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ISU Sorority and Fraternity Engagement

Welcome to Iowa State University



GREETINGS FROM THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS!

I am thrilled you are considering our exceptional ISU Sorority and Fraternity Community to enhance your Cyclone experience. Joining a sorority or fraternity is one of the best decisions you can make when you attend Iowa State University. By becoming a member of a sorority or fraternity, you will get a front row seat to expand your leadership skills and get connected to opportunities throughout the community. You will make memories and build friendships that will last a lifetime. Committing to one of our 60+ chapters will add supplemental experiences to support your journey toward your college degree.

Our sorority and fraternity community is grounded in five core values: academics, civic engagement, friendship, leadership, and social justice. The impact of the sorority and fraternity community is seen throughout campus, in Ames, and around the world. Our sorority and fraternity alumni are statement makers across the country as they lead businesses and serve as CEOs, entrepreneurs, and innovators. As a member of a sorority or fraternity, you will be challenged and empowered to be your best and do your best each and every day.

Over twenty years ago, I joined my sorority and credit much of my personal and professional growth to what I learned from members of my organization and lessons I learned along the way. As the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, I am committed to the individual and collective achievements of the sorority and fraternity community and I will be supportive of you as you navigate chapter membership.

As you read through this informational booklet, consider all of the wonderful aspects of lifelong membership in a sorority or fraternity including the ongoing connection to Iowa State University and your organization members. It is truly an unforgettable experience that you will cherish forever!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toyia K. Younger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Toyia K. Younger, Ph.D. | Senior Vice President for Student Affairs | Iowa State University



ABOUT THE SORORITY & FRATERNITY COMMUNITY

Sororities and fraternities have been an integral part of Iowa State University (ISU) since 1875 and have enhanced the lives of thousands of students and alumni. The ISU sorority and fraternity community offers outstanding opportunities to get involved in leadership, philanthropy, and service while striving academically. Joining the community will provide students with the opportunity to meet many friends and become involved on campus and in the community.

The sorority and fraternity community focuses on five key values including: academics, civic engagement, friendship, leadership, and social justice.

Academics. The sorority and fraternity community prides itself on holding high academic standards for its members. It consistently holds a higher GPA (3.20 Fall 2022) than the all-university undergraduate average (3.11 Fall 2022). Student retention is also stronger among the sorority and fraternity community than with unaffiliated students.

The Greek Academic Achievement Plan (GAAP) was developed between the Academic Success Center and the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement to support chapters looking to enhance their academic achievement. Chapters collaborate with the Academic Success Center to provide effective scholarship programs, study skills, and individual academic planning.

Civic Engagement. Each semester, chapters participate and conduct fundraisers for charitable organizations of their choice. The sorority and fraternity community raised on average \$53.21 per member annually for local and national organizations. Some organizations include the Special Olympics Iowa, Children's Miracle Network, local shelters, emergency residence projects, and many more. The community hosts and provides opportunities for community service events including the annual Sorority and Fraternity Trick-or-Treat event, community clean up, visiting local schools and many other opportunities. The community donates over 35,000 hours annually to community service initiatives.

Friendship. Joining a sorority or fraternity provides members an opportunity to foster lifelong friendships and countless memories through a "home away from home" environment. Chapters participate in many social events within the chapter, engagements with other sororities and fraternities, and connections with other on-campus student groups. Through events such as Homecoming and Greek Week, chapters interact with peers to create siblinghood among members. The friendships built through a sorority and fraternity experience extend beyond college and serve as a foundation and network for your future. Mentoring opportunities after graduation with chapter alumni, advisers, graduate chapters, inter/national staff, and representatives provide members networking opportunities beyond their college years.

Leadership. There are many ways students can get involved as a sorority and fraternity leader. The first is through chapter leadership, where students can serve in a leadership role internally to support the vision and mission of their organization. Leadership roles provide members with experience budgeting, event planning, conflict resolution, team management, and enhance critical thinking skills. The students in these leadership roles are supported by the local and national advisers and university resources. Leaders can also get involved with the sorority and fraternity community leadership, which includes serving on one of the four governing councils or one of our many sorority and fraternity interest groups featured on pages 9 and 10.

Sorority and fraternity members also play a significant role in organizations across campus, including: Student Government, Dance Marathon, Student Union Board, Blood Drive, Homecoming, Fashion Show, Black Student Alliance and Latinx Student Initiatives. Sorority and fraternity students also play a significant role in the Ames and the surrounding community.

Social Justice. Iowa State University sorority and fraternity chapters offer diverse experiences for members. Chapters engage in critical conversations about inclusion, diversity and challenging inequalities by exposing members to opportunities they may not otherwise experience. Our chapters partner with campus departments including The Center for LGBTQIAA+, Student Success, Margaret Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equality, Student Accessibility Services, and more, to learn about differences and similarities between and among the community. The sorority and fraternity community promotes social justice through educational programming and creating opportunities to bring awareness and change. Additionally, the community welcomes all students to join our variety of chapters which provide a vast array of opportunities to help each individual student succeed at Iowa State University.

FAQ

Q: I'm worried about managing my time being a member of a sorority or fraternity. How much time does chapter membership take?

