

Dear Current/Future OSU Student and Parents,

On behalf of Oklahoma State University and the Division of Student Affairs, I would like to welcome you to campus for Greek Discovery Day. We are thrilled that you are considering joining our award-winning fraternity/sorority community at OSU, and we hope you will take full advantage of the opportunity to learn about the almost 50 chapters at OSU across the four different councils. These councils make up nearly 25% of our campus population and include the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council.

By joining a fraternity or sorority at OSU, you will have the unique opportunity to have an impact in your chapter, at OSU and beyond. Our thriving fraternity/sorority community demonstrates OSU's core value of service by contributing more than 100,000 community service hours and an estimated quarter of a million philanthropic dollars to both national and local causes.

Our fraternal organizations are scholars on campus with some of the highest first-year student retention rates in comparison to their non-Greek peers. Additionally, national studies have also found positive correlation related to graduation rates and first-year retention of fraternity/sorority members (Biddix, 2014). Our organizations take great pride in their scholarly achievement, the academic mission, and your success as a student at OSU.

Our goal at OSU is to help you find a sense of belonging with various involvement opportunities within both our fraternity/sorority community and the more than 500 student organizations on campus. As a fraternity/sorority member, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable soft skills—leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and communication—which are highly valued by employers. The fraternity/sorority experience, while social in nature, can be the one of the most comprehensive collegiate leadership experiences if you take full advantage of the benefits of membership.

Once again, I welcome you to OSU and look forward to you joining our Cowboy family. The Division of Student Affairs is here to help assist you in your transition to college with various campus resources available to promote your success both in and out of the classroom. Please utilize the expertise of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs and Council Officers as you navigate the fraternity/sorority process. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Go Pokes! Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas A. Hallenbeck Vice President for Student Affairs



# Welcome!

Dear OSU Prospective and Current Students,

On behalf of our fraternity/sorority community at Oklahoma State University, we are excited that you are interested in joining one of our award-winning Greek-letter organizations. Our community is comprised of almost 50 organizations and 4,500 students that for more than 100 years have served as an integral part of campus life at OSU. The fraternity/sorority experience is one of the most comprehensive leadership opportunities you can be involved in during your time at OSU and beyond your college years. You will have the chance to engage in meaningful philanthropy and community service, build your leadership capacity, and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Our community also takes great pride as scholars and supporting the academic mission at OSU by boasting an over 92% first year retention rate and 79% six-year graduation rate.

We hope that you will utilize this publication to access important information related to each of our four governing councils, which include the Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Council. We also encourage you to participate in each of these communities various recruitment events and convocations to meet members of the organization and community so that you may find your "home away from home" Our staff is also eager and willing to assist you as you make this decision of lifetime commitment in a fraternity or sorority, feel free to reach out at any time.



Go Greek and Go Pokes!

Dr. Johnny Robinson

**Director of Student Involvement** 

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# Our Fraternity & Sorority Community

The fraternity & sorority community at Oklahoma State University is comprised of nearly 50 nationally-recognized Greek-letter organizations within four governing councils; the Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Council. Membership within these organizations offers students a unique opportunity to have a comprehensive student involvement experience with a focus on scholarship, lifelong friendships, leadership development, community service, supporting philanthropic causes, and responsible social interaction. Affiliation in a fraternity or sorority also allows students to make lasting connections both personal and professional that will continue post-graduation.

# The Four Pillars of Fraternity & Sorority Life

### Academics

The fraternity and sorority community makes academics a top priority. Many chapters have an academic development plan which promotes scholarly achievement and incentives for those with a respectable GPA to participate in chapter activities. Further, each fraternity and sorority has its own scholarship program that will promote academic success and effective time management skills.

## **Brotherhood & Sisterhood**

At Oklahoma State University, fraternities and sororities enable students to establish strong friendships that last far beyond their college years. Affiliation in a Greek-letter organization, provides members a diverse opportunity to interact with other students, backgrounds, and interests. Membership offers a supportive network to assists student transition to college life.

### Leadership

Both on-campus and off-campus, fraternity and sorority members learn the importance of dedication, working with others, responsibility and self-reliance. In addition, there are many leadership opportunities within the fraternity and sorority community apart from those within each chapter. Whether you are a natural leader, enhance and cultivate your skills or just seek to be involved, fraternity and sorority membership will help you develop your unique, individual potential.

# Philanthropy & Community Service

One of the most gratifying aspects of fraternity and sorority membership is the sense of satisfaction and pride that comes with involvement in philanthropy and community service. In 2022, students raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars and gave more than 50,000 hours of their time. In addition to the individual chapter projects, the community comes together several times per year to perform joint projects for both the campus and the community. Whether raising money or donating time, service is an essential part of the fraternal experience.

# 92% FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE

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## **Student Organization Alcohol Policy**

- The organization, members and guests must comply with all federal, state, provincial and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide or be provided alcoholic beverages.
- The organization, members and guests must follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while on chapter/ organizational premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter/organization.
- No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through or with organization funds or funds pooled by members or guests (admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).
- · Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities and kegs, which are not being served by a licensed and insured third party vendor, are prohibited. Open parties are prohibited. Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only, and the organization must utilize a guest list system.
- Any event or activity related to the new member joining process (e.g., recruitment, intake, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into an organization, including but not limited to "bid night," "big/little" events or activities, "family" events or activities and any ritual or ceremony.
- No organization may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor or bar (bar defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) at which alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present.
- · No organization may co-sponsor, co-finance, attend, or participate in an event at which alcohol is purchased by any of the host organizations.
- The organization, members or guests must not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.

### **Hazing Policy**

The safety of all students within our fraternity and sorority community is our top priority. Any individuals and/ or organizations participating in or sponsoring hazing behavior or activities will be held responsible as defined by the Oklahoma State University Code of Conduct. 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 the basis of race, color, religion, national 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 OR student conduct referral. You may find policies governing the fraternity/sorority community in the Fraternity & Sorority Handbook (see Resources) 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 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. In addition, you can find the Chapter Conduct History on our Resource page and each Chapter Profile on our website.

## What is Greek Discovery Day?

Greek Discovery Day is an event hosted each April for high school juniors and seniors to come to campus and learn firsthand about our fraternity/sorority community at Oklahoma State University. Participants will be able to engage and interact with current members and learn about their specific fraternity/sorority as well as the various recruitment processes associated with those fraternities and sororities. We host a session for participant guests/parents to learn more about the fraternity/sorority experience and ask any questions they might have.

