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The weekend of April 11-13 was a huge weekend here at Radford for African American Greek Life. This marks the full return of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, which is the

collaborative organization of nine historically African American, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities.

The founding members of the NPHC were Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta.

The council's membership expanded as Alpha Phi Alpha (1931), Phi Beta Sigma (1931), Sigma Gamma Rho (1937), and Iota Phi Theta (1997) joined this coalition of Black Greek letter organizations.

There were four programs held in various places around campus as an introduction ceremony of the selected few dedicated students who were chosen to be a part of these prestigious organizations.

The first official introduction ceremony was held Friday evening as a presentation of the new members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Christian Walker, Darian Dixon, Isaac Clement, Kameron Scott and James Pointer were presented as the new members to a crowd of eager supporters.

"It's a learning process and a great experience. It's an honor to be a part of this brotherhood and I can't wait to do great things on campus," new fraternity inductee Isaac Clement said.

On Saturday, April 12 the introduction ceremony was held for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in front of the clocks of Heth Hall. During the ceremony, eight powerful young ladies marched through a crowd of family, friends and supporters to be presented as new members.

The eight ladies that were presented were Ritichel Arceta, Tia Echols, Desiree Johnson-Fleminster, Aisha Foy, Amanda Beuford, Christina Wright, Schniece Foust and Tyra Smith.

"I'm so honored and proud to be a part of this sorority, the sisterhood I have attained and the relationships that will grow within my organization are endless," sophomore pledge Tyra Smith said.

It was a highly anticipated ceremony being as there was only one standing member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. whom will be graduating this May.

Later that day, the new members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. were presented at a

ceremony in the Bonnie Plaza.

Johnny Smith, along with his fellow line brother, gave a rigorous presentation as they were introduced during a warm evening event that was followed by a night of fun and comradery among the

African American Greek organizations at Radford.

To close out the highly anticipated and eventful weekend, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. hosted their introduction ceremony in front of the steps of Heth Hall.

Sierra Richardson and Laticia Tucker were presented as the newest finer ladies in a classy induction ceremony to close out the weekend.

"I'm so proud that we finally have a more diverse Greek life on campus now, it makes me feel even more proud to be a student here," junior Tara Vargas said.