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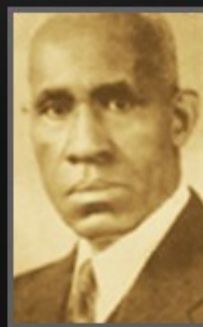


# Sigma News

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This 2012 National Founders Day event honoring the life and legacy of our esteemed Founder, **The HONORABLE BRO. ABRAM LANGSTON TAYLOR**, will be held in Memphis, TN.



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# Mu Iota Sigma Chapter's Sigma Beta Club

By Brother Randy Patterson (edited by Brother Brandon R. Brown)

**ALBANY, NY** - Mu Iota Sigma Chapter (Albany, NY) started the preliminary procedures of creating a Sigma Beta Club in August of 2010. "We wanted to be able to give back to the community where we live and work, and what better way to do that than to become a role model in the lives of young men around us," stated Brother Randy Patterson, Chapter Vice President and Sigma Beta Club Coordinator.

We began by making presentations to potential candidates in the Capital District area, such as principals, families, churches and other community representatives. Initial efforts netted young men from five different schools. Even though things appeared to be going slow, Mu Iota Sigma Chapter was determined to have a Sigma Beta Club.

Our initial meeting courted two potential candidates. Through word of mouth the number increased to five. By May of 2011 interest had grown to 11 young men. On August 10, 2011 with the approval from the National Sigma Beta Club Foundation, the Capital District Sigma Beta Club of Mu Iota Sigma Chapter became official. The Induction Ceremony took place on Saturday, September 10, 2011 on the campus of the University of Albany. The Ceremony was attended by family, friends and community leaders, all present to support the Chapter and the young men of the newly chartered Sigma Beta Club.

The Capital District Sigma Beta Club will meet twice a month. Projected trips will include the New York State Museum, The Albany Planetarium, local businesses, the police station and at least one college tour. The Club will participate in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", March of Dimes "March for Babies" and perform in a play with a local theatre group. We also plan to assist them with becoming more culturally aware, making sure that their academics are sound and help to cultivate their dreams and aspirations.

The Brothers of Mu Iota Sigma want our positive actions to forever impact the lives of the Capital District Sigma Betas.





# Raising Awareness

## Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter Walking for the Cause

**CHERRY HILL, NJ** – Every year, the American Cancer Society (ACS) hosts its "**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**" walk in cities across the country. The Walk is noncompetitive and aims to fight breast cancer and raise awareness on this issue. The Breast Cancer Walk also raises funds for research and to raise public awareness about the disease. On October 23, 2011 the men of Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. participated in this year's local walk in Camden County. Brothers gathered at the Cooper River Park with the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta, cancer survivors and thousands of others to support the cause. Donations can still be mailed in to American Cancer Society at the following address:

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**Bro. Leon Crawford, Jr.**



**Left image:** Bros. Corderrol Harris, Al Warner, Darryl Williams, Bradely Hayes and Darryl Curtis before the Breast Cancer Walk



**Right image:** Brothers of Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter and the Sorors of Rutgers Camden pose together after the Breast Cancer Walk

# **Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter Donates School Supplies**



**COLUMBIA, MD** - August 22, 2011 - The Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter, Inc. of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. presented the backpacks and school supplies it collected during its recent drive to Bryant Woods Elementary School earlier this morning. Over the summer, Zeta Alpha Sigma collected just over sixty backpacks and the required school supplies with an approximate retail value of \$2,000 to promote its ideal of scholarship and to help families in need.

The Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter introduced this new initiative to deepen and build upon the relationship it started with the elementary school last year. The chapter received support from the Lambda Gamma Zeta Chapter of their sister organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated as well as support from general public, which even included donations from people living outside of Maryland.

The Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter has been proudly serving the Howard County area since 1976 and looks forward to introducing new programs in the near future to build even deeper relationships with the Howard County community. "Phi Beta Sigma recognizes young people are our future. It is to that end that we are dedicated to the education of our youth," said Rogers Barnes, President of the Zeta Alpha Sigma Chapter, Inc.

**Bro. Jason Bladen**



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# Blue and White Night

## Ronald McDonald House



**CAMDEN, NJ** - The Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter) and the Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Gamma Nu Zeta and Omicron Omicron Zeta Chapters) held a Blue and White Community Service Night at the Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey, located in Downtown Camden. The chapters cooked and hosted a dinner for families residing at the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, October 1, 2011. This joint community service project provided a chance for brothers and sisters in South Jersey to work together for a great cause. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from home to families of seriously ill and traumatically injured children who are being treated at nearby hospitals. Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter serves Camden and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey. Bro. Thom Nixon serves as the current Chapter President.

*Pictures taken by Bro. Brian Jones*



# Eastern Regional Bigger and Better Business Director Dumisani H. Solwazi



Brothers of The Mighty Eastern Region - On September 1, 2011, I began serving the Region as your Eastern Regional Director of Bigger & Better Business (BBB). While I serve in this position I will continue to “Champion for the Brotherhood” we all hold so dear. I am eager to embark on this journey as we move towards our Centennial in 2014. On this journey let us aim to go beyond our historical and legendary achievements.