## **Programs**

#### Greek 100

The Greek 100 program is a student-led peer education program for our fraternity and sorority community at Oklahoma State University. Beginning in 2018, our facilitators help educate organizations on important topics such as bystander intervention, alcohol and drug education, hazing, mental health awareness, and sexual violence prevention. Each organization is expected to schedule two presentations each semester with a minimum attendance of 95% of chapter membership. Chapters that fail to meet expectations will lose their approved housing status and/or the ability to register social events. Visit https://lcl.okstate. edu/gogreek/greek-100.html to learn more.

#### Order of the Omega

Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of Fraternity & Sorority organizations. Order of Omega recognizes upperclassmen who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organization and within the Fraternity/Sorority, campus, and local community. Members share the common goal of recognizing the many outstanding student leaders at their institution.

## **Junior Greek Leadership**

Junior Greek Leadership is an organization for new members in the fraternity and sorority community at Oklahoma State University. Membership is comprised of the top 65 new members in the OSU fraternity and sorority community. The organization promotes leadership, campus involvement and tries to instill in its members a sense of passion for the fraternity and sorority community at OSU. Junior Greek Life coordinates the Scott Carter Cornhole Tournament, which benefits the Scott Carter Foundation for cancer research. JGL is involved in things such as community service, on-campus public relations and Greek Discovery Day.

## **Community Events**

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs serves as the advisor for some of Oklahoma State University's oldest traditions; Follies, Varsity Revue and Spring Sing. These shows allow our students to express their creative and musical talents, make new friends and fundraise for charitable causes. Learn more about these amazing productions through gogreek.okstate.edu. MGC and NPHC chapters host XPosed and the Homecoming Greek Show during the fall semester. All the funds from these events are donated to their local and national philanthropies.

America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration is made possible by members of the Greek community. Members of sororities and fraternities work together to create house decorations throughout the fall semester, culminating in Walkaround, where every decoration is displayed and thousands of alumni return to Stillwater to experience this incredible event.

#### **Homecoming**

Homecoming truly is the highlight of the fall semester and a source of great pride for many of the fraternities and sororities at OSU. Sororities are paired with fraternities to build large, colorful structures in their yards known as "house decs," which is short for house decoration. Each member of a fraternity or sorority is required to work on their "house dec" for a certain number of hours each week as designated by the chapters. The hours vary by chapter and are based on work completed and work left to be done, but will not exceed 12 hours per member per week. These "house decs" are the focus of Friday night's Walkaround to which thousands of people come from all over the country to view the displays. The fraternity and sorority community also participates in a children's carnival, sign competition, spirit rally and offers tremendous support for the football team.

### Homecoming Greek Show XPosed

Homecoming Greek Show was created in Fall 2021 to start as a tradition for our National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council chapters. It is held the Friday night of OSU Homecoming Week. This is a competition that NPHC and MGC organizations create a 9-minute performance that features unique storylines, stepping and strolling.

XPosed is a Welcome Week event that occurs during the first week of classes. During this event the Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic and various minority student organizations will host a browse session and a yard show. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our minority student organizations on campus and history and culture with the community.









#### **Follies**

Follies has been a tradition of the Oklahoma State University Greek community for more than 50 years. Held annually during the fall semester, Follies has allowed students to light up the stage with singing, dancing and "cheesing" since 1970. This event allows students to live their Greek values of scholarship, philanthropy, brotherhood/sisterhood and leadership out loud. Sorority and fraternity chapters pair to create a 8-minute show consisting of original choreography, vocal arrangements, lyrics, crazy costumes and dialogue in an effort to highlight the pairings' chosen theme. The planning of the shows begins during the summer months. Follies raised \$90,000 for Stillwater Public Schools Performing Arts program in 2022.

#### **Varsity Revue**

Varsity Revue was created to raise desperately-needed funds for the marching band in 1929. Joe Griffin proposed a vaudeville show to sell tickets to the student body. Featuring musical, dance, comedy and all kinds of other performances, the show was a hit. Since its inception, Varsity Revue has included men and women from the fraternity and sorority community, from student organizations and from residence halls in the performance. However, as time passed, fraternity men and sorority women truly embraced the Varsity Revue tradition. By 2013, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs assumed the advising role. Today, Varsity Revue consists most of the Greek organizations performing broadway-styled acts. Traditionally, the proceeds go to the United Way of Payne County. This year, Varsity Revue celebrated 94 years at Oklahoma State University making it one of the oldest traditions remaining.

### **Spring Sing**

Spring Sing is the final show in the school year at Oklahoma State University and has been a long-standing tradition in the Greek community for almost 60 years. Each group production lasts about six minutes. Groups use the theme to create their own unique story line. Group acts are judged on musicality, theme originality, costumes and choreography. Spring Sing is held annually in Gallagher-Iba Arena on Spring Family Weekend and sees more than 2,000 guests in attendance. The show also benefits Coaches vs. Cancer and has donated more than \$150,000 since the partnership began. Seniors will finish the night with the "Senior Show" where all the chapters have graduating seniors perform a final song together weeks before they graduate in Mav.

# Cost to Join: Cost Per Semester

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL	Room and Board and Dues	Out-of-House Dues	One-time New Member Fee
Alpha Gamma Rho	\$4,450	\$1,162	\$245
Alpha Sigma Phi	\$4,620	\$615	\$650
Alpha Tau Omega	\$4,500	\$600	\$50
Beta Theta Pi	\$4,500	\$700	\$150
Beta Upsilon Chi	N/A*	\$475	\$145
Delta Tau Delta	\$5,200	\$1,400	\$360
FarmHouse	\$4,445	\$845	\$200
Kappa Alpha Order	\$3,037	\$1,125	\$425
Kappa Sigma	\$4,100	\$1,200	\$450
Lambda Chi Alpha	\$4,500	\$750	\$235
Phi Delta Theta	\$4,025	\$855	\$310
Phi Gamma Delta	\$4,600	\$800	\$300
Phi Kappa Sigma	N/A*	\$500	\$435
Phi Kappa Tau	\$4,150	\$850	\$250
Pi Kappa Alpha	\$5,050	\$850	\$400
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	\$4,718	\$500	\$300
Sigma Chi	\$4,500	\$1,800	N/A*
Sigma Nu	\$4,750	\$1,100	\$330
Sigma Phi Epsilon	\$4,792	\$842	\$300
Tau Kappa Epsilon	N/A*	\$360	\$300
Theta Chi	N/A*	\$800	\$60
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Room and Board: Includes meal plan, housing, and dues Out-of-House: Includes meal plan, dues, parlor fees, etc.

