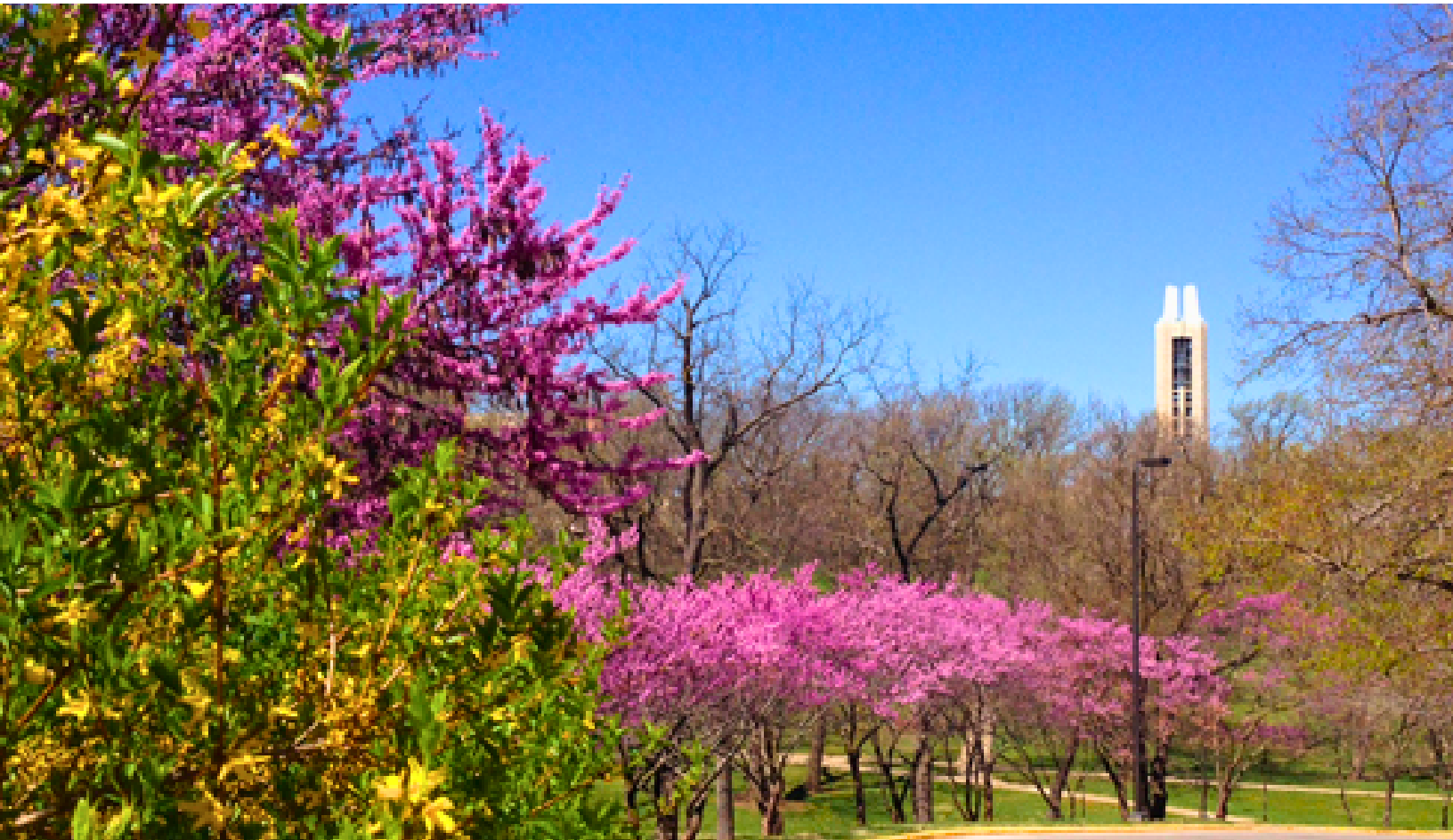


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WELCOME

From the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life

Welcome to the second newsletter from KU SFL! For this issue, we are combining the months of March and April. We are excited to share what our community has been up to and all of their accomplishments.

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.

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Council/Chapter Updates

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

The National Pan-Hellenic Council gained a new service project by spreading love and education through art. The project included painting the new 'NPHC Little Free Library' to educate the community on the Divine Nine in Peterson Park and donating books. The council was able to work together and paint the library in ways to signify the strength in their unity.

