



Hello SFL community!

We are a couple months into the school year, and we hope it has been treating you well!

As the semester continues to ramp up, we wanted to provide you with some resources to help you enjoy upcoming holidays safely.

Community Updates

National Hazing Prevention Week Recap



Thank you to all of the students who participated in National Hazing Prevention Week. We had so much fun connecting with our campus partners to create prevention programming for the KU community. Our programming was 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.

Order of Omega Membership Registration Open

Order of Omega has opened membership applications for the Fall 2026 semester!

Order of Omega honors undergraduate sorority and fraternity leaders who exemplify high standards in scholarship, leadership, and involvement within both their own organizations and the broader SFL community.

To be eligible for membership, you must...

- Be an active, initiated members in good standing of a University of Kansas affiliated sorority or fraternity.
- Have been enrolled for one full academic year at the University of Kansas
- Rank academically above the all-Greek average

Applications are open now and will close on **October 19**. [Click here to apply.](#)

Homecoming Parade

The KU Homecoming Parade will be held on **Friday, October 23 from 6-8 p.m. on Jayhawk Boulevard**. Staging for the parade will begin on Memorial Drive facing west. **The parade will start at the Chi Omega**

Fountain, march down Jayhawk Boulevard, and conclude at 13th and Jayhawk Boulevard.

For chapters wishing to participate in the KU Homecoming parade, **you must register with the Alumni Association by 5 p.m. this Friday, October 9 [here](#)**. Whether your chapter just wants to walk in the parade or have a float, your chapter/group **[must register](#)**. Guidelines for the parade can be found [here](#).

The KU Homecoming Parade Committee is currently working with local partners to supply trucks **for float groups participating in the Homecoming Parade**. We encourage float groups to ask around your chapters to see if someone has a truck/vehicle they would be willing to use for the parade. **If your group is in need of a truck, please email lydia.summers@ku.edu**.

If you have additional questions about the Homecoming Parade, email programs@ku.edu or homecoming@kualumni.org.

For SFL specific Homecoming questions, please email lydia.summers@ku.edu.

Beak Week Chair Applications

Beak Week Chair applications have officially been opened! Beak Week is an annual week of events for the SFL community. Chapters in the community team up across councils to compete throughout the week to be recognized at the SFL Awards ceremony.

Beak Week Chairs are responsible for the planning and implementation of Beak Week events. This opportunity is a great way to get involved in and create meaningful events for the SFL community.

Chair positions include:

- Co-Lead
- Theme Chair
- Community Engagement Chair
- Field Day Chair
- Talent Show Chair
- Media Chair

Applications can be made [here](#); position descriptions can be found at the top of the form.

Applications close on October 25.

October Health and Wellness Events

October is packed with opportunities to prioritize your health, wellness, and safety! Check out these upcoming SFL events and resources designed to help you make informed decisions, take care of yourself and others, and enjoy the fall season safely.

Sip Smart: Dirty Soda Bar with HERO

Tuesday, October 13 | 5-7 p.m. | Kansas Union, Ascher Plaza

Join SFL and HERO for Sip Smart, an interactive harm-reduction experience featuring a fun Dirty Soda Bar! This is a come-and-go event, so drop in whenever you can!

SFL Flu Shot Clinic & Wellness Event

Wednesday, October 28 | 12-2 p.m. | Kansas Union, Big XII Room

Students can receive a flu vaccination while learning about campus resources that support holistic well-being. Stop by, get your flu shot, learn about available resources, pick up a travel wellness kit, have a snack, and take a few minutes to prioritize your health! Follow SFL social media for additional event details and updates.

There will also be a competition element for chapters participating in the SFL Flu Shot Clinic & Wellness Event. The three chapters that have the highest percentage of their membership visit will receive a snack basket and a shout out on our Instagram! We'll also share which council had the highest percentage of participation on our Instagram too.

What to bring: Bring your insurance card and KU ID. Required forms will be provided at the clinic or can be requested from Watkins in advance. Financial assistance is available for students who do not have insurance or whose insurance does not cover the full cost.

Visit [Watkins Health Services](#) for additional details.

