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A close-up portrait of a smiling Black man with a short beard, wearing a black chef's jacket. The jacket has a white logo on the left chest and the name 'Chef DAS' embroidered on the right chest. The background is dark and out of focus.

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*Chef DAS found his way to culinary arts at Atlanta Tech*

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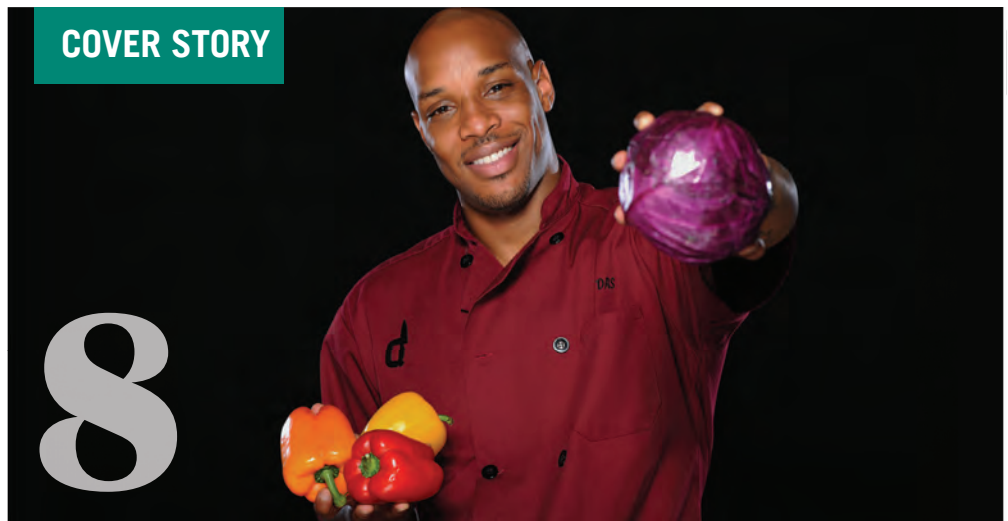
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**Welcome to NEXTPHASE**

Fall in the Southeast is one of the most comfortable times of the year. The heat of the summer has finally broken. The foliage is changing to vivid colors of red, orange and gold. It's the perfect time of year to layer up with awesome garments. But for high school seniors, fall can also be a very stressful time of the year.

Enter Next Phase. This semiannual publication is designed to help you navigate this turbulent time with life hacks, organization tips and sage advice on picking the next step, whether it's involves going to a four-year university in another state or, instead, you'd rather attend a technical school around the corner.

No matter what you decide what your next chapter is going to look like, we're ecstatic that you and your family taken the time to check out the information we have compiled on your behalf.

*Here's a quick checklist of the milestones you should consider:*

1. Narrow your list of college choices to two or three and schedule campus visits early in the school year.
2. Make a calendar with admissions and scholarship deadlines.
3. Take the ACT or SAT (twice).
4. Complete admissions applications and submit in the fall.
5. Seek out and apply for scholarships — everywhere.
6. Start thinking FAFSA now.
7. Include your parents in the process.

# Endless Possibilities

There are many options after graduation

**BY GREG BRAND JR.**

Next Phase Contributor

As every student's time in high school draws to a close, one of the most important concerns is what the student will do next. According to the US Department of Education's 2018 projections, an estimated 3.4 million students will graduate from high school this year and they all have the daunting challenge of deciding what to do once they finish.

Because there are so many options that are available, students and their families should actively explore and cultivate all options for life after high school graduation.

"Before you fall in love, make sure you have other options," advises Joe DePaulo, CEO and co-founder of College Ave Student Loans, a provider of private student loans.

When it comes to attending college, students can work toward attending a traditional four-year institution or opt for a junior or community college experience to gain the educational opportunities that each can provide.

"There are numerous options for students looking for the next step after high school," said Dr. Kenny Yarbrough, chief equity officer for diversity and inclusion for the University of Wisconsin. "Having worked at the junior college level and four-year institution level, both options can greatly benefit young people looking to find a career and themselves."

