



# Strolling The Yard

A Publication of the Center for Multicultural Student Services at James Madison University

## Monthly Newsletter

Greetings from the Inter-Cultural Greek Council,

I.C.G.C., a governing council for CMSS multicultural fraternities and sororities, has achieved great accomplishments since its establishment in the spring of 2009.

Representing 11 multicultural fraternities and sororities, the purpose of I.C.G.C. is to “unify and enhance student development through celebrating diversity, participating in civic engagement, and upholding high scholastic standards for multicultural and service oriented Greek lettered organizations that are represented under the Center for Multicultural Student Services.”

We hope you enjoy this issue!

*\*Due to the time commitments with Homecoming Week this edition of STY will be a review of August, September and October.\**



### I.C.G.C. PROGRAMS AUGUST-OCTOBER

#### August

23-24: Freshmen Move-In

28: ΔΣΘ Back to School Cookout

29– Sept. 1: ΑΦΑ Tools for Schools

#### September

5: ΖΦΒ College 101

9: ΚΑΨ Kings of the Court

8: I.C.G.C. Meet the Greeks

16-18: MisEducation of Black Greek

9-11: ΔΣΘ Kode Red Weekend

10: ΑΚΑ Capture the Fun

19: ΚΑΨ Greek Life: What's All the Fuss About

19-21: ΑΦΑ Voter Registration Drive

19-22: National Hazing Prevention Week

21: ΩΨΦ Open House

29-Oct 1: ΔΣΘ Iota Alpha 40th Anniversary

#### October

ΑΚΔΦ Support My Rack T-Shirt Sale

1: Stompmania Homecoming Step Show

3-12: ΛΥΛ Golden Vision Week

12: ΣΙΑ/ΛΥΛ Salseregue 101

15: ΑΚΔΦ Real Dukes Wear Pink Charity Ball

16: ΑΚΑ ΑKAerobics

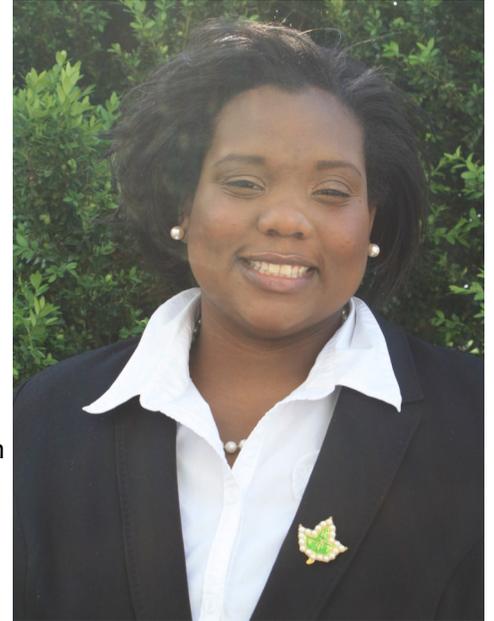
19: ΣΙΤ Ρhoyalty Lounge

20: ΣΙΑ/ΚΑΨ Body Image

# Serving Our Community

## Presidents Greeting

Hello, my name is Danielle Blue, current President of the Inter-Cultural Greek Council and Vice President of the Lambda Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Currently, I am a senior at JMU, studying International Business. I was so excited to get to work after being elected I.C.G.C. General Body President. This semester has been full of successful programming such as our annual “Meet the Greeks” and Stompmania Homecoming Step Show. Members of the Council also had an amazing opportunity to attend the “MisEducation of Black Greek Leadership Conference” sponsored by Harbor Institute on the campus of Howard University. This weekend long conference was filled with activities/workshops to enrich our experience as traditional African American fraternities and sororities on JMU’s campus. The 11 multicultural fraternities and sororities that are a part of our Council have been busy, hosting educational programs and various community service activities. I hope that you enjoy reading about them in the latest issue of our I.C.G.C. newsletter.



