Florida Greeks

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Greetings!

Student life outside the classroom is an integral component of the college experience. Involvement not only makes a large campus feel smaller; it also helps promote academic and personal success. Sororities and fraternities are just one way to get involved at the University of Florida. Sororities and fraternities strive to be values-based organizations committed to scholarship, service, leadership, and community.

In fall 2005, 46% of the 5,100 members of the Florida Greek Community earned a 3.5 or higher semester GPA. In addition, the All-Greek GPA of 3.28 exceeded the All-Undergraduate GPA of 3.22. Within chapters, junior and senior members mentor freshmen to assist with scholastic achievement.

Sorority and fraternity members complete thousands of hours of community service and raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to support charitable organizations across the country. In fact, the Florida Greek Community was one of the first student groups to organize and support Hurricane Relief in 2004 and Tsunami Relief in 2005.

Leadership development and community building are also prominent experiences within the community. Members are exposed to conferences and workshops that focus on teambuilding, ethics and values, public speaking, and diversity. Through formal leadership positions, members apply their classroom knowledge to benefit the chapters by working with budgets, planning events, and networking with other student leaders and campus officials.

Sororities and fraternities aim to compliment and expound on the educational experience offered at the University of Florida. Please consider taking more time to learn about our sixty-three chapters as well as the entire Florida Greek Community by reviewing the Office’s website at www.greeks.ufl.edu or by attending any recruitment or interest meeting of the organizations.

Go Gators,

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Early in your college career you will be faced with numerous decisions that will change the course of your college experience. Among the decisions that you will face is whether or not you want to join a sorority or fraternity.

Research shows that students who develop a sense of belonging and a connection to their college environment are more likely to graduate from college. Becoming a Florida Greek will provide you with personal development opportunities, close friendships, and the opportunity to affiliate with a community dedicated to scholarship, service, leadership, and community. To date, 5,100 students have made the decision to become members of the 63 social sororities and fraternities at the University of Florida.

Scholarship
Maintaining a high level of academic success is a tradition within the Florida Greek community. The Florida Greek grade point average has traditionally been higher than the all-UF student average. The Florida Greek community takes pride in this accomplishment and strives to maintain this exceptional achievement.

Resources
Fraternities and sororities offer many resources and programs to facilitate the learning process for their members. Minimum GPAs are required in each chapter for affiliation, initiation and maintenance of good standing and many chapters offer incentive programs that reward their members for academic excellence.

To assist members with these endeavors, each chapter has a scholarship chair who works with the center and the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs to create a scholarship plan that is conducive to its members. Some aspects of a chapter’s scholarship plan may include study hours or tables that encourage cooperative and quiet studying among chapter members, mentor/mentee relationships for members who share the same majors, and recognition programs for members that do well.

46% of members in the Florida Greek community had a 3.5 GPA or higher during the Fall 2005 semester
28 chapters (47%) have a chapter GPA above the all UF average
Florida Greek GPA 3.28
All UF undergraduate GPA 3.22
**Service Chairs**

Every chapter has at least one member who has been elected or appointed to help the chapter with its service endeavors. Service chairs are responsible for promoting service and service-learning within the chapter, attending training sessions, and developing service resources and rewards for members who engage in service opportunities.

**All Greek Service Day**

All Greek Service Day, held in the Spring, is set aside once a year to provide service to the Gainesville and Alachua County community. Over 725 members from all four councils worked to participate in various activities throughout the Gainesville area.

**Greek Blood Drive**

The Greek Blood Drive held each Fall and Spring semester, is a week-long competition between sororities and fraternities to see who can raise the most blood donations by the end of the week. The Blood Bucket, the coveted prize for winners, is given to the sorority and fraternity with the most donors as well as the highest percentage of donors. Last year, approximately 1,200 units of blood, which impacts approximately 3,600 lives, were collected.

**Dance Marathon**

Dance Marathon at the University of Florida is an annual 32-hour event benefiting the patients of Shands Children’s Hospital at the University of Florida. Every year, more than 600 students, the majority of whom are members of the Florida Greek community, stay awake and on their feet to raise money and awareness for the Children’s Miracle Network. In the 11 years of Dance Marathon at UF’s existence, more than $1.6 million has been donated making it the largest and most successful student-run philanthropy in the southeastern United States.

**Ghouls, Goblins, and Greeks**

Ghouls, Goblins, and Greeks is an annual service project sponsored by the Panhellenic Council’s Junior Panhellenic (new member) division. During Ghouls, Goblins, and Greeks each of the chapters decorate their house and yard to provide a night of entertainment for more than 600 children and their families on Panhellenic Drive.

**Last semester alone, the Florida Greek community raised $190,471.04 for various philanthropic causes.**
Florida Greek Service & Philanthropy Beneficiaries

- 34th St Cleanup
- Adopt-A-Road
- Adopt-A-School
- Alpha Chi Omega Foundation
- ALS Therapy Development Foundation
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
- American Juvenile Arthritis Foundation
- Be Responsible About Drinking 21 (BRAD 21)
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Club
- Camp Boggy Creek
- Chaim Sheba Medical Center
- Children's Hospital of Richmond, VA
- Children's Miracle Network
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- CPR Awareness
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Delta Gamma Foundation
- Dr. Suess’ Read Across America
- Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
- Federal TRIO programs
- Friends for Life
- FUTURO
- Gainesville Lions Club
- Gainesville Youth Baseball
- Girl Scouts
- Greek Blood Drive
- Guide-Right
- Habitat for Humanity
- Lake Forest Elementary School of Gainesville
- Life South Marathon
- Light the Night Walk
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- March of Dimes Walk America
- McGuire Village
- Meals on Wheels
- Mind Sight
- Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)
- National Conference for Community & Justice (NCC)
- North American Food Drive
- Peaceful Paths
- The Phoenix Center
- Prevent Child Abuse America
- Reading is Fundamental
- Reagan Research Institute
- Red Cross
- Ronald McDonald House
- St Francis House
- St Jude’s Childrens Hospital
- Shoebox Project
- Sigma Nu Educational Foundation
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Surf Rider Foundation
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- Take a Pal to the Polls
- The V Foundation
- Z-Hope
LEADERSHIP

Greek Advance

Each January, the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs provides a 1 1/2 day leadership retreat for presidents and council executive board members. The curriculum for Greek Advance is designed to provide the leadership of the Florida Greek community with the opportunity to become familiar with UF policies as well as build upon their leadership abilities in the areas of organizational development, service, and community development.

Order of Omega

Order of Omega is a national leadership honorary for Greek students. Order of Omega recognizes fraternity and sorority members, of at least a junior standing, who have attained a high standard of scholarship, leadership in interfraternal activities, and service to the University of Florida and Gainesville communities.

Emerging Leaders Class

Traditionally held in the spring semester, students are able to receive two academic credits for taking this leadership course, which covers various issues and current trends in Greek Life across the country.

The curriculum examines both local and national issues and incorporates various leadership theories to help students develop their leadership style.

Panhellenic Recruitment Counselors (Pi Chis)

Panhellenic Recruitment Counselors, or Pi Chis, are sorority members who volunteer their time to help Potential New Members (PNMs) during Formal Panhellenic Recruitment in the Fall. Pi Chis participate in a semester-long leadership class that trains them on how to be ambassadors for the Panhellenic community, assist women in understanding the logistics of the Sorority Membership Recruitment Process, and how to counsel and assist women in making informed decisions during recruitment.

NPHC Summit

The NPHC Leadership Summit, held each Fall, is designed to foster a more positive environment among NPHC organizations by providing a forum where chapters can come together and address issues of mutual concern. Last year’s Summit entitled “The Complete Package” addressed issues at the member, chapter, and council levels, including time, financial, and organizational management.

Panhellenic New Member Symposium

This program provides an opportunity for future leaders in the Panhellenic community to participate in a leadership conference, which helps to prepare young leaders for future leadership positions. The Panhellenic New Member Symposium combines experiential learning with the opportunity to interact with new members from other Panhellenic chapters. Topics to be covered at this year’s symposium include: understanding leadership styles, women’s health, time management, business etiquette, resume writing, campus involvement, and Greek history.

MGC New Member Retreat

The MGC New Member Retreat, held each Spring, provides an opportunity for new members in the Multicultural Greek Council to learn more about the Council, understand MGC’s mission and values, as well as meet and interact with new members from other MGC chapters.

NPHC Neophyte Orientation

At the end of each semester, NPHC hosts neophyte orientation for all of the newly inducted members of the council. The purpose of Neophyte Orientation is to help foster a more positive relationship among new members within the council by providing them the opportunity to meet other neophytes (new members), learn more about the structure of the NPHC on a local and national level.
Florida Greek Days

Florida Greek Days (FGD) are events where the entire Florida Greek community can come together and celebrate the four tenets of their community (service, scholarship, leadership, and community). Recent Florida Greek Day events include Greeks for Life, an outdoor field day and blood drive and the Florida Greek Career Progressive Dinner, where companies sponsor a Panhellenic sorority house and market themselves to the Florida Greek community in a very intimate setting.

