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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Interfraternity Council at Wichita State recently held one of our annual events, Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes. Walk-A-Mile is a co-sponsored event with the Student Activities Council, and is designed to raise awareness against sexual assault and violence.

In addition, IFC organized a Fraternity Life informational session earlier this month for men interested in joining the Greek Community. These sessions allowed interested students to gain perspective of what each chapter has to offer them within the Greek Community.

Lastly, IFC organized a council-wide service day! Members from our multiple chapters came together with LOVE Wichita to help improve our Wichita communities! Look out for more events from the Interfraternity Council as the semester progresses!

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Multicultural Greek Council is already off to an impressive start this fall semester. We have collaborated with other organizations to host many events that have provided the opportunity of students interested in MGC chapters to learn about the organizations and council. These events included Sweet Celebration, the MGC Informational and culminated with the annual Yard Show performed during the Involvement Fair. This semester we are looking forward to hosting Hump Day events the second Wednesday each month for all students and organizations to learn more about MGC and the chapters within the council. The first Hump Day event will take place on September 9 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the MGC Quad, off the East Patio of the RSC. We hope all Greeks join us as we kick-off this series!

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

The Panhellenic Council is working in overdrive right now preparing for the upcoming recruitment season! Formal Recruitment is September 9-14 and we are expecting similar numbers to last year. This summer, Ashlyn Funston, director of recruitment counselors, has been training and preparing the 28 recruitment counselors (RC) that will be guiding our potential new members (PNM) throughout the week of recruitment. These RCs have been meeting with PNMs building relationships and preparing them for the life changing experience of going through formal recruitment and finding their new homes. Kelsey Arpin, vice president of recruitment, has been working on all the logistics and cohesiveness with the five chapters for recruitment. She has been having monthly meetings with chapter advisors and membership chairs to make sure everyone is on the same page.

In the upcoming semester, we expect to have our second annual mug mixer prior to the week of recruitment. The Panhellenic Council feels that decorating mugs and eating warm cookies really cools the waters and bonds our community together prior to the high stress times of recruitment.

If anyone has questions or would like more information on recruitment, please visit wichita.edu/PanhellenicRecruitment

Wyatt Vieux,
Interfraternity Council President

Shamiece Banks,
Multicultural Greek Council President

Emry Woelk,
Panhellenic Council President
As we begin a new academic year, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the Greek community as we gear up for another fun-filled and memorable year. Our Student Involvement staff is extremely excited to meet with each of you and assist you in achieving success within your chapter, council and Greek community. We wish you well and hope the year ahead will bring greater learning opportunities, accomplishments toward reaching your individual and chapter goals, and many memorable experiences to build your bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood. We look forward to working with your chapter membership this year and invite you to visit us in the Student Involvement Office if you are in need of any help or guidance.

“No Matter the Letters, We Are All Greek Together.”

Sincerely,

Student Involvement Staff

Wichita State University Welcomes Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

As our Fraternity and Sorority Life community continues to grow, we are happy to report that LA-TIN-A is leading the initiative to recharter Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. here at Wichita State University this year. They have been working hard and have held numerous social, informational, and recruitment events for women interested in the Latina sorority. Student Involvement is very excited to welcome back Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. and we hope that everyone takes the time to welcome these women into our community.

Lauren is a junior studying biology with a pre-medical emphasis. She plans on applying to medical school in June and hopes to become a pediatrician. Currently, she works at Bricktown Brewery as a server and is a Shocker Navigator for the Office of Admissions. Her on campus involvement includes being the vice president of standards for Kappa Kappa Gamma, vice president of membership for the Community Service Board and an active member of the Student Ambassador Society. Previously, Lauren was a resident assistant for Housing and Residence Life, she participated in the Emerging Leaders and Evolving Leaders program, she was a mentor for Emerging Leaders, traveled with Alternative Spring Break and participated in the Summer Leadership Institute. She volunteers with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Wesley Medical Center. Lauren loves bad puns, salt and pepper sunflower seeds and goes by the nickname Lo.
MEET CHAD WARRICK

Chad is from Mineral Ridge, Ohio. He completed his bachelor’s degree in education at the University of Akron. Chad is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, where he served as a two-term chapter president. During his time as an undergrad he was heavily involved both inside and outside the Greek community, serving in numerous roles on the programming board, Junior Greek Council, Interfraternity Council and within Phi Kappa Tau. Since graduating from the University of Akron, Chad has traveled to facilitate retreats for fraternities in the Midwest, charted a chapter and served as an advisor for recruitment and retention. Chad completed his Master of Science degree in counseling with an emphasis on student affairs leadership and practice at Youngstown State University and served as the graduate assistant in Student Activities with responsibilities in Greek life, leadership programs, and civic engagement programming. He started with Student Involvement at the beginning of August and will be taking over as advisor to the Multicultural Greek Council and overseeing Greek programs.