\*IFC chapter does not have a house or a new member fee.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL	One-time Intake Fee	Semester Dues
Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc.	\$400	\$30
alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.	\$100	200
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	\$300	\$200
Lambda Phi Epsilon International Fraternity, Inc.	\$200	\$350
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.	\$325	\$325
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc.	\$255	\$200
Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.	\$205	\$200
Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.	N/A*	\$110

\*MGC chapter fees have not been established yet.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL	One-time Intake Fee	Semester Dues
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	\$1500-\$1800	\$125
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	\$1,000-\$2,000	\$50
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	\$2000-\$2,500	N/A*
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	\$1,800-\$2,000	\$100-\$200
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	\$1,000-\$1,500	\$200
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	\$1,000-\$1,400	\$100
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	\$1,000-\$1,300	\$100

\*NPHC semester dues have not been established yet.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL	Room and Board and Dues	Out-of-House Dues	One-time New Member Fee
Alpha Chi Omega	\$5,115	\$1,975	\$753
Alpha Delta Pi	\$5,005	\$2,056	\$1,179
Alpha Omicron Pi	\$5,135	\$2,005	\$880
Alpha Xi Delta	\$4,643	\$1,284	\$580
Chi Omega	\$4,081	\$1,375	\$810
Delta Delta	\$3,925	\$1,265	\$486
Gamma Phi Beta	\$4,345	\$1,540	\$1,200
Kappa Alpha Theta	\$3,514	\$1,543	\$400
Kappa Delta	\$4,664	\$1,694	\$1,085
Kappa Kappa Gamma	\$4,243	\$1,703	\$272
Phi Mu	\$3,100	\$1,050	\$660
Pi Beta Phi	\$4,108	\$1,779	\$763
Zeta Tau Alpha	\$4,190	\$1,605	\$250

# Financial Commitment: Average Cost Per Council



## **Interfraternity Council**

At Oklahoma State University, "fraternity" is used to describe a brotherhood of men who have voluntarily joined together to achieve excellence in several areas. OSU fraternities promote academic achievement, leadership opportunities, campus activities, fellowship and community service to both the Oklahoma State campus and the surrounding city of Stillwater. Their members also prepare for successful careers.

#### **How to Join**

To become a member of fraternity or sorority, you must participate in a recruitment process which is facilitated by each council. Within the Interfraternity Council at OSU this process is informal, meaning that the bulk of recruitment occurs during the summer. Before a student can commit to joining a fraternity, also known as "signing", they must complete the IFC Recruitment registration. Once the online application and registration are complete, the student may sign with the fraternity or their choice who have extended a bid. Throughout the summer, fraternities will reach out to potential new members who have registered for recruitment. During the informal recruitment process fraternities will host events, meals, and activities which potential new members and chapter members are invited to attend. It is important to note, the best fit for you may not be the best fit for a friend or classmate. Joining a fraternity is a lifetime commitment and should not be taken lightly as you navigate the recruitment process. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to IFC.

#### Signing Day

Signing Day is the first day fraternities are allowed to sign prospective new members. Keep in mind this is the first day, and you will have the opportunity to sign with a house all summer. Signing Day will be on June 17. Each fraternity holds their own signing day event, which all vary by times and venues.

### **Register for Recruitment**

Spring 2023 registration opens April 1. There is a \$50 fee at the end of registration that is exclusively for IFC Recruitment Registration. Please visit gogreek.okstate.edu for more information about the recruitment process.

For questions about the IFC recruitment process, please contact the Director of Recruitment, Braden Dunn, ifc@okstate.edu or visit gogreek.okstate.edu

## Chapters

The fraternity system has grown to include a total of 21 nationally recognized men's organizations. The Men's Interfraternity Council at Oklahoma State University governs these groups.

#### **ALPHA GAMMA RHO**

National Founding: 1908 Local Founding: 1921 Website: osuagrs.com Colors: Green & Gold Facebook: Alpha Gamma Rho, Pi Chapter Instagram: @agr okst

#### **ALPHA SIGMA PHI**

National Founding: 1845 Local Founding: 2016 Website: alphasigmaphi.org Colors: Cardinal Red & Stone Gray Facebook: Alpha Sig Okstate Instagram: @okstate\_alphasig

#### **ALPHA TAU OMEGA**

National Founding: 1865 Local Founding: 1947 Website: ATO ora Colors: Azure & Gold Twitter: @atookstate Instagram: @okstate\_ato

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#### **BETA THETA PI**

National Founding: 1939 Local Founding: 1923 Website: beta.org Colors: Shades of Pink & Blue Instagram: @beta okstate

#### **BETA UPSILON CHI**

National Founding: 1985 Local Founding: 2005 Website: betaupsilonchi.org Colors: Purple & White Twitter: @OkState BYX Facebook: OSU Beta Upsilon Chi Instagram: @okstatebyx

#### **DELTA TAU DELTA**

National Founding: 1858 Local Founding: 1949 Colors: Royal Purple & Gold Twitter: @OKStateDELTS Instagram: @okstatedelts

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#### **FARMHOUSE**

National Founding: 1905 Local Founding: 1928 Website: fhokstate.com Colors: Green & Gold Twitter: @osu\_farmhouse Facebook: FarmHouse Fraternity Oklahoma State Instagram: @osu farmhouse

#### **KAPPA ALPHA ORDER**

National Founding: 1865 Local Founding: 1920 Website: kappaalphaorder.org Colors: Crimson & Rose Gold Twitter: @OKstateKA Facebook: Oklahoma State Kappa Alpha

## Instagram: @rushtheorderosu

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#### **KAPPA SIGMA** National Founding: 1869

Local Founding: 1920 Website: kappasig.com Colors: Scarlett, White & Emerald Green Twitter: @osukappasigma Instagram: @osukappasigma

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#### LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

National Founding: 1909 Local Founding: 1917 Website: lambdachi.org Colors: Purple, Green & Gold Twitter: @OKStateLXA Instagram: @OKStateLXA

