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NPHC GUIDE

FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS AND FAMILY



welcome

We are thrilled that you are interested in a National Pan-Hellenic Fraternity or Sorority.

Within these pages, you will find a wealth of information and insights that we hope will inform you on UWA NPHC organizations and what to expect. We believe that being part of a Greek organization is an amazing opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging. Thank you for your interest to be a part of our NPHC community, and we hope you enjoy your college journey.



WHAT IS A FRATERNITY/SORORITY?

A fraternity/sorority is an organization on a college campus whose purpose is to foster friendship and community, among other things. Women join a sorority, and men join a fraternity. There are chapters of Greek life spread around universities in both the U.S. and Canada.

A fraternity or sorority is a brotherhood or sisterhood formed around common goals and aspirations. These men and women make a commitment to each other for life. The members that form a fraternity or sorority share their efforts, friendship, and knowledge. Together they learn, grow, and make the fraternity or sorority, commonly called a Greek organization, stronger. Their common experience builds ties that last a lifetime. Membership to a fraternity/sorority is gained if you can prove you have the qualities that fit with their specific requirements.

Many new college students seek to join a sorority or fraternity since it provides a sense of community and gives space for students to form bonds and friendships.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The purpose of the NPHC shall be to foster cooperative actions of its members in dealing with matters of mutual concern. To this end, the NPHC promotes the well-being of its affiliate fraternities and sororities, facilitates the establishment and development of local councils of the NPHC, and provides leadership training for its constituents. Each of the nine (9) NPHC organizations evolved when African Americans were denied essential rights and privileges afforded to others. Racial isolation on predominantly white campuses and social class barriers on all campuses created a need for African Americans to align themselves with individuals sharing common goals and ideals. With the realization of such a need, the African American (Black) Greek-lettered organization movement took on the personae of a haven and outlet, which could foster brotherhood and sisterhood in the pursuit to bring about social change through the development of social programs that would create positive change for Blacks and the country. Today the need remains the same. The primary purpose and focus of NPHC member organizations remains community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council at the University of West Alabama is the unifying, coordinating, and governing body of the eight fraternities and sororities on campus that are associated with the National Pan-Hellenic Conference. Every man or woman who joins an affiliated Greek organization becomes a member of Pan-Hellenic. The main objective of the National Pan-Hellenic Council is to enhance the college experience, educate the membership, and provide a fraternal environment for all members.

Membership selection in NPHC is an individualized process different for each organization. Chapters choose the time when they will take new members. This process, known as intake, generally begins with an interest meeting followed by a membership education period. The membership process culminates with initiation and a new member presentation show in which the organization's new members are revealed to the community.

We strongly encourage those interested in the Membership Intake process to contact the respective NPHC organizations for more information. In order to participate in the intake process with any NPHC organization you must first attend NPHC Convocation. This event will give you the opportunity to learn more about the NPHC organizations which are currently active at UWA.

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GREEK LETTERS AND TERMINOLOGY

ACTIVE An initiated, dues-paying member who is enrolled in the university.

BADGE: A “pin” worn by fully-initiated members of each fraternity or sorority that carries its official insignia.

CHAPTER A membership unit of a national or international sorority or fraternity.

CHARTER: The official document drafted by an Inter/National fraternity or sorority that allows for the creation of a local chapter that is affiliated with a college or university campus.

CREST: Insignia used by sorority and fraternity members.

Most Greek organizations reserve the crest for initiated members only. Each crest has hidden, secret meanings behind it. Also known as a coat of arms, or shield.

CROSS: Initiated at the end of the recruitment period after being evaluated by the organization the aspirant is seeking. The new member then "crosses" over from a pledge to a new member.

DROPPING LINE: To quit the process of becoming a member.

DUES: The monetary costs of membership in a fraternity or sorority. These fees are used to cover the costs of operation, formal events, social activities, and other events, depending on the organization.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY: A group of individuals bound together by ritual, common ideals, and a strong bond of friendship and brotherhood or sisterhood.

FRAT/BROTHER: The term NPHC fraternity men use to refer to each other within their organization.

FOUNDERS' DAY: An event celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and celebrate its history. It's not necessarily held on the day the organization was founded.

GRAD: A member of the organization that has graduated from college and continues to stay active with the organization by way of a graduate or alumni chapter.

