

# Sinfonica

On and Ever Upward!



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## “Let’s Win or Die” in Nashville 2013

Make plans to attend the 2013 1898 Phamily Reunion to be held at Fisk University, hosted by Zeta Rho. The theme: Let’s Win or Die.

The steering committee met in Nashville on November 26, 2011 to examine facilities, hotels, restaurants, and all that makes Nashville unique as the Music City. The Committee’s hosts were MarQo Patton (New

E) and Jermaine Johnson (New E).



According to Edwin Gilliam (PΔ), organizer of the Facebook Group for the 1898

Phamily Reunion, “Personal responsibility must be shouldered by each and every one of us, and in just the proportion in which the load is assumed character is developed.”

Follow the 1898 Phamily Reunion on Facebook.

*Center: Organizers familiarize themselves with the Fisk campus at a site meeting in November 2011. Photo used by permission of Howard A. McQuirter (MB).*

## 2011 Phall Ball

Marquis Murphy (New Θ) and LeTroy Billups (I) represented Zeta Rho at the 2011 Phall Ball, hosted by the Theta Tau chapter

at Austin Peay State University. Almost every chapter in the Province was represented. The Phall Ball replaces the Fall Workshop in academic years in which the Province Workshop is in the Spring.



Highlights included the presentation of the Signature Signifonian Award to Deputy Province Governor Thomas R. King (Xi, ‘65), remarks

by Director of Communications Mark A. Wilson (ΔE ‘03), a Mills Music Mission, and lunch at O’Charley’s in Clarksville. “I enjoyed meeting brothers that I have never seen. Singing to our elders

and seeing the excitement on their faces warmed me deeply,” Brother Billups said.



*Center: Dr. King receives his medal and pin from PG Jeremy Quave (ΔE ‘03). Right: President Murphy and Secretary Billups.*

**“Harmony is ever to be the noble aim of our beloved society—harmony not only in music, but in the life within the fraternity, and in the broader and fuller life beyond its portals: it is the harmony whose music is felt in the hearty handclasp, heard in the cheerful greeting, seen in living notes in the generous act.” — Ossian Everett Mills**

## The Brother Corner

Darrel R. Jones (New A) was married to Joanne Mitchell on December 26, 2011 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. Joshua Jeter (New B) and Tiffanie Garrison were married in Nashville on August 6.

MarQo Patton received the Angel of Hope Award from the 18th Avenue Family Enrichment Center for Teaching. He also received the Rising Advo-

cate Award from the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. Both awards were presented in early December.

Pierre-Jamar Moton (New E) is pursuing the M.S.W. degree, not another bachelor’s degree as reported in the October “The Brother Corner.” Brother Moton is also a skills trainer for Preferred Alternatives of Missouri.



*Photo of Darrel and Joanne Jones, courtesy of Michael Norgriff. Used by Permission.*

*“Let the heart of education beat in harmony with the heart of sociality to the tickings of a great university metronome. Let us use the intellectual microscope to discern and solve the deep difficult problems, and the spiritual telescope to catch vision of the ideal in our life work.”*  
Percy Jewett Burrell

## Who Will Be the Next Fisk Idol?

On Friday, January 13, 2012, six finalists performed in the Fisk Memorial Chapel for a supportive audience in Phi Mu Alpha's production of *Fisk Idol*. The performers were chosen by a panel of judges from a pool of twelve applicants, and have been preparing for this showcase since November. The parody of the ten-year-old television program *American Idol* was underwritten by FlexStage Productions. The finalists included: Robyn Waggoner,



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a freshman Chemistry major from Greenville, Tennessee, Kierra Allen, a sophomore psychology major from Atlanta, Georgia, Charles Graham, senior political science major from Memphis, Tennessee, Miracle Ham, sophomore music major from Maywood, Illinois, Willie Butler, junior sociology major from Chicago, Illinois, and Kristen



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Wardlow, junior psychology major from Atlanta, Georgia. The audience is voting via website and the 2012 Fisk Idol will be introduced by the end of January. The grand prize includes a first-place trophy, a single recording project with Flexstage Productions recording studio and bragging rights. The runner-up and third-place winner each receive a trophy as well.

