

SFL April Newsletter

As we move closer to the end of the semester, April is an important month for the Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) community as we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please continue to prioritize member well-being, and celebrate the impact of the chapters across campus. We encourage all members to stay engaged by attending upcoming programs, supporting one another, and taking advantage of the resources available through the office.

Office Update

The Sorority and Fraternity Life office is expanding in a meaningful way with the addition of two new professional staff members dedicated to supporting the community! We will be welcoming **Hugh Sidabutar** as the Program Coordinator for Leadership Development and **Lauren Griffin** as the Program Coordinator for Student Learning and Risk Reduction, both starting on June 1st. Their work will bring new energy and intentionality to how we support chapters, develop leaders, and foster a culture rooted in growth, accountability, and connection across our SFL community.

Community Standards

The LAST due date for Community Standards is Friday, May 8th. Information can be found in the [Community Standards Packet](#) or on the University of Kansas [SFL website](#). If you have any issues or concerns, please reach out to your assigned chapter support staff member.

As a reminder, chapters must complete 90% of the required forms to receive a Spring 2026 grade report. You can track your chapter's progress and view any remaining forms by checking the [Community Standards Tracker](#).

Council Information

[Interfraternity Council \(IFC\)](#)

On Sunday, April 26th, from 4:00-7:00pm, the Interfraternity Council will be hosting a spring recruitment event at Chicken N Pickle in Overland Park, KS. This event is a great opportunity to connect with potential new members in a relaxed, social environment while showcasing the strengths of the IFC community as a whole. We are excited to see different chapters represented while engaging, building relationships, and creating a welcoming experience for potential new members.

On Monday, May 4th at 7:00pm in Budig Hall 120, IFC will host KU alum Mark Mears. A member of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Mark will share insights on how leadership, personal branding, and using the right resources can help prepare IFC members for career success. This event is open to all IFC members, and more details will be shared soon.

[Multicultural Greek Council \(MGC\)](#)

On April 11th, the Multicultural Greek Council brought its annual formal to life at the Burge Union. The night blended culture and celebration with Indian food, henna, and a packed dance floor that kept the energy high. Attendees also had the chance to win prizes through a raffle, while superlatives and recognitions highlighted the standout members who made an impact this year.

[National Pan-Hellenic Council \(NPHC\)](#)

Join the National Pan-Hellenic Council on May 2nd at Ascher Plaza for an exciting Yard Show celebrating culture, community, and tradition! The event will kick off at 3:00pm with food trucks and field games, giving attendees the chance to connect, have fun, and enjoy the atmosphere. The Yard Show will begin at 5:00pm, featuring dynamic performances that showcase the pride, unity, and legacy of NPHC organizations. Come out to support and experience an unforgettable afternoon!

[Panhellenic Association \(PHA\)](#)

On April 26 from 3:00–4:30 p.m., the Panhellenic Association will host PHA Experience Day, a virtual session for prospective students and families to learn about the value of joining the Panhellenic community. Topics include academic support and mentorship, financial expectations, the recruitment process, and leadership and service opportunities.

Later this month, the Panhellenic Association will host its annual Health & Safety Speaker session. On April 28th at 7:00pm in Budig 120, Bonny Shade will lead an engaging and educational conversation on sexual violence and assault prevention. All sorority women in PHA, MGC, and NPHC are welcome to attend this important program, which offers an opportunity to strengthen understanding and build skills to better support their peers.

SFL Programs

[Beak Week](#)

As the first-ever Beak Week comes to a close, we would like to thank all of the chapters that participated in the events. From the Banner Competition, Positivity Wall & Letters of Love, Newspaper Fashion Show, Field Day, and the Talent Show, your engagement and excitement made the week truly special. This week provided valuable insights, and we are excited to use what we have learned to enhance next year's Beak Week.



Regardless of your level of participation, we invite you to share your feedback through the [survey](#) to

help us continue improving the experience.

[SFL Awards](#)

We would like to thank everyone that attended and submitted nominations for the annual Sorority and Fraternity Life Awards this past March. To all council leadership, chapter leadership, volunteers, and members, we appreciate the leadership, time, and effort you invest in your chapters every day to create meaningful experiences across the entirety of the SFL community. We as a staff are beyond grateful for all that you do.



We as well would like to congratulate the Chapter of the Year Award Recipients, Sigma Phi Epsilon, alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Kappa Alpha Theta!

We look forward to an exciting end of the academic year and we hope to see you all at our next SFL Awards Ceremony.

Upcoming Events & Programs

[Made for March](#)

Make sure to tune in to the new docuseries "Made for March", now streaming, where it gives unprecedented access to the Kansas Jayhawks and Hall of Fame coach Bill Self during a high-stakes season of college basketball.

Sign up for Paramount+ at this unique [link](#) today!



[Chapter Officer Wellness Resource](#)

As a leader for your chapter, it is likely that members may come to you with challenges that they or

others are facing. Additionally, if your responsibilities include serving on your chapter's judicial/standards board, you may identify a member who is struggling and have an opportunity to connect them to resources for support. The [Chapter Officer Wellness Resource](#) outlines campus resources that you can refer a member to in times of need. Please review this resource and share it with all members who serve in leadership roles for your chapter.

[SFL Communities at The K](#)

On Saturday, April 25th, at 6:00pm, the Kansas City Royals will be hosting a Sorority & Fraternity Life Night for students from multiple universities to watch the Royals play against the Anaheim Angels! Along with the game, this is an amazing networking opportunity for students to be able to connect with each other.

