



# The Georgia Sigma Scholar- Where Brotherhood Meets Education

Education Committee February and March 2026 Edition

## February is Black History Month

**PRIORITIZE  
BLACK HISTORY**

**In addition to the high-quality work completed during the month of February, all chapters are encouraged to prioritize **Black History** activities as a key component of our statewide education and literacy efforts. Each chapter is expected to actively participate in or support at least one **Black History**–focused program that aligns with the **Education Rubric** and emphasizes meaningful engagement, historical accuracy, and positive community impact through partnerships with Adopt-A-Schools, libraries, or similar educational organizations.**

Programs may include literacy-based initiatives, author engagements, student-centered *discussions*, or educational presentations that highlight **Black history** and culture. Chapters must ensure all activities are **properly documented** and submitted in accordance with PIA and chapter reporting requirements.

**Plan, Execute, and Report Your Black History Program Promptly!**

*Strengthen our commitment to culturally responsive education and community empowerment across the state.*

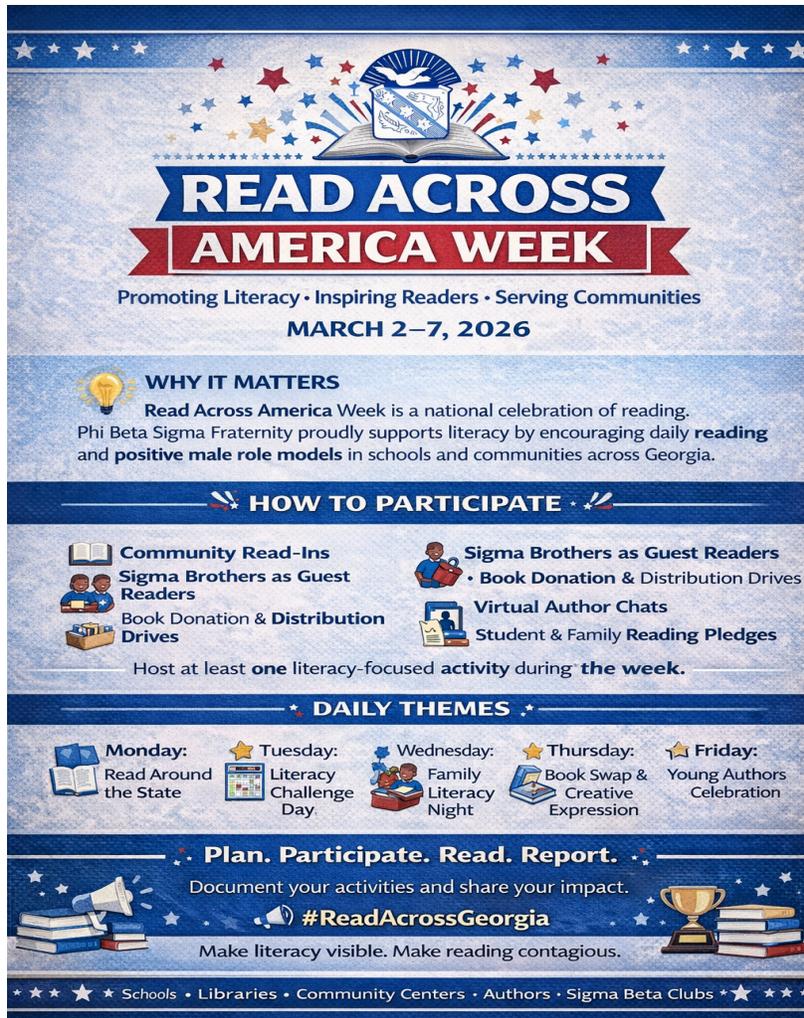
# March 2026

**March is National Reading Month, an opportunity for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to advance our longstanding commitment to literacy and educational empowerment.**

Throughout the month, members are encouraged to promote daily reading for all ages by engaging schools, libraries, and community partners in meaningful literacy-focused activities that inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Chapters are asked to **plan, participate in, and support reading initiatives** such as book drives, reading circles, school visits, or community literacy events. These efforts reflect our dedication to service through education and strengthen the academic foundation of the communities we serve. **Take action this March—read, serve, and lead by example to make literacy a lasting priority.**

## Read Across America Week- March 2-7, 2026



The poster features a blue and white starry background with a central graphic of an open book with a sunburst above it. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout with icons for each section.

**READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**  
Promoting Literacy • Inspiring Readers • Serving Communities  
MARCH 2–7, 2026

**WHY IT MATTERS**  
Read Across America Week is a national celebration of reading. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity proudly supports literacy by encouraging daily reading and positive male role models in schools and communities across Georgia.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

- Community Read-Ins
- Sigma Brothers as Guest Readers
- Book Donation & Distribution Drives
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- Virtual Author Chats
- Student & Family Reading Pledges

Host at least **one** literacy-focused activity during **the week**.