My vision for the remainder of 2011-12 is to Begin...Build...Bridge (BBB). We will begin many new tasks, we will help build communities and build each other up and we will bridge the gaps from state to state within the Region. Let us always empower one another, because it takes each and every one of us to make Sigma the best it can be. To empower someone is to help that person realize their full potential. In The Mighty Eastern Region we have attorneys, accountants, social workers, teachers, engineers, doctors, entrepreneurs and so many other experienced and talented professionals. Let us actively participate and utilize our full potential to make the Mighty Eastern Region even “MIGHTIER”.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love”.

## **My goals and objectives for Bigger & Better Business:**

**Bigger & Better Business** will continue to promote entrepreneurship through Sigma Economic Empowerment Development (Project S.E.E.D.) with The James A. “Billboard” Jackson Development Grants. Two (2) \$1000.00 grants (one undergrad-



uate brother and one graduate brother) will be given to the best business plan presented. Deadline for entries is March 16, 2012 and entries should be emailed to [BBB@pbseast.org](mailto:BBB@pbseast.org).

**Bigger & Better Business** Directors on the chapter level will be held accountable for utilizing Program Implementation Assessment (P.I.A.). Bigger & Better Business doesn't just occur at state meeting, leadership and regional conferences. P.I.A. will make it easier for chapters to execute reports and showcase the work the Region is doing. . In addition, it will allow other BBB Directors in our Region and Fraternity to see and hear about ideas that could possibly be used to help bring Economic Empowerment to their local communities.

**Bigger & Better Business** promotes taking care of home, family and the local community. I cannot promote programs that build *Economic Empowerment* and not push us as a Region to economically empower our Federal Credit Union. It is my goal to raise the membership in the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union (PBSFCU) by 50% over the next eight months. A prize will be given to the chapter with the most members at the end of the eight month period (chapter members who have already joined DO NOT count). The cost to become a member of the PBSFCU is \$28.00 (\$25.00 plus a \$3.00 Application Fee). This is a goal that can easily be accomplished, to ensure our credit union experiences the growth it needs. In the end, it will be there to accommodate Sigma when needed.

**Bigger & Better Business** understands the struggles of our undergraduate brothers, I understand that you are entering a more complex workplace and in most cases you are not afforded the necessary opportunities to prepare or practice before entering the *real world*. It is my goal to provide those opportunities for you. I will work to bring internship opportunities, career fairs, workshops (interviewing and resume writing, etc.) to our next Regional Conference in Hartford, CT.

It is my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to bringing Economic Empowerment to The Mighty Eastern Region. If you are interested in working with BBB, have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me at [BBB@pbseast.org](mailto:BBB@pbseast.org). I am here for you and The Mighty Eastern Region.

**Bro. Dumisani H. Solwazi**

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# Democrats Recommend Leonard Lockhart to Fill Peck's School Board Seat

By Julian McKinley



The Windsor Democratic Town Committee's nominating committee has recommended that Leonard Lockhart be chosen to fill Milo "Rusty" Peck's vacated Board of Education seat, according to a statement.

The Board accepted Peck's resignation Tuesday evening.

Lockhart was chosen by the nominating committee following a candidate interview conducted by the Democratic Town Committee (DTC) members on Wed., Dec. 21.

The 42-year-old Columbia Road resident's nomination is pending approval by the DTC. If approved by the DTC and the Board of Education, Lockhart would serve the remainder of Peck's term.

Peck was re-elected in November, so Lockhart would serve until 2013.

"Mr. Lockhart is a perfect match for our children, their schools and the Board of Education", DTC Chair Leo Canty said.

"He will bring a strong commitment to public education and a good insight from our community."

Lockhart is a field service technician for Sensormatic (ADT).

He is also a deacon and trustee at Windsor's Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church and serves as a lieutenant with Windsor's Volunteer Fire Department in its Wilson fire house.

Lockhart has been heavily involved with the Hartford Montessori program, serving eight terms as president of the Montessori Magnet School PTA and three terms as vice president of Hartford's Montessori Magnet School Governance Council.

His recommendation will go before DTC members for approval on January 12, 2012.

If approved, his recommendation will then go before the Board of Education in late January.

Reprinted from the **WindsorPatch**



# Changing of the Guard

## Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter

**WILLINGBORO, NJ** – The Brothers of Kappa Upsilon Sigma (KUS) Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated enjoyed a great summer! The Chapter took a group of their Sigma Beta Club members to Conclave Atlanta for a week of fun, fellowship and workshops. Darius Foggy, a member of the KUS Sigma Beta Club placed second in the Debate event. The Chapter was recognized at Conclave Atlanta for their work and reporting.

