40 Weeks of NSBE History

As you all know, this year we are celebrating a huge milestone in the history of our organization. In 1975, students at Purdue University got together under one mission and hosted the first annual NSBE convention. This year, in 2014, our society is hosting the 40th Annual Convention!

The number 40 holds much significance in African-American culture. There are numerous religious connotations of the number, as well as the historical “40 acres and a mule” policy. We wanted to make sure we highlighted the significance of this important anniversary for our organization not just at the convention but throughout the year.

I hope most of you have followed our social media pages. If not, it’s not too late. Over the past year, we had a “40 Weeks of NSBE History” countdown. Every week, we highlighted a convention from the first leading to the 40th. We were able to showcase old magazine covers, shots of the city, members enjoying NSBE conventions and significant events in the history of our largest annual event. Most excitingly, you participated in honoring 40 years by sending in pictures of yourself and your NSBE fam/chapter at various conventions. If you haven’t had a chance to take a look, check out our NSBE Instagram page @nsbeconvention for a recap.

The NSBE40 Convention Planning Committee thanks all of you for helping celebrate our 40 annual conventions. We are proud of the past and looking forward to the future!