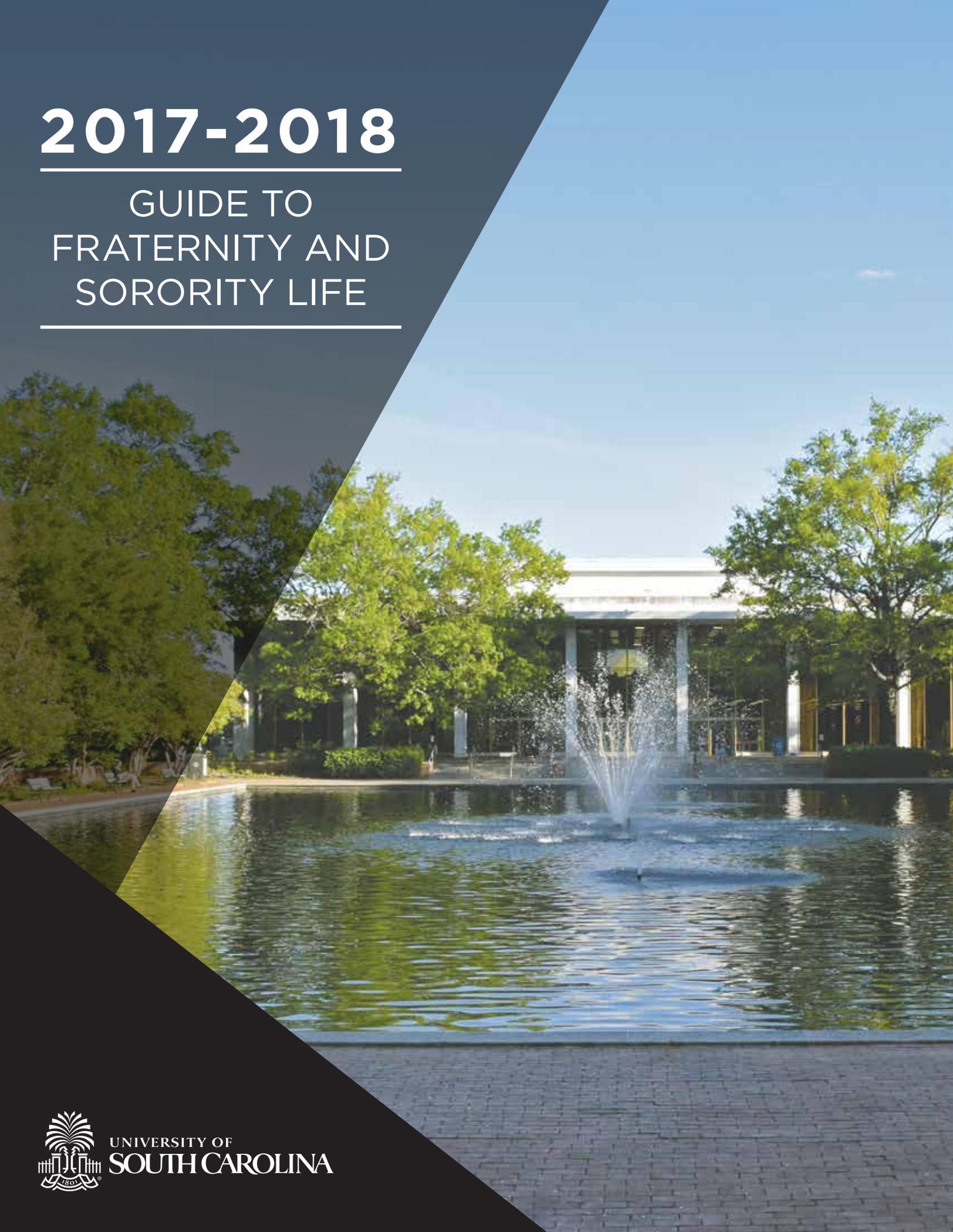


# 2017-2018

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GUIDE TO  
FRATERNITY AND  
SORORITY LIFE

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UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**



# WELCOME

Congratulations on your decision to attend the University of South Carolina! At a university of this size, the number of great opportunities for campus involvement can be overwhelming. Our fraternity and sorority community allows members the chance to become involved on- and off-campus through philanthropic endeavors, athletics, academics, and leadership development all while building and maintaining lasting relationships. Regardless of how far you will travel to Columbia, your chosen organization will be your home away from home just as your newfound brothers or sisters will become family. For these reasons, joining our Greek community has the potential to be one of the best decisions you will make in college.

Greek men and women have been part of the longstanding tradition at the University of South Carolina since the first fraternity was established here in 1852. Should you choose to become a member of one of our organizations, you will be able to follow in the footsteps of the countless accomplished Greeks who came before you. Our community was founded on the values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service, and our members strive to live out these values each and every day.

Your time spent at the University of South Carolina will be the best years of your life, and we hope that this guide will provide you with a small glimpse into all the ways that Greek life can enhance your experience. We wish you the very best of luck on your college journey and look forward to meeting you in the fall!

