



2016 Foundation Annual Report

Executive Summary

- 2016 was a very successful year for the Foundation.
- Our combined fundraising totaled more than \$108,000 -- Valentine at the Ritz, Community Foundation Giving Challenge and member contributions.
- Three Archons were elected to the board – Archons Miles, Reaves and Stanfield, replacing Archons Brown, Dixon and Ray, effective January 2017.
- A committee of past Sire Archons approved the Foundation’s structure, by-laws, 501 C (3) status and name.
- The 3rd year of the Journey to Success Summer Program was led by Archon Henry Blyden. In three (3) years, 150 youngsters ages 16-18 have completed the Journey to Success Summer Program.
- The 2nd year of the Journey to Success Speaker’s Series was led by Archon Ed Swan. Approximately, 100 9th grade freshmen participated in the fall semester Speaker’s Series to help them transition to high school. Another 100 students will participate in the spring semester.
In the 2nd year of this program, Archon Myron Robinson helped developed a partnership with the University of South Florida to provide instructors to speak to the 9th graders about future employment opportunities.
- Four (4) Sarasota county high school seniors were awarded a total of \$5,000 to attend college as Archon Matthew Carter Scholars.
- Three (3) Booker high school interns have been placed with the Sarasota Police Department and the Herald-Tribune Media Group. The interns are hired as “employees” and the Foundation pays 50% of their salary. They are paid \$10.00 per hour and work up to 10 hours per week.
- The Foundation received a \$5,000 award from the Grand Boulé’s Shropshire Matching Grant Program for youth development programs. This was the 3rd consecutive year the Foundation was awarded a \$5,000 Shropshire Grant.
- The Board asks you to remember Gamma Xi Boulé Foundation in your short and long term financial planning. Consider establishing a legacy gift program in your name that will be a source of continuous financial assistance for deserving students.