Season of Giving

Greens Give Back to the Community

It seems that no matter where you are on campus, you will find at least one flyer advertising a Greek chapter’s philanthropy event. With recruitment starting to wind down, all signs point to the start of the “Philanthropy season” at Wichita State.

The 6th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes kicked off the “Philanthropy Season” in late August drawing over 100 walkers and approximately 175 participants. Men walked a mile around campus in high heels as a “Call to Action” to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence. Beta Theta Pi continued the “Philanthropy season” a couple days later with their annual Beta Bash, which featured a 5K race, 1 mile fun run and sand volleyball tournament. This year, over $2,000 was raised at Beta Bash and the proceeds went to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Walk a Mile and Beta Bash were just the start of “Philanthropy season.” There are plenty more philanthropy events scheduled for the upcoming months. Individual chapters are not the only ones giving back to the community. This year, chapters from the Panhellenic Council are working together at Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build 2014. Women from each of the Panhellenic sororities will work along side women from all backgrounds to learn new skills and help construct a home for a hard-working, single mother in the Wichita community. Whether it is through dodging balls or nailing up walls, Greeks are finding different ways to give back to their community.
Have you ever been asked, “What makes a Greek organization different than any other student organization?” As a Greek member, you can immediately list many reasons they are different, but which reason is it that really stands out? Which reason is at our very core and truly is the reason Greek organizations provide a different experience than any other student organization? The answer can be given with one word: Values.

Values are the key components selected specifically by each of our organizations founders. They aren’t just pretty words translated into really cool Greek letters. They aren’t just things we say in a ritual or part of an image in a crest. If we truly understand them and live by them, they become our reason for being.

Try this experiment. Set a timer on your phone for when you start your day, the middle of your day and the end of your day. At each mark, recite your values. When you start your day, think about how you’re going to live out one specific value. Be intentional and specific. At the middle of the day, stop and reflect on how your day has been going. Give yourself a chance to repurpose your day if needed and use your values as guidance in doing so. At the end of the day recite those values again. How did you do? Did you uphold them? Did you rely on them to help you do the right thing or make a tough decision? Were you a better person to someone because of a commitment you made to your values?

When we allow our values to guide our actions, we begin to become the better versions of ourselves our founders intended when they started our organizations. We develop stronger character. We build each other up. We impact the community. We live our ritual in an outward manner, which can be seen and felt by others.

Many of us chose to join our Greek lettered organization because we wanted something more. You’ve probably found that through sisterhood and brotherhood, networking and leadership positions. Spend some time getting to know your values and see just how much more there is in store for you.

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**Value: noun**

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From Old French value “worth, value”  
Part Participle of valoir “be worth”  
From Latin valere “be strong, be well, be of value” (see valiant).

1. The regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something  
2. A person’s principles or standards of behavior; one’s judgment of what is important in life

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“What your beliefs become your thoughts,  
Your thoughts become your words,  
Your words become your actions,  
Your actions become your habits,  
Your habits become your values,  
Your values become your destiny.”  
_Mahatma Gandhi_

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“It is not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.”  
_Roy Disney_
Multicultural Greek Council

Along with the university, the Multicultural Greek Council is becoming a more innovative council. For the first time since becoming a council, we hosted a “MGC Informational.” The informational highlighted and showcased the different organizations within our council, as well as the benefits of joining a multicultural Greek organization. We are looking forward to sharing the rich and cultural history of our organizations with potential new members of the fraternity and sorority life community.

Also, our promotional videos are complete and officially on social media. We hope to have captured the many different facets of our council: community service, leadership, academic excellence and cultural awareness. We encourage everyone to check out our video on YouTube by typing in “WSUMGC” in the search bar. Also, we would like to take this time to say thank you to those who attended the second annual MGC “Yard Show.” The event wouldn’t have been a success without you. It was an amazing experience to have all the energy and excitement on our campus at one time. Please be on the lookout for more events like this to take place on campus in the near future.

Finally, we were proud to announce earlier this month that we will begin the process of chartering a Latina Sorority here on the campus of Wichita State University. We currently have 17 young ladies partaking in this process and look forward to their success. We solicit your support and encouragement.

Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council continues to make positive change in the Greek Community this Fall.

We are currently creating a long-term public relations plan and executing our three year strategic plan.

Our continued partnership with David Stollman is going well. With his help, we are developing a New Member Survey that will be issued within the next few months.

Invoices to chapters will be issued next month.

Finally, we will be meeting soon to discuss efforts to improve our annual event, Walk A Mile In Her Shoes.

Panhellenic Council

We want to congratulate all the new members and our five chapters for helping make Formal Recruitment such a success. There was a record breaking number of women who signed bid cards!

Since recruitment, our focus has shifted toward our upcoming Habitat for Humanity build. The build will take place on October 9, 10 and 18. We have a total of 36 women volunteering at the all-woman build just a short distance from campus. Chapter women also had the option of attending a Women’s Power Luncheon, an event used to help fund the build, where women from the Wichita area as well as the future homeowners spoke about being empowered women.

