Message from the **Staff**, **Antonio-Philip Lytle**

Sorority and Fraternity Life is home to over 4,000 students each unique in their own special way which is the making of a dynamic community. As a community there are wonderful opportunities to engage and connect with members of various fraternal organizations. Through events like Hazing Prevention Week, Homecoming Week and Greek Week we continue to strengthen the bonds between our organizations. Whether you are attending an IFC, MCGC, NPHC, or PHA council program or a Greek Programming Board event it is important to engage with other members of our community. With October being a program heavy month I encourage you to step out of your comfort zones and participate in an event you would not have typically attended. Meet new people, accept the challenge and be the best Greek you can be!

Meeting 1st Year Students

First year students, now being on campus for about a month are really starting to get a grasp for what Ohio State is truly all about. But do they have any idea what Greek life may have in store for them? Obviously, 1st year students are not allowed to join until their second semester, but getting them acclimated to Greek life early and before joining is a great way of recruiting before next semester. At the Involvement Fair, a number of 1st Years should have signed up to be contacted by your organization. Reach out to these new students, as they are the future of our community. Answer questions for them, have conversations about the Greek community and what they are looking for in a Fraternal experience, even enlighten them on your experience within your organization and the community as a whole. A lot of these students come to college with predetermined stereotypes of
Greek life because of movies, media, and word of mouth. It is now our obligation to break those stereotypes and educate them on the great things our community is doing!

Chapter Election Prep: 101

Although the school year just started, chapter elections are right around the corner! Your chapter leadership should start having conversations with potential candidates to give them a better understanding of the various positions and responsibilities. For those looking to run for a position, make sure you are being proactive in seeking out the person in the position you plan to run for and finding out as much as you can.

Elections can be determined by your speech and your track record, so by going out and putting in the work before hand, you are setting yourself for an advantage over your competition. Find out what those currently in office are working on, and come up with creative and realistic goals and objectives that you want to accomplish while you are in office. A key facet for convincing your organization that you are a good fit for a role is by knowing the answer before you are asked the question. Work hard and you will

Derek Lancashire

Derek, a brother of Delta Upsilon, interned for DU’s HQ over last the summer and also serves as the undergraduate representative on his fraternity’s Board of Directors. A article was written in The Odyssey about it as well:

http://theodysseyonline.com/ohio-state/greek-lifes-finest-derek-lancashire-delta-upsilon/16851

Congratulations to Derek and continue to keep up the positive work in the Greek community!

Would you like to nominate someone for SFL Spotlight?

Email smith.8163!
New Members & Recruitment

October is an exciting time of year for chapters as you are in the middle of educating fall new member classes and preparing to welcome large new member classes in the Spring. As your chapters recruit, bid, and educate new members, it is important to remember the purpose behind these processes. We recruit to expand our membership and to share the wonderful experience of fraternity and sorority with more people. As we participate in the recruitment process, it is also a time to reaffirm the values of our organizations and how we will continue to move the chapter forward with those values. When meeting potential new members, be sure to know the standards of your organization so that bids are given to individuals who can help the chapter improve.

The new member education process allows these individuals who possess the values of our organizations to understand what is expected of active members. As we educate and interact with new members, all active members serve as role models. We all have the responsibility to live up to the standards that we expect of our new members and members in general. By serving as positive examples, we uphold the values of our organization while also ensuring the future of our chapters.

You are all doing amazing work meeting new students and introducing them to the possibilities that exist within Greek Life. Keep up the good work and continue demonstrating the excellence of our community!

Staying involved in SLSFL:

Fraternal Values Society

Fraternal Values Society is an organization dedicated to promoting and upholding the sworn values of Greek organizations. We coordinate service events, host personal development opportunities, and facilitate discussion on how we can tackle the challenges facing our community today. Contact Michael Blaha at blaha.23@buckeyemail.osu.edu for more information!

Greek Programming Board

The Greek Programming Board is an organization consisting of members from all 4 Greek Councils. We put on events for Homecoming Week, Hazing Prevention, as well as Greek Week. Our goal is to create fun and engaging programs that strengthen the bond within the Greek Community. Contact Jasmine Lodaya at lodaya.1@buckeyemail.osu.edu.