INITIATION: The traditional ritual or formal ceremony of induction, which marks the transition to full membership of a fraternity or sorority.

LEGACY To be a legacy means that you have an older family member (brother, sister, mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather) who was a member of a Greek organization.

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS (M.I.P.): The process adopted by the NPHC and all of its members in the early 1990's to put an end to dangerous rites of passage practices and hazing. (Hazing is illegal in ALL our organizations AND in the United States courts of law).

NALIA OR PERRY: Two abbreviated terms for paraphernalia like shirts, paddles, license plates, jewelry, etc. Abbreviations differ regionally.

NEO: An abbreviated term for the Greek word Neophyte, meaning beginner. A neophyte is someone who is new to the organization.

ON YARD: An organization that has active status on campus.

PHILANTHROPY: Philanthropy is a term used to describe charitable events performed by Greek organizations.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER: A term used for undergraduate men and women interested in becoming a member of a fraternity/sorority.

STEPPING: A creative form of artistic dance and musical entertainment unique to some culturally-based fraternities and sororities, especially those of historically African-American heritage.

SISTER / SOROR: The term NPHC sorority women use to refer to one another within their organization.

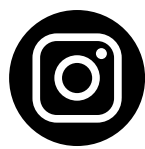
STROLL: An informal form of stepping.





SOCIAL MEDIA

STAY UP TO DATE WITH UWA NPHC!



@UWA_NPHC - UWA NPHC

@MUETAACA - ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

@XIDELTA.UWA - DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

@TANTALIZING_ZETAZ - ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

@TAUKAPPA_SGRHOS - SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

@PIDELTA1906 - ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

@ITNUPES - KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

@WESTALABAMASIGMAS - PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

@ADI_QUES - OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

INSTAGRAM

FOCUSING ON THE 3 A'S

ATTITUDE

Be Authentic! Do not change yourself in order for your respective interest to like or accept you unless that change is beneficial for you as a whole! Be mindful of how you carry yourself. First impressions are a lasting impression. Keep an open mind! Do not be influenced by stereotypes. Be punctual to Greek Social Events/Interest Meetings. Get involved! Build your reputation as a leader on and off campus. Remember, stay humble.

APPROACH

How Do I Show I'm Interested? There are various ways to show you are interested in an NPHC organization. Below we have attached some "do's and don'ts.



DO: Be Discreet

Be mindful of your surroundings, it's a right time and place to express your interest.



DON'T: Take to Social Media

(Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Tik Tok etc.) to discuss your interest in joining a Greek Organization



DO: Support the Respective Greek Org. Events

Attend the events of the chapter's that you are interested in! These include forums, speaking engagements, and informational tables.



DON'T: Tell Us What We Want To Hear

Be genuine and honest.



DO: Have Confidence and Remain Humble



DON'T: Only Attend Social Events



DO: Come With Questions



DON'T: Act Like A "Groupie"



FOCUSING ON THE 3 A'S

ATTIRE

What Should I Wear? Professional Attire.

For Convocation and Interest Meetings, you should remain neutral in colors such as black, navy, or grey. Make sure your clothes have the appropriate fit. Ensure your clothing is not too loose and not too tight, Watch the length of your dresses and skirts and ties and blazers are always a plus. Be neatly groomed and keep it simple! Stay away from heels higher than 4-5 inches. Flats and other dress shoes are always a good way to go. Loafers or hard bottoms ONLY. Tennis shoes and boots are not recommended. Stray away from bulky jewelry. For all other events, please dress "neat casual," clothes that are relaxed, yet tidy and presentable.

SERVICE + GIVING

In the past year, NPHC organizations at The University of West Alabama have collectively raised \$1,667 for their respective philanthropic organizations + donated 494 hours of community service! Sorority and fraternity interests and concerns go far beyond the confines of campus life. NPHC organizations sponsor a multitude of activities each year to support the local community and raise money for philanthropies. The opportunities to contribute to your community, both locally and nationally, will be endless. The ability to give oneself is probably one of the most important qualities a sorority or fraternity member will develop through Greek life. The National Pan-Hellenic Council at The University of West Alabama looks forward to having you get involved!

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

Bonding activities can vary largely from chapter to chapter, but they are great opportunities for a sorority or fraternity to develop friendships. Chapters work year-round to plan events to strengthen the bonds between their members. From taco nights to painting parties, there is always a bonding event being planned or held throughout the NPHC community.

