

The House of Alpha
Ohio District Conference
Chapter of the Year Competition

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter
Cincinnati, OH



The Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is steeped in a rich local, regional and national history. Evolving out the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the University of Cincinnati to place the intellectual effort of a growing class of professionals to work, we have seven decades of advancing leadership and impact for the community we reside in.

Delta Gamma Lambda embodies the mission of our beloved organization.

ΔΓΑ develops leaders,

ΔΓΑ promotes brotherhood and academic excellence,

ΔΓΑ provides service and advocacy for our communities.

The Alpha Train is slowly coming, I gotta keep on pushing.

The Alpha Train is slowly coming, I gotta keep on pushing.

There's some Alphas in this house and the train is pulling in, the train is pulling in

ALPHA PHI ALPHA- Black and Old Gold.

Stop One:
LEADERSHIP



Leading Chapter.

76
 YEARS
 IN ALPHA

**45th General
 Convention**
 HOST CHAPTER

The Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was chartered December 20, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio. On December 26-30, 1959, Delta Gamma Lambda and Alpha Alpha Chapters **hosted the 45th General Convention.** During this convention, **Bro. Theodore M. Berry, Cincinnati OH's first black mayor, (General Counsel, 1937),** presented the NAACP award of honor to the General President, Bro. Myles A. Paige. It was the convention where the announcement was made to the brotherhood of the passing of Jewel Brother Nathaniel Allison Murray on December 6th of the same year.

1st Black Mayor
 of CINCINNATI, OH

Delta Gamma Lambda was established during the fraternity's era of **"militant liberalism" and took aggressive action to eliminate segregation and discrimination** against Negroes and to secure full civil rights. One of Delta Gamma Lambda's founding members, Bro. Darwin Turner, is the youngest graduate in the history of the University of Cincinnati.

Youngest Graduate
 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
 HISTORY

Our resolve remains strong and continues even today.



Leading With a National Focus:



Delta Gamma Lambda has successfully executed the national programs of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Through embracing the AIMS of dear fraternity, we have successfully established Alpha Phi Alpha's national footprint into **the 25th largest metropolitan area in the country**. Annually Delta Gamma Lambda has successfully delivered:

112

REGISTERED STUDENTS FOR
GTHSGTC IN 2024

1,200 HOMES

CANVASSED FOR VOTER
REGISTRATION

- Project Alpha
- Brother's Keeper Program
- Go-To-High School, Go-To-College
- A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People
- March of Dimes

Growing The House of Alpha

The efforts of the Delta Gamma Lambda chapter are being noticed. Through active leadership and setting the example for service to the community, **DGL chapter has grown in both presence and numbers.**

165

MEMBERS
ANNUALLY

The Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter is **one of the largest chapters in the Ohio District** with an active membership of over 165 Brothers within the last year. This is a sharp increase from our membership roster of just 76 several years ago.

+50%

INCREASE IN LOCAL MEMBERSHIP
SINCE NOVEMBER 2023

Our newest members are active and bringing value to what we do. Through their involvement, we have new and innovative programs and new events.

We have successfully initiated our Reclamation initiative and are identifying and inviting brothers back into the House of Alpha.



© Brian K. Swann

Leading Our Community.

Consistent with our tradition of active leadership, Delta Gamma Lambda remains active in social activism. Our chapter is composed of several of the foremost advocates of various causes in our regions. Several notable members include:

