

State of Illinois



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.®

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Day at the
Capitol

May 5 - 6, 2026





Two-Day Schedule at a glance

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

2:00 Registration is open (Union Baptist Church)

2:00 -3:00 pm Wellness Hour

2:00-6:00 pm Vendor & Resource Fair

3:00 - 6:00 pm Workshops (Union Baptist Church)

8:00 - 11:00 pm Reception (Pole Barn Chic)

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

7:00 am Registration is open

7:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am Greetings and Awards

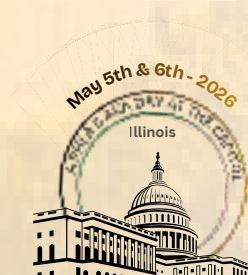
10:00 am Capitol visits/ Youth / Group Photo

2:00 pm Box Lunch Pick up (Union Baptist Church)

2:30 pm Closing Remarks (Union Baptist Church)

Youth Leadership Symposium

7:30 am - 2:30 pm Youth Leadership Symposium(Union Baptist Church & Old State Capitol)





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Professional Development Day

Registration 2:00 p.m.

Wellness Hour (2:00-3:00 pm)

Vendor & Resource Fair (2:00-6:00 pm)

Workshops (3:00 - 6:00 p.m.)

1. Opening the Books: Advancing Transparency and Accountability in Property Tax Assessments

Facilitator: James Mendez

Join James Mendez for a discussion on HB1818, a proposal to improve transparency, public access, and consistency in property tax assessment records. This session will provide a brief overview of the bill and how it aims to strengthen fairness and accountability in the property tax system.

2. Building Health Equity: Family Wellness, Birth Outcomes, and Community Care

Moderator: Dr. Dawne Collier, FACOG

Join moderator Dr. Dawne Collier, FACOG, for a panel on advancing equitable health outcomes across communities. This discussion will connect maternal health priorities—such as Medicaid coverage for doula services, the Illinois Birth Equity Blueprint, and community-based care models like the South Side Birth Center—with broader conversations about Black men's health and overall family wellness. Panelists will explore how policy, access to care, and community-driven solutions can work together to reduce disparities and strengthen health outcomes for all.

3. Navigating GATA: From Certification to Successful Grant Management

Facilitator: Tito Quiñones

Join Tito Quiñones for a practical session on the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) certification process. This workshop will walk participants through the GATA framework as a lifecycle grant management system, including how to locate key resources, complete the application process, and stay compliant. Attendees are encouraged to bring laptops or notebooks for this hands-on learning experience.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Union Baptist Church

Master & Mistress of Ceremonies

Mr. Mylas Copeland and Ms. Ava Carpenter-McPike .

Meditation

Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes

Welcome & Acknowledgements

Mrs. Kiahna W. Davis, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Central Regional Director

Mr. Quincy Banks, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.®
Executive Director Midwest Region

Mr. Cameron Barlow, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.®
Illinois Assistant District Director

Hon. Drella Savage, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Central Region Representative to the International Connection & Social Action Committee

Dr. Leonard Cornell McKinnis, II, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.®
Illinois District Director

Hon. Sherri Hale, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Illinois State Connection & Social Action Coordinator

Greetings

Distinguished Elected Officials

Awards Ceremony

Nia Odeoti-Hassan Community Engagement Award

Ms. Jenell Hardy & Ms. Faith Miller (AKA Illinois DATC Awards Committee)

Eddie Jones II Civic Engagement Award

Mr. Michael Gaines & Mr. Robert Dixon (Alpha Awards Committee)

Capitol Instructions

Ms. Michelle Dunham, Esq. & Mr. Jelani Saadiq

Capitol Visits/Group Picture

Box Lunch Pick-up

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Youth Leadership Symposium

Union Baptist Church & Old State Capitol

Wednesday, May 6th - Agenda

7:30-8:50 a.m.

- Breakfast
- Welcome
- Meditation
- Speakers
- Purpose of Advocacy activities

9:00 a.m.

- Safer Communities with Judge Ieshia Gray

10:00 a.m.

- Board Bus to the Old State Capitol

1:30 p.m.

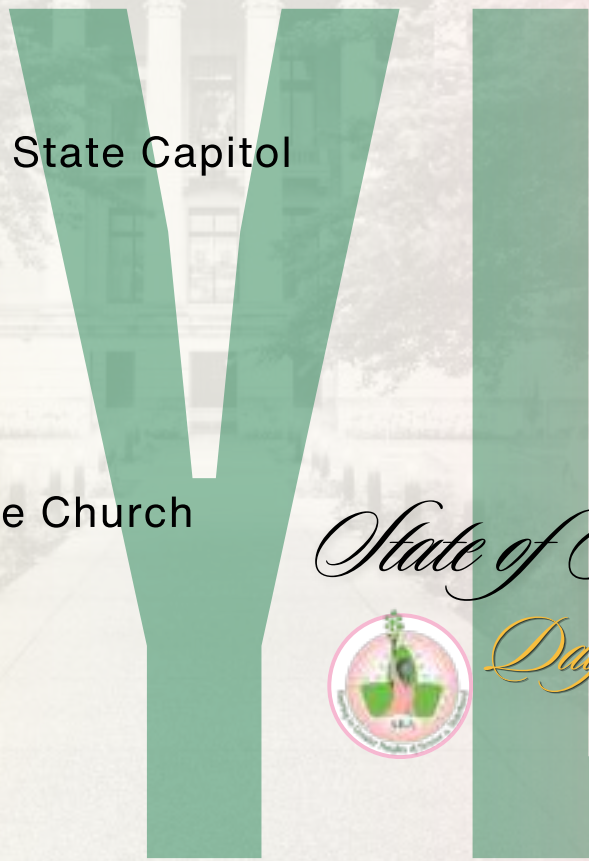
- Box Lunch at Church

2:00 p.m.

- Board Bus back to the Church

2:30 p.m.

- Closing



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Things to Know Before You Come:

Tuesday Workshop:

If you are attending the Tuesday night workshop, please bring a laptop, iPad, or similar device for the GATA session. Wi-Fi will be provided.

Reception Parking & Shuttle

Parking at the reception venue is limited. A shuttle will be available to transport guests from the designated hotels. Alternatively, you may park at Menards (located across the street from the venue-2250 Chuckwagon Dr.), where signage will be provided for pickup.

Comfortable Shoes

Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes. Wednesday, May 6 at the State Capitol is Sneakers Day, so we will be perfectly aligned for the day!



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CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

DRESS TO SUCCEED

2026

May 5th - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

May 6th - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUIT DRIVE

Empowering Returning Citizens
Through Opportunity

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

1405 E MONROE ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL

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CREATING

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- CLEAN AND READY TO WEAR
- ITEMS ON HANGERS PREFERRED

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Reception

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POLE BARN CHIC

4491 Old Chatham Rd,
Springfield, IL 62711

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Tuesday

8:00 – 11:00 PM

APPETIZERS • CASH BAR

Live Band



The Divine Nine Shopping Experience is Coming to Springfield.

**THE CAPITOL IS CALLING.
THE CULTURE IS COMING.
SHOP GREEK!**

2026

MAY 5Th & 6Th



WHERE:
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
1405 E. Monroe St.
Springfield, IL

WHEN:
TUESDAY, MAY 5
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
ALL ARE WELCOME
TO SHOP.**



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