"With a full four-year college experience, there are obviously more options and a more complete college experience," Yarbrough said.

"The chance to take part

in dormitory life, Greek life and campus life can make all the difference."

Going into either college environment gives access to education and experience that will make the students more appealing to a wide variety of employment choices with full bachelors or associate degrees.

Taking the vocational route opens up opportunities for trade and certificate programs. Attending a vocational school means you can get trained in skill-based careers that include skilled labor and office support, as well as quality certification positions.

Choosing to serve in the military is an option for many graduates as government service offers numerous benefits to young people looking to make something of themselves after high school. While the surface benefit of the military is the exchange of service for pay and benefits, service in the military can also allow for skill and education training that is essentially equal to the experience a graduate can earn in a four-year college, junior college or vocational training.

For students that need a break from the regimented order and demands of being in school, some students elect to take some time out to experience life and the world. Going into the workforce is an option for graduates where they can immediately start earning money for themselves and what they aspire to for the future.

With so many options available for high school graduates, it only takes a little time and careful research to make sure the best choice is made for the future. ■



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# MINDING THE GAP

How to stay productive during a gap year

**BY DR. SONYA OKOLI**

Next Phase Contributor

Taking a gap year — an academic year in which a student takes a break from school to travel, work, or volunteer, typically ending high school and before starting college — is becoming an extremely popular option for rising college students.

Why? Well for some, it is simply a much-needed break from the high-stakes environment of academia. For others, it is solely due to their desire to take time to get to know who they are and possibly what they want to do with their lives.

But for many, this break comes due to life challenges such as unforeseen family circumstances, rejection to desired university, financial hardship, or failure to meet mandatory deadlines.

Whatever the reason, the gap year can be one of the greatest moments of your life and the answer to a few prayers.

In fact, students exercising this option will totally dive into

the pool of “adulting.”

During a gap year, one’s independence will truly be tested.

This may cause a domino effect that positively boosts self-esteem and more than anything else, get a person pumped and ready to knock that college thing right out of the park!

Above all, make the most out of your downtime and stay productive! The list above is not exhaustive, as many other possibilities exist. So, get out there network, connect and chat with individuals who have walked in similar shoes.

Doing so can shed light on other things to consider and give you a heads up on things you probably shouldn’t.

Time is of the essence, so utilize this period in your life to leverage opportunities and try some things you haven’t done before.

When the academic year does roll back around, you will feel as though you didn’t miss a beat! Take it from somebody who knows! ■

**Luckily, here’s an inside scoop on just a few key options — well, seven to be exact — that every student should consider while taking time off after graduation for a gap year:**

- Travel abroad to explore new cultures and build your independence. One could join an international missionary trip or conservation project to also get the abroad experience;
  - Volunteer to support a cause with organizations in alignment to your proposed major;
  - Seek shadowing and internship opportunities and try a few out;
  - Get a full-time job and commit to saving for future educational costs
- while gaining relevant work experience;
  - Audit or enroll in courses at a local community or technical college to get an idea of what college courses are like;
  - Be resourceful. Chat with college advisors, financial aid representatives, and peers who are already enrolled in college;
  - Learn a new language. Many colleges appreciate applicants who possess a diverse skills set.

# You've Graduated...So What Now?

The advice no one ever told you until now

BY GENÉ HUNTER

Next Phase Contributor

Announcements have been sent out and you've been searching for the perfect outfit to wear when receive your diploma. The days left in school are dwindling and it's almost time to close this chapter of life. Twelve long years of school, sometimes seeming never-ending, but you did it. You made it to the finish line, but what's next for you after high school graduation?

You may feel a sense of uncertainty or maybe you're excited for all of the opportunities that await you once you turn that tassel from right to left.

