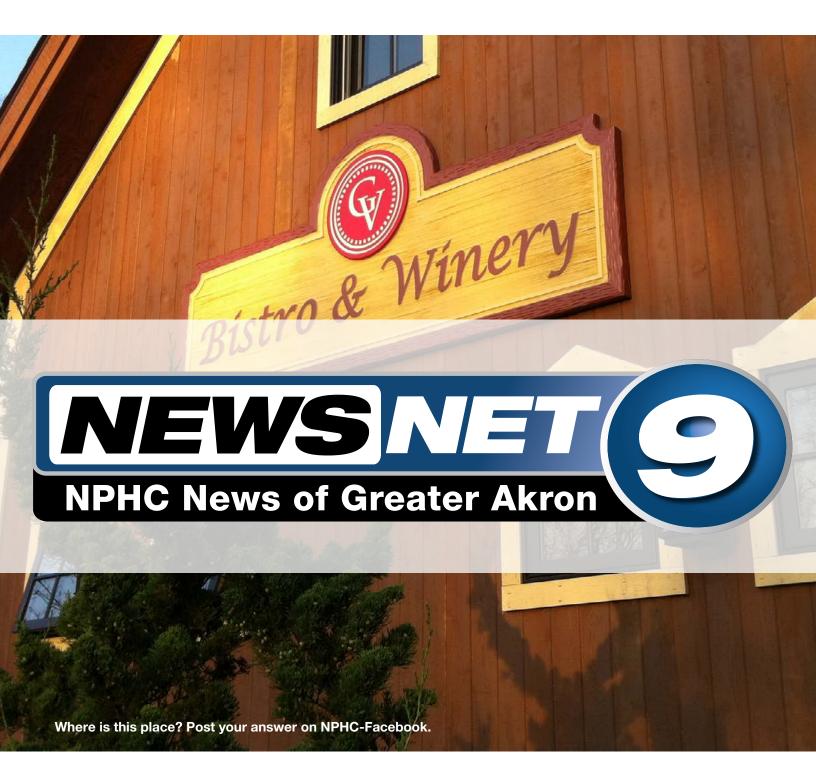
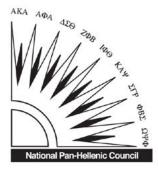
March 2014 edition





News of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater Akron

From The Desk of The President



Greetings Fraters and Sorors,

Welcome to Women's History month. March is the month that we celebrate the enormous contributions made by dynamic, trailblazing, visionary women like Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Myra Davis Hemmings, Arizona Cleaver Stemons, and Mary Lou Allison Gardner all founding members of our respective sororities.

Our organizations were founded by forward thinking college educated women committed to improving the lives of the people in their communities. This singular goal is the thread that binds all four of the sororities within the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

It is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Greater Akron Chapter of NPHC, Inc. on March 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. will host a "Sorority Roundtable" at the Doubletree Hotel in Fairlawn, OH. The goal of the Roundtable is to to discuss the challenges that face all of our sororities



such as hazing, promoting positive black images in the era of reality television, conducting high impact community service and increasing inter-organizational cooperation between sororities. Seating is limited for this highly anticipated event. If you would be interested in participating, please contact your Chapter's NPHC delegate for details.

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the brothers of lota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. I'm pleased to announce that they will joining our Akron NPHC family effective April 1, 2014.

I must take a minute to congratulate the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. They participated in the 11th annual Portage Lakes Polar Bear Jump held on February 22, 2014 at Lakes States Park. The event raises funds for the Ronald McDonald House of Akron. James Harris, Cameron Mack and Robert Coggins braved the chilly waters for a great cause! Rumor has it that they will be extending an invitation to the members of the Divine Nine to join them next year! I'm fairly sure, I already have plans that day.

I would like to encourage everyone to take a minute to reach out to a phenomenal women that has had a major impact on your life in honor of Women's History month. Share with her how HERstory helped to shape yours!

Time to run, I have a "bracket-ology" session on deck! Let's go OSU!!

In Service & Fellowship,

Chris Taylor-Neloms



President	Crystal Taylor Neloms	Delta Sigma Theta
VP	Anthony Garrett	Phi Beta Sigma
Treas.	Larry Tolson	Omega Psi Phi
Sec	Angela Malone	Delta Sigma Theta
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The Greater Akron Chapter of NPHC meets the 1st Monday of each month at the Maple Valley Library at 6:30 pm. **All Greeks are welcome.**



Alpha Phi Alpha



Upcoming Events:

Project Alpha

March 8, 2014 at 9:30am Alpha Center 662 Wolf Ledges Akron, Ohio 44311

Free

Alpha Kappa Alpha

UPDATES:

Audra Martin passed her state exam and is now a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)

Leona Wright Farris is receiving her 75 year membership acknowledgement at the 83rd Great Lakes Regional Conference April 10-13, 2014 and is now a Diamond Soror (75 years and above of membership)

Joanne C. Ray and Hazel Malone are receiving their 50 years of membership acknowledgement at the 83rd Great Lakes Regional Conference April 10-13, 2014 and is now a Golden Soror (50 years and above of membership)

Kim Wilson, Lula Pittman, and Milistine Tatum were recognized as being 25 year members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi





THE KAPPA FOUNDATION OF AKRON, OHIO, INC.

