



College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

9<sup>th</sup> Administration  
2022 - 2023

Reclamation & Retention Newsletter  
August 6, 2023



**“Charting Our Path, Controlling our Legacy.”**

Brothers of the College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter:

Greetings! As Chairman of the CPSS Reclamation & Retention Committee, I am honored to send the August 2023 newsletter. These newsletters are intended to keep all CPSS brothers up to date on ongoing chapter events and activities. Our chapter is now **115** members strong, with over **115 brothers** 2 years in a row!

This newsletter includes the 5th set of Chapter Brother Spotlights which were created to enable brothers to get to know one another better. You can create your Spotlight by uploading at the following link: [Spotlights - Google Drive](#)

Below is an update since the last newsletter dated June 11, 2023 (**No July newsletter**). Previous newsletters are posted on the Reclamation & Retention page on the CPSS website: <https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-and-retention/>.

On June 13, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered virtually for a **Health and Wellness Townhall on Diabetes & Autoimmune Diseases**. A video of the seminar is posted on Slack.

**TONIGHT: THE 2 WHATS**

- WHAT IS DIABETES?
- WHAT IS PREDIABETES?

**TYPES OF DIABETES**

- Type 1 diabetes: 10%. The body does not produce insulin. **NO** - Can Be Prevented
- Type 2 diabetes: 90%. The body produces insulin but is not used efficiently. **YES** - Can Be Prevented

**How To Prevent?**

- Healthy and Balance Eating
- Appropriate Body Weight
- Moderate physical exercise

**UNDERSTANDING DIABETES**

- Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce enough insulin or uses it inefficiently
- Insulin is a hormone needed by the body to use glucose for the energy needed for daily life or to store it for later use

**Insulin is made in the pancreas**

**Photos 1-5: Health and Wellness Townhall Screenshots**

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Note: This is our QR code if you want to share the Reclamation and Retention page on the CPSS website with your network.

<https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-retention/>



On June 16, 2023, during our **June Monthly Chapter Meeting** Polemarch Mark Ellington presented the 2023 Polemarch's Award to Brother Jonathan Byus. In addition, Guide Right Chairman Dr. Pete Thompson, presented a certificate and award to Kappa Leaguer Oluwanifemi Egbetayo. Note: Nifemi has a 4.0 GPA!



**Photos 6-7: At the June Monthly Chapter Meeting**

Also on June 16, 2023, at the conclusion of our **June Monthly Chapter Meeting** Our officers and members of the Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 fraternal year were sworn in by Past Polemarch James Howard. Following the meeting, Polemarch Ellington hosted the chapter repast in his home.



**Photo 8: At the June Monthly Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 9-10: At the Repast after June Monthly Chapter Meeting**

On June 17, 2023, Brothers of the Bowie - Mitchellville, College Park/Sandy Spring, Fort Washington, Silver Spring, and Washington Alumni chapters and guests gathered for **Kappa Takeover 2023** at MGM National Harbor. The Nupes represented! An enjoyable time was had by all and \$90,000 was raised for scholarships, Kappa League, and community service programs.