Homecoming, Fall Break & Halloween: Health & Safety Tips

Fall is full of celebrations, travel, and opportunities to spend time with friends. Whether you're heading home for fall break, celebrating Homecoming, or dressing up for Halloween, make a plan to look out for yourself and your community.

- **Celebrate respectfully:** Avoid costumes, themes, or activities that are culturally demeaning, stereotypical, or insulting to others.
- **Stay hydrated:** Drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially when you're outside, active, or consuming alcohol (if you're of legal age).
- **Look out for your people:** Check in on your chapter members and friends. Make sure everyone is having a good time and has a safe way to get home.
- **Have a plan for safe travel:** Know how you're getting to and from events before you go. Identify a designated sober driver, use available transportation options, or make arrangements to stay somewhere safe.
- **Make space for everyone:** Not everyone wants to go out and that's okay! Consider organizing an alternative activity for chapter members and friends who prefer a quieter or substance-free way to celebrate.

Plan a movie night, grab dinner at a new restaurant on Mass St., host a game night, or find another activity everyone can enjoy!

- **Remember - safety is a shared responsibility:** Looking out for one another helps create a healthier and more connected SFL community.

Council Updates

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

IFC Executive Board applications are currently open! [Applications are due here](#) to the IFC KU Engage Page on **Sunday, October 18 by 11:59 p.m.** Information can be found at the top of the application.

For any questions, please reach out to the IFC President, Daniel Woo, at ifcpresident.ku@gmail.com.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Interest forms for the MGC Executive Board for the 2027 cycle will be sent out on **Tuesday, November 3** and elections will take be held on **Tuesday, December 1**.

For any questions, please reach out to the MGC President, Sareena Kandalkar, at kumgcpresident@gmail.com.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Applications for NPHC Executive Board are now open! [Apply here](#) before the **Wednesday, November 11** general assembly meeting.

For any questions, please reach out to the NPHC President, Dakota Harris, at kunphcpresident@gmail.com.

Panhellenic Association (PHA)

PHA will be hosting their annual fall speaker event on **Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m.** PHA will be having Nicki Joiner come in and chat with the community about what it means to create an inclusive space and how to make sure you create an accessible environment within your chapter and the greater community.

Community Highlights

Alpha Kappa Lambda



On Monday, September 28, brother Ben Anderson received the prestigious Robert E. Jacoby II Memorial Scholarship Award at the inaugural John Yorke Memorial Scholarship Dinner in the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity house. The Ochino Foundation awarded Ben with a scholarship of \$3,250.

Ben is currently a senior majoring in Human Biology with a minor in East Asian Language - Chinese (Mandarin). Ben recently served as Recruitment Chair and he carries a 3.85 cumulative GPA and a 4.00 STEM GPA. He is currently working towards applying to medical school upon his graduation from KU. During his time in his chapter, he has fully exhibited the Five Ideals of AKL: Judeo-Christian Principles, Scholarship, Leadership, Loyalty, and Self-Support.

Delta Delta Delta



On September 23, 2026, Tri Delta hosted its annual "K In A Day" philanthropy event, raising over \$100,000 in support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, surpassing their goal of \$50,000 in 24 hours. 50K In A Day is both a hybrid and in-person philanthropy event that provides friends, family, and community members with the opportunity to contribute through an online fundraiser and a carnival-themed celebration.

This year, Theta Omega exceeded its goal by raising \$112,820 in only 24 hours for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The chapter reached its initial \$50,000 goal within three hours and surpassed \$100,000 within twelve hours!

Theta Omega extends its sincere gratitude to the SFL, KU, and Lawrence communities for their generous support of St. Jude and Tri Delta's organizational partnership. The generosity and involvement of our community made this year's event an incredible success, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who donated, participated, and helped spread awareness of St. Jude and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

We look forward to continuing our philanthropic efforts with our next event, Sincerely Yours, a letter-writing campaign, taking place near the end of the Fall 2026 semester.

Sigma Phi Epsilon



On Saturday, August 29, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon participated in the Super Service Saturday event hosted by the Center for Community Outreach (CCO). Members were split off into multiple groups and were assigned with cleaning up weeds, painting sheds, moving rocks, and various other outdoor tasks. These projects that members participated in were meant to help prepare the organization for the upcoming season changes.

**SFL Community Highlight
Submission**

Rock Chalk

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