Similar to other clubs and organizations, the more time you dedicate to membership, the more opportunities and adventures you will experience. The time commitment varies from chapter to chapter. The first semester is generally a weekly meeting when members go through the chapter's member education program. The majority of the chapter new member programs are six to eight weeks; these programs allow the member an opportunity to develop their leadership and time management skills, learn about the history of the organization, develop friendships and become more involved. Each chapter has a weekly chapter meeting and other required events, including initiation, recruitment/intake and philanthropic activities throughout the year.

Q: Why are there some things sorority and fraternity members can't talk about? What's the big secret?

Sorority and fraternity members often participate in ceremonies while becoming an active member of that organization. These ceremonies often are referred to as rituals. Sororities and fraternities pride themselves on the rituals that their chapters were founded upon. These rituals are full of the traditions and values that make the chapters unique, having been conducted for many years. These rituals should not be confused with hazing and other inappropriate activities.

Q: What will I get from a sorority or fraternity that I would not get from another college organization?

Joining a sorority or fraternity has multiple benefits. As you transition to college membership will help provide you connection to people and resources on campus to help you become successful. During your membership you will be provided opportunity for personal and professional development through leadership training and opportunities, being an active member of the Ames and Iowa State community, and opportunities to apply what you've learned in class to the real world. Once you graduate life-long membership provides you connection to members no matter where you go, continued personal and professional opportunities for growth, and continued responsibility to be an active citizen of the world.

Q: As a family member, how can I support my student?

It is important for family members to continue to be a support system for their student. One of the key components for the support is empowering students as they navigate the sorority and fraternity experience. Encourage your student to gather as much information as possible before they make the decision to join a fraternal organization. It is important that you discuss financial obligations and the time commitment before your student enters a recruitment or intake process with a sorority or fraternity. This will be an exciting time of new experiences in your student's life and your support will be invaluable.

Tips for supporting your student during the recruitment or intake process:

- Allow your student to make their own decision.
- Learn as much as you can about sorority and fraternity life and the membership experience.
- Keep an open mind.
- Talk to your student about the financial obligations and membership requirements.
- Just because you're a sorority or fraternity alumnus, doesn't mean your student is interested in the opportunity.
- Keep the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement contact information available. Please contact us if you have questions.
- Once your student joins a chapter, take advantage of Parent's Weekend activities, Cyclone Family Weekend, and Iowa State's Parent and Family Programs.

TERMS TO KNOW

ACTIVE MEMBER: a fully initiated undergraduate member of a sorority/fraternity.

ALUMNI/ALUMNA: an initiated sorority/fraternity member who has completed their course of study and graduated from the university.

BEDROOM-STYLE LIVING: similar to the traditional residence hall.

BID: a formal invitation given by a chapter asking a prospective member to join the chapter.

CALLS: a unique vocal expression attributed to an organization. Calls are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

CHAPTER: the local membership of an inter/national fraternal organization.

COLD AIRS: a large, common sleeping quarter with bunked beds. Traditionally windows are kept open year-round, but recently many cold airs are heated/cooled appropriate to the season. Chapter members have two to three people within one living quarters separate from cold airs.

COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (CPC): the governing body for all Iowa State University sororities in the National Panhellenic Conference and one affiliate group.

COLONY: a fraternal membership that has received approval from the University Committee on Fraternities and Sororities and recognition from one of the governing councils but is in a trial period with their inter/national organization.

CONTINUOUS OPEN BIDDING: an informal process of recruitment that some Collegiate Panhellenic Council chapters will engage in each academic year.

CROSSING: a term used to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into a group.

FRATERNITY: a Greek-letter sisterhood, siblinghood or brotherhood.

GREEK: the name applied to affiliated sorority and fraternity members.

HAND SIGN: a symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an organization. Hand signs are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

INFORMATIONAL: a forum for individuals interested in seeking more information about a particular sorority or fraternity.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC): the governing body for 30 Iowa State University fraternities; many groups are members of the North-American Interfraternity Conference.

INITIATION/ACTIVATION: the traditional ritual or formal ceremony of induction that marks the transition to full membership in a sorority/fraternity.

LEGACY: a prospective member whose grandparents, mother/father or sister/brother is an alumni of a sorority/fraternity.

LINE: group of individuals going through the membership intake process. Another term is new member class.

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS (MIP): a process by which interested persons become members of most MGC and NPHC organizations. Generally characterized by an informational meeting, an application process, an interview or series of interviews and an educational process.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC): the governing body for fraternities and sororities at Iowa State with culture and identity as a foundation.

NATIONAL APIDA PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION: National APIDA Panhellenic Association (NAPA) is a collective group of leaders within the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American community who work together to advocate, collaborate, and educate their members and constituency for the greater good.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO): The National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) is an umbrella council for 16 Latino Greek Letter Organizations established in 1998.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC): an organization composed of 26 member women's sororities.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC): a national governing organization of nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities. Iowa State University has a local council to help govern the chapters represented on campus. This council is also called the Divine Nine.

NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL: The National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGC) is an umbrella council for a coalition of Multicultural Greek-letter organizations (MGLOs) established in 1998. The NMGC serves in an advisory capacity to its member organizations. Each member organization is autonomous as a Greek-letter society.

