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Sunday 2-15-09 9-10pm

Facilitator: Brother Joseph West

Monday 2-16-09 8-9pm

Facilitator: Brother Dennis Lanham

Tuesday 2-17-09 9pm

Facilitator: Brother Dennis Lanham

Wednesday 2-18-09 8pm

Facilitator: Brother Joseph West

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BROTHER JIMMY HAMMOCK

AS CANDIDATE FOR

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.



CHANGING
Lives Through Service

Greetings My Sigma Brother!

It is my pleasure to announce my candidacy for the office of International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. "Changing Lives Through Service" personifies my personal mission to instill and to inspire passion for rendering life-changing community service

amongst Phi Beta Sigma members. "What we do says who we are." My vision for Sigma, is that we make a greater impact through strategic program implementation with viable measurements. I see 3 Key Opportunities how we can together make the vision of "Changing Lives Through Service" a reality:

- Putting Brothers First
- Modeling & Developing Sigma Leaders
- Making Impact through Fraternity Signature Program

I seek your support and influence. Log onto www.jimmyhammock.com to view campaign details, pledge your support and be a part of changing lives.

Brother Jimmy Hammock



Jimmy Hammock
CANDIDATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



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BROTHER PROFILE - STEVEN G. JACKSON



Name: Steven G. Jackson

Chapter: Eta Sigma, Raleigh, NC

Initiation Date: Fall 1988

Initiation Chapter: Pi Mu Chapter, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

Sigma Local Offices:

Chapter Advisor, Parliamentarian, Vice President, President, Board of Directors of the Eta Sigma Chapter's Sigma Scholars Foundation, Past President's Council Chair.

Sigma State Offices:

State Director of North Carolina

Sigma Regional Offices:

Director of Publicity, Director of Technology, NC State Director

Sigma Accomplishments:

20 Years in Sigma, restarted the newsletter and webpage for the Southeaster Region

Profession:

Speech-Language Pathologist

Degrees Earned: BS Degree in Organizational Management from Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina, and a M.Ed. Degree in Communication Disorders from North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina

Life Accomplishments: Returning back to school to complete his undergraduate degree and moving on to completing a Master of Education degree. Establishing a Speech and Language company (Speech Masters Therapy Services, Inc.), which is currently in it's 9th year in business. Greatest life accomplishment are his three children that he and his wife Tiffany Jackson brought into this world: Madison Jackson (6-years), Steven Jackson II (2-years), and Braison Jackson (8-months)

ALUMNI CHAPTER PROFILE - ETA SIGMA CHAPTER, RALEIGH, NC

CHAPTER NAME: Eta Sigma, Raleigh, NC



PROGRAMS

Bigger & Better Business: Dinner-Theater Program fundraiser which promotes local high school, collegiate, and professional talents, and ongoing support for minority businesses

Social Action: March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Toys-4-Tots Drive, Fan Drive, provide annual recognition and awards to community members who distinguish themselves in three major program areas, support for Prostate Cancer Screening clinics, MLK parade preparation committee, host for local Pan-Hellenic Council committee meetings, sponsors

Sigma Beta Club program

Education: Annual scholarships to local collegiate chapters: North Carolina State University, Saint Augustine's College and Shaw University, Prostate Cancer Awareness, Sigma Beta Club support

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Eta Sigma Chapter is the ONLY chapter in the WORLD with 2 living Distinguished Service Chapter (DSC) members: The Honorable Dudley E. Flood (Member #128) and The Honorable Winford L. Rose (Member #150)



AN ICON FOR DHHS SAFETY AND HEALTH RETIRES

Brother John L. Milner of Eta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., retires from the Department of Health and Human Services (*Dorothea Dix Hospital*) with 32 years of State Service and is awarded "The Order of the Long Leaf Pine," the highest award given to a civilian by the Governor of the State of North Carolina.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER PROFILE - UPSILON, LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE, NC



PROGRAMS

Bigger & Better Business: When possible we try to support black businesses

Social Action: March of Dimes, Alzheimer's Walk, collecting non-perishable items for Thanksgiving, raising money to support struggling families, peer educator, BEEP escorts, Sleep-out for the Homeless, help freshman move in, Networking Forum, voters registration drive, blood drives, wellness initiative, campus clean up, ice cream socials, art show, conversation among brothers series, basketball tournament, Founders Day ceremony

Education: Peer educator, BEEP Program escorts, networking forum, Why Blacks Don't Read forum, What It Will Take for Us to Wake Up forum, Emmett Teel forum, Scarface forum, book festival.