In conjunction with KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

Hosting

THE GEORGE C. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

MAY 17, 2014 Sheraton Suites – Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Reception 11:00am – Luncheon 11:00am Tickets \$40.00 per person

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Omega Psi Phi



Xi Chi Chapter Reads to Local School Children February 13, 2014 – Akron

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., read to children at Imagine Leadership Academy in recognition of Love to Read Day. Love to Read Day is celebrated near Valentine's Day where students share their love for reading with their families and community.

School administrator, Yolanda Brown, invited the Brothers of the Xi Chi Chapter because of their commitment to community involvement and students could see professional black men. Brown said, "the students absolutely loved it because they got to see men who looked like them and the staff enjoyed it because of the support from the Fraternity that could possibly build a partnership of educating the students."



Omega Psi Phi



YEPAW Slave Reenactment supported by Xi Chi Chapter March 28, 2014 – Akron

The Youth Excellence Performance Arts Workshop, YEPAW, staged a slave reenactment program at the East Akron Community House. The slave reenactment was created to provide youth an understanding of the history, a similated experience of slavery, successes during the early stages of freedom, the accomplishments of African Americans in Akron, and responsibility to keep progressing.

The Brothers of Xi Chi Chapter provided visual and audio support through footage of tribal elders providing an encouraging message to the youth before being taken into slavery. The footage was projected on a wall measuring over 10 feet in height and width. The Brothers of Xi Chi provided role play, as Brother Myron Lewis, portrayed a slave handler, emphasizing the experience of being auctioned off to slave masters.



Delta Sigma Theta



Delta Academy and Delta G.E.M.S. PRESENTS

2nd Annual Youth Diabetes Community Health Fair

Parents and students are invited to visit our health fair and learn about living with diabetes, tips for prevention, and healthy eating habits!

March 22, 2014, Noon – 3:00 PM

Crouse Community Learning Center

1000 Diagonal Road- Akron, Ohio 44320

Diabetes Awareness Poster Contest

Any student ages 6 to 18 who has not graduated from high school is eligible to apply. Top winners each receive cash prizes or gift certificates. If interested or if you have questions, email **Cindy Bell** (<u>cbell40299@aol.com</u>) by **March 17, 2014.** Entries will be received between **11:15 a.m. to Noon** at the **Crouse CLC**, 1000 Diagonal Road Akron, Ohio 44320 on **March 22, 2014.**

Guidelines:

- 1. Poster should only address the topic of DIABETES.
- 2. Entire poster must be mounted on poster or foam-core board and should not exceed 25 inches wide and 36 inches tall (landscape position). Must be able to stand alone on a table top. Poster can be single or double panels.
- 3. Participants name, age, and school should appear in the lower left corner of the poster.

Delta Sigma Theta

Soror Marquita Mitchell receives One Hope-One Dream award

This year's One Hope-One Dream award, made annually to alumni whose lives bring hope to others, went to Marquita Mitchell, who graduated from Hoban in 1995. degrees from the University of Akron and a master's at Kent State.

Click here to read more

Jewell Cardwell: LeBron cupcake makes its debut, helps other kids from Akron (Ohio.com)

Click here to read more







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Delta Sigma Theta



Kudos, to the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Akron Alumnae Chapter's Arts and Letter's Commission for donating 170 books to Schumacher Community Learning Center's library in honor of black history month.



(Pictured: Chair Chris Neloms, Brenda Cox, Principal Brandi Davis and President Torey Tolson.)