**Photo 11: At Kappa Takeover 2023**



**Photos 12-19 At Kappa Takeover 2023**



**Photos 20-25 At Kappa Takeover 2023**



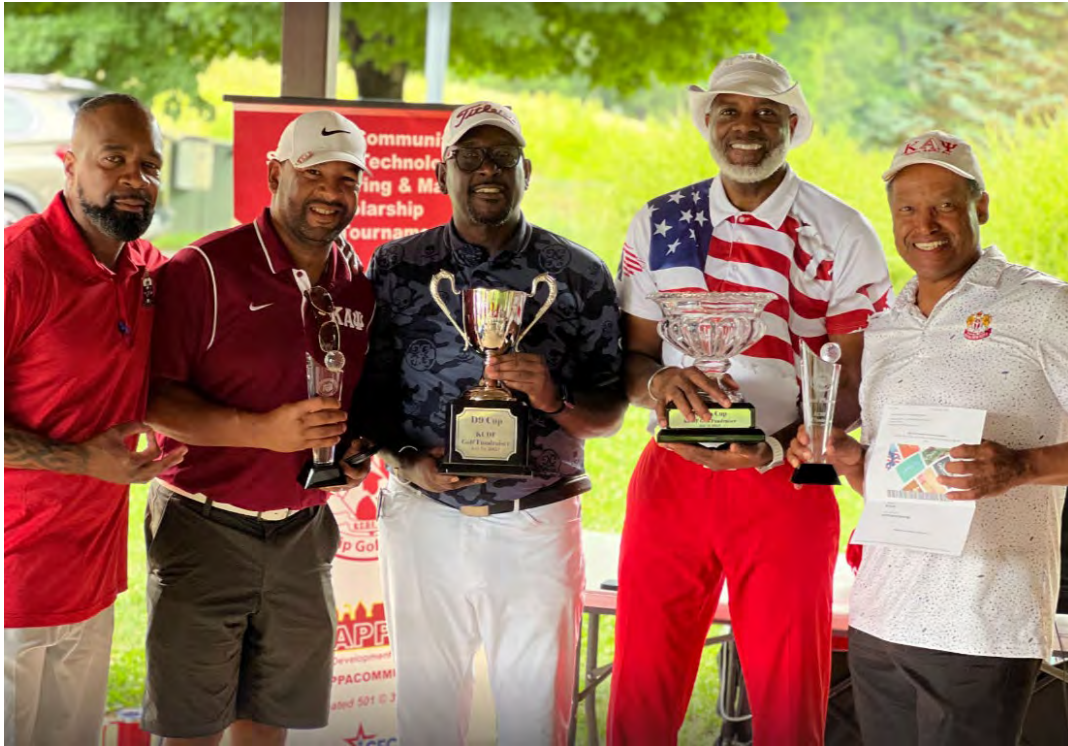
**Photos 26-30 At Kappa Takeover 2023**

On June 24, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for a **Chapter Food Distribution Community Service at Rainbow Community Development Center.**



**Photos 31-35: At Rainbow Community Development Center in June**

On July 14, 2023, CPSS brothers and guests gathered for the **KCDF Golf Tournament**.



**Photos 36-37: At KCDF Golf Tournament**





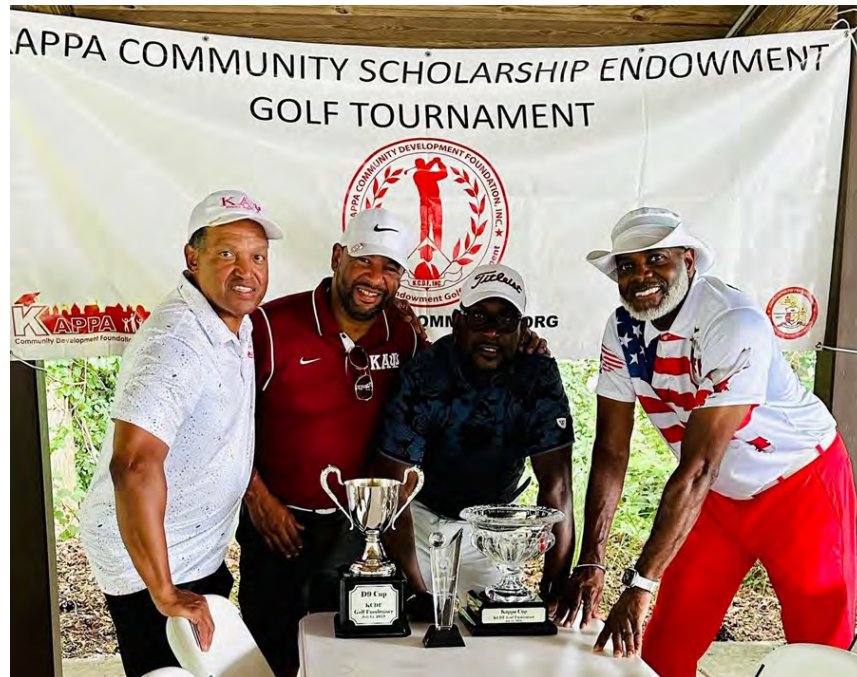
**Photos 38-42: At KCDF Golf Tournament**