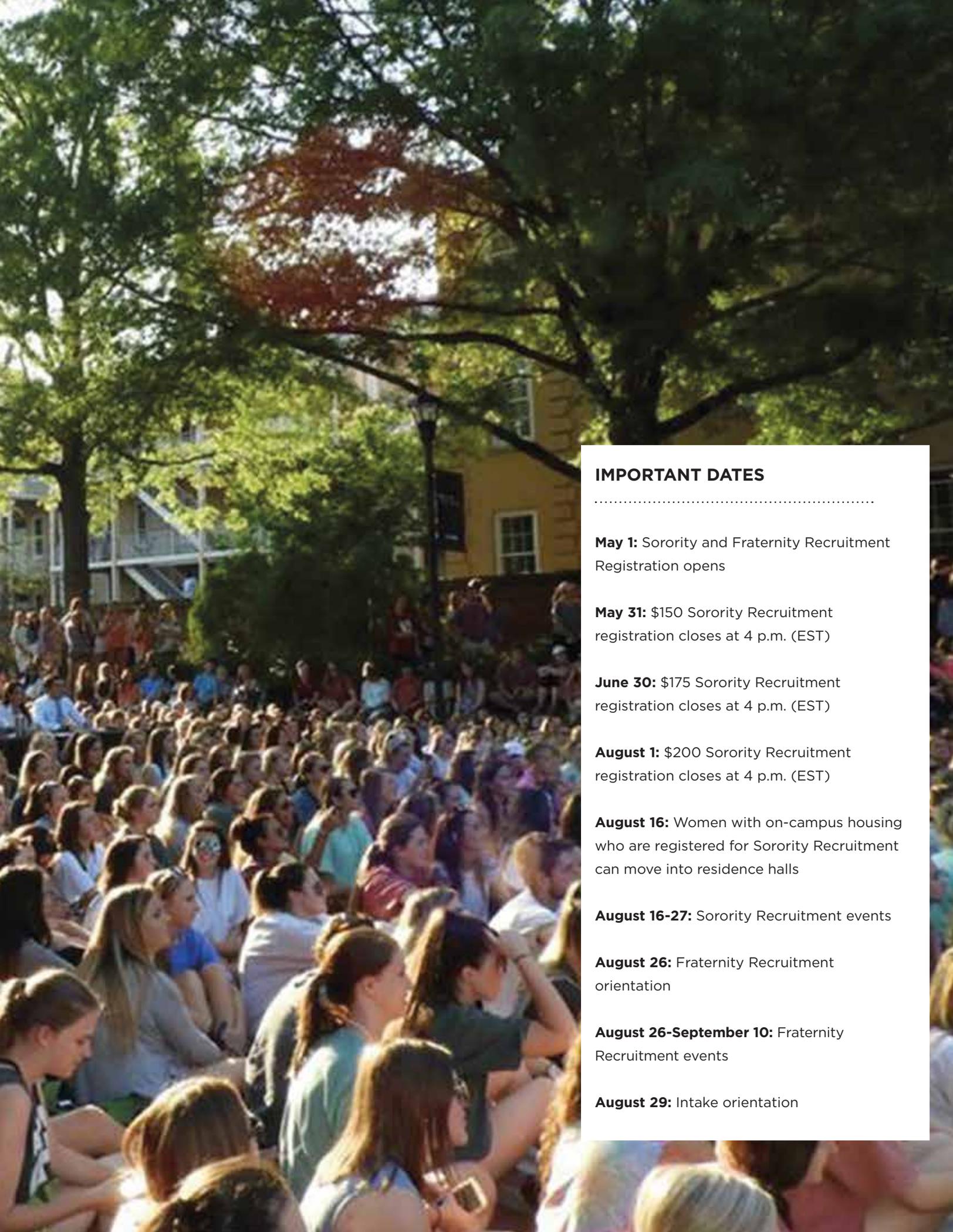
**GO GREEK AND GO GAMECOCKS!**

Fraternity & Sorority Life

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**May 1:** Sorority and Fraternity Recruitment Registration opens

**May 31:** \$150 Sorority Recruitment registration closes at 4 p.m. (EST)

**June 30:** \$175 Sorority Recruitment registration closes at 4 p.m. (EST)

**August 1:** \$200 Sorority Recruitment registration closes at 4 p.m. (EST)

**August 16:** Women with on-campus housing who are registered for Sorority Recruitment can move into residence halls

**August 16-27:** Sorority Recruitment events

**August 26:** Fraternity Recruitment orientation

**August 26-September 10:** Fraternity Recruitment events

**August 29:** Intake orientation

# COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

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Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina totals more than 6,500 members, making up 27% of the overall student body. Today, our community boasts 47 organizations, 20 on-campus facilities, and four councils. Each of our organizations has their own rituals, traditions, and philanthropies, but they all strive to live by the four core values of scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship.

## **Looking for more information?**

Learn more about community statistics, programmatic offerings, and more at [www.sa.sc.edu/fsl](http://www.sa.sc.edu/fsl).



# OFFICE OF FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina works with the fraternities and sororities on campus to promote the values of scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship. The office staff collaborates to advise the governing councils while working directly with the presidents and executive officers of the 47 campus fraternities and sororities on leadership development and organizational management.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

Fraternity and sorority members at Carolina have consistently achieved higher grade point averages and graduate at a significantly higher rate than non-Greek students. Individual chapters and the councils have scholarship chairs and academic programming to help their members succeed in the classroom.

### FALL 2016

The all-Greek GPA was 3.34 while the undergraduate average was 3.16.

### 31%

of our members have a 3.75 GPA or higher. 15% of our members have a 4.0 GPA.

### GREEK

students persist through their college career at a 10% higher rate than non-Greeks.

Every chapter has the opportunity to meet with an academic coach through the Student Success Center to assist members with study skills and accomplish their academic goals.

## LEADERSHIP

Involvement in a Greek-letter organization provides a valuable opportunity to develop your leadership skills within your chapter and on campus. Almost two-thirds of Greeks are involved in an organization at Carolina outside of their chapter!

### Looking for ways to get involved within the fraternity and sorority community?

#### Check out these opportunities:

National Panhellenic Conference, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, Greek Leadership Conference, Greek Leader Service Experience, Greek Ambassadors, Greek Week Board, Rho Alpha and Pi Chi recruitment counselors.

**Want more information about these opportunities?** Visit [www.sa.sc.edu/fsl](http://www.sa.sc.edu/fsl).



# SERVICE

Fraternities and sororities are heavily involved in giving both their time and financial contributions to a variety of charitable causes.

## Major Greek service projects include:

- Circle of Sisterhood
- Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks
- Greek Week service projects
- Individual chapter events benefiting causes like cancer charities, hunger awareness, diabetes research, children's literacy, domestic violence, and more.
- Greek Leader Service Experience



## DID YOU KNOW?



In 2016, Carolina Greek organizations donated more than \$1,016,925 and over 146,000 hours to service and philanthropic organizations.



The Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, an organization that aims to remove educational boundaries of women around the world, is College Panhellenic's adopted philanthropy. In summer 2015, members from various sorority chapters traveled to Nicaragua to build a school on behalf of Circle of Sisterhood and College Panhellenic. In 2017, they committed to build another school.



Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks provides a safe trick-or-treating environment for hundreds of children of community members and university staff. Children played games provided by the chapters and collected candy. Costumes were also donated to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



## FRIENDSHIP

Most students seek Greek affiliation as a way to meet people and develop lifelong friendships. Through brotherhood and sisterhood retreats, social events, and a variety of other chapter activities, students are able to build a close network of brothers and sisters to share in their college experience.



All organizations host regular, substance-free brotherhood and sisterhood events each semester. Some examples include movie nights, laser tag, athletic events, and more!

Fraternities and Sororities look forward to their signature social events each year, which include band parties, formals, semi-formals, beach and mountain weekends, and themed date parties.

Greek Week 2017 featured a variety of activities to build Greek friendship including A Night at the Strom, the annual Greek Sing competition, service events at local community agencies, and a social media campaign promoting the benefits of Greek affiliation.

# COUNCILS



## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is the umbrella group for 96 organizations, 20 of which have chapters on South Carolina's campus. IFC has seven elected executive officers who hold weekly meetings with chapter presidents to create events, discuss current issues, and support recruitment efforts.

On a yearly basis, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) assists with a series of events including Greek Week, National Hazing Prevention Week, and Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks. The Interfraternity Council also supports all philanthropic events hosted within the community throughout the year.