Sincerely,

Miss Danielle Blue  
2011-2012 Inter-Cultural Greek Council President

## I.C.G.C.

### Freshmen Move-In

The start of a new school year marks a lot of very important and memorable dates, as well as experiences never to be forgotten. One of those experiences is “Freshmen Move-In”. This is one of the few occasions throughout the year when JMU’s campus is filled with new first year students and parents taking in the new experience of being at JMU.



Organizations, faculty and staff from all across campus give of their time, enthusiasm, JMU Pride and muscle to make the transition for first year students a very smooth one. I.C.G.C. volunteers assisted in transporting first year students belongings to their assigned resident halls.



The council was able to make an impact through the service they rendered. Through civic engagement such as this, I.C.G.C. continues to foster their strong bond, and serve full-heartedly the JMU Community.

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## Meet the Greeks...*Different Lenses, ONE Scope*

“Meet the Greeks... *Different Lenses, ONE Scope*” was an educational/informational program about the various multicultural fraternities and sororities represented within the Inter-Cultural Greek Council. During the program each chapter presented information about their respective organizations. This program gave individuals of the JMU community a keen insight of what each organization does on a national, regional, and local level; educating them on the history/legacy of each organization and the impact they have made in society.



## MisEducation of the Black Greek Conference

This September the JMU Chapter of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) continued its dedication to enhancing its leadership skills by attending the *MisEducation of the Black Greek Conference*, sponsored by the Harbor Institute for the 2nd year in a row. This year the conference was held at the historic Howard University located in Washington, D.C. Representatives in attendance got the opportunity to network and



develop their leadership skills as traditional African American fraternities and sororities under the umbrella of N.P.H.C. As a result of their attendance at other national multicultural fraternity and sorority conferences, I.C.G.C. has been able to actively engage in other opportunities of leaderships on a larger scale. Additionally, members of the Council took advantage of the opportunity to visit the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



## ΔΣΘ Back to School Cookout

The Delta’s *Back to School Cookout* is an annual event which serves as a place for students to reconnect after a long summer break. This year they had a very large turnout and were extremely happy to see all of the smiling faces. With great music by the one and only Nicole Hicks it was nothing short of an amazing time. The chapter is looking forward to having just as much fun throughout the school year.

## ΔΣΘ Iota Alpha Chapter 40th Anniversary

Over the past homecoming weekend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Iota Alpha Chapter celebrated 40 years of being present on the campus of James Madison University. They celebrated by having a Meet and Greet, Tailgate, participation in the Step Show, Rededication Ceremony, and culminated with a formal Brunch. There were over 100 Iota Alpha sorors present for the weekend events. It was a wonderful time for these ladies.



## ΚΑΨ & ΔΣΘ Kode Red Weekend

The Iota Alpha Chapter of ΔΣΘ and Nu Lambda Chapter of ΚΑΨ collaborated to kick off September with their Annual *Kode Red Weekend*. One of their major events during this weekend was a fundraiser called, *Date Auction*. This year was a great success and they had a wonderful turnout. Their philanthropy for the event was a scholarship fund for the children of the 9-11 attacks, which passed its 10 year anniversary during this weekend. Following the date auction ΚΑΨ hosted a party for students to mingle and meet new people. The wrap up of the *Kode Red Weekend* consisted of *University Sunday* where this year Reverend Angel White came from Petersburg, VA to lift everyone's hearts and spirits. The chapter appreciates all of the support from the I.C.G.C. family and members of the JMU community.

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## AΦA Tools for Schools & Voter Registration Drive

The brothers of the Xi Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. collected school supplies for Skyline Middle School located in Harrisonburg, VA. This program was done in order to help bring Alpha's national program Go to High School; Go to College to the JMU and Harrisonburg community.



During the month of September the brothers of Xi

Delta held a voter's registration drive. Over 30 people were registered in Harrisonburg and other cities in Virginia. This program helps to apply the national program of A Voteless People is A Hopeless People to the JMU and surrounding community.