There are a lot of things that run through a high school senior's mind upon graduation and even the days leading up to that final goodbye of this chapter: *Will I still have my friends? Will my decisions make people proud? Should I have done more in school? Is there still time to seek other options?*

While no one question will be answered the same, a simple truth is that you have time. Keep in mind that you're still very young and your options are endless.

You've talked with your friends about the next step in life, you've stayed up late nights doing research on your own, in and out of the counselor's office, and talking your parent's heads off about the next three to five years of your life, in search of answers.

Doneisha Johnson, an admissions counselor at Georgia Gwinnett College, offers some sage advice.

"My biggest advice to high school students is to make your last years of school count," she said. "I advise students to really strive for the best grades and put effort into all academic subjects. I would suggest students study as early as possible for the SAT/ACT. Some colleges like Georgia Gwinnett College offer placements test on campus.

"Also, make sure to look around at different colleges and find out the admissions requirements and deadlines for all documents," Johnson added. "Knowing this information is very important when trying to prepare for college."



For some students, you've spent your whole high school career in every extracurricular activity, intense studying to maintain your high GPA, and applying to every scholarship for your dream college.

You've known where you've wanted to attend college since the seventh grade and that moment is finally here, you'll have a few months of summer break and your dream will finally be a reality.

For others, your life path may not be the same. You may feel overwhelmed by all the years of school and now is the time for you to just rest.

Looking around at some of your classmates who seem to have everything laid out for their next stop may have you feeling unsure and a bit embarrassed. But, while being unprepared can make you feel lost, it is not the end or a deciding factor in your success.

"Although being prepared is important, I have seen students that were admitted last minute be really successful," Johnson said. "Being late can have some effect but overall I believe in both situations, students can be successful."

While the summer is the time to relax, it's also a time where most students slack off before they head into college. APS Counselor, Maria Grovner calls this, "the summer melt," where the feelings of leaving to go off to school begin to kick in and some students may want to back out and stay home.

"There are a few ways to get beyond summer melt," Grovner offered. "Enroll in a summer enrichment program, build up your support network or find an accountability partner — someone who you trust and will keep you on top of things to make sure you're on track to enroll for the fall."

Even if you have prepared for college, you may be unsure about what to take up in school or you may be completely nervous about starting over and having to adjust to a new life, new location, and new friends.

Embrace the newness and the change, because you'll grow for the better. Being nervous is a part of the process but there are ways to combat these feelings.

Grovner shares how important it is for students to go out and spend time on the college campus of their choice to ease the feelings of nervousness as well as talk about the feelings of uneasiness that come over the student.

"Just like high school, colleges offer outreach programs specifically for first-year students," she said. "It's imperative for students to take advantage of those resources and if they're unable to connect with someone on their college campus, keep in touch with their counselor from high school or an educator that they were close to."

Whether your next step is planned or you're still deciding, Grover advises you to do what will be best for you. ■



# Early bird gets the worm

## What you must know about Early Decision

**BY DR. SONYA OKOLI**

Next Phase Contributor

“Early Decision,” simply defined, is getting a first dibs on your top college picks and it usually occurs from mid-October through December.

Highly selective institutions report higher acceptance rates for those applying “early” or before the regular admissions cycle. This is a super big deal if you have more than one favorite so you know if your favas like you back!

Typically, institutions have a list of what they are looking for and an even shorter window of time allocated to go through thousands of stellar applicants. However, to help you put that baby to bed with few tears.

Here are five things you must to know about early decision:

**DO YOUR RESEARCH!** It is not enough to just want to go to the school because it is the best. What draws you to the school? What unique characteristics do you find set it apart? What aspects of the school

peak your interest. Ultimately, you should have an exact answer to the why; one that displays to the college that you’ve done your homework and identified things that make you feel it will be a good fit.

**REVIEW SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.** Be sure you understand exactly what the school is requesting of you. The last thing you want to do is submit an incomplete application. As the verbiage in college applications can be confusing, be sure you reach out to both the college admissions department and your high school guidance counselor. Do not assume you know anything!