The executive board is made up of seven elected positions that include president, vice president of conduct, vice president of programming, vice president of recruitment, vice president of finance, vice president of membership development, vice president of scholarship, and vice president of public relations.

### CONNECT WITH US!

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 [@uofscIFC](https://twitter.com/uofscIFC)

# COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

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The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella group for 26 organizations, 13 of which have chapters on South Carolina's campus. The purpose of NPC is to be the "premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience." At South Carolina, the College Panhellenic Association is the subset campus organization that supports the Panhellenic chapters on our campus. The College Panhellenic Association has elected executive members to act as liaisons between the university and chapter members to create legislation, support recruitment of members, promote academic excellence, create educational programming and more. The council meets weekly with one representative from each Panhellenic chapter to collaborate and have open discussion about current issues.

College Panhellenic Association executive board is made up of women from different chapters who disaffiliate to promote the ideals of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service. The seven executive positions include president, vice president of recruitment, vice president of administration, vice president of accountability, vice president of service, vice president of programming, and vice president of public relations.

## CONNECT WITH US!

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 [sorority@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sorority@mailbox.sc.edu)

 [/uofscpanhellenic](https://www.facebook.com/uofscpanhellenic)

 [@USC\\_panhellenic](https://twitter.com/USC_panhellenic)

 [@uofscpanhellenic](https://www.instagram.com/uofscpanhellenic)





## MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing board for the five culturally-based Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina. The purpose of the Multicultural Greek Council is to unify all multicultural organizations to further promote

diversity and unity on campus and throughout the community, encouraging cooperation and coherence among member organizations and other organizations on campus.

MGC has seven executive officers including the president, vice president, standards, secretary, community service, public relations, and treasurer. MGC holds bi-weekly meetings with a delegate from each organization to collaborate and discuss issues that impact MGC and

South Carolina. The council provides educational programming and service opportunities for member organizations and the student body. In addition to enriching the surrounding community, the board works to nurture the intellectual, emotional, and social development of its members.

### CONNECT WITH US!

 @UofSC\_MGC

 @UofSC\_MGC

 /USCMulticulturalGreeks

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# NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the coordinating board for the nine historically black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina. NPHC's purpose is to foster cooperative actions of its members in dealing with matters of mutual concern. To this

end, NPHC promotes the well-being of its member organizations and provides leadership training for its constituents. NPHC holds bi-weekly meetings with its executive board of eight officers and a delegate from each organization to collaborate and discuss issues that impact NPHC and South Carolina.

student body at-large. NPHC is committed to upholding the core values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service by developing, implementing, and supporting impactful and engaging programming designed to meet the needs of students on the University of South Carolina campus and residents of the greater Columbia area.

## CONNECT WITH US!

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NPHC at South Carolina serves as the communication link between its member organizations, university administrators, other Greek governing boards, and the

# ARE YOU PREPARED TO BE GREEK?

## COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AT A GLANCE

Statistics for the fall 2016 semester

### ACADEMIC COMMITMENT



All-Sorority GPA: 3.27  
 All-Female GPA: 3.28  
 Sorority New Member GPA: 3.42



All-Fraternity GPA: 3.01  
 All-Male GPA: 3.02  
 Fraternity New Member GPA: 3.00



31%

of fraternity and sorority members are at or above a 3.75 GPA

15%

of fraternity and sorority members earn a 4.00 GPA

## SERVICE COMMITMENT

10 hours

contributed per member



\$70

raised per member



67,312 hours

dedicated to service

\$480,648

donated to service organizations

**A B Γ Δ E Z H Θ I K Λ M**  
 Alpha Beta Gamma Delta Epsilon Zeta Eta Theta Iota Kappa Lambda Mu

## LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT



Percentage of fraternity and sorority members who are involved in at least one organization OUTSIDE of their chapter.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT



The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life believes that the Greek experience is not just for four years but for life!

## FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

### Panhellenic Dues



### IFC Dues



### NPHC/Multicultural Dues



Chapter semester dues
  First semester dues



## FINAL NOTES ON FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

First semester dues are more expensive due to initiation fees and new member fees.

These fees strictly cover chapter dues and do not include chapter apparel/paraphernalia, philanthropic donations, housing, meal plans, and other incidentals.

Please note that all requirements and fees are averages based on previous years' statistics, and many organizations requirements exceed the average.



# HOW TO JOIN

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## RECRUITMENT & INTAKE PROCESSES

**Three different membership recruitment processes exist for fraternities and sororities to take in new members. Each process will be explained in detail in the following pages. Please note that all organizations have a cost associated with membership. To learn more about these costs, please see pages 26 and 27.**

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### INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL RECRUITMENT:

The fraternities that are members of the North American Interfraternity Conference participate in fraternity recruitment, which gives men a chance to get a feel for fraternity life. See pages 15 and 16 for more information.

### PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT:

The 13 sororities that are members of the National Panhellenic Conference participate in primary recruitment, which gives potential new members a chance to visit with each chapter and follows a structured schedule of events. See pages 19 and 20 for more information.

### MEMBERSHIP INTAKE:

The nine National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities, as well as the five multicultural Greek fraternities and sororities, participate in membership intake, which is organized by the individual chapters. See page 23 for more information.

# INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) RECRUITMENT

Recruitment orientation is mandatory for all men participating in fall Fraternity Recruitment. At orientation, the process and policies will be explained in detail. Community leaders will be present to answer any questions you may have on fraternity life at Carolina. Please check your email to see which session you should attend.

## RECRUITMENT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Potential new members must attend at least one of these sessions, all held in Russell House Theater

Monday, August 28 at 7:30 p.m.    Tuesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m.    Wednesday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE - Monday, May 1**

**RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION - Saturday, August 26 at 11 a.m. & 12 p.m., Russell House Ballroom**

## CHAPTER TOURS

**Monday, September 4**

**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**

Chapter tours will occur over one day, and you will have the opportunity to visit with all of the fraternities participating in fall Fraternity Recruitment. Potential new members go on tours with their recruitment counselor (Rho Alpha) to meet each chapter. Taking advantage of the time given to meet all of the chapters allows for a more well-rounded recruitment experience. Feel free to ask the chapters about dues, time commitments, and scholarship programs during this time.

## INFORMAL INVITATION ROUNDS

**Tuesday, September 5 through Thursday, September 7**

**Location and time determined by chapter**

Informal nights give chapters the opportunity to invite potential new members to visit with them in a more casual setting like a barbecue or other brotherhood event. You are encouraged to get to know the brothers in the chapters that you visit to increase your chances of being invited back to the invitational nights of recruitment.