Additional Information:

- Three out of four members achieved GPAs of 3.0 or above; remaining member's GPA exceeds 2.8
- Step Show winners in 2007
- First Place trophy for Best Float in Livingstone College Homecoming Parade

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IN LOVING MEMORY

BRO. WILLIE L. BENSON, 2008 JAMES T. FLOYD HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Brother Willie Benson transitioned into the Omega Chapter on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2008 in Florence, SC. Bro. Benson, a devout Sigma man, was inducted into Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. at Claflin University where he received his BS degree. He also earned a Masters of Arts degree from South Carolina State University. Brother Benson was an icon in educational circles. He served as a teacher and later as principal of Birch Creek Elementary School. He also served as principal of St. John Junior High School and was a longtime teacher, coach and assistant principal at C.E. Murray High School in Greeleyville, SC. A devoted Sigma, Brother Benson helped to reorganize the Pi Sigma Chapter in Kingstree, SC in 1950 and served as Chapter President, Vice-President, Treasurer

and delegate to numerous state, regional and national conventions. During his illness, he found strength to attend the 2008 South Carolina State conference at Francis Marion University.

Bro. Benson will surely be missed, but his spirit will forever shine brightly throughout Phi Beta Sigma.

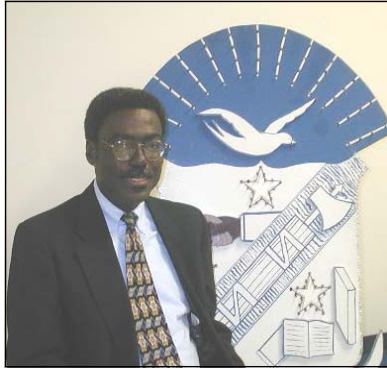
GRAD GREEK GETDOWN

The Rho Kappa Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., West Columbia, South Carolina is proud to present its 2nd annual GRAD GREEK GETDOWN to be held at Benedict College, April 4, 2009. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and the show will start at 7:00 p.m.

Team registration is limited. The fee to participate is \$75. The registration deadline is February 23, 2009. **There will be no walk-in registration the day of the event.**

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Parliamentary Corner

By Wilbert Morris
Regional Parliamentarian

Getting Down to Business

In a meeting where formal rules of order are used the primary method for bringing business before the organization or assembly is through a motion by a meeting attendee. A motion, when made from the floor, can address the subject of the assembly (the reason for the meeting) or it may follow a presentation, report or any other discussion point. *Robert's Rules of Order* defines a motion as "a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, that the assembly take certain action." The nature of the motion, when proposed, can be of substance to the group or it may simply be an expressed view or just to require more specific action to take place within or by the organization.

No discussion or debate of an issue germane to the organization should occur until after a **main motion** has been introduced by an attendee in order to bring business before the body. Generally this action occurs after the call to order, ceremonial activities, and other preliminaries such as stating the order of business, review of minutes from a previous meeting, reports, presentation, etc. In addition to the main motion, there are other motions that are considered to be parliamentary that also require specific action but do not bring business before the body as in the case of a main motion. [These parliamentary motions will be addressed in detail in a later edition of the newsletter.]

The process by which a main motion is brought before the assembly is usually a three step process:

Step 1 involves a member making a motion when he *moves* or *offers* a specific issue requiring action by the body. The member making the main motion must first gain the floor by standing and being recognized by the presiding officer before speaking. The member is then able to speak by first addressing the presiding official and using an appropriate title; i.e., *Mr. President* or *Mr. Chairman*. The presiding official determines whether the member is entitled to the floor and normally addresses him by name or title (when known), at which time the member has the floor. In situations where individual members are not known by the presiding officer, it is customary for the member seeking the floor to state his name with any other necessary identification such as his title, agency represented, etc.

