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Greetings Alumni Brothers,

I am Russell Edmonds, 11-A-19, and I serve as the Interim President of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter Alumni Foundation (ACAF), a 501(c)(3) organization. The foundation was founded during our October 20th, 2022 meeting at homecoming. Since then your Interim Board has been hard at work to set us on the road to success. This note serves to invite you to our [Virtual General Body Meeting on January 6th](#) and fill you in on everything you need to know as an alumnus of Alpha Chapter.

I. Who We Are & What We've Accomplished

As mentioned previously, our newly minted Alpha Chapter Alumni Foundation was founded this past October. The foundation grew out of the long overdue need for us to organize our efforts, energy, and resources as an alumni group to serve one another and to serve the Alpha Chapter that we hold dear to our hearts. Although we are new and still figuring things out we have lofty aims, including a new scholarship named in honor of our late Brother Steve Taylor. Most importantly, we look to be brotherly and have a good time because that is what we are best at. You are encouraged to read over the [ACAF Constitution](#) if you are interested in the structure of the foundation and how it will operate.



The specific purpose of the organization is to:

- Foster networking, collaboration, and fraternal relations among Alpha Chapter alumni brothers;
- Further the aims of Brotherhood, Scholarship, & Service;

- Promote scholarship among the Howard University Community via scholarships and other methods;
- Support the current Alpha Chapter with the resources to accomplish their aims;
- Facilitate fraternal and professional development among current Alpha Chapter brothers to ensure the long-term viability and success of the chapter;
- Advocate in the interest of the Howard University community; and
- Dynamically meet the needs and goals of its membership



During our October general body meeting, we introduced the idea of the ACAF to the larger brotherhood. We also installed an interim board to serve until the upcoming board elections in April 2023. We also had updates on our status as a non-profit organization; presently we are recognized by the District of Columbia and the IRS as a non-profit corporation. Very soon we expect to get confirmation from the IRS that we qualify as a 501(c)(3) organization which will vastly expand what we are able to accomplish. As a registered 501(c)(3) we will be able to accept donations that can be written off as a tax-write off. Meaning all contributions to the foundation will actually benefit you when tax season rolls around. We are working to continue the momentum into our January 2023 general body meeting in which we will install committee members and build out our reach as a foundation. **You are able to register for the virtual general body meeting now through [Eventbrite](#).**

For brothers located in the DC area, the Sigma Sigma Sigma Chapter is hosting [The Black Party](#) on January 9th at 6pm to celebrate our 109th Founders' Day.



II. What We Need From You

As an Alpha Chapter alumnus **you are strongly encouraged to contribute to the sustainability of the foundation via your \$30 annual dues.** Brothers who pay their ACAF dues by the October 31st, 2023 deadline will receive a certificate recognizing them as an Inaugural Member of the Alpha Chapter Alumni Foundation. **Dues can be made payable to the Foundation Treasurer via any of the following methods:**

Zelle: treasurer@pbsacaf.org | PayPal: www.paypal.me/PBSACAF | Venmo: @PBSACAF

In the subject line of your transaction please include your name, your line tag (e.g., 11-A-19) and a description of your donation so we can confirm your dues payment.

If you wish to make an additional tax-deductible contribution to the foundation so that we may reach our \$7,500 seed fundraising goal, please inquire by sending an email to fundraising@pbsacaf.org.

Currently the largest hurdle for our success is connecting with one another. As such we are assembling an official and exhaustive Alpha Chapter Directory. To do so we need to get accurate and up to date information directly from each brother. At your earliest convenience **please complete the [Alpha Chapter Database Update Form](#)** to ensure that you receive upcoming communications from the foundation. We promise not to overwhelm your inbox, and if you wish not to receive communication you can indicate that to the board via the form. If you have any questions regarding the directory please reach out to correspondingsec@pbscaf.org.

III. How You Can Help

If you are looking for ways to get engaged with the foundation we will be installing committees at our January meeting. The committees of the foundation are the:

1. Homecoming Committee, Chair: [Brother Brandon Wallace, 1-A-05](#)
2. New Member Committee, Chair: [Brother Brandon Wallace, 1-A-05](#)
3. Fundraising Committee, Chair: [Brother Andre Campbell, 2-A-18](#)
4. Bereavement Committee, Chair: [Brother John Jackson, 1-A-84](#)
5. Chapter Development Committee*
6. Brother Steven E. Taylor Scholarship Committee*
7. Brotherhood Committee, Chair: [Brother Alexander Stephens, 6-A-19](#)
8. Nominations Committee, Chair: [Brother Eric Gilliam, 1-A-82](#)

(*) Committees denoted with an asterisk are in need of a chair.

If you are interested in serving on a committee(s) please reach out to board@pbsacaf.org ahead of the January meeting. For more information about each committee and what they plan to accomplish next year refer to the [2023 ACAF Committee Descriptions](#) document.

The ACAF is a long overdue undertaking. There will be many opportunities to fellowship, participate and serve. We look forward to serving you and helping to ensure that Alpha Chapter continues to thrive and flourish. This message is intended for current and all brothers formerly holding membership in the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter so please freely share this correspondence with brothers in your circle.

I wish you and your loved ones peace, prosperity and happiness during this holiday season and the coming new year. The ACAF board looks forward to seeing you in January and continuing to fulfill our commitment to Culture for Service and Service for Humanity.

Fraternally,

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Interim President

on behalf of,

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