Coming out of Conclave it was time to make plans for the fall and the installation of new chapter officers. During the October 2011 meeting, the new officers took their oaths of office. Bro. Keith West administered the oaths with the assistance of Bro. Noel Gibson. The new KUS Executive Board has hit the ground running, vowing to improve the Chapter's high community profile. The new Executive Board is comprised of Bro. Milton Dilligard (President), Bro. Michael Beck (Vice President), Bro. Darryl T. Curtis (Treasurer) and Bro. Leon Crawford, Jr. (Secretary).

The Chapter meets at the Willingboro Public Library on the first Saturday of each month.

**For more information contact Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter:**

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**Bro. Leon Crawford, Jr.**



(L to R) Michael Beck (Vice President), Darryl T. Curtis (Treasurer), Milton Dilligard (President), Leon Crawford, Jr. (Secretary) pictured together after taking the oath of office

THE BROTHERS OF ZETA RHO SIGMA CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY INC PRESENTS

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# Working for a **GREENER** Camden



**CAMDEN, NJ** - On Saturday, October 8, 2011 the Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter) joined New Jersey Tree Foundation volunteers to plant over 30 trees in the Hopeworks La Esperanza Garden neighborhood of Camden, New Jersey. This initiative is called the Camden Urban Reforestation Program. The Program was founded in 2002 to help empower residents to improve their air and water quality in the city. Under the leadership of Program Director Jessica Airshed Franzini, the Project has planted over 4,262 trees with the assistance of 143 community groups and 8,400 volunteers to date.

Zeta Rho Sigma serves Camden and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Howard University on January 9, 1914. The Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter was chartered in 1978.

*Pictures taken by Bro. Maurice Hawthorn*



# A Call to Serve in the Motherland



**WEST AFRICA** - A Sigma's call to service is not created once the story of the weary traveler is told, but it is inward. For some, it is deeply woven within their moral fabric and tied together with the notion of servant leadership. "Servant Leadership is a very moral position, putting the well-being of the followers before one's own goals . . . being expected to make sacrifices for the good of the whole" . . . [changingminds.org](http://changingminds.org). Brother Shamir Reese's calling to serve took him to the Motherland.

Brother Reese went to various villages in Uturu, Nigeria, Africa over an 11 day period as a part of Chosen 300. Chosen 300 is a homeless outreach mission in the United States and around the world. They traveled to the remote villages of Isuikwato, Uturu and Otampa visiting families, distributing food, clothes, toiletries and water. They visited colonies of the sick and lame distributing food, water and encouragement through prayer. Children who did have the financial means to attend school were tutored in English and Math. In Nigeria the annual income is \$115 in U.S. currency, and it costs \$35 a year to send one child to school. Money was also raised to build a well for one of the villages because they had no water. To handle their basic needs village members were forced to travel miles just for water.

Brother Reese's most rewarding aspects of the trip was experiencing how the people of the villages could have next to no water, food or clothing and still praise God with so much passion and freedom. Another rewarding aspect was tutoring the children.

When asked if Sigma should support this cause, Brother Reese indicated the following, "Our motto is Culture for Service and Service for Humanity and this would be a service that is desperately needed for the people of Uturu. Their needs sync with our three national programs of Education, Social Action, and Bigger and Better Business. There are many ways that the Fraternity can still take action on the issues over in Nigeria without even leaving the United States. There should not be any reason the Fraternity cannot lend a helping hand in this matter and allow our cause to speed on its way".

**B. Brown**



# Hip Hop Evolution

## Reaching Out to the Youth

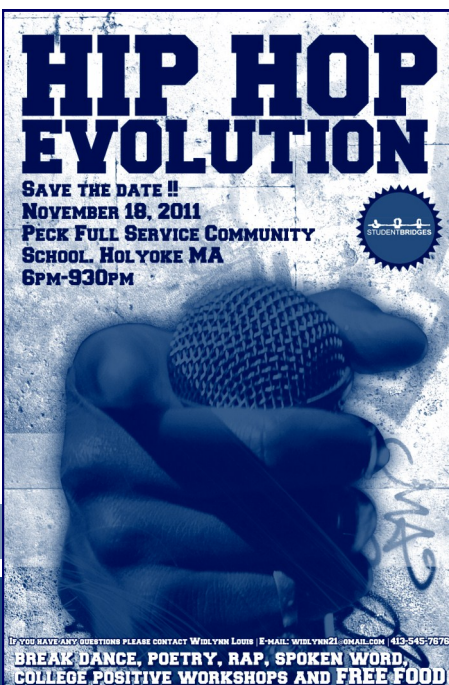
**AMHERST, MA** - Hip Hop is alive in the youth of Holyoke! Hip Hop Evolution showcases students from STEP/Choices after school program as well as other students from local schools. Working with Student Bridges, from UMass Amherst, the show is about raising the awareness of the power of higher education.

The performance also features a workshop, hosted by college students, for parents to learn about the process of getting their child into college; such as the FAFSA, SATs, ACT and other pertinent information. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn about the possibility of having their child attend college. Hip Hop Evolution not only helps raise awareness about college but also helps kids elevate their self-confidence.

Incorporated, throughout the show, are positive skits emphasizing how college is possible for everyone, regardless of one's background.

