



Founders' Day December 2023 Winter Edition



FOUNDERS' DAY '24

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter will be hosting several events in recognition of the fraternity's One - Hundred and Tenth Founders' Day. Festivities begin January 8th at 11pm on campus in the valley as Alpha Chapter welcomes brothers, friends and family into a new fraternity year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



On January 9th at 7:14pm, Alpha Chapter will be hosting its Founders' Day program and reception in the Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge. Refreshments will be served during the social hour.

January GBM Meeting

- **January 8 at 11pm on campus**
 - Bring in Founders' Day (Centennial Monument)
- **January 9 at 7:14pm on campus**
 - Founders' Day Program (Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge)
- **January 12 at 9 PM Dinner**
 - DC Capitol Square Bar and Grill
- **January 17 at 7PM GBM Meeting**
 - Google Meet (virtual only)

The January Alpha Chapter Alumni Foundation (ACAF) General Body Meeting (GBM) will take place virtually on Wednesday, January 17th at 7PM. Join us using the following:

Google Meet

Dial-in: 1-614-992-2303

PIN: 588419889



HELLO ALPHA CHAPTER ALUMNI BROTHERS,

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY BROTHER THAT MADE OUR FIRST FULL YEAR AS A FOUNDATION AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS. I AM ENCOURAGED THAT THE FOUNDATION WE LAID THIS YEAR WILL EMPOWER US TO MAKE AN IMPACT FOR OUR BELOVED ALPHA CHAPTER, HOWARD UNIVERSITY, AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. OUR SUCCESS IS OWED TO THE NUMEROUS BROTHERS THAT CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME, MONEY, AND EXPERTISE TO OUR CAUSE; AND I EXPECT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR MOMENTUM INTO 2024.

THIS YEAR AS A BOARD WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON “STACKING WINS” AND SETTING A STANDARD FOR THE FOUNDATION. THIS SPRING WE WERE ABLE TO WELCOME NINE BROTHERS INTO OUR ALPHA CHAPTER LINEAGE BY PROVIDING THEM WITH THEIR NEOPHYTE PACKAGE. WE ALSO LEFT A PERMANENT MARK ON HOWARD’S CAMPUS BY LAYING 77 BRICKS AS PART OF OUR FOUNDERS’ WALK PATHFINDER BRICK FUNDRAISER. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO DISPERSE NEARLY \$2,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CHAPTER’S MISS PHI BETA SIGMA PAGEANT WINNERS. THROUGH THESE AND OTHER FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES, WE SURPASSED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TOTAL REVENUE THIS YEAR. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR ME, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN SEEING BROTHERS FROM DIFFERENT GENERATIONS CONNECT, WHETHER THROUGH OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM OR OUR CHAPTER GATHERINGS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE FOR 2024 DURING OUR JANUARY GENERAL BODY MEETING. I ENCOURAGE EVERY BROTHER TO STAY CONNECTED WITH US VIA EMAIL, GROUPME, INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, OR JUST GIVE US A CALL.

SEASONS GREETINGS, HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND GOMAB TO THE GOOD BROS!

RUSSELL EDMONDS, 11-A-19

ACAF 2024 DUES AND 2023 INAUGURAL CERTIFICATES

SUPPORT THE
ACAF. PAY
YOUR
2024 DUES
TODAY!

As we enter the new year, it is our privilege to extend our gratitude for your support of the ACAF in 2023 and its mission to fortify Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Alpha Chapter.

We are pleased to inform you that the Inaugural Certificates (sample shown below) will be mailed soon to our alumni members who paid their 2023 dues before the deadline. We trust that these certificates serve as a tangible reminder of the impact your contributions make on our collegiate Alpha Chapter brothers.

At this time, we would like to kindly remind you that we are now accepting payments for 2024 ACAF dues. Your \$30.00 annual dues play a crucial role in providing the operational funds necessary for the ACAF to function effectively and support the ongoing initiatives of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Alpha Chapter. Your financial support empowers us to maintain our commitment to preserving the legacy of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter and our community.