Through the planned and spontaneous events that come along with the Greek Life experience, men and women find lifelong friends. Being part of a sisterhood or brotherhood at The University of West Alabama means discovering a home away from home and making a large campus seem a great deal smaller. Opportunities to make memories and friendships that will last a lifetime are great reasons to join an NPHC organization.

LEADERSHIP + INVOLVEMENT

Opportunities for students to become involved in leadership roles are endless during your undergraduate experience. As a chapter officer or coordinator of a chapter event or community service project, you can develop valuable leadership skills. Each chapter has committee structures that allow members to be part of many operational aspects of the sorority or fraternity. Chapters provide educational programming in areas such as time management, communication, and networking. Fraternity and sorority members also hold many campus leadership roles. An individual chapter lays a foundation for getting involved in larger leadership roles. NPHC membership automatically gives you the opportunity to become a part of the NPHC executive board or delegation. By working with the members in your chapter, you will be exposed to numerous campus-wide organizations. This is evident by the large number of fraternity and sorority members representing the most influential groups on campus. Being a part of the fraternity and sorority community provides the network and resources you need when looking for employment. The desire to excel, both in and out of the classroom, and commitment to the betterment of the community are traits employers look for and recognize as attributes of fraternity and sorority members. For these reasons, fraternity/ sorority life offers an excellent opportunity for networking. In our changing and competitive world, it is important to establish relationships with people beyond the university. Knowing and interacting with alumni can help build this crucial bridge to success.

ACADEMICS

Academic success is one of the most important parts of the college experience. While the National Pan-Hellenic Council at The University of West Alabama does not require a minimum grade point average to participate in intake, each individual sorority and fraternity has a minimum grade point average requirement for membership eligibility. Collegiate fraternal organizations were founded on the principle of successful scholarship. The academic performance of each chapter is tabulated every semester to determine overall chapter rankings.

To view Greek Grade Reports visit:

<https://www.uwa.edu/campuslife/studentlife/fraternitysororitylife/gradereports>

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

It is important to understand the financial costs of joining a sorority or fraternity in NPHC. Each organization has different financial obligations associated with membership in its chapter. The most important thing to keep in mind regarding the financial obligation of a sorority or fraternity is that it is an investment in a lifelong membership. The return on the investment of being a member of the National Pan-Hellenic community is invaluable. With all the opportunities provided by sorority and fraternity membership, it is well worth every penny.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The variety of activities, philanthropies, and initiatives is a spectacular experience because you share them with people who share your values. Membership in an NPHC Organization provides you with an opportunity for personal growth and individual achievement within a sisterhood/ brotherhood of support. Your accomplishments are shared, and your goals are encouraged. The spirit of the unspoken bond between members is unlike any other relationship. You have a chapter uplifting you, pushing you to attain your dreams. Joining a sorority or fraternity is the beginning of a new experience with new friends and a home away from home. During the first semester of your association, all the activities are designed to orient you with your organization's history and goals, while also activities such as retreats, service projects, meetings, study hours, and philanthropy participation. These will help you build a strong foundation for sorority/fraternity life. One of the most enjoyable parts of joining an NPHC Organization involves making new friends and forming bonds that will last long after college. You will develop a connection with members through sharing their experiences and interests. As friends, they will share your success, excitement, troubles, and happiness. As brothers or sisters, they will become a family to you, embracing both your weaknesses and your strengths and standing beside you. Sisterhood and brotherhood is the making of friendships that will last a lifetime, and it will help you through both good and bad times. It is having people there to support you through your college and life transitions.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IF I AM A LEGACY MEMBER, MEANING MY PARENTS OR CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS WERE A MEMBER OF NPHC, AM I AUTOMATICALLY IN?

Being a legacy of any Greek organization does not automatically guarantee membership in any organization. Some organizations have special sections on membership intake paperwork where you can indicate whether you are a legacy or not, while others do not have policies regarding legacies. Often times, it is advised to proceed through programs and interest meetings without a large amount of members knowing about your legacy status. Remember that discretion is important with NPHC intake, so please exercise that concept in multiple areas, including sharing information about legacy status.

DO I HAVE TO BE AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO JOIN?