Brother Carlito Weaver, Director of Publicity for the Beta Beta Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc, was host and MC for the show! The night included: cultural food, a parents workshop, skits by college students, performances by STEP/Choices students and other groups.

**Bro. Noah Kirksey**



# BETA BETA PSI CHAPTER





The **Beta Sigma, Alpha Alpha Eta Sigma, Zeta Delta Sigma and Omicron Iota Chapters** participated in a **COATS for kids** event in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. This was the First Annual Coats for Kids event sponsored by **WAVY—TV10**.

New and gently used coats were collected at several Collection Centers in the area. Parents were then invited to bring their children to Distribution Centers on selected dates to receive a coat for their children.

Donations will continue to be accepted through January 30, 2012.



**Brothers at the Eastern Virginia Medical School assisting with the program**

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### Bro. Kelvin Ayala – 2012 Conference Chair

The Brothers of Connecticut welcome you to the 98th Anniversary Eastern Regional Conference and the host city of Hartford, CT. You will find that Hartford offers some thrilling experiences with its rich cultural attractions, fine dining, wonderful diversity, and its endless possibilities. The AAA 4 Diamond rated Marriott Hartford Downtown Hotel & Convention Center will have us poised for an explosive conference.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has deep traditions within Connecticut garnering us notoriety for our hospitality and attention to detail in an effort to make all our guests comfortable. As we prepare to host our fellow brothers in Sigma, we want to hear from you. This is your conference, where you can choose from a variety of options to best meet your needs and the needs of your chapter. We welcome everyone's contributions to make this, the most successful conference ever. Let's march on together towards our Centennial Celebration.



## DELTA PI SIGMA CHAPTER (Hartford, CT)

### Bro. Marlo Simon—Chapter President

I extend greetings on behalf of the brothers of the Delta Pi Sigma Chapter (Hartford, CT), in conjunction with all the graduate and undergraduate chapters across the state of Connecticut. We are very excited and are looking forward to serving as your hosts for the 2012 Eastern Regional Conference. We have a plethora of activities planned for Brothers, Sigma Betas and Guests alike to make you feel right at home while visiting the city of Hartford.

We are committed to making this conference one to remember and the best conference the Eastern Region has yet experienced! Our goal is to make you feel welcome in our city and to give you a reason to return to partake in all the Nutmeg State has to offer. We look forward to seeing you April 12-15, 2012. As you plan your visit, if there is anything we can do to assist, please do not hesitate to contact us ([ctsigmas@gmail.com](mailto:ctsigmas@gmail.com)).



## EASTERN REGION

### Hon. Leonard O. Lockhart—25th Regional Director

On behalf of the Eastern Regional Board and the Host Chapters of the 2012 Conference I invite you to join the men of Sigma in Hartford, CT from April 12 – 15, 2012.

Please join the Brothers and Chapters of the Eastern Region as we gather at the Marriott Hartford Downtown for the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Eastern Regional Conference.

The Brothers of Delta Pi Sigma Chapter (Hartford, CT) and Delta Iota Sigma Chapter (New Haven, CT) have a host of activities and workshops planned for all conference attendees. We encourage you to join us, and bring your family, for a fun-filled weekend of learning and fellowship. While in Hartford, we encourage you to explore the area and enjoy all New England has to offer.

These are exciting times for our Region and the Fraternity. The 2012 Conference is a chance for you to join us as we work to grow the Region and better serve both our communities and the membership. We are calling all brothers; young, old, active and inactive to invest in Sigma and play a role as we move this Region forward. We need your energy, talents, voice and work ethic to be the best region in the Fraternity.

I look forward to greeting you in Hartford!

