Message from the Staff

Sharrell Hassell-Goodman - Director, Sorority and Fraternity Life

Over the last seven years it has been my absolute honor and pleasure to work in Sorority and Fraternity Life in the Office of Student Life at The Ohio State University. I have seen this community grow in such tremendous ways. The community has almost doubled in size, and we have welcomed several new groups to campus. You have raised millions for philanthropic organizations and have served hundreds of thousands of hours in the local community. You have served as leaders across campus in nearly every student organization, and have continued to raise the academic standards for our community. But as my time here comes to an end, I am overwhelmingly proud of this community. I have seen you develop young men and women into leaders, not only on campus, but across the country. I have celebrated with you as our community has won countless awards, and as your chapters have achieved your individual goals.

It has been an honor to serve this community and to call myself a Buckeye. I am so excited to see the great things that you accomplish moving forward, and I know that you will continue to make me proud. You have an amazing support system with our University staff, local advisors, and (inter)national headquarters staff members who share my passion for the fraternal experience and will be there to help you continue to raise the standards of your chapters.

Thank you all for the love and support I have received over the past seven years.

Interfraternally,
Sharrell Hassell-Goodman
My Greek experience began when I joined Alpha Psi Lambda (Ohio State’s Co-Ed Latino Fraternity) in Spring 2012 with Tiffany Colon and Dominique Jones. We were a small incoming class that joined a small chapter but it definitely made us closer. With the trust of my chapter, I became the New Member Educator for the next year, which eventually lead up to my chapter presidency in Fall 2013. My involvement in my chapter set a solid foundation for my favorite part of my Greek experience, which was becoming the 2014 MCGC President. Becoming the MCGC President opened my eyes to how big the entire Greek Community had become over the years. It offered me opportunities to network with other councils, help plan large council events, and gain some new best friends. I’ll never forget how nervous I was to lead a growing council of 200+ members with a new executive board that I barely knew. The passion, wittiness, and admirable work ethic of my executive board made it easy for me to put aside my fears though. Together, we hosted an amazing Cultural Showcase: Cultural Explosion, hosted a fun-filled Making Cultural Greeks Count Week, and assisted with bringing the 10th organization into our council. I’m one month away from graduation and I often catch myself reflecting upon my great Ohio State experience. I know that if I had to do it all over again, without a doubt, I would always join Greek Life.

- Trish Castillo, Alpha Psi Lambda

LGBTQ Support in the Community

The acronym LGBTQ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer. Any person who falls under any of these categories is a part of the LGBTQ community.

A lot of progress has been made in the social, political, and economic equality for members of the LGBTQ community, but not enough progress to claim that we live in a prejudice-free and completely equal society. A number of members within the Ohio State Greek community are also a part of the LGBTQ community, so it is important that we all take steps to ensure that our Greek community at Ohio State is an example of inclusivity and mutual respect.

Taking steps at an individual level is a great start to promoting equality and respect for the LGBTQ Community. By removing derogatory slang terms from your vocabulary, you are making a significant change. Ending normalization of hate speech and anti-LGBTQ terms is important in promoting equality and creates a much more accepting atmosphere. Changes can also be made on a chapter-wide scale in the way that they treat potential new members that are also LGBTQ. Selecting new members is a values-based process and it should be a value of every member of the Greek community to be accepting and respectful of the LGBTQ community, and therefore not discriminate against potential new members that are also lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer.

Ending the normalization of homophobia and transphobia is the goal, and you can help The Ohio State Greek Community achieve that goal by taking responsibility for your words and actions and supporting the LGBTQ community and promoting an inclusive, respectful environment within your chapter and in the other aspects of your life as well.
Mental Wellness Awareness

According to the Student Wellness Center here at The Ohio State University, there are 9 key dimensions of wellness: Emotional, Career, Social, Spiritual, Physical, Financial, Intellectual, Creative, and Environmental. While much stress is put on career, social, physical, and arguably environmental wellbeing in our lives, it seems that much less stress is put on emotional, spiritual, intellectual and creative wellness. Not focusing enough on these areas of wellness can have incredibly negative effects on our lives and really hinder mental health and wellness. It is so important to treat mental health with the same regards as physical health. Here are some easy ways to nurse your mental wellness back to health!

-Spend more time outside! With the weather getting nicer, there are plenty of reasons to go on a run down Olentangy Trail, read a book or magazine on Oval Beach, or grab some friends and fine tune your sand volleyball skills.

-If you haven’t already, write down all of your due dates for all academic, extracurricular, and miscellaneous obligations. It will make it easier to visualize your timelines and to prioritize! This means less stress and more peace of mind.

-Pick up your phone and call a family member or a good friend. Sometimes all you need is a laugh and a reminder that you have wonderful people supporting you and thinking about you! Gratitude is the secret to happiness, after all.

If you ever feel that your mental wellness is suffering, do not hesitate to utilize the amazing resources here at Ohio State. The Counseling and Consultation Services located on the 4th floor of The Younkin Success Center provides 10 free counseling sessions to OSU Students. They can be reached by phone at (614)292-5766 or you can visit their website http://www.ccs.ohio-state.edu/ any time.