NEOPHYTE (NEO): A term some organizations use to refer to a new member of a sorority or fraternity.

NEW MEMBER: a prospective member from the time the member accepts a bid to affiliate until the time the member is initiated. Each organization and council use a variety of terms to identify their new members as new members.

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION: a presentation where new members of many MGC and NPHC organizations present themselves as initiated members of their organizations to the campus community.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM: the education and resources chapters provide to new members to help them be successful in the organization and in the classroom. Typically chapters teach about the history and values of the organization.

NORTH-AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC): an organization composed of 50+ national member men's fraternities.

PARAPHERNALIA: articles of clothing, accessories, props, or jewelry that a member may wear or possess that shows pride in their organization.

PHILANTHROPY: a charitable fundraiser sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

POTENTIAL MEMBERS: undergraduate students interested in becoming a member of a sorority/fraternity.

RECRUITMENT: the continual process of encouraging men and women to become members of the sorority and fraternity community.

SALUTING: similar to military-style of greeting, members of an organization can praise a particular member within their organization or to honor the organization's past and current accomplishments.

SOROR: another term used to refer to one's sorority sister.

SORORITY: a Greek-letter siblinghood or sisterhood.

STROLLING: organization members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization. In this line, members may express their pride through use of their organization's call, sign or historical information, ritual/custom dances, etc. All of this is done through movements that are unique to a particular organization and should not be mimicked.

SUITE-STYLE LIVING: three to six people sharing a common living space.

THE OFFICE OF SORORITY AND FRATERNITY ENGAGEMENT: University staff offering support and resources to the four governing councils and 60+ chapters on campus.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHAPTERS

Building relationships is an important part of each council's joining process. Part of building relationships is reaching out and taking time to research councils and chapters before you get to campus. Ways to connect with these chapters are via social media, through email or phone. To connect when you are on campus, attend chapter events, council events, get to know someone in class or at a student organization meeting, or stop by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement. By building relationships and reaching out, that will be the best opportunity to find what you are looking for.

CPC PRIMARY RECRUITMENT

Primary Recruitment is a multi-day event before classes start in August. This event allows students who are interested in joining a sorority in the Collegiate Panhellenic Council to meet all 16 chapters. Students who participate and move into their residence halls have the opportunity to meet those living around them. Registration for primary recruitment opens over the summer.

IFC STRUCTURED RECRUITMENT

IFC Structured Recruitment happens at the beginning of the fall semester as an opportunity for individuals interested in joining a fraternity in the Interfraternity Council. Participants will get to know the chapters in IFC and find an organization to join. Participants will have a current member, called Bro Gammas, to help guide them through the process.

MEET THE GREEKS

The Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council host opportunities for students interested in joining their organizations each semester. Students can learn more about the history and values of these organizations and find out more information about how to join.

NPHC 101

NPHC 101 is hosted by NPHC each year as an opportunity for those who are interested in joining the council to learn more about the NPHC community, each organization in NPHC, and how to join.

OUR TRADITIONS

Greek Week!

Greek Week is a 70+ year tradition at Iowa State that unites the sorority and fraternity community under a common bond of fraternal friendship. There are activities to help the community, to foster friendship and, of course, to have some fun. Members dance and compete in lip sync contests, race and play in the Greek Olympics, and participate in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE. The Polar Bear Plunge is a fundraising event hosted by Greek Week Central in partnership with Special Olympics. Participants raise money by committing to jumping into frigid water! In 2023, members of the community raised over \$255,000 for the Special Olympics Iowa.



DANCE MARATHON. Iowa State University Dance Marathon is a student-run organization that raises money and awareness for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network. Money is raised through a 24-hour long fundraising event. The sorority and fraternity community first started Dance Marathon in 1998 and it has grown each year since.

GREEKFEST. The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) hosts an annual celebration of the history of NPHC. This competitive step show highlights their skills in the art of stepping and helps showcase NPHC to the Iowa State University community.

FRATERNAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE BANQUET. Annual celebration of the 4 councils and 60+ chapters in the Iowa State sorority and fraternity community. Individual chapter successes and achievements from the previous year are celebrated. Students, alumni and key stakeholders are also recognized for their contributions to the community.

HOMECOMING. Iowa State University Alumni Association host Homecoming with an annual week of events leading up to the Cyclone football game. Sorority and fraternity members participate in intramurals, community service projects, skits on their front lawn, and Yell Like Hell (a competition where students perform short skits about Iowa State University and show their school spirit by painting their bodies from head to toe in cardinal and gold). The Ames community is painted cardinal and gold for the week.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY BLOOD DRIVE. Iowa State is home to one of the largest student-run Blood Drives in the nation. Each fall and spring, the Blood Drive brings thousands of students, faculty, staff and community members together to save hundreds of lives. Sorority and fraternity students are an integral part of the Blood Drive's planning and success.