#### **PHI DELTA THETA** National Founding: 1848

Local Founding: 1946 Website: phidelta.org Colors: Azure & Argent Twitter: @phideltokstate Facebook: Phi Delta Theta Oklahoma

### Instagram: @phideltokstate

#### **PHI GAMMA DELTA**

National Founding: 1848 Local Founding: 1962 Website: okstatephigam.com Colors: Royal Purple & White Instagram: @fiii okstate

#### PHI KAPPA SIGMA

National Founding:1850 Local Founding: 2016 Website: pks.org Colors: Black & Old Gold Twitter: @osu skulls Facebook: Phi Kappa Sigma at Oklahoma State University Instagram: @osu\_skulls

#### **PHI KAPPA TAU National Founding: 1906**

Local Founding: 1949 Website: pktbk.com Colors: Harvard Red & Old Gold Twitter: @osu\_phitau Facebook: PKTBK Instagram: @pkt.okstate

# PI KAPPA ALPHA

#### National Founding: 1868 Local Founding: 1939 Website: pikes.org Colors: Garnett & Old Gold Twitter: @OkStatePike Instagram: @okstatepikes

# ΣΑΕ

### **SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON**

National Founding: 1856 Local Founding: 1931 Website: osusae.org Colors: Old Gold & Royal Purple Twitter: @osuae Facebook: Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Oklahoma State University Instagram: @sae\_okmu

#### **SIGMA CHI**

National Founding: 1855 Local Founding: 1922 Website: okstatesigs.com Colors: Blue & Old Gold Twitter: @OkStateSigmaChi Instagram: @okstatesigmachi

National Founding: 1969 Local Founding: 1920 Website: osusigmanu.com Colors: Black, Gold & White Twitter: OKState SigmaNu Facebook: Oklahoma State Sigma Nu **Epsilon Epsilon Chapter** Instagram: @osusigmanu

#### SIGMA PHI EPSILON

National Founding: 1901 Local Founding: 1920 Website: okstate.sigep.org Colors: Rose Red & Violet Purple Twitter: @SigEpOKAlpha Instagram: @okstatesigep

#### TAU KAPPA EPSILON

National Founding: 1899 Local Founding: 1947 Website: tke.org Colors: Black & White Facebook: Oklahoma State TKF: Beta-Instagram: @okstate\_tke

## **THETA CHI**

National Founding: 1856 Local Founding: 1947 Website: okstatethetachi.com Colors: Military Red & White Twitter: @okstateThetaChi Facebook: okstateThetaChi Instagram: @okstateThetaChi



## **Multicultural Greek Council**

The Multicultural Greek Council at Oklahoma State University was established to meet the needs of ethnic fraternities and sororities that were not being met by the fraternity and sorority community prior to its establishment. In November 2002, Alpha Pi Omega and Omega Delta Phi, the founding members, came together to create an organization which would unite all multicultural Greek-lettered organizations. In August 2003, the Multicultural Greek Council constitution was accepted and the council was officially recognized on the Oklahoma State University campus.

#### **How to Join**

The Multicultural Greek Council member organizations recruit potential new members throughout the year on an informal basis. This process is known as Membership Intake. Please note all organizations have a cost associated with membership. Each member organization of MGC has its own way to recruit new members. This is why it is important to get to know each organization to understand their unique process. Each organization has a different set of membership requirements for academic success, community and college involvement. Each semester the Multicultural Greek Council host an event called Convocation. This event is open to any current OSU interested in joining or seeking more information about organizations in MGC. You'll have an opportunity to learn more information about the Council, organizations, and meet many of the members of the community.

#### **Membership Requirements**

Undergraduate students who are interested in joining a Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) organization must meet certain membership criteria. This includes but is not limited to:

- Be enrolled in 12 hours at Oklahoma State University
- 2.5-3.0 college GPA or higher (varies by organization) some chapters accept first semester freshman if they have 12 or more college credit hours
- Complete an application for membership along with any additional information the organization of interest requires
- · Community service hours may be a prerequisite
- · Attendance at an interest/informational meeting for the organization of your interest
- · You must be in good standing with the Office of Student Support and Conduct

### ¿Cómo ingresar a una organización?

Las organizaciones del Consejo Multicultural Griego (MGC por sus iniciales en inglés) reclutan a sus miembros durante el inicio de cada semestre. Este proceso se conoce como toma de miembros aspirantes (Membership Intake). Tome en cuenta que cada organización tiene un costo asociado con su membresía. Además, el proceso de reclutar nuevos miembros es diferente para cada organización. Por esta razón es importante conocer las organizaciones y entender su proceso individual. Dependiendo en la organización también existen diferentes requisitos en el aspecto académico, participación universitaria y servicio comunitario. Para recibir más información sobre alguna organización, por favor visite mgc.okstate.edu, llene un formulario de interés y entrégela a la oficina de Asuntos de Fraternidades y Hermandades. Cada semestre el Consejo Multicultural Griego organiza un evento llamado Convocación. Este evento es para los estudiantes de la OSU interesados en aplicar o aprender más acerca de las organizaciones de MGC. Tendrías la oportunidad de recibir más información acerca el consejo, las organizaciones, y conocer varios miembros de la comunidad.

#### Requisitos de membresía

Los estudiantes que estén interesados en ser parte de una organización multicultural tendrán que cumplir ciertos requisitos para ser considerados. Esto incluye pero no se limita a:

- Estar inscrito en 12 horas académicas en Oklahoma State University
- Un promedio universitario de 2.5-3.0; cada organización tiene sus propios requisitos.
- Esto excluye a estudiantes de primer año que todavía no tienen un promedio universitario.
- Llenar una solicitud para ser considerado, junto con cualquier otro requisito de la organización de interés.
- Servicio comunitario puede ser un pre-requisito
- Ir a una junta formal de la organización de interés.
- El estudiante tendrá que tener un record limpio con la Universidad v la Oficina de Conducta v Apovo Estudiantil

## Chapters

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) chapters promote sisterhood/brotherhood, service, academic achievement and cultural awareness through individual events hosted by the chapters. It is a great way to get involved, build a network and make a positive impact in the community.

