

Preds Johansen Named Honorary Mayor for the Day

NASHVILLE, TN — At an event to celebrate Preds Pride Day, Mayor Megan Barry proclaimed Nashville Predators center Ryan Johansen to be Honorary Mayor of Nashville for the Day, followed by an unveiling of a temporary sign for 5th Avenue South to be renamed ‘Predators Way’ for the month of June.

“I’m really excited – what a cool opportunity and tremendous honor,” said Johansen. “It’s great that they thought about having a Predator out to do something like this and celebrate our team. I’m just going to soak in the experience and really enjoy the experience of being Honorary Mayor.”

Mayor Barry cited Johansen’s impressive performance throughout the regular season and amazing 13 points scored during the playoff games against Chicago, St. Louis and Anaheim in naming him honorary mayor. She also cited his commitment to the Make-A-Wish Foundation during his offseason last year as a reason why it was fitting for him to receive this title.

“The Predators might not have made it to the Stanley Cup Final if not for Ryan Johansen’s skill and leadership on the ice,” said Mayor Barry. “Even though he’s been sidelined by his injury, we all want Ryan to know that the entire city has great admiration for him both on and off the ice.”

Mayor Barry delivered the proclamation to Johansen at the Preds Pride Day event on the heels of the Nashville Predators amazing 5-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final held on Saturday, June 3. Preds Pride Day coincided with Game 4 Monday night at Bridgestone Arena, and all people in Nashville were encouraged to wear their favorite Preds gear or gold clothing to celebrate



Mayor Megan Barry gives Ryan Johansen his mayor jersey



This new temporary street sign was installed at the corner of 5th and Broadway and 5th and Demonbreun for the

this historic occasion.

At the event, Mayor Barry and Honorary Mayor Johansen unveiled a new ‘Predators Way’ sign that will be installed at the corner of 5th and Broadway and 5th and Demonbreun for the duration of the Stanley Cup Final. Mayor Barry said “this is another great way for us to show the Predators and the world that Nashville is united behind our team as they make their way towards history and bring home the Stanley Cup to Music City.”

Councilmembers Sharon Hurt (At Large), Freddie O’Connell (District 19), and Dave Rosenberg (District 35) also delivered a proclamation from the Metro Council honoring the Nashville Predators for their historic achievement in advancing to the Stanley Cup Final.



l-r; Councilmembers Sharon Hurt (At Large), Freddie O’Connell (District 19), Dave Rosenberg (District 35) and Mayor Megan Barry

Tampa Cuban Dishes On Menu for Divine Nine

The leaders of the country’s nine international historically Black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities – held their annual leadership summit for the first time in Tampa Bay June 1-3.

The meeting was hosted by the Epicurean Hotel, a boutique built for food lovers, and included a Tampa Cuban-themed Iron Chef-style cooking contest on Friday evening, June 2, in the hotel’s kitchen theater. Celebrity judges included Hillsborough County Commissioner Les Miller, Visit Tampa Bay President & CEO Santiago Corrada, and Tampa Attorney Carolyn House Stewart, immediate international past president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn also attended.

The winning team (Called the Presidential) of Mary B. Wright, Zeta Phi Beta Inc.; Tampa native Thomas L. Battles, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; and Cody Charles, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., scored points with the judges for their interpretation of the classic Cuban sandwich, which originated in Tampa Bay in the 1890s. The other teams competing included: Jarrod Benjamin, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.; Taylor McCain, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; and Jennifer M. Jones, National Pan-Hellenic Council; Jonathan A. Mason, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.; Deborah Catchings-Smith, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.; and Antonio F. Knox, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Dr. Paulette Walker, Tampa resident and International President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., chairs the Divine Nine and brought the meeting to Tampa Bay to show her fellow leaders what the community has to offer. Collectively, the Divine Nine represents around a million members and \$62 million in potential meeting and convention business.

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l-r; Deborah Catchings-Smith, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.; Anthony F. Knox, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; Johnathan A. Mason, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.; applaud their competitors after a Tampa Cuban-themed cook-off during the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Presidents’ Divine 9 gathering at Tampa Bay’s Epicurean Hotel on June 2. Photos by Visit Tampa Bay



l-r; Thomas L. Battles Jr., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; Mary B. Wright, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.; and Cody Charles, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. work on their Cuban sandwich presentation



l-r; Cody Charles, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; Mary B. Wright, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.; and Thomas L. Battles Jr., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. celebrate their victory in a Tampa Cuban-themed cook-off.



Left to right: Taylor McCain, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and Jennifer M. Jones, National Pan-Hellenic Council, work on their team’s Tampa Cuban sandwich recipe



Left to right: Jarrod Benjamin, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.; Jennifer M. Jones, National Pan-Hellenic Council; and Taylor McCain, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. formed one of three teams that competed Iron Chef-style during a Tampa Cuban cook-off