TRICK OR TREAT. The Iowa State sorority and fraternity community host an annual Trick or Treat for families in Ames and surrounding communities. It is a fun, safe, and family-friendly opportunity for children and their families to get in the spirit of Halloween.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING UP BROTHERS

Building up Brothers is a peer-educator approach for the prevention of power-based violence, such as sexual assault, stalking, harassment, and more. The program is implemented in collaboration with ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support), a local nonprofit offering services for survivors of abuse. Building up Brothers aims to tap into the natural leadership and development opportunities that exist within fraternities, and it provides members tools to engage their brothers in this important conversation. A few members from each participating chapter are trained as peer-facilitators at the beginning of each semester, then facilitate dialogue about a different topic related to power-based violence each week within their chapters.

CPC RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR

The Collegiate Panhellenic Council selects up to 50 upper-class Panhellenic women, often called Rho Gammas, to serve in a year-round leadership role to help prospective women find the best sorority for them.

CPC WOMEN OF COLOR

CPC Women of Color is an auxiliary group within the Collegiate Panhellenic Council created in the fall of 2020. The goal of this organization is to bring women of color in Panhellenic sororities together to find community and build relationships through their shared identities and experiences. Iowa State University is a predominantly white institution, and CPC is a predominantly white organization, so it is important to have a space dedicated to uplifting women of color within it.

DIALOGUES ON DIVERSITY

Dialogues on Diversity is an exploration of diversity within the context of Iowa State University community through understanding human relations issues. While there are several sections of the course taught at Iowa State, one section is taught exclusively to council officers.



FRATERNAL VALUES SOCIETY

Outstanding sorority and fraternity leaders are chosen to serve as change agents and create values-driven initiatives and goals for the sorority and fraternity community. The vision of the Fraternal Values Society is to change the conversation on sororities and fraternities through action. This is done through providing resources and support to the community and members to incorporate values into the sorority and fraternity experience.

GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA

Gamma Sigma Alpha exists to recognize and advance academic excellence as a core value of sororities and fraternities. This honor society was developed by students and offers members the opportunity to cultivate leadership skills through officer positions, event planning, and gives the chance for creative thinkers to assist with expansion of the organization. Members receive the unique opportunity to network with university faculty, staff, and administration and other outstanding sorority and fraternity students through the society's goals and activities.

GREEKS GO GREEN

Greeks Go Green provides the opportunity to get involved in sustainable practices, service events, and spread awareness throughout the university with an emphasis on the sorority and fraternity community along with the Ames community.

GREEK WEEK CENTRAL

Every fall, more than 20 sorority and fraternity students are selected to be part of the Greek Week Central Committee to plan the annual spring Greek Week. This committee coordinates all the events for Greek Week, which includes lip sync contests, Greek Olympics, tournaments, BBQs, service projects, and many other fun activities.

IFC RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR

The Interfraternity Council selects upper-class IFC men, often called Bro Gammas, to serve in a year-round leadership role to help men find the best fraternity for them.

MEN FOR FRATERNAL EXCELLENCE

Men for Fraternal Excellence is a group of fraternity men who gather to have intentional conversations on topics that affect the fraternity experience. The group is focused on gaining knowledge and skills to have important and potentially challenging conversations with others in our chapters and community. By being a space where men can share and engage with each other in conversations that matter, men can capitalize on the power of our organizations to exemplify the most positive aspects of fraternity and manhood while creating positive change.

ORDER OF OMEGA

Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of sororities and fraternities. Order of Omega recognizes sorority and fraternity juniors and seniors in the top 3% of students who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and involvement within their organizations, campus and local community.

PRIDE GOES GREEK

Pride Goes Greek creates a support system among LGBTQIA+ identifying members of the sorority and fraternity community. The primary goal of the group is to provide a social space and build community among LGBTQIA+ members.

PROJECT JAMAICA

The Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement Study Abroad Trip provides students the opportunity to engage in global service while deeply exploring social issues and building lasting relationships. Students will have the opportunity to focus on fraternal values while turning servant leadership theory into practice by rebuilding schools throughout Jamaica during spring break.

RHO LAMBDA

The purpose of Rho Lambda is to honor women within the sorority community who have exhibited the highest qualities of leadership and service to community and their sorority. Any sorority member who meets membership requirements is eligible to apply.

SORORITY AND FRATERNITY ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

During spring break, a team of sorority and fraternity members travel to Indiana to serve nonprofit organizations in the Indianapolis community that focus on issues and services addressing urban poverty. The fraternal relevance experience combines leadership and service, which are the fundamentals of sorority and fraternity membership. Participants volunteer at local human service agencies, tour inter/national fraternity and sorority headquarters, and reflect on their experiences.

SORORITY AND FRATERNITY COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

The role of Sorority and Fraternity Community Ambassadors is to serve as representatives of the Iowa State University Sorority and Fraternity community and the Collegiate Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and National Pan-Hellenic Council. The role of the ambassadors is to educate prospective students, families, local community and stakeholders about the Iowa State University sorority and fraternity community.

SORORITY AND FRATERNITY LEADERSHIP COURSE

The Sorority and Fraternity Leadership Course is a three-credit academic course offered to current leaders in the sorority and fraternity community. Applications are available during the fall semester and around 25 students are accepted. The goal of the course is to provide student leaders who possess membership in a social Greek-letter organization with the skills, knowledge and resources to allow them to reach their potential as leaders and council/chapter officers.

