



Hello Headquarters Staff,

On behalf of the Sorority & Fraternity Life (SFL) Staff, we hope your academic year is off to a strong start! As we begin another exciting semester, we are pleased to share several updates, including staff growth, upcoming community programs, health and safety initiatives, and updates from the Panhellenic Association (PHA) community.

Our staff continues to grow, and we are grateful for the talented team of professionals and graduate students who support our students, chapters, and broader SFL community. Each member of our team plays an important role in advancing the work of the office and providing support across our four councils and 45 organizations.

To learn more about our staff and graduate students, including their individual roles and areas of support, please visit the [SFL website](#).

Community Programs

Community Standards

The [Community Standards Program](#) is designed to strengthen the membership experience at The University of Kansas 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

Due each semester by Stop Day, the day after the last day of classes, chapters must complete at least 90% of the required standards 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. The timeline for fall grade reports will be shared in early January, and spring grade reports will be produced during the summer.

SFL Advance

Each semester, chapter leaders participate in SFL Advance, a leadership program focused on community connection, goal setting, and educational development. This semester will include a new Wellness & Risk prevention track centered on holistic wellness, safety, and well-being. Chapter presidents, wellness and risk prevention representatives, and council executive officers will engage in sessions on leadership, burnout, peer support, and other topics relevant to their roles. SFL Advance for the Fall semester will be held tonight, September 16.

Health and Safety Initiatives

National Hazing Prevention Week

The University of Kansas observes National Hazing Prevention Week each September through a partnership between SFL, Student Conduct & Community Standards (SCCS), and the Health Education Resource Office (HERO). The week features campus-wide education and awareness efforts promoting belonging, accountability, and hazing prevention, which includes tabling, workshops, lunch-and-learns, and programs with Order of Omega Honor Society.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

During the third week of October, SFL partners with HERO to recognize National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. "Sip Smart" includes educational campaigns, mocktail events, giveaways, and interactive resources that encourage students to make informed decisions, reduce risk, and support a healthy campus culture.

Flu Shot Clinic & Wellness Fair

This year, SFL is partnering with Watkins Health Services to host a Flu Shot Clinic and Wellness Event in conjunction with the University's participation in the Collegiate Flu Challenge. The event provides students with convenient access to flu vaccinations while connecting them with campus resources that support holistic well-being.

What Works

SFL is joining the fourth cohort of the [What Works Study](#), led by [The Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research](#) at Penn State University. The study brings together students and campus partners from colleges and universities across the country to implement and assess research-informed hazing prevention strategies designed to strengthen

participating campuses will use research and student feedback to develop hazing prevention strategies tailored to their communities. This will include a new signature hazing prevention program for all SFL students at KU. The SFL office will provide opportunities for students to engage in the study throughout the duration of this partnership.

Panhellenic Association Updates



PHA celebrated another successful Fall Formal Recruitment! This year, 1,057 women joined the Panhellenic community, beginning their membership journey across the chapters. We are grateful to the chapter leaders, recruitment counselors, advisors, volunteers, and campus partners who helped support the recruitment experience and welcome the newest PHA members to the KU Sorority & Fraternity Life community.

On November 10 at 7 p.m. in the Budig Auditorium, Nicki Rowlett will be presenting about redefining a "good sisterhood" and diving into what being a part of a sisterhood really means. Nicki will also present about how to create a more inclusive community and being less siloed by being conscious of language, terminology, and implicit narratives that people face.

Linked [HERE](#) is a calendar of upcoming SFL 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.

Sincerely,

The Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life

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