**DO NOT CREATE ESSAY TEMPLATE.** As you are applying to multiple schools you should NOT have a template or an insert new school name here. It can get crazy as you apply to more and more schools. Plus, you want to avoid placing the wrong school name on the essay. Yes, this happens I remember reading an admission essay where a student said, “In closing, I love this school: Roll Tide!”

Which would have been a phenomenal closing if I were not working at The University of Georgia!

**ESSAYS MUST BE AIR TIGHT.** The admission officer will have a high-level snapshot of your entire high school career. Thus, your only opportunity to share that magnetic personality. Your essay must be persuasive, personable, and properly structured. Be sure to have it proofread by multiple individuals.

**DIVERSIFY ADMISSION APPLICATIONS.** Nothing is guaranteed even if you exceed each and every one of the admissions standards. I’m sure you already know to apply to different schools but also be sure that while you are submitting early decision applications, to still submit regular decision applications too.

You are doing the right thing by being proactive with your future. Don’t ruin it in haste making careless mistakes. Utilize your support networks and don’t be afraid to ask for help! ■

# GOING OFF

## THE BEATEN PATHWAY

Among life's twists and turns, Chef DAS found his way through the culinary program at Atlanta Technical College

**BY MARSHALL A. LATIMORE**

The Atlanta Voice

It's not every day that you get to wake up and solely concentrate on food. Unless of course, you are Chef Darrell "DAS" Smith, whose resume boasts stints as a Food Network personality, as a guest chef in the White House for First Lady Michelle Obama and also traveling the world as a private chef for entertainment mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs.

Smith, who appeared on the sixth season of Food Network's "The Next Food Network Star" as a contestant vying for a shot at hosting his own show on the network, was eliminated after the fourth week of filming.

Shortly thereafter, Smith was cast with two of his friends to appear on the network's "Great American Food Truck Race," where they crisscrossed the country competing against other food truck teams.

Both appearances led to opportunities to expand his footprint as a private chef in Los Angeles, which led to a huge opportunity to serve as Diddy's private chef for three years.

"I've done some really cool things in food. I've been super blessed to have been able to do a lot at a young age," he said. At this point, it's really about how can merge the food with the business of food."



For the last two years, Smith has served as the director for food services for a large non-profit organization, Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services, based in Los Angeles.

He's also on the verge of launching a food hospitality management services company. The company will focus on running food services for "corporations, schools, colleges, universities, etc."

Smith said that he and his team are also working on a few restaurant projects through the company as well.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Smith said his affinity for food began early in life and was inspired by his family.

"I've always had an infinite love for food. My mom was a great cook,

and my father was a great cook," he explained. "I grew up around food my entire life. I have a big family and food was always the thing that brought us together. Every time we got together, it was a celebration and we always had a lot of food."

"So food was always that thing that brought healing to our family. It brought healing to people. A sense of community was always surrounded by a good meal."

As a child, Smith was more focused on sports than becoming a chef.

"Growing up, I wasn't necessarily the cooking type," he said. I played sports and was pretty competitive in sports while I was in high school.

"I didn't know I was going to be a chef. But I did know that I wanted to be in that industry," Smith said.

"When I got to Atlanta Tech, it was a real turning point for me as far as a career change for me to become a chef and really go after this industry."

"Atlanta Tech was a perfect opportunity for me," Smith said, who started his college career as a student enrolled at Morris Brown College majoring in business administration.

In Michigan, there aren't any historically black colleges or universities. After attending a Homecoming weekend with one of his friends who attended Tennessee State University, Smith knew that he wanted to go to an HBCU.





**Chef Darrell “DAS” Smith found fame as a contestant on Food Network’s “Next Food Network Star” and “Great American Foodtruck Race.” He received his culinary training at Atlanta Technical College.**

Because he had a couple of cousins who were enrolled at Morehouse College, he settled on attending Morris Brown, which was known for its diverse student body and its world-renowned marching band.