About Our Council:

COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

CPC



The Iowa State University Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) is a collective representative of 16 sororities on campus.

Many of these organizations are inter/nationally governed by the National Panhellenic Conference, which serves as an umbrella organization for these organizations to provide support and advocacy for the advancement of the panhellenic sorority experience. Fifteen of these organizations have a chapter house located south of the Iowa State University campus. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council has an executive board elected by their peers. The council acts as the central governing body for these sororities with support from the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council is actively involved with chapter development, programs, and leadership opportunities for chapters and their members. The council coordinates campus and community resources, facilitates service projects, organizes Primary Recruitment and represents the Iowa State University Panhellenic community at regional and national meetings.

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Phi
Alpha Sigma Kappa
Chi Omega
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Beta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Pi Beta Phi
Sigma Kappa

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Many prospective members join one of the Collegiate Panhellenic Council chapters through Primary Recruitment that occurs each fall before classes begin. It is encouraged to go through this recruitment process as it is the only guaranteed opportunity to see all chapters at the same time to find the best fit for prospective members. The Collegiate Panhellenic community takes pride in academic achievement. Many chapters look for a 3.0 cumulative GPA from high school or a 2.5 GPA from college to join.

Participants will move into their assigned housing a week before classes begin and join other students who also live in residence halls or off-campus housing. An assigned Recruitment Counselor (often called a Rho Gamma) will serve as their guide through the week. Recruitment is a mutual selection process. Potential new members have the opportunity to find a chapter that matches their values and will help them grow. Chapters have the opportunity to select individuals whose values match theirs and who will contribute to the chapter. Primary Recruitment starts with Welcome Weekend, and during Welcome Week you will get to visit each CPC chapter. After Welcome Weekend invitations to each round are made based on the preference of the potential new members and the chapters, this is why we refer to this process as mutual selection. Bid day is the last day of the week and this where potential new members receive an invitation to membership, or bid, to a CPC chapter.

Some choose to participate in continuous open bidding (COB) after the Primary Recruitment period, however it is not guaranteed that COB is available for all chapters. Alpha Sigma Kappa, a sorority for individuals in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) is an affiliate group to the Collegiate Panhellenic Council and conducts continuous recruitment processes throughout the year. Please contact the Vice President of Recruitment at cpcrecruitment@iastate.edu or the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Engagement for more information about which chapters are participating in Continuous Open Bidding.



Jennifer Standish

COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The collegiate panhellenic council works to support its members throughout their collegiate experience. Your chapter will not only provide you with connections and opportunities that last a lifetime but also connects you to a larger community. Each chapter works to provide its members with the best experience and gives them the resources to lead a successful life. The bonds made here are ones that push for growth, learning, and personal development.

About Our Councils:

IFC

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL



The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is made up of 30 fraternities on Iowa State's campus.

These chapters are home to more than 1,800 undergraduate students at Iowa State University. Many of these organizations are a part of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), a trade association that works to ensure fraternities can operate in an environment conducive to their success through advocacy, collaboration and education. Rich in traditions and history, 26 of the IFC fraternities have homes located near the Iowa State campus. Fraternity chapter sizes range from 7 to 130 members and house capacity ranges from 29-89 beds. The Interfraternity Council chapters are governed by a peer-elected undergraduate board of 12 officers. These IFC officers serve the community through leadership workshops, chapter development, service projects, and recruitment.

Acacia
Adelante
Alpha Gamma Rho
Alpha Kappa Lambda
Alpha Sigma Phi
Alpha Tau Omega
Beta Sigma Psi
Beta Theta Pi
Chi Phi
Delta Chi
Delta Sigma Phi
Delta Tau Delta
Delta Upsilon
FarmHouse
Kappa Sigma
Phi Delta Theta
Phi Gamma Delta
Phi Kappa Psi
Phi Kappa Theta
Phi Kappa Sigma
Pi Kappa Alpha
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Chi (Fall 2023)
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Theta Chi
Theta Delta Chi
Theta Xi

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The Interfraternity Council encourages year-round recruitment model and provides several ways to join. Individuals can join the summer before, informally through recruitment throughout the school year, or through a formal event. Most men join before coming to campus or during their first semester at Iowa State.

Joining over summer usually happens through connections made during IFC Experience, throughout summer orientation, or through pre-existing friendships. Over the summer spend time getting to know chapters and members to help you start your membership joining process.

IFC Structured Recruitment will occur at the beginning of the fall semester and allows participants a chance to explore membership in the most chapters possible. Participants will attend scheduled events to learn more about chapters and share who they are with chapters. As the recruitment process occurs men will return to fewer chapters each day. At the end of the week, those who are still participating will be given an invitation to membership to a chapter. Registration can be found on the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement website. Individuals are welcome to join a fraternity at any time. However, those interested in one of the IFC chapters are

encouraged to start looking at the organizations early so they can start narrowing down their search. Interested members are welcome to visit the sorority and fraternity community website, chapter websites, and other media sites to learn more. If you meet or see a chapter you are interested in, reach out and let them know!

Throughout the summer, incoming students are encouraged to make connections with chapters to find the best organization for them. If you want to connect with a chapter while here for orientation, reach out to ifcrecruitment@iastate.edu to plan ahead.