Photos 43-48: At KCDF Golf Tournament



**Photos 49-55: At KCDF Golf Tournament**



**Photo 56: At KCDF Golf Tournament**

On July 15, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered for a **Chapter Food Distribution Community Service at Rainbow Community Development Center.**

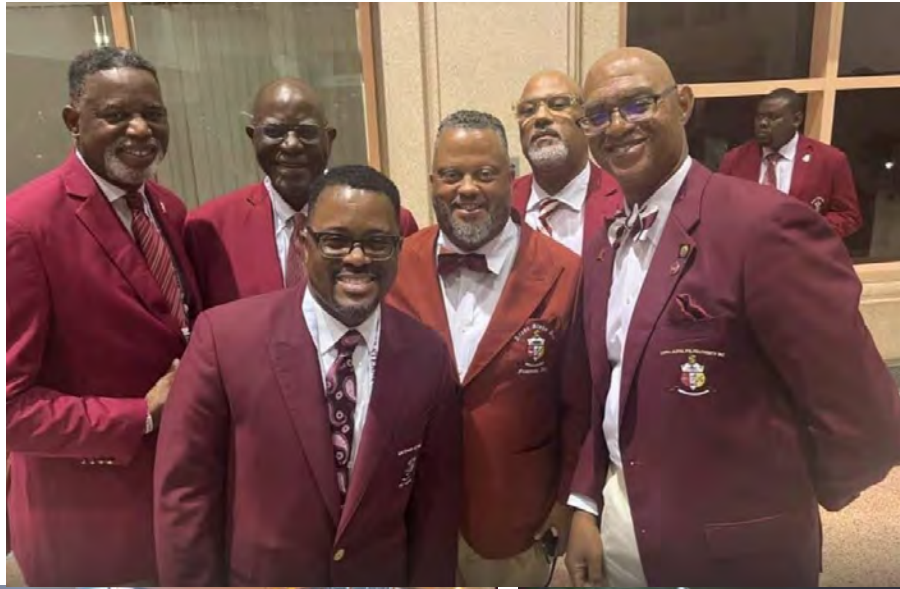


**Photo 57: At Rainbow Community Development Center July 15**

From July 18-23 2023, CPSS and Theta Theta brothers gathered in Tampa for the **86th Grand Chapter Meeting!**



**Photos 58-62: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 63-68: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 69-73: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 74-78: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**





**Photos 79-86: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 87-91: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 92-98: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 99-102: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**