“I lived on campus and it was a lot of fun,” he admitted. “But then, Morris Brown lost its accreditation during my sophomore year. A lot of students went in different directions.”

Some students transferred to other Atlanta University Center institutions like Morehouse, Spelman College or Clark Atlanta University. Others transferred to Georgia State or Kennesaw State universities.

But for Smith, he decided to go in an entirely different direction altogether. Smith chose to enroll in the culinary arts program at nearby Atlanta Technical College.

Less than three miles from the AUC, Atlanta Technical College offers more than 100 associate degree programs and is located on a beautiful, sprawling campus that it shares with Atlanta Metropolitan College.

Its culinary and hospitality program boasts several commercial kitchens where students receive hands-on training on a number of culinary arts.

“I always wanted to be in the hospitality industry, I just didn’t know what that looked like,” Smith explained. “So when I enrolled in Atlanta Tech, it was an amazing experience, knowing that we were working with some of the top faculty in the nation.”

Smith admitted that it was during his time at Atlanta Technical College that he really learned to cook.

“When you’re young and you’re growing up, you do things in the kitchen

because you see it being done. You see your grandma doing it and you practice it out of habit,” he said. “But often times you don’t really know why doing it— why you’re putting something into the oven at a certain temperature.

“When I got to Atlanta Technical College, I learned the actual practices of culinary arts,” he added. “My classes at Atlanta Tech were really stream-lined and focused on the industry,”

“They were good because they put me on the right track. You go in there and you handle your business.”

These days, in addition to launching his hospitality company, Smith is focused on raising a family of his own.

“I have a two-year-old daughter,” he said. “We’re working on training her palate. I think that’s my main job at this point— to make sure she experiences different things through food.” ■

# Let's Play

Esports offer a new way to finance tuition  
and explore your passion for gaming



**BY GENÉ HUNTER**

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Running up and down the courts or fields during high school may not have been your forte. Sports like soccer, baseball, volleyball, even Perhaps you enjoyed attending traditional sports events to cheer on your classmates but you knew that you belonged in the stands. So, what were you good at instead? Video games!

Though your parents may have urged you to stay from them and convinced you to do something more productive, believe it or not, all the nights and weekends you spent on playing video games may pay off after all.

Now, there is a literal pay off available for being an avid video gamer and a passion for this hobby can lead to a four-year scholarship to take care of your financial needs for college or even the promise of long-term payoff for those who seek to join this industry as a professional.

“Income for an individual who either very talented or very entertaining could easily earn hundreds of thousands of dollars in monthly income,” said Todd Harris, co-founder of Hi-Rez Studios—one

of the largest video game studios in the Southeast — and president of Skill-shot Media, the largest dedicated esports production company. “In 2018 alone, more than \$4 million will be earned by the best professional Smite and Paladins players around the globe. Esports is the ultimate meritocracy — it’s based on dexterity alone for accessibility.”

The concept of Esports isn’t new, but it has finally made its way to the collegiate sports playing field. In fact, in just a few short years, there are now more than 80 colleges and universities across the country with more than 1500 student athletes who are competing for prize monies and bragging rights for their respective institutions.

At the collegiate level, Esports is governed by the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACe), a nonprofit membership association organized by and on behalf of our member institutions who are developing the structure and tools needed to advance collegiate esports in the varsity space.

Avid gamers in Georgia or surrounding states are in luck, as there are three schools in the state — Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University and

Savannah College of Art & Design — that hold memberships with NACe.

There isn’t much of a difference when it comes to Esports and regular sports teams besides one is mainly virtual and the others are contact sports. The gaming teams typically are composed of 4-7 athletes with a captain to delegate tasks and team members to help complete the tasks.

The teams compete in tournaments throughout the spring, summer, and fall, and while there is no specific recruiting process, the internet serves as a primary resource. Many coaches search through Facebook groups and game message boards to find top players and scout new talent for gaming teams.

Many Esports games are first-person shooter-games, fighting games, real-time strategy games, and multiplayer arena battle games. Two of the most popular games that are played on gaming teams are League of Legends and Hearthstone.