Fun Facts
Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State University Buckeyes
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Vacation Spot: Ocean City, Maryland
Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump
Favorite TV Show: Scandal

2015 Summer Achievements
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Our chapter consultant, Chelsea Dyer, finished her two year commitment to Kappa Kappa Gamma Eta Upsilon and graduated with a master’s degree in public administration from WSU and is working full time for a non-profit in the Wichita area. She was honored at our regional convention by being elected as a province director of chapters, which is a volunteer position overseeing a number of chapters within a defined region. Congrats, Chelsea!

One of our advisors, Judy Rapp, who is also our Wichita alumni association president, was elected as province director of alumni at our regional convention, overseeing several groups of alumni associations in a defined region. Congrats, Judy!

The KKG Eta Upsilon House Board has been working tirelessly over the summer to negotiate a temporary facility for our chapter’s use. The Kappa Lounge is now open and available for our Kappa women to gather, study, watch TV, hold officer meetings and chapter council meetings and just be together and have fun! We are so excited to have a place to call our own!
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon would like to recognize Brad Sweet, Kansas Gamma Wichita State SAE advisor, for being only 1 of 18 advisors to receive the National Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award for Sigma Alpha Epsilon for 2014-2015. To be selected as a National Outstanding Chapter Adviser, one must demonstrate peer leadership and excel in serving as a role model and mentor. Applicants should be well-versed in their respective groups’ overall activities, providing guidance and making sure collegiate members uphold the fraternity’s policies and procedures.

Nathan Lohkamp, says “Brad absolutely deserves the award, and we sincerely don’t know where we would be without him. We would like to thank him again for everything that he does for our chapter and its members – Congratulations!”

Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma won the Patricia Peterson Danielson Award through Delta Gamma Executive Offices. They also had one member and one alumna selected to attend Delta Gamma’s first Hope Serving, which is a service learning trip to World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, Arkansas. Lastly, chapter members served as counselors and support staff for the annual Heather’s Camp, which celebrated its 15th anniversary this year.

Gamma Phi Beta

One of our sophomore sisters, Shannon Loofs, was selected from about 150 applicants nationwide to attend the Real Leadership Experience, which was debuted by our International Headquarters this summer. Twenty-seven collegians were handpicked after submitting a rigorous application and spent three days at the Alpha Xi chapter at Southern Methodist University. Learning and developing new leadership skills, Shannon was able to network with other sisters as well as meet our International President Krista Davis. We are so proud of Shannon for being selected to represent the Beta Chi chapter and Wichita State at this brand new leadership conference!

Phi Delta Theta

Kansas Delta was awarded the General Headquarters Award, Hayward S. Biggers Ritual Trophy, #1 Scholarship Award and a Gold Star Chapter Excellence Award at the annual Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute.

Also, we have our Strike Out ALS week coming in September. We will be hosting a softball tournament on September 19 starting at 4 p.m. We have one coed division. $50 for a team of 10; the teams must consist of at least 4 men and 4 women.

Delta Delta Delta

During the spring semester Tri Delta won chapter of the year during the St. Jude leadership conference. We were awarded a room at Tri Delta place, which is a short term housing facility at St. Jude. Over the summer, we had the privilege to travel to Memphis, Tennessee to tour our philanthropy, St. Jude. During the trip we got to visit the St. Jude campus to see where all of our hard work and dedication goes to.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

This past summer, the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon were recognized as one of Sigma Phi Epsilon’s most outstanding chapters in the nation by receiving the Buchanan Cup at their Conclave. Named in honor of past Grand President Edwin Buchanan, the Buchanan Cup represents superior and sustained achievement in Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Buchanan Cup recognizes the best-of-the-best Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters. Chapters are measured in relation to the accomplishments of their peers on campuses across the country. Only the chapters that excel in every area of operations and further the Grand Chapter’s strategic plan qualify for this high honor.

Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi received 2nd place in team participation for the American Heart Association Heart Walk as well as 2nd in fundraising out of many Wichita companies. Marie Brewer was recognized as a top volunteer for the Kansas American Heart Association and was recognized at the AHA Board of Directors Annual Celebration. Finally, our sister, Hannah Wagner won Miss Kansas and will be competing for Miss America in September.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

9/3: Order of Omega Initiation
9/9 - 9/14: PC Formal Recruitment
9/16: Evolving Leaders Applications Due
9/19: Strike Out ALS
9/19: Mud Events
9/20: New Member Academy
9/21: New Member Greek Council Begins
9/24: Presidents Meeting
9/25-26: Zach Mesch Chili Feed

COUNCIL MEETINGS...

IFC
Tuesdays
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MGC
Mondays
3 - 4:30 p.m.

PC
Fridays
3 - 4:30 p.m.

NMGC
Mondays
1 - 2 p.m.
(bi-weekly)

September 13th on ABC
Support Miss Kansas