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Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life Newsletter

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WELCOME

From the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life

Hi students, faculty, staff, and colleagues!
After a long hiatus, the SFL newsletter is back! We are excited to start off this new semester with you all and look forward to showing you all the SFL community is up to.

Our newsletter will be distributed each month starting in February 2024. Each issue will consist of updates from the SFL Office and SFL councils. Additionally, there will be sections for Upcoming Events, Event Recaps, Founders' Days, Community Standards, and Table Talks.

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Upcoming newsletter content

If you have information or updates for content, fun facts, or more, send them to kusfl@ku.edu for a possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

Council Updates

Here is a quick review of what some of our councils have been up to!

- Our National Pan Hellenic Council's Zeta Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., celebrated their January Founder's Day and dedication of their brothers, who embody their principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service.
- In January, our Multicultural Greek Council hosted their 'MGC Week'. The week consisted of 3 events that included: Festival of Cultures, a Lip Sync Battle, and All You Can Eat Pancakes. Each event showcased the diversity and welcoming environment of MGC to interested students and allowed current members to collaborate.
- During the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV) Conference our Panhellenic Association was awarded three 3-star (highest level) awards in Accountability, Collaboration, and Innovation. They also received the Sutherland Award which recognizes AFLV's top Collegiate Panhellenics.



Office Updates

During our break, we had some exciting things happening for our SFL team.



Our Interim Director, Dr. Steven Johnson Jr. received the KU Black Alumni Network Award (Mike & Joyce Shinn).



Our Communications Coordinator, Amanda Simms, earned her master's degree in strategic communication from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Upcoming Events

SFL Informational Webinar

Date: Wednesday, Feb 28th

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Description: This informational webinar is for prospective students and parents to learn more about the SFL community and processes.

Rock Chalk Day - SFL Council Meet & Greet

Date: Friday, March 29th

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Kansas Union, Room TBD

Description: For prospective students/parents to meet our governing council members and get all of your SFL questions answered!

*****Spring Advisor Meeting Update:**

We are eager to connect with you for the spring semester. We will be sending communications once we have an official meeting date and time.

Semester Recap (Fall)

During the Fall 2023 semester, our councils embodied our 5 core values through their events, service, and leadership. Our councils were able to meet with high school students and prospective parents to share more about Sorority and Fraternity Life, as well as give back to the Lawrence community.



Multicultural Greek Council members tabling at Crimson & Blue Day in October.



Alpha Delta Pi's "Chicken & Fries w/ ADPi" philanthropy event, where they raised \$15,724.30.



NPHC's Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held their Inaugural Joseph Walter Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament.



The Panhellenic Association held fall formal recruitment, with 1,136 Potential New Members registered and 961 bids received.



Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc., participated in The Big Event Fall 2023.



IFC hosted their Experience Day for prospective students and parents.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., at Fall 2023 Union Fest.

Community Standards

The University of Kansas Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life (SFL) Community Standards Program exists to improve the fraternity and sorority experience at KU. Adherence to these Community Standards is a requirement of all chapters affiliated with the Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Association and is a condition of maintaining recognition as a SFL organization. As we continue to work through Community Standards and encourage chapters to continue to fill these out, we want to create a space where we can share what standards are due or have upcoming due dates.

All our organizations will receive updates on where they stand with Community Standards on March 16th, and we will send one more update by the end of April. The Community Standards document can always be accessed on the KU SFL Website. All form submissions are completed on Rock Chalk Central.

Below is a list of standards that are due this spring:

- Rosters
- Advisor Information
- House Corporation Information
- SFL Membership Notification Form
- Chapter Executive Officer Roster
- Community Service Hours
- Philanthropy Monies Raised
- SFL Recruitment Policy
- SFL Campus Involvement
- Risk Management Training
- SFL Event Notification Form

Table Talk

In this section you can expect research articles, news articles, and podcast suggestions that we are engaging in. We wanted to create an opportunity to share resources that student affairs professionals in our field are discussing. Here you can find our favorite conversations happening that surround issues or dynamics in our chapters on campus. Each month we would like to frame conversations and reads around one of our office values.

Resources to check out:

Read this:

- *The Interdisciplinary Institute for Hazing Prevention* is hosting a virtual event to address the challenging public health problem of hazing using a strategic, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary approach that focuses on preventing hazing rather than just responding the incidents. To learn about registering visit <https://hazingprevention.institute/register>.
- *TED Talk* article by Jayne Hardy on 'How to set clear work boundaries -and stick to them.' View <https://ideas.ted.com/how-to-set-clear-work-boundaries-jayne-hardy/>.

Listen to this:

- *The College Info Greek* is one of our favorite podcasts that highlights productivity hacks, studying tools, and has two cheerful collegiate hosts. Episode 283, 'Where Do You See Yourself in 5 Years', is a personal favorite! Check it out! <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-inforium/id598525381>

February Founders' Days

Founders Day is celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and to celebrate its history. Listed are the February Founders' Days and their joining year as an organization. Please join us in wishing a Happy Founders Day to our SFL chapters for the month of February.

alpha Kappa Delta Phi

- Est. Feb 7, 1990
- KU Chapter - 61st Chapter



Lambda Phi Epsilon

- Est. Feb 25, 1981
- KU Chapter - Alpha Psi



Sigma Pi

- Est. Feb 26, 1897
- KU Chapter - Beta Delta