Greek Of The Month/Panhellenic Woman Of The Month Award

The Greek-of-the Month and Panhellenic Woman of the Month awards reward members of the Florida Greek and Panhellenic community for their outstanding contributions to the UF, Gainesville, and Florida Greek communities. Applications for these award are usually due the last Wednesday of the month, and the winners are announced the following week.

Greek Awards Banquet

The Annual Greek Awards Banquet & Induction Ceremony, held in November, is a recognition event put on by the four governing councils and the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs to celebrate chapter achievements in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and community. Newly elected executive officers for IFC, MGC, and Panhellenic are also introduced and inducted.

Gator Growl

Gator Growl, the world’s largest student-run pep rally, has been a University of Florida tradition for over 80 years. It showcases student talent, pyrotechnics, light displays, music, comedy and much more. The staff of over 500 student volunteers is in charge of the production, execution, and promotion of the show. Gator Growl 2006 will take place Friday, October 6. Come out and Relive the Tradition!

Homecoming

Each year, thousands of UF Alumni return to their Alma Mater for homecoming festivities. During Homecoming week, sororities and fraternities participate in a number of activities and programs such as float building, lawn decorating contest, the Homecoming Parade, SoulFest, Homecoming’s multicultural extravaganza and outdoor concert event, socials with other chapters, Gator Growl and the alumni barbecue.

Intramurals

There are numerous opportunities for athletic involvement within the Florida Greek community. Intramural sports allow sororities and fraternities a chance to safely compete with one another on a one-to-one basis, regardless of one’s athletic ability. The competition within the Greek community is intense, regardless of the range of sports offered, yet competition remains fun and exciting. IFC and Panhellenic have council-sponsored tournaments as well as awards for the intramural athletes and teams. Many members who are interested in athletic involvement but don’t have the time to commit to intramurals, often participate in athletic competitions that chapter’s host as part of their philanthropies.

MGC Showcase

The MGC Showcase is an annual event held in the Fall where each of the 11 member organizations does a presentation (usually a skit or step) that introduces the chapter to the UF community. In addition to the presentations, each of the 11 organizations participates in a tabling fair that allow new students and potential members the opportunity to ask questions and learn more information about each of the organizations that comprise the Multicultural Greek Council. This year’s MGC Showcase is scheduled for Friday, August 25, 2006.

Orange & Blue Pep Rally

During Spring weekend, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) sponsors the Orange & Blue pep rally. This spirit-filled event takes place the night before the Annual Orange & Blue game and features Coach Urban Meyer, the UF football team, the UF cheerleaders and Albert and Alberta.

UF NPHC Stepshow

The UF NPHC Stepshow, formerly known as BGE, takes place each Fall and showcases the talents of each of the nine NPHC chapters at UF. Approximately 1600 students and community members come from North and Central Florida to participate in one of UF’s fastest growing traditions. This year’s stepshow is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2006.
Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) at the University of Florida is the governing body for twenty-seven men's fraternities on campus. The Interfraternity Council is responsible for ensuring communication among the fraternities, as well as coordinating specific events, including Fall and Spring Recruitment, the IFC New Member Education Speakers and other Greek activities.

The Interfraternity Council awards the President’s Cup and Service Cup to the individual chapters that excel in athletics and community service respectively. IFC also acknowledges individual and organizational successes at the Greek Awards Banquet, where the Greek Man of the Year and the Buddy McKay (best overall IFC chapter) are awarded. All events are planned and executed in the spirit of the four pillars of the Interfraternity Council which are Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Community.

Recruitment Information

Recruitment, or “Rush” as it is informally called, is the word that describes the process of recruiting new membership in the men’s fraternities. The word “Rush” was used because fraternity men used to rush to train stations to greet incoming freshmen at the beginning of the school year. Fraternity Recruitment at the University of Florida has since evolved into a much more enriching process, in which you have the opportunity to visit each of the twenty-seven IFC fraternities on campus. During the Recruitment process you are not obligated to visit all the men’s fraternities, however doing so, will provide you the with the opportunity to make the most informed decision.

IFC requires all potential new members to register at www.greekgator.com before starting the Recruitment Process. Fall Recruitment begins Sunday, August 20, 2006 with the Recruitment Kick-off which provides an introduction to fraternity life and a question and answer session presented by the executive officers of IFC. The Recruitment Forum directly follows on the Reitz Union Colonnade creating an opportunity to meet all the IFC chapters in one central location. The following week is Recruitment. The week runs Monday, August 21st, 2006 through Friday, August 25th, 2006. You are welcome to visit any fraternity during their lunches, dinners or night events. Lunches are typically 11am-2pm. Dinners are usually from 5pm-7pm. Night events are special events where you are provided an additional opportunity to “meet the brothers” from 8pm-11pm.

Deciding to “Go Greek” is a decision that will affect not only your college career but the rest of your life. IFC acknowledges the gravity of the decision and provides potential members plenty of information and ample time to make a sound decision. Formal invitations to join a fraternity, known as bids, may be given at any time. A “bid” is valid until the end of the Recruitment Period - so there is no need to feel pressured into accepting on the spot! Do not miss out on a chapter prematurely because of pressure or stereotypes. Collectively, our fraternities make up one of the most progressive and most successful Greek Communities in the world!

Questions To Ask During Recruitment

1. How many weeks is your new member program?
2. What is the total cost for everything my first semester?
3. How does your fraternity compare academically to other fraternities, non-Greek students?
4. How does your fraternity compare athletically to other fraternities?
5. How much does your meal plan cost? What does it include?
6. What types of community service activities do you participate in?
7. What other organizations are your members involved in on campus?
8. What/how many social functions do you have planned this semester?
9. What makes your fraternity unique?
10. How many members do you have in your fraternity, both locally (chapter) and nationally?
11. How long has your fraternity been established nationally? at UF?
12. How many new members per semester do you expect to accept?

Schedule

Sunday, August 20th, 2006

7-8 PM Recruitment Kick-off Informational Meeting, Reitz Union
8-9 PM Recruitment Forum - Fraternity Tabling, Reitz Union Colonnade

Monday, August 21st, 2006 through Friday, August 25th, 2006

Recruitment events and Open Houses hosted at every chapter location.
Please refer to individual chapter or www.greekgator.com for chapter's schedules.
**Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Nickname: AEPI  
Chapter Name: Phi Gamma  
National website: www.aepi.org  
Chapter website: www.aepiuf.com  
Year Founded Nationally: 1913  
Year Founded at UF: 1951  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: AEPi Poker All-Night Long benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Description of the Chapter:  
AEPI has existed on campus since 1951 and has initiated over 1,700 strong men seeking leadership, brotherhood and success. We stand firm in our values and traditions and have the highest standards for our members.

We are also very active in social events, academic works and service projects at the University and within the community. Members who graduate leave as well-rounded individuals who have gained invaluable social and academic skills that will help them for the rest of their lives.

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**Alpha Gamma Rho**
Nickname: AGR  
Chapter Name: Alpha Gamma  
National website: www.agrs.org  
Chapter website: www.agruf.org  
Year Founded Nationally: 1908  
Year Founded at UF: 1924  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:

Description of the Chapter:  
Alpha Gamma Rho is both a social and professional fraternity. AGR allows for members to socialize with other students on campus and people in the community, along with, providing a strong brotherhood and a house for members. AGR is also a professional fraternity. AGR is for young men pursuing any career related to the agriculture, food or fiber industries, and utilizes alumni networking opportunities. Alpha Gamma Rho truly is “four years and a lifetime”.

**Alpha Tau Omega**
Nickname: ATO  
Chapter Name: Alpha Tau Omega  
National website: www.ato.org  
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~alphatau/  
Year Founded Nationally: 1865  
Year Founded at UF: 1884  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Adopt-A-Road, Habitat for Humanity, Philanthropy Golf Tournament

Description of the Chapter:  
No information submitted

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**Interested In Joining A Fraternity? Find more info at [www.greekgator.com](http://www.greekgator.com)**
Beta Theta Pi
Nickname: Beta
Chapter Name: Gamma Xi
National website: www.betathetapi.com
Chapter website: www.ufbeta.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1839
Year Founded at UF: 1930
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
5 Points of Life Marathon, 34th St Cleanup, Beta Field Day

Description of the Chapter:
Beta Theta Pi was founded August 8, 1839 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Today, Beta has 125 chapters in Canada and the United States. Beta is dedicated to building men of principle. Our brotherhood aids the individual, builds the Fraternity and strengthens the host academic institution through lifelong devotion to intellectual excellence, high standards of moral conduct and responsible citizenship. The Gamma Xi chapter recently celebrated its 75th anniversary at the University of Florida.

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Chi Phi
Nickname: Chi Phi
Chapter Name: Theta Delta
National website: www.chiphi.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/chiphi
Year Founded Nationally: 1824
Year Founded at UF: 1935
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Boys & Girls Club

Description of the Chapter:
Chi Phi the nation’s oldest social fraternity is founded on leadership, brotherhood, honor, service, and athletics. The Theta Delta Chapter actively recruits the best and brightest men on campus to join our lifelong bond. Our brotherhood enjoys a prominent position on campus based on our quality gentleman, sorority relations, community and campus wide involvement and strong social calendar. We are proud to provide our men with a balance between scholarship and a quality social experience.