- KU National Pan-Hellenic Council



"In the spring semester, the Multicultural Greek Council welcomed the Associate Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Incorporated, back to the SFL Community. As a founding and former organization, their presence brings back a renewed energy to the community. We're thrilled to have them back and look forward to the meaningful contributions they'll make as an associate member of MGC!"

- KU Multicultural Greek Council

Upcoming Events

SFL Informational Webinar & Discussion Panel

Date: Tuesday, April 24th
Time: 6:30 PM, register on kusfl.edu website.

Description: This virtual webinar will include a discussion panel with SFL students and staff. Current students will share their experiences in their organizations and the community.

PHA Experience Day Webinar

Date: Sunday, April 28th
Time: 4:00 PM, register on PHA website.

Description: This virtual webinar will include a discussion panel with current Panhellenic students and SFL staff.

"Within the Interfraternity Council, chapters raised money for 'Chapters for Charities' throughout the months of March and April. On April 7, 2024, IFC held their Chapters for Charity 5 on 5 basketball tournament. They were able to raise money and connect with other KU IFC chapters. Congratulations to Sigma Nu Fraternity for winning the tournament!"

- KU Interfraternity Council



On March 3rd, the Panhellenic Association held their annual Directors of Recruitment (DOR) Retreat. This event is designed for recruitment directors from each Panhellenic chapter, to come together and discuss the upcoming Fall Formal Recruitment (FFR). The official schedule for FFR is now posted on the PHA Website (www.kupanhellenic.com). Registration opens on June 1st!

- KU Panhellenic Association



Event Recaps

During the spring semester, our councils embodied our 5 core values through their events, service, and leadership. Our councils were able to raise money for their chapters, volunteer for service projects, welcome new members, and earn recognition and awards.



Kappa Alpha Theta held their annual 'CASA Cookout' and raised \$10,540 to support children through Douglas County CASA.



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., attended the 72nd Southwestern Regional Leadership Conference and received a reward for exemplary service.



Pi Kappa Alpha attended the G. Brint Ryan Leadership Summit in Dallas, Texas.



Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc., recognized the 4 individuals who crossed in Fall 2023.



Lamda Chi Alpha raised over \$1,500 for Lawrence High's Polar Plunge Special Olympics event.



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., attended the 2024 Civic Engagement Conference and presented research on Black Education in the U.S.



Tri Delta held their 'Delta Diner' fundraising event, to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

National Ritual Celebration Week

National Ritual Celebration Week is an event celebrated by national organizations and within Sorority and Fraternity communities across the country. This year we invited all the chapters from all four councils to join us in celebrating our values and rituals as sororities and fraternities, March 4th-9th. The goal of the week was to reflect on and celebrate their ritual within each of our chapters. Throughout this week, we asked chapters to participate in a series of social media challenges that encouraged them to post daily, regarding how their chapter and organization has helped shape them as individuals and their paths here at the University of Kansas. We asked them to post each day in alignment with one of our SFL values of Academic Achievement, Civic & Community Engagement, Diversity & Inclusivity, Personal & Professional Development, and Holistic Wellness. The chapter with the most points in each of the councils would win \$500 towards their philanthropic cause.

Day 1: National Badge Day

We first started off with International Badge Day, where we invited members to show off their organization by wearing their badges, fraternity pins, line jackets, Letters, organizational colors, etc., and to share what these symbols mean to them.



"Through my time in ADPi, I have seen great amounts of growth in myself through these values and in so many more aspects. As I watch our younger members grow and experience ADPi in the ways I did, I see the core values that our badge represents in all of my sisters.

- Alpha Delta Pi Sorority



"The symbol of alpha Kappa Delta Phi holds significance as a representation of strength, unity, and sisterhood within the sorority. It embodies the values and principles that members strive to uphold, fostering a sense of belonging and support among sisters.

- alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Sorority, Inc.

Day 2: What's Your Impact?

SFL leadership encourages a culture of community engagement, volunteerism and for our members to make their voices heard on issues affecting our community. We asked that chapters share a post on how their organization has left an impact through philanthropic causes, community service, and civic engagement.



"The Beta-Delta chapter of Sigma Pi takes pride in their philanthropy and who they choose to work with. Whether we're helping just to help, or supporting a cause, philanthropy has been a backbone of Sigma Pi, as we give want to give hope to people who are less fortunate than us, which is an important core value within our fraternity."