Jeremy Koger

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Welcome to Iowa State University! We appreciate your interest in joining the Sorority & Fraternity Community. If you have a desire to grow both personally and professionally, look no further than the Interfraternity Council and its chapters. The Interfraternity Council represents the largest of the Greek councils here, which results in a wealth of opportunity to build new relationships, strengthen leadership skills, and develop ethically, academically, and socially. We have a wide variety of chapters and accommodate a diverse population of collegiate men. Whatever you seek to accomplish at Iowa State, our chapters will assist in supporting you and helping you meet and exceed your goals. Best of luck with the beginning of your college journey.

About Our Councils:

MGC

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL



The Iowa State Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is home to eight organizations, including three fraternities and five sororities.

The Multicultural Greek Council serves to improve and create dialogue and cooperation between parallel-goaled organizations. Membership includes fraternities and sororities that have an element of culture and identity as a foundation, including Latinx, Asian/Pacific-Islander, LGBTQIA+ and multicultural. The Multicultural Greek Council is governed by 6 peer-elected leaders who serve the community to create opportunities for collaboration, scholarship, community service events, promotional opportunities, and programs for cultural awareness.

**Delta Phi Lambda
Sorority, Inc.**
**Gamma Rho Lambda
National Sorority**
**Lambda Theta Alpha
Latin Sorority, Inc.**
**Lambda Theta Nu
Sorority, Inc.**
**Lambda Theta Phi
Latin Fraternity, Inc.**
**Pi Alpha Phi
Fraternity, Inc.**
**Sigma Lambda Beta
International Fraternity, Inc.**
**Sigma Lambda Gamma
National Sorority, Inc.**

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sfe.dso.iastate.edu

Each chapter in the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) has a different process to join. Because of this, it is recommended those who are interested in joining this council, get to know each organization to start. Part of this should include attending events, getting to know members, looking at social media profiles, and reviewing local and national web sites for each organization. In addition, interested students are encouraged to attend Meet the Greeks to meet and learn more all eight chapters and the council. Connecting with the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement or reaching out to mgsrecruitment@iastate.edu, are other ways to learn more.

You can join an MGC organization through membership recruitment and/or intake. Membership intake is a formal process which requires meetings, an application, an educational process and sometimes an interview. Depending on the organization you are interested in, some may require those who are interested to attend events during recruitment. Most MGC organizations are looking for the following from those who are interested in membership: an established Iowa State GPA, community service hours, and a commitment to serving and advocating for the identities represented by the organization.



Hector De La Cruz

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Since the creation of the council in 2008, the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) has served as a community composed of several diverse organizations. MGC provides a culture that advocates under the principles of academics, friendship, inclusion, service, and social justice. With the diverse identities, the council provides a safe and welcoming foundation for members. That said, the foundation is used for individuals to find and explore a sense of closeness at Iowa State. If you are wanting to make new friends and connections, grow and explore as an individual, while having a secure support system then the Multicultural Greek Council is the community for you.

About Our Councils:

NPHC

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL



“Iowa State University is home to eight of the nine National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) international organizations, which are often called the “Divine Nine.”

This is a collaborative council of historically Black Greek-lettered organizations. Each organization was established on the tenets of brotherhood/sisterhood/siblinghood, scholarship, leadership, and service to others. The Iowa State University National Pan-Hellenic Council is home to four fraternities and four sororities. The National Pan-Hellenic Council elects peers to serve in leadership roles to further the vision and mission of all National Pan-Hellenic organizations. These leaders promote scholarship, leadership and service to others through collaborative events, cultural awareness, and promote organizations at chapter and university events.

**Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity, Inc.***
**Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc.**
**Kappa Alpha Psi
Fraternity, Inc.**
**Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity, Inc.***
**Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority, Inc.**
**Phi Beta Sigma
Fraternity, Inc.**
**Zeta Phi Beta
Sorority, Inc.**
**Sigma Gamma Rho
Sorority, Inc.**
**Iota Phi Theta
Fraternity, Inc.****

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Individuals interested in joining one of these chapters will participate in intake. To join NPHC you must have an established Iowa State GPA, because of this most people will not join until their second semester at Iowa State University. To learn more about joining NPHC you can attend Meet the Greeks or NPHC 101, these events are held each semester to share about the council and NPHC chapters.

It is recommended that students interested in joining an organization in NPHC get to know the members, attend events, and follow the social media accounts of the chapter they are interested in. Students should also review the national website of the organization they are interested in. Each organization has a GPA, completed credit hours, and enrollment status requirement for membership.

All NPHC organizations require an established Iowa State GPA. Some organizations may host a "Rush Week," where prospective members can learn more about the organization to determine if they want to pursue membership. Other organizations may host an informational to provide more context and information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
sfe.dso.iastate.edu



Kendra Boone

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As you begin your journey at Iowa State University, the organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council will help you find a sense of community through organizations that promote scholarship, service, social action, brotherhood, and sisterhood. While our organizations are historically Black Greek Letter Organizations, any Iowa State student may pursue membership. The NPHC member organizations continue to amplify our voices as we speak out against the injustices happening locally, domestically, and internationally. We invite you to visit the newly established National Pan-Hellenic Council Plaza, located outside of the Memorial Union, to learn more about the councils and organizations.