We want to emphasize that your dues are tax-deductible, offering you a valuable opportunity to contribute to our cause while also benefiting from potential tax advantages.

To pay your 2024 dues or for any inquiries related to payments, please visit this link [ACAF 2024 Dues](#) or contact us directly at treasurer@pbsacaf.org, if you are experiencing trouble with the link.



COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT BRO. THEODORE DANIELS JR.

Bro. Theodore “Theo” Daniels Jr. (2-A-22) is the 1st Vice President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter. He also serves as the President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Daniels is an Environmental Science and Political Science double major, Community Development and Biology double minor who is slated to graduate at the end of this semester.

His commitment to community service is illustrated by his work on Howard University’s campus. In the wake of the violence at Howard East Plaza Towers, Daniels spoke with the Public Safety Department and Office of Student Affairs to combat the harm occurring on campus. He used his knowledge previously serving as Chief of Staff for the Howard University Student Association and with the Howard NAACP to better understand how to advocate for the student body and represent the NPHC.

He also served as an HBCU Climate Corps Intern this summer for the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice.

Daniels has been actively involved in advocating for climate awareness in underrepresented communities. His internships at notable institutions like the White House, HBCU Climate Corps, the US House of Representatives, and doing research at both the University of Washington and Stanford University, have focused on addressing climate issues through policy, science, and communication. On campus, he held various leadership roles, including Chief of Staff for the 62nd Howard University Student Association Administration and Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Chair for the Howard NAACP Chapter. Theo’s academic pursuits have included excelling in Howard’s Karsh STEM Scholars programs, doing advanced research projects, and working as a teaching assistant while working towards his impending graduation.





ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT BRO. DR. FREDRIC O. LEE

Hailing from Houston, Texas, Legacy Brother Fredric O. Lee pledged at Brown University, Iota Upsilon Chapter and subsequently transferred to Alpha Chapter. He matriculated from Howard University and continued his studies at New York University where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree. Brother Lee remains active as a member of Zeta Chi Sigma Chapter

STAY CONNECTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Phi Beta Sigma "Alpha
Chapter" Howard
University

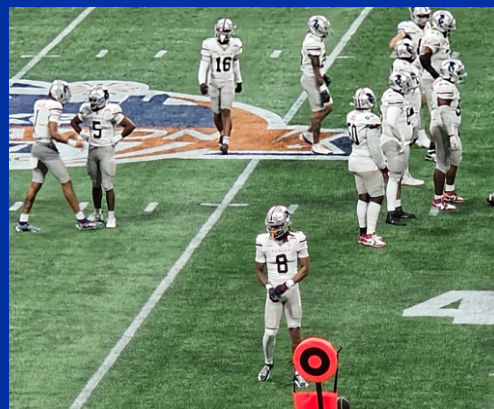


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CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD BISON FOOTBALL

The [Howard University Bison football team](#) won the 2023 MEAC title and represented the conference in the Cricket Celebration Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia on December 16th. The Bison took on the Florida A&M University Rattlers from the SWAC conference and lead for the majority of the game. Were it not for a few untimely miscues, your HU Bison football team would be the HBCU National Champions. The final score was FAMU 30, Howard 26. Special shout out to our grad Sigma brother and Bison football team member, wide receiver, [Bro. Wayne Dennis, Jr. #8](#)





ACAF Directory

If you have not already done so, please record your contact information in the [Alpha Chapter Database Update Form](#) to ensure that you receive all future communications from the ACAF. If you would like to update any of your contact information, please send the information you would like updated to correspondingsec@pbsacaf.org.



SIGN UP FOR AN ACAF COMMITTEE, IT BENEFITS THE COLLECTIVE BROTHERHOOD!

The best way to stay engaged as an alumni brother is by getting involved with a committee. If you are interested in serving on a committee(s) please fill out this [form](#). For more information about each ACAF committee and what they seek to accomplish, refer to the [2023 ACAF Committee Descriptions](#) document.