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Nickname: D-Chi
Chapter Name: Florida Colony
National website: www.deltachi.org
Chapter website: www.floridadeltachi.org
Year Founded Nationally: 1890
Year Founded at UF: 1925
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
The V Foundation

Description of the Chapter:
Delta Chi was originally founded as a law fraternity by two Cornell University law students on October 13, 1890. Since that October evening in 1890, from our origins as a professional law fraternity to our status today as one of North America’s leading and most progressive-social fraternities. Delta Chi still continues to stand for and promote its classic values: Justice, Character, Friendship, Education. The Florida Chapter was active from 1926 until 2002. In the spring of 2006, Delta Chi returned to the UF campus. “Delta Chi was my first love and it shall be my last” - Peter Schemmerhorn Johnson, founder.

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Last semester, members of the Florida Greek community donated over 5500 hours of community service to UF and Gainesville communities.
**Delta Tau Delta**

Nickname: Delt
Chapter Name: Delta Zeta
National website: www.delts.org
Chapter website:
Year Founded Nationally: 1858
Year Founded at UF: 1925
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Adopt A School, Habitat for Humanity, PigSkins and PigTails

Description of the Chapter:
Delta Tau Delta is much more than a social organization, a place to live or a way to meet people. Our mission “Committed to Lives of Excellence” drives our actions, programming and essence. DTD fulfills many purposes from honing its members’ leadership skills, helping them grow personally and providing a nurturing environment to enjoy their collegiate and post-collegiate experience. Delta life provides fantastic opportunities like the Leadership Academy, conferences and conventions, service learning through Adopt-A-School and other community service opportunities and out new member education initiative. Famous Delts include: Will Farrell, Drew Carey, and John Elway.

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**Delta Upsilon**

Nickname: DU
Chapter Name: Delta Upsilon
National website: www.deltau.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~deltau
Year Founded Nationally: 1834
Year Founded at UF: 1957
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Life South Marathon, Red Crosss Rock Relief Concert, Boys & Girls Club

Description of the Chapter:
Delta Upsilon is the 6th oldest national fraternity and the oldest of any fraternity currently with a chapter at the University of Florida. Delta Upsilon is an organization that is 171 years old and which has been a leader in the Greek movement since day one. From our beginnings in 1834, Delta Upsilon has been a non-secret fraternity, dedicated to building better men.

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**Kappa Alpha**

Nickname: KA
Chapter Name: Beta Zeta
National website: www.kappaalphaorder.org
Chapter website: ufak.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1865
Year Founded at UF: 1904
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
MDA

Description of the Chapter:
One the three first fraternities formed at the University of Florida Kappa Alpha Order has been the home of Southern gentlemen since its formation in 1904. Many well-known local, state and national dignitaries call themselves Kappa Alphas. This chapter plans on continuing its long history of excellence as both a member of its national organization and the University of Florida.

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Kappa Sigma
Nickname: Kappa Sig’s
Chapter Name: Delta-Delta
National website: kappasigma.org
Chapter website: kappasigmauf.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1869
Year Founded at UF: 1922
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Shoebox Project, Habitat for Humanity, Dinner for the Dimes and Crescent Cup

Description of the Chapter:
The Kappa Sigma fraternity was founded on December 10, 1869 at the University of Virginia. The goal of Kappa Sigma is for the total development of a better man through our four cornerstones; Leadership, Fellowship, Scholarship and Service.

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Lambda Chi Alpha
Nickname: Lambda Chi
Chapter Name: Epsilon-Mu Zeta
National website: www.lambdachi.org
Chapter website: www.uflambdachi.org
Year Founded Nationally: 1909
Year Founded at UF: 1933
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Santa’s Visit, Gainesville Youth Baseball, Watermelon Bust (benefiting North American Food Drive),

Description of the Chapter:
Lambda Chi Alpha is one of the youngest, yet most rapidly growing fraternities in the country. Since its creation in 1909, Lambda Chi has been a leader in the Greek world. In 1972, it became the first fraternity to ban hazing and replaced the term “pledge” with “associate member”. Lambda Chi Alpha strives to foster the development of its members, emphasizing scholarship, athletics service and a positive social experience.

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Phi Delta Theta
Nickname: Phi Delt
Chapter Name: Florida Alpha
National website: www.phideltatheta.org
Chapter website: http://www.phideltathetauf.org
Year Founded Nationally: 1848
Year Founded at UF: 1925
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Walk to Defeat ALS, Ultimate Dodgeball supporting Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Description of the Chapter:
Founded at the University of Florida in 1925, Phi Delta Theta Florida Alpha heralds the largest membership of any other chapter in the world. A Phi Delt man exhibits the three cardinal principles of friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude. Phi Delta Theta strives to be the standard for Fraternity men, and is committed to developing character and values of all types of individuals.

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Phi Gamma Delta
Nickname: Fiji or Phi Gam
Chapter Name: Upsilon Phi
National website: www.phigam.org
Chapter website: refer to national
Year Founded Nationally: 1848
Year Founded at UF: 1940
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: The Red Cross

Description of the Chapter:
For over 158 years Phi Gamma Delta has been committed to instilling the values of Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality and Excellence in our brothers. Phi Gamma Delta will be seeking to add to its tradition of excellence by revitalizing its Upsilon Phi Chapter at the University of Florida during the Fall 2006 semester. We are seeking men of character who are interested in leaving legacy at UF.

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Phi Kappa Tau
Nickname: Phi Tau
Chapter Name: Phi Kappa Tau
National website: www.phikappatau.org
Chapter website: www.ufphitau.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1906
Year Founded at UF: 1926
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Midnight Madness featuring “Say What” Karaoke

Description of the Chapter:
We are gentlemen committed to the pursuit of excellence in brotherhood, community, scholarship and service, while still enjoying the full college experience. For 100 years we have excelled in this pursuit, and this year we celebrate our Centennial.

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Phi Sigma Kappa
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Chapter Name: Delta Tetarton
National website: www.phisigmakappa.org
Chapter website: www.phisigflorida.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1873
Year Founded at UF: 1951, 1993
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Phi Sig Spike: Beach Volleyball Tournament

Description of the Chapter:
No information provided

Pi Kappa Alpha
Nickname: PIKE
Chapter Name: Alpha Eta
National website: www.pikes.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/alphaeta
Year Founded Nationally: 1868
Year Founded at UF: 1904
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Pike Dreamgirls

Description of the Chapter:
Pi Kappa Alpha is unique among fraternities. It is our goal to always be the best in every endeavor: in rush, in sports, in scholarship, in service, and in our conduct as gentlemen.

We are not looking for average men. The man we are looking for is a competitor in all areas. He is a scholar, a leader, an athlete, and most of all a gentleman. Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Florida has embedded these thoughts in each Pike Brother’s heart, always challenging him to be the best in every aspect of life.

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Pi Kappa Phi
Nickname: Pi Kapp
Chapter Name: no information submitted
National website: http://www.pikapp.org
Chapter website: no information submitted
Year Founded Nationally: 1904
Year Founded at UF: 1924
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: PUSH America

Description of the Chapter:
The Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity is one of the most prestigious and well known fraternities on campus. The Alpha Epsilon Chapter at the University of Florida has been committed to leadership and excellence for over 80 years. Pi Kappa Phi exemplifies leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, in campus politics, and within the community. Pi Kapp breeds men who choose to lead. We are a diverse group of men brought together to form the strongest brotherhood on this campus. We strive to excel in any opportunity put forth and hold ourselves to high standards of achievement. Pi Kappa Phi is like no other fraternity on this campus.

Pi Lambda Phi
Nickname: Pi Lam
Chapter Name: Florida Delta
National website: www.pilambdaphi.org
Chapter website: www.ufpilam.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1895
Year Founded at UF: 1925
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: March of Dimes Walk America, Pi Lam Rocks benefitting Friends for Life at UF

Description of the Chapter:
Founded in 1895 at Yale by three men, Pi Lambda Phi was the first non-sectarian and non-discriminatory fraternity established. Our colors are purple and gold and our mascot is the lion. We are located at 15 fraternity row, the top of fraternity row, in a house that was built in 1955 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. From our years here, we have created gentlemen with core values that have helped them become leaders in their careers and communities. We pride ourselves on our diversity, traditions and values.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Nickname: SAE
Chapter Name: Florida Upsilon
National website: www.sae.net
Chapter website: www.uf-sae.com/menu.htm
Year Founded Nationally: 1856
Year Founded at UF: 1884
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Cajun Cookout benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters

Description of the Chapter:
Sigma Alpha Epsilon was founded upon the principles of the true gentlemen. Through character, honor, humility and brotherhood, we have developed a fraternity that is constantly shaping young men into future leaders. Our brotherhood seeks to live out these ideals in our everyday lives while developing the bonds and friendships that will last well past our time at University of Florida.

