Engaging Senior Members

Elections and everything are coming up and this is a time where senior members are starting to really develop “senioritis”. Make sure to keep your senior members involved until the end!  

Richness of Diversity

Hear from the staff about Ohio State’s Greek Community’s Diversity effort and the awards we have been recognized for on a national level! Also hear about Delta Upsilon and Acacia commitment to diversity and what they are doing in their individual chapters to promote a great cause!  

Party Themes

We all love TGs but sometimes we go with themes that are not appropriate for maintaining the image and reputation of our organizations and our community. Learn the importance of picking themes that allow you to be creative and have fun but also be conscience of the consequences!

Message from the Staff

*Rochelle Toth - Coordinator, Sorority and Fraternity Life*

As we enter into the second part of the fall semester it is important to stay motivated to continue being an active member in your chapter. Whether you are a senior or a newer member there are many priorities that you have as you navigate your experience at OSU and within your chapter. Get involved and stay involved. Discover new opportunities to take on leadership positions within your chapter and within the Greek community. Take advantage of all the experiences that your membership provides as well as what the Sorority and Fraternity community offers. As we get close to the holidays utilize this opportunity to reflect on your Greek experience and give thanks for the friendships that you have made, the networking opportunities, the leadership experiences and the personal development opportunities that your membership has provided and commit to staying an active member.
Engaging Senior Members

Seniors members play an important part in our organizations. They are the history of the chapter as well as the future. Keeping seniors engaged helps the chapter with a historical perspective of what the chapter has accomplished as well as plays an important part of adding to the chapter's active alumni base. At this time of year, we often find ourselves asking the question why is there senior apathy in our chapter? When considering this question we often need to look at how are we keeping our seniors engaged in the chapter. Think about what is your chapter doing to recognize seniors and keep them motivated. Think about how you’re providing programming that meets the needs of your senior members and also helping them to balance their academics, the job/graduate school search and their chapter responsibilities. When considering senior programming and engagement Think Future, Think Fun and Think Forever.

Richness of Diversity

Sorority and Fraternity Life is committed to diversity and providing opportunities for our chapters to participate in diversity education and initiatives. Each year Sorority and Fraternity Life hosts a Greek Diversity Retreat in conjunction with the Vice President of Student Life! This is a 2 day retreat where participants have the opportunity to learn more about different identities represented in the SFL community, how to support diversity in their chapters, and how to create a welcoming environment in the Greek community to persons of all identities and affiliations. Sorority and Fraternity Life also collaborates with the Multicultural Center to provide social justice engagement programming so that students can select programs that are of interest or serve to fulfill a need for the chapter. In the 2013-2014 academic year, 27 chapters participated in additional diversity programming as a part of the social justice engagement initiative with the MCC to create opportunities for members to reflect on diversity in relation to the programming that was conducted. As part of the Standards of Excellence all sorority and fraternity students attend one educational program on Diversity each
semester that focus on a variety of topics including, but not limited to race, Ethnicity, Religious Preference, Sexual Identity, Gender and Disability. It is also a priority for students to participate in programming that promotes bias interruption and prevention in order to support our diversity programming efforts. Sorority and Fraternity Life offers Open Doors Training to any chapters that are interested. Another way that SFL advocates and commits to diversity is also through Lambda, which is an affiliate support group for LGBTQIA Greek Students. It is a priority for Sorority and Fraternity Life to provide and contribute to the development of multicultural relations through our community. As a result of this commitment and work with the community Sorority and Fraternity Life has been recognized and received several awards including the Association of Fraternity Advisors Diversity Initiative.

2004 Homecoming King Chibundu Nnake of Iota Phi Theta celebrating the 10 Year Anniversary of being crowned Homecoming King! Congratulations!

The OSU Greek games starts this month! Come out to support the Buckeyes and gain points!
Party Themes

The purpose of this article is to educate the community about the problems of using blatantly offensive wording and themes for social gatherings between fraternities and sororities. By avoiding culturally, racially and offensive based themes, we can prove our community's commitment to a well-rounded and diverse culture.

It should be remembered that this article does not highlight rules or policies that the university imposes but simply suggestions to help make our community a better and more accepting place!

More information can be found via “The Party Paper” by Jeff Murahami

Creative Yet Unoffensive Party Themes:

- Heroes and Villains
- Tropical/Beach
- The Great Gatsby
- Mardi Gras
- Dynamic Duos
- Winter Wonderland
- Viva Las Vegas
- Alphabet Party
- Fire and Ice
- American
- Under The Sea

Aim higher than we are right now! Ask yourself the right questions before deciding on a theme and make sure to not lessen the reputation of your organizations!

Listed in Order:

Interfraternity Council

**IFC Elections:**

Sunday, November 16th  
Time: 4:30-6:30 PM  
Senate Chamber Rooms  
New Exec Board takes office and is officially implemented on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015!

Multicultural Greek Council

**MCGC Week** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated in the week’s events!

National Pan-Hellenic Council

**NPHC Stroll Competition:**

Sunday, November 22nd  
Doors open at 7:30 PM  
OSU Hitchcock Hall Auditorium - 105

**NPHC Information Session:**

Sunday, November 23rd  
Location and Time: TBD

National Panhellenic Conference

**PHA Elections:**

Interviews -  
November 10th-13th  
Decisions Presented to Applicants -  
November 13th-14th  
Deadline to Accept Slate Position -  
November 17th - 5:00 PM  
Present Slate -  
November 19th  
Vote on Slate -  
December 3rd at Council Meeting