Recognition in the Community

Christopher John, former President of Sigma Phi Epsilon has been awarded one of SigEp Educational Foundation's 20 National Competition Scholarships for 2015! Dozens of brothers applied for these highly competitive awards, which recognize the best and brightest SigEps from around the country. The average GPA of this year's recipients is a 3.8, with half of the winners being current or former chapter presidents. CJ’s contributions to his chapter and to the Ohio State Greek community are something we are incredibly proud of and want to recognize him for this outstanding accomplishment! Congratulations!
Greek Week - 2015

Thank you for an amazing Greek Week and congratulations to Team 7 - with the chapters of AEPhi, Beta, Sigma Phi Beta, and Chi Phi that took home the title for 2015! Another huge congratulations to all the chapters and individuals who won Greek Awards! It’s been an amazing year for our community!
Greek Week Award Winners

2015 Greek Award Recipients

Most Improved G.P.A
- Accacia
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Iota Phi Theta
- Phi Sigma Rho
- Pi Delta Phi
- Sigma Phi Beta
- Theta Tau

Outstanding Scholarship Program
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Chi Omega
- Delta Theta Sigma
- Delta Xi Phi
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Excellence in Community Service
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Delta Xi Phi
- Kappa Delta
- Phi Gamma Delta
- Pi Beta Phi
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Zeta Beta Tau

Outstanding Philanthropy Program
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Chi Omega
- Kappa Phi Lambda
- Sigma Phi Beta
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Outstanding Recruitment-Intake Program
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Delta Sigma Phi
- Delta Zeta
- Kappa Phi Lambda
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Outstanding Member Development
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Gamma Delta

Outstanding Safety, Health, and Wellness
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Phi
- Iota Phi Theta
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Outstanding Diversity Program
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Delta Sigma Phi
- Delta Xi Phi
- Kappa Delta

Outstanding Citizenship Program
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Delta Sigma Phi
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Phi Lambda
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Academic Excellence
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Chi Omega
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Phi Lambda
- Phi Gamma Delta
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Challenging the Process
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Chi Omega
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Greek Collaboration
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Delta Sigma Phi

Intergroup Relations Program
- Alpha Epsilon Phi

Outstanding House Corporation
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Graduate Chapter
- Chi Omega
- Phi Gamma Delta

Most Improved Chapter
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Delta Sigma Phi
- Delta Xi Phi
- Phi Sigma Rho

William H. Hall Chapter of the Year
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Phi Lambda
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
IFC Scholarship
- Robert Mulvey, Tau Kappa Epsilon

Barbara J. Toole PHA Scholarship
- Alexa Marcinik, Kappa Delta

NHSC Person of the Year
- Cameron Hopkins, Phi Beta Sigma

MGCC Person of the Year
- Francesca DiNaro, Alpha Phi Lambda

Ross-Gainer Man of the Year
- Derek Lanseber, Delta Upsilon

Greek Involvement
- Mallory Dowes, Chi Omega
- Laura Ellett, Alpha Phi
- Marissa McGrath, Alpha Xi Delta
- Colleen Webster, Chi Omega
- Kelsey Banacci, Chi Omega
- Leah Lasure, Alpha Gamma Delta
- Marissa McGrath, Alpha Xi Delta
- Bryce St. Clair, Phi Gamma Delta
- Samantha Quintell-Lenz, Chi Omega
- Don Stento, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Ryan Wallace, Alpha Tau Omega

Outstanding New Members
- Alessandra Dickos, Alpha Phi
- Deontre Gray, Alpha Phi Alpha
- Rachael Kusak, Sigma Lambda Gamma
- Rachel Littman, Alpha Phi
- Pompeo Marzello, Delta Tau Delta
- Lauren Palmer, Kappa Delta
- Demondre Peak, Phi Beta Sigma
- Madison Perry, Phi Beta Phi
- Kenton Reason, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Robert Settles, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Stephanie Smith, Chi Omega

Outstanding Senior
- Leah Alexander, Kappa Alpha Theta
- Lisa Barrett, Alpha Epsilon Phi

Outstanding Chapter President
- Kavi Anderson, Alpha Phi Alpha
- Katherine Blodgett, Alpha Chi Omega
- Cristina Dickos, Alpha Phi
- Theresa DiTirro, Kappa Alpha Theta
- Christopher John, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Grifffin Loha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Martin Perez, Sigma Lambda Beta
- Brandon Reese, Pi Kappa Alpha

Outstanding Director
- Eric Edwards, Pi Kappa Alpha
- Melissa Elston, Delta Tau Delta
- Cynthia Letjeckides, Delta Zeta
- Nick O'Dell, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Jody Poth, Alpha Xi Delta

Outstanding Chapter Advocate
- Amy Barnes, Kappa Alpha Theta
- Emily Pastis, Chi Omega
- Margaret Sweeney, Alpha Gamma Delta

Outstanding Chapter Advisor
- Dawn Bauer, Alpha Phi
- Chris Hallam, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Annie McCabe, Kappa Alpha Theta
- Carrie Miller, Chi Phi
- Kristen Rupert, Delta Zeta
- Dan Stento, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Ryan Wallace, Alpha Tau Omega

Alumni of the Year
- Kollin Denson, Phi Beta Sigma
- Sean Wittelman, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Laura Oetters, Chi Omega
- Tony Rutner, Kappa Kappa Gamma

Buckeye Fraternal Citizenship Series
- Tyler Andrews, Phi Kappa Tau
- Lisa Barrett, Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Chelsea Buech, Delta Delta Delta
- Kejuan Johnson, Iota Phi Theta
- Nicole Pongilino, Delta Zeta
- Adrienne Poe-Hinton, Zeta Phi Beta
- Hannah Ronawieck, Kappa Delta
- Branden Smith, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Dominique Villario, Alpha Xi Delta