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Sigma Chi
Nickname: Sigma Chi
Chapter Name: Gamma Theta
National website: www.sigmachi.org
Chapter website: www.ufsigmachi.org
Year Founded Nationally: 1855
Year Founded at UF: 1924
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Derby Days featuring Children’s Miracle Network

Description of the Chapter:
Sigma Chi was founded in 1855 at Miami University in Miami, Ohio when six members
of Delta Kappa Epsilon struck out against injustice in their own fraternity. They were soon joined by a 7th and founded what would become one of the largest fraternities in the world with over 347 undergraduate and alumni chapters. The badge of the fraternity is a white cross representing Christian ideals, not because religion is a requirement but because Christian principles are deeply allied with Sigma Chi’s Ritual.

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**Sigma Nu**

Nickname: Sigma Nu
Chapter Name: Epsilon Zeta
National website: sigmanu.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~sigmanu/
Year Founded Nationally: 1869
Year Founded at UF: 1920, 2005
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Habitat for Humanity, Gainesville City League Baseball, Sigma Nu Educational Foundation

Description of the Chapter:
Sigma Nu is an honor fraternity founded on the principles of Love, Truth and Honor. We are committed to teaching and experiencing leadership, ethics, character, scholarship and brotherhood. Sigma Nu has over 200,000 initiates at over 250 chapters nationwide. The Epsilon Zeta chapter has a rich history at UF. Some notable alumni include Senator Bob Graham and former UF President Marshall Criser.

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**Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Nickname: Sig Ep
Chapter Name: Sigma Phi Epsilon
National website: http://www.sigep.org
Chapter website: www.ufsigep.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1901
Year Founded at UF: 1925
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Surf Frenzy benefitting the Surf Rider Foundation; The Foot Prints Mentor/Mentee Program

Description of the Chapter:
No information provided

**Sigma Pi**

Nickname: Sigma Pi
Chapter Name: Zeta Zeta
National website: www.sigmapi.org
Chapter website: www.ufsigmapi.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1897
Year Founded at UF: 2003
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
ACE - Alturistic Campus Experience project; Sigma Pi Golf Classic benefitting the ALS Therapy Development Foundation

Description of the Chapter:
Sigma Pi Fraternity International was founded on February 26, 1897 at University of Vincennes in Indiana. The ideals of Sigma Pi are as follows: to establish a brotherhood, to establish and maintain an aristocracy of learning, to raise the standards of morality and develop character; to diffuse culture and encourage chivalry, and to promote the spirit of civic righteousness and quicken the national conscience. Sigma Pi prides itself by developing “A New Generation of Leaders.”

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**Tau Epsilon Phi**

Nickname: Tep
Chapter Name: Tau Alpha
National website: www.tephq.org
Chapter website: http://esasson.com/tep/tep2.html
Year Founded Nationally: 1910
Year Founded at UF: 1925
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Tep Trot, Habitat for humanity

Description of the Chapter:
Founded at Columbia in 1910, Tau Epsilon Phi opened its Tau Alpha chapter at the University of Florida in February of 1925 on 9 Fraternity Row. TEP men, then and now, adhere to three ideals upon which we were founded: friendship, chivalry and service. Through the pursuit of these three virtues, we leave college with a readiness to pursue our lives. Some famous TEP alumni include President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Arnold “Red” Auerbach, Larry King and Jerry Springer. Since October of 1910, TEP has flourished through its reputation of tradition, excellence and pride.

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**Tau Kappa Epsilon**

Nickname: Teke  
Chapter Name: Gamma Theta  
National website:  
www.tke.org  
Chapter website:  
www.gatortke.com  
Year Founded Nationally: 1899  
Year Founded at UF: 1950  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
Reagan Research Institute  

Description of the Chapter:  
Tau Kappa Epsilon with over 270 chapters in the US and Canada is the world’s largest fraternity. Its founders came together to form a fraternity that accepted members “not for wealth, rank or honor but for personal worth and character.” Using these standards, Teke’s mission is to aid men in their mental, moral, and social development for life.

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**Theta Chi**

Nickname: Theta Chi  
Chapter Name: Tau  
National website:  
www.thetachi.org  
Chapter website:  
www.thetachiufl.org  
Year Founded Nationally: 1856  
Year Founded at UF: 1916  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
Kyle Schuemann Kickball Tournament benefiting Be Responsible About Drinking 21 (BRAD 21)

Description of the Chapter:  
The Theta Chi is a Social Fraternity dedicated to upholding the highest of standards for it’s members. We have a rich history at the University of Florida and pride ourselves on brotherhood, campus leadership, service, athletics, diversity, and academic excellence. Members graduate from our chapter with a one of a kind experience and leave as Gentlemen of Theta Chi.

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**Zeta Beta Tau**

Nickname: ZBT  
Chapter Name: Alpha Zeta  
National website:  
www.zbt.org  
Chapter website:  
www.zbtuf.com  
Year Founded Nationally: 1898  
Year Founded at UF: 1995  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
ZBT Get on the Ball, ZBT Kickball

Description of the Chapter:  
The Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity was founded in 1898. Our members strive for excellence in leadership, service, academics and brotherhood. Our high standards allow us to excel at all aspects of fraternal life.

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The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing body of the internationally and nationally recognized ethnically based fraternity and sorority chapters at the University of Florida. The MGC currently has five fraternities and six sororities. Although ethnically based, the Multicultural Greek Council embraces men and women of all different backgrounds. MGC organizations take pride in their diverse membership.

History
The Multicultural Greek Council was founded on November 15, 1999 to unite and serve the ethnically-based Greek letter organizations at the University of Florida. The founding organizations were Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, and Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority. Since then, seven other organizations have been added to the council: Gamma Eta, Lambda Alpha Upsilon, Sigma Beta Rho, Delta Phi Omega, Kappa Phi Lambda, Pi Delta Psi, and Theta Nu Xi.

Purpose
Here at the University of Florida, the Multicultural Greek Council’s primary purpose is to unite its member organizations in order to share ideas and resources, promote mutual respect and equality, provide a support network for involved students, and collectively accomplish many goals. Some of these goals include serving as a forum of discussion and debate on issues pertaining to the membership, to promote scholarly excellence and preserve a good graduation rate, and to maintain positive relationships with other Greek councils on campus.

A member of a MGC organization experiences Greek life in a very unique way. Each chapter is fairly small in size which provides a very strong family like bond. Our members know each other well through community service events and leadership programs.

2006 MGC Executive Board: (top to bottom, left to right)
William Russell (Administrative VP), Victor Robles (President),
Isis Velasquez (Secretary), Grace Yu (Executive VP),
not pictured: Angelica Rodriguez (Treasurer)

Membership Intake
Membership Intake is the process of joining a MGC or NPHC organization, and the process differs for each group. Intake may include interviews, group activities, and study of group values/traditions, with the involvement of both undergraduate members and advisors. MGC organizations traditionally have membership intake once a year at various times (either Fall or Spring). Prior to participation in the membership intake process, MGC organizations usually advertise informational sessions for prospective members. These informational sessions afford prospective members the opportunity to learn more about the organization, including their specific requirements for membership.

Current members are also a good resource to utilize when trying to obtain additional information about each organization. Talk to the members of the interested organization and get to know them on a personal basis. The beginning of each Fall semester, the MGC hosts a showcase for anyone to come and receive more information about each organization through performance and casual conversation.
Delta Phi Omega
Nickname: DPO
Chapter Name: UF Colony of Delta Phi Omega
National website: http://deltaphiomega.org
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~dpo
Year Founded Nationally: 1998
Year Founded at UF: 2003
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Boys & Girls Club
Description of the Chapter:
The purpose of Delta Phi Omega shall be to foster unity among South Asian women, build community awareness, and gain a greater understanding of oneself and others. The sorority aspires to instill leadership traits, excel in all academic endeavors, to encourage an active relationship between the sorority and its respective university and shall do so with the utmost compassion, dignity, and fortitude.

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Gamma Eta
Nickname: Gamma Etas
Chapter Name: Alpha
National website:
Chapter website: http://ufgammaeta.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1995
Year Founded at UF: 1995
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Camp Boggy Creek
Description of the Chapter:
Gamma Eta Sorority, Inc is a Latin-based Multicultural Sorority dedicated to the development of strong female leaders. Since our founding in October 1995, we have continued to serve as positive role models for members of our community, by upholding our seven pillars of leadership, unity, diversity, strength, service, scholarship and sisterhood.

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Kappa Phi Lambda
Nickname: Kappas
Chapter Name: University of Florida Colony
National website: http://www.kappaphilambda.org/
Chapter website: http://www.kappaphilambda.org
Year Founded Nationally: 1995
Year Founded at UF: 2004
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Light the Night Walk
Description of the Chapter:
On March 9, 1995 seven extraordinary women came together to form the honorable Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority at Binghamton University. To date we have over 20 chapters with over 800 sisters and we are continuously growing. Kappa Phi Lambda is the first Pan-Asian Cultural Sorority to enter the University of Florida. We are Asian interest, not Asian exclusive. With open minds, and open hearts through education and learning we emphasize Sisterhood, Service and Cultural Diversity.

