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# ACCEPTING THE CHARGE

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During Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's Centennial Celebration, in Washington DC, Soror Mary Breaux Wright (International Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.) delivered a soul searching and rousing "Charge". In her speech, one of the things she challenged the men of Sigma to do was to continue the awesome mentoring work we are doing throughout the country with our Sigma Beta Clubs. Soror Wright called on the brotherhood to teach the young men in our community to pull up their pants and pick up a book! She also challenged the brotherhood to take these young members to the White House and show them that the possibilities in life are endless if they are willing to work.

Well, the brothers of Chi Sigma Chapter graciously accepted the "Charge" delivered on that day. Chi Sigma Chapter is proud to operate one of the largest Sigma Beta Clubs in the country. The Chapter currently has over 90 financial Brothers and their award winning Sigma Beta Clubs are under the direction of the Honorable Bro. Dr. Kevin R. West (DSC# 152) and Bro. Jenabu C. Williams; Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Chapter's SBC, respectively. Chi Sigma Chapter has over 150 members in their Sigma Beta Clubs that encompasses four elementary schools and three high schools in Northern New Jersey.

Dr. West is currently the Superintendent of Schools for the Roselle Public School District and the Advisor of the Abraham Clark High School (ACHS) Sigma Beta Club in Roselle, NJ. During the month of January, the ACHS Sigma Beta Club members collectively designed an exemplary

staff, students and parents from the school district at the Superintendent's Monthly Parent University. They also take time to volunteer at local elementary and middle schools tutoring younger students and assisting teachers.

On the elementary side, the Chapter's Sigma Beta Clubs



*Community Service L to R: Bro. Nigel Coelho, Bro. Mark Williams, Bro. Jenabu Williams, and Bro. Eric Myers*

bulletin board which prominently stands in the school's main lobby in honor of the 100 years of dedicated Service for Humanity that Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has rendered. The ACHS Sigma Beta Club also inducted 22 new young gentlemen into the Club, bringing their total number of members to 46. The young men in this club are known throughout the district and community as they are committed to "Academic Excellence," "Community Service," and "Outstanding Character." These club members can often be found assisting their Superintendent,

are managed by Bro. Jenabu C. Williams who is currently a 3rd grade Special Education Teacher at Washington Community School in Plainfield, NJ. Bro. Williams is currently the Advisor of the Washington Community School and Stillman Elementary School Sigma Beta Clubs in Plainfield. He is also the Co-Advisor of the South 17th Street Elementary School Sigma Beta Club in Newark. During the month of January, the Plainfield and Newark Sigma Beta Clubs partnered with the New Jersey Cares Non-Profit Organization in honor of the Dr. Martin

Luther King National Day of Service. The Clubs were assigned to the “Sort it Out” Initiative at Chatham Middle School in Chatham, NJ. Together the young men assisted with sorting over 700 youth, female, and male coats that were later distributed to homeless shelters throughout

their parent/guardian. Proudly the club members really stepped up! The majority of our single parent mothers have reported that they speak to their sons less throughout the month about negative behavior, and according to the primary classroom teachers the club members are making

J. Stradford, E. Myers, D. Potts, A. Hurdle, J. Ijaola, R. Estrick, D. Jones and I. Anyanwu) have also accepted Soror Wright’s charge of being role models to young men, and ensuring that tomorrow’s youth develop into responsible and productive members of the community. Our prayer for our sons and the Sigma Beta Club members is that they develop Love, Honor, Responsibility, and Respect for themselves; their families and their community. Chi Sigma Chapter salutes our 20th International President Dr. Parlett Moore for his vision of formulating the concept of the Sigma Beta Club, and we honor him through our service as Sigma Beta Club Advisors. As we celebrate 100 years of Service we also celebrate 64 years of Positive, Effective, and Measurable Mentoring.



*Brooklyn Nets game L to R: Bro. Darren Potts, Bro. Jenabu Williams, Bro. Kobina Thomas Bro. Mark Williams, Bro. Nebraska Clark*

New Jersey. “What an awesome way for the boys to apply the social responsibility skills the club members learned during their meetings over the past two months,” stated Bro. Williams.

great strides academically! Other Chi Sigma Chapter Sigma Beta Club Advisors and Co-Advisors (Bros. M.A. Williams,

“The Next Generation of Leaders, Accepting the Responsibility and Loving the Challenge!”

The Plainfield and Newark Sigma Beta Clubs also participated in an incentive based trip to see the Brooklyn Nets vs. Toronto Raptors at the brand new Barclay Center in Brooklyn, NY. This was an academic and personal behavior incentive base activity. In order for the club members to participate they needed to hand in a favorable progress report from their primary school teacher and