# ALPHA PI OMEGA

**SORORITY. INC.** National Founding: 1994 Local Founding: 2004 Website: alphapiomega.org Colors: New Grass Green, Maize Yellow & Fire Red Twitter: @APiOGamma Facebook: Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. - Gamma Chapter Instagram: @Gammagueenbees

ΛΦΕ **LAMBDA PHI EPSILON** INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC. National Founding: 1981 Local Founding: 2021

Colors: Royal Blue & White Instagram: @okstatelambdas

# **SORORITY. INC.** National Founding: 1987

Local Founding: 2015 Colors: Pink & Maroon Twitter: @osu kdchi Instagram: @osukdchi

# **OMEGA DELTA PHI**

FRATERNITY, INC. National Founding: 1987 Local Founding: 2014 Website: omegadeltaphi.com Colors: Scarlet, Silver & Black Twitter: @osuodphi Facebook: Omega Delta Ph Fraternity, Inc. Instagram: @osuknights

## SIGMA LAMBDA **ALPHA SORORITY,**

INC. National Founding: 1992 Local Founding: 2016 Website: sigmalambdaalpha.org Colors: Burgundy, Forest Green & Gold

Twitter: @okstatesla Facebook: okstatesla Instagram: @okstatesla

## LAMBDA BETA INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC. National Founding: 1986

Local Founding: 2011 Colors: Royal Purple & Pure

Twitter: @Okstatebetas Facebook: Oklahoma Betas Instagram: @okstatebetas

## THETA NU XI **MULTICULTURAL** SORORITY, INC. National Founding: 1997

Local Founding: 2020 Website: thetanuxi.org Colors: Black, Lavender & Carolina Blue Instagram: @osutnx

alpha KAPPA DELTA **PHI INTERNATIONAL** SORORITY, INC. National Founding: 1990

Local Founding: 2022 Website: aKDPhi.org Colors: Purple & White Instagram: @okstate.akdphi

MGC Convocation: September 11 MGC Week: September 10-16



## **National Pan-Hellenic Council**

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) is currently comprised of nine (9) international greek letter sororities and fraternities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Iota Phi Theta 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 at Oklahoma State University.

#### **How to Join**

Each organization within the National Pan-Hellenic Council has a Membership Intake Process (MIP) that differs from chapter to chapter. It is important to get to know each organization to understand their unique process. Each organization will have a different set of membership requirements for academic success, community and college involvement. Please note all organizations have a cost associated with membership, along with time commitments. Like MGC, the National Pan-Hellenic Council also hosts an event called Convocation each semester. This event will provide an opportunity for students to learn about NPHC, member organizations and meet members of the community. This event is open to all current OSU students.

### **Membership Requirements**

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 Support and Conduct
- Attendance at Intake Orientation

#### **Community Service**

Community service is an important value within NPHC organizations. Community service includes the giving our time and abilities to provide individuals or organizations with hands-on support. NPHC engaging in community service allows chapters and members the opportunity to serve as change agents, addressing community needs, advocating for important causes and working to effectively transform the world for good.







# **Chapters**

# ADA ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

National Founding: 1906 Local Founding: 1958 Website: apa1906.net Colors: Black and Old Gold Instagram: @ostatealphas

#### AKA ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

National Founding: 1908 Local Founding: 1973 Website: aka1908.com Colors: Salmon Pink & Apple Green Twitter: @ThetaBeta1973

Twitter: @ThetaBeta1973 Facebook: Theta Beta 1973 Instagram: @ThetaBeta1973

## KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. National Founding: 1911

National Founding: 1911
Local Founding: 1971
Local Founding: 1971
Colors: Crimson & Cream
Instagram: @zetatheta\_nupes

National Founding: 1911
Local Founding: 1980
Website: oppf.org
Colors: Royal Purple & Old Gold

# **ΩΨΦ**OMEGA PSI PHI DELTA SIG

FRATERNITY, INC.
National Founding: 1911
Local Founding: 1980
Website: oppf.org

DELTA SIGNA
THETA SORORITY,
INC.
National Founding: 1913
Local Founding: 1971

Local Founding: 1971
Website: deltasigmatheta.org
Colors: Crimson & Cream
Twitter: @thetamudst
Facebook: OState Deltas
Instagram: @thetamudst

PHI BETA SIGMA
FRATERNITY, INC.
National Founding: 1914
Local Founding: 1987
Website: phibetasigma1914.org
Colors: Royal Blue & Pure White
Twitter: @OSUSiamas

Instagram: @okstatesigmas

ZQB ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. National Founding: 1920 Local Founding: 1996 Colors: Royal Blue & White Twitter: @okstatezetas Instagram: @okstatezetas

NPHC Convocation: September 19
NPHC Week: September 17-23

**ZTA** 

National Founding: 1898

Website: zetataualpha.org

Facebook: Zeta Tau Alpha

Instagram: @okstatezta

Colors: Turquoise Blue & Steel

Local Founding: 1923

Twitter: @okstatezta

Oklahoma State



## **Panhellenic Council**

While local sororities had been in existence on the Oklahoma A&M campus since 1912, Kappa Delta became the first nationally recognized sorority at Oklahoma A&M College when the local group known as Delta Delta was granted a charter on June 14, 1919. Kappa Delta was installed on August 9, 1919, only three days ahead of Pi Beta Phi's installation. Kappa Alpha Theta became the third national women's organization on September 5, 1919. In just more than a month, three groups had gained national recognition. Both an Interfraternity Council and a Panhellenic Council already were in place when the first nationally recognized fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, arrived in 1917. By 1927 the Oklahoma A&M College's fraternity and sorority system grew to 19 nationally affiliated chapters. There were 12 fraternities and seven sororities. Three local Greek organizations, one of which was a sorority, also were operating at this time. The Panhellenic Council is the governing body of the National Panhellenic Conference sororities at Oklahoma State University. The entirety of the sorority community is referred to the Panhellenic Association.

#### **How to Join**

There are two opportunities for women to join one of our 13 National Panhellenic Conference sororities at Oklahoma State University. Primary fall recruitment takes place during the week prior to the first week of school, and all 13 chapters participate. Primary fall recruitment is the only time a student is guaranteed to see and interact with all 13 NPC sororities. The other recruitment option is Continuous Open Bidding, COB is an informal recruitment process that begins during the first week of classes and concludes with the first day of pre-finals week in the spring. Not every chapter participates in Continuous Open Bidding. Please visit gogreek. okstate.edu to learn more about each of these processes.

