



KU Sorority and Fraternity Life Newsletter

Hello HQ/Regional Volunteer Staff,

On behalf of the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) at The University of Kansas (KU), we hope your academic year is off to a strong start. As the community begins to take on another semester of exciting things, we would like to share a number of updates.

We are excited to share a major milestone for our office. Since fall 2024, we have grown from a team of four to an office of eight dedicated professionals and four graduate assistants. This change includes new positions focused on external partnerships, student learning and well-being, and community development, strengthening our ability to support the chapters and community.

This growth allows us to provide more proactive, specialized, and responsive support to chapters while strengthening relationships across campus, within the broader KU community, and with all the stakeholders who support the KU chapters. We are energized by the opportunities this expansion creates and look forward to continuing to elevate the sorority and fraternity experience for all members.

For an updated list of staff and graduate students along with supporting roles, please visit the [website](#). Please make sure to update your database from our staff section on our website to ensure you reach the correct staff member for certain needs.

Community Snapshot

The SFL community continues to thrive, with total membership now at 4,875, reflecting an increase of over 600 members since the end of the Spring 2025 semester. This growth is paired with strong student success outcomes.

- SFL members have a 71.2% four-year graduation rate, compared to 50.7% for non-members.
- 94.7% of first-time KU students who affiliate with an SFL organization return for their second year, compared to 84.7% of their non-SFL peers.

In 2026, we look forward to welcoming three new organizations, bringing our total to 46 recognized chapters and further strengthening our vibrant and growing community.

Community Programs

Community Standards

The [Community Standards Program](#) is designed to strengthen the membership experience at KU by outlining clear expectations for chapter operations, accountability, and success. While chapter leadership is responsible for meeting Community Standards, the process is a collaborative effort between chapters, governing councils, and SFL staff. Community Standards also serve as an annual self-evaluation tool, empowering the community to assess performance, receive recognition, and play an active role in shaping how organizations contribute to the greater KU community.

Each semester, chapters must complete at least 90% of the required standards by Stop Day, the day after the last day of classes, to be eligible to receive a grade report. Grade reports are generated once all required data has been shared to our office by the institution. Fall grade reports will be shared in January, while spring grade reports will be produced during the summer.

Advance

Advance is a leadership program designed to support chapter presidents and officers. The program focuses on skill development, community and relationship building, and equipping participants with the tools and resources needed to be successful in their roles.

Safer Spring Break

This spring, we are partnering with the [Health Education Resource Office](#) to promote safer spring break strategies on our social media. Our staff will also provide safer spring break planning resources to each council.

Beak Week

In March, we will host our first annual Beak Week - a week of community building and collaborative fun for all sorority and fraternity life chapters on campus. With a focus on friendly competition and philanthropy, KU's four SFL Councils - Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MCG), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Panhellenic Association (PHA) - will be partnering with organizations, charities, and local businesses to compete for a wide variety of causes.

Awards

The purpose of the awards program is to recognize chapters and individuals who exemplify our five core values: Academic Achievement, Civic & Community Engagement, Belonging, Personal & Professional Development, and Holistic Wellness, both within their organizations and across the KU community.

Interfraternity Council Updates

The Interfraternity Council will host its spring recruitment event at [Chicken N Pickle](#) in Overland Park, KS on Sunday, April 26th. This event provides chapters that are recruiting their next class with an opportunity to connect with prospective students and families in a fun, welcoming environment. Student participants can jump-start their recruitment experience by engaging with

chapters. In addition, pickleball and other outdoor activities will be available, creating a relaxed and interactive approach to recruitment.

Calendar

Linked [here](#) is a calendar of upcoming Sorority & Fraternity Life meetings, programs, and key deadlines. Thank you for your continued support of the KU community.

We appreciate the continued collaboration with your organization, and hope the information is useful as you support your members through the spring semester.

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