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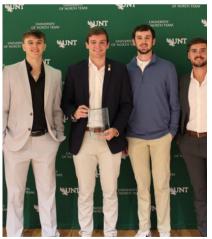
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Fraternities and Sororities have had a presence at the University of North Texas since 1952. The community has been a viable and integral part of the student experience with four councils consisting of more than 35 fraternities and sororities. This unique experience offers an impactful and long-lasting connection to the institution.

Membership in a fraternity or sorority can be one of the most significant experiences for a college student. The value of this is experience for students who choose to participate is the melding of almost every segment of the campus community into one cohesive program. Fraternities and sororities promote the experience of selfgovernance, leadership development, academic achievement, community service, social opportunities, and friendship.

The purpose of this guide is to supply you with the information necessary to better understand our community. UNT has a diverse fraternity and sorority life experience and serving the needs of our students requires us all and together, we have the shared goal of developing unity and excitement for all that wear the Green and White.

I encourage you to explore the opportunities for involvement within our community to see where you can find your fraternal or sororal home. The staff of the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life stand at the ready to serve your needs to the best of our ability.

Go Mean Green!!!

Ronald J. Atkinson II Director, Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life

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## Mission Statement

#### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of North Texas is to enhance student development through membership in CFSL organizations. Students are encouraged to emphasize academic excellence, philanthropic participation, personal development, and social development. We strive to create a unified campus through positive relations with the administration, faculty, and all CFSL and non-CFSL student organizations. Through these endeavors, the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life strives to complement the mission of the University of North Texas.

### The Center



The Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life is a first in the nation, 6,000square-foot stand-alone facility and is one of the first of its kind in the country. Opened in the spring of 2014, the center furnishes a place for fraternity and sorority chapters that are not housed to meet and work. It also gives alumni a welcoming site to visit and offers space for UNT organizations to reserve for meetings.

The \$2.6 million facility features of the center include a Chapter Room, a 125-seat space with four pull-down projector screens available to any UNT organization or individual to reserve; the Council Room, a designated workspace with desks, computers and Internet access for students who serve on the governing bodies of the fraternities and sororities; as well as a smaller meeting room, workroom, kitchen and fraternity and sorority life staff offices.

### **The Four Pillars**

#### Leadership

The fraternity and sorority community is committed to providing its members with vast opportunities for leadership. Each member is encouraged to actively participate in chapter and campius0wide leadership role. Fraternity and sorority members also develop leadership skills through conventions, conferences, and retreats.

#### Academics

The fraternity and sorority community strives for excellence in scholarship. All chapters at UNT maintain GPA requirements for both membership and to fill leadership roles. Many chapters earn higher GPA's than their non-affiliated peers. Chapters implement study hours and offer scholarships for academic performance. CFSL will also work to support scholastic achievement.

#### Service and Philanthropy

Community service and philanthropy are important components of the fraternity and sorority experience. Community service includes the giving of our time and abilities to provide individuals or organizations with hands-on support. Philanthropy involves the raising of resources to assist with the mission of a charitable organization.

#### Sisterhood/Brotherhood

The bonds forged through the shared fraternity and sorority experience are ones that members cherish for a lifetime. It is a great way to find community at UNT and enhances the student experience. Brotherhood and sisterhood are bonds of unity and friendship unique to the fraternity and sorority experience and it will last long beyond your time on campus.





### **Greek Glossary**

- Active Member An undergraduate sorority or fraternity member who has been initiated by their chapter.
- Alumna/Alumnus A sorority/fraternity member who is no longer a member of a collegiate chapter (plurals are alumnae and alumni).
- Bid A formal invitation to join a sorority or fraternity
- Chapter A local membership unit of a national or international sorority or fraternity.
- Continuous Open Bidding (COB) COB bids may be extended and accepted at any time during the school year other than Formal Recruitment (COB is also referred to as Open Bidding and Informal Membership Recruitment).
- Formal Recruitment A designated membership recruitment period comprised of a series of events hosted by the College Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils.
- Fraternity Greek-lettered organizations for men.
- Initiation The formal ceremony that brings a new member into full membership.
- Interfraternity Council (IFC) The IFC is a cooperative campus organization of collegiate members, typically of NIC fraternities.
- Legacy A man or woman whose mother/father, sister/brother, or in some cases grandmother/grandfather, is an alumna/alumnus or active member of a sorority or fraternity.
- Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) MGC is a cooperative campus organization of Latinx, Asian, East Asian, and Multicultural fraternities and sororities.
- National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) NALFO is the national governing body composed of the 24 Latino Greek-letter organizations.