Financial Commitment

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS.

CHAPTER DUES Every member of a fraternity or sorority agrees to be fiscally responsible as a student and a chapter member. Each chapter conducts their own billing and financial processes through online or payment plans. The chapter bills separately from the university bill. Membership fees include local and inter/national (if applicable) membership dues, one-time fees (such as initiation or new member fees) and room and board, if the chapter has a house.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Oftentimes financial aid packages can be applied to fraternity and sorority costs. As each student has an individualized award package, please check with the Office of Student Financial Aid for more information. There are many scholarships awarded to sorority and fraternity members through their local chapter, inter/national organization and through Iowa State University. Members are encouraged to seek out scholarships through these resources or contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at www.financialaid.iastate.edu.

Figures on this page are generalized to provide an idea to those who are interested in joining what the financial commitment looks like. Please remember, chapters regularly evaluate cost of membership and may adjust their dues. It is encouraged to look more specifically at an individual organizations financial information before joining. The first semester/year of membership is typically the most expensive in a person's membership.

COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL AVERAGE COSTS

	Living Out the Facility			Living in the Facility		
	New Member	Active Member	Average	New Member	Active Member	Average In
Semester 1	\$200 - \$1450	\$250 - \$1350	\$810	\$3910 - \$5545		\$4690
Semester 2	\$200 - \$1450	\$250 - \$1350	\$775	\$3900 - \$5545		\$4520

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL AVERAGE COSTS

	Living Out the Facility			Living in the Facility		
	New Member	Active Member	Average	New Member	Active Member	Average In
Semester 1	\$350 - \$885		\$570	\$3500 - \$5900		\$4500
Semester 2	\$350 - \$800		\$555	\$3500 - \$5600		\$4500

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	New Member	Active Member	Additional One-Time Fee
Range	\$100-\$630	\$135 - \$255	\$300 - \$500
Average	\$350	\$170	\$425

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

	New Member	Active Member	Additional One-Time Fee
Range	can be \$1,000 or more	\$50 - \$200	Varies by chapter.



HOUSING OPTIONS

The Iowa State Sorority and Fraternity Community has 41 facilities that house approximately 2,000 students during the academic year. Each chapter house occupies between 29 and 89 students. Facilities are not considered university-affiliated housing as they are owned by private nonprofit corporation boards, LLCs, or their national housing corporation. Living in a fraternity or sorority house is cost-comparable to living in the Iowa State residence halls.

HOUSING STYLES Many fraternity and sorority facilities are considered congregate housing. Congregate housing includes a private bedroom with one to three roommates. All residents of the house share living and activity space including dining rooms, formal living rooms, family rooms/dens, activity rooms, meeting rooms, and study rooms. Amenities include: House Director (most sororities and fraternities), meals provided by a cook or catering service, on-site laundry, wireless internet, parking (varies by chapter), study areas, computer rooms, and access to academic resources.

HOUSE DIRECTORS A house director is a live-in full-time role or graduate student employed by the chapter house corporation to oversee the daily operations of the facility. Their responsibilities vary from chapter to chapter. Typically the house director supervises staff including cooks/catering, waiters, cleaning services, and/or other contracted services. House directors are trained to manage the facility, develop mentoring relationships with chapter members and ensure rules and policies are upheld.

MEALS Catering services and chefs accommodate for any dietary needs student may require. Some chapters offer members who do not live in the chapter house the opportunity to eat meals at the house which may be included in their chapter dues. If a student is living in the residence hall and meals are not offered at the chapter house, it is recommended to purchase a meal plan to use at the ISU dining centers. Many members who live in the chapter house and have meals provided also may purchase Dining Dollars to use on campus.

SLEEPING STYLE Chapters are organized as suite-style, cold air-style, or bedroom-style living; or a combination of sleeping styles. Suite-style living is where three to six people share a common living space. Cold air-style living is where houses have large common sleeping quarters with bunked beds. Traditionally, windows are kept open year-round, but recently many cold airs are heated/cooled appropriate to the season. Chapter members have two to three-person private living quarters separate from cold airs. Bedroom-style living is similar to a residence hall where beds and personal belongings are in one room and occupied by two to three people.

COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL LIVING Fifteen of our sixteen Collegiate Panhellenic Council chapters have houses. Chapter houses range in size from 49 to 69 beds. Typically, students who join a Collegiate Panhellenic Council organization with a house live in the residence halls their first year and then move in the following year, if space allows.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL LIVING Twenty-eight of our thirty-one IFC chapters have houses south of campus. Chapter houses range in size from 29 to 89 beds. Students who join an Interfraternity Council chapter with a house have the option of moving into the chapter house before their first semester at Iowa State or any time after that point. If a member would like to move into a fraternity house for their first semester at Iowa State, they are encouraged to talk to the fraternity about options for immediate move in.