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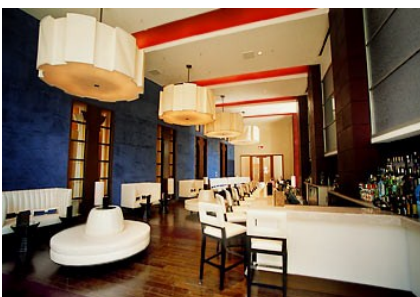
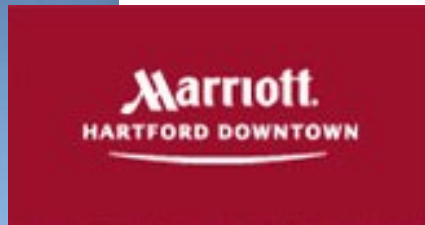
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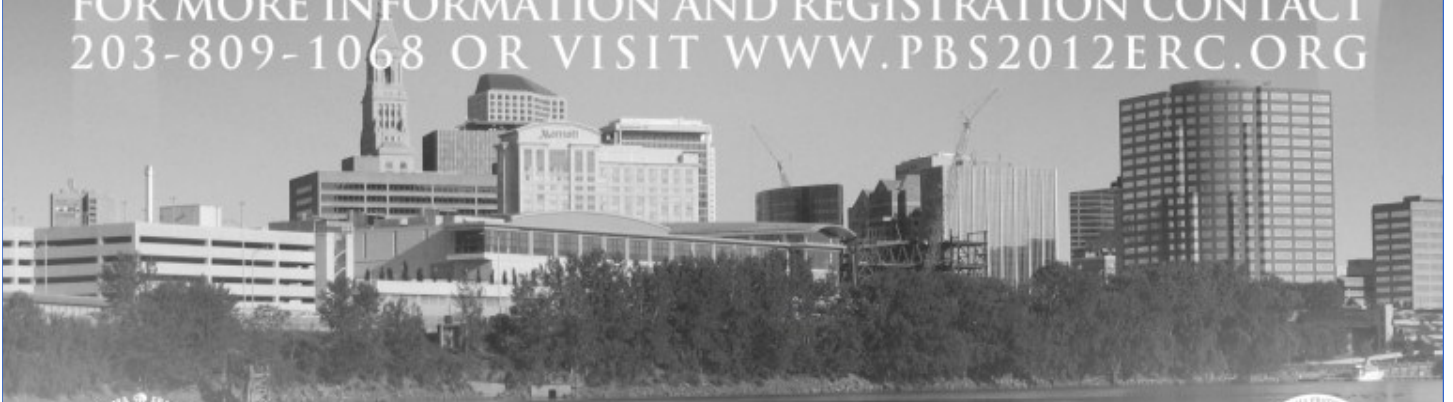
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# 2012 CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

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First Plenary Session / Candidates Forum

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Hospitality Suite

## **SATURDAY—April 14, 2012**

Registration / Awards Breakfast / Vendor Market

Business Expo / Career Fair / Second Plenary Session

Undergraduate Luncheon / Third Plenary Session

Orchid Ball / Hospitality Suite

## **SUNDAY—APRIL 15, 2012**

Sunday Service / Post-Conference Board Meeting

## **ON TO BROOKLYN . . . 2014**



*Join the Men of  
Phi Beta Sigma  
as we honor and host  
the Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta*

*Friday, April 13, 2012  
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM*

*CRUSH Lounge  
Marriott Hartford Downtown*





# CONNECTICUT FOUNDERS DAY LUNCHEON

HOSTED BY DELTA IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER  
New Haven, CT



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012**  
**11:00 AM**

**FANTASIA BANQUET FACILITIES**  
**404 Washington Ave.**  
**North Haven, CT 06473**



**TICKETS: \$ 40.00**  
**TABLE: \$ 280.00**

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## "Living The Legacy"


**SPEAKER**  
 Jeff Johnson

Saturday, January 7, 2012  
 Morgan State University  
 Calvin and Tina Tyler Ballroom  
 1700 East Coldspring Lane  
 Baltimore, MD 21251  
 6 PM-10 PM  
 \$60 Donation



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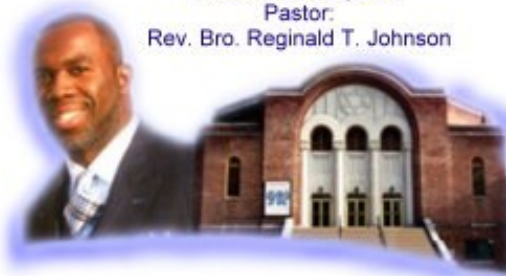
## "Living The Legacy"

**Bowl-A-Thon**  
 Friday January 6, 2012  
 AMF Pikesville Lanes  
 1723 Reisterstown Road  
 Pikesville, Md 21208  
 7:14pm-8:00pm  
 Cash Bar-beer, bottled drinks  
 (i.e. Smirnoff Ice)  
 No liquor  
 Hors d'oeuvres-Soft drinks

8:00pm - 10:00pm Bowling  
 Two (2) hours of unlimited bowling,  
 shoes and ball rental

**\$25.00 per person**  
**50/50 Raffle**

**Church Service**  
 Sunday, January 8, 2012  
 10:00 am  
 Cornerstone Church of Christ  
 4239 Park Heights Avenue,  
 Baltimore, Maryland  
 Pastor:  
 Rev. Bro. Reginald T. Johnson



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*8TH ANNUAL GOSPEL BRUNCH*



**SATURDAY - JANUARY 14, 2012**

**10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

FEATURING :  
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**KATMANDU RESTAURANT**

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**Next issue, early spring 2012**

**The theme of this issue is HISTORY.  
There will be articles, interviews,  
commentary, reflections and more . . .**

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**You want HISTORY?  
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# 4th Annual Victims & Survivors Sleep Out For Peace



**WASHINGTON, DC** - According to the Centers for Disease Control, each year, women experience about 4.8 million intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes. Men are the victims of about 2.9 million intimate partner related physical assaults.

Additionally, about 10% of students nationwide report being physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months (CDC, 2010).

"We have to work overtime to end domestic violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, bullying, youth and gang violence in our community." said William Kellibrew, president of The William Kellibrew Foundation (WKF). "Thanks to the individuals and organizations that supported the Sleep Out we increased awareness and honored victims and survivors."

