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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Watching the Super Bowl, I am reflective of the practice and preparation that both teams have put into being ready for this moment. For example, the Eagles had the Superbowl in mind prior to beginning this season.

Team owner, Jeffrey Lurie made strategic moves to bring in backup quarterback, Nick Foles as well as a host of new players who have been instrumental to the team earning their spot in this historic game. Both teams have successfully adjusted to address short and mid-term needs without diverting attention from the end goal!

We must remember why we joined Iota Phi Lambda, Inc. and let that be the motivation to want to accomplish our goals that we have set for ourselves and for our chapter.

Whether you are an Eagles or Patriots fan the one undeniable fact is neither team landed here by chance or luck. Epsilon Sigma, we too will be successful and our end goal is within reach; like the Eagles and Patriots strategic planning and intentional execution, these will be our keys to truly Achieving the Change!

Yours in Service,

Casey C. Preston, M.Ed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE MEETING - FEBRUARY 7

HUMBLE PRAISE CENTER "LOVING ME" VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH @10:30 -
FEBRUARY 10

SORORITY MEETING - FEBRUARY 11

CASINO BUS TRIP - FEBRUARY 24

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM— LINK ELEMENTARY AT 8:00 AM

ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY

Black History Month honors the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Did you know that Madam C.J. Walker was America's first woman to become a self-made millionaire, or that George Washington Carver was able to derive nearly 300 products from the peanut? Get the story of the creation of the NAACP, famous firsts in African American history and other black history facts. The celebration of Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

NAACP: On February 12, 2009, the NAACP marked its 100th anniversary. Spurred by growing racial violence in the early twentieth century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, a group of African-American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). February 12, 1909, was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Heavyweight Champ: Jack Johnson became the first African-American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in 1908. He held onto the belt until 1915.

First Lawyer: John Mercer Langston was the first black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of Langston Hughes, famed poet of the Harlem Renaissance.

Supreme Court Justice: Thurgood Marshall was the first African American ever appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. He was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, and served on the court from 1967 to 1991.

Eminent Scientist: George Washington Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.

First Senator: Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first African American ever elected to the U.S. Senate. He represented the state of Mississippi from February 1870 to March 1871.

First Woman Representative: Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives. She was elected in 1968 and represented the state of New York. She broke ground again four years later in 1972 when she was the first major party African-American candidate and the first female candidate for president of the United States.

Self-Made Millionaire: Madam C.J. Walker was born on a cotton plantation in Louisiana and became wealthy after inventing a line of African-American hair care products. She established Madame C.J. Walker Laboratories and was also known for her philanthropy.

Population Growth: The black population of the United States in 1870 was 4.8 million; in 2007, the number of black residents of the United States, including those of more than one race, was 40.7 million.

Oscar Winner: In 1940, Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American performer to win an Academy Award—the film industry's highest honor—for her portrayal of a loyal slave governess in *Gone With the Wind*.

Into Space: In 1992, Dr. Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to go into space aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. During her eight-day mission, she worked with U.S. and Japanese researchers, and was a co-investigator on a bone cell experiment.

White House: In 2009, Barack Obama became the first African-American president in U.S. history. He occupied the White House for two consecutive terms, serving from 2009 to 2017.



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