### **Greek Glossary Cont.**

- National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) NIC is the national governing body composed of the 64 member organization fraternities.
- National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) NPC is the governing body composed of 26 national women's fraternities.
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) NPHC is the governing body composed of the 9
  national historically African-American fraternities and sororities. Also known as the "Divine 9".
- New Member A man or woman who has accepted a sorority or fraternity bid but is not yet an initiated member. Also called an associate member.
- Panhellenic Council The College Panhellenic Council is a cooperative campus organization of collegiate members of NPC sororities.
- Philanthropy A service project undertaken by Greek organizations at the campus, community, or national level. Each fraternity and sorority has a designated cause to which they serve.
- Potential New Member (PNM) Any man or woman interested in becoming a member of a social Greek-letter organization who is eligible to join according to specific council requirements.
- Recruitment Counselors (Rho Gammas) Panhellenic members carefully selected and trained to guide potential new members through the Panhellenic formal recruitment process.
- Showcase An opportunity for NPHC and MGC fraternities and sororities to "showcase" their individual chapters to Potential New Members. Both NPHC and MGC host annual Showcase events.
- Sister/Brother A term used by members of a sorority or fraternity when referring to one another.
- Sorority A Greek-lettered organization for women.

### **Meet the Councils**

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### National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)





## NPHC

The stated purpose and mission of the NPHC nationally upon its founding in 1930 was "Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."

The UNT chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) was chartered in 1995. Since that time, the council has been a strong, positive force on the UNT campus. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information, and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives important to the African-American community through various activities and functions. While these organizations are historically African-American, they are open to men and women of all races.

Current NPHC members are involved in activities such as NT40, UNT Athletics, NAACP, SGA, and a host of professional and honorary organizations. Finding a balance between academics and social activities is important in your college life, and involvement in both areas will provide you with a well-rounded college experience.

Membership in an NPHC organization is selective and is a life-long commitment that continues long after your collegiate career. NPHC has graduate/alumni chapters nationwide and current undergraduate members are expected to affiliate with upon graduating. Graduate/Alumni chapters can be especially beneficial when relocating or changing careers



#### ΑΦΑ

#### Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Eta Epsilon Colors: Black and Old Gold Symbol: Sphinx Founded: Dec. 4th, 1906 Motto: "First of all, servants of all, we shall Transcend All"

#### **AKA** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Epsilon Mu Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green Symbol: Ivy Leaf Founded: Jan. 15th, 1908 Motto: "By Culture and By Merit"

**ΩΨΦ** Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Phi Gamma Colors: Purple and Old Gold Symbol: Lamp Founded: Nov. 17th, 1911 Motto: "Friendship is essential to the soul" **ΔΣΘ** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Zeta Eta Colors: Crimson and Creme Symbol: Fortitude Founded: Jan. 13th, 1913 Motto: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom"

## NPHC

#### **ΦΒΣ** Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Zeta Beta Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White Symbol: Dove Founded: Jan. 9th, 1914 Motto: "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity"

#### **ΙΦΘ** Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Delta Kappa Colors: Charcoal Brown and Gilded Gold Symbol: Centaur Founded: Sept. 19th, 1963 Motto: "Building a tradition, not resting upon one!"

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### Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)







The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the umbrella organization to the 12 recognized historically Multicultural focused fraternities and sororities at UNT. Though membership in this council is not restricted to students of Multicultural heritage, MGC serves as a multifaceted organization whose purposes include representing Multicultural interest to the University and community, managing and assisting in the expansion of future Multicultural Greek organizations, promotion of the concept of self-governance among fraternities and sororities, unification of the Multicultural Greek groups, sponsoring of large scale community service projects, and planning various activities throughout the year with the other Greek umbrella organizations.

Membership in an MGC organization is a life-long commitment. Members of MGC organizations remain active as alumni members and participate in many events nationwide.