No. The NPHC, and each of its member organizations have non-discriminatory policies and practices. They are also actively involved in activities and programs designed to eradicate bias and discrimination in all phases of life. The formation of an NPHC council ensures that the philosophies of affiliate member organizations are maintained. It is important and highly recommended that NPHC councils seek to influence other organizations through its programming and activities.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A MEMBER IF I AM A FRESHMAN?

Membership eligibility is also determined by the organization of your choice. Typically a potential new member has to have at least 1 full-time semester with the required grade point average for that organization to join. For more information, view the national website of your organization of interest.

HOW DO I MEET DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS?

Meeting the different NPHC organizations at the UWA can be completed during the first few weeks of school. During "Meet The Greeks" you will be able to talk to the Presidents and current members of each organization on campus and receive more information. Each organization also has various events throughout the semester that encourage prospective members to attend.

DOES MEMBERSHIP STOP AFTER GRADUATION?

Membership in an NPHC sorority or fraternity is lifelong. There are various ways to stay involved after graduating.

INTAKE VS. RUSH, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

NPHC organizations have "intake" while NPC and IFC organizations have "rush" or "recruitment." Intake is discreet and a private process while "rush" and "recruitment" is a very public process.

DO WE HAVE TO HAVE COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT PRIOR TO MEMBERSHIP?

Each organization requires you to have a certain amount of community service done before you can be considered for membership.

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CHAPTER INFORMATION



ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

Alpha Phi Alpha™, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American Men, was founded on December 4, 1906™ at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

The fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were established at other colleges and universities, many of them historically black institutions, soon after the founding at Cornell. The first alumni chapter was established in 1911. While continuing to stress academic excellence among its members, Alpha also recognized the need to help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African Americans. Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, and many others. True to its form as the "first of firsts," Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945.

Since its founding on December 4, 1906™, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world.

The seven visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: PI DELTA

MOTTO: “FIRST OF ALL, SERVANTS OF ALL, WE SHALL TRANSCEND ALL”

FLOWER: YELLOW ROSE

COLORS: BLACK AND OLD GOLD

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: DECEMBER 4, 1906

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 1983

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: PROJECT ALPHA, BROTHER’S KEEPER, A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE, GO-TO-HIGH-SCHOOL GO-TO-COLLEGE

CHAPTER PROGRAMS: MENTORING, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, MISS BLACK AND GOLD PAGEANT

NATIONAL WEBSITE: APA1906.NET

FACEBOOK: THE PI DELTA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA

INSTAGRAM: @PIDELTA1906

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.5

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5



KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

Kappa Alpha Psi®, a college Fraternity, was born in an environment saturated in racism. The state of Indiana became the 19th state of the Union in 1816 and it founded Indiana University in Bloomington four years later. This environment made day-to-day life for Blacks an arduous task and attempts to successfully achieve in school, nearly impossible. Despite the growing hostility of Whites toward Blacks in Indiana, some Black students sought a college education at Indiana University, as it was a tuition-free university of the highest quality. However, few Blacks could remain longer than a year or so without having to withdraw in search of employment. The campus of Indiana University at that time did not encourage the assimilation of Blacks. The administration maintained an attitude of indifference, as Blacks slowly matriculated and were likewise swiftly forgotten. The percentage of Blacks on campus was less than 1%. Blacks could go weeks without seeing one another on campus. Blacks were not allowed to reside in on-campus dormitories, were not afforded off-campus accommodations, and they were also denied the use of all other university facilities, and were barred from participating in contact sports. Track and Field was the only sport which Blacks were able to demonstrate their athleticism.

In the school years of 1910-11, a small group of Black students attended Indiana University. Two of these men, Elder Watson Diggs and Byron Kenneth Armstrong, had previously attended Howard University and had come into contact with men belonging to the only national Black Greek-Letter Fraternity currently in existence. Their experiences at Howard gave rise to the chief motivating spirits which sowed the seed for a fraternity at Indiana University and crystallized the idea of establishing an independent Greek-letter organization. Consequently, eight other men met with Diggs and Armstrong for the purpose of organizing such a fraternity. The charter members were Elder Watson Diggs, Byron K. Armstrong, John M. Lee, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Guy L. Grant, Paul W. Caine, George W. Edmonds, Ezra D. Alexander and Edward G. Irvin. The Founders sought one another's company between classes and dropped by one another's places of lodging to further discuss the means of formulating the fledgling fraternity in an effort to relieve the depressing isolation. They found that through these close interactions, they had common interests and a close bond began to emerge. The organization was given the temporary name of Alpha Omega, while they further developed the formation of the organization. Diggs presided as president, while Irvin was assigned as temporary secretary of Alpha Omega. Alpha and Omega, the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet correlate to Christ and the Founder's relationship and connection to the church. The Fraternity would seek to raise the sights of Black youths and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than might otherwise be realized or even imagined.