**Photos 103-107: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**

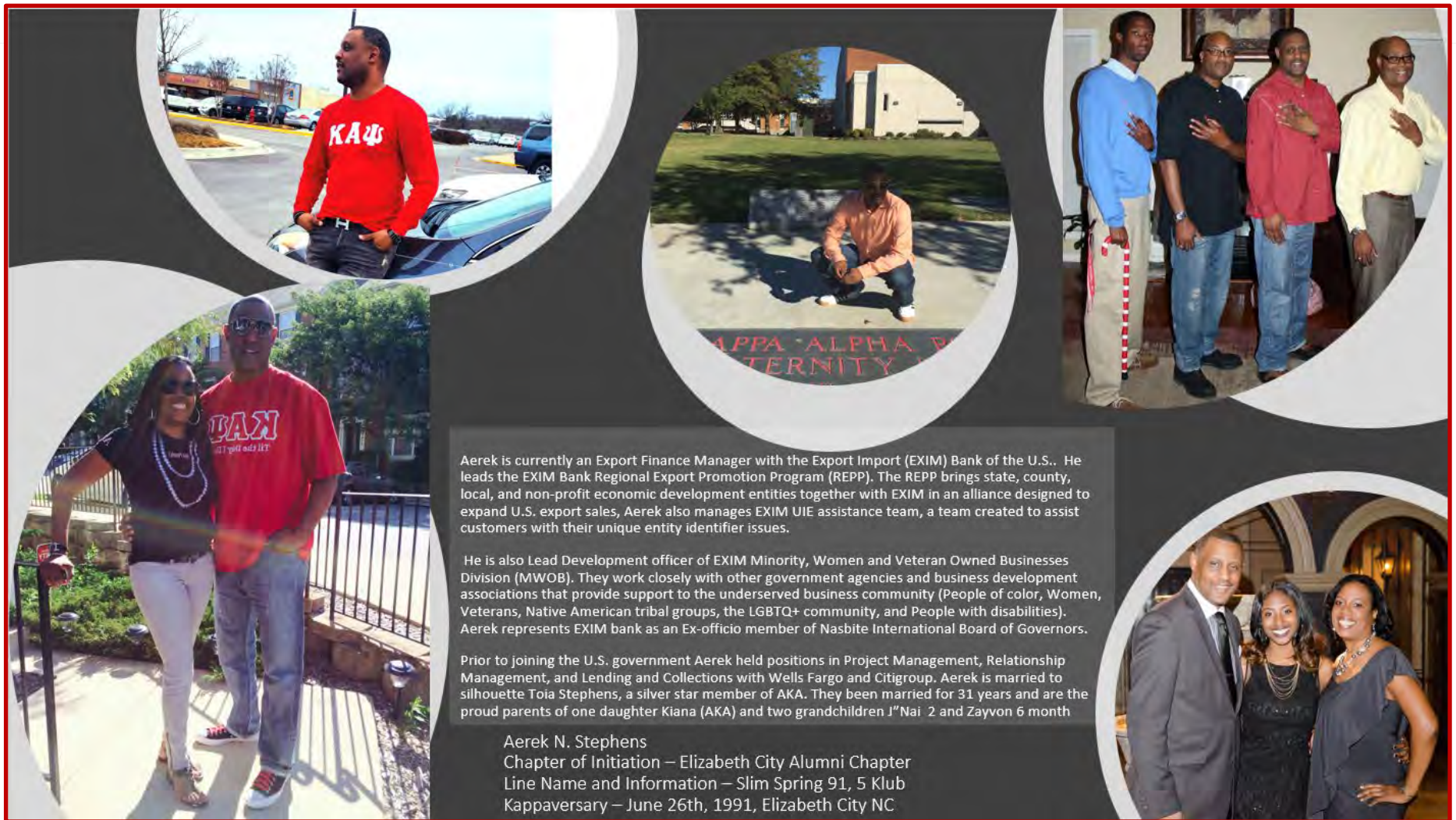


**Photos 108-114: At the 86th Grand Chapter Meeting**

On July 29, 2023, CPSS brothers gathered during an extremely sweltering day (96 degrees plus) for a **Chapter Food Distribution Community Service at Rainbow Community Development Center.**



**Photos 115-118: At Rainbow Community Development Center July 29**



**Photo 119: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Aerek Stephens**



## College Park/ Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Brother Spotlight



Brother Emmanuel Bradford  
Chapter of Initiation – Zeta Upsilon - The University of North Texas  
Line Name and Number – Southern Komfort , #6  
Kappaversary – March 29, 2008

Brother Bradford is a spring 2008 initiate of The University of North Texas, the Zeta Upsilon of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He transferred to Prairie View A&M University to enroll in The Roy G. Perry College of Engineering where he completed his B.S. in Electrical Engineering. As an undergraduate, Brother Bradford was part of political and social awareness campaigns which included “BaROCK The Vote”, a campus initiative to encourage students to vote, and Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization focused on building or improving living conditions. Brother Bradford joined CPSS in 2022.