Step 2 involves the offering of a *second* to the motion by another member of the body who wishes the motion to be considered. The individual offering the second is simply indicating that the motion should come before the group and is not indicating his support for or against the motion. When offering the second the member simply says, "*I second the motion,*" or "*I second it,*" or "*Second*" which can be done without obtaining the floor and it does not necessarily involve the member standing. It is recommended, however, that in larger group settings the person offering the second stand and state his name, title, and other pertinent information and address the presiding official before indicating his desire to second the motion. If no one gives a second to the motion that is placed on the floor, the motion dies for the lack of a second. Before dispensing with the motion that is not seconded, the presiding officer must make sure that the assembly heard the motion before moving on to other business. Normally the chair will ask, "Is there a second to the motion?" If the assembly is comprised of a large group, the presiding officer may even repeat the motion before asking if there is a second. If the motion fails to receive a second, the presiding officer may say, "Since there is no second, the motion is not before this meeting." After which the presiding officer simply moves the next item of business before the assembly or ask whether there is any further business to claim the group's attention.

Step 3 (assuming the motion is seconded) requires the presiding officer to *state the question on the motion*, basically to restate the motion which then puts the motion before the assembly. Normally the presiding officer puts the motion forward by stating, "It is moved and seconded that repeating the motion." After the presiding officer states the question, the motion is on the floor (pending) which means that it is then debatable. Individual members can then speak on the motion with the member who made the motion having first right to speak if he so chooses. If the originator of the motion does not wish to address the motion, the presiding officer may recognize other members present who wish to speak for or against the motion. During the debate each member present may speak on the motion two times, but the second option to speak may not be exercised as long as there are other members who have not spoken that wish to do so. The length of time each member is allowed to speak during the debate must be restricted to timelines established by the assembly's rules and all debate comments must be in a cordial tone and specific to the merits of the pending motion. The presiding officer listens to each member's comments, does not interrupt, and cannot end debate until all members who wish to be heard have had the chance to speak to the motion (no more than twice).

At the conclusion of the debate the presiding officer can put the question before the body by asking "Are you ready for the question?" If no member claims the floor (usually by standing), the presiding officer then puts forth the question by stating the motion members are being asked to vote for or against, making sure the members understand the implication of a "yes" or a "no" vote on the motion. The presiding officer may call for a voice vote by asking those in favor of the motion to indicate such by saying "aye" and those opposed to the motion to vote by saying "no." He may also ask members to vote by a show of hands rather than a voice vote, recognizing those members in favor of the motion first then a show of hands by those opposing the motion. Or where appropriate, the presiding officer may ask members to stand to show their support for or against the motion. After the vote the presiding officer informs the body whether the motion passes or fail.

Sources: *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised - In Brief.*

EAST TENNESSEE LIVING UP TO THE COMMITMENT OF SERVICE



Among Pictured: Donald Tatum, Dir. of The Sigma Beta Club, Edrius Cameron, V.P. of Xi Alpha Sigma Chapter, Carlis Shackelford, Sr., Advisor, and Charter Members of the Sigma Beta Club: Kirby Carr, Daniel Bell, J'Darius Cameron, Edrius Cameron, Jr., Keuntez Howard, Carlis Shackelford, Jr. and De'Vonte Ward. Not pictured: Justin Allen, President of Xi Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Fraternity and Robert Phillips, Dir. of Social Action.



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The Sigma Beta Club of the Xi Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. recently performed community service by stocking the pantry and presented a check for \$100.00 to the Chattanooga Community Kitchen to assist with the needs of the homeless in the Chattanooga area.

EAST TENNESSEE BRINGS IN ANOTHER SIGMA BETA CLUB



Pictured: Edrius Cameron, V.P. of Xi Alpha Sigma Chapter, Donald Tatum, Dir. of The Sigma Beta Club, Quentin Goodwin, Southeastern Regional Director and Charter Members of the Sigma Beta Club: Kirby Carr, Daniel Bell, J'Darius Cameron, Edrius Cameron, Jr. and Keuntez Howard. Charter Members not pictured are Carlis Shackelford, Jr. and De'Vonte Ward.

