MGC Kicks Off Unity Month

The Multicultural Greek Council began their first-ever Unity Month this week with an open-mike poetry event titled "Shades of Womanhood" at Coffee Culture restaurant. The event was presented in collaboration with UF's Women's History Month events. Several members of MGC chapters shared personal reflections, poems, and written script about the empowerment of women in today's world. "Shades of Womanhood" was a rousing success!

Other MGC Unity Month events include an April 7th Unity Social (complete with a Grecian theme), April 13th "Flare Day" (members are encouraged to wear their badge or pin), and a new member retreat on April 28th, and an April 29th Unity Conclave for MGC leaders.

Tip of the Week...Leadership (continued):

A few suggestions from the OSFA for the chapters electing new leadership before the end of the semester:

The Center for Student Involvement (formerly the Student Activities Center) must have the name and contact info for new chapter leadership. Please don't forget to update your organizational records with the CSI.

Please make time to educate new officers on the Florida Greek (minimum) Standards during the officer transition/education process. It will be crucial that new officers receive all files and templates so that they can continue to strive for excellence on the standards.

Upcoming Dates

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Check the website for a full list of dates updated daily!
Campus Chatter:
The talk about Florida Greek Service Day...

Plans are set for the inaugural Florida Greek Service Day on Saturday, April 8. Over 950 Florida Greek students will take on the city of Gainesville, as they volunteer with over 15 community agencies addressing social issues such as Children & Youth, Environment, Domestic Violence, and Cultural Awareness.

Service projects will take place throughout the morning and into the early afternoon and will culminate in a Post-Service Reflection & Celebration.

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate our Greek students' contributions to the greater Gainesville community at the Post-Service Reflection & Celebration in the Florida Gym at 4:00pm.

In addition, if you are interested in volunteering at a service site, please contact Betsy Dunn at betsyd@union.ufl.edu. We'd love to have you!

The inaugural Florida Greek Service Day is a collaborative effort of the Interfraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Panhellenic Council, Order of Omega, the Center for Leadership and Service, and the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs.

Do you know what your signing?
Thursday, April 6, 2006
12 – 1 pm
Reitz Union 318

The Office of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs and the Office of Student Activities will present a workshop on contracts. The purpose of this workshop is to provide members of the Florida Greek community with the opportunity to have a better understanding of contracts. This workshop will cover:
1. common mistakes that student organizations make regarding contracts
2. resources that UF offers regarding contracts (review, editing, etc.)
3. a checklist that sororities and fraternities can utilize when generating and signing contracts

If you are interested, participants should contact Barbara Breen (barbarab@union.ufl.edu) in the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs to RSVP. All participants are encouraged to bring their lunch.

To the Dancers...

On behalf of the staff at the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs, we would like to thank you for supporting Dance Marathon and for representing your chapter in this great philanthropic effort. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your experience.

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