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Be sure to check out MGC Showcase on August 25, 2006 during Gator Nights. For more information on MGC, please check out http://grove.ufl.edu/~ufmgc/
Lambda Theta Alpha
Nickname: LTA
Chapter Name: Chi Chapter
National website: lambdalady.org
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~lta1975
Year Founded Nationally: 1975
Year Founded at UF: 1996
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: FUTURO

Description of the Chapter:
Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. was established in 1975 at Kean University as the first Latin-based sorority in the nation. Since it’s a founding, the organization has grown to include over 90 chapters nationwide and continues to grow, Lambda Theta Alpha is an academic-based sorority dedicated to scholarly excellence, empowerment of all women, cultural and political awareness, and community activism. The sorority was established as a support system for women of all ethnicities in higher education.

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Sigma Lambda Gamma
Nickname: Gammas
Chapter Name: Resilient Rho Alpha
National website: www.sigmalambdagamma.com
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~slg1990
Year Founded Nationally: 1990
Year Founded at UF: 1999
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Federal TRIO Programs

Description of the Chapter:
Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority is the largest Historically Latina, Multicultural Sorority in the US with chapters expanding from New York to Texas, Florida to California. We are an academic, cultural, service and social organization, dedicated to promoting our evolving and diverse cultures by sharing it with others through our five principles.

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Theta Nu Xi
Nickname: Theta Women
Chapter Name: Absolutely Astonishing Alpha Alpha
National website: http://thetanuxi.org
Chapter website: http://www.1225media.com/uftnx
Year Founded Nationally: 1997
Year Founded at UF: 2005
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: National Conference for Community & Justice

Description of the Chapter:
Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. was founded on April 11, 1997 at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The sisters of Theta Nu Xi live by the tenants of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, Leadership and Multiculturalism. The Alpha Alpha Chapter was founded at the University of Florida on June 4, 2005. Theta Nu Xi is the first multicultural-based sorority at UF and is currently the fastest growing sorority in the nation today.

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Lambda Alpha Upsilon
Nickname: LAUs
Chapter Name: Incendiary Iota Chapter
National website: www.lambdas.com
Chapter website: http://www.lambdas.com/chapters/iota
Year Founded Nationally: 1985
Year Founded at UF: 2001
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: AIDS Walk

Description of the Chapter:
Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc. is a brotherhood of professional men working to promote the development of the Latino community. The Hermanos of LAU are committed to uniting the community by working with other groups to promote cultural awareness. The brotherhood serves as a support system to its members in realizing their personal and professional goals. LAU seeks for new members to become positive and productive role models within their universities, communities and professions.

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Lambda Theta Phi
Nickname: Lambdas
Chapter Name: Phi Chapter-The Fortress of phire
National website: http://www.lambda1975.org/
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~lambdatp/
Year Founded Nationally: 1975
Year Founded at UF: 1995
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: St Francis House

Description of the Chapter:
Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. was founded on December 1, 1975 at Kean College in Union, New Jersey. It was the first nationally recognized Latino fraternity in the country. Lambda Theta Phi is a non-profit service/social fraternity emphasizing Latin unity and the celebration of the Latin culture. The fraternity’s goals are to promote scholarship, Latin unity, respect for all cultures and brotherhood. By working in the community, the fraternity hopes to enhance the image of Latin culture and provide positive role models in the Latino community.

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Pi Delta Psi
Nickname: PDPsi
Chapter Name: UF Colony of Pi Delta Psi
National website: www.pideltapsi.com
Chapter website: http://www.ufpidpsi.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1994
Year Founded at UF: 2004
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Tutoring @ McGuire Village

Description of the Chapter:
The UF Colony of Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on November 13, 2004 by twenty men of various backgrounds. Having developed the bond of brotherhood, these men dedicate their lives to the four pillars: academic achievement, cultural awareness, righteousness, and friendship/loyalty. Moreover, they refuse to be categorized as the stereotypical Fraternity. Rather, these men have engaged themselves with UF’s Asian American community and UF’s campus as a whole.

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It is important to note that many of our culturally-based organizations (Asian, Black, Jewish, Latino/a, South Asian) evolved during a time when they were not allowed to join “white” organizations. None of the 63 chapters that are a part of the Florida Greek community may discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, handicap, national origin, race, or religion.
Sigma Beta Rho
Nickname: Sig Rho
Chapter Name: Sigma Beta Rho
National website:
   www.sigmabetarho.com
Chapter website:
   http://www.sigmabetarho.com/uf
Year Founded Nationally: 1996
Year Founded at UF: 2002
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:

Description of the Chapter:
In the beginning of Spring 2002, four brave men approached the brothers of Sigma Beta Rho. Their goal was to establish a chapter in the University of Florida. These four Founding Fathers crossed into the family of Sigma Beta Rho. They were Akash Kuravilla, Aleem Kanji, Keven Patel, and Anurag Singh. The UF Colony has continued to grow. In the process, it has become both one of the emerging colonies in Sigma Beta Rho and also one of the pre-eminent fraternities at UF. As we enter a period of unparalleled interest and growth in the fraternity we continue to look for strong young men to join our brotherhood. The Brothers of Sigma Beta Rho come from every creed, ethnic background and culture.

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Sigma Lambda Beta
Nickname: Betas
Chapter Name: Zeta Beta
National website:
   www.sigmalambdabeta.com
Chapter website:
   http://www.sigmalambdabeta.com/zetabetal
Year Founded Nationally: 1986
Year Founded at UF: 1999
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
   CPR Awareness Day

Description of the Chapter:
Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. is the largest Latino based Multicultural Fraternity in the nation. We believe in the principles of fairness and opportunity as well as the equality of all men no matter what their race, culture, or ethnicity. Founded on April 4th, 1986 at the University of Iowa and based on cultural understanding and wisdom, we all strive to model our principles and present ourselves in a gentlemanly and educated fashion.

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) is composed of nine historically-Black Greek Letter organizations that evolved at a time when Blacks were denied the essential rights and services afforded to others. Each of the nine NPHC organizations were designed to foster brotherhood or sisterhood and serve as conduits by which action plans could be formulated to influence social action and change in the Black community.

NPHC organizations have pledged to devote their collective resources and services in an effort to enhance communities throughout the nation and world. Despite the diversity inherent in the individual groups, the NPHC provides the forum and impetus for addressing issues of mutual concern. Through collaboration, the nine affiliate organizations have discovered that the effect of their educational, social, and economic programs were greatly improved by uniting and coordinating efforts through the NPHC.

What is Membership Intake?
NPHC organizations do not use a recruitment process similar to the one used by the Interfraternity Council or the Panhellenic Council. NPHC and MGC organizations participate in membership intake, the process of selecting, educating, and initiating new members, once a year (either Fall or Spring) at a time deemed by the specific organization, not by NPHC.

Aspirants should note that individual organizations will hold informational meetings throughout the school year. These meetings will be advertised throughout various locations on campus and will provide aspirants with the opportunity to learn more about an organization, and perhaps get specific intake questions answered.

Typically, a student must have achieved the following MINIMUM requirements in order to take part in a chapter’s membership intake process:
- Attained at least 12 credit hours (second semester freshmen status) at UF
- Attained at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA from college
- Other requirements (i.e., service hours, community involvement, campus leadership) vary for each group

Additional Points to Consider
1. Specific requirements vary by organization.
2. Some organizations’ standards are higher than the minimum requirements listed above.
3. Meeting the requirements does not guarantee membership.
**Alpha Kappa Alpha**

Nickname: AKAs  
Chapter Name: Iota Lambda  
National website:  
   http://www.aka1908.org  
Chapter website:  
   http://grove.ufl.edu/~il1975  
Year Founded Nationally: 1908  
Year Founded at UF: 1975  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
   Girl Scout Troup#5503  

Description of the Chapter:  
Founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America’s first Greek-letter organization established by Black college women. Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha thrives as a sisterhood of women who have consciously chosen the affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through volunteer service. Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards and serves all mankind through a nucleus of more than 170,000 women in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.

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**Delta Sigma Theta**

Nickname: Deltas  
Chapter Name: Lambda Psi  
National website:  
   www.deltasigmatheta.org  
Chapter website:  
   www.lambdapsi.com  
Year Founded Nationally: 1913  
Year Founded at UF: 1975  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
   Take a Pal to the Polls  

Description of the Chapter:  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 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. The Lambda Psi chapter implements service programs that are aligned with our national organization’s five programmatic thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political awareness and involvement.

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**Sigma Gamma Rho**

Nickname: SGRho  
Chapter Name: Lambda Rho  
National website:  
   www.sgrho1922.org  
Chapter website:  
   http://grove.ufl.edu/~sgrho  
Year Founded Nationally: 1922  
Year Founded at UF: 1990  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
   Youth Symposium  

Description of the Chapter:  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded by seven women at Butler University on November 12, 1922 whom had the desire to enlighten a nation. It is the only historically black, Greek sorority founded at a predominantly white university. Each founder showed a tenacious spirit to overcome racism and sexism. To this day, the ladies of Sigma still uphold the foundation and beliefs that this sorority was founded upon while aiming to grow in the bonds of sisterhood, scholarship and leadership.

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**Zeta Phi Beta**

Nickname: ZPhiB  
Chapter Name: Mu Epsilon  
National website:  
   www.zphib1920.org  
Chapter website:  
   http://grove.ufl.edu/~zphi96  
Year Founded Nationally: 1920  
Year Founded at UF: 1974  
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
   Z-HOPE  

Description of the Chapter:  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations—to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty and health concerns of the day. Founded January 16, 1920, Zeta began as an idea conceived by five coeds at Howard University in Washington, DC. These five women, also known as our Five Pearls, dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women.