#### **Fall Recruitment**

Primary fall recruitment is a formalized mutual selection process by which a student is guaranteed to see all 13 NPC chapters. For more detailed information on the process, please visit https://lcl.okstate.edu/gogreek/ panhellenic-council.html. Registration for formal recruitment is available online at gogreek.okstate.edu or at panhellenic.okstate.edu. Registration will open May 1, 2023 and will close July 30 by 11:59pm. The following information will be required for registration:

- OSU email address
- Digital photo
- · Campus Wide Identification Number (CWID).
- · Activities, honors and service. Including this information will create a resume for you.
- T-shirt size
- Parent/guardian email address. Parents/guardians have the opportunity to receive summer updates and nightly emails during recruitment week. Each PNM may provide two email addresses for parents/guardians.

When beginning the registration process, be sure you complete all the information at that time. If you do not complete everything at once,

your information will not be saved and you will have to start the process from the beginning. Therefore, it is helpful to have the aforementioned information handy when beginning the registration process. At the conclusion of your registration, you will be asked to pay an \$80 registration fee which covers costs associated with the process excluding meals. There may be an additional meal plan fee which could increase the registration fee. After registering online, please follow the instructions to pay online or mail your registration fee to:

Panhellenic Recruitment **Oklahoma State University** 211J Student Union Stillwater, OK 74078

Checks should be made payable to "Panhellenic Recruitment." Please put your name and CWID in the check's memo line. The payment must be received by the registration deadline for your registration to be complete. If payment is mailed, it must be postmarked by July 30. No late applications or materials will be accepted! There will be no refunds after this date. An official academic transcript must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

#### **Continuous Open Bidding**

Continuous Open Bidding (COB) is an informal type of recruitment for women interested in joining the OSU fraternity and sorority community. It begins after the completion of fall recruitment in August and concludes at the start of pre-finals week in the fall semester. It resumes again at the start of the spring semester and concludes during pre-finals week. There is no guarantee COB will occur at any time. Many women find the informal, relaxed atmosphere of COB as a less stressful and more enjoyable way to find a home in the fraternity and sorority community at OSU. The participating organizations will hold events and activities to meet interested women and women that they are also interested in. Any woman who wishes to participate in COB should complete the online registration process which will be available in August for the fall semester and January for the spring semester. Registering for COB with the Panhellenic Council ensures a chapter will have a potential new member's (PNM) contact information and verified academic record. It does not guarantee a chapter will contact the PNM or that a PNM will receive an invitation of membership. For more information on COB, please visit https://lcl.okstate. edu/gogreek/recruitment-overview.html.

## Chapters

#### ALPHA CHI OMEGA National Founding: 1885

Local Founding: 1947 Colors: Scarlet Red & Olive Green Twitter: @okstate axo

Facebook: Alpha Chi Omega Oklahoma State University Instagram: @okstateaxo

# ALPHA DELTA PI

National Founding: 1851 Local Founding: 1921 Website: okstate.alphadeltapi

Colors: Azure Blue & White Twitter: @OKState\_ADPi Facebook: Oklahoma State Alpha Instagram: @okstateadpi

# ALPHA OMICRON P

National Founding: 1897 Local Founding: 2012 Website: okstate. alphaomicronpi.com Colors: Cardinal Red Facebook: Alpha Omicron Pi at Oklahoma State Instagram: @okstateaoii

# ΑΞΔ

#### **ALPHA XI DELTA** National Founding: 1893

Local Founding: 2015 Website: okstate.alphaxidelta. Colors: Double Blue & Gold

Twitter: @okstateaxid Facebook: OSU Alpha Xi Delta Instagram: @okstate alphaxi

#### **CHI OMEGA** National Founding: 1895

Local Founding: 1920 Website: okstate.chiomega.com Colors: Cardinal Red & Straw Twitter: @okstatechio Facebook: Oklahoma State Chi Instagram: @okstatechio

# **DELTA DELTA**

National Founding: 1888 Local Founding: 1962 Website: tridelta.org

Colors: Silver, Gold & Cerulean Twitter: @okstateddd Facebook: okstatetridelta

Instagram: @okstate.tridelta

# ГФВ

#### **GAMMA PHI BETA**

National Founding: 1874 Local Founding: 1958 Website: gammaphibeta.org Colors: Mode & Brown Twitter: @OkstateGPHi Facebook: Gamma Phi Beta -Oklahoma State Instagram: @okstategphib

## ΚΑΘ **KAPPA ALPHA**

## THETA

National Founding: 1870 Local Founding: 1919 Website: kappaalphatheta.org Colors: Black & Gold

# KAPPA DELTA

**National Founding: 1897** Local Founding: 1919 Website: okstate.kappadelta.org Colors: Olive Green & Pearl White

Twitter: @OkState KD Facebook: OSU KD Instagram: @okstate\_kd

# KKI

#### **KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA**

National Founding: 1870 Local Founding: 1947 Website: kappakappagamma Colors: Light Blue & Dark Blue Twitter: @okstateKKG

Facebook: Oklahoma State Kappa Kappa Gamma Instagram: @okstatekkg

### **PHI MU**

National Founding: 1852 Local Founding: 1979 Website: okstate.phimu.org Colors: Rose & White Twitter: @nhimuokstate Instagram: @phimuokstate

#### PI BETA PHI National Founding: 1867

Local Founding: 1919 Website: okstate.pibetaphi.org Colors: Wine & Silver Blue Twitter: @okstatepiphi Instagram: @okstatepiph

For questions about the recruitment process, please contact:

405-744-6583 | sororityrecruitment@okstate.edu or visit gogreek.okstate.edu

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# **Scholarship Reports**

The fraternity and sorority community at OSU has been nationally recognized since 2004 for achieving the highest possible differential between Greek and non-Greek grades in the Midwest. We take great pride in the fact that the all-fraternity average GPA is consistently higher than the all-undergraduate average GPA at OSU.