Submitted by Alex Jones

## AKΔΦ Support My Rack T-Shirt Sale & Real Dukes Wear Pink Charity Ball



More than 240,000 women in the US (2010) are diagnosed with breast cancer. To raise awareness alpha Kappa Delta Phi sells their famous "Support My Rack" t-shirts around campus. All proceeds of this event go to the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade.

Along with selling t-shirts, the sorority holds an annual breast cancer awareness ball. This event consists of catered food, performances, speakers and raffles. This year, Passion (a famous YouTube star) performed; along with performances by JMU organizations such as the Belly Dance Club, Visual D and Mozaic.



Submitted by Avian Tu

## AKA Capture the Fun

The lovely ladies of the Lambda Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated hosted their annual Capture the Fun event on Saturday, September 10th. The program falls under the sorority's Health Initiatives which encourage personal fitness and healthy life styles. This year during the event sorors and participants split into two teams and played a game of capture the flag. Everyone was very competitive and had a great time being active.

Submitted by Jessica Bailey



## National Hazing Prevention Week



The Inter-Cultural Greek Council has been very active this semester through their collaboration on programs with various organizations within the JMU community.

During the week of September 19th-22nd I.C.G.C. collaborated with JMU's Fraternity and Sorority life for the Annual Dukes against Hazing Pledge Drive. During the drive, members disseminated information about identifying and resisting hazing as well as offered free "Dukes Against Hazing" t-shirts and giveaways to students who signed the Dukes Against Hazing pledge. Throughout the three days of the drive, 800 students signed the pledge against hazing.



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## ΛΥΛ Golden Vision Week

With the goal of bringing cultural awareness to the campus of James Madison University and honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, the brothers of the Alpha Omicron Colony of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated hosted “Golden Vision”, a two week long series of programs celebrating Latino culture on campus. Events ranged from a screening of the inspirational movie "Stand and Deliver" to an Open Mic discussion on the definition of America. In order to bring national issues to campus, the brothers brought nationally known activist and head of the Harrisonburg DREAM Act Chapter, Isabel Castillo, to share her stories and experiences with JMU students.



*Hispanic Heritage Celebration*

La Unidad Latina,  
Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

## GOLDEN VISION

<b>Movie Night</b> Voces Inocentes Monday, Oct. 7:00 pm Grafton-Stovall Theater	<b>Speaker</b> Pedro Aponte Tuesday, Oct. 4 7:00 pm Taylor 305	<b>Minority Panel</b> Wednesday, Oct. 5 7:00 pm HHS 2301	<b>Open Mic</b> Thursday, Oct. 6 7:00 pm TDU
<b>DREAM Act Debate</b> Monday, Oct. 10 8:30 pm Taylor 404	<b>Stand and Deliver</b> Tuesday, Oct. 11 7:00 pm Grafton-Stovall Theater	<b>Salsarengue</b> Co-Sponsored with SIA Wednesday, Oct. 12 7:00 pm Taylor 306	<b>ΛΥΛ</b> Renzo.Renteria@gmail.com

Submitted by James Aliaga

## ΣΓΡ Carwash, Operation BigBook Bag, Bake Sale & Rhoyalty Lounge



The Lambda Iota Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. aims to “bridge the gap” between the JMU and Harrisonburg communities. Obtaining a genuine bond of sisterhood, participating in service projects, and educating others are very important to the members of Lambda Iota and these ladies strive to meet these goals on a daily basis. During the month of September, the chapter hosted a fundraiser car wash and Operation Big Book Bag, which is a national program that collects school supplies for children in need.

During the month of October Lambda Iota held a bake sale and hosted the Rhoyalty Lounge. This event gave students the chance to take a small study break and relax with the poodles for fun, games, and light refreshments.



Submitted by Shannon Clarke

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## Stompmania Homecoming Step Show

This year's "Stompmania" Homecoming Step Show was held on October 1st. Homecoming was a bit earlier than in years past; however, our I.C.G.C chapters stepped up to the challenge and began preparing as early as July.

