Welcome!

Dear Student,

My name is Darryl Gary. I am the current President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, also known as NPHC. I would like to welcome you to Oklahoma State University and thank you for your interest in OSU’s National Pan-Hellenic Council. NPHC consists of representatives of the established Divine Nine fraternities and sororities, recognizing the need for coordination and cooperation in activities of intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternities and sororities. We enrich the OSU community through community service, philanthropic activity, and actively support individual organization endeavors. We work to strengthen unity and equality here in the OSU-Stillwater community.

Our council is considered one of the best, with recently being recognized nationally for our efforts in promoting education, collaboration, and innovation within our community. As a council historically founded for African-Americans, but not exclusive, we take pride in the accomplishments of individuals, chapters, and collectively for we are always better together. Our NPHC chapters and members, are successful academically, professionally, and granted networking opportunities. NPHC gives members the genuine meaning of sisterhood and brotherhood. I hope this booklet helps you decide your future path. I strongly encourage you to consider each individual fraternity or sorority to determine if any are right for you. Each organization is full of history, quality people, and accomplishments that are dear to the organization. We welcome all individuals to our family. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs or me at darryl.gary@okstate.edu.

Sincerely,
Darryl Gary, President
National Pan-Hellenic Council

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) is currently composed of nine (9) International Greek letter Sororities and Fraternities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. On May 10, 1930, on the campus of Howard University, in Washington DC, the National Pan-Hellenic Council was formed as a permanent organization. The stated purpose and mission of the organization in 1930 was “Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” Early in 1937, the organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and became known as ‘The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated.’ The National Pan-Hellenic Council at Oklahoma State University was chartered October 3, 1992. Each organization is connected to a rich history and purpose in the lives of African American students and is committed to uplift and unite within the African American community here at Oklahoma State University.

Executive Officers

The National Pan-Hellenic Council executive officers are elected by their peers to lead the council. Their responsibilities include event planning and publicity for the council, providing education and avenues for accountability for the member organizations, managing the council’s assets and representing the National Pan-Hellenic Council at regional conferences, on university committees, on campus, and in the Stillwater community. The executive officers work with other governing councils to promote strength and unity among all members of fraternity and sorority life.

AWARDS

The National Pan-Hellenic Council received awards for its achievements in promoting education, collaboration and innovation within our community. NPHC also received the Wardhammer Kaleidoscope Award, which is presented to one member council, from among all size divisions, that has demonstrated initiative and innovation in addressing a new or on-going issue facing its Greek community. National Pan-Hellenic Council received this award for its Stroll for Charity series. Additionally, the fraternity and sorority community at Oklahoma State has also received the Gamma Sigma Alpha Regional GPA Award 19 times since 2004. This award is presented to the fraternity/sorority community whose grade point average is higher than its campus undergraduate GPA.
Get a plan for academic success!

Create relationships with your professor by visiting during their office hours. You also may need them for letters of recommendation.

The LASSO Center (lasso.okstate.edu), Writing Center (osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu), Mathematics Learning Success Center (math.okstate.edu/mlsc) and tutoring centers within your major college can also help you stay on top of your academics!

Get involved on campus!

The Department of Leadership and Campus Life is home to more than 500 student organizations and also hosts many leadership trainings and conferences throughout the semester. Being involved on campus will make you a viable candidate for fraternity/sorority membership.

Get out in the community!

The Student Volunteer Center can provide information about numerous of community service projects in Stillwater. Community service is a huge part of NPHC fraternity and sorority life, and organizations will be looking for prospective members who have committed their time to making the world around them a better place. Note some organizations require a certain amount of community service hours in order to join.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Each organization within the National Pan-Hellenic Council has a Membership Intake Process (MIP) that differs from chapter to chapter. This is why it is important to get to know each organization to understand their unique process. Each organization will have different set of membership requirements for academic success, community and college involvement. Please note that all organizations have a cost associated with membership, along with time commitments.

Undergraduate students who are interested in joining a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organization must meet specific membership criteria. This includes but is not limited to:

- 12 completed college credit hours at Oklahoma State University
- 2.5-3.0 college GPA or higher (varies by organization)
- Completed application for membership along with any additional information the organization of interest may require
- Community service hours may also be required
- Attendance at an interest/informational meeting for the organization of your interest
- You must be in good standing with the University and the Office of Student Conduct and Education
- Attendance at Intake Orientation

These requirements are designed to promote the advancement of strong and effective organizations. Following are some suggestions to help you reach membership:

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QUESTIONS?

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NPHC Intake Convocation

September 10, 2019

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FAMILY GUIDE

This is not only a guide for students exploring NPHC fraternities and sororities, but this is a great tool for parents, guardians, and family members. The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs (F&SA) hopes that the following pages will answer your questions and provide information. The fraternity and sorority experience promotes individual, organizational, and community development. These organizations are also rich in tradition. Each fraternity and sorority designates their organization by using letters from the Greek alphabet, which has special meaning to their members. Each organization has unique mottos, rituals, and creeds that unite members in brotherhood/sisterhood, growth, scholarship, community service, and leadership. All fraternities and sororities are values-based organizations with high ethical standards.