Police Community Relations	Bros. Phillip Black, Deon Mack, and Tyler Whittaker are part of The Sentinel Police Association within the Cincinnati Police Department. This group of African American officers address discriminatory practices, ensure equality in hiring and job assignments, and works toward police reform in the spirit of equity in treatment and positive community relationships.
Religious and Academic Institutions	Bro. Andra Ward, Bro. Jerome Weaver, and Bro. Horace Withers are all Pastors within the Cincinnati community and place Alpha leadership in Cincinnati's oldest African American neighborhoods. Bro. Kevin Williams, Bro. Dean Bryon, and Bro. Romell Salome is the Principal at Silverton High School, the Assistant Principal at Hughes High School, and the Assistant Director at Taft High School, respectively.
Economic Development	Bro Sean Rugless – A Mayoral Appointee, serves as Chair for the Economic Inclusion Advisory and Accountability Board of the City of Cincinnati. The EIAAB provides oversight to the City's Minority and Women Business Enterprise program and spending. He is the former President of the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce; the premier advocate for black businesses within our region and the state of Ohio's largest black chamber by membership.
Cultural Institutions	Bro Chris Miller – Program Director of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the midwest's leading African American cultural institution.
Criminal Justice	Bro Fanon Rucker – The Honorable Fanon A. Rucker has served as a Hamilton County Municipal Court judge since 2007 and retired in 2021. At the time of his appointment, he was 35 years old and the youngest jurist on the bench in Ohio.
Health	Bro Keith Melvin – Dr. C Keith Melvin MD has 37 years of experience and practices Internal Medicine. He is an active community advocate on health and is co-founder of Black & White Cancer Survivors Ball which raises cancer awareness and funding for research, especially for the local minority communities where medical research shows that minorities are disproportionately affected by breast and prostate cancer despite fundamental breakthroughs.
Homeless housing	Bro. Michael Davis –Former Board President of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati (IHN). IHN helps homeless families to find and retain stable housing. The organization is assisted by volunteers from over 100 churches, synagogues, and mosques to serve over 200 families; 80% of these families are African-American and the majority are headed by single moms.



**Stop Two:
 BROTHERHOOD**

ONE ALPHA....

4

**COLLEGE
 CHAPTER
 ADVISED**

The Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter lives in the House of Alpha and works across chapters and partners in the spirit of leadership and service.

- ALPHA ALPHA** (UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI)
- SIGMA GAMMA** (XAVIER UNIVERSITY)
- RHO GAMMA** (NORTHERN KENTUCKY)
- DELTA UPSILON** (MIAMI UNIVERSITY)

6

**STATEWIDE
 REGIONAL
 NATIONWIDE**

Bro. Andra Ward
 General Organization IMDP Co-chair and Sub-committee on College Chapter Advisor Training.

Bro. Jeff Jordan:
 Midwestern Regional Staff, Convention Registrar

Bro. Brian Swann and Bro. Derek Welch:
 IMDP Master Trainers

Bro. Phil Black:
 Midwestern Region Chair of Discipline and Grievance
 Midwestern Appointment as IMDP Trainer and Cluster Dean

Bro. Eddie U. Perry:
 Ohio Southwest Area Director

Founder's Day Luncheon

Founder's Day 2023 stands as a testament to our fraternity's unwavering commitment to honor our heritage, celebrate achievements, and inspire future excellence. Held on December 2, 2024, at the prestigious Dillard Business and Conference Center, the event radiated with the theme "**Aspire - Innovate - Activate**," setting the tone for a day of reflection and forward momentum. Guided by the insightful words of our esteemed Bro. Dr. Darryl Rice, whose keynote address resonated deeply with all in attendance and was eloquently introduced by Collegiate Brother Jared Perkins of Delta Upsilon.



Drawing nearly 100 brothers, both alumni and collegiate, the occasion fostered a sense of unity and purpose as we gathered to nourish both body and spirit, with delectable cuisine provided by Pierre Entities, a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit within our own ranks through the ownership of DGL's own Xavier Pierre. Highlighting the exemplary contributions of our members, this Founder's Day served as a platform to honor distinguished awardees from Fraternal Year 2324, including recipients of prestigious accolades such as the "Clarence Frazier Brother of the Year Award," bestowed upon the deserving Bro. Glenn Dawson, and the "President's Award," rightfully earned by Bro. Dean Bryson. Notably, the event also featured a special recognition presented by Alpha Alpha to Bro. Clarence Frazier, further underscoring the profound impact of our brotherhood's legacy.



As we eagerly anticipate this year's Founder's Day celebration on December 7th, 2024, let us continue to uphold the values of brotherhood, leadership, and service that define our fraternity's enduring legacy.



WORKING
 COLLABORATIVELY....

Go To High School Go To College



Delta Gamma Lambda continuously partners with other black greek organizations to expand our service impact. *Collectively, we touch hundreds of families, over 400 youth, and participate in projects that touch thousands.*

All organizations within the NPHC were present at our 2023 **Go-To High School, Go To College** event, including Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, and Iota Phi Theta.