The Sigma Beta Club of the Xi Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. recently held its chartering ceremony at the East TN State meeting of the Southeastern Region of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in Cleveland, TN. The purpose for an organization such as the Sigma Beta Club is to give young male students the opportunity to meet with each other on a regular basis outside the school atmosphere to discuss their interest and problems. The Club also gives its members a chance to meet with college

and professional men on a regular basis; therefore, exposing the membership to various viewpoints of educational advancements. Sigma Beta Club programs are geared to meet the needs of its members, while at the same time provide them with a well rounded outlook that is needed to cope with today's society. The enrichment programs are cultural, social, and athletic. They are designed to give members a chance to be innovative, thereby instilling self-confidence and a feeling of accomplishment. Service projects will thrust Club members into community involvement. This involvement will give Club members a feeling of being part of community development.

Summary of the 2008 South Carolina State Conference



The 2008 South Carolina State conference was held in Florence with the Beta Theta Sigma chapter (Florence alumni) and Pi Chi (Francis Marion) serving as host chapters with all conference activities held on the campus of Francis Marion University with hotel accommodations provided by the Holiday Inn Express. This year's conference theme continues the past two state conference themes of focusing on our three international programs with this year's theme being *Bigger and Better Business: Creating, Building and Maintaining Wealth in South Carolina*.



Highlights include our featured presenter, Mr. Clente Flemming, president and CEO of South Carolina Community Bank- the only African American owned bank in South Carolina. Presentations include: Economic Conditions in South Carolina and its effects on African Americans, learning labs on resume writing, business etiquette, and interview tips. The conference also included our business session and membership intake certification. Our conference kicked off on Friday October 31 with our Opening ceremony and our initiation ceremony with 18 new brothers entering our noble fraternity.



Our conference concluded with our Awards Luncheon on Saturday November 1 with the following awards: collegiate chapter of the year: Eta Alpha (South Carolina State), alumni chapter of the year: Beta Chi Sigma (Columbia) and the community service award presented to Clean USA for Bigger and Better Business. A special award was presented to Bro. Andrew Huggins of the Beta Theta Sigma chapter on his 77 years of membership in Phi Beta Sigma. On Saturday evening, the Miss South Carolina Phi Beta Sigma Pageant was held with Miss Pasha Shamar Franklin (Miss Lander) crowned Miss South Carolina Phi Beta Sigma. 1st runner up was Miss Toya Williams (Miss Winthrop) and 2nd runner up was Miss Jasmine Chapman (Miss Charleston Southern). Other participants were Miss Leshia Bright (Miss Benedict) and Miss Natasha Gunn (Miss Clemson).



MY MONTH-LONG FOUNDER'S DAY EXPERIENCE

Quentin Goodwin, Southeastern Regional Director



January is a very special month in Phi Beta Sigma, as brothers worldwide join in celebrating the legacy of our Founders. This 95th year celebration was extra special in that it launched our official centennial celebration, which will culminate in Washington, DC in June 2014.

The highlight of my month was my conversation with Bro. Decatur Morse, son of our Founder Leonard F. Morse. Bro. Morse recently relocated to Whiteville, NC, and is looking forward to becoming fully engaged in the Southeastern Region. It is truly a blessing to have access to a direct link to one of our Founders, and I am excited about learning much more about our legacy from Bro. Morse.

This month, I logged around 2,000 miles on my car traveling to various Founders Day activities throughout the region. Though my car is extremely tired, I found each that my Sigma spirit grew with each celebration I experienced.

January 7—My month-long celebration began in Charlotte, where I joined my chapter—Beta Rho Sigma—in its Founders Day service project at the Charlotte Emergency Winter Men's Shelter. There, we fed, served, and fellowshiped with approximately 250 men currently housed at the facility.

January 9—I fellowshiped with the Delta Zeta Sigma chapter (Durham, NC) at its Founder's Day Ball. A good time was had by all attending the event, as we enjoyed good food, music and fun.

January 10—Delta Zeta Sigma joined me in Roxboro, NC, as we conducted an Omega ceremony for Bro. James Arthur Brown. Bro. Brown, who resided in Louisiana, was buried in his hometown. We were humbled to honor the request of his daughter and family in participating in this memorial service.