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**Alpha Phi Alpha**
Nickname: The Alpha’s
Chapter Name: Theta Sigma
National website: www.alphaphialpha.net
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~alphats/
Year Founded Nationally: 1906
Year Founded at UF: 1973
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: No information submitted

**Iota Phi Theta**
Nickname: Iotas
Chapter Name: Gamma Omicron
National website: www.iotaPhitheta.org
Chapter website: www.GOCentaur.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1963
Year Founded at UF: 1998
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: The Phoenix Center

Description of the Chapter:
On September 19, 1963, at the Morgan State College (now Morgan State University), 12 students founded what is now the nation’s fifth largest predominately African-American social service fraternity, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. The purpose of this organization is the development and perpetuation of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, fidelity and brotherhood among men. The members of Gamma Omicron know that their chapter will only be what they make of it and continue to work hard at bettering themselves and their community. They continue and will always continue, “Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One.” Today, Iota Phi Theta consists of over 198 chapters located in 40 states and the District of Columbia and approximately 19,000 members.

**Kappa Alpha Psi**
Nickname: Kappas
Chapter Name: Zeta Phi
National website: www.kappaalphapsi1911.com
Chapter website: www.zetaphinupes.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1911
Year Founded at UF: 1972
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Guide-Right

Description of the Chapter:
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 5, 1911 in Bloomington, Indiana on the campus of Indiana University. As Kappa Alpha Psi moves closer towards 100 yrs. of existence, its ideals and purpose are still the same. With “Achievement in every field of human endeavor” as its motto, Kappa men continue to make contributions to their community and to society. Today, Kappa Alpha Psi has grown to over 362 undergraduate chapters and 334 cities of alumni chapters.
Omega Psi Phi
Nickname: Omegas
Chapter Name: Omicron Zeta
National website: www.oppf.org
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~omegaozl
Year Founded Nationally: 1911
Year Founded at UF: 1973
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Meals on Wheels

Description of the Chapter:
The Omicron Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi was chartered on November 5, 1973 at the University of Florida. Since its inception Omicron Zeta has been committed to upholding the ideals of Omega through campus and community involvement, remaining consistent with the noble intentions of our Fraternity Founders.

For more information please contact:
Name: William R. Madison, Jr.
Email: will2003@ufl.edu

Phi Beta Sigma
Nickname: Sigmas
Chapter Name: Zeta Kappa
National website: http://www.pbs1914.org
Chapter website: http://grove.ufl.edu/~ufzk1914/
Year Founded Nationally: 1914
Year Founded at UF: 1974
Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: No information submitted

Description of the Chapter
No information submitted

Meet the Divine Nine
Each Fall, NPHC hosts its annual Meet the Divine Nine program which showcases each of the nine affiliate member fraternities and sororities on campus. This year, the event is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. Students in attendance will have the opportunity to learn more about the UF NPHC, speak with Council leadership and advisors, as well as meet members from each of the nine NPHC chapters on campus. This unique event allows for personal interaction, information sharing, and exposure to Greek Life for interested students.
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Panhellenic Council

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), founded in 1902, is the umbrella organization for 26 national and international women’s fraternities and sororities. Members are represented on over 620 college campuses in the United States and Canada and in over 4,600 alumnae associations. The established chapters and alumnae associations comprise over 3.6 million sorority women in the world.

When you join one of the sixteen National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities at the University of Florida, you also become of the Panhellenic Council. The UF Panhellenic Council at the University of Florida is the governing body for the sixteen NPC sororities at UF and is responsible for organizing activities of mutual concern and interest to all of the sororities. The Panhellenic Council is made up of elected officers, fourteen divisions, and delegates from each of the sixteen chapters.

Recruitment Information

Formal recruitment is the primary way the sixteen Panhellenic sororities acquire new members. Formal recruitment will take place August 18 - 27, 2006. This period consists of Potential New Member Orientation and four rounds of events that allow potential new members the opportunity to learn about each sorority at UF as well as what it means to be a member of the Panhellenic and Florida Greek communities.

It is important to recognize that this is a mutual selection process. After each round, you will be asked to select a certain number of chapters and each sorority will be expected to select a certain number of women. Participation does not obligate you to join a sorority, nor does it guarantee membership in one. However, we truly believe that as long you go in with an open mind you will find your place in one of the sixteen chapters.

Recruitment Registration

To participate in Formal Recruitment, a woman must be a full-time, undergraduate student at the University of Florida. Registration for recruitment will begin May 1, 2006 at www.ufpanhellenic.com. Registration fees are $75 before August 10 and $90 until August 17. Potential New Members are encouraged to sign up for Preview as early as possible to avoid potential conflicts during Recruitment.

Panhellenic Counselors (Pi Chis)

Every woman who registers for Formal Recruitment will be assigned a Panhellenic Counselor or Pi Chi. Pi Chis are trained women from different chapters who disaffiliate in order to counsel and assist women in making informed decisions during recruitment. Pi Chis lead small groups of potential new members to each party and are available to provide direct and honest answers to potential new members’ questions.

Potential New Member Orientation

To help you get acquainted with the schedule and procedures for the week, there is a MANDATORY Potential New Member Orientation on Friday, August 18, 2006 at 7pm in the Grand Ballroom of the J. Wayne Reitz Union. At this meeting, you will hear from a variety of speakers, meet your recruitment counselors, and have an opportunity to answer questions about the week. No sorority women will be in attendance and casual dress is suggested.

Parent & Family Member Information Meeting

Parents of Potential New Members are encouraged to attend an informational meeting directly following the Potential New Member Meeting. At this meeting you will receive information about the recruitment process, the schedule for the week, and a general overview of sorority life. This is a perfect time to ask any pertinent questions to Panhellenic Executive Officers and various UF administrators.

Please note that the mandatory orientation occurs before the dorms open. The dorms open at 9am on Saturday, August 19. Potential new members who do not live within a reasonable driving distance are encouraged to reserve hotel rooms for the night of August 18.
Schedule
Friday, August 18th
Potential New Member Orientation (mandatory) - 7pm, Reitz Union Grand Ballroom Parent & Family Information Session (optional) - 8pm, Reitz Union Grand Ballroom - Please note that dorms ARE NOT open this day

Round 1
Saturday, August 19th
Parties 1-5, 2-5pm
Break
Parties 6-9, 8-11:20pm

Sunday, August 20th
Parties 10-14, 11:00am-2:00pm
Break
Parties 15-19, 5:00pm-9:00pm

Monday, August 21st
Round Two, Day One
3:00pm-9:35pm

Tuesday, August 22nd
Round Two, Day Two
9:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday, August 23rd
First Day of Classes
No Recruitment Activities

Thursday, August 24th
Round Three, Day One
5:00pm-9:55pm

Friday, August 25th
Round Three, Day Two
6:00pm-10:30pm

Saturday, August 26th
Preference Round
3:30pm-9:20 pm

Sunday, August 27th
New Member Induction
5:00pm

What To Bring
Comfortable shoes
An Umbrella (afternoon showers are likely to occur)
Clothing specific to various recruitment rounds

For more information please go to www.ufpanhellenic.com

What To Wear

Potential new members will visit each house. Women may choose to wear simple tank tops or shirts with paired with shorts, Capri pants, or casual skirts. Comfortable sandals are recommended since potential new members will be doing a good deal of walking.

Round 1
This round is similar to the first. Women are encouraged to wear skirts or Capri pants with a simple shirt. This is the philanthropy round, so potential new members should be cautious about wearing jewelry and clothing that they do not want to get glue or paint on.

Round 2
This is the sisterhood round and is more formal than the first two rounds. Potential new members should select outfits that they would wear to a nice dinner. Sundresses or nice skirts and tops are suggested.

Round 3

Preferentials
This round is more serious and formal than the others. Potential new members are encouraged to wear cocktail or semi-formal dresses and heels. Bring comfortable shoes to wear in between parties.


Sorority Finances (Per Semester)

Just as it is important to be informed on the cost surrounding a college education, we think that it is equally important to understand the costs of joining a sorority. Each individual has different financial obligations associated with membership and potential new members are strongly encouraged to ask questions on how are the dues and if there are other fees, outside of dues, that you will be expected to pay if initiated.

A portion of your semester dues will go towards the general operation of the chapter. This generally includes costs associated with membership recruitment, service projects, sisterhood activities, social functions, and special events (Homecoming, Family Weekend, National Conventions, etc.). The first year of membership is normally the most expensive because of one-time new member fees such as national initiation fees. For most chapters the fees for living in the chapter house are comparable to or in many cases less-than living in a residence hall or apartment and having an on-campus meal plan. Room and board, meals, dues, and event costs are included in one lump sum therefore making it cheaper than other living situations.

