



NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC c o u n c i l

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY



Dear OSU Student:

I, Seveyon Willis-Hill as the president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council would like to welcome you to Oklahoma State University and thank you for showing interest in the National Pan-Hellenic Council at Oklahoma State University.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, better known as NPHC, is occupied with representatives of the established Divine Nine fraternities and sororities recognizing the need for coordination and cooperation in activities of intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternities and sororities. We enrich the OSU community through community service and philanthropic activity and actively support individual organization endeavors on campus.

I hope this booklet helps you decide your future path. I strongly encourage you to look at each individual fraternity and sorority to see if any of them are right for you. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs or me at seveyon.hill@okstate.edu.

Fraternally.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT NPHC? CONTACT US!

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ABOUT NPHC

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) was established on May 10, 1930, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., with the purpose and mission of the organization being "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 affiliate organizations." The National Pan-Hellenic Council at OSU was chartered October 3, 1992. The organizations currently recognized under NPHC at OSU include Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

The intake process for the National Pan-Hellenic Council is informal in the sense that it can occur at any point throughout a semester per the discretion of each chapter. Interested persons should contact the chapter of the organization they are interested in if any questions regarding membership arise. The chapters are interested in individuals who exemplify exceptional leadership ability, and those who are committed to education and service. While membership requirements vary by organization, if you are interested in joining an NPHC chapter, you can expect requirements similar in nature to what follows*:

- Must have completed at least 12 college credit hours at Oklahoma State University
- Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher
- · Must attend an interest/informational meeting.
- Complete an application for membership along with any additional information the chapter of interest requires.

Please note that following admission into an organization, additional requirements of time and financial resources exist.

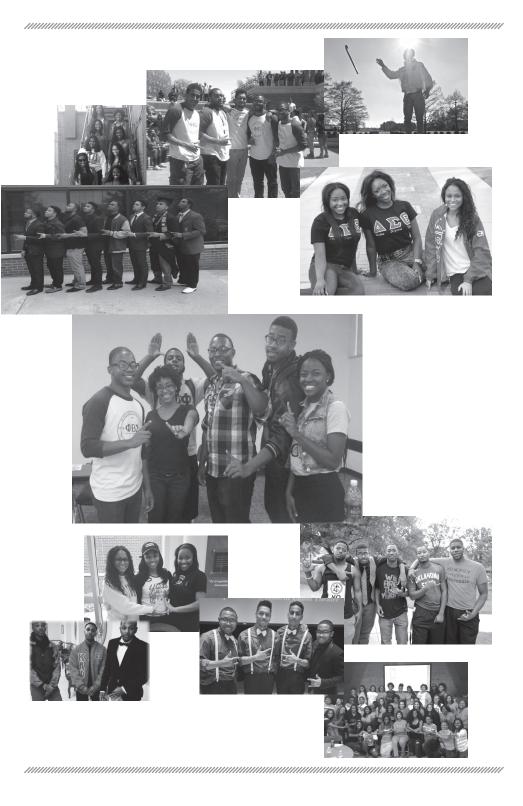
* Membership requirements vary from one organization to another. Individual organization requirements may be more or less inclusive and are not limited to the basic requirements stated above.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The National Pan-Hellenic Council executive officers are elected by their peers to lead the council. Their responsibilities include event planning and publicity for the council, providing education and avenues for accountability for the member organizations, managing the council's assets and representing the National Pan-Hellenic Council at regional conferences, on university committees, on campus, and in the Stillwater community. The executive officers work with other governing councils to promote strength and unity among all members of fraternity and sorority life.

AWARDS

The National Pan-Hellenic Council received awards for its achievements in Academic Achievement, Council Management, Membership Intake, Public Relations and Self-Governance & Judicial Affairs. Previously, NPHC has received the Wardhammer Kaleidoscope Award, which is presented to one member council, from among all size divisions, that has demonstrated initiative and innovation in addressing a new or on-going issue facing its Greek community. National Pan-Hellenic Council received this award for its Stroll for Charity series. Additionally the fraternity and sorority community at Oklahoma State also received the Gamma Sigma Alpha Regional GPA Award for the fall 2015 semester. This award is presented to the fraternity/sorority community whose grade point average is higher than its campus undergraduate GPA. OSU's Greek community has received this honor 19 times since 2004.





EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER ALPHA PHA ALPHA - FRATERNITY, INC.-



NATIONAL FOUNDING December 4, 1906 at Cornell University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE April 25, 1958

NATIONAL TARGET HEALTH INITIATIVES March of Dimes

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Bananas for Books // Ice Cold Clothing Drive // Freedom of Speech Phonetic Phrenzy // Extraordinary Gentlemen // Stepping Through the Past Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant

NATIONAL WEBSITE

www.alphasouthwest.org

OSUALPHAS@GMAIL.COM Alpha phi Alpha chapter email

THE TA MU CHAPTER DELTA SIGNA THETA - SORORITY, INC.-



NATIONAL FOUNDING January 13, 1913 at Howard University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE May 2, 1971

NATIONAL TARGET HEALTH INITIATIVES

Healthy Lifestyle: Total Woman: Mind, Body and Spirit Mary Help of the Sick Mission Hospital

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

The Starting Line: Girl's Guide to College Life // Manicure for the Cure // Vote or Die! Get 'Em to the Polls // Delta Dialogue // Sex, Lies & Videotape // Miss Fix-It Coming to America: Forum on Black and African Relations // Mr. Debonair Wild N Owt // Books for Africa // Healthy Hair, Healthy You // Hook Shoots & Alley Oops

> NATIONAL WEBSITE www.deltasigmatheta.org

THETAMUDST1971@GMAIL.COM Delta sigma theta chapter email

ZETA THEFA CHAPTER KAPPA ALPHA PSI - FRATERNITY, INC.-



NATIONAL FOUNDING January 5, 1911 at Indiana University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE April 3, 1971

NATIONAL TARGET HEALTH INITIATIVES

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

So You Think You Kan Shimmy // Kosmic Klash Step Shop // Kradentals Diamond of the Semester // Ladies Appreciation // Glad Program

> NATIONAL WEBSITE www.kappaalphapsi1911.com

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OMIGRON LAMBDA CHAPTER **OMEGAPSIPHI** - FRATERNITY, INC.-



NATIONAL FOUNDING November 17, 1911 at Howard University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE February 20, 1980

NATIONAL TARGET HEALTH INITIATIVES

Charles Drew Blood Drive // Sexual Awareness

CHAPTER PROGRAMS Blood Drive Voter // Registration // Qpollo Talent Show

NATIONAL WEBSITE http://www.omegapsiphifraternity.org

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PHI BETA SIGNA - FRATERNITY, INC.-



NATIONAL FOUNDING January 9, 1914 at Howard University

LOCAL CHAPTER FOUNDING DATE May 15, 1987

NATIONAL TARGET HEALTH INITIATIVES

Sigma Wellness // March of Dimes American Cancer Society // Relay for Life

CHAPTER PROGRAMS Blu Light Stroll-Off (Canned Food Drive) // Bridging the Gap Park Clean Up // Change for Change

> NATIONAL WEBSITE www.phibetasigma1914.org

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ACTIVE: The term used to indicate a fraternity man or sorority woman who has been formally initiated by his or her chapter.

ALUMNI: An initiated member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

BROTHER/SISTER: Term used by active members in a fraternity/sorority when referring to each other.

CALLS: A unique vocal expression attributed to an organization. Calls are special to members and shouldn't be replicated by non-members.

CHAPTER: The men or women comprising each local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority.

COLONY: A new fraternity or sorority that is working to receive a charter from the national organization to which it is affiliated. When a charter is received, they become a chapter of that national organization.

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

DIVINE NINE: There are nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations (BGLOs) that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Collectively, these organizations are referred to as "The Divine Nine." Each of these fraternities and sororities is rich in history.