CHAPTER HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT BRO. MIKEL L. HUSBAND

Mikel L. Husband, affectionately known to us as “Foz”, was a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. He became a member of Alpha Chapter in the spring of 1991 (3-A-91). Following graduation from Howard University in 1993 and pursuing a career in journalism, he later returned to his alma mater where he served as editor of the Howard Magazine, Director of Communications for Howard University, advisor to the Hilltop and Bison Yearbook, as well as an adjunct professor in journalism. Foz also became the collegiate advisor for Alpha Chapter in 2002 and served faithfully in that role until 2007.

Mikel was always a dapper dresser and well known for his love of BOW TIES, which he shared with his father, Ronald Husband, growing up in San Dimas, California. In Sigma, Foz became known as the brother with the bowtie - wearing bowties long before it ever became a trend. When Foz transitioned to the Omega Chapter in 2007, as a show of love and one final tribute to this great man of Sigma, brothers in attendance at his funeral, wore bowties in his honor. Most brothers did not own a bowtie or know how to even tie a bowtie, but bought bow ties specifically for the occasion. Many learned to tie them on the spot, shortly before the ceremony. Today, 16 years later, his legacy and the tradition live on with brothers in his chapters - Alpha and Tri-Sigma. Many of us are now avid bowtie wearers and wear them in remembrance of Mikel L. Husband aka “Foz” who was a trendsetter long before it became THE fashion statement of 2007 and beyond.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC & MOORLAND SPINGARD RESEARCH CENTER



In commemorating Black History Month, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and Moorland-Spingarn Research Center have developed this symposium on February 27, 2024 from 12pm - 4pm. This began with conversations with the research center's leadership and brothers of Phi Beta Sigma who work within Moorland. These conversations produced a perspective of what these organizations have contributed to history.

Moorland-Spingarn is the largest privately owned repository dedicated to the Black Experience, and Phi Beta Sigma is a fraternity with a century's worth of diligently serving humanity and working to better the same. The by product of this exchange was a proposed symposium that will draw up the strengths of each organization, beginning with history. This will be the beginning of an enduring symbiotic relationship between the two.

Its multifaceted purpose of enlightenment, enrichment, and pride is geared toward the Howard University Community and the Greater D.C. area. The Moorland-Spingarn research center will host this symposium and will welcome several brothers of Phi Beta Sigma as presenters in their respective fields, all grounded in preservation, conservation, and reclamation.

The featured topics will include discussions of Historic Preservation and Landmarks, Black History: The Underexplored, Phi Beta Sigma: The Legacy of Alpha Chapter. Additionally, the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center will curate an exhibit to convey what the archives show of Phi Beta Sigma's legacy, and present a microcosm of Moorland's collections. It is with the utmost intentionality and appreciation for Black History that has birthed this endeavor.



BANNER FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We are excited to inform those of you who purchased banners during our recent fundraiser that your banner order is being processed and will be shipped in January. We understand the significance of these banners and their importance in commemorating your contributions to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc, Alpha Chapter and your support for the ACAF. We are no longer accepting orders for custom banners, but will ship standard banners until our limited supplies are exhausted. Should you have any questions about your standard or custom banner, please email treasurer@pbsacaf.org. Thank you for your continued support of the foundation and its fundraising efforts.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Brothers, please look for your annual contribution statements from the ACAF for 2023. The statements have been emailed to the address we have in the ACAF database. Look for the following Subject line in your email: "Your Contribution Statement for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Alpha Chapter Alumni Foundation 2023" If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Andre Campbell at treasurer@pbsacaf.org.



Moorland-Spingarn Research Center

IN MEMORIAM



OMEGA CHAPTER BRO. GREGORY TYRONE MCCANDIES, JR

Brother Gregory Tyrone McCandies, Jr (Known as Tyrone) was born July 25th, 1976 in Brooklyn, New York and grew up in Lexington, NC.

Brother Tyrone crossed the burning sands of Sigma in Spring 1999 (1-A-99) Alpha Chapter where he was active on campus. Brother Tyrone wrote for the Hilltop and ran his own sports columns. During his time on campus he also called both Howard University Football and Basketball games as well. He graduated in 2001 with B.A. in Radio Production.