On January 5, 1911, the Fraternity then became known as Kappa Alpha Nu, possibly as a tribute to the Black students of 1903 (the Alpha Kappa Nu Greek Society) who preceded them at Indiana University. incidents caused the Founders to change the name of the Fraternity. The Greek Letter Ψ was chosen in place of N and the Fraternity acquired a distinctive Greek letter symbol and Kappa Alpha Psi® thereby became an indistinguishable Greek-letter Fraternity. The name was officially changed to Kappa Alpha Psi on a resolution adopted at the Grand Chapter Meeting in December 1914. This change became effective April 15, 1915.

Kappa Alpha Psi®, now comprised of functioning Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country, is the crystallization of a dream. It is the beautiful realization of a vision shared commonly by the late Revered Founders that enabled them to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: IOTA THETA

MOTTO: ACHIEVEMENT IN EVERY FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR

FLOWER: CARNATION

COLORS: CRIMSON AND CREAM

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: JANUARY 5, 1911

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: MAY 21, 1978

NATIONAL PROGRAMS/TARGETS: GUIDE RIGHT, KAPPA LEAGUE, LEAD KAPPA, UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FOUNDATION, AND ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

NATIONAL WEBSITE: KAPPAALPHAPSI1911.COM

FACEBOOK: KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

TWITTER: @KAPSI1911

INSTAGRAM: @KAPSI1911 & @ITNUPES (CHAPTER PAGE)

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: ONE SEMESTER MAINTAINING A 2.5

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5



PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

The Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits rather than his family background or affluence...without regard to race, nationality, skin tone, or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood THAT would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we. ”

From its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity’s motto, “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity”.

Today, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, members of the Fraternity have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization of the Fraternity.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity’s most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity’s objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity” and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: MU KAPPA

MOTTO: CULTURE FOR SERVICE, SERVICE FOR HUMANITY

FLOWER: WHITE CARNATION

COLORS: ROYAL BLUE AND PURE WHITE

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: JANUARY 9, 1914

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: BIGGER BETTER BUSINESS, EDUCATION, SOCIAL ACTIONS, SIGMA BETA CLUBS

NATIONAL WEBSITE: PHIBETASIGMA1914.ORG

INSTAGRAM: @WESTALABAMASIGMAS

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.5 WITH AT LEAST 12 COLLEGE CREDITS COMPLETED

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college. On the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates — Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, “friendship is essential to the soul”, the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as Cardinal Principles.

On November 23, 1911, Edgar A. Love became the first Grand Basileus (National President). Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman were selected to be the Grand Keeper of the Records (National Secretary) and Grand Keeper of Seals (National Treasurer), respectively. Eleven undergraduate men were selected to become the charter members. Alpha chapter was organized with fourteen charter members on December 15, 1911. Brothers Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman were elected the chapter’s first Basileus, Keeper of Records, and Keeper of Seals, respectively. Brother Cooper became the fraternity’s second Grand Basileus in 1912 and authorized the investigation of establishing a second chapter on the campus of Lincoln University located in Pennsylvania. Brother Love was elected as the third Grand Basileus in 1912 and served until 1915. In 1912, Howard University officials did not initially recognize the fraternity as a national organization and Omega Psi Phi’s leadership refused to accept limited recognition. As a result, the fraternity operated without official sanction, until the university withdrew its opposition in 1914, the same year Beta chapter was chartered at Lincoln University. Omega Psi Phi was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on October 28, 1914. Brother George E. Hall, the fourth Grand Basileus, authorized the establishment of Gamma chapter in Boston. Brother Clarence F. Holmes served as Omega’s sixth Grand Basileus. Under his leadership, the fraternity’s first official hymn, “Omega Men Draw Nigh,” was written by Otto Bohannon.