FRATER: Another term used to refer to one's fraternity brother.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY: A group of men/women bonded together for educational and social purposes. Each strives to provide a point of reference from which each individual can evaluate his/her own desires and achievements as well as his/her own feelings of worth as a contributing member.

GRADUATE ADVISOR/CHAPTER: An individual or group of alumni working to advise the local undergraduate chapter; this group is affiliated with the national organization and not the university.

HAND SIGN: A symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an organization. Hand signs are special to members and shouldn't be replicated by non-members.

HAZING: A negative form of conduct that focuses on mistreating, demeaning or otherwise degrading the personal worth of another individual. Hazing is prohibited by all national fraternities, the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the OSU fraternity and sorority community.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC): The official governing body over all NIC fraternities.

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

INITIATION: The formal ceremonies, or ritual, by which new members complete membership into a chapter and receive full membership privileges.

INTAKE OR MEMBERSHIP INTAKE: The term groups use to bring new members into an organization. Each MGC and NPHC group determines when they will conduct intake. Each group can be assisted in this process by their graduate chapter and/or graduate advisor. In general, MGC and NPHC groups require sophomore status and a 2.5 cumulative GPA for someone to go through intake.

TERMS TO KNOW

LEGACY: Someone whose mother, father, sister or brother are members of a particular group. Some consider an aunt or an uncle a legacy also.

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

LINE BROTHER/SISTER: Members who went through the membership intake process together.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC): The governing council representing the Greek-letter organizations affiliated with ethnic, sexual identity, or underrepresented population interests at Oklahoma State University.

NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: The governing organization of a fraternity/sorority.

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

NEOPHYTE SHOW/NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION/PROBATE: Interchangeable terms used to describe the public announcement of the newest members' crossing (initiation).

NEW MEMBER: A potential member who has accepted the bid of a fraternity or sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership, but has not yet crossed.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC): The governing organization of the nine historically African-American Greek-letter organizations. This acronym also refers to the local governing council of an institution.

PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION: The term that refers to all members of the Panhellenic community at Oklahoma State University.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL: An organization composed of representatives of each Panhellenic chapter who act as the central governing body of all Panhellenic sororities.

PHILANTHROPY: Charitable projects or donations sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER: An unaffiliated man or woman who participates in intake.

RITUAL: The activity by which a fraternity or sorority brings into membership its new members who have met initiation requirements; the traditionally secret ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority.

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

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.

The possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is absolutely prohibited while on chapter premises. During an official fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, alcohol consumption must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, county, city and university.

No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through the chapter treasury nor may the purchase of alcohol for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any person in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. The purchase and/or use of bulk quantities of such alcoholic beverage (i.e. kegs, party balls, etc.) by any chapter's members or new members, or the purchase of bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages by an individual for a chapter is prohibited.

No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.

No chapter members/new members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages (to include 3.2 beer or stronger) to anyone under the age of 21 years.

No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern (where tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than one half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present.

All recruitment activities associated with any chapter, without regard to location, will be dry recruitment functions.

Open parties where alcohol is present, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, shall be prohibited.

No "drinking games" in any form shall be permitted, tolerated or encouraged.

No alcohol shall be present at any new member program activity of the chapter.

HAZING CODE

Hazing in any form at Oklahoma State University is absolutely forbidden. Hazing is defined as any activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any organization operating subject to the sanction of the public or private school or of any institution of higher education in the state of Oklahoma. In addition, the Oklahoma State University Student Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior document prohibits any form of racial, ethnic and sexual harassment.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The governing councils of the fraternity and sorority community and each member chapter are required to follow the policies listed on this page. Any violation will result in a judicial board hearing. Copies of both the Alcohol Policy and Hazing Code can be found on the Fraternity & Sorority Affairs website at http://gogreek.okstate.edu. The governing councils of the fraternity and sorority community and Oklahoma State University, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Higher Education Act), do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ethnicity in any of their policies, practices or procedures.