Chapters	Members	Spring 2022 GPA	Fall 2022 GPA
Alpha Chi Omega	183	3.38	3.33
Alpha Delta Pi	183	3.36	3.35
Alpha Gamma Rho	118	3.40	3.45
Alpha Kappa Alpha	7	3.37	3.20
alpha Kappa Delta Phi	14	2.98	3.21
Alpha Omicron Pi	158	3.17	3.25
Alpha Phi Alpha	9	3.31	3.20
Alpha Pi Omega	2	2.25	1.88
Alpha Sigma Phi	53	2.95	2.74
Alpha Tau Omega	45	3.33	3.10
Alpha Xi Delta	68	3.09	2.76
Beta Theta Pi	186	3.51	3.56
Beta Upsilon Chi	64	3.36	3.33
Chi Omega	203	3.66	3.66
Delta Delta	169	3.43	3.36
Delta Sigma Theta	9	3.33	3.35
Delta Tau Delta	77	3.23	3.03
FarmHouse	115	3.59	3.65
Gamma Phi Beta	179	3.53	3.48
Kappa Alpha Order	29	3.12	3.08
Kappa Alpha Psi	3	3.04	3.24
Kappa Alpha Theta	185	3.70	3.65
Kappa Delta	198	3.61	3.52
Kappa Delta Chi	17	2.89	3.06
Kappa Kappa Gamma	185	3.57	3.57
Kappa Sigma	86	3.02	3.07
Lambda Chi Alpha	104	3.27	3.20
Lambda Phi Epsilon	16	3.22	2.69
Omega Delta Phi	31	2.97	2.95
Phi Beta Sigma	8	2.69	2.77
Phi Delta Theta	127	3.17	3.10
Phi Gamma Delta	137	3.35	3.46
Phi Kappa Sigma	11	2.98	3.27
Phi Kappa Tau	51	3.04	2.96
Phi Mu	173	3.51	3.37
Pi Beta Phi	192	3.67	3.73
Pi Kappa Alpha	110	3.05	3.03
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	68	3.07	2.99
Sigma Chi	121	3.48	3.42
Sigma Lambda Alpha	20	2.79	2.79
Sigma Lambda Beta	19	2.89	2.89
Sigma Nu	135	3.30	3.26
Sigma Phi Epsilon	159	3.42	3.39
Tau Kappa Epsilon	22	2.90	3.41
Theta Chi	15	3.12	2.95
Theta Nu Xi	20	2.99	3.36
Zeta Phi Beta	1	2.84	2.43
Zeta Tau Alpha	183	3.58	3.49

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#### **Family Resources**

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs (F&SA) hopes this page 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. Many fraternities and sororities designate their organizations by using Greek letters, which have special meaning to their membership. Each organization has unique mottos, ritual, 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.

### **Helpful Resources**

University Counseling Services: 320 Student Union   405-744-5458 ucs.okstate.edu	Ombudsman: 224 Student Union   405-744-6627 president.okstate.edu/ombudsperson ombuds@okstate.edu	Student Accessibility Services: 1202 W. Farm Rd - 155 University Health Services   405-744-7116 accessibility@okstate.edu
Student Support and Conduct:		
328 Student Union   405-744-5470	Institutional Diversity:	OSU Police:
ssc.okstate.edu	408 Whitehurst   405-744-9154	224 North Orchard St.   405-744-6627
	diversity.okstate.edu	police.okstate.edu   Download the Rave
Center for Sovereign Nations:	jason.kirksey@okstate.edu	Gardian App
104 Life Sciences East   405-744-1085		
sovnationcenter@okstate.edu	Office of Multicultural Affairs:	Campus Life:
sovnation center. okstate. edu	240 Student Union   405-744-5481	211 Student Union   405-744-5488
	oma.okstate.edu   oma@okstate.edu	lcl.okstate.edu

## **Guía para familias**

La oficina de Asuntos de Fraternidades y Hermandades (Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, F&SA) espera que la siguiente información conteste sus preguntas y les dé más información. Ser parte de una hermandad beneficia al estudiante, a su organización, y a la comunidad. Muchas hermandades nombran a sus organizaciones usando letras Griegas y el nombre de cada hermandad tiene un significado especial. Cada organización tiene lemas, rituales, y credos únicos y particulares que unen a sus miembros en hermandad, crecimiento, aprendizaje, servicio comunitario, y liderazgo. Todas las hermandades son organizaciones basadas en valores y altos estándares éticos.

#### **Recursos útiles:**

Servicios de asesoramiento universitario:	Ombudsman:	Servicios de accesibilidad para estudiantes:
320 Student Union   405-744-5458	224 Student Union   405-744-6627	1202 W. Farm Rd - 155 University Health
ucs.okstate.edu	president.okstate.edu/ombudsperson	Services   405-744-7116
	ombuds@okstate.edu	accessibility@okstate.edu
Conducta y Apoyo del estudiante:		
328 Student Union   405-744-5470	Diversidad Institucional:	OSU Policía:
ssc.okstate.edu	408 Whitehurst   405-744-9154	224 North Orchard St.   405-744-6627
	diversity.okstate.edu	police.okstate.edu   Descarga la aplicación
Centro para Naciones Soberanas:	jason.kirksey@okstate.edu	Rave Gardian
104 Life Sciences East   405-744-1085		
sovnationcenter@okstate.edu	Oficina de Asuntos Multiculturales:	Vida Universitaria:
sovnationcenter.okstate.edu	240 Student Union   405-744-5481	211 Student Union   405-744-5488
	oma.okstate.edu   oma@okstate.edu	Icl.okstate.edu

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

We know that students and families often have questions about fraternity and sorority life. We have provided some answers to some frequently asked questions below:

# How does housing work for NPHC, MGC, and unhoused IFC organizations?

Members of unhoused organizations are free to decide their own housing options rather than having required housing. Many of the experiences of these fraternities and sororities mirror the experience of housed chapters. We would encourage all students to research the organization and membership you are joining versus the physical structure of house. After all you are making a lifetime commitment to an organization.

# Who can join an NPHC or MGC 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. We encourage students to attend Convocation hosted by each council at the beginning of each semester. At this event you will learn about each organization and also have an opportunity to meet many of the members of the community.

# Will my grades suffer if I am in a sorority or fraternity?

The all-fraternity & sorority average GPA at OSU is consistently higher than the non-affiliated average GPA. For example, this past semester the fraternity & sorority community GPA was a 3.40 while the non-affiliated GPA was a 3.14. Additionally, each organization have academic requirements as well as scholarship programs that

will assist in your academic success and help manage your time outside of class. Additionally, a significant number of students in the Honor College are members of a fraternity or sorority.