His love for sports and sports history was awesome. He had memory for stats from almost every sport especially for college football. Brother Tyrone was a big fan of the New York Mets, UNC Tarheels and the Carolina Panthers.

Brother Tyrone McCandies made his transition on November 18th to the Omega Chapter and will be missed. He was a great Husband, Father, Son, Friend and definitely....A GREAT BROTHER.



OMEGA CHAPTER BRO. DWIGHT A. BUSHNELL

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the brothers of Apocalypse '85 announce that our Sands, Dwight A. Bushnell (3-A-85) transitioned to Omega Chapter on October 6th. Bush was soft spoken yet firm, when he decided that this was the way something was going to be done, that is how it was done. He was deceptively athletic, he was thin but was strong and fast, he was a member of the Howard Track Team. He would give and do anything for the people he cared about and loved, but do not mistake his kindness for weakness because he would stand his ground. There were many days he would call to check on us in the midst of dealing with his condition. Bushnell had a successful career as an electrician after leaving Howard and was the father to two daughters (Taneisha and Alisa). We love and miss you Brother!

Brothers of Apocalypse 85

1-A-85 Avery

2-A-85 Reginald

3-A-85 Dwight

4-A-85 Zachary

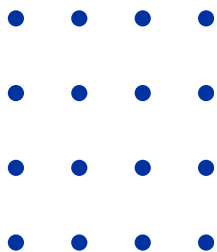
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JANUARY 2024 GENERAL BODY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH @ 7PM EST

VIRTUAL: [GOOGLE MEET](#)

[DIAL IN: 1-614-992-2303, PIN: 588419889](#)



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated

Alpha Chapter

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The Centennial Monument
THE VALLEY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 9, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, continues to hold true to its motto. Culture For Service and Service For Humanity. The brothers of our fraternity will be celebrating for the 110th time the day in which our wonderous band was founded.

Please join us on January 8, at eleven o'clock p.m., in the Valley for fellowship and refreshments.

The brothers of Alpha Chapter will be hosting a program and reception on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:14 p.m. in the Blackburn Gallery Lounge. In the social hour, refreshments will be served.

Fraternally yours,

Andre J. Williams

President, Alpha Chapter



Celebrating **FOUNDERS' DAY IN THE DISTRICT**

HOST DMV CHAPTERS

ALPHA SIGMA, ZETA CHI SIGMA AND SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA CHAPTERS



FRIDAY : JANUARY

5TH 2024

Alpha Sigma hosts First Friday Happy Hour at the Sigma House **7:00 PM — 11:00 PM**

📍 119 Division Ave NE DC, 20019

Black Spend Initiative **9:00 PM — 1:00 AM** at

📍 DC Capital Square Bar and Grill

(1500 East Capitol Street NE - 20003)

SATURDAY : JANUARY

6TH 2024

10:00 AM Project Vote Initiative: Canvas to Support Brother State Delegate Mike Rogers Run for Congress,

📍 Genergi Logistics Warehouse 7526 Connelly Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

Operation Earline's Plate Free Grocery Distribution **10am-3pm**

Eastover Shopping Center | 📍 5021-5225 MD-210, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

SUNDAY : JANUARY

7TH 2024

Founders' Wreath Laying Ceremony

Prayer & Rededication Service

Coordinated by Theta Tau Sigma Chapter & Alpha Sigma Chapter

📍 4001 Suitland Rd Suitland, MD 20746

MONDAY : JANUARY

8TH 2024

Midnight Founders' Recognition at the Centennial Monument beginning at **11:00 PM** Howard University — Hosted by Alpha Chapter and Sigma Sigma Sigma Chapter

TUESDAY NIGHT :
JANUARY

9TH 2024

7:14 PM Alpha Chapter Hosting Founders' Day at Howard University

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Founders' Day — the 9th Party at the Gathering Spot

8:00 PM Live Streaming of Global Founders' Day 110



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