Alpha Omicron Pi - House Dedication

Alpha Omicron Pi was very excited this year to move in to their new home located at 240 East 15th Avenue. On Saturday, September 20th AOII welcomed an International Executive Board member, volunteers, alumni and members of the community to join in their House Dedication Ceremony. The house was open for tours prior to the Dedication and to close the ceremony President, Kate Donahue, and Krista Whipple, International Executive Board member, concluded with a ribbon cutting to officially open the new AOII house. Members of the chapter and guests all celebrated the new house and are looking forward to an amazing year in the new facility.
Staying involved in SLSFL!

**Lambda**
Lambda is a support group for Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgendered, Questioning/Queer, Intersexed, and Ally students within the Greek community. Our purpose is to create an inclusive group as a LGBTQ subset of the Greek Community at The Ohio State University where members can come and enjoy one another's company in a safe environment and to encourage the spread of this inclusive atmosphere throughout the entire Greek Community. Lambda has both closed and open meetings so if you are not as open with your identity this can be a great support system. Lambda is currently looking for new leadership so if you are interested in being a member please contact Antonio-Phillip Lytle, 38@osu.edu.

**Order of Omega**
Order of Omega is the national Greek honorary. In addition to honoring scholarship, Order of Omega participates in service around the campus and community areas as well as hosts social events like Date Parties. Greek community members from all four councils who are a rank 3 or 4 by credit hours and have a GPA above 3.25 are eligible for membership. Considering the age of the American college fraternity, the "active honorary" concept was long overdue. There must continue to be a common means by which the most outstanding fraternity men and women can stand united to further the philosophy of the college fraternity.

Order of Omega

Contact Lauren Elliott - orderofomega.president@gmail.com

**GreekCru**
GreekCru is a Christian student organization focused on being a resource for Greek Life to encourage and facilitate genuine community and conversations about spiritual matters. We do this through small groups that study the bible with a focus on learning and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but also encourage students of other faith backgrounds to come and ask questions. Our goal is to create environments that deepen trust between Greeks and encourage vulnerability so students are able to share their thoughts on spirituality, beliefs, and faith. We host the small groups on a weekly basis, but we also hold events throughout the year, such as seminars and social events, that add to our experience as a community. Contact Quinn Strouse at qstrouse.9@gmail.com for more information!
Council Corner

Interfraternity Council
Event: Walk A Mile:
Date: Sunday Oct. 12th, 2014
Time: 3-5pm
Location: Ohio Union, Performance Hall and Potter Plaza

Multicultural Greek Council
Making Cultural Greeks Count Week: November 2-7th 2014 (More Information Coming Soon)

National Pan-Hellenic Council
Event: Annual Stroll Competition
Date: November 22, 2014
Time: 7 pm
Location: Hitchcock Hall

Panhellenic Conference
Panhellenic Pride Week: October 4-11, 2014
Event: Blue Jackets Game
Date: Saturday, October 4, 2014
Time: 7 pm
Location: Nationwide Arena
Price: $5.00
RSVP REQUIRED email Kelli Williams, 4101@buckeyemail.osu.edu for more information.

Event: Banner Competition
Date: Monday, October 6, 2014
Time: 7 pm
Location: PHA Chapter Houses

Event: Can Good Sculpture Contest
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2014
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: PHA Chapter Houses

Event: Leadership Banquet
Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014
Time: 6-8:30 pm
Location: Faculty Club
RSVP REQUIRED email Kelli Williams, 4101@buckeyemail.osu.edu for more information.

Event: PHA Pride Week Winners Ice cream Social at Cuzzins
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014
Time: 2-4 pm
Location: Cuzzins, 1868 N High St, Columbus, OH 43201
Only for the Winning chapters for PHA Pride Week

Homecoming Week Events
Event: 32nd Annual African American Homecoming Pageant
Date: Saturday, October 11, 2014
Time: 7:06 pm
Location: Ohio Union, Performance Hall

Event: Ilian Stavans: Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Speaker
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Time: 4 pm
Location: Drinko Hall, Saxbe Auditorium

Event: Greek Sing
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Time: 7 pm
Location: Ohio Union, Performance Hall
Sign Up required, more information will be sent to Chapter President

Event: Fall Into Football
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Time: 6-9 pm
Location: Ohio Union, Performance Hall
A combination of Fall-themed and football-themed crafts, food, and games. Enjoy that Fall spirit while making something that shows off your Buckeye Pride.

Event: Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014
Time: 6 pm
Location: Parade route starts at the Ohio Stadium and goes down High street! The pep rally will be immediately after the parade.
Registration required by October 4, 2014 (please note this is an extended deadline than what is posted on the website) http://homecoming.osu.edu/parade