Average new member fee: $366  
Average in-house cost for a Panhellenic woman: $2,480.69  
range: $1,506.00 - 2,875

Average out-of-house cost for a Panhellenic woman: $1,398.58  
range: $1,051.25 - 1,805.00

Housing

Living in a chapter house is something many members look forward to doing at least one year of their college experience. It’s extremely convenient, economical, and a great way to bond with your fellow sisters and create the memories that will last for a lifetime. All of the chapters have houses either on “sorority row” or other convenient locations on or adjacent to campus. The Panhellenic community takes great pride in this aspect of sorority life at the University of Florida. Chapter houses give members a place to come together for chapter meetings, meals, and other chapter events.

Living in a chapter house is truly a “home away from home”. The day-to-day management of each house is taken care of by a full-time House Director, usually a house mom. There is also a local House Corporation Board which is a group of alumnae that manage the chapter’s finances, hire a professional full-time kitchen staff and advice the upkeep of the facilities. The typical chapter house provides several amenities including spacious dining and study areas, a TV room, and 15 meals a week.

Living in a chapter house is very competitive, and as such the majority of chapter houses only house active, or older, members. New Members typically live in their respective residence halls or off-campus apartments or houses. While new members do not typically live in the house, they are strongly encouraged to visit their chapter house any time throughout the day for meals, to study or just hang out.

Panhellenic Council

Francesca Chiappo  
President

Laura Vance  
Executive VP

Amy Kennedy  
Activities VP

PC Profiles

The Guide to Florida Greeks
**Alpha Chi Omega**

Nickname: Alpha Chi  
Chapter Name: Gamma Iota  
National website: www.alphachiomega.org  
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~alphachi  
Year Founded Nationally: 1885  
Year Founded at UF: 1949  

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
Peaceful Paths, Alpha Chi Omega Foundation,  
The Great Escape  

Description of the Chapter:  
Alpha Chi Omega began at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. It was originally founded as a musical sorority and although we have expanded our membership beyond music students, we still hold a deep appreciation for the fine arts and recognize our original founding with our national symbol of the lyre. Our sisterhood is based on the values of friendship, leadership, and service.  

Please send letters of recommendation to:  
Alpha Chi Omega  
Attn: Recruitment Chair  
820 W. Panhellenic Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32601

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**Alpha Delta Pi**

Nickname: ADPi  
Chapter Name: Gamma Iota  
National website: www.alphadeltapi.org  
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~adpi  
Year Founded Nationally: 1851  
Year Founded at UF: 1948  

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
Ronald McDonald House, Lion Share Challenge featuring Rock the Mic benefiting the Ronald McDonald House  

Description of the Chapter:  
Founded at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, Alpha Delta Pi holds the distinction of being the first secret society in the world for college women. As the model of today’s sorority system, it is only fitting that our founding took place at the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. The qualifications for membership have remained unchanged through the years: scholarship, high principles, strong traditions and true friendships.  

Please send letters of recommendation to:  
Jennifer Van Puymbrouck  
ATTN: ADPi Recruitment  
831 W. Panhellenic Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32601

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**Alpha Epsilon Phi**

Nickname: AEPhi  
Chapter Name: Alpha Tau  
National website: www.aephi.org  
Chapter website: under construction  
Year Founded Nationally: 1909  
Year Founded at UF: 1948  

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:  
AEPhi After Dark benefiting the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Phi Hoops benefiting Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel-Hashomer, Israel.  

Description of the Chapter:  
Alpha Epsilon Phi was founded by seven Jewish women at Barnard College in New York on October 24, 1909. These women had a dream of forming a sorority where exceptional women of all backgrounds, religions interests and varying beliefs would be welcomed with open arms. This sorority would endeavor to foster lifelong friendships and sisterhood, academics, social involvement and community service, all the while providing a home away from home for its members.  

Please send letters of recommendation to:  
Leah Shochat  
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**Alpha Omicron Pi**

Nickname: AOPi  
Chapter Name: Gamma Omicron  
National website: www.alphaomicronpi.org  
Chapter website: www.ufaopi.com  
Year Founded Nationally: 1897  
Year Founded at UF: 1948  

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Arthritis Research and American Juvenile Arthritis Foundation  

Description of the Chapter:  
The Gamma Omicron chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi was one of the first five sororities to be founded at the University of Florida in 1948. AOPi has 178 chartered collegiate chapters and over 300 chartered alumnae chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Our mission as an international women’s fraternity is to “promote friendship for a lifetime, inspire academic excellence and lifelong learning, and develop leadership skills through service to the fraternity and community.”

Please send letters of recommendation to:  
Julie Taube, House Director  
819 W. Panhellenic Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32601

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**Chi Omega**

Nickname: Chi O  
Chapter Name: Eta Delta  
National website: www.chiomega.com  
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~chiomega  
Year Founded Nationally: 1895  
Year Founded at UF: 1948  

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Chi Omega Sandblast Volleyball Tournament benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Description of the Chapter:  
Chi Omega is the largest women’s fraternal organization in the world with 300,000 initiates and 170 collegiate chapters. To its members, however, Chi Omega is more than an organization; providing them with unique opportunities in leadership, in scholarship, and in lifelong friendship. Chi Omega strives to prepare young women to achieve their highest possible aspirations.

Please send letters of recommendation to:  
Anne Davis  
920 SW 6th Street, Apt 219  
Gainesville, FL 32601

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**Delta Delta Delta**

Nickname: Tri Delta  
Chapter Name: Alpha Psi  
National website: www.tridelta.org  
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~tridelta/  
Year Founded Nationally: 1888  
Year Founded at UF: 1948  

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: St. Jude’s Children’s Hosp  

Description of the Chapter:  
Built upon the motto “Let us steadfastly love one another”, Tri-Delta has been building lifelong friendship at the University of Florida for the past fifty-eight years, while fostering an environment where its members can grow socially and intellectually. The pride we all share in our sisterhood, scholarly achievements, leadership, and the service we provide have helped us to become, together, the best we can be, while retaining our unique and individual characteristics.

Please send letters of recommendation to:  
Ashley Aplin  
1134 East Panhellenic Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32601

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**Panhellenic Divisions:**  
Alumnae and Administrative Affairs  
Alcohol Awareness  
Awards  
Greek Relations  
Historian  
Intramurals  
Jr. Panhellenic  
Philanthropy  
Public Relations  
Scholarship  
Service  
Solicitations  
Technology  
Women’s Wellness
Delta Gamma
Nickname: Dee-Gee
Chapter Name: Gamma Theta
National website: deltagamma.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~deltagee
Year Founded Nationally: 1873
Year Founded at UF: 1949

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Anchor Splash benefitting the Delta Gamma Foundation, Gainesville Lions Club, Mind Sight, Dance Marathon, Walk for Hope, Champs, Greek Blood Drive, Over-the-Counter Medicine Drive

Description of the Chapter:
Delta Gamma's primary purpose is to create an environment for its members in which lasting friendships are established. Our lifelong membership provides women with opportunities to grow intellectually and socially. Each school year we renew our commitment toward sisterhood through academic achievement, leadership opportunities on and off campus, intramural sports, service to others, participation in philanthropies and a well-rounded social life. Delta Gamma continues to provide memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Krista Sinardi
808 W Panhellenic Drive
Gainesville, FL 32601

Delta Phi Epsilon
Nickname: DphiE
Chapter Name: Delta Kappa
National website: www.dphie.org
Chapter website: www.ufpanhellenic.com/sororities/dphie.htm
Year Founded Nationally: 1917
Year Founded at UF: 1969

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Deeper Dude benefitting Cystic Fibrosis

Description of the Chapter:
Delta Phi Epsilon develops a social consciousness and a commitment to think and act for the greater good. We assure continuous development and achievement for women by embracing our founding principles of Justice Sisterhood, and Love. We strive to set the standard for sisterhood in an ever-changing world.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Kara Bilstein
1115 SW 9th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Delta Zeta
Nickname: DZ
Chapter Name: Pi Alpha
National website: deltazeta.org
Chapter website: www.esasson.com/DeltaZeta
Year Founded Nationally: 1902
Year Founded at UF: 2002

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Skeet and Trap Competition benefitting the House Evey Institute for the hearing impaired, Boys & Girls Club Caribbean Cruise event

Description of the Chapter:
Delta Zeta continues to snag the campus spotlight in areas of philanthropy, pageantry, athletics and scholastics. The Pi Alpha chapter doubled its members in Cicerones this year, added members in Student Senate and ranked first in GPAs for Delta Zetas in the region. On the individual level, the sisterhood currently showcases the former national champion in rhythmic gymnastics and leadership in the UF Dazzlers and Cheerleading squad. Their first annual Clay Classic skeet shoot garnered great financial success for the House Ear Institute and has already sparked buzz about next year’s competition.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Meaghan Flynn
903 SW 13th Street
Gainesville, FL 32601
Kappa Alpha Theta
Nickname: Theta
Chapter Name: Delta Theta
National website: www.kappaalphatheta.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~thetauf
Year Founded Nationally: 1870
Year Founded at UF: 1960

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Ultimate Dodgeball benefitting Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Description of the Chapter:
Yesterday, today and tomorrow, Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumnae experience and to offer a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of mature life. Kappa Alpha Theta is the first Greek Letter Fraternity known among women. It was established on January 27, 1870 at Indiana Asbury (now DePauw University). Today Kappa Alpha Theta has 120 chapters and 170,000 initiates. Our symbol is the kite-shaped badge, our colors are black and gold, and our flower is the black and gold pansy.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Kappa Alpha Theta
c/o Kate Antonucci (Reference Chair)
715 SW 10th Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Kappa Delta
Nickname: KD
Chapter Name: Beta Pi
National website: www.kappadelta.org
Chapter website: www.ukappadelta.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1897
Year Founded at UF: 1948