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he relocated to Europe to begin his career with CGG Veritas. While working for CGG he spent time in several countries improving and maintaining electrical infrastructure for remote facilities. Brother Bradford relocated back to Texas and began working for CH2M Hill in Houston, TX supporting electrical infrastructure improvement projects for Shell Oil and Gas. He then became lead electrical engineer for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Chemical Plant in Beaumont, TX and then in Houston, TX. During his time at Goodyear, he completed capital improvement projects while maintaining facility power distribution and cogeneration systems. Brother Bradford relocated to Baltimore, MD as Senior Electrical Engineer for Domino Sugar Refining serving as subject matter expert, focusing on power stability and system reliability. He now works for ABB, formally General Electric, as a technical consultant. Brother Bradford has more than 10 years experience as an Electrical Engineer.

Brother Bradford initially met his wife to be, Kelsey, in Calculus I while attending Prairie View. They reconnected years later and married in 2021. They have lived in Maryland for (4) years. His father-in-law is a 1976 initiate of The University of Houston, the Eta Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Brother Bradford was raised by his Father Rev. Charles Bradford and mother Brenda Bradford. He has an older brother, Anthony Bradford, who is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Brother Bradford enjoys working out, suspense novels and movies, building mini replicas of steam engine generators, and the history of engineering.

**Photo 120: Chapter Brother Spotlight, Brother Emmanuel Bradford**

**Benefits of CPSS Membership:** The Reclamation & Retention Committee developed the below to outline benefits of membership with CPSS. This slide is posted on slack in the **#reclamation** channel. Please feel free to share:

### Benefits of College Park/Sandy Spring Alumni Chapter Membership

- **Tangible**
  - Fellowship Events – at Reduced/Subsidized Cost
    - Hospitality (Meals) After Chapter Meetings
    - Retreat Food and Hospitality
    - Charter Day Food and Hospitality
    - Christmas Holiday Party
    - Conclave Hospitality
    - CBC Hospitality
    - Chapter Cookout
    - Kappa League
- **Intangible**
  - Communication and Connection
    - (via Slack “Members Only” App)
  - Professional and Business Connections
  - Community Service
  - Health and Wellness Activities
  - Spiritual Wellness Activities
  - Political Action Activities
  - Emotional Support
  - Brotherhood and Fellowship
  - A Sense of Belonging

3-time (2017, 2018, & 2020) Eastern Province Large Chapter of the Year! More info on Website: <https://www.cpsskapsi.org/>  
For Overall Benefits of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Membership, go to Kappa IHQ Website: [kappaalphapsi1911.com](http://kappaalphapsi1911.com)



**Benefits of Kappa Alpha Psi Financial Membership:** IHQ has also published the below 3 graphics defining the benefits of financial membership:

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## FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

What are the benefits of being financial with Grand Chapter by October 1 of each year?

- Support for the Philanthropic Arm of the Fraternity (The Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation)
- Support for Kappa Kamp-Summer Enrichment Program
- Support for the National Guide Right/ Kappa League Program
- Support for Kappa League TV
- Support for the Undergraduate Leadership Institute (Iota Klass)
- Support for Undergraduate Chapter Advisors
- Support for Learn to Live
- Support for Room to Read
- Support for Health and Wellness
- Support for Financial Literacy
- Support for the infrastructure of the International Headquarters and much more.....



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## FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS: THREE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS

**What are the benefits of being financial on all three administrative levels in combination (Grand Chapter, Province of jurisdiction and a local alumni/undergraduate chapter)?**

### Grand Chapter:

- Eligible to receive Membership Discounts.
- Eligible to access your KappaAlphaPsi1911.com secure account.
- Receiving the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal four times a year (Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer) along with a special Conclave Edition during a conclave year.
- Receiving the Confidential Bulletin twice a year, along with a special edition during a conclave year.
- Eligible to register for National Founders' Day.
- Eligible to register for the Grand Chapter Meeting during a conclave year.
- Eligible to run for a Grand Chapter Office.

### Province:

- Eligible to register for a Province Council.
- Eligible to register for the annual Charles Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference (CRWLC).
- Eligible to run for a Province Office.