## FORMAL INVITATION ROUNDS

**Friday, September 8**

**Location and time determined by chapter**

For the invitational night of recruitment, you may choose to accept as many invitations as you receive. These formal dinners are restricted only to potential new members specifically invited by the chapter. This round should be taken very seriously in your selection process. Chapters will showcase the importance of lifelong brotherhood in their organization as part of the final night of formal recruitment.

## BID DAY

**Sunday, September 10**

Potential new members will attend one of two presentations in the Russell House Theatre and later pick up bids between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom.



## INTERFRATERNITY RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES

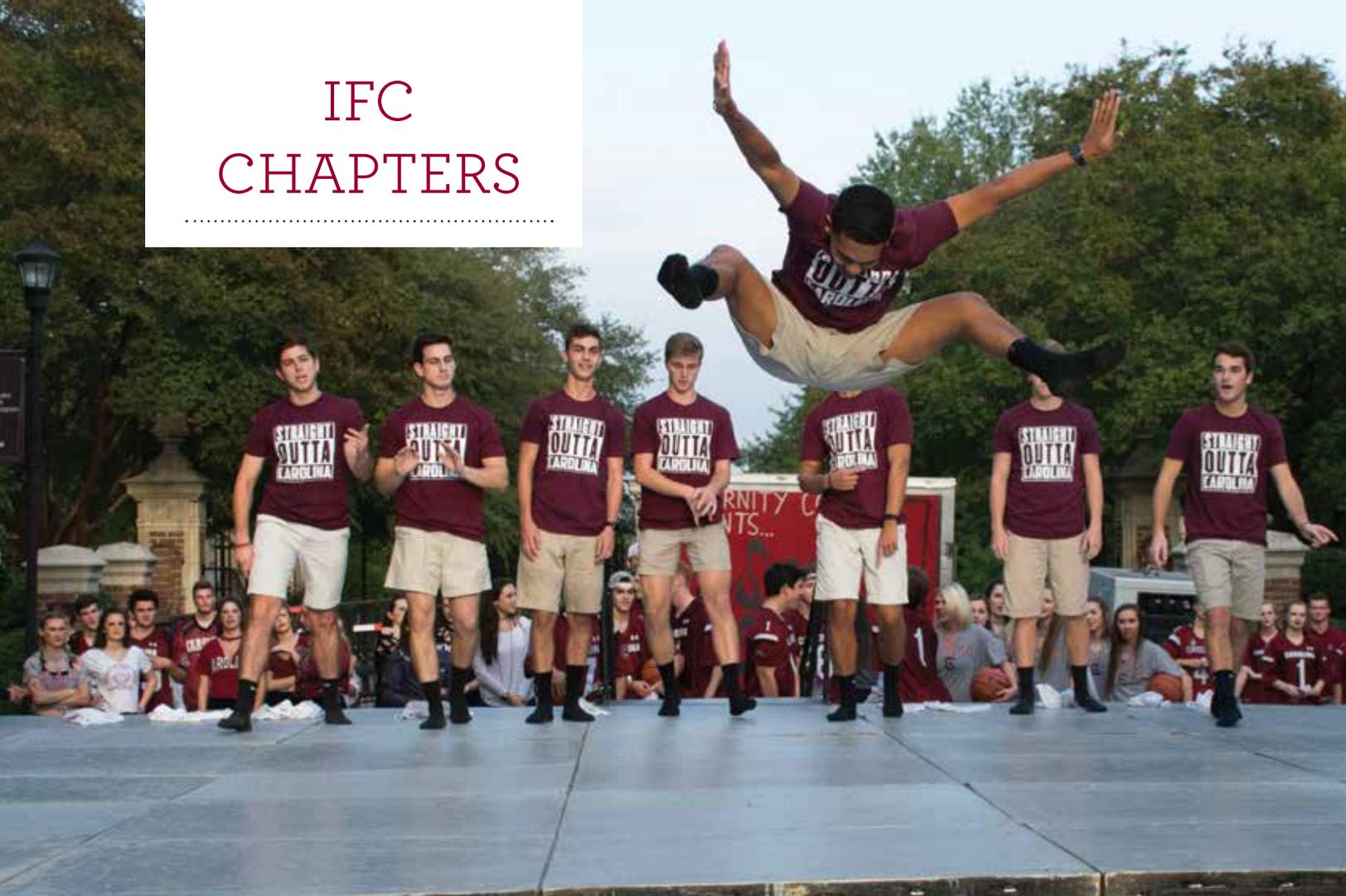
All potential new members who wish to accept membership into a fraternal organization in the fall 2017 semester must meet the following requirements:

- Be a full-time student at the University of South Carolina Columbia
- Have a 2.75 cumulative GPA or be an incoming freshman student
- Pay the \$60 recruitment fee (\$40 must be paid online with the individual registration before open house tours begin and \$20 at bid day)
- Must participate in at least one community service event between August 22 and September 10 sponsored by Interfraternity Council, an individual chapter, or on your own (Interfraternity Council must be able to verify these service hours)
- Attend at least one of the supplied educational programs during informal recruitment week (hosted by Interfraternity Council)
- Observe the no-alcohol policy during recruitment activities

### YOUR FIRST TWO WEEKS...

We are glad you are interested in becoming a part of our fraternity community. Please take advantage of your first two weeks of school to learn even more about being a fraternity man on campus. Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information and be sure to register for recruitment at [www.sa.sc.edu/fsl/fraternity](http://www.sa.sc.edu/fsl/fraternity) to receive email updates in order to help you learn more about our community's values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service.

# IFC CHAPTERS



## ΑΕΠ

ALPHA EPSILON PI

**National Founding:** 1913  
**Local Founding:** 2007  
**Facebook:**  
@AePiGammaChiSouthCarolina  
**Instagram:** @scaepi  
**National Website:** aepi.org  
**Colors:** Gold and Blue

## ΒΘΠ

BETA THETA PI

**National Founding:** 1839  
**Local Founding:** 1858 (Recolonized 2010)  
**National Website:** beta.org  
**Colors:** Pink and Blue

## ΧΨ

CHI PSI

**National Founding:** 1841  
**Local Founding:** 1858  
**National Website:** chipsi.org  
**Colors:** Purple and Gold

## ΔΚΕ

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON

**National Founding:** 1844  
**Local Founding:** 1852  
**Instagram:** @sc\_dke  
**National Website:** dke.org  
**Colors:** Azure, Or, and Gules

# ΔΥ

## DELTA UPSILON

**National Founding:** 1835  
**Local Founding:** 1983  
**Facebook:** @scdeltau  
**Instagram:** @deltaupsilonsc  
**National Website:** deltau.org  
**Colors:** Old Gold and Sapphire Blue

# ΚΑ

## KAPPA ALPHA ORDER

**National Founding:** 1865  
**Local Founding:** 1881  
**Facebook:** Kappa Alpha Order - Rho Chapter  
**National Website:** kappaalphaorder.org  
**Colors:** Crimson and Old Gold