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Prevent Child Abuse America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Children's Hospital of Richmond, VA, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Lake Forest Elementary School of Gainesville, hearing-impaired wing

Description of the Chapter:
Kappa Delta's open motto is “Ta Kala Diokomen” meaning “Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest”. Kappa Delta teaches the values of altruism, belief in human dignity and concern for fellow human beings, principles adopted by the sorority’s founders in 1897. There are over 190,000 initiates and 206 chapters nationwide. Our chapter at the University of Florida is proudly among the top ten percent of Kappa Delta Chapters in the nation.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Kappa Delta
Attn: Recruitment Chair
1122 East Panhellenic Drive
Gainesville, FL 32601

Kappa Kappa Gamma
Nickname: Kappa
Chapter Name: Epsilon Phi
National website: www.kkg.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~kkg
Year Founded Nationally: 1870
Year Founded at UF: 1978

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Too Hot to Handle wing eating contest benefitting Reading is Fundamental

Description of the Chapter:
Founded in 1870, Kappa is one of the oldest women’s fraternities. Kappa has a total membership of more than 200,000 women, with 131 collegiate chapters in the United States and Canada and more than 300 alumnae associations worldwide. Kappa promotes, through its standards, a broad college experience and is proud of its programs of consequence, its high standards and adherence to ethical principles, and of its countless members whose accomplishments have provided a better life for others.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Attn: Christine Bowen and Kaitlyn Story
401 SW 13th Street
Gainesville, FL 32601
Phi Mu
Nickname: Phi Mu
Chapter Name: Alpha Nu
National website: www.phimu.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~alpanu
Year Founded Nationally: 1852
Year Founded at UF: 1949

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Homerun Derby and Spaghetti Dinner benefiting Children’s Miracle Network

Description of the Chapter: Phi Mu Fraternity was founded on January 4, 1852 at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. It is the second-oldest Greek letter organization for women. The three defining principles that all Phi Mu women live by are Love, Honor, and Truth, and its members exemplify these qualities in their daily lives. The quatrefoil is Phi Mu’s unique symbol, and it can be found in art and architecture all over the world.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Recruitment Director
1152 E Panhellenic Drive
Gainesville, FL 32601

Pi Beta Phi
Nickname: Pi Phi
Chapter Name: Florida Delta
National website: www.pibetaphi.org
Chapter website: www.ufpibetaphi.com
Year Founded Nationally: 1867
Year Founded at UF: 1969

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Dr. Suess’ Read Across America, Down ‘n Dirty Football Tournament

Description of the Chapter: Pi Beta Phi’s women enjoy much more than just being a Gator and living on Frat Row. They are actively involved throughout our University community and campus, with many elite organizations having Pi Phi representatives. They also have women cheering on our sports teams with the Florida Dazzlers. Service is an important value of the Pi Beta Phi sisterhood, with active involvement in every fraternity and sorority philanthropy. Their philanthropy, Down N Dirty, has the largest fraternity involvement on campus.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Emily Jeffers
37 W. Fraternity Drive
Gainesville, FL 32603

Sigma Kappa
Nickname: Sig Kap
Chapter Name: Beta Tau
National website: www.sigmakappa.org
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~sigkap/main.html
Year Founded Nationally: 1874
Year Founded at UF: 1949

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy: Project that support Alzheimer’s Disease research and gerontology studies. Examples include party with senior citizens center, observance of Inherit the Earth Day, Sigma Shootout Pool Tournament

Description of the Chapter: Sigma Kappa is a social women’s organization with a worldwide sisterhood of 140,000 strong. Together, Sigma Kappa women work toward building a life-long friendship, enhancing their social, intellectual and spiritual character and working to better the community around them. With chapters in 40 states, the vision of Sigma Kappa is to be a premiere Sorority, forever achieving excellence in our chapters and among our members while influencing the lives of others.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Krystle Fernandez
1108 E. Panhellenic Drive
Gainesville, FL 32601
Zeta Tau Alpha

Nickname: Zeta
Chapter Name: Gamma Iota
National website: www.zetataualpha.org/
Chapter website: grove.ufl.edu/~zeta/
Year Founded Nationally: 1898
Year Founded at UF: 1949

Service Project(s) and Philanthropy:
Zeta Linedance benefiting Breast Cancer Education and Awareness

Description of the Chapter:
In 1898, Zeta Tau Alpha was founded by nine women who wanted to intensify friendships in accordance with high levels and to perform such deeds as would conduce to the building up of a purer and nobler womanhood. Brought to the University of Florida in 1949, Zetas still stand with their open motto “seek the noblest” and are a sisterhood constantly bound together in leadership, scholarship, service and love, “the greatest of all things”.

Please send letters of recommendation to:
Jill Williams
8979 SW 44th Lane
Gainesville, FL 32608
**Definitions**

**Ace:** Usually the shortest person on the line of a NPHC or MGC organization.

**Alumni/ae:** Initiated fraternity or sorority members who have graduated from college.

**Basileus:** Synonym for the chapter president used by some NPHC organizations.

**Call:** A vocal sound (sometimes high-pitched) used by members of NPHC and MGC organizations to acknowledge one another.

**Chapter:** The local group of a larger national organization, and designated by a special name, or Greek letters.

**Coming Out Show:** The introduction of a line to campus. This is usually the first full step show/exhibition performed by members of the new member class of a MGC or NPHC organization.

**Continuous Open Bidding (COB or Spring Recruitment):** An informal recruitment process that takes places after the conclusion of Formal Panhellenic recruitment.

**Crossed:** The actual date of initiation into a NPHC or MGC sorority or fraternity.

**Divine Nine:** Term used to describe the nine NPHC affiliate organizations. Also the title of the book that chronicles the history of NPHC groups.

**Formal Panhellenic Recruitment:** A series of events given by each sorority that are designed to introduce sorority life to potential new members. Formal Panhellenic Recruitment is scheduled by the Panhellenic Council.

**Grip:** Secret handshake exchanged by members of NPHC and MGC organizations.

**House Director/House Mom or House Parents:** A person hired by the housing corporation board to live in the chapter house and supervise the day-to-day activities of live-in members.

**IFC Recruitment:** A week-long period in which fraternities and potential new members become acquainted. Initiation: The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of active membership. Each chapter has a different set of requirements in order to be initiated. Interfraternity Council (IFC): The governing body of 27 social fraternities at the University of Florida.

**International/National Headquarters:** The central organization of a particular fraternity or sorority.

**Lavaliere:** A pendant displaying a fraternity’s or sorority’s Greek letters.

**Legacy:** A prospective member whose grandparent, parent, or sibling is an alumnus of, or active in, a particular fraternity or sorority. The exact definition varies from one chapter to another. Each chapter or inter/national organization has its own policy regarding legacies. Please note that most organizations are not obligated to pledge or extend bids to legacies.

**Line:** Term used to describe the members of a new member class in NPHC and MGC organizations.

**Membership Intake:** The process that NPHC and MGC chapters utilize to recruit, interview, select, and initiate new members. The period of membership intake varies from chapter to chapter, but can not exceed 10 weeks.

**National Panhellenic Conference (NPC):** The National Panhellenic Conference is the umbrella organization for 26 national and international women’s fraternities and sororities.

**Neophyte:** A member of the last line to cross in the local chapter of a NPHC or MGC organization.

**New Member:** A member of a fraternity or sorority who has been initiated.

**New Member Educator:** The individual who is the liaison between the new members and the Chapter. This individual is responsible for implementing and monitoring the new member program and preparing the new members for initiation.

**New Member Program:** A period of education when new members learn the history, ideals, and values of fraternity and sorority life. The time frame of the New Member program varies for each chapter but can not exceed 10 weeks.

**Philanthropy:** A charitable event or service project sponsored by a sorority or fraternity.

**Pledge:** See New Member Program.

**Pledgeship:** See New Member Program.

**Potential New Member (PNM):** A college woman who is participating in Formal Panhellenic recruitment in the Fall.

**Prophyte:** A seasoned member of a NPHC or MGC organization. A neophyte becomes a prophyte after another line is initiated.

**Recommendation (Rec Letter):** A personal letter of reference provided by an alumnus of national sorority or fraternity to the local chapter at UF. Letters of recommendation do NOT guarantee a bid from a sorority or fraternity.

**Recruitment (Rush) Chair:** An active member of a sorority or fraternity who is in charge of all recruitment efforts for the chapter.

**Recruitment Counselor (Pi Chi):** A trained sorority member who has disaffiliated herself from her chapter during Formal Panhellenic Recruitment in order to counsel and assist women in make informed decisions during recruitment.

**Stroll or party hop:** A line dance done by members of NPHC or MGC organizations (usually at a party or step show).

**The Set:** Area on Turlington Plaza where MGC and NPHC groups table and congregate. Also the location of several coming out shows.
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