The Multicultural Greek Council was founded with great significance placed on giving back to the community. The members of the UNT campus are no different. They participate in many service and fund-raising endeavors such as Habitat for Humanity, SPAN, Race for the Cure, American Red Cross, and Youth and Family Services.

#### ΔΦΩ

#### Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Denton Colors: Red, Black, and Silver Symbol: Bengal Tiger Founded: Dec. 6th, 1998 Motto: "We Dreamt, We Saw, We Conquered"

#### **ΔΚΔ** Delta Kappa Delta Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Theta Colors: Violet, Black, and Silver Symbol: Peacock Founded: Oct. 1st, 1999 Motto: "I slept and dreamt that life was joy, I awoke and saw that life was service, I acted, and behold, service was joy"

KΔX Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Alpha Upsilon Colors: Pink and Maroon Symbol: Penguin Founded: Apr. 6th, 1987 Motto: "Leading with Integrity, Uniting with Service" **ΛΘΑ** Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

COUNCIL



Chapter: Beta Mu Colors: Burgundy and Grey Symbol: La Perla (pearl), La Concha (shell), La Luna (moon), y La Palma (Palm Tree) Founded: Dec. 1st, 1975 Motto: "Unity, Love, and Respect"

#### ΛΘΦ

#### Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Alpha Tau Colors: Brown and White Founded: Dec. 1st, 1975 Motto: "Chivalry Above Self" Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.



ΩΔΦ

Chapter: Alpha Chi Colors: Scarlet and Silver Symbol: Knight Founded: Nov. 25th, 1987 Motto: "Crescit Eundo It grows as it goes"

ΦIA Phi lota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Alpha Nu Colors: Gold, Navy Blue, Rec and White Symbol: African Lion Founded: Dec. 26th, 1931 Motto: "Semper Parati, Semper Juncti" **ΓΦΩ** Gamma Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

COUNCIL



Chapter: Pi Colors: Maroon and Navy Symbol: Swan Founded: Apr. 17th, 1991 Motto: "Unity and Sisterhood, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable"

#### ΔΕΨ

#### Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity, Inc.



Chapter: Alpha Lambda Colors: Navy Blue and Silver Symbol: The Asiatic Lion Founded: Oct. 1st, 1998 Motto: "In Brotherhood Lies Our Strength"

#### ΣΛΒ

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

OUNCIL



Chapter: Theta Beta Colors: Royal Purple, Pure White Symbol: White Stallion Mustang Founded: Apr. 4th, 1986 Motto: "Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture"

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Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Rho Beta Colors: Shocking Pink and Majestic Purple Symbol: Purple Panther Founded: Apr. 9th, 1990 Motto: "Culture is Pride, Pride is Success"

#### **ΜΔΑ** Mu Delta Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Gamma Colors: Teal and Peach Symbol: Butterfly Founded: Feb. 17th, 2014 Motto: "Iman is our identity, Ihsan is our legacy."

#### ΔΑΣ

MGC

Delta Alpha Sigma Multicultural Sorority, Inc.



Chapter: Epsilon Colors: Midnight Blue, Light Pink Symbol: Crescent Moon and Star Founded: Mar. 10th, 2004

Motto: "Friends from the beginning, sisters 'til the end"

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### Interfraternity Council (IFC)





### IFC

The Interfraternity Council, or IFC, is the governing body for 12 of our fraternities at the University of North Texas. This council has 9 executive officers, which are elected by the general voting body each year. The purpose of the council is to not only promote fellowship within the fraternity and sorority community, but also to set standards and governing rules for members of our chapters to abide by. The philosophy behind IFC is, in order for us to hold our fraternity and sorority community to its highest standard, we must hold each other to these same standards.

IFC fraternities sponsor community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity, Challenge for Children and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We take pride in our high scholastic achievements and constantly remind our members that academic excellence comes before anything else. We encourage everyone to check out and visit each of our IFC fraternities and set a course towards academic and personal success.