# ΚΣ

## KAPPA SIGMA

**National Founding:** 1869  
**Local Founding:** 1890  
**Facebook:** @kappasigmaofusc  
**National Website:** kappasigma.org  
**Colors:** Emerald and Red

# ΛΧΑ

## LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

**National Founding:** 1909  
**Local Founding:** 1945  
**Facebook:** Lambda Chi Alpha Epsilon Psi Zeta  
**Instagram:** @LambdaChiUSC  
**National Website:** lambdachi.org  
**Colors:** Purple, Green, and Gold

# ΦΙ

## PHI GAMMA DELTA

**National Founding:** 1848  
**Local Founding:** 2016  
**Facebook:** USCPHiGam  
**Instagram:** @uscphigam  
**National Website:** phigam.org  
**Colors:** Royal Purple

# ΦΚΣ

## PHI KAPPA SIGMA

**National Founding:** 1873  
**Local Founding:** 1929  
**National Website:** pks.org  
**Colors:** Black and Old Gold

# ΦΚΤ

## PHI KAPPA TAU

**National Founding:** 1906  
**Local Founding:** 2016  
**Facebook:** @gamecockphitau  
**Instagram:** @gamecock\_phitau  
**National Website:** phikappatau.org  
**Colors:** Harvard Red and Old Gold

# ΦΣΚ

## PHI SIGMA KAPPA

**National Founding:** 1873  
**Local Founding:** 2004  
**National Website:** phisigmakappa.org  
**Colors:** Red and Silver

# ΠΚΑ

## PI KAPPA ALPHA

**National Founding:** 1868  
**Local Founding:** 1891  
**Instagram:** @xipikes\_usc  
**National Website:** pikes.org  
**Colors:** Garnet and Gold

# ΠΚΦ

## PI KAPPA PHI

**National Founding:** 1904  
**Local Founding:** 1910  
**National Website:** pikapp.org  
**Colors:** Blue and Gold

# ΣΑΕ

## SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

**National Founding:** 1856  
**Local Founding:** 1882  
**National Website:** Isae.net  
**Colors:** Old Gold and Royal Purple

# ΣΝ

## SIGMA NU

**National Founding:** 1869  
**Local Founding:** 1874  
**National Website:** sigmanu.org  
**Colors:** Black and Gold

# ΣΦΕ

## SIGMA PHI EPSILON

**National Founding:** 1901  
**Local Founding:** 1904  
**National Website:** sigep.org  
**Colors:** Purple and Red

# ΤΚΕ

## TAU KAPPA EPSILON

**National Founding:** 1899  
**Local Founding:** 1988  
**National Website:** tke.org  
**Colors:** Crimson Lake Cherry and Pure Silver Gray

# ΘΧ

## THETA CHI

**National Founding:** 1856  
**Local Founding:** 2015  
**Instagram:** @scthetachi  
**National Website:** thetachi.org  
**Colors:** Military Red and White

# ΘΔΧ

## THETA DELTA CHI

**National Founding:** 1847  
**Local Founding:** 1859 (Recolonized 2008)  
**National Website:** tdx.org  
**Colors:** White, Blue, and Black

# PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT

All women participating in Panhellenic Recruitment who are living on campus will be able to move in on Wednesday, August 16 at staggered times assigned by University Housing. Details regarding move-in day activities and schedules will be communicated later in the summer. Please visit [www.sa.sc.edu/sorority](http://www.sa.sc.edu/sorority) or email [uscsororityrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:uscsororityrecruitment@gmail.com) for more information.

Registration costs include several meals, two sorority recruitment T-shirts, a backpack, and other recruitment expenses. An additional fee of \$20 per night, for a total of \$80, will be charged to women moving into residence halls on August 16. This will be billed through Self Service Carolina.

## REGISTRATION DATES

Register for recruitment at:

[www.sa.sc.edu/sorority](http://www.sa.sc.edu/sorority)

Registration opens: **May 1**

Registration closes: **August 1 at 4 p.m. (EST)**

## REGISTRATION FEES

May 1 - 31: **\$150**

June 1 - 30: **\$175**

July 1 - August 1: **\$200**

This registration fee is non-refundable.

## SORORITY RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, August 16**

**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**

Want to learn more about the recruitment process? This is your chance to hear from Sorority Council officers and recruitment counselors, also known as Pi Chis, about what to expect. Attendance is **mandatory** in order to participate in recruitment. You will be assigned to two recruitment counselors who will help guide you through the recruitment process. After you have registered for recruitment, you will receive more details. A mandatory dinner with your small group will be provided following orientation. Dress is very casual.

## GO GREEK ROUND

**Thursday, August 17 & Friday, August 18**

Over the two days of round one, you will visit all 13 sororities with your Pi Chi group. You will spend about 20 minutes with each chapter learning about their scholarship initiatives and academic success. These first two days are very casual, so please wear your recruitment T-shirt, shorts or a skirt, and comfortable shoes.

## SORORITY 101 PROGRAMMING

**Thursday, August 17 & Friday, August 18**

Sorority 101 is an interactive educational program designed to outline the membership commitment within the Greek community here at the University of South Carolina. Our goal is to explain the importance of the lifelong commitment you make when joining a Greek letter organization, as well as provide a transparent picture of the expectations of sorority membership on our campus. Potential New Members (PNMs) will hear from representatives of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the College Panhellenic Association, as well as additional campus partners through various sessions. The breakout sessions are designed to share various components of Fraternity and Sorority Life as well as prepare PNMs for their first weeks on campus. PNMs should gain the knowledge and tools to allow them to successfully manage expectations of their future chapter, become educated about campus norms surrounding the new member experience, learn about the philanthropic efforts of sorority women across the country, as well as learn about mutual selection and values based recruitment.



## **LEADING WOMEN ROUND**

**Saturday, August 19 & Sunday, August 20**

On these days, you can visit a maximum of nine sororities. You will spend about 35 minutes with each chapter while they show a video that highlights their activities, sisterhood, traditions, and friendship. Please wear your recruitment T-shirt, shorts or a skirt, and comfortable shoes.

## **PHILANTHROPY ROUND**

**Tuesday, August 22 & Wednesday, August 23**

During round three, you will visit a maximum of six sororities and spend about 45 minutes with each chapter to learn about their philanthropic causes and activities. Attire for this day is dressier, so please wear a sundress or skirt and top with dressy sandals or heels.

## **PREFERENCE ROUND**

**Saturday, August 26**

This round is a special ceremony intended for each chapter to showcase the bond they share as sisters. You will visit a maximum of two sororities and spend about one hour with each chapter. Due to the more formal nature of this day, please wear a cocktail or semi-formal dress.