**DAILY THEMES**

- Monday:** Read Around the State
- Tuesday:** Literacy Challenge Day
- Wednesday:** Family Literacy Night
- Thursday:** Book Swap & Creative Expression
- Friday:** Young Authors Celebration

**Plan. Participate. Read. Report.**  
Document your activities and share your impact.  
**#ReadAcrossGeorgia**  
Make literacy visible. Make reading contagious.

\*\*\* Schools • Libraries • Community Centers • Authors • Sigma Beta Clubs \*\*\*

Join us for an inspiring and reflective **virtual book study** featuring **Brother Trae Johnson**, author of *Family Scars*, on **Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** **RSVP**

today  for **A Virtual Book Study with Author Brother Trae Johnson on Saturday, March 14, 2026.**



The Georgia Education Committee of  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Presents:



# A Virtual Book Study with Author Brother Trae Johnson

*Family Scars* is a powerful and deeply moving exploration of grief, faith, and healing after unimaginable loss. Through the journey of Ellis Hickman—a man navigating widowhood, fractured family relationships, and difficult questions about God—readers are invited to examine their own scars and discover sources of strength, hope, and restoration.

This interactive discussion will create space for honest conversation, reflection, and encouragement as we explore themes of loss, resilience, and the healing process. Participants are encouraged to come ready to engage, share, and connect with others walking similar paths.



Purchase the book [here!](#)

**RSVP Here!**



**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 PM (EST)**

**Virtual Event**

**Registration Required**

As Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. convenes for the 2026 Joint State Conference, we proudly extend our mission beyond the meeting room and into the classroom. Through this special Reading Hour, brothers will have the opportunity to uplift young minds, promote literacy, and exemplify our commitment to service and education. The deadline to RSVP is March 3, 2026.

RSVP today at 

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. | State of Georgia  
Presents:



# 2026 Joint State Conference Jekyll Island

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As part of our commitment to educational service and literacy, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. invites brothers arriving early to serve as readers for K-5 students during a one-hour Reading Hour.

Grades K-2: One brother per classroom (whole-class reading)  
Grades 3-5: 2-3 brothers per classroom (small-group popcorn reading)  
**Books provided by the school**

<b>Goodyear Elementary School</b>	<b>Arrival:</b> 9:40am	<b>RSVP by March 3, 2026</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Commitment:</b> One full hour	
<b>3000 Roxboro Rd, Brunswick, GA</b>	<b>Dress:</b> Royal blue polo, khakis or dress pants, casual shoes	

Questions?  
Contact Bro. Harden  
charden731@gmail.com | (404) 886-3975

[List participating brothers here](#)

During the 2026 Joint State Conference, the Education Committee will host the Guibert A. Dailey Debate and Oratorical Competition. The Education Committee is asking for the collegiate teams to register for the Debate Competition and for individuals to register for the Oratorical Competition. In addition, we are requesting for the alumni members to register to participate in the following roles:

- Chair
- Timekeeper
- Judges

Please read this document to review the definition, roles and responsibility at

[☰ Debate Roles and Positions and Rubric](#) . **All persons interested in these roles are to respond to Christian Harden at [charden731@gmail.com](mailto:charden731@gmail.com) or call me at 404-886-3975 by Friday, March 6, 2026. The virtual mandatory meeting is Saturday, March 13, 2026 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

Moreover, please review the Google Slides to prepare for the Debate and Oratorical Competition.

[☑ Dr. Guibert A. Dailey Debate and Oratorical Preparation](#)

Lastly, collegiate members are to complete the registration form for the Debate and Oratorical Competition at <https://forms.gle/ojBsRRHwhkRHREYT9>. **The deadline for registration is Friday, March 6, 2026.** The virtual mandatory meeting is Saturday, March 13, 2026 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

**PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.**  
State of Georgia | 2026 Joint State Conference

**Dr. Guibert A. Dailey**  
**DEBATE & ORATORICAL COMPETITION**  
Hosted by the Education Committee

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COLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION	ALUMNI PARTICIPATION
✓ <b>Debate Competition:</b> Register Collegiate Teams	✓ <b>Chair</b>
✓ <b>Oratorical Competition:</b> Register Individual Members	✓ <b>Timekeeper</b>
	✓ <b>Judges</b>
	Review Debate Roles & Positions and Rubric

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026**

**MANDATORY VIRTUAL MEETING**  
✓ Saturday, March 13, 2026  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**PREPARATION REQUIRED**  
✓ Debate Roles & Positions  
✓ Dr. Guibert A. Dailey Preparation Slides

**QUESTIONS / CONFIRMATION**  
Christian Harden  
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Respond by **March 6, 2026.**