



Office Updates

The Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life is excited to begin another academic year and reconnect with our students, alumni, advisors, campus partners, and friends of the SFL community.

This fall, we are excited to welcome five new team members: Saul Reza, Communications Coordinator; Lauren Griffin, Program Coordinator for Student Learning & Risk Reduction; Hugh Sidabutar, Program Coordinator for Leadership Development; and Graduate Assistants Carson Cole and Josh Schatzel. Learn more about our team and view the full SFL staff list on the [SFL website](#).

As the semester gets underway, chapters are encouraged to tag or message SFL on social media with recruitment, event, and philanthropy content you would like us to share.

Our [public SFL Google Calendar](#) has also been updated for Fall 2026. Check it regularly for upcoming events, deadlines, and important dates, and let our staff know if there is anything we should add.

Community Updates

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Rock Chalk Recharge Recap



On Tuesday, August 25, our office hosted a welcome back event for our community, Rock Chalk Recharge. This event allowed us to reconnect with our community members all while playing games, sharing raffle prizes, and enjoying some Kona Ice. It was great to see our community back together and kicking off another semester at KU!

Reach Week 2026

The Student Engagement Center (SEC) will host three consecutive days of involvement fairs for registered student organizations to participate in as part of their annual Reach Week.

This year SFL Tabling Day will be on **Monday, September 14, from 12-3 p.m. in the Burge Union.**

If your organization was successfully able to register, confirmation emails will be sent to participating groups by **Friday, September 4.**

SFL Advance Leadership Program

SFL Advance is a leadership training that happens once a semester for all presidents and council executive boards that is focused on preparing students for their next semester of leadership!

This semester, SFL Advance will also include a student wellness track that will focus on the KU SFL core value of holistic wellness, providing participants with education and resources to promote safety and well-being within their chapters and councils. Advance will be held on **Wednesday, September 16, from 5-8 p.m.** in the Kansas Room in the Kansas Memorial Union and dinner will be provided. Each chapter is required to have their chapter president and their wellness/risk representative attend the event. If a chapter does not have an officer with these specific responsibilities, they

[CLICK HERE to RSVP](#), please fill this out if you will be a participating chapter president, risk/wellness representative, or council executive board member.

National Hazing Prevention Week

Save the date! National Hazing Prevention Week (NHPW) is September 21-25! NHPW is a week dedicated to raising awareness about hazing, promoting healthy and meaningful membership experiences, and empowering students and organizations to take an active role in preventing hazing. Join SFL and campus partners for a week full of events!

Sept. 21: Hawks Don't Haze Tabling with SFL & SCCS and Order of Omega Chalking | 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Wescoe Beach

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Sept. 23: Lunch & Learn with SFL & SCCS | 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | SMRC Classroom

Sept. 24: “Liquid Courage” Tabling with HERO | 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Wescoe Beach

KU Hazing Policy

As we begin a new academic year, SFL remains committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and values-based community for all students. Hazing has no place within the KU community, and every member plays a role in creating environments where students are treated with dignity and respect. We encourage students, advisors, alumni and other community partners to understand KU's expectations, recognize concerning behaviors, and know how to report potential hazing.

Hazing is defined at KU under the [Code of Students Rights and Responsibilities Section VI, A, 9](#).

To learn more about hazing prevention efforts at KU or to submit a report, visit the Student Conduct & Community Standards website [HERE](#).

RealResponse Implementation

[RealResponse](#) is a new initiative allowing students, faculty, staff, or community members to anonymously report a hazing or conduct concern to Student Conduct and Community Standards (SCCS). When a report is created, the phone number associated with the report is anonymized to keep their identity and data protected. Concerns can be reported to RealResponse via text message and WhatsApp at [785-333-4458](tel:785-333-4458) and email at tellsomeone@ku.realresponse.com.

For more information, visit the [RealResponse](#) site or click [HERE](#) to read a press release from Student Affairs.

Family Weekend

We're excited to welcome students and families during KU Family Weekend! Join SFL on **Friday, October 2, from 1:00–3:30 p.m.** in the Hawks Nest at the Kansas Union to connect with SFL staff, learn more about our community, test your knowledge with SFL Trivia, prizes, and light food and refreshments.

We hope you and your families join us!

[RSVP Here](#)

Homecoming 2026 Float Supply Request & Parade Information

To help support your Homecoming float, SFL will provide up to \$80 in float-building supplies per SFL pairing. Each pairing may submit one supply request, so please coordinate with the other chapters in your pairing to determine your needs and designate one representative to complete the request form.

Please review your assigned pairing and submit your [Float Supplies Request Form](#) as soon as possible.

Reminder: All parade pairings must also register for the parade by **October 9**. For parade registration, **pairings must submit one registration together**. Be sure to review the parade guidelines, safety requirements, and deadlines before registering.