## **BID DAY**

**Sunday, August 27**

This day is the grand finale of recruitment. Everyone will gather at the Colonial Life Arena in anticipation of the final bids. Membership bids are given out to the women who finish the recruitment process, and recruitment counselors reveal their chapter affiliation and reunite with their sisters. Please wear comfortable attire as this is an active and exciting day. Each sorority will give their new members a T-shirt or tank top to wear when they receive their bids.

# PANHELLENIC CHAPTERS



## ΑΧΩ

### ALPHA CHI OMEGA

**National Founding:** 1885

**Local Founding:** 1988

**Facebook:** @axousc

**Instagram:** @alphachiusc

**National Website:** [alphachiomega.org](http://alphachiomega.org)

**Colors:** Scarlet and Olive Green

## ΑΔΠ

### ALPHA DELTA PI

**National Founding:** 1851

**Local Founding:** 1928

**Facebook:** @adpiusc

**Instagram:** @adpi\_gamecocks

**National Website:** [alphadeltapi.org](http://alphadeltapi.org)

**Colors:** Azure Blue and White

## ΑΓΔ

### ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

**National Founding:** 1904

**Local Founding:** 2012

**Facebook:** @AlphaGamUSC

**Instagram:** @alphagamusc

**National Website:** [alphagammadelta.org](http://alphagammadelta.org)

**Colors:** Red, Buff, and Green

## ΑΞΔ

### ALPHA XI DELTA

**National Founding:** 1893

**Local Founding:** 2016

**Facebook:** @UofSCAXID

**Instagram:** @uofscAXID

**National Website:** [alphaxidelta.org](http://alphaxidelta.org)

**Colors:** Double Blue and Gold

# XΩ

## CHI OMEGA

**National Founding:** 1895  
**Local Founding:** 1928  
**Facebook:** @uscchiomega  
**National Website:** chiomega.com  
**Colors:** Cardinal and Straw

# ΔΔΔ

## DELTA DELTA DELTA

**National Founding:** 1888  
**Local Founding:** 1928  
**Facebook:** @sctridelta  
**Instagram:** @sctridelta  
**National Website:** tridelta.org  
**Colors:** Silver, Gold, and Cerulean Blue

# ΔΖ

## DELTA ZETA

**National Founding:** 1902  
**Local Founding:** 1928  
**Facebook:** @DeltaZeta.  
 UniversityOfSouthCarolina  
**Instagram:** @usc deltazeta  
**National Website:** deltazeta.org  
**Colors:** Rose and Green

# ΓΦΒ

## GAMMA PHI BETA

**National Founding:** 1874  
**Local Founding:** 2005  
**Facebook:** @scgphib  
**Instagram:** @uscgammaphi  
**National Website:** gammaphibeta.org  
**Colors:** Brown and Mode

# ΚΔ

## KAPPA DELTA

**National Founding:** 1897  
**Local Founding:** 1940  
**Facebook:** @Betazetakd  
**Instagram:** @Betazetakd  
**National Website:** kappadelta.org  
**Colors:** Olive Green and Pearl White

# ΚΚΓ

## KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

**National Founding:** 1870  
**Local Founding:** 1967  
**Facebook:** @kkguofsc  
**Instagram:** @southcarolinakkg  
**National Website:** kappakappagamma.org  
**Colors:** Dark Blue and Light Blue

# ΦΜ

## PHI MU

**National Founding:** 1852  
**Local Founding:** 2009  
**Facebook:** @uscphimu  
**Instagram:** @scphimu  
**National Website:** phimu.org  
**Colors:** Rose and White

# ΠΒΦ

## PI BETA PHI

**National Founding:** 1867  
**Local Founding:** 1931 (Recolonized 2014)  
**Facebook:** @southcarolinapiphi  
**Instagram:** @uofscpiphi  
**National Website:** pibetaphi.org  
**Colors:** Wine and Silver Blue

# ZTA

## ZETA TAU ALPHA

**National Founding:** 1898  
**Local Founding:** 1929  
**Facebook:** @ZTAatUSC  
**Instagram:** @usczta  
**National Website:** zetataualpha.org  
**Colors:** Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray



# MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Undergraduate students who wish to join a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) or Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) organization must meet specific membership qualifications. These standards include, but are not limited to, academic achievement (2.5-3.0 GPA depending on the organization), community service, and good character. Any interested student is required to have a minimum of 12 credit hours before participating in the intake process, and students who are on disciplinary probation may not participate. Such requirements are designed to promote the advancement of strong and effective chapters. Each organization implements its own unique membership intake process.

To learn more about NPHC and MGC organizations, students are required to attend the Membership Intake Orientation meeting co-hosted by NPHC and MGC. Membership Intake Orientation is generally held at the beginning of both fall and spring semesters. Fall 2017 Intake Orientation is August 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom. Additionally, interested candidates are expected to research each individual organization and chapter, as well as attend various events hosted by NPHC and MGC organizations on campus.

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## ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS ARE:

- > Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (MGC)
- > Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- > Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- > Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- > Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- > Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. (MGC)



# NRHC CHAPTERS

## ΑΦΑ

ALPHA PHI ALPHA  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1906  
**Local Founding:** 1973  
**Facebook:** @alphaoil  
**Instagram:** @thetanu06  
**National Website:** apa1906.net  
**Colors:** Old Gold & Black

## ΙΦΘ

IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1963  
**Local Founding:** 2010  
**Facebook:** @EtaBetalotas  
**Instagram:** @EtaBetalotas  
**National Website:** iotaphitheta.org  
**Colors:** Charcoal Brown & Gilded Gold

## ΚΑΨ

KAPPA ALPHA PSI  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1911  
**Local Founding:** 1970  
**Facebook:** @ZENupesUSC  
**Instagram:** @zenupes  
**National Website:** kappaalphapsi1911.com  
**Colors:** Crimson & Cream

## ΩΨΦ

OMEGA PSI PHI  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1911  
**Local Founding:** 1973  
**Instagram:** @zzques  
**National Website:** oppf.org  
**Colors:** Purple & Gold

## ΑΚΑ

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA  
SORORITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1908  
**Local Founding:** 1973  
**Instagram:** @TheGlamorousTG  
**National Website:** aka1908.org  
**Colors:** Salmon Pink and Apple Green

## ΔΣΘ

DELTA SIGMA THETA  
SORORITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1913  
**Local Founding:** 1973  
**Instagram:** @iotachi1913  
**National Website:** deltasigmatheta.org  
**Colors:** Crimson & Cream

## ΦΒΣ

PHI BETA SIGMA  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1914  
**Local Founding:** 1978  
**Facebook:** USCSigmas  
**Instagram:** @usc\_sigmas  
**National Website:** pbs1914.org  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Pure White