Esports is continuously growing as an industry and, although it’s relatively new to college students, it now provides a litany of opportunities for avid gamers to turn what once was a hobby into viable financial security. ■

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# Life's A Dance

## Career pathways for the aspiring professional dancer

BY TAYLOR BURRIS

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With more than 99 majors available to rising college students, it becomes difficult to grasp which option is best for you. But, attending a college or university and majoring in Dance and Theatre Performance is no longer the only option, allowing for rising college students of color to also seek out dance varying dance opportunities, including dance as a trade, joining a professional dance troupe/organization, competing with a dance team, or even taking private lessons.

As of 2015, there are 1,388 professionally recorded dancers and choreographers under the age of 22 years old. Out of this artistic population, 77.3 percent are White while only 9.9 percent identify as Black or African American as researched by DataUSA's statistics on dancers and choreographers.

Professionals like former American ballet dancer and first African-American female principal dancer of a major American ballet company in 1982 believes that "Imagery is everything. In people's minds they've never seen [a surplus of Blacks on stage] before so how is that possible."

But, now as a ballet mistress for the Carolina Ballet, Debra Austin, like many others, are forced to acknowledge the increase in minority dancers in the field of professional dance, popularizing profession like ballet, modern, and jazz.

Most often we see professional ballet dancers begin training around the age of 8. But, don't let that discourage you especially if you are a hip-hop, modern, tap, jazz, or even liturgical enthusiast. Do not let age scare you. Remain grounded in your passion even if you are just now considering it as an alternative option to school.

Prominent dance companies like Alvin Ailey, Ballet Negre, Urban Bush Women, Dance Theatre of Harlem and more are at your disposal to push and train the Black body so that they too



can compete to look like, if not look better than, the white bodies on stage.

As spoken by Homer Hans Bryant, the creator of Hippet, the hip-hop ballet company, companies like his are innovating to "make ballet comfortable for kids of color.

"Kids leave because they feel like they can do better somewhere else and they always seem to come back because they realize when they go to another place they aren't getting the corrections. They are not training the black body," Bryant said. "(Arthur) Mitchell had a classical technique on the different body and that's the blessing I received from him; the ability to say 'for your body you need to do this.' But we are all going in the same direction just taking different routes to that technical achievement."

Furthermore, if joining a company is not what you are looking for but you still want to go down this professional route early, the Olympics is always scouting out new talent in areas such as Olympic Ice Dancing and Olympic Rhythmic Gymnastics.

If you are still hesitant about completely investing your time and money into a company keep in mind that the average salary of the professional dancer and choreographer is about \$20.58 or more per hour as tracked by the U.S.

Department of Labour. Currently performing arts companies have one of the highest levels of employment at 4,220 in the field of dance.

As many as 37 percent of dancers hold a degree in Visual and Performing Arts which is estimated to grow 6.5 percent according to DataUSA.

Schools including Juilliard University, New York University and even the number one HBCU, Spelman College, offers male and female students the opportunity to go into an in-depth study of the art of dance while also gaining on stage and professional experience.

Majoring in dance can lead to positive exposure and an endless amount of connections who are or were formerly prominent in the field of dance such as Aku Kodogo and Misty Copeland. This pre-professional training ground is perfect for those who still want to sharpen their dance professional skills while gaining an academic education.

If you have no desire to major in dance, joining a dance troupe or organization through your college or university is an option that hundreds of students across America have taken advantage of.

Today widely known groups such as Mahogany n' Motion at Morehouse College, the Fabulous Dancing Dolls at Southern University, Movements of Praise at Spelman College as well as the Stingettes and HoneyBeez at Alabama State University have made their dance moves known worldwide with dance competitions, social media challenges, and their invitation of curvaceous and beautiful dancers of color.