Omega played a vital role when the United States entered World War I in 1917 by having several brothers in the first class of black soldiers graduate from Camp Fort Des Moines, a military training facility located in Iowa. Several Omegas, including Campbell C. Johnson, John Purnell and founders Frank Coleman and Edgar A. Love are among its graduates. A year later in 1918, retired Colonel Charles Young, rode 500 miles on horseback, from Wilberforce, Ohio, to the nation’s capital, to show he was always fit for duty. Stanley Douglas served as editor to the first Oracle which was published in the spring of 1919. In 1919, Raymond G. Robinson, the seventh Grand Basileus, established Delta chapter on the campus of Meharry Medical School which is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Stanley Douglas served as Editor of the Oracle which was first published in the spring of 1919. When Robinson left office in 1920 there were ten chapters in operation. Harold H. Thomas, the eighth Grand Basileus, was elected at the Nashville Grand Conclave in 1920. During this Conclave, Carter G. Woodson inspired the establishment of National Achievement Week to promote the study of Negro life and history. The Atlanta Grand Conclave in 1921 brought an end to the fraternity’s first decade.

Omega built a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: ALPHA DELTA IOTA

MOTTO: FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL

FLOWER: ROSE

COLORS: ROYAL PURPLE AND OLD GOLD

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 1911

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2005

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: ACHIEVEMENT WEEK, HEALTH INITIATIVES, RECLAMATION AND RETENTION, STEM, COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND, MEMORIAL SERVICE, SCHOLARSHIP, TALENT HUNT PROGRAM, NAACP, FATHERHOOD & MENTORING, SOCIAL ACTION, VOTER REGISTRATION

NATIONAL WEBSITE: OPPF.ORG

FACEBOOK: ADI QUES

INSTAGRAM: @ADI_QUES

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.5, 30 CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED AT UWA

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA), an international service organization, was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated® is comprised of more than 355,000 initiated members in graduate and undergraduate chapters located in 12 countries including the United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Led by International President & CEO Danette Anthony Reed of Dallas, Texas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, often is hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded on a mission of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority’s inception. Our mission is

- to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards,
- to promote unity and friendship among college women,
- to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature,
- to maintain a progressive interest in college life,
- and to be of “Service to All Mankind.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded on January 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC. Our founders were among the fewer than 1,000 Negroes enrolled in higher education institutions in 1908, and the 25 women who received bachelor of arts degrees from Howard University between 1908 and 1911. Nine juniors and seniors constituted the founding members.

For more than 114 years, thirty women have passionately and ably assumed the mantles of sisterhood, leadership and service as national (and later, international) president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

Under their stewardship, the sorority has evolved from a sisterhood on the campus of Howard University to a global organization laser-focused on issues involving economics, education, social action, the environment, human rights, political activism and equity.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: MU ETA

MOTTO: "BY CULTURE, BY MERIT"

FLOWER: PINK TEA ROSE

COLORS: SALMON PINK & APPLE GREEN

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: JANUARY 15, 1908

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: MAY 6, 1978

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD, EMPOWER OUR FAMILIES, BUILD OUR ECONOMIC WEALTH, ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT, ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND UPLIFT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

NATIONAL WEBSITE: AKA1908.COM

FACEBOOK: ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

INSTAGRAM: @MUETAACA

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.5

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Delta Sigma Theta is founded at Howard University. The Founders first act of public service was participating in the Suffrage March of 1913. In 1930 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated. In 1941, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority became the first sorority to provide a program of employment counseling and career development for Black women.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, West Africa, Southern African, United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Korea.

More than 10,000 members typically attend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's biennial national conventions, and each of the seven regional conferences (held during years when there is no national convention) typically hosts thousands of members. During the Centennial Celebration, the 51st National Convention, held in the District of Columbia, more than 38,000 members registered and attended. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: XI DELTA

MOTTO: INTELLIGENCE IS THE TORCH OF WISDOM

FLOWER: AFRICAN VIOLET

COLORS: CRIMSON AND CREAM

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: JANUARY 13, 1913

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: JUNE 5TH, 1978

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: 5 PROGRAMMATIC THRUST, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT, INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

CHAPTER PROGRAMS: SERVICE, SCHOLARSHIP, SISTERHOOD, AND SOCIAL ACTION

NATIONAL WEBSITE: DELTASIGMATHETA.ORG

FACEBOOK: XI DELTA CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

INSTAGRAM: @XIDELTA.UWA

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.75, 24 CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED FROM UWA

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.75



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The Klan was active during this period, and the Harlem Renaissance was acknowledged as the first important movement of Black artists and writers in the U.S. This same year the Volstead Act became effective, heralding the start of Prohibition and Tennessee delivered the crucial 36th ratification for the final adoption of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. The worst and longest economic recession to hit the U.S. would define the end of the decade- The Great Depression.