## ΣΓΡ

SIGMA GAMMA RHO  
SORORITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1922  
**Local Founding:** 1974  
**Instagram:** @zetatheta1922  
**National Website:** sgrho1922.org  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Gold

## ΖΦΒ

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1920  
**Local Founding:** 1976  
**Instagram:** @psieta1920  
**National Website:** zphib1920.org  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Pure White



# MGC CHAPTERS

## KΔΧ

KAPPA DELTA CHI  
SORORITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1987

**Local Founding:** 2015

**Facebook:** @kdchiusc

**Instagram:** @kdchi\_uofsc

**National Website:** kappadeltachi.org

**Colors:** Pink and Maroon

## ΦΙΑ

PHI IOTA ALPHA  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1931

**Local Founding:** 2011

**Facebook:** @USCsPhiotas

**Instagram:** @uscphiotas

**National Website:** phiota.info

**Colors:** Oro, Azul, Rojo, y Blanco

## ΣΒΡ

SIGMA BETA RHO  
FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1996

**Local Founding:** 2010

**Facebook:** USC Sigma Beta Rho

**Instagram:** @USC\_SigRho

**National Website:** sigmabetarho.com

**Colors:** Red, Black, and Green

## ΣΛΒ

SIGMA LAMBDA BETA  
INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.

**National Founding:** 1986

**Local Founding:** 2013

**Facebook:** @USCBrothers

**Instagram:** usc\_betas

**National Website:**

sigmalambdabeta.com

**Colors:** Royal Purple and Pure White

## ZΣΧ

ZETA SIGMA CHI  
MULTICULTURAL SORORITY,  
INC.

**National Founding:** March 3, 1991

**Local Founding:** August 21, 2010

**Facebook:** USC ZChi

**Instagram:** @usc\_zchi

**National Website:** zetasmachi.com

**Colors:** Peach and Black



# SORORITY Cost to Join

	Housing	In-House Meal Plan	Out-of-House Meal Plan	Semester Dues	1st Semester Dues
ALPHA CHI OMEGA	\$3,000	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$585	\$853
ALPHA DELTA PI	\$2,745	\$1,770	\$1,770	\$335	\$335
ALPHA GAMMA DELTA	\$2,800	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$636	\$703
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*
ALPHA XI DELTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$450	\$450
CHI OMEGA	\$2,670	\$1,743	\$1,555	\$390	\$750
DELTA DELTA DELTA	\$3,213	\$1,534	\$1,733	\$571	\$1,117
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125	\$1,045
DELTA ZETA	\$3,110	\$1,825	\$1,300	\$654	\$1,014
GAMMA PHI BETA	\$2,990	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$476	\$922
KAPPA DELTA	\$2,584	\$1,389	\$1,622	\$130	\$212
KAPPA DELTA CHI SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$275	\$275
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA	\$2,575	\$1,385	\$1,250	\$750	\$950
PHI MU	\$2,650	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$432	\$324
PI BETA PHI	\$2,750	\$1,575	\$1,450	\$776	\$643
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50	\$1,000
ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$1,000
ZETA SIGMA CHI MULTICULTURAL SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*
ZETA TAU ALPHA	\$3,586	\$1,539	\$1,304	\$724	\$906

\*official costs to be determined fall 2017

## GREEK FEES

All members of the fraternity and sorority community pay a \$50\* Greek activity fee. Members affiliated with one of the twenty facilities in the Greek Village pay an additional \$125\* fee assessed by the university to support the construction of a parking garage dedicated to addressing the meal time congestion in the Greek Village.

\*Note that this was the fee for the 2016-17 academic year.

A financial commitment is part of joining a fraternity or sorority. In order to operate, chapters charge membership dues once a semester. Fraternity members with houses in the Greek Village are typically required to live in the fraternity house at least one year, while sorority members with houses in the Greek Village have the opportunity to live in the house. Additionally, all chapters with houses have a meal plan for members starting the semester after a student joins the organization and lasting the duration of a student's college career.

# FRATERNITY Cost to Join

	Housing	In-House Meal Plan	Out-of-House Meal Plan	Semester Dues	1st Semester Dues
ALPHA EPSILON PI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$750	\$950
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$90	\$1,100-\$1,500
BETA THETA PI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$700	\$700
CHI PSI	\$3,250	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$850	\$850
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$700	\$850
DELTA UPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$700	\$800
IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$1,200
KAPPA ALPHA ORDER	\$2,700	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$900	\$1,260
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$2,500
KAPPA SIGMA	\$3,000	\$1,950	\$1,850	\$1,000	\$700
LAMBDA CHI ALPHA	\$2,660	\$1,550	\$1,850	\$850	\$960
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*
PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*
PHI GAMMA DELTA (FIJI)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$825	\$900
PHI IOTA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$250	\$300
PHI KAPPA SIGMA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$800	\$950
PHI KAPPA TAU	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$650	\$650
PHI SIGMA KAPPA	\$3,000	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$900	\$600
PI KAPPA ALPHA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$945	\$1,228
PI KAPPA PHI	\$3,650 (fall)	\$1,720	\$1,720	\$750	\$850
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON	\$2,900	\$1,700	\$1,575	\$1,000	\$1,250
SIGMA BETA RHO FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$200	\$50
SIGMA LAMBDA BETA INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$300	\$700
SIGMA NU	\$2,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$850	\$850
SIGMA PHI EPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$700	\$700
TAU KAPPA EPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$900	\$800
THETA CHI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$800	\$950
THETA DELTA CHI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$600	\$575

\*official costs to be determined fall 2017

# FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSING

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The University of South Carolina is fortunate to have some of the premier fraternity and sorority houses in the country. The Greek Village features 20 facilities and houses approximately 700 students. The Greek Village is managed by the USC Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the fraternity and sorority house corporations. Each house has a live-in property manager who is trained to manage the facility, develop mentoring relationships with residents, and make sure rules and policies are upheld.

All first-year students at the University of South Carolina are expected to live in residence halls for the duration of the contract they will sign this summer for both fall and spring semesters. This means that students will be responsible for the full cost of their University Housing contracts for the fall and spring semesters. No exceptions will be made for students who wish to move from a residence hall to the Greek Village.



# HAZING POLICY & ORGANIZATIONAL CONDUCT

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Hazing is against the law. The University of South Carolina strongly believes in a vibrant learning environment where all students learn, grow, and develop to their fullest potential in a safe atmosphere. As such, Carolina strongly prohibits any actions, including hazing, that detract from such an environment.

Here is a link to USC's hazing policy: [www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf305.pdf](http://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf305.pdf)

No organization or its initiated or uninitiated members registered or otherwise, officially or in fact, may participate in the activity of hazing. Hazing is any activity undertaken by a group or organization or a member of that group or organization in which members or prospective or uninitiated members are subjected to activities which harass, intimidate, physically exhaust, impart pain, cause undue mental fatigue or mental distress, emotional distress or engages in any conduct which presents a threat to the student's health or safety, or which cause mutilation or alteration of the body or parts of the body, which shall include but are not limited to brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, or exposure to elements.