How does housing work for NPHC organizations?
Members of NPHC organizations are free to decide their own housing options rather than having required housing.

How will it affect my grades?
The all-Greek average GPA at OSU is consistently higher than the non-Greek average GPA. Additionally, each organization has academic requirements. They will support each member through programs and mentors as they strive to meet the organizations standards.

Who can join an NPHC organization?
Each individual has the opportunity to bring something unique to any group. Although these organizations were founded on the basis of a specific underrepresented population, membership is not restricted to persons of a certain background. Prospective members who meet the academic requirements set forth to those espoused by the organization can be offered membership.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICES:
320 Student Union | 405-744-5458
ucc.okstate.edu

STUDENT CONDUCT:
328 Student Union | 405-744-5470
studentconduct.okstate.edu

CENTER FOR SOVEREIGN NATIONS:
104 Life Sciences East | 405-744-1065
sovnationcenter@okstate.edu

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES:
315 Student Union | sds.okstate.edu
405-744-7116 (Voice) | 405-744-9860 (VideoPhone)
accessibility@okstate.edu

OMBUDSMAN:
224 Student Union | 405-744-6627
ombudsperson
ombuds@okstate.edu

INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY:
408 Whitehurst | 405-744-9154
diversity.okstate.edu
jason.kirksey@okstate.edu

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS:
240 Student Union | 405-744-5481
icae.okstate.edu | oma@okstate.edu

NPHC SERVICE

Community service can be powerful especially when it includes the entire NPHC greek family. When everyone pulls together for a cause, the impact is tremendous. NPHC consists of dedicated organizations willing to make a difference on-campus and in our community.
UNITY

UNITY means in the state of being united or joined as a whole. The National Pan-Hellenic Council consists of different organizations working together in unity and make a difference in the world around us.
THE EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

NATIONAL FOUNDING
December 4, 1906 at Cornell University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE
April 25, 1958

COLORS
Black & old gold

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
March of Dimes // Go To High School, Go To College // A Votless People is a Hopeless people

CHAPTER PROGRAMS
Off The Wall Conversations // The “Sex” Talk // Stroll Like An Alpha // Natural BeautEE
// The Great Escape // Miss Black and Old Gold Scholarship Pageant
// Change For A Change // Alpha Demics // WaterPHalls // Shop Talk
// EE Goes Green

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.alphasouthwest.org

THE THETA MU CHAPTER

DELTA SIGMA THETA

NATIONAL FOUNDING
January 13, 1913 at Howard University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE
May 2, 1971

COLORS
Crimson & cream

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Healthy Lifestyle: Total Woman: Mind, Body and Spirit // EMBODI: Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence // Financial Fortitude

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

NATIONAL WEBSITE
http://www.deltasigmatheta.org

@ostatealphas | @OSUAAlphas

@thetamudst | @thetamudst | Ostate Deltas
THE OMICRON LAMBDA CHAPTER

OMEGA PSI PHI

NATIONAL FOUNDING
November 17, 1911 at Howard University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE
February 20, 1980

COLORS
Royal purple & old gold

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Voter Registration // Blood Drive // Talent Hunt

CHAPTER PROGRAMS
Blood Drive

NATIONAL WEBSITE
http://www.omegapsiphifraternity.org

THE XI MU CHAPTER

PHI BETA SIGMA

NATIONAL FOUNDING
January 9, 1914 at Howard University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE
May 15, 1987

COLORS
Royal blue & pure white

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
Education // Bigger and Better Business // Social Action

CHAPTER PROGRAMS
Blu Light Stroll-Off // BCOSU (Being of Color at OSU) // Stroll for Babies (March of Dimes) // Walk Like a Sigma // Gainz for Change

NATIONAL WEBSITE
http://www.phibetasigma1914.org

@ostateques | @osu_ques

@osusigmas | @osusigmas
Zeta Phi Beta

THE ETA PI CHAPTER

ZETA PHI BETA

NATIONAL FOUNDING
January 16, 1920 at Howard University

COLORS
Royal blue & pure white

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
March of Dimes // Stork's Nest // Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS
Heart Awareness // Study with the Zetas // Heelz Dance Class // Rhythm and Brushes

NATIONAL WEBSITE
zphi1920.org

TERMS TO KNOW

ACTIVE: The term used to indicate a fraternity man or sorority woman who has been formally initiated by his or her chapter.

ALUMNI: An initiated member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

BROTHER/SISTER: Term used by active members in a fraternity/sorority when referring to each other.