Over 65 supporters for The WKF 4th Annual Victims and Survivors Sleep Out for Peace came out this past Friday night at the John Wilson District Building in Washington, D.C. (Location of Mayor and City Council offices).

Supporters included president & CEO of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Dennis Henigan; president & CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and convener, Black Women's Roundtable, Melanie L. Campbell; founder and CEO of ROOT Inc., Kenny Barnes, Sr.; founder and president of Dreamsworld, Daniel Bradley, founder & president of the Torch of Hope and WKF advisory board member, Christine Jackson; founder & principal of Dash Marketing and former contestant for Miss Maryland USA, Jeanette Hodge; founder of Give'em A Chance, Kimberly Powell (who travelled from Detroit); members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s Beta chapter; members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.'s Alpha and Alpha Sigma chapters; members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Alpha chapter; WKF staff, advisory board, partners and others.

The WKF would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for their contributions: D.C. Central Kitchen; Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; Dreamwork; Torch of Hope; The Glory Project; National Coalition on Black Civic Participation; Black Women's Roundtable; Dogon Village; Professor and D.C. historian, Clarence Davis; and Occupy D.C.

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Brooklyn, NY

**KAPPA UPSILON SIGMA**  
Willingboro, NJ

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Albany, NY

**NU SIGMA**  
Philadelphia, PA

**OMICRON ZETA SIGMA**  
Woodbridge, VA

**THETA SIGMA**  
Buffalo, NY

**ZETA DELTA SIGMA**  
Hampton, VA



**ZETA KAPPA SIGMA**  
Boston, MA



# 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH FAIR

**WILLINGBORO, NJ** – The Brothers of Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter participated in the Seventh Annual Minority and Multicultural Physical & Fiscal Health Fair, “Faith in Wellness”. This event was on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. at the Kennedy Center in Willingboro, NJ. The Fair is a family-oriented wellness event designed to bring together healthcare providers, community and faith based organizations to promote entertaining, culturally competent educational, wellness and health screening activities. The annual event was FREE, and opens to the public.



**Brothers and SBC Members at the Health Fair**



**Bro. McCain assists an attendee of the Health Fair**



**Bros. L. Crawford and T. Holmes**

## Event Schedule:

<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. provides information regarding their role in the community
<b>1:00 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	"Let's Move" kids' activities from provided by the Willingboro Recreation & Parks Department
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Faith in Action Ministries performance
<b>1:00 PM – 1:45 PM</b>	Wise Ways to Conserve Your Money in Today's Economy
<b>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	Cyber bullying and children's related issues
<b>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	Diabetes, asthma and links to dental health
<b>2:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	Burlington County Institute of Technology, healthy cooking demonstration Willingboro Fantasia Stars (cheerleaders) performance

**Bros. Leon Crawford and Darryl Curtis**

# GET FIT!!!

## PHI BETA SIGMA

JOINS FORCES WITH

## NEW GENERATION MINISTRIES



**Brothers with one of the instructors at the event**

**BLOOMFIELD, CT** - For the first time, New Generation Ministries and the Delta Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., joined forces to GET FIT! September 24, 2011 was the official launch of the Annual Health and Wellness Seminar. This year's event topic was entitled "I Can't Go Back: Recapturing

My Health and My Wealth". Brother Steven Fabius, a Deacon at New Generation Ministries, and Pastor Troy C. Moore came to together in an effort to encourage all Men of God' to step up and commit to live healthier lives. In 3 John 1:2 God says . . . "Beloved I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in HEALTH, just as your soul". Health is now the greatest attack from the enemy and there are more men now than ever who are falling short due to poor health.

The event was facilitated by Minister Kelvin Moore at Transformed Health & Fitness Ministries in Bloomfield, CT. More than half of the 25 men in attendance quickly realized that they were out of shape. Minister Moore demonstrated simple, but effective, workout exercises which will assist the men in getting into Kingdom shape. After the workout was completed, the men had a better understanding of the important role conditioning plays in any workout. Some of the current clients of the gym shared their stories with those men assembled. Before departing some powerful words were shared, by Minister Moore and Pastor Troy Moore, and all of the men were motivated for Change.

No more just being alive without living! Jesus Christ reminded us that he had come not just to give life, but for us to live a more abundant life (John 10:10). This includes living a healthy lifestyle. Many individuals are seeking God for prosperity, becoming debt free, better employment, etc.; but what sense does it make to have that and more when your health is failing? It is time to get back in shape health wise. Through this experience the men were taught how to truly live a prosperous, healthy life while serving the Lord!

**Bro. Steven Fabius**

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# Completing My Journey

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**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - Hugh Lamont Douglas was born in Mansfield, Ohio and played his college ball at Central State University. The former 1<sup>st</sup> Round Draft Pick, AP Defensive Rookie of the Year and All-Pro Defensive End is now an NFL Analyst on ESPN. Today he brings the same passion, which made him a force on the gridiron to the ESPN campus in Bristol, CT. You can catch Bro. Douglas debating Skip Bayless and other on-air personalities about the game he loves on ESPN2's First Take and 1<sup>st</sup> and 10.