LIVE-IN REQUIREMENT All chapters with facility require members to live in the facility as a part of their obligation of membership. The amount of time required to live in the facility varies with each organization. Ask chapters about their specific live-in requirements during the joining process to get specific information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

The sorority and fraternity community is supported by Iowa State University through administrative resources and collaborative support. While each of the local chapters and governing councils are self-governing organizations, the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement serves as the link between the fraternities and sororities and Iowa State University. Staff in the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement provide resources and support for the sorority and fraternity governing councils, inter/national organizations, local advisers, and prospective students. The Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement staff also utilizes a liaison structure for the individual chapters, which pair up a staff member with each chapter to receive direct support concerning individual chapter needs. The Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement is a unit within the Dean of Students Office, which is part of the Division of Student Affairs. Many staff and faculty members serve in advisory positions to our sorority and fraternity chapters.

ANTI-HAZING POLICY

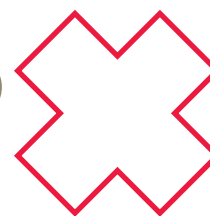
Iowa State University has a zero-tolerance policy regarding hazing. The sorority and fraternity community shares the university's definition of hazing in the Iowa State University Student Code of Conduct, which includes hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless action, request, or creation of circumstances that may include, but is not limited to, the following; endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person; or causes or presents a substantial risk of physical injury, serious mental distress, or personal humiliation to any individual; or involves any act solely based on the classification status of a student; or involves the damage, destruction or removal of public or private property; or involves impairment of physical liberties, such as sensory deprivation, kidnapping, isolation, sleep or meal deprivation, and personal servitude; involves a violation of local, state, or federal law or university policy; or otherwise creates an interference with academic endeavors, and is in connection or associated with initiation or admission into, or continued membership in, or elevating status within any recognized student organization or group affiliated with the university, including but not limited to, any student, campus, fraternal, academic, honorary, musical, athletic, or military organization. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts, they are violations of this section.

Each student will sign they understands this policy when they sign their membership acceptance card (bid card) for the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement. Hazing may be reported to the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement, the Office of Student Conduct, Iowa State Police Department, or the Dean of Student Office, which is part of the Division of Student Affairs. Many staff and faculty members serve in advisory positions to our sorority and fraternity chapters.

GREEK ALPHABET

A	alpha
B	beta
Γ	gamma
Δ	delta
E	epsilon
Z	zeta
H	eta
Θ	theta
I	iota
K	kappa
Λ	lambda
M	mu
N	nu
Ξ	xi
O	omicron
Π	pi
P	rho
Σ	sigma
T	tau
Υ	upsilon
Φ	phi
X	chi
Ψ	psi
Ω	omega

HOUSING MAP



COLLEGIATE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL SORORITIES

01. **Alpha Chi Omega:** 301 Lynn Avenue
02. **Alpha Delta Pi:** 2125 Greeley Street
03. **Alpha Gamma Delta:** 2118 Sunset Drive
04. **Alpha Omicron Pi:** 2007 Greeley Street
05. **Alpha Phi:** 307 Ash Ave
06. **Chi Omega:** 227 Gray Avenue
07. **Delta Delta Delta:** 302 Ash Avenue
08. **Delta Gamma:** 313 Lynn Avenue

09. **Delta Zeta:** 2138 Sunset Drive
10. **Gamma Phi Beta:** 318 Pearson Avenue
11. **Kappa Alpha Theta:** 2239 Knapp Street
12. **Kappa Delta:** 2102 Sunset Drive
13. **Kappa Kappa Gamma:** 120 Lynn Avenue
14. **Pi Beta Phi:** 208 Ash Avenue
15. **Sigma Kappa:** 233 Gray Avenue

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL FRATERNITIES

16. **Acacia:** 138 Gray Avenue
17. **Adelante:** 318 Welch Avenue
18. **Alpha Gamma Rho:** 201 Gray Avenue
19. **Alpha Kappa Lambda:** 2635 Knapp Street
20. **Alpha Sigma Phi:** 223 Lynn Avenue
21. **Alpha Tau Omega:** 2122 Lincoln Way
22. **Beta Sigma Psi:** 2132 Sunset Drive
23. **Beta Theta Pi:** 2120 Lincoln Way
24. **Delta Chi:** 203 Ash Avenue
25. **Delta Sigma Phi:** 218 Ash Avenue
26. **Delta Tau Delta:** 2121 Sunset Drive
27. **Delta Upsilon:** 117 Ash Avenue
28. **FarmHouse:** 311 Ash Avenue
29. **Kappa Sigma:** 237 Ash Avenue

30. **Phi Delta Theta:** 2035 Sunset Drive
31. **Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI):** 325 Ash Avenue
32. **Phi Kappa Psi:** 316 Lynn Avenue
33. **Phi Kappa Theta:** 2110 Lincoln Way
34. **Pi Kappa Alpha:** 2112 Lincoln Way
35. **Pi Kappa Phi:** 407 Welch
36. **Sigma Alpha Epsilon:** 140 Lynn Avenue
37. **Sigma Phi Epsilon:** 228 Gray Avenue
38. **Tau Kappa Epsilon:** 224 Ash Avenue
39. **Theta Delta Chi:** 217 Ash Avenue
40. **Theta Xi:** 315 Welch Avenue
41. **Theta Chi:** 219 Ash Avenue
42. **Triangle:** 2136 Lincoln Way

NOTE: The map is was updated January 2022.