CALLS: A unique vocal expression attributed to an organization. Calls are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

CHAPTER: The men or women comprising each local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority.

COLONY: A new fraternity or sorority that is working to receive a charter from the national organization to which it is affiliated. When a charter is received, they become a chapter of that national organization.

CROSSING: A term used to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into a group.

DIVINE NINE: There are nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations (BGLOs) that comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Collectively, these organizations are referred to as "The Divine Nine." Each of these fraternities and sororities is rich in history.

FRATER: Another term used to refer to one's fraternity brother.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY: A group of men/women bonded together for educational and social purposes. Each strives to provide a point of reference from which each individual can evaluate his/her own desires and achievements as well as his/her own feelings of worth as a contributing member.

GRADUATE ADVISOR/CHAPTER: An individual or group of alumni working to advise the local undergraduate chapter; this group is affiliated with the national organization and not the university.

HAND SIGN: A symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an organization. Hand signs are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

HAZING: A negative form of conduct that focuses on mistreating, demeaning or otherwise degrading the personal worth of another individual. Hazing is prohibited by all national fraternities, the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the OSU fraternity and sorority community.

INFORMATIONAL: A forum for individuals interested in seeking more information about a particular fraternity or sorority.

INITIATION: The formal ceremonies, or ritual, by which new members complete membership into a chapter and receive full membership privileges.

INTAKE OR MEMBERSHIP INTAKE: The term groups use to bring new members into an organization. Each Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council group determines when they will conduct intake. Each group can be assisted in this process by their graduate chapter and/or graduate advisor. In general, MGC and NPHC groups require sophomore status and a 2.5 cumulative GPA for someone to go through intake.

LEGACY: A man or woman whose mother/father, sister/brother or in some cases grandmother/grandfather is an alumna/alumnus or active member of a fraternity or sorority (Does not guarantee membership in all organizations.)

LINE: Group of individuals going through the membership intake process. Another term is new member class.

LINE BROTHER/SISTER: Members who went through the membership intake process together.

NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: The governing organization of a fraternity/sorority.

NEOPHYTE: A term some organizations use to refer to a new member of a fraternity or sorority.

NEOPHYTE SHOW/NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION/PRORATE: Interchangeable terms used to describe the public announcement of the newest members' crossing (initiation).

NEW MEMBER: A potential member who has accepted the bid of a fraternity or sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership, but has not yet crossed.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC): The governing organization of the nine historically African American Greek-letter organizations. This acronym also refers to the local governing council of an institution.

PHILANTHROPY: Charitable projects or donations sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER: An unaffiliated man or woman who participates in intake.

RITUAL: The activity by which a fraternity or sorority brings into membership its new members who have met initiation requirements; the traditionally secret ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority.

SOROR: Another term used to refer to one's sorority sister.

STROLLING: Organization members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization. This is a line, members may express their pride through use of their organization's call, sign or historical information, ritual/custom dances, etc. All of this is done through movements that are unique to a particular organization and should not be mimicked.
SAFETY EDUCATION & Hazing Prevention

ALCOHOL POLICY

- The possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is absolutely prohibited while on chapter premises. During an official fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, alcohol consumption must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, county, city and university.
- No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through the chapter treasury nor may the purchase of alcohol for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any person in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. The purchase and/or use of bulk quantities of such alcoholic beverage (i.e. kegs, party balls, etc.) by any chapter’s members or new members or the purchase of bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages by an individual for a chapter is prohibited.
- No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
- No chapter members/new members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to or sell alcoholic beverages (to include 3.2 beer or stronger) to anyone under the age of 21 years.
- No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern (where tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than one half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present.
- All recruitment/intake activities associated with any chapter, without regard to location, will be dry recruitment functions.
- Open parties where alcohol is present, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, shall be prohibited.
- No “drinking games” in any form shall be permitted, tolerated or encouraged.
- No alcohol shall be present at any new member program activity of the chapter.

HAZING CODE

Hazing in any form at Oklahoma State University is absolutely forbidden. Hazing is defined as any activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any organization operating subject to the sanction of the public or private school or of any institution of higher education in the state of Oklahoma. In addition, the Student Code of Conduct document prohibits any form of racial, ethnic and sexual harassment.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The governing councils of the fraternity and sorority community and each member chapter are required to follow the policies listed on this page. Any violation will result in a judicial board hearing. Copies of both the Alcohol Policy and Hazing Code can be found on the Fraternity & Sorority Affairs website at gogreek.okstate.edu. The governing councils of the fraternity and sorority community and Oklahoma State University, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Higher Education Act), do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ethnicity in any of their policies, practices or procedures.

RESPONSIBILITY

Sororities and fraternities are held to high standards by their national organizations, advisors and the university. There are trainings that prepare members to be responsible and behave in a manner that reflects their values.
THANK YOU &
GO POKES!