Bro. Douglas was recently initiated into the Nu Sigma Chapter (Philadelphia, PA) of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and was eager to sit down and talk with Bro. Brandon Brown.

**OUR CAUSE (OC): What motivated you to seek membership in Phi Beta Sigma?**

**HUGH DOUGLAS (HD):** It was a journey I started a long time ago at Central State that I wanted to complete. The NFL Draft prevented it then, but the interest and passion to become a Sigma never waned. I am pretty sure everyone has something that they have always wanted and time was not your friend. I was going to make sure that time was on my side. I have always felt that Sigma and I were the perfect match. I am happy to be a Neo.

**OC: Did you know any members of the Fraternity prior to joining the Fraternity?**

**HD:** Yes. I knew a few. Eric Williams of the Dallas Cowboys went to Central State University when I was there.

**OC: Did Nu Sigma Chapter approach you about membership or did you contact the Chapter?**

**HD:** I contacted the chapter with the help of Brother Horace Jackson, an Administrator with the School District of Philadelphia, who also played ball at Central State.

**OC: Why was it important for you to have line brothers?**

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**HD:** I felt it was the only way for me to go about it.....creating memories....having a team experience. Success is much more enjoyable when you have others to share it with. One thing that I also know about being on a team is that there is no weak link when everyone pulls their weight.

**OC: Tell us about the most memorable part of your Intake Process.**

**HD:** Learning the history of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity Inc. Knowing that I am connected to a wondrous band historically and in the now. Being in the process of developing Line Brothers and learning about myself. Realizing that the NFL status meant nothing and there was no special treatment.

**OC: What have you been doing since retiring from the NFL?**

**HD:** I have worked on radio in Philly for five years. I am currently a NFL analyst at ESPN.



**OC: What challenges do you face in your current career?**

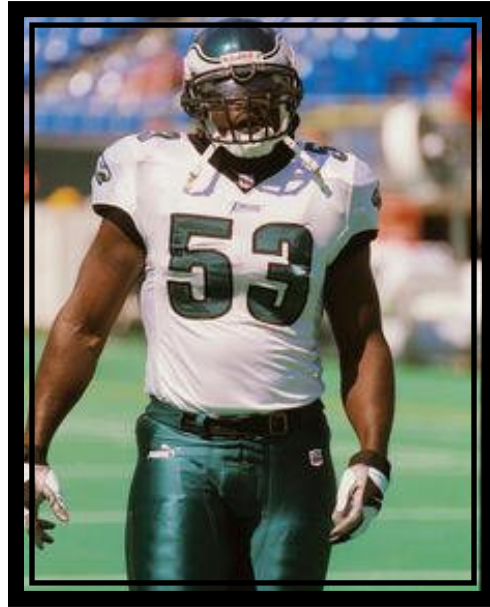
**HD:** Just keeping up with my homework. Sometimes I feel that studying the playbook was easier. Being an analyst means that you have to pull from everywhere on the drop of a dime and make it all sound good . . . like I really know what I am talking about.

**OC: Has your time in the NFL helped to open any doors in the business world?**

**HD:** Yes it has. The contacts I have made have allowed me to go far in the media world. Sigma has also reaffirmed that notion that I have to make sure I do the same for others. Some day, I will be someone's Brother's Keeper.

**OC: Do you stay in touch with any of the men you played with and/or coaches?**

**HD:** Yes I do. As a matter of fact some of my college coaches are Sigmas.



**OC:** Have you ever thought about a position on the NFL sidelines or in the office?

**HD:** I am from the South and like to talk. I like to engage people in conversations about football. It's what I really love to do. I really have no desire right now for any of those things.

**OC:** How do you plan to use your experience and connections in the business world within Sigma to uplift the community?

**HD:** I did not come into Sigma with a plan. I am learning and planning that as we speak. I know that Sigma and I will be doing big things....not just in Philadelphia or the Region . . . but nation-wide. It will never be about Hugh Douglas, but making sure people know and appreciate what we do . . . what we are about.

**OC:** As a new member of our wondrous band, what excites you the most about Sigma?

**HD:** To be really honest, learning about myself. As a man, it is hard to take anything from another man, especially orders or criticism. However, I feel . . . no I know that Nu Sigma has my back and my interest at heart. I am kind of past the partying stage . . . have no interest in party walking or stepping. But, if you need a MC for a show, we can talk about it.

**B. Brown**

# Blue and White Holiday Party

## Eta Phi Sigma Chapter

**JERSEY CITY, NJ** - On December 17, 2011 the Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Eta Phi Sigma Chapter) and the Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Sigma Zeta Zeta Chapter) hosted a holiday party at the Old Bergen Church, located at 1 Highland Avenue in Jersey City, NJ. The chapters had a host of activities for the children to participate in, including board games and decorating stockings. They also hosted a lunch for their invited guests. The children were from the Horizon Family Success Center, a battered woman's shelter, and Jersey City P.S. #15.