### Alumni/Undergraduate Chapter:

- Eligible to vote on chapter matters.
- Eligible to write a MTA letter of recommendation.
- Eligible to receive an invite to create a KappaOrg.com (MTA) secured account.
- Eligible to become Membership Training Academy (MTA) Certified.

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## FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS & PERKS



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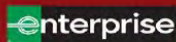
1-800-Flowers | 10% Discount with Coupon Code KAPPA



AARP | Discounted Membership Fees



Delta Airlines | Discount for Grand Chapter Meeting Air Travel



Enterprise Car Rental | 10% Car Rental Discount with code XZ17993



Regions Bank | Kappa Debit Card



Avis | \$25 off with Coupon Code MUWA010



Listings in MyBlack.Biz filtered for brothers.

**And More**

Verification of membership may be necessary for benefit(s).

*Revised 10/1/20*

**Key Upcoming Events:**



**Bourbon Tasting  
Fellowship**  
August 20, 2023  
Sagamore Sprits Distillery  
\$25/person

[Sagamore Link](#)



**UMD Football Tailgate vs  
Towson**  
Sept 2, 2023



**CPSS Happy Hour**  
Sept 8, 2023

**Free**

[CPSS Chapter Dues Payment Link](#)

**Upcoming Events:** There is a robust schedule of upcoming events and activities that has been developed in coordination with the Events Committee. The schedule is updated often. It is known that brothers cannot attend every event and activity, however the schedule is intended to provide awareness for planning purposes.

It is color coded so events and activities of interest can be identified easily whether they be community service, frat/chapter business, or Guide Right/Kappa League. The full schedule is posted to the **#calendar** channel on slack. You can also find it on the Reclamation & Retention page on the CPSS website:

<https://www.cpsskapsi.org/reclamation-and-retention/>.

Month	Date	Event	Sponsoring Organization	Purpose
August	11-13	Chapter Retreat (Chapter Annual Budget Submitted)	CPSS	Frat/Chapter Business
August	19	Province Officer's Workshop at Towson University	Eastern Province	Frat/Chapter Business
August	20	Chapter Fellowship Outing at Sagamore Sprints Distillery	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
August	26	Stuff Backpacks for Kappa League Schools	CPSS	Community Service
August	26	Kappa League Open House/Orientation/Registration	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
August	28	Chapter School Welcome Back	CPSS	Community Service
<b>All Year</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Weekly Chapter Prayer Zoom Call, Sundays 7pm</b>	<b>CPSS</b>	<b>Spiritual Renewal</b>
September	2	UMD Football Tailgate vs Towson	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
September	8	Monthly Happy Hour	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
September	9	UMD Football Tailgate	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
September	9	Kappa League Workshop	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
September	15	Monthly Chapter Meeting	CPSS	Frat/Chapter Business
September	15	UMD Football Tailgate vs UVA	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
September	16	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
September	16	Kappa League Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
September	16	Monthly Kappa Walk	CPSS	Health and Wellness
September	22	CBC Reception (+Hospitality Suite) - Marriott Marquis DC	Metro DC Chapters	Reclamation & Retention
September	23	Sept 2023 Fish fry with Silhouettes	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention - Couples Event
September	23	Kappa League Workshop	KCDF/CPSS	Guide Right/Kappa League
September	24	HBCU Night Out: Washington Commanders Game & Tailgate	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention
September	30	Chapter Food Distribution Community Service @ Rainbow (RCDC)	CPSS/RCDC	Community Service
September	30	UMD Football Tailgate	CPSS	Reclamation & Retention

**Conclusion:** Thank you for reading. See you at our **Chapter Retreat** August 11-13, 2023. If you have any questions or additional feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition to my email below, questions can be sent to [reclamation@cpsskapsi.org](mailto:reclamation@cpsskapsi.org). Follow us on Twitter at **@CollegeParkSan1**. In addition, Our QR code is below at right if you want to share the Reclamation and Retention page on the CPSS website with your network.

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