*Photos courtesy of Mike Harris (New H).*

## Financial Support for Your Brothers

The **Sinfonia Educational Foundation** exists “to enrich lives and advance music.” It provides assistance to Collegiate Members through scholarships and travel grants. Alumni may contribute funds for their chapters through the Chapter Fund Program. In 2011 the SEF provided a copy of *Lincoln on Leadership* by Donald T. Phillips to each participant in the Leadership Institute. The **Life Sinfonian** program is a permanent way to support the foundation, securing yourself a lifelong subscription to the *Sinfonian* and securing the future of the Fraternity. For more information about the Sinfonia Foundation and becoming a Life Sinfonian, go to

[www.sinfonia.org/SEF](http://www.sinfonia.org/SEF) or

[www.sinfonia.org/lifeloyal](http://www.sinfonia.org/lifeloyal)

The **Unstoppable Education Scholarship Fund** will sustain scholarships sponsored specifically by Zeta Rho. The *Grand Prize Scholarship* is to provide partial support for a music major who has exhibited exemplary musicianship and scholarship (minimum GPA 3.2). The *Sinfonian Scholarship* is to support a ZP Collegiate member who exhibits dedication to the chapter (minimum GPA 2.75). *Book Scholarships* will assist Fisk students who exhibit dedication to music.

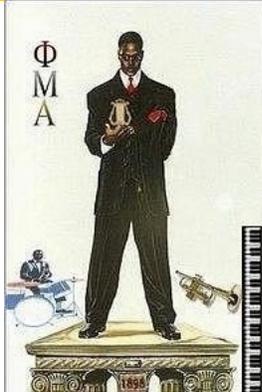
The funds will be managed through the Fisk University Community Alliance. For more information, contact Joseph Bazalais (New H), Foundation Chair at 615) 678-2261.

**Sponsor an Event** planned for later in the semester. Upcoming events include the Miss Red, Black, and Gold Pageant, Dinner and a Movie Night, and several other projects in various stages of development. Contact the chapter for details.



**Brother MarQo Patton (New E)** has committed to give \$100 to the collegiate brother in good standing with the highest GPA at the end of the Spring Semester. Will others join him and “sweeten the pot?” The minimum GPA for this award is 3.5. Call (615) 925-0545.

*Photo: Dr. Flora Ukoli from Meharry Medical School addresses ZP regarding the risks of prostate cancer.*



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*The Object of this Fraternity shall be for the  
 and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare  
 musical students; the advancement of music  
 to the Alma Mater.*



**Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia**  
**54th National Convention**  
**July 11-15, 2012 • Orlando, Florida**

**A Word From the President** by Marquis Murphy—New Theta



The Unstoppable Zeta Rho Chapter is moving *on and ever upward* with our vision of success this year. With the implementation of the “Unstoppable Education Scholarship Fund,” **Fundraising** is an ongoing necessity because of the ongoing need to raise money for scholarships as well as the chapter. Zeta Rho has also been showing the **Face** of Sinfonia both on and off campus, with our support

of AIDS and prostate cancer awareness activities, sporadic songs on the yard and our stellar success with the 2012 *Fisk Idol* competition. Online video voting is progress now and the winners will be revealed at the end of the week. And as always more Mills Music Missions are in development. This is leading to our **Favor** among students on campus. There are a lot more **Events** underway and I’m sure we will have lots of participation from the student body. Events include the Miss Red, Black, and Gold Pageant, and a masquerade ball. This semester is shaping up toward a fulfilling end to the 2011—2012 school year and I couldn’t be more proud of my colligate and alumni brothers. So let it be for SINFONIA!

**Zeta Rho Is on Facebook**

ZP Alumni, please join us on our Facebook page, “The Red & Black” and engage in the ongoing dialogue with your brothers.



*Photo from the final chapter meeting of 2011.*