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The Alumni Newsletter of the Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
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Alpha and Beta Classes

April 8, 2006 was a special day for the Zeta Rho Chapter. They participated in the no-host Province 15 Spring Fling, held at Montgomery Bell State Park. Zeta Rho's responsibility consisted of the ceremonies and the induction of the new Beta Class:

Demetrius Delancy '03, B.Mus., honorary member, Music Major from Nassau, Bahamas

Joshua Jeter, Business Administration Major from Victorville, California

Antoine Craig Tompkins '06, Biology Major from Riverdale, Georgia.

Willis Ware '09, Biology Major from Chicago, Illinois

Chapter Day

The Sinfonia Founders Day Ceremony will be performed in honor of the Founding of Zeta Rho, May 23, 1953.

Day: Tuesday, May 23, 2006
Place: Harris 111
Time: 12:30 p.m.

First President of Fisk Sinfonic Club Becomes Honorary Member

The Fisk Sinfonic Club registered with Academic Affairs for the first time in the Fall of 2002, with the goal of reactivating the Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. The first President was Demetrius Delancy '03. On April 8, Demetrius became the first Honorary member of the new Zeta Rho Chapter. The first Honorary member of the original Zeta Rho Chapter was John W. Work III.

Demetrius Delancy is from Nassau Bahamas. He was educated at Saint John's College in the Bahamas and he also studied piano privately for 9 years before pursuing further musical studies at Fisk. Demetrius enrolled at Fisk as a music major concentrating in piano performance. While at Fisk, Demetrius was involved in the several musical ensembles including the University Choir, Jazz Ensemble and Fisk Jubilee Singers®. While a Jubilee Singer, Demetrius traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. He was also involved with Fisk's Caribbean Student Union, Fisk Sinfonics Club (which is now the Zeta Rho chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.) and was a traveling member of Fisk's Honda Campus All-Star team which is a national college bowl competition for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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After graduating from Fisk with the B. Mus. in 2003, Demetrius spent the summer working as a professional singer with the Junaluska Singers at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Centre in Junaluska, North Carolina. In August, Demetrius returned to the Bahamas where he was employed as a high school music teacher at Kingsway Academy High School.

Demetrius returned to the United States in August of 2004 to further pursue his studies. He enrolled in the Master of Public Administration program concentrating in Community Arts Management at the University of Illinois at Springfield. He is also pursuing a graduate certificate in the Management of Non Profit Organizations. Demetrius will graduate in the Spring of 2006.

While at UIS he has served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Center for Teacher and Learning 2004-2005, Vice President of Advocates for Academics 2004-2005 and is currently a member of the UIS chorus.

The Zeta Rho Chapter is proud to have Demetrius Delancy's name associated with ours.



Demetrius Delancy '03

**Man Power:
Sinfonians
Recognized at
Spring Arts
Festival Awards
Banquet**

The fourth annual Spring Arts Festival Awards Banquet was held on April 2, 2006 in the Appleton Room of Jubilee Hall. Three Sinfonians were honored at this event.

Troika Hanna '09, a Piano Performance major from Nassau, Bahamas, was acknowledged as a recipient of the Odessa Lett piano scholarship and the Molly Taylor Stevenson Scholarship.

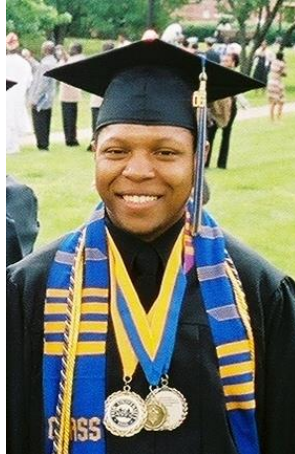
Devin Mikell '08, a Vocal Performance major from Chicago, Illinois, was acknowledged for being named a UNCF/Mellon Foundation Fellow for 2006–2007. He will spend the month of June with other fellows from HBCUs throughout the United States at Emory University in Atlanta.

The Phi Mu Alpha Collegiate Honor Award was presented by faculty Philip Autry, Gary Powell Nash, and Kent Wallace to Darrel Jones '06, a chemistry major from Trinidad. During his time at Fisk, Darrel has studied voice and piano, and has performed with Jazz Ensemble, Opera Workshop, University Choir, and Fisk Jubilee Singers®. He was an officer in the Fisk Sinfonics and President of the Alpha Class of the Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha.

**Music Power:
Sinfonians Sing at
Commencement**

It was an honor for the Zeta Rho Colony to present the Star-Spangled Banner at the 2005 Commencement; it was a double honor to be invited back as the Zeta Rho Chapter to sing at the 2006 Graduation Ceremony. The *a cappella* version of the National Anthem (arr. Robert Ross in 1996) provides a powerful statement of majesty between the Procession and Invocation, setting the tone for the dignified event.

**Man Power:
Graduating
Sinfonians**



Darrel Jones



Antoine Tompkins

**Music Power:
World Premiere
Performance**

Silent Guns of Sacrifice and Fortitude for clarinet and African percussion by Gary Powell Nash will be performed for the first time ever at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association. The performance will take place at the University of Memphis on Tuesday, June 6. James Gholson of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra will play clarinet. For more details, contact Luann Forell at lforell@midsouth.rr.com.

Money Power

Yes, I want to keep the Spirit of Orpheus alive at Fisk University.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ for the Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

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