Such activities include but are not limited to: tests of endurance, personal servitude activities such as cleaning, driving and running errands, submission of members or prospective members to potentially dangerous or hazardous circumstances, activities which have a foreseeable potential for resulting in personal injury, or any activity which by its nature is so profound that it would have a potential to cause severe mental anxiety, mental distress, emotional distress, panic, degradation, interference with a student's academic progress or performance or public embarrassment.

Registered organizations and groups shall be permitted certain initiation ceremonies and activities, which when examined by the ordinary university student, would seem reasonable under the circumstances and justified in view of the purpose for which they are conducted. It shall not constitute a defense to the charge of hazing that the participants took part voluntarily, gave consent to the conduct, voluntarily assumed the risks or hardship of the activity, that the conduct was not part of an official organizational event or sanctioned or approved by the organization, that the conduct was not done as a condition of membership in the organization or that no injury in fact was suffered. An individual is responsible for hazing if he or she personally takes or contributes to the actions described in this section or if they know hazing will occur or is occurring and does nothing to stop and report it to the appropriate university and legal authorities.

Retaliation against any individual who reports a hazing violation or suspected hazing violations to the university or law enforcement official would be considered a violation against university policy.

To help you make fully informed choices about joining fraternities and sororities at UofSC, we provide a report on organizational conduct violations dating back to 2011. Think about this information as you evaluate the safety and integrity of the organizations you're considering joining. Make a plan to be an active bystander in an unsafe situation and know what you can do to stop harmful behavior and get help for yourself and your peers. We care about your safety and well-being, and we appreciate your support as we work together, guided by the tenets of the Carolinian Creed, to keep our campus and community safe. In accordance with the **Tucker Hipps Transparency Act**, the university publishes this report on actual findings of violations involving alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, physical assault and hazing by fraternity and sorority organizations formally affiliated with the institution. The report includes the name of the responsible organizations; the dates of the incident, report, charge, investigation and resolution; and a general description of the incident and the subsequent charges, findings and sanctions placed on the organization. This information can be found on the main Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life website at [www.sa.sc.edu/fsl](http://www.sa.sc.edu/fsl).

**Want to report hazing anonymously?  
Call the Fraternity and Sorority Life Hazing Hotline at 803-777-5800.**

# FOR PARENTS

Parents play a large role in a student's college career and in their decision to join a fraternity or sorority. Whether or not your family has a history of fraternity and sorority involvement, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is here to help you along the way. We greatly value the role that parents play in the lives of their children and look to you as an ally in making every student's fraternity and sorority experience the best that it can be.



## QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY PARENTS

### What is the financial obligation of joining?



Costs to be a member of a fraternity or sorority can vary greatly by chapter, but it is important to know ahead of time that there will be some costs associated. The dues go toward (inter)national fees, chapter operating costs, and social functions. New members should expect to pay higher dues their first semester due to initiation fees. Groups who have a chapter facility in the Greek Village require members to join the Greek meal plan after their first semester. This is an expectation of membership.

### Who runs the fraternities and sororities?



Students elect their own officers to manage the day-to-day operations of the organization. These officers are assisted by chapter members serving on committees and alumni who serve as advisors to the officers and general chapter members. Chapter facilities are owned by a house corporation that oversees the facility's management and operations. Each chapter is governed by its (inter)national headquarters and governing council on campus. Additionally, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life staff supports and advises the governing councils, Greek boards, chapter officers, and advisors.

### What is the time commitment like?



The time commitment generally varies from chapter to chapter and from member to member, but you can expect your student to invest more time in his or her fraternity or sorority during the first semester as they go through the new member education program. New member education focuses on learning the history and facts about the organization, developing leadership and time management skills, and spending time getting to know their brothers or sisters. Although it can be time intensive, it should not interfere with academic commitments. If you have concerns about the time your student is putting into his or her chapter, do not hesitate to contact our office.

# IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

## Frequently Used Greek Terms

See more at [sa.sc.edu/fsl/greek-glossary/](http://sa.sc.edu/fsl/greek-glossary/)

**Advisor:** An alumnus member who serves as a resource for the active chapter and liaison between the alums and collegians.

**Alumni:** Members of a fraternity who have graduated. (Singular is alumnus.)

**Alumnae:** Members of a sorority who have graduated. (Singular is alumna.)

**Badge:** Also known as a pin, it is an item of jewelry given to members upon initiation. The badge is to be worn at all official functions, and upon a member's death, it should be returned to the sorority or fraternity headquarters. The badge must be worn with business-like attire, usually over the heart and above all other pins.

**Bid:** An invitation to join a fraternity or sorority. They are given out on Bid Day during formal recruitment.

**Bid Day:** The last day of recruitment where potential new members receive formal invitations to join a fraternity or sorority.

**Call:** A yell used mostly by NPHC. Used to identify and greet brothers and sisters. Non-members are not permitted to use the call.

**Chapter:** A branch of a national sorority or fraternity, established at a campus. Each will have its own name, usually designated by Greek letters.

**Collegian/Collegiate:** An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority currently in college. Formerly known as active.

**Colony:** A new organization that is awaiting official recognition from its national office to have a chapter at a campus.

**Expansion/Extension:** When an organization is looking to expand and open a new chapter at a school.

**Founders Day:** An event celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and celebrate its history. It's not necessarily held on the day the organization was founded.

**Initiate:** A person who has recently learned the ritual of a fraternity or sorority and is a full member.

**Initiation:** A ceremony where a new member becomes a full member of the organization. Initiation ceremonies are private and different for all organizations.

**Intake:** Term for the process by which MGC and NPHC members select and educate new members of the organization.

**Legacy:** The son, daughter, brother, or sister of an initiated or alumnus/alumna member. Some organizations also include grandchildren or step-children.

**Line:** The new member class of NPHC Organizations that are often named.

**Multicultural Greek Council:** The governing board for culturally based Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina.

**Neophyte:** New member of an NPHC organization. Also called a neo.

**New Member:** After receiving and accepting a bid, the person becomes a new member.

**NIC:** Stands for North American Interfraternity Conference and is the national governing body of the men's fraternities.

**National Panhellenic Conference:** The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the organization that governs the 26 national women's sororities.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council:** The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the governing body of the nine traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities, also known as the Divine Nine.

**Order of Omega:** An honor society for Greek members who demonstrate outstanding leadership and academic achievement.

**Recruitment:** The process where NPC sororities and NIC fraternities recruit new members. Potential new members have the opportunity to interact with all participating organizations and learn more about fraternity/sorority life.

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