## IFC

#### **ΑΕΠ** Alpha Epsilon Pi



Chapter: Mu Gamma Colors: Gold and Blue Symbol: Lion Founded: Nov. 7th, 1913 Motto: "Developing Leadership for the Jewish Community"

#### **ΔΣΦ** Delta Sigma Phi



Chapter: Gamma Xi Colors: Nile Green and Carnation White Symbol: The Sphinx Founded: Dec. 10th, 1899 Motto: "Better Men, Better Lives"

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#### **KA** Kappa Alpha Order



Chapter: Gamma Lambda Colors: Crimson and Old Gold Founded: Dec. 21st, 1865 Motto: "Dieu et les Dames" **KΣ** Kappa Sigma



Chapter: Epsilon Upsilon Colors: Scarlet, White, and Emerald Green Symbol: Star and Crescent Founded: Dec. 10th, 1869 Motto: "Bononia Docet"

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#### ΠΚΑ Pi Kappa Alpha



Chapter: Epsilon Delta Colors: Garnet and Old Gold Symbol: The Oak Tree, Shield & Diamond, Dagger & Key Founded: Mar. 1st, 1868

#### ΦΚΤ Phi Kappa Tau



Chapter: Zeta Theta Colors: Harvard Red and Old Gold Symbol: Unicorn Founded: Mar. 17th, 1906 Motto: "Building men of character"

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#### ΣΧ Sigma Chi



Chapter: lota Phi Colors: Blue and Old Gold Symbol: The White Cross Founded: Jun. 28th, 1855 Motto: "In Hoc Signo Vincess"

ΣΝ Sigma Nu



Chapter: Zeta Omicron Colors: Black, White, and Gold

Founded: Jan. 1st, 1869 Motto: "Love, Honor, Truth"

### IFC

#### **ΣΦΕ** Sigma Phi Epsilon



Chapter: Texas Beta Colors: Red, Purple, and Gold Founded: Nov. 1st, 1901 Motto: "Building Balanced Men"

#### **ΘX** Theta Chi



Chapter: Delta Phi Colors: Military Red and White Founded: Apr. 10th, 1856 Motto: "An Assisting Hand"

### EST.

#### **ΦΚΣ** Phi Kappa Sigma



Chapter: Beta Eta Colors: Black and Old Gold Symbol: Bell, Star, & Lamp Founded: Oct. 19th, 1850 Motto: "Stellis Aequus Durando – Equal to the stars in endurance."

### 1952

#### **ΛΧΑ** Lambda Chi Alpha



Chapter: lota Zeta Colors: Royal Purple, Kelly Green, and Old Gold Symbol: Cross and Crescent Founded: Nov. 2nd, 1909 Motto: "Per Crucem Crescens"

### College Panhellenic Council (CPC)





### CPC

The College Panhellenic Council is the governing body of the eight National Panhellenic Conference affiliated sororities at the University of North Texas. Panhellenic is an organization established to foster interfraternal relationships, to help collegiate chapters of the National Panhellenic Conference member groups, and to assist in maintaining the highest scholastic and social standards. The council enables the sororities to work together more effectively on campus.

The individual organizations are dedicated to personal development, academic achievement, leadership growth, and service to the campus and community. Activities may include community service projects, educational programs, leadership training, study halls, sisterhood retreats, intramural sports and fraternity mixers. Above all, sororities foster close friendships that will last through college and beyond. Panhellenic meets weekly to discuss the current issues facing the Greek Community, plan upcoming events, and serve as a link between UNT administration and individual organizations.



#### **ΑΔΠ** Alpha Delta Pi



Chapter: Gamma Upsilon Colors: Azure and White Symbol: "Alphie" The Lion Founded: May 15th, 1851 Motto: "We Live For Each Other" **АФ** Alpha Phi



Chapter: Gamma Eta Colors: Bordeaux and Silver Symbol: Ivy Founded: Oct. 10th, 1872 Motto: "Union hand in hand"

**XΩ** Chi Omega



Chapter: Alpha Alpha Colors: Cardinal and Straw Symbol: Skull and Crossbones Founded: Apr. 5th, 1895 Motto: "Sisters on purpose" **ΔΓ** Delta Gamma



Chapter: Gamma Nu Colors: Bronze, Pink, and Blue Symbol: Anchor Founded: Dec. 25th, 1873 Motto: "Do Good"