Other dance organizations and teams that seek out students but are organized off campuses are available as well. These teams strive to maintain the idea of a family through dance outside of the academic space. Groups such as House Arrest 2, Groove2Musik, and even the dance fraternity founded in 1827, Delta Phi Delta, continue to grow as more passionate dancers of colors arise. ■



# Pledge Season

If you plan to rush, consider these five factors

**BY GREG BRAND JR.**

Next Phase Contributor

One of the biggest decisions a college student will make once they choose to attend a four-year institution is whether not they elect to join a Greek-letter organization.

Greek-letter organizations are groups designed to allow members into social and professional networks made up of like-minded members connected across a variety of backgrounds and careers.

For many, these connections are essential for personal enrichment and professional success beyond the walls of their respective universities.

While there are several different types of Greek-letter organizations that work specifically for the various disciplines, majors and communities on college campuses, Black Greek-Letter Organizations or BGLOs are often the organizations on the mind of many college students of color once they arrive on campus.

For more than 100 years, BGLOs have

served as an incubator for influential leaders of color, specifically African Americans and joining one of these organizations require quite a few things that new student must be aware of.

Aside from the colors and calls, here is a list of things a student looking to join should take into consideration before “rushing” into an “intake.”

**COST.** Membership in a fraternity or sorority is not free and, depending on the organization you choose to join; new membership dues can cost up to \$2000 or more. This money is also most often due in one lump sum. When getting ready to pledge, budget accordingly.

**REPUTATION.** Each BGLO has a built-in reputation both nationally and within the campus itself. Be sure you understand and can accept being connected with this reputation or stereotype. *Are you someone that loves volunteering and helping the community? Do you enjoy a wild party every weekend?* These are the kinds of questions you should ask yourself when choosing an organization. Taking this personal in-

ventory will make sure you make the right choice.

**CONNECTIONS.** Make sure that members of the organization you are interested in joining are involved with other things you might be interested or even activities that you are already involved in. Joining a fraternity or sorority can help start or even continue to build on a professional network that can help you for the rest of your life.

**SOCIAL BEHAVIORS.** Be mindful of the kinds of parties and events the fraternity or sorority you want to join typically hosts. If there are events connected with alcohol or represent images that are an issue for you, take all of that into consideration when making your choice.

**FITTING IN.** While this doesn't seem like a big deal, make sure you can connect and build real relationships with the people in the fraternity or sorority you choose to rush. Feeling comfortable with the people you are bound to for life and possessing a similar value system are some of the biggest rewards of joining Greek-letter organization. ■

# Trivia Time!

Can you guess the name of these six films based on campus life?



**CLUE:** Packed with band performances full of slayage for the gawds, this 2002 movie gives a pretty on point rep about what HBCU game days are really like — perfect for taking in the experience you crave on those days when you’re just not feelin’ having to deal with all those people in the actual stands.

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**CLUE:** Now 20 years old, this 1988 Spike Lee joint is a classic satire that deals with everything from color complex to the Black Greek system to activism to Black hair and everything in between.

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**CLUE:** A talented student runs into trouble at home, is sent to live with family for a fresh start, finds a new bae, and catches the eye of two frats who want to recruit him for his stepping skills in this 2007 film.

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**CLUE:** More than a movie that gets you and your non-HBCU life, this 2014 film is a hilarious satire about stereotypes, identity, and what it means to be “a black face in a white place.” In the mood for something that keeps it all the way real?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**CLUE:** Directed by John Singleton (who also brought us Boyz n the Hood, Poetic Justice, and Rosewood to name a few), this 1995 movie goes hard on what can happen when racial tensions, sexism, and more go unchecked.

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**CLUE:** This film, which hit theaters in 2000, tells the story of a story where two A-1s from Day 1 fall in love with each other, go to college together, break up, go on to play professional basketball, realize they are meant for each other, and get married and all that.

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: DRUMLINE, SCHOOL DAZE, STOMP THE YARD, DEAR WHITE PEOPLE, HIGHER LEARNING, LOVE & BASKETBALL

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Up for a challenge? Locate the words below in the puzzle above.

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