- **Parking:** General Admission Parking: \$15 per pass, Bus Parking: \$40 per bus pass (Please note: Pricing is valid when purchased directly through your representative and may vary if purchased elsewhere.)

- **Schools attending:** Kansas State University, UMKC, Missouri Southern State, Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri State, Emporia, Washburn, and Baker.

If your chapter is still interested in purchasing tickets, please reach out to Shelby Spencer at Shelby.Spencer@royals.com for availability.

This event is not sponsored by the KU Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life or the University of Kansas.

[One Day One KU](#)

One Day One KU will take place April 28th–29th. This annual, 24-hour giving event brings together alumni, students, families, and supporters to invest in programs, organizations, and initiatives across the University of Kansas. Thanks to those chapters that have been working with KU Endowment to register and participate. If your chapter is not participating this year, we still encourage you to support by engaging with and promoting campaigns across all four governing councils. Amplifying these initiatives is a meaningful way to support the Sorority and Fraternity Life community. Check in with your governing council's social media to donate and share.

[Finals Week & Commencement](#)

Finals Week will take place May 11th -15th, followed by Commencement on May 17th. We know how stressful this time can be so make sure you are taking care of yourself, leaning on your friends, and doing your best to finish strong. Our staff is especially excited to celebrate our graduating members as commencement approaches. It's a very big moment and we are so proud of everything you have accomplished and the impact that you all have had on this community.

[SFL Conference Wall Feature Competition](#)

We are excited to invite students to submit proposals for a unique opportunity to leave a lasting mark on our community by contributing to the SFL office conference wall. This featured installation will showcase student creativity through either an original painted mural or a curated photographic piece.

Students may submit a proposal for:

- A painted mural design, or
- A photography concept (single image or cohesive series)

The selected artists will bring their vision to life as a central visual element for the SFL Conference Wall, representing creativity, SFL /KU community, and the spirit of the campus.

The winning submission will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, along with the opportunity to have their work prominently displayed in the SFL Office. It also serves as a great opportunity for someone's personal portfolio.

Proposals should include:

- A visual mock-up, sketch, or sample images
- A brief written concept (1–2 paragraphs) explaining the inspiration and vision
- Any relevant previous work or portfolio (optional but encouraged)

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Feasibility and execution potential

Timeline:

- Submission Deadline: June 1st
- Winner Announced: June 15th
- Installation/Completion: Fall 26 semester.

This is a chance to showcase your talent, gain recognition, and contribute to a meaningful and lasting campus feature. We encourage students from all artistic backgrounds to apply.

For questions, please contact: Alli Engel, Senior Associate Director at alli@ku.edu.

To submit your proposal, submit the [SFL Conference Wall Competition form](#).

Community Highlights

Alpha Delta Pi

Evanna Dominic of Alpha Delta Pi hosted a Narcan and fentanyl test strip workshop on March 28th from 11:00am - 3:00 pm. The workshop included an educational presentation on the opioid crisis, a pharmacy student panel, and a hands on portion. Participants learned how to use Narcan and fentanyl strips and were awarded a certification to validate the credential.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

At the 96th Mid-Western Regional Conference, the Delta Chapter received the SOAR Award which recognizes outstanding programming during the 2025 program year. They had programs that enhanced the university and community and met the guidelines for the sorority's program initiatives.



[Alpha Kappa Lambda](#)

The Delta chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda recently participated in the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Kansas. Through strong member engagement and collective effort, the chapter raised \$3,790, earning the recognition for Most Money Raised, and finished \$2,215 ahead of the second-highest fundraising organization. All funds raised, directly supports Special Olympics athletes and programs across the state of Kansas.



This accomplishment was made possible by the leadership of Philanthropy Chair Zach Zaldivar, whose organization and dedication helped rally the chapter around a meaningful cause. The event reflects Alpha Kappa Lambda's continued commitment to service, philanthropy, and positively impacting the local community.

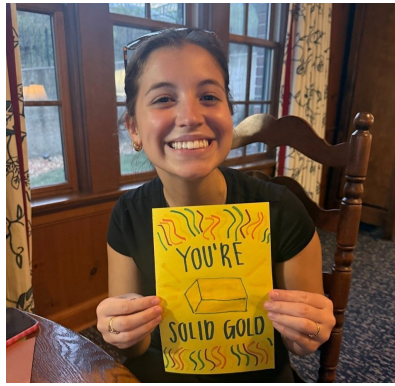
[Delta Delta Delta](#)

Delta Delta Delta held their annual philanthropy event, Delta Diner & Pie a President. They had over 20 presidents volunteer to get pied to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In total they raised over \$11,000 at their event and are so grateful for everyone who supported them.



[Kappa Kappa Gamma](#)

Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted a meaningful Letters of Love x Kappa Kappa Gamma event, where members came together to write heartfelt, encouraging letters for children in hospitals. The chapter loved getting to be part of something so impactful while spending time together.



To make the night even more fun and engaging, they also set up a “dirty soda” bar with different syrups, creams, and mix-ins, which added a creative and social element to the event. It was the perfect combination of service and sisterhood, allowing them to give back while also building connections within their chapter!

Newsletter Highlights Submission

This form collects chapters and council highlights to feature in the Sorority & Fraternity Life Newsletter. Please share events, programs, or moments that showcase the achievements and accomplishments of your members and chapters. Submissions for the August newsletter are being collected now. Please submit them by **July 24th, 2026**.

[Link to the form](#)

Examples of Submissions:

- Chapter or council awards
- Individual member recognitions
- New programs, initiatives, or events
- Community service or philanthropic successes
- Other notable accomplishments or milestones

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