Phi Beta Sigma



Upcoming Event:

Scholarship Golf Outing July 12, 2014 at 1pm; Mayfair Country Club \$80/golfer; includes a) lunch, b) dinner and c) 18 holes of golf w/ cart

Zeta Phi Beta

Upcoming Events:

Stork's Nest "Eating for Two"

March 15, 2014 at 11am South Arlington United Methodist Church

Finer Womanhood Event

March 16, 2014 at 10:45am Providence Baptist Church 24111 Rockwell Avenue Euclid OH Church service followed by dinner at J. Alexander's Restaurant 5845 Landerbrook Drive Beachwood OH

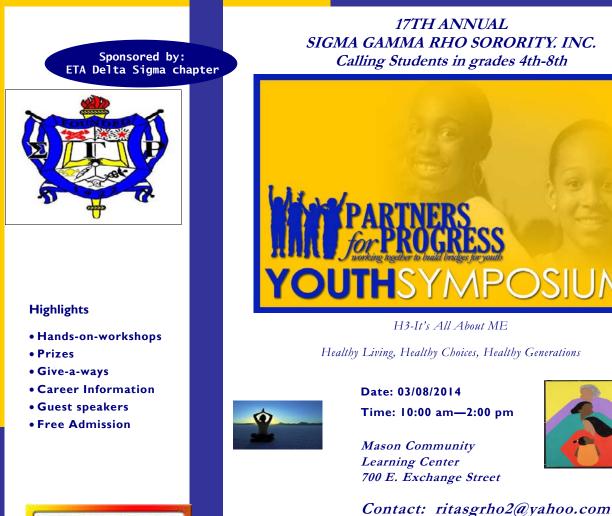
Regional conference - April 24, 2014; Cleveland

Elder Law Seminar

March 29, 2014 from 2pm to 4pm Vernon Odom Branch Library Featuring Attorney Margaret H Kreiner

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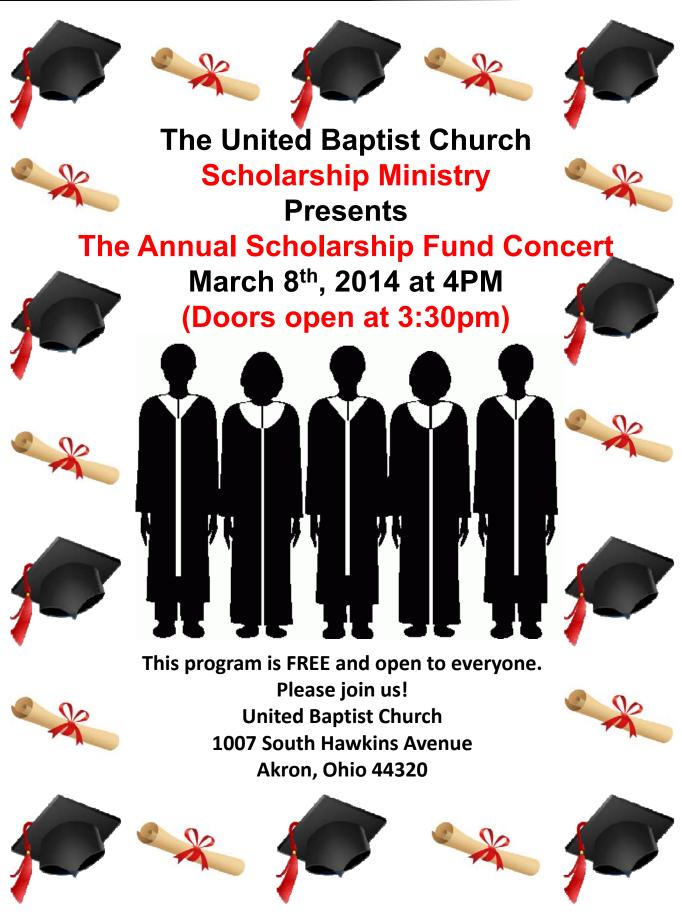
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Calling Students in grades 4th-8th







THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON



February 27, 2014

The University of Akron believes in providing opportunities to diverse individuals—especially to those who are not broadly represented on college campuses nationwide. It is in this spirit that we have launched a new scholarship program.

Scholarships of up to \$3,500 each may be awarded to entering freshmen who have been historically underrepresented on college campuses. Recipients may include the first in their family to go to college, students from rural or urban areas, or students whose socioeconomic circumstances may put college out of reach.

These students may be eligible for our new Underrepresented Student Scholarship. Scholarship recipients must be seeking an associate or bachelor's degree and have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), a 20 composite score on the ACT, or a 950 combined critical reading and math score on the SAT. Other factors that will be considered are extracurricular activities, evidence of leadership ability, creativity, community involvement, and a history of overcoming adversity. This scholarship is renewable for 8 consecutive semesters if the student has successfully completed a minimum of 12 credits for fall and 12 credits for spring each year AND has a 2.75 cumulative GPA by end of each spring semester.

Students should submit the scholarship application and personal statement online by accessing scholarship website at <u>www.uakron.edu/freshmanscholarships</u> no later than April 1, 2014. We are awarding scholarships on a rolling basis so early applications are encouraged!

We have worked hard to build an inclusive environment where students from every background feel welcome, engaged in campus life, and supported in achieving their academic and career goals.