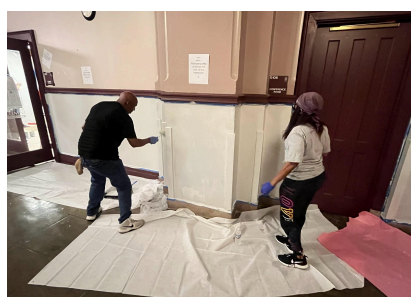
In March 2024, 64 students attended our program and encountered representatives from VPHP committee, ROTC, The University of Cincinnati, Central State University, Kentucky State, Northern Kentucky University, The University of Toledo, and the members from each branch of the US Army, among others.

The breakout sessions focused on ACT/SAT prep for junior and senior highschool students, discussions with UC admission's office, and the keynote session by Bro. Dr. Rice.



Hughes High-School Restoration

In collaboration with the Hughes Alumni Association, 30 Brothers of Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter painted the alumni foyer of Hughes STEM High School on July 22, 2023. Hughes is **the oldest public high school in Cincinnati, OH** and the painting was peeling off the walls. After the brothers completed the job, students, families, alumni, and community partners expressed the revitalized energy felt in this foyer.



2023 Double A Tailgate

This year, Delta Gamma Lambda proudly sponsored the **20th Annual Double A Tailgate** for the University of Cincinnati's Homecoming. The event successfully brought the community together;



Greater Cincinnati NPHC Greek Picnic

In Summer 2023, all nine organizations of the NPHC got together for a time of fellowship and relaxation, creating memories while strengthening the bonds. Over 200 people were in attendance that day. Delta Gamma Lambda is a proud sponsor for that event.



Stop Three:
 YOUTH +
 ACADEMIC
 EXCELLENCE



Leaders of Tomorrow

50

YOUNG MEN
 ANNUALLY

\$25,000

SCHOLARSHIPS TO AFRICAN
 AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL
 STUDENTS

\$55,000+

RAISED IN 2023

- DERBY PARTY
- ALPHA GOLF OPEN
- CINCINNATI FESTIVALS

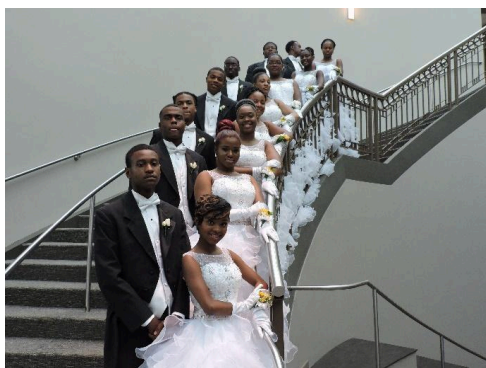
17

TRANSITIONED
 TO BECOME ALPHAS

Among its many accomplishments, the chapter and foundation have contributed over \$25,000 in scholarships to African-American high school students. **The Alpha Esquire Youth Group** was established in 2002 as a mentoring program for youth ages 8-18 years of age and has a membership of over 50+ young men annually.

The youth group provides a conduit for the chapters' **Project Alpha, Go To High School Go To College, Action In Moment (AIM) Mentoring Program** and other youth development activities in Cincinnati.

Since 2015, we have supported between 75-80 young men in the Alpha Esquire program; we started with 12 in 2002. The first graduates left the program in 2007. **We have graduated and sent 80 young men to college.** To date we have 11 Alpha Esquires who are now members of Alpha Phi Alpha.



Black Quick Bowl

The Black Quiz Bowl was an extraordinary showcase of intellect and community engagement, embodying the essence of excellence and empowerment. Featuring formidable teams including **The Alpha Esquire Youth Group, The Delta Academy, The Kappa League, and CCPA**, the event drew an impressive attendance of approximately **90 individuals**.



In a testament to their dedication and knowledge, the winners emerged triumphant, with The Alpha Esquires claiming top honors in both the High School and Elem/Middle Categories, closely followed by CCPA and Delta Academy, respectively. Recognizing their exceptional achievements, cash awards totaling \$600 were distributed among the deserving participants, with \$50 per player for 1st place and \$25 per player for 2nd place.