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#### **ΚΔ** Kappa Delta



Chapter: Gamma Upsilon Colors: Olive Green and Pearl White Symbol: Nautilus Shell, Dagger Founded: Oct. 23th, 1897 Motto: "Let us strive for that

which is honorable, beautiful

and highest"

#### **ККГ** Карра Карра Gamma



Chapter: Zeta Sigma Colors: Light and Dark Blue Symbol: Owl, Key, Fleur-De-Lis

Founded: Oct. 13th, 1870 Motto: "Dream Boldly. Live Fully"

**ПВФ** Pi Beta Phi



Chapter: Texas Epsilon Colors: Wine and Silver Blue Symbol: Arrow Founded: Apr. 28th, 1867 Motto: "Friends and Leaders for Life" **ZTA** Zeta Tau Alpha



Chapter: Gamma Phi Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Grey Symbol: Five Point Crown Founded: May 23rd, 1953 Motto: "Seek the Noblest"



#### What does Fraternity and Sorority Life have to offer University of North Texas students?

The fraternity and sorority community at the University of North Texas is comprised of more than 39(inter)nationally affiliated fraternity and sorority organizations. Many students find that joining a fraternity or sorority provides them a home away from home and a foundation upon which to build a new and exciting future. In addition, the University of North Texas fraternity and sorority community opens many doors by providing leadership, academic, service, social and interpersonal opportunities. The decision to join a fraternity or sorority is a lifelong commitment with an organization that stands for the best things college has to offer.

#### How does a student become involved with Fraternity and Sorority Life at UNT?

Each semester, the four governing councils of all organizations host a number of organized "Recruitment" events – opportunities for non-affiliated students to become acquainted with the fraternity and sorority community. During recruitment, non-affiliated students have the opportunity to visit all fraternities and sororities to meet the members and decide which, if any, of the chapters best suit their needs. The Recruitment process is one of mutual selection in which fraternity and sorority members invite individuals to be a part of their organizations, and likewise, potential members select the chapters that are best suited for them. Some recruitment processes are very casual, while others are more formal in structure. Even if students are unsure about joining the fraternity and sorority community, recruitment offers a great opportunity to meet new people!

#### Why should I join a fraternity or sorority at UNT?

Becoming a member of the fraternity and sorority community will provide you with a number of experiences that will help you prepare for not only a career, but also for life. These advantages include developing leadership skills by chairing a committee or assuming an executive board position; succeeding academically with the help of organized study hours; increasing awareness and knowledge of a variety of topics such as alcohol awareness, risk management, multiculturalism, and healthy behaviors; and developing enduring friendships and memories that last long after graduation.

#### <u>Will fraternity and sorority Life assist students as they begin their careers?</u>

One of the tremendous assets of affiliation with a Greek-lettered organization is the nationwide network of alumni/ae members of the organization. As a student prepares for entry into the career world, alumni/ae members can assist in job placement through their knowledge of where jobs are and who is hiring. In addition, the fraternity and sorority experience will assist students in developing transferable skills that will be needed in the career world, such as management, leadership development, communications, and more!

#### What kinds of costs are involved in joining a fraternity or sorority?

Joining a fraternity or a sorority does have a financial commitment. The chapters are self-supporting through dues paid by their members. When students join a fraternity/sorority, they also agree to pay dues and fees while in school to maintain membership. Although chapters may make accommodations for special needs, students should discuss the financial obligations with their parents or guardians before deciding to join.

Each chapter has different dues for membership that cover such things as chapter and national dues, dues to the governing council, your membership badge, social activities, resources, and other miscellaneous costs. Many chapters also offer payment plan options for those interested.

#### <u>What is the time commitment involved in belonging to a Greek-lettered organizations?</u>

While there are certain attendance requirements, a well-balanced schedule is encouraged for all members. Through involvement with the chapter, students will learn to better manage their time by balancing academics, work, and other commitments. Academic commitments are the first priority and many members hold student jobs as well. fraternities and sororities are conscientious of the full schedules that most students have and offer flexibility as much as possible. Students find that being active in a fraternity or sorority is well worth the time they put into it.

#### How do I get involved?

Browse our website for specific council recruitment information and contact the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life at 940-369-8463 or at cfsl@unt.edu

# Add a new chapter to your life's story!



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