Questions? Contact Lydia Summers at lydia.summers@ku.edu.

Wellness & Academic Resources

Be Well @ KU supports students' health, well-being, and safety. Visit the [Be Well @ KU website](#) for campus resources and follow [@bewellku](#) for additional tips and strategies.

Wingspan Center for Learning and Writing Support provides academic coaching, tutoring, supplemental instruction, writing support, and workshops. Explore services on the [Wingspan website](#) or schedule an appointment through Jayhawk GPS/Navigate.

SFL Fee Waiver

The SFL fee waiver for the Spring 2027 semester is open and closes on Thursday, October 1st. Fee waivers can be submitted online through KU Engage linked [HERE](#).

Council Updates

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

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IFC will be hosting a New Member Education event on September 26 that is required for all Fall 2026 IFC new members. The event will be hosted in the Burge Union Forum CD from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

MGC has just completed their MGC Week of events. The week consisted of a day of games, treats on Wescoe Beach, and an MGC potluck where each organization shared cultural dishes with each other.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

NPHC will be hosting NPHC Week from September 8-12. NPHC Week consists of events centered on service, social, and educational programming. It also gives an opportunity to learn more about all the NPHC sororities and fraternities on campus at an event called, "Meet the Greeks," which will be hosted Tuesday, September 8 in the Kansas Union Big 12 Room. Tune into their Instagram page [@ku_nphc](#) for updates and event schedules.

Panhellenic Association (PHA)

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. We look forward to seeing the connections, leadership, and experiences these new members will build throughout their time at KU!

Chapter Highlights

Delta Chi

Delta Chi was recently awarded the President's Cup, which is an award given to the best chapter in the division. Chapter president Hogan Hodge accepted this award at Delta Chi's 64th Convention in Indianapolis this past summer.



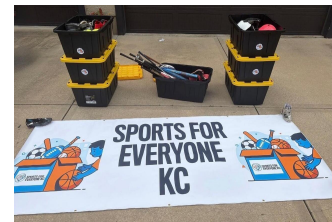
Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

Member Sierra Alacron (right) assisted in the creation of the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) student group on campus with her co-chair, Aiden. Her goal was to create a space where BSW students can connect, build community, and acquire academic and professional support.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Member Andrea Ceja started a nonprofit organization with her friends over the summer. The nonprofit, Sports for Everyone KC, recycles old sports equipment and gear to give to local sports teams, schools, and families through collaborative events with the schools!



Delta Gamma

Morgan Van Essen, chapter president, attended the Delta Gamma Convention this summer in Dallas, Texas representing the KU Beta Kappa chapter. Delta Gamma was awarded three different awards: Outstanding Fundraising Award in Region 5 for 24-25 and 25-26, Outstanding Communication Award for 24-25 and 25-26 for their communication with Alumnae, advisors, and their chapter, and the Boersma Award for Outstanding Collegiate Communications which is only awarded to one out of 151 chapters.

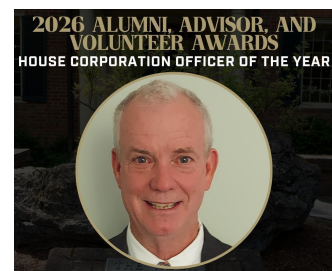
Over the summer chapter advisor, Sarah Smoot, and chapter president, Megan Van Essen, collaborated with VanGo, which is an art based social service in Lawrence that empowers at risk youths through an art apprenticeship. Delta Gamma was commissioned for their own Delta Gamma x Audio Reader Bench that will sit outside of Audio Reader to showcase their ongoing relationship with VanGo through Service for Sight, which is Delta Gamma's philanthropy.

Megan Van Essen, Sarah Smoot, and Maddie Powell attended the unveiling on July 24 in Lawrence at Audio Reader.



Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu Fraternity awarded Kansas Alum James C. Wilkinson the House Corporation Officer of the Year Award for the 2025-2026 academic year. This award is given to those who have shown outstanding work in developing a plan of action for renovation, upkeep, and maintenance of the chapter home and its property in collaboration with chapter officers, members, alumni and university administration.



Jim graduated from KU in 1980 with a degree in Architecture and has served as Vice President of the Nu (Kansas) House Corporation since 2020. Jim has co-led the effort to facilitate a major capital campaign of \$4 million to renovate the Stubb's Mansion, home of the Nu Chapter. He has recently committed to a leadership role in an upcoming \$12 million capital campaign for further renovations and expansion.

Sigma Chi

The Kappa Associate Chapter of Sigma Chi continues to build up on momentum with membership and plans to be reinstalled this fall semester. Associate brothers attended a summer leadership workshop hosted by Sigma Chi International Fraternity in Bowling Green, Ohio. Over the summertime, associate brothers partook in various internships across the country and served their local communities.



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