This event not only celebrated academic prowess but also highlighted the remarkable growth and potential of our youth, **inspiring them to reach greater heights and embrace their heritage with pride**. As we commemorate Black History Month, let us continue to nurture and support the next generation, fostering a legacy of excellence and leadership within our fraternity and beyond.



The event, held in February 2024, marked a pivotal moment in our fraternity's commitment to academic excellence and community engagement. Spearheaded by esteemed leaders Aaron Clark and Myron Brown II, both former Esquires, alongside the guidance of Steven Clark Sr., the Quiz Bowl underscored the profound impact of the pipeline that Cincinnati Alphas create from high school through college and into alumni chapters. Their leadership not only ensured the success of the event but also exemplified the transformative journey our members undertake, embodying the values of mentorship, education, and service that define our fraternity's legacy.



Service

In the delivery of the AIMS of our dear fraternity, the Chapter has developed special platforms to direct service to the areas our community needs the most.

Service to Our Community

30

BROTHERS MARCHING

MLK Commemorative Civil Rights March – In honor of our dear brother, over 30 Alphas annually convene to the parade route as a visual symbol of solidarity in black men and commitment to community.

84 UNITS of BLOOD

SAVING UP TO 252 LIVES

MLK Blood Drive – Annually on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Delta Gamma Lambda participates in a community parade that celebrates the legacy of our dear Brother. This year, Brothers gave blood January 14th - 22nd, 2023 in partnership with the Hoxworth Blood Center to adhere to the new regulations since the Covid Pandemic. Our Chapter gives life.



© Brian K. Swann



Service to Our Community (cont.)

960 INDIVIDUALS

RECEIVED FOOD BASKETS IN 2023

Mobile Food Drive – During the pandemic, our chapter initiated The Mobile Food Drive in Cincinnati to distribute food baskets to families in need. This is a two-fold mobile activity where we not only vary the locations of each food drive but also have individuals

drive to the designated location, where we load their trunks based on their specific needs. This initiative is in collaboration with our **Holiday Food Truck** program in December. Since 2014, we have expanded our reach from assisting 25 families to supporting over 500 families in 2023.



Queen City Derby Party

The Queen City Derby Party (QCDP) is a daytime celebration centered around the Kentucky Derby. It is designed to be a distinctive spectacle that unites a diverse array of attendees with the goal of raising funds while reveling in a festive interpretation of the race's traditions. The inaugural party, hosted in 2016, received backing from various corporate and individual partners, effectively elevating the profile of our fraternity on a regional scale. **In 2023, the Derby Party attracted more than 700 elegantly attired attendees and successfully raised over \$20,000 for the Delta Gamma Lambda Foundation. At DGL, we host purposeful parties.**

As we prepare for the May 2024 Derby, our goal is to exceed last year's success who we are in sight to reach as we've sold out all our tickets as of March 2024. This year's QCDP will occur on May 4th at The Manor House located in Mason, OH.



Alpha Golf Open:

This year, our ambitious goals were not only met but exceeded, leaving a lasting impact on our foundation's initiatives. **Through dedicated efforts, we successfully re-established the Annual Golf Outing, creating a platform that not only raised a remarkable \$24,000.00 for youth programming and scholarships but also became a beacon for community engagement.**

The strategic approach involved crafting compelling marketing campaigns targeted at the general public, leveraging the passion and influence of Delta Gamma Lambda members who are avid golfers as ambassadors for the outing. Additionally, our team developed sophisticated, multi-level sponsorship tools that proved instrumental in maximizing donations and attracting key supporters. Furthermore, the coordination with the Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter for a monthly social immediately after the outing fostered a sense of camaraderie and community spirit, enhancing the overall impact of our endeavors.

This successful integration of goals and activities not only achieved financial milestones but also established a compelling brand for the outing, ensuring sustained support and participation from sponsors and golf enthusiasts alike.



[INSERT LETTERS FROM
ALPHA OHIO DISTRICT
CINCINNATI MAYOR
HAMILTON COUNTY
STATE OF OHIO?]



First of All.

Servants of All.

We Shall Transcend All.