-Sigma Pi Fraternity



"We take great pride in our philanthropy, supporting our national causes: the Sigma Lambda Gamma Education Foundation and Breast Cancer Awareness. The Sigma Lambda Gamma Education Foundation supports the empowerment of all by providing members chapter grants and scholarships. Sigma Lambda Gamma supports Breast Cancer Awareness in many ways: fundraising campaigns, educational workshops, volunteer participation, etc."

-Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

National Ritual Celebration Week cont.

Day 3: A Better You

Personal and Professional Development is a core value within the SFL Community. Our SFL students shared how their chapter has helped them develop both personally/professionally and how they are supported academically.



"This semester, I have the fortunate opportunity to study abroad in Wollongong, Australia. While initially nervous, the overwhelming support from my ADPi sisters, who consistently reach out, text, and check in, has made this studying abroad experience even more special."

- Charlotte Zink, member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority



"aKDPhi has bettered me by sharpening my professional skills, taught me how to work with people different than me, and how to get work done efficiently in groups."

- Kiana Jordan, member of alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc.



"Having the honor to be recognized for my achievements has only brought me further in my academics and career."

- Anthony Lance, member of Sigma Pi Fraternity

Day 4: We Belong

Our organizations strive to create a more welcoming, diverse and educated community, through programming and leadership positions devoted to the increase in cultural competency for members.



"Phi Tau is a place that fosters the individual growth of each and every individual involved with it. You can expect a close-knit brotherhood focused on the betterment of everyone involved."

- Zach Schubert, President of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity



"Gamma Phi has made me feel so welcome. Coming into the house as a COR I didn't know many people, but the first day I became a Gphi, I felt like I belonged. I was so welcomed by each and every one of these girls that I now get to call my best friends."

- Olivia Widrig, member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

National Ritual Celebration Week cont.

Day 5: The Whole Experience

The members of sororities and fraternities are committed to promoting and ensuring a holistically safe, healthy, and values-based sorority and fraternity community. Our members promote and advocate for looking out for one's mental health. SFL community members regularly promote and share resources available to students, and help them balance their academic and personal lives constructively.



"KU aKDPi practices holistic wellness in a multitude of ways. From practicing how to set work-life boundaries, all the way to simpler things like taking a self-care day. KU aKDPi takes time to not only practice holistic wellness, but implement it into our chapter activities, like potlucks and spa nights!"

- alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc.



"Wellness is a multi-faceted idea, just like all of our members, so I take great pride in being our chapter's wellness specialist. My role is to provide our chapter with resources and opportunities, to improve on all aspects of their wellness. Overall, we focus on creating an encouraging and uplifting community that supports each other as we navigate through our college years. I believe that supporting and advocating for mental health and wellness is one of the biggest opportunities a chapter can have, and I am so thankful that ADPi always puts it at the forefront!"

-Maddie Stowell, member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority

"I think our chapter creates holistic wellness by frequently checking in with each other. We always make it clear with each other that we are people and students first. We support and help each other with whatever they need when things happen.

-Ginger Kailani, President of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

"We are there for each other through thick and thin, doesn't matter what the situation is, my sisters will always have my back. We are ready to drop anything to support and comfort each other when needed. Especially with mental health, I think our chapter does a good job advocating for and supporting mental health."

-Ayleen Dimas, member of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

Community Standards

Below is a list of standards that are due by 'Stop Day' on May 3rd, 2024.

- 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

March & April Founders' Days

Founders Day is celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and to celebrate its history. Please join us in wishing a Happy Founders Day to our SFL chapters for the month of March and April.

March

Pi Kappa Alpha

- Est. March 1, 1868
- KU Chapter - Beta Gamma

Phi Kappa Tau

- Est. March 17, 1906
- KU Chapter - Beta Theta

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- Est. March 9, 1856
- KU Chapter - Kansas Alpha

Sigma Psi Zeta

- Est. March 23, 1994
- KU Chapter - Alpha Mu

April

Chi Omega

- Est. April 5, 1895
- KU Chapter - Lambda

Sigma Lambda Gamma

- Est. April 9, 1990
- KU Chapter - Associate Chapter

Triangle

- Est. April 15, 1907
- KU Chapter - Kansas Chapter

Pi Beta Phi

- Est. April 28, 1867
- KU Chapter - Kansas Alpha

Kappa Delta Chi

- Est. April 6, 1987
- KU Chapter - Gamma Eta

Theta Chi

- Est. April 10, 1856
- KU Chapter - Delta Psi

Alpha Kappa Lambda

- Est. April 22, 1914
- KU Chapter - Delta