# What do I need to know about recommendation letters or RIF's for Panhellenic Recruitment?

A letter of recommendation, or RIF is written by an alumna member of an organization for the purpose of introducing a woman to a chapter. In most cases, it is filled out via online form through the organizations website. It provides a brief description of her interests, activities, and personality. There is not a due date for recommendation letters. One thing we would like to point out is that the letter of recommendation is not required and will not make or break your recruitment. These hold less weight than they previously did as the conversations during the Recruitment events are what the chapters base their interactions with a potential new member on. If you are unable to obtain one from a specific organization, it is completely okay!

#### Am I guaranteed to receive an invitation for membership (bid) from a chapter during Panhellenic's recruitment?

Invitations are only guaranteed to potential new members for the first round, which begins on Monday and concludes on Tuesday. On average, about 85% of women who have started the process have ended up joining a chapter and 90% of those women received there first choice at the end of the week! There is no guarantee that you will be invited to attend the second (Wednesday), third (Thursday), fourth (Friday) rounds but only 30 women the

past two years out of the near 900 that start the process have not been invited back. There is no specific formula that defines why a woman is not invited back. Therefore, there is no guarantee you will receive a bid to any sorority. However, if you progress through the week and attend all the events you are invited to during the fourth event round and list each of those chapters on your preference sheet that night, you will receive a bid to one of those chapters.

# Will I be able to work in addition to being in a sorority or fraternity?

Many chapter members at OSU have jobs in addition to being in a fraternity or sorority. While we do not encourage having a job as a first semester freshman, plenty of students work part time throughout college.

# What types of opportunities are there after college?

Joining a fraternity or sorority is a lifetime commitment with lifetime benefits.
Following graduation, members can find alumni groups from their organization all over the nation. These alumni groups offer the continuation of the friendship and experiences of Greek life. Another benefit of joining a fraternity or sorority are the connections which lead to business or job opportunities.

# What time commitment is required when joining a sorority or fraternity?

Membership in a fraternity or sorority is totally dependent on the student and how much they want to commit. There are typically a couple of required meetings a week with potentially other commitments

depending on what that group is involved with. Being a part of a fraternity or sorority can be as time consuming as the student chooses. Participation in some events (Spring Sing, Follies, Varsity Revue, etc.) take more time than other activities. Fraternity and sorority members learn time management early in their collegiate careers with the help of the fraternity or sorority. We encourage students to be as involved as they can.

### If a person joins a fraternity or sorority and decides he or she doesn't like it, can he or she join another one?

That depends on several factors. As long as the person has not been initiated into a chapter, there may be procedures to affiliate with another chapter. There will be a waiting period before that person can sign or affiliate with another chapter. That waiting period will vary based on gender and the circumstances surrounding the situation.

#### Is hazing a problem?

The health and safety of all of our students is a top priority at OSU. We are committed to assuring your student has a postive and safe experience. As stated previously, our Greek 100 program offers education and awareness to promote an anti-hazing community. When violations of the Hazing Code can be substantiated, the responsible parties will be dealt with in a fast, firm and fair manner. We encourage all members of the Cowboy Family to see something, say something to assure the health and safety of all students. If you or someone you know has witnessed an act of hazing, please report by contacting the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs or Student Support & Conduct.

# Are there campus rules for living in a fraternity or sorority?

Fraternity and sorority organizations with housing facilities are all considered

"university-approved housing." As such, freshmen are allowed to live in them and they must be substance-free and provide a house director. All OSU students must conduct themselves according to the Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, the fraternity and sorority community, through the governing bodies of IFC and Panhellenic, has additional policies and expectations of its membership.

#### If my son is considering joining a fraternity should he go ahead and submit his residence hall housing deposit in case he changes his mind?

Absolutely. All freshmen are required to live in university-approved housing. It is important he have his choice of housing on campus if he does choose to live in a Residential Life facility. If your son joins a chapter that has a fraternity house, please note the Housing & Residential Life deadlines on the bid card (invitation to join). This will assure your student is not charged for OSU housing and dining fees.

# Do sororities and fraternities cost more than living in the residence halls?

Each individual chapter establishes their own fees, and the costs and services will vary from chapter to chapter. On average the cost to reside in a chapter housing facility is typically less than an on campus residence hall. However, this varies from chapter to chapter and residence hall facilities. Please ask for the most up-to-date information prior to making any decision.

# Does financial aid cover any expenses?

Cash refund awards students receive can be applied to room and board in Greek chapter houses.

#### What is a house director?

A house director is a live-in adult, sometimes a graduate student, employed by the chapter house corporation. His or her duties vary from chapter to chapter. Generally, the house director serves as host or hostess for social events; supervises employed staff; counsels and works with members; and manages and maintains the house and kitchen. All sororities and fraternities with houses are required to have a house director.

### **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.

Alumnus/Alumna: An initiated member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

Bid: An invitation extended by only one sorority per potential new member on Bid Day; this is the formal invitation to become a new member of that sorority.

Bid card: The card prospective fraternity members sign that signifies their intent to join the chapter of their choice.

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 nonmembers.

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.

Continuous Open Bidding (COB): The period other than fullystructured recruitment when Panhellenic sororities acquire new members.

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.

Fully-Structured Recruitment: The formal process of mutual selection by which chapters invite potential new members to join their sorority prior to the fall semester.

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.

Interfraternity Council (IFC): Interfraternity council, the official governing body over all NIC fraternities.

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 sorority or fraternity (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.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): The governing organization for Multicultural Greek-lettered organizations.

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/Probate:**

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.

Panhellenic Council: An organization comprised of sorority women who act as the central governing body of all NPC sororities.

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

Potential New Member (PNM): An unaffiliated man or woman who participates in recruitment.

Quota: The number of new members that each Panhellenic sorority may select during formal recruitment.

Recruitment: The process by which chapters select new members; the official new Fraternity & Sorority Affairs term for "rush."

#### Recruitment Counselor (Gamma Chi): A Panhellenic

representative who assists PNMs during the recruitment process. This woman completely disaffiliates from her sorority to provide objective advice and support.

Recruitment Group: A group of 30-40 women who live in close proximity to each other and are led by a Recruitment Counselor. This group will attend all of the Open House events together on the first and second days of recruitment.

**Recommendation Letter:** A recommendation letter written by a sorority alumna. These letters are not required for participation in recruitment. However, it is highly recommended that if you know an alumna, you ask them to write a recommendation letter on your behalf.

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. In this 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.

**GREEK ALPHABET** 

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**OMEGA** 

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