



**Eta Beta Chapter**  
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## I. Introduction

The Eta Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has organized, participated in, and contributed to hundreds of service and fundraising initiatives in our 42-year history. This includes work with local organizations and institutions such as Oxford Elementary School, Bramlett Elementary School, the Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi, First Baptist Church, Canon Nissan of Oxford, Learner's Playhouse Daycare, and many, many more. Our service profile also includes national initiatives such as March For Babies-March of Dimes, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and more.

In addition to our record of dedicated local and national service work, we have organized, hosted, and participated in hundreds of creative social events. We have won dozens of "stepshows" and "stroll offs"; we have hosted events geared toward recognizing and showing appreciation to women of color in the Oxford-Lafayette, Mississippi community as well as faculty, administrators, and staff at the University of Mississippi; and more.

Below, you will find an abbreviated list of our record of service initiatives and awards from **January 1, 2009 – present**. *Note that the chapter was inactive for a two-year period between 2010-2012.*

## II. AWARDS

### Chapter Awards

- 2017-18 Rose Flenorl NPHC Excellence Award, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life
- 2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Lemoyne Owen College Homecoming Stepshow
- 2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Mississippi Greek Weekend Stepshow
- 2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> Place, University of Mississippi Homecoming Stepshow.
- 2016-17 1<sup>st</sup> Place, University of Mississippi Homecoming Stepshow.
- 2016-17 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Phi Beta Sigma Mississippi State Conference Stepshow.
- 2016-17 Civic Engagement Award, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life.
- 2015-16 Best Collegiate Website, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. State of Mississippi.
- 2015-16 Chancellor's Cup, Omega Theta Chapter of Order of Omega, University of Mississippi.
- 2015-16 Civic Engagement Award, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life.
- 2012-13 Best Collegiate Website, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. State of Mississippi.
- 2009-10 1<sup>st</sup> Place, University of Mississippi Homecoming Stepshow.
- 2009-10 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Phi Beta Sigma Mississippi State Conference Stepshow.
- 2009-10 Diversity Programming, Omega Theta Chapter of Order of Omega, University of Mississippi.

### Individual Member Awards

- 2017-18 LaMario Moore, Trailblazer Award, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life
- 2017-18 Leonard Swilley, Emerging Leader Award, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life

- 2017-18 Kendarius McGruder, Lafayette County-Oxford-University Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award. LOU. University, MS.
- 2017-18 Ryan Upshaw, Top 50 under 40 Professionals, State of Mississippi.
- 2017-18 Ryan Upshaw, Man of the Year, Pi Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Oxford, MS.
- 2017-18 Dr. Brian Foster, Advisor of the Year, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. State of Mississippi.
- 2017-18 Dr. Brian Foster, Most Outstanding Faculty Member, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life
- 2016-17 Ciante Barber, Collegiate Brother of the Year, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. State of Mississippi.
- 2016-17 Kary Ellington, Jr., Emerging Leader Award, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life.
- 2016-17 Kendarius McGruder, National Scholarship, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- 2016-17 Ryan Upshaw, Advisor of the Year, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life.
- 2016-17 Ryan Upshaw, Advisor of the Year, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. State of Mississippi.
- 2015-16 Seneca Crump, State Director Award, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. State of Mississippi.
- 2015-16 Seneca Crump, Outstanding NPHC Chapter President, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life.
- 2015-16 Kendarius McGruder, National Scholarship, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- 2015-16 Ryan Upshaw, NPHC Advisor of the Year, University of Mississippi Office of Greek Life.

- 2009-10 Brian Foster, Achievement Award, Omega Theta Chapter of Order of Omega, University of Mississippi.
- 2009-10 Brian Foster, Outstanding New Member, Omega Theta Chapter of Order of Omega, University of Mississippi.

### III. SERVICE

#### Ongoing Service Initiatives

- 2017-Present Delta Service Trips with “Spring Initiative, Inc.” Clarksdale, MS.
- 2015-Present Adopt-A-School, Oxford Elementary School. Oxford, Mississippi.
- 2015-Present Highway Pickup, Hwy 6, Oxford, Mississippi.
- 2015-Present Read Across America, Oxford, Mississippi.
- 2014-Present Juneteenth Summer Festival, Oxford, Mississippi.
- 2014- Present “HIV / AIDS Awareness: Facts vs Myths,” University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2014-Present “Groovin’ at Move-In” Student Dorm Move-In, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2014-Present “Sigma Scantrons” Student Scantron Giveaway, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2014-Present “Women’s Appreciation Day,” University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2010-Present Camp B.U.I.L.D. with the Olive Branch Police Department. Olive Branch, MS.
- 2009-Present Miss Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship Pageant/ Award. Oxford, MS.
- 2009-Present Sleep Out for the Homeless, University of Mississippi. University, MS.

- 2009-Present Project Vote, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2009-Present Chucky Mullins Courage Award Banquet, University of Mississippi Varsity Football Team. University, MS.
- 2009-Present Graceland Nursing Home. Oxford, MS.
- 2009-Present Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi. Oxford, MS.

**Past Service Initiatives**

- 2017 “Fear Factor” Discussion on Mental Health with Dr. Brian Foster. University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2017 “Sizzlin’ at the Lodge” Fundraiser BBQ with Chi Psi Fraternity (Proceeds supporting University of Mississippi Police Department). University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2017 “Kid’s Got Talent” Talent Show. Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi. Oxford, MS.
- 2017 “What the Health?” Healthy Eating, Healthy Living Summit. University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2017 Undergraduate Success Workshop, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2017 “Jumpman: A Summit on Success and Leadership” with Spring Initiative, Inc. (Clarksdale, MS) and the Batesville, MS Sigma Beta Club, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2017 “More than a Meal” Food Drive, University of Mississippi. Oxford, MS.
- 2015 “Project S.E.E.D.” Financial Management Seminar, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2015 “Boys to Men” Seminar, University of Mississippi. University, MS.

- 2015 Hallelujah Night, Christ Temple CME Church. Oxford, MS.
- 2014-15 Suit Drive, Oxford, Mississippi.
- 2014 "Men at Work" with University of Mississippi NAACP, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2013 Walk Like MADD Memphis. Memphis, TN.
- 2010 "Stomp it Out" Auxiliary Stepshow and Youth Outreach. North Panola Junior High School. Como, MS.
- 2010 "Walking the Line: Navigating Blackness in a 'Post-Racial Society'" Panel Discussion, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2010 Phi Beta Sigma Honors Awards Banquet, University of Mississippi. University, MS.
- 2010 March of Dimes Charity Ball, University of Mississippi, University, MS.
- 2009-10 "Belts for Boys" Mentorship Program, Oxford Elementary School. Oxford, MS.
- 2009-10 Sigma DAYCARE, Learner's Playhouse Daycare. Oxford, MS.
- 2009-10 Annual "Tribute to a Black Woman" Banquet, University of Mississippi. Oxford, MS.
- 2009-10 University of Mississippi Gospel Choir Fall Concert, University of Mississippi. University, MS.