Please feel free to share information about this scholarship opportunity. Mr. Patrick Jackson of the Office of Multicultural Development will be happy to answer any questions by telephone at 330-972-8357 or by email at <u>pj@uakron.edu</u>.

Sincerely,

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Event Date: Friday, April 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. John R Buchtel Community Learning Center 1040 Copley Road, Akron Ohio 44320

Event: "6th ANNUAL STEPPIN' IN THE NAME OF HEALTH COMMUNITY LINE DANCE MARATHON"

As a benefit for Ronald C. Clay, Unity365.com, along with RYGT Step and The Just Us Line Dancers, present **"Steppin' In The Name of Health Community Line Dance Marathon"**- a community event that provides organizations the opportunity to reach the community with information concerning healthy life-styles.

The goal of the event is to help educate the community of growing health issues effecting the African-American community and society as a whole. And to provide many of the nonprofit organizations, that assist the community with programs that promote healthy life-styles, an opportunity to show case their organizations and their services as well as raise financial support for their organization's individual mission. <u>A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales of this year's event will benefit the Ronald C. Clay charitable</u> foundation. Donations to the Ronald C. Clay charitable foundation may be made @ any First Merit Bank

"Steppin' In The Name of Health Community line Dance Marathon" is a giant line dance event constructed to be a health awareness fundraiser.

Organizations will enter teams of 5 or more members. Each team will solicit sponsorship from family and friends for the number of hours danced continuously on the dance floor. Organizations will keep 100% of the sponsorship dollars raised by their team.

During the event, healthy life style tips will be shared from the main stage and by vendors that purchase sponsorship packages.

**For information on how your organization can become a part of this event contact: Russel Neal @ russneal@untiy365.com .

739 North Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44310. www.unty365.com 330. 714. 8443



BLGC Dancing for Diabetes...



The Diabetes Committee hosted its *first of two* group activities for the *Biggest Loser Greek Challenge Competition*, **Dancing for Diabetes**, on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at Akron Summit Mall from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The event was a tremendous success! There were 35+ Greeks in attendance as well as 30 registered mall guests, and over 40 plus mall guest who were not registered, but participated. In all, we had *more than* 200 participants and on-lookers for the event! *Dancing for Diabetes* was enjoyed by all!

At the event, we passed out literature about diabetes and healthy living; provided complementary water; had a raffle for guests and gave out 6 prizes; and more importantly, we boogied down to great line dancing music for exercise, provided by S & G DJ Entertainment, until we could dance NO more!

In addition to reaching our goal of Diabetes Awareness to the community, and providing an opportunity for the group to exercise together, we were able to collect over 100 children's books for the Arts & Letters Book Drive for elementary school students. This made the event twice as beneficial!

Everyone looked great in their paraphernalia, with signs on their backs saying "Dancing for Diabetes" with all the Greek colors displayed throughout! Lots of pictures were taken, and we also received media recognition in the Beacon Journal.

The last Nutrition/Food Workshop held in Henry's Acme will be on Saturday, March 8, 2014 @ 2:30 pm with David Ferguson. I hope more Sorors will attend. Finally, the next group event will be held on March 15, 2014 @ 5:30 PM at Summit Mall. It will be the "Walk in the Mall to Get Small" walking event, the last group event for the Biggest Loser Greek Challenge!





Greeks On The Move

Project Learn will honor Soror Candace Campbell Jackson(DST) on April 1st at their Annual Leaders for Literacy Breakfast.



February Greek Trivia / Answers

- 1. Basileus
- 2. African Violet
- 3. Poodle
- 4. White Dove
- 5. Centaur

6. The Sphinx
7. Diamond
8. The Crescent
9. Lamp

10. Divine Nine

March Trivia Questions

- 1. Which fraternity was the only one to support the Million Man March in 1995?
- 2. Which organization has made National Acheivement Week an annual observance?
- 3. Which organization has 4 founders, whom are doctors?
- 4. Which organization's first act performed was participation in The Women's Suffrage March in Washington, DC?
- 5. Hattie McDaniels, who starred in Gone With the Wind belongs to which sorority?
- 6. Which organization has an initative "Afya Njema" which means good health in Swahili?
- 7. Which organization was the 1st to have a collegiate chapter, in Texas at Wiley College?
- 8. The "7 Jewels" belong to which organization?
- 9. Which organization utilizes the term "Ivy Beyond the Wall?



FYGI: For your greek information

Are you on the yard?

Check out the Prophytes App, a "Divine Nine" members only Fraternity & Sorority Network in ITunes and Google Play.

Privately Chat with your chapter members in the "My Chapter" tab

Click the image to visit website

Black Sororities Are So Special Specially Challenged?

This is an interesting article on the challenge of black sororities. We are sure there are more than five challenges. We have to take baby steps. Click the image to read the article.

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