

GREEK LIFE

The Background and Information you should know about Historically Black Greek Organizations



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

24th- 29th Thanksgiving Break

30th Class Resumes Remotely

December

7th-10th Finals Week

10th Fall Semester Ends

January

11th Spring Semester begins

18th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning

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HISTORY OF BLACK GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

The creation of the Divine Nine

In the early 20th century, many African American students who attended universities were often banned from joining organizations on campus and had little to no opportunity to bond and form connections with other students experiencing the same things. For this reason, Alpha Phi Alpha was formed. Initially as a study and support group, the organization expanded and eventually influenced the creation of other organizations.

The first nine organizations became known as the Divine Nine and each have been uplifting, supporting, and fighting for Black communities nationally and globally.

Below are the founding years and colleges of the Divine Nine:

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, FOUNDED 1906, CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, FOUNDED 1908, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, FOUNDED 1911, INDIANA UNIVERSITY
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, FOUNDED 1911, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, FOUNDED 1913, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, FOUNDED 1914, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, FOUNDED 1920, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, FOUNDED 1922, BUTLER UNIVERSITY
IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, FOUNDED 1963, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Term of the Month:

Tone Policing

noun

the action or practice of criticizing the angry or emotional manner in which a person has expressed a point of view, rather than addressing the substance of the point itself.

Source: Oxford Dictionary



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The Divine Nine

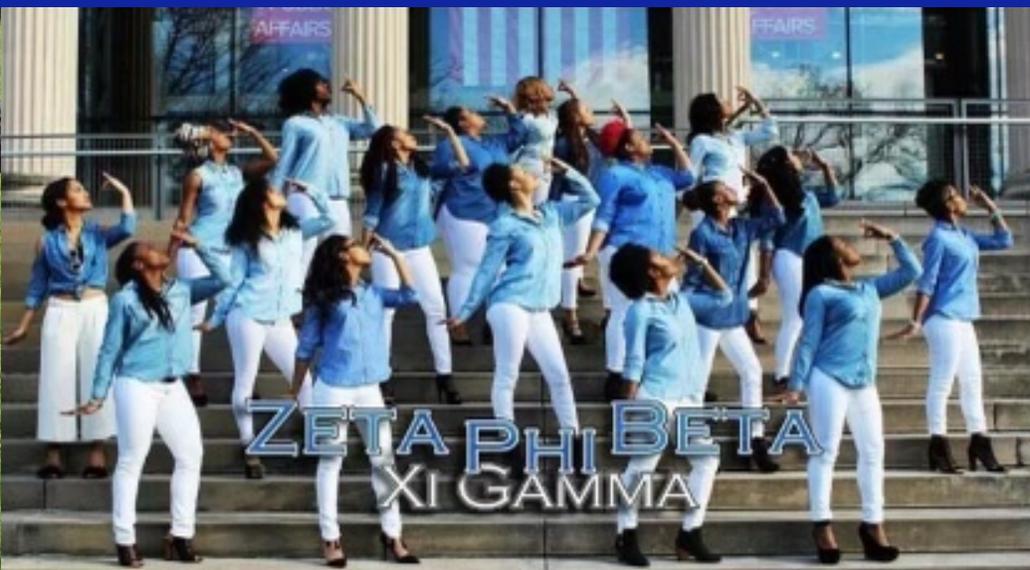


Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has a mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind".

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is focused on fostering the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil & cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood. These ideals can be seen demonstrated in the sorority's national program for which its members and provide voluntary service to staff, community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change.





Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. aims to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy for our communities. It is the first intercollegiate greek letter organization for men of African descent. Its objectives are to stimulate the ambitions of its members; to prepare them for the greatest usefulness in the causes of freedom, humanity and dignity of the individual; to encourage the highest and noblest form of manhood; and to aid downtrodden humanity in its efforts to achieve a higher social, economic and intellectual status. The Fraternity lives by the motto: "First of all, Servants of all, We shall transcend all."



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. focuses on uniting college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of Fraternity while encouraging honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor and promoting the spiritual, social, intellectual and moral welfare of its members. They also have the goal to assist the aims and purposes of colleges and universities by inspiring service in the public's interest.





Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has a purpose to bring about union of college men of similar high ideals of scholarship in order to stimulate the attainment of ideas and ambitions of all members. They're progressive, helpful, and constructive in political life of the community and nation while also fostering the humanity, freedom and dignity of the individual.



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is a historically Black Greek Lettered Organization that upholds the great ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service carefully selected by their Founders Most Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown. Through their various programs they uphold the motto: "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity in the effort to give back to the community that raised us."

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. has been leading development of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, fidelity, and Brotherhood among men. They continue to raise the standard for student organization programming, as well as emphasizing individuality.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Malik Murray

Class of 2020

2019 initiate of the Omicron Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

"No matter where you come from, you deserve to be in college. You can do this. Believe in yourself, invest in yourself, take care of your heart, mind and body. Surround yourself with people that water you and don't settle for anything below what you deserve. You are a living, breathing miracle. Keep going!"

Malik Murray currently is an audio engineer and youth mentor. He enjoys music, writing, photography, video games, watching movies, going to the gym (before COVID). During his time at Capital, Malik was a mentor for Smooth Transitions; a member of three Multi-Cultural organizations: the Ebony Brotherhood Association (EBA), Students of Latinx Affinity (SOLA), and Students for the Advancement of Afrikan America Culture (SAAAC); a 2019 initiate of the Omicron Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated as well as a member of the Order of Omega Honor Society. Finally, Malik also worked in the Capital's Office of Diversity and Inclusion. He was able to help plan programs like the MLK Day of Learning and the Alumni of Color Cookout. His favorite memory is his entire time in the Smooth Transitions program! Malik says that he has had amazing groups of mentees and enjoys the amazing connections he has made with mentees and other mentors. Malik was and continues to be passionate about the Black student experience at Capital. He's currently working with a group of other Alumni now to create a network for Black Alumni to better connect with each other and current students. You can keep up with the alumni by searching for BlackCapFam on Twitter and Instagram.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Dejah Malone

Class of 2021

2019 initiate of the Pi Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." -Proverbs 3:5

Dejah is currently the Treasurer of Pi Gamma chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Treasurer of SAAAC, and a general body member of the international business fraternity, Delta Sigma Piquote. Upon her graduation in May, she will be working full time as an Internal Audit Analyst with JPMorgan Chase. Dejah says she will forever treasure all the memories and connections made within the ODI family, and that she will miss everyone dearly!

We would like to pay tribute to two
Greek organization members who
passed away: Anthony Floyd, a Sigma
who attended Capital University and
Raven Samone Smith, who was an
AKA in the Columbus city wide
chapter. May they Rest in Peace.

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The 30th Annual

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Learning

Presented Virtually

Monday, January 18, 2021

Why We *Still* Can't Wait



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