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MULTICULTURAL

Greek Council

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A LETTER OF WELCOME FROM *the* PRESIDENT

Dear OSU Student:

I, Amanda Sandoval, as the president of the Multicultural Greek Council would like to welcome you to Oklahoma State University and thank you for showing interest in the Multicultural Greek Council at OSU! The Multicultural Greek Council, better known as MGC, is the governing body of the internationally and nationally recognized diverse fraternities and sororities at OSU. The primary purpose is to unite its member organizations in order to share ideas and provide a support network for students. Members of MGC experience fraternity and sorority life in a very unique way.

I hope this booklet helps you in deciding to choose to join an MGC organization! I strongly encourage you to look at each individual fraternity and sorority to see if any of them are right for you. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs or email myself at acsando@okstate.edu.

Fraternally,

Amanda Sandoval, President
Multicultural Greek Council

MGC *History*

MGC is one of the four fraternity and sorority governing councils at Oklahoma State University. It was established to meet the needs of fraternities and sororities aligned with underrepresented populations that were not previously being met by the system. In November 2002, Alpha Pi Omega Sorority Inc. and Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc., the founding member organizations came together to unite all multicultural Greek-lettered organizations. In August 2003, the Multicultural Greek Council constitution was accepted and the council was officially recognized at Oklahoma State University. In January 2004, MGC accepted its first additional member organization, Delta Epsilon Psi fraternity Inc. Learn more about the current MGC organizations by looking at the organization profiles in this booklet.

Multicultural fraternal organizations began to emerge on college campuses in the 1980's and 1990's. This emergence and growth was due in part to the success of the civil rights movement that brought forth newfound strength in minority populations (African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Asian Americans, women, etc.). Most multicultural fraternal organizations share a similar regional birthplace, the Northeast region of the United States, where there is a rich mosaic of cultures. The Northeast became a natural nesting place in which multicultural fraternal entities began to develop. According to Kimbrough (2003), "students seeking to bring together students of different races and backgrounds, sought to build fraternal groups that openly embraced multiculturalism"

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Executive Officers

The Multicultural Greek 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 Multicultural Greek 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 Multicultural Greek Council was recognized for its achievements in Council Management, Leadership & Educational Development and Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs. Previously, OSU's Multicultural Greek Council also received the Multicultural Council Excellence Award, which is presented to the most outstanding council within AFLV. Additionally the fraternity and sorority community at Oklahoma State also received the Gamma Sigma Alpha Regional GPA Award for the fall 2015 semester. This award is presented to the fraternity/sorority community whose grade point average is higher than its campus undergraduate GPA. OSU's Greek community has received this honor 19 times since 2004.

MGC Convocation

August 31 | 6:30 P.M.
Student Union Case Study 1

How to *join*

Family *Guide*

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 that all organizations have a cost associated with membership. Each member organization of MGC has their 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 will have a different set of membership requirements for academic success, community and college involvement. For more specific information on an organization, please visit the organization profile pages in this booklet. To have your information provided to an organization you are interested in joining, please visit <http://mgc.okstate.edu>, complete a prospective member interest form, and return it to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

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) - this excludes incoming Freshman
- 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 Conduct and Education

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

Get a plan for academic success in place!

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 out in the community!

The Service-Learning Volunteer Center can provide information about numerous of community service projects in Stillwater. (volunteer.okstate.edu) 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.

Get further 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. (lcl.okstate.edu)



This is not only a guide for students exploring MGC 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. Many fraternities and sororities designate their organizations by using Greek letters, which have special meaning to their membership. 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.

Helpful Resources

University Counseling Services:
320 Student Union | 405-744-5458
ucs.okstate.edu

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

Center for Sovereign Nations:
104 Life Sciences East | 405-744-1085
sovnationcenter@okstate.edu
sovnationcenter.okstate.edu

Ombudsman:
224 Student Union | 405-744-6627
president.okstate.edu/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

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

OSUPD:
224 North Orchard St. | 405-744-6627
police.okstate.edu | Download: Orange Shield App

Leadership and Campus Life:
211 Student Union | 405-744-5488
lcl.okstate.edu

FAQS: 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 MGC organizations?

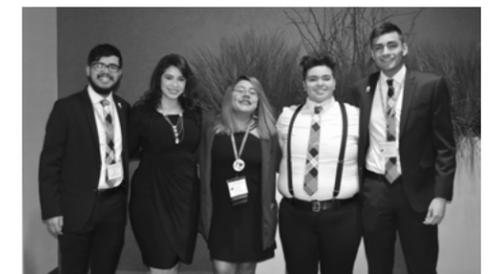
Members of MGC organizations are free to decide their own housing options rather than having required housing.

Who can join an 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.

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.



Terms to know

Greek Alphabet

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: Someone whose mother, father, sister or brother are members of a particular group. Some consider an aunt or an uncle a legacy also.

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/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.

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. 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.

Α ALPHA

Β BETA

Γ GAMMA

Δ DELTA

Ε EPSILON

Ζ ZETA

Η ETA

Θ THETA

Ι IOTA

Κ KAPPA

Λ LAMBDA

Μ MU

Ν NU

Ξ XI

Ο OMICRON

Π PI

Ρ RHO

Σ SIGMA

Τ TAU

Υ UPSILON

Φ PHI

Χ CHI

Ψ PSI

Ω OMEGA

MGC Organizations

ΑΠΩ Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, inc.

NATIONAL FOUNDING: September 1, 1994

LOCAL FOUNDING: May 29, 2004

COLORS: Fire Red, New Grass Green & Maize Yellow

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: NIEA (National Indian Education Association)

WEBSITE: www.alphapiomega.org

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE: 2.3 GPA

SOCIAL MEDIA: @gammaqueenbees



ΣΛΑ Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, inc.

NATIONAL FOUNDING: October 1992

LOCAL FOUNDING: July 31, 2016

COLORS: Burgundy, Forest Green & Gold

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: Boys and Girls Club of America

WEBSITE: www.sigmalambdaalpha.org

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE: 2.5 GPA

SOCIAL MEDIA: @okstatesenoritas @okstateSLA



ΚΔΧ Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, inc.

NATIONAL FOUNDING: April 6, 1987

LOCAL FOUNDING: July 10, 2015

COLORS: Pink & Maroon

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: American Cancer Society

WEBSITE: www.kappadeltachi.org

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE: 2.5 GPA

SOCIAL MEDIA: @osukdchi @OSU_KDChi



ΣΛΒ Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, inc.

NATIONAL FOUNDING: April 4, 1986

LOCAL FOUNDING: February 14, 2014

COLORS: Royal Purple & Pure White

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: Victor Correa's CPR Awareness Day

WEBSITE: www.sigmalambdabeta.org

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE: 2.5 GPA

SOCIAL MEDIA: @okstatebetas

ΩΔΦ Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, inc.

NATIONAL FOUNDING: November 25, 1987

LOCAL FOUNDING: March 29, 2014

COLORS: July 8, 2016

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: United Way

WEBSITE: www.omegadeltaphi.org

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE: 2.5 GPA or higher

SOCIAL MEDIA: @osuknights



ΦΣΝ Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity, inc.

NATIONAL FOUNDING: February 13, 1996

LOCAL FOUNDING: Spring 2005

COLORS: Red, Yellow, Black & White

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: Nu Warrior Foundation

WEBSITE: www.phisigmanu.org

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR INTAKE: 2.3 GPA

SOCIAL MEDIA: @okstate_nutribe



