Big Book Bag.
- Hosted events on racial profiling and creating a professional online presence during Sigma Gamma Rho Week 2013
- Raised money for Souls for Little Souls at the Annual Murder Mystery Ball
- Collected over 150 cans and raised $420 for Wounded Warriors along with Duke’s Sigma Nus
- Member inducted into Order of Omega
- Members are involved with NPHC
- Chapter members volunteered with: Camp Kesem North Carolina, Duke Cancer Resource Center, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity
SNAPSHOT II

Fraternity Life in Full View from the Fall Semester

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Has the highest NPHC Fraternity GPA for 2 years
- National Scholars Bowl Winners for Fraternity
- Regional Scholars Bowl, Debate and Oratory Champions as of November 2013 for Fraternity
- Increased Fraternity membership by 500% from 2010
- Hosted Alpha week which featured the NAACP executive board member Professor Timothy Tyson
- Members are involved in the following as leaders: Black Student Alliance, NPHC, Duke Student Government, Black Cultural Living Group, The Chronicle, Resident Assistants, Cardea Fellows, Black Men’s Union, NAACP

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Hosted Minorities on Wall Street, inviting notable banks to present opportunities to underclassmen
- Served as mentors (bi-weekly) with Merrick Moore Elementary School and Hillside High School’s Kappa League
- Earned first place in the Blaze The Stage Stroll Show, with Pi Kappa Phi
- Hosted the 4th Annual Christmas Social to generate tremendous awareness about Typhoon Haiyan Relief efforts, and the mission of Childspring International
- Members are involved in the following as leaders: SOCA, NPHC, B.N. Duke Scholars, and the Jazz Band

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Hosted Sigma week, which featured a variety of events aimed at education, community service, health, safety, and networking
- Celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the chapter during the semester with a set of events during an October weekend
- Presented a line of 4 initiates in October
- With contributions from alumni members, presented a check for $10,000 to the Mary Lou Williams Center.
- Performed with dance troupe, Lasyaa, during Awaaz
- Earned 2nd Place in the Blaze The Stage Stroll Show with Alpha Epsilon Pi and Phi Delta Theta Fraternities
- Members are involved in the following as leaders: NPHC, NAACP, United in Praise Gospel Choir, and NSBE

Stepping for Cameron Crazies...
In a room filled with Cameron Crazies, approximately fifteen (15) National Pan Hellenic Council fraters and sorors stepped to kick-off the start of Basketball Season. Under the direction of Bryan Lockwood (ΦΒΣ) and Drew Underwood (ΚΑΨ), step masters, the group reprised their performance from the 50th Anniversary Play. Beginning with Tiana Horn’s (ΖΦΒ) original poem, the NPHC showed the Duke student body just how stepping is performed as the crowd roared in cheers at their performance.
WELCOME TO THE YARD
MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF NPHC

**Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.**
Demetrius Jeter
Andre May
Germay Sheferaw
Gerhard Steven

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**
Jamal Edwards
Marcus Montano

**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**
Lindsey Huth
Jamie McGhee

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**
Genesis Bonds
Kristina Brown
Mercedes Carrasco
Debbie Chi
Jasmine Chigbu
Kathryn Cooper
Renita Daniels
Ciera Echols
Amari El-Amin
Ba’Carri Johnson
Breana Jordan
Erica Martin
Gabrielle Montes
Aris Morris
Ashley Queener
Houston Rhodes
Cherranda Smith
Bethany Sykes

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**
Sarita Coleman
Chandra Christmas-Rouse
Chioma Iwelumo
Courtney Judkins
Haley Miller
Imani Moise
Angel Nwachukwu
Morgan Ramsey

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**SPRING CALENDAR**

January 6
Kappa Alpha Psi
Founder's Day

January 8
NPHC Greek 101

January 9
Phi Beta Sigma
Centennial Founder's Day

January 13
Delta Sigma Theta
Founder's Day

January 15
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Founder's Day

January 16
Zeta Phi Beta
Founder's Day

January 19
“Cool Like Dat”
Dessert Progressive & Mixer

January 20
MLK Meals on Wheels
Community Service

January 21
“U. N. I. T. Y.”
Dinner at the Market Place

January 22
“Hit ‘Em Up”
Watch Party

January 23
“Hard Knock Life”
Bowling for A Cause

January 24
“Jump Around”
Relay Competition

January 25
“How Do You Want It”
90s Party

March 28
BSAI Step Show Competition