One of the major highlights this year was the celebration of anniversaries for three I.C.G.C. chapters. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Iota Alpha Chapter celebrated 40 years, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Pi Nu Chapter and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Theta Nu Chapter each celebrated 25 years as recognized organizations on JMU's campus.

Seven National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities competed for a grand prize of \$1000 and a 2nd place prize of \$500. The performances were judged on 8 categories: Introduction, difficulty of steps, synchronization and precision, uniform, creativity and originality, exit, crowd participation, and lastly overall performance.

For the first time, alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc. made their debut performance as an exhibition act, and La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. was able to make their first re-appearance in five years also as an exhibition act. In the interim of not having a chapter active, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. had members from Howard University perform an exhibition performance along with their fraternity presentation.

In addition to the 1st and 2nd place monetary prizes special recognition awards were given for four subcategories.

**1st Place Fraternity**  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Xi Delta Chapter



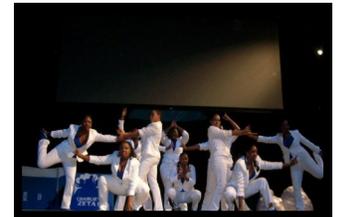
**2nd Place Fraternity**  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.  
Nu Lambda Chapter



**1st Place Sorority**  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Lambda Iota Chapter



**2nd Place Sorority**  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Theta Nu Chapter



### Special Recognition Awards

**Best Entrance**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. & Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Best Exit**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. & Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

**Best Costume**

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. & Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Best Special Effect**

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. & Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

## Duke-Lite



This issue's Duke-lite is shining on Miss Danielle Blue. Danielle has gone above and beyond in her leadership positions for both her sorority and I.C.G.C. She serves as Vice President of the Lambda Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and as President of the Inter-Cultural Greek Council. Not only does she go out her way to support her sisters whenever they need help, but she makes it a priority to show support to every other organization as well. Danielle has worked tirelessly to make I.C.G.C. great and promote unity among all organizations.

To have a member of your organization featured in the Duke-lite please submit a brief summary of why they are qualified and a picture of the person to Justin Harris at [harrizjw@jmu.edu](mailto:harrizjw@jmu.edu).

The Duke-lite section of the STY is a portion that is dedicated to those individuals who go above and beyond what is required of them. It is an acknowledgement of a member that truly embodies what their organization stands for.

Members of each organization agree to nominate one of their members who qualifies and then individuals are given credit accordingly. There is a new Duke-lite in each issue of the STY.

# Busted Brain Corner

D.K.Y

## DID YOU KNOW

This section is dedicated for did-you-knows. Random, but interesting facts are given in each issue. Spread the word and ask someone...D.Y.K?

- Babe Ruth has the most strike outs in baseball?
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of a \$5 bill? (ask a friend if you don't have one)
- 39,370 inches is equivalent to one Kilometer?
- October is Hispanic and Native American Indian Heritage Month? (check the CMSS Calendar)

### Upcoming I.C.G.C. Events

- Oct. 13-Nov. 18: ZΦB Elkton Area United Service Food Drive
- Nov. 2-3: AΦA Homeless Night Out
- Nov: 3: ZΦB Kicking It With The Kitties
- Nov. 7-12: ΣΓP Founder Week
- Nov. 11: ΩΨΦ/SMO How I Survived College & ΣIA La Fiesta Torada
- Nov. 13: ΣΓP/ΩΨΦ Gospel Explosion
- Nov. 16: ZΦB/KAΨ Educational Program
- Nov. 17: ΩΨΦ Founder's Day Celebration
- Nov. 27-Dec 3: AΦA Founders Week
- Nov. 30: ΔΣΘ Foci

## TRIVIA

1. What substance can you drop onto a scorpions head to make it sting itself to death?

2. The mythological character known as Pegasus was what unusual animal?

Be the first to email the answer to [harrizjw@jmu.edu](mailto:harrizjw@jmu.edu) to win a prize. (Please state which question you are answering.)

Information for events can be found on the CMSS Information boards outside of the office, located in Warren Hall, Suite 245