January 11—I joined the Beta Mu Sigma chapter (Charleston, SC) at its annual Founder's Day public program. Keynote speaker for the program was Soror Barbara Moore, Past Grand Basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The chapter honored three individuals who excelled in the areas of Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action; additionally, it honored around 15 high school male scholars eligible for its annual scholarship awards.



January 17—I participated in Epsilon Xi Sigma's (Chattanooga, TN) monthly chapter meeting. There I was honored to fellowship with both Epsilon Xi Sigma and Xi Alpha Sigma (Decatur, TN) members. I was very excited to hear of the great works both chapters are doing in the Chattanooga and surrounding communities.

January 25—I was humbled to serve as the keynote speaker at the Upstate South Carolina Sigma/Zeta joint Founder's Day program in Spartanburg, SC.

The chapters honored three individuals in the upstate area who exemplified outstanding service in Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action. The program culminated a weekend of activities where the Blue and White family participated in bowling and led a blood drive.



There were many other Founders Day activities throughout the Southeastern Region this month (Raleigh, Presbyterian College, Fayetteville, Sumter, Greensboro, etc.) I wish that I were able to attend these events, but I was pleased to hear that all events went exceptionally well. Brothers, you should be proud that Sigma is alive and well throughout this great region—and I look forward to a banner year of Sigma!

Suited For Success



The Youth Educational Society, Inc. (YES) received and distributed the following at its 4th Annual Suited for Success drive on October 4, 2008, in Winston-Salem, NC during the 2008 North Carolina State Conference. The group received 23 suits, three (3) sport coats, 12 pair of slacks, six (6) shirts and five (5) ties, need space after \$2500 and after value estimate. YES donated seven suits, two sports coats, and three pair of slacks to collegiates with an estimated PDVE of \$750. The remaining items were donated to the Mens Uptown Shelter in Charlotte; YES did receive a receipt for the donation. The donations assisted students from JCSU, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-

Pembroke, NC State, and Winston-Salem State this year. The numbers were down this year; however, considering the state of the economy, the preparation for the event this year, and the lower collegiate registration this year ; this was not a bad event.

OUR EPIC JOURNEY TO HISTORY - INAUGURATION 2009

My family and I discussed going to D.C., then discussed not going to D.C. for the inauguration in December 2008. Even after booking a tour we discussed the expense in this economic time, the large crowds, the cold weather, and the commitment of time it would take to go to the inauguration. Fortunately, we did not purchase cancellation insurance and could not afford to forfeit the money already paid, so we had to go. As the commercial says, the experience was "priceless." The experience of people from all over the world, of all hues, and all faiths gathered in a peaceful crowd of millions with hope on their mind was phenomenal. A lesson learned from trying to talk ourselves out of the trip was that blessings are missed by negative self-talk. It was an experience that my daughter will value as she ages, as she was actually a part of this historic and monumental event. As a family, it was an experience that we value, as this event connected us to the dreams of those who struggled to get our people into schools, lunch counters, and institutions that said our people were not good enough. We were connected for the first time in America's history to a family that looked a little more like us, that came from circumstances a little more like our own, and who represent the embodiment of the American dream. The inauguration of President Obama is about responsibility and ownership of the issues that impact our communities. As the President has said, "Change has come to America." We were blessed to be a part of the visual moment of change.

Submitted by Keith S. Smith,
on behalf of Celeste Smith, Age 11, and
Shannon Chavis-Smith

NC MINORITY PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS ACTION TEAM RECEIVES GRANT



Left to right: Honorable Brother Dudley E. Flood, Dr. James Smith, president, and Brother Leroy Darkes, MD.

The North Carolina Prostate Cancer Awareness Action Team has been awarded a grant with which to continue its work. Founded in 1995, the Action Team is a statewide organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the disparate impact of prostate cancer in North Carolina.

The funding from the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission's Eliminating Health Disparities initiative will be used to help reduce the morbidity and mortality of prostate cancer among African-American men in Eastern North Carolina. The mission is that of establishing the Action Team's signature program in several selected communities. The Action Team will also assist in establishing prostate cancer screening events in each of the targeted communities.

In addition, the Action Team will expand its outreach and will continue the programs in which it has engaged for the past 16 years.

