The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is a collaborative organization of nine historically African American, intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities. The National Pan-Hellenic Council was established in an age when racial segregation and disenfranchisement were widespread and the community. The rise of racial and the Black male identity and the fact that despite hardships African Americans refused to accept a status of inferiority.

This brochure was created by IU students. The plots will be an enduring marker for the history and future of Indiana University's NPHC community.

THE PLOTS PROJECT AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY
JOIN NPHC MEMBERS IN SUPPORTING

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL PLOT PROJECT

“We now stand where you once stood”
WHY PLOTS?

Like many black Greek letter organization traditions, the development of plots can be traced to the days of slavery. In the months following the end of the Civil War, confiscated Confederate land was divided into 40-acre plots for homestead development. The Divine Nine construct plots to symbolically and physically represent each organization’s presence on campus and to give alumni and current members a location for reflection and celebration.

WHERE WILL THE PLOTS BE LOCATED?

Ten limestone plot structures (one for each of the nine chapters and a Unity structure representing the NPHC) will be placed in an arc along the sidewalk leading up to the entrance of the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center. The plaza will be a tribute to the generations of alumni who have served Indiana University and the Bloomington community as members of NPHC organizations.

WHO ARE THE DIVINE NINE?

Kappa Alpha Psi - Alpha Chapter est. 1911
Alpha Kappa Alpha - Tau Chapter est. 1922
Alpha Phi Alpha - Gamma Eta Chapter est. 1947
Omega Psi Phi - Zeta Epsilon Chapter est. 1947
Delta Sigma Theta - Gamma Nu Chapter est. 1947
Sigma Gamma Rho - Epsilon Chi Chapter est. 1971
Phi Beta Sigma - Epsilon Iota Chapter est. 1972
Zeta Phi Beta - Delta Epsilon Chapter est. 1972
Iota Phi Theta - Gamma Delta Chapter est. 1995

WHY GIVE?

“From the outside, a plot is an area that acknowledges a fraternity or sorority’s existence. From within, a plot acknowledges the struggle, faith and power of former educated people of color (that look like me) who modeled perseverance, which led to excellence.”

-Alyssa Walker, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Spring 2013

“I believe that the University will benefit from having NPHC plots because it shines light and gives recognition to the hard work of NPHC Organizations throughout the past years and the many years to come.”

-Jabari T. Adkins, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Fall 2013

“Since NPHC organizations don’t have chapter houses on campus, these plots will serve as a structure so our presence will be planted in the ground of IU. It is a symbol of all the hard work and perseverance members from the past and present have planted in the Indiana University community. These plots will show that not only are NPHC organizations valuable to our campus, but they are a vital part of IU history, and that is something that should be acknowledged.”

-Mercedes M. Jones, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Spring 2014

OUR GOAL

$100,000 is needed to fully fund the Plots Project at Indiana University. This student-led initiative provides an opportunity for alumni, parents, and friends to financially support a tribute to IU NPHC.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

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