Within this environment, five coeds envisioned a sorority that would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise people's consciousness, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members. These women believed that sorority elitism and socializing overshadowed the real mission of progressive organizations and failed to address fully the societal mores, ills, prejudices, and poverty affecting humanity in general and the black community in particular.

Since its inception, Zeta has continued its steady climb into the national spotlight with programs designed to demonstrate concern for the human condition both nationally and internationally. The organization has been innovative because it has chronicled several firsts. It was the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to centralize its operations in a national headquarters, first to charter a chapter in Africa, first to form auxiliary groups, and first to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. The sorority takes pride in its continued participation in transforming communities through volunteer services from members and its auxiliaries. Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide and has a membership of 100,000+.

Zeta's national and local programs include the endowment of its National Educational Foundation community outreach services and the support of multiple affiliate organizations. Zeta chapters and auxiliaries have given untold hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities, and promote social and civic change legislation. As the sorority moves toward its centennial, it retains its original zest for excellence. It espouses the highest academic ideals, resulting in its members serving in groundbreaking roles in all fields of endeavor. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is poised for perpetual service to mankind into her second century and beyond.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: TAU XI

MOTTO: A COMMUNITY CONSCIOUS ACTION ORIENTED ORGANIZATION

FLOWER: WHITE ROSE

COLORS: ROYAL BLUE AND WHITE

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: JANUARY 16, 1920

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: DECEMBER 21, 1977

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: Z-HOPE, STORK'S NEST, ZETA ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (ZOL), AND GET ENGAGED

NATIONAL WEBSITE: WWW.ZPHIB1920.ORG

FACEBOOK: TANTALIZING TAU XI UWA

INSTAGRAM: TANTALIZING_ZETAZ

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.75 CUMULATIVE, 12 CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED FROM UWA

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.75



SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by seven young educators: Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian Irene White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, Bessie Mae Downey Rhoades Martin, and Cubena McClure. The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to the Alpha chapter at Butler University. Since its inception, the dynamic women of Sigma Gamma Rho have built and sustained a well-known and well-respected reputation for leading positive change to help uplift the community through sisterhood, leadership, and service.

Sigma Gamma Rho has welcomed more than 100,000 collegiate and professional women from every profession. The sorority has more than 500 chapters in the United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, South Korea, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the United Arab Emirates. The organization also has active affiliate groups devoted to empowering women at different stages in life. The Rhoer Club Affiliates (teenage girls) and Philos Affiliates (friends of the sorority) also assist alumnae chapters with various service efforts and programs.

Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to service is expressed in its slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." The sorority has a proud history of providing positive and proactive community outreach nationally and internationally. The programs, partnerships, and sponsorships represent Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to promoting the greater good in education, service, and leadership development. In 2004, the National Headquarters moved from Chicago, Illinois to its current home in Cary, North Carolina. Sigma women are dedicated to helping each other and their personal success is recognized in The AURORA and through various awards.

From seven young educators, Sigma Gamma Rho has become an international service organization comprised of women from every profession. Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members opportunities to develop their unique talents through leadership training and involvement in sorority activities. Sorority activities provide an atmosphere where friendships and professional contacts are developed which often lead to bonds that last a lifetime.

FACTS:

CHAPTER NAME: TAU KAPPA

MOTTO: GREATER SERVICE, GREATER PROGRESS

FLOWER: YELLOW TEA ROSE

COLORS: ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 1922

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: MARCH 9, 2016

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: OPERATION BOOKBAG, PROJECT CRADLE CARE, SWIM 1922, MARCH OF DIMES, ST. JUDE / CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

CHAPTER PROGRAMS: CAMPUS CLEAN UP, PAMPER WITH THE POODLES

NATIONAL WEBSITE: SGRHO1922.ORG

FACEBOOK: TAU KAPPA CHAPTER OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

INSTAGRAM: @TAUKAPPA_SGRHOS

ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER: 2.5

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5