On the Board of Directors of the Action Team are five members of Eta Sigma Chapter, Brother John Milner, Brother Joseph Forte, Brother Leroy Darkes, MD, Honorable W.L. Rose, DSC, and Honorable Dudley E. Flood, DSC.

EAST COAST STEPSHOW 2009

"Quest for the BEST"! One of the longest running and most exciting stepshow competitions is coming again, and you don't want to miss this opportunity. The "12 th annual East Coast Stepshow" will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 6:00 pm at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Your organization/step team is cordially invited to participate in this electrifying and premiere stepshow event. The objective is to highlight step teams from various regions and reward the best teams with monetary prizes for their performances.

For Ticket Information and Registration Deadlines, please contact:

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NU THETA CHAPTER'S - FOUNDER'S DAY BASH

As Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. celebrated 95 years of distinguished existence, the Nu Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma at Presbyterian College, which was founded in 1981, was proud to take part in celebrating Phi Beta Sigma for the first time because it has been inactive since 2005 due to no brothers. The chapter was reactivated in Spring 08' with the crossing of one brother on March 7, 2008 at Regional Conference. With only one brother on the yard, it was important to the chapter to seek support from other chapters in allowing the campus to visually see the brotherhood and create an event where the brothers could gather in commemoration of January 9, 1914. The Founders Day Bash took place on Saturday, January 10, 2009. The Bash consisted of an invitation to all the Brothers, Zetas and interested others to Presbyterian College Men's Basketball game against Winthrop University followed by a party on campus. The Founder's Day Bash truly exemplified brotherhood as brothers from Columbia's Beta Chi Sigma alumni chapter, Newberry's Alpha Beta Psi chapter, Claflin's Omicron chapter, Charleston Southern's Pi Iota chapter, Lander's Alpha Tau Alpha chapter, Winthrop's Nu Chi chapter, Clemson's Omicron Lambda chapter, USC Upstate's Gamma Alpha Gamma chapter and South Carolina's State Director Demond Nichols attended the bash and made it a memorable occasion. The Nu Theta Chapter looks to grow by a hopeful spark from the Founder's Day Bash so that it can continue to uphold the principles that Phi Beta Sigma was founded on.

By: Bro. Clifton F. Evans

W&M LAW STUDENT TO CAST VOTE AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR



Christia V. Rey, a second-year law student at William & Mary, will represent the First Congressional District in Virginia as a presidential elector, when the state's 13 electors meet to cast their votes for President and Vice President in Richmond on December 15. The electoral votes of each state will be submitted to the Vice President and counted in a joint session of the United States Senate and House of Representatives on January 9.

"It is an honor to serve as a presidential elector," said Rey. "This is an historic election for the country and for the First Congressional District of Virginia." Rey and his fellow electors are profiled on www.virginiaelectoralcollege.org/electors/index.html.

Rey is the first African American to represent the First Congressional District in Virginia as a presidential elector. He was elected to the post during the Democratic First Congressional District convention. Rey was a volunteer in the Democratic Party's coordinated office in Newport News during the presidential race, and previously volunteered as an undergraduate at East Carolina University for John Edwards's senatorial race in 1998.

Rey is a member of the William & Mary Election Law Society and serves as the National Director of Corporate Relations of the National Black Law Students Association. He previously served as a United States Army Captain and saw combat tours to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. His last assignment before attending law school was Commander of the Third Special Forces Signal Detachment, Fort Bragg. During these combat tours, Rey received a Bronze Star and other military accolades.

Interim Law School Dean Lynda Butler said she was delighted to learn that Rey was selected to represent the First Congressional District in the Electoral College. "I have taught here for nearly three decades, and this is the first time that I can recall that a law student will serve as a presidential elector. It's a singular achievement for Chris, made all the more meaningful by the historic nature of this election. What a fitting honor for Chris and for the Law School."

"Chris Rey stands in the great tradition of citizen lawyers from William & Mary," said William & Mary President Taylor Reveley. "This tradition dates back to George Wythe, who began legal training at William & Mary in 1779. Wythe - a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a member of the Constitutional Convention, and a powerful foe of slavery - was a leading force in our nation's creation and early political life. His example has inspired generations of William & Mary law students. George Wythe would be very proud of Chris."

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