

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EMPOWERING YOUNG MEN

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The Cincinnati Queen City Alumnae (CQCA) Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., capped off its annual Beautillion Militaire program with an evening of dinner, dancing and celebration as the program's participants – or Beaux as they are commonly referred to – were publicly presented to the Greater Cincinnati community.

“... we are elated to honor ten of Cincinnati's finest!” remarked Chandra Mathews-Smith, CQCA Chapter President, in the gala's souvenir journal. “These young brothers have distinguished themselves in scholarship, leadership, and community service.”

More than 400 family members, friends, past Beaux, and community stakeholders were on hand to salute them at the formal gala, which took place April 18th at the Oasis Golf and Conference Center in Loveland (OH) and was presented in conjunction with the 100 Black Men of Greater Cincinnati.

“... we honor this year's class of Beaux who are poised to become our future leaders of tomorrow.” remarked Beautillion Militaire 2015 Chairpersons—Myra Freed (CQCA) and Torre' Cook (The 100 Black Men of Greater Cincinnati), in the gala's souvenir journal.



The 2015 Beaux with Myra Freed, 2015 Beautillion Militaire Chairperson.

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The gala is the culmination of the seven-month Beautillion Militaire empowerment program, which consists of five components: Personal Growth and Development, Community Service, Developing Positive Relationships, Scholarship and finally, the Formal Gala and Presentation.

Representing high schools across Greater Cincinnati, ten young men participated in the 2015 Beautillion Militaire: Tyler Adams (Walnut Hills High School), Donovan (DJ) Barrow II (Princeton High School), Brendan

Boseman (Clark Montessori High School), Julian Gassett (Walnut Hills High School), Daniel Jett (Mt. Healthy High School), Austin Jones (Winton Woods High School), Evan Lamarr (Princeton High School), Swede Moorman III (Walnut Hills High School), Anthony Phillips, Jr. (Winton Woods High School) and Bryshawn Whigham (Walnut Hills High School).

Throughout this year's program, the Beaux participated in a variety of workshops addressing topics includ-

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This year marked the 25th Anniversary of the Beautillion Militaire presented by the Cincinnati Queen City Alumnae Chapter. Since inception in 1990, the Beautillion Militaire has impacted more than 330 young men and presented almost \$370,000 in scholarships and cash awards.

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ing managing personal finances and the definition of manhood. They also gave back to their communities through projects such a Habitat for Humanity build with their fathers. Lastly, the Beaux participated in a scholarship competition, where they earned more than \$18,000 in scholarships and cash awards.

“The continued success of the Beautillion Militaire is unchanged because of supportive parents, supportive members of Delta Sigma Theta, the 100 Black Men of Greater Cincinnati, mentors, and our great Beaux.” said Spencer McKinney, President of 100 Black Men of Greater Cincinnati.

This year was even more significant as it marked CQCA’s 25th Anniversary of the Beautillion Militaire, which was conceived by CQCA charter members to highlight the achievements of young African-American males and combat images in the media that portrayed them in a negative light. Formed in 1990, it followed the framework of the sorority’s national program at the time, “Summit III-Preparing Our Sons for Manhood”.

The Beautillion Militaire, which today supports the sorority’s national EMBODI initiative, has impacted more than 330 young men and presented almost \$370,000 in scholarships and cash awards since its inception.

Mark your calendars now for next year’s Beautillion Militaire Formal Gala, taking place April 16, 2016 at the Savannah Center in West Chester, Ohio.

For more information including signup young men to participate in future programs, corporate sponsorship, and more, contact info@cqcadst.org.

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