Through their efforts the chapters were able to provide a happy holiday for thirty children and their families. In addition, "Sigma Claus" was on hand to meet and distribute gifts to the children present.

Due to the generous donations received for this event, there was a surplus of gifts after all the children had an opportunity to meet "Sigma Claus". The extra gifts were denoted to P.S. #15 and Horizon Family Success Center.

This year's party was the biggest holiday party to date. The children and families were very appreciative of our efforts and generosity.

**Bro. Kevin E. McFarlane**



**Sorors serving lunch to the children at the holiday party**



**(L to R):  
Bros. Toney, McFarlane,  
Rogers and Wyche**



**Sigma Claus (Bro. Toney)  
Distributing gifts to the children**



# COMING FULL CIRCLE

## Assemblyman Bro. Troy Singleton Takes Oath of Office



**TRENTON, N.J.** - Last month Bro. Troy Singleton gathered with family, friends and colleagues to take the oath of office as an assemblyman from the 7<sup>th</sup> District in Burlington County, NJ. During the ceremony he could not help but reflect on his early days in government as an intern and a staffer. One of those looking on was the former speaker of New Jersey's General Assembly, Joe Roberts. Bro. Singleton served as his Chief of Staff.

**"I will promise hard work and dedication to the residents, and I will bring honor to the 7<sup>th</sup> District."**

Singleton was filling the seat vacated by Assemblyman Jack Conner since August of this year. Conner retired to serve as Director of Veterans Affairs for Camden County. Singleton is former Deputy Executive Director of the Assembly and the President of the NJ Carpenter Contractor Trust. He is also a trustee at Rowan University, the Turnpike Authority and Boys and Girls Club of Camden County.

Bro. Singleton sits on the Higher Education Committee and the Commerce Committee.



**Bro. Singleton takes the oath with his family by his side**

# **Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter**

## **First Annual Flag Football Tournament**

**CAMDEN, NJ** - On Sunday, September 18, 2011 the Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter) held their First Annual Sigma Flag Football Tournament. Bro. Akeem Lloyd organized the Tournament, which was held at the Rutgers Camden Community Park in Camden, New Jersey. Nine teams participated in the inaugural tournament. All proceeds for the tournament were donated to the March of Dimes.

The winning team consisted of players from Rutgers Camden, Camden County College and Rowan University. Bros. Willie Shuler, Larry Jenkins, Rich Robinson, Steve Miller, Kevin Sweeper, Brian Jones, Danny Barnes and Steve Pollard served as referee, scorekeeper, and linesmen for the tournament. The Chapter would like to thank the Rutgers University Athletic Department, Student Activities Office and Bro. Vince Costello (Nu Sigma Chapter) for all their assistance.

Bro. Thom Nixon is the Chapter President of Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter. Zeta Rho Sigma serves Camden and Gloucester Counties in Southern New Jersey.

*The pictures were taken by Bro. Brian Jones*



**First Annual Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter  
Flag Football Tournament CHAMPIONS**

# 2011 Tyrone Baker Sr. Scholarship

## KAPPA UPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER

**WILLINGBORO, NJ** - Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter's 2011 Tyrone Baker Sr. Scholarship recipient is Tyler A. Scotton

Tyler A. Scotton attended Willingboro High School in Willingboro, New Jersey. He was in honors classes and remained on the honor roll every marking period while in high school. Tyler graduated high school ranked 4th out of 190 students in the senior class. He graduated high school with a grade point average of 4.1.

While at Willingboro High School Tyler took part in the Lockheed Martin Minorities in Engineering Program (MEP), was a member of the National Honors Society and took part in the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Tyler also found the time to play in the Willingboro High School Marching and Jazz Bands.

Tyler is truly a student athlete. He was the Burlington County Times (BCT) Wrestler of the Year. In 2011, Tyler finished his senior year ranked second in the state in the 135-weight class. He completed his high school wrestling career with the most wins in Burlington County history.

Tyler's father is Bro. Thomas Scotton. Bro. Thomas became a member of our wondrous band at Bucknell University in 1977. Tyler's cousin Terrance Scotton joined our great fraternity this past year on the campus of Northwestern University. Tyler attends Boston University and will major in accounting.

**Bros. Leon Crawford and Chris Wilson**



**Front:** Bro. Terrance Scotton, Bro. Thomas Scotton, Bro. Darryl Curtis, Tyler Scotton, Bro. Chris Wilson and Bro. Darryl Williams

**Rear:** Bros. Al Warner, Delando Woody, Noel Gibson, Milton Dilligard, Jerry Hamm

(Photo by Bro. Leon Crawford, Jr.)



Have a  
Safe and Blessed  
New Year!!!



**SIGMA HISTORY FACT:** Sigma Conclaves were not always held in the summer months. In the early years Conclaves were held every year in late December.

Here are a few images of those December Conclaves.



1939 / 25th Anniversary Conclave / Washington DC





**1956 Conclave Miami, FL**



**1963 Conclave Nashville, TN**

**from the Eastern Region Publicity Committee**