On September 29 the council hosted Karla Armbrister from the Wichita YWCA to share her knowledge about healthy, safe relationships, the warnings signs of domestic abuse, and how to reach out for help.

We have hosted one all-sorority mixer since the start of the semester. On August 27 we hosted a mug decorating night, and we are planning a Food Truck mixer. Stay tuned to our social media for future panhellenic mixers.

Be sure to like our NEW Facebook page! Facebook.com/wsupc
### Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi welcomed home their new member class on Bid Day, Sept. 8. The chapter has had a blast getting to know the new members. They have already gotten involved through mud events and a belly dancing sisterhood.

![Gamma Phi Beta](image)

### Delta Delta Delta

The members of Delta Delta Delta are very proud to have brought home all of their new members this past Bid Day! They cannot wait to see everything the new members accomplish in their years in Tri Delta. Besides the philanthropy event, Breakfast Food for St. Jude/Dodge N’ Dive, Tri Delta has another event coming up too! Fat Talk Free Week is coming up the week of October 20-24. This week is special because it is all about body image and self esteem. The chapter has a week of events that helps spread awareness of the damaging impact of the "thin ideal." During this week, members will be participating in activities such as taking the Fat Talk Free pledge and writing encouraging notes and leaving them on campus! Tri Delta is very excited for this week and encourages everyone to join in!

### Gamma Phi Beta

This past week, the Beta Chi chapter at Wichita State University was proud to invite over 35 women to the Gamma Phi Beta organization. With recruitment coming to an end, the chapter is dedicating their focus on their Gamma PhiveK walk/run event to raise proceeds for Girl's on the Run, their international philanthropy. They are excited to illustrate and promote the essential qualities of being a Gamma Phi to their new members. The walk/run event is Saturday, Oct. 18 and will be held just outside of Koch Arena. Leading up to the event, there was a fundraiser on Sept. 26 at Northrock Lanes. The event was a success with over 60 people attending. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be going to the Girls on the Run organization. For more information regarding the events visit [www.gammaphibetawsu.com](http://www.gammaphibetawsu.com)

### Upcoming Philanthropies

#### Gamma PhiveK

Join the ladies of Gamma Phi Beta for their first ever Gamma PhiveK walk/run on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m.! Our event benefits our international philanthropy, Girls on the Run. This organization was founded to help elementary aged girls train for a 5K while learning life lessons such as respect, self-love and healthy lifestyle choices. Registration is $20 and includes a t-shirt, one color packet, a water bottle and a small snack.

The color packets will be used for the small color celebrations, which will take place as participants cross the finish line as well as scheduled group celebration taking place at 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.! The event will end at noon. To register, visit our webpage at [www.gammaphibetawsu.com](http://www.gammaphibetawsu.com)

#### Red Dress Gala

Alpha Phi's Red Dress Gala will be Saturday, November 15 at 8 p.m. in the Shirley Beggs Ballroom at the Rhatigan Student Center. Tickets are $20 and you can buy them from any Alpha Phi starting the week of September 22.

### Want to see your upcoming Philanthropy event listed?

Submit it online at [www.wichita.edu/omegagazette](http://www.wichita.edu/omegagazette) by the 15th of the month before the event!
Month in Review

Involvement Fair ● Walk-A-Mile ● Meet the Greeks
Formal Recruitment ● Mud Events
upcoming events

Upcoming events for October 2014. To have an event listed or submit information for an article, please complete the form located at wichita.edu/omegagazette by the 15th of the month of publication.

October 1: IFC & PC rosters due on OrgSync for Council dues

October 1: FarmHouse Information Session

October 3: Wu’s Big Event (see side panel)

October 3-5: Greek Retreat

October 4: Wu’s Big Event (see side panel)

October 6: FarmHouse Info Session

October 6-10: AKA Week

October 8-9: DU NachoFest

October 9: National Student Day!

October 13-14: Fall Break

October 15: FarmHouse Info Session

October 17: Delta Sigma Theta—Poetry Slam

October 18: Gamma Phi Beta Crescent Classic – Gamma PhiveK, 9 a.m.– noon, Charles Koch Arena

October 18-25: 23rd Annual Shocktoberfest (see side panel)

October 20-27: Delta Delta Delta’s Fat Talk Free Week

October 21: Shocktoberfest—Breakfast with President Bardo, 10:30 a.m-12 p.m., RSC Groover Lounge

October 22: Shocktoberfest— 3v3 Basketball Tournament, 5 p.m., Heskett Center Gym

October 23: Shocktoberfest—Hunger Games, 2-4 p.m., RSC 233

October 25: Make a Difference Day 8 a.m.– 5 p.m., Wichita Community

October 25: Shocktoberfest—Songfest, 7 p.m., The Orpheum Theatre

October 27: Greek Alumni Speaker, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Marcus Welcome Center, Kopita Conference Room

October 29: FarmHouse Info Session

October 30: All Greek Presidents meeting, 6 p.m., RSC 142

Full Council Meetings

Interfraternity Council: 5:00 p.m. RSC256, September 21

Multicultural Greek Council: 3:30 p.m. RSC 256, October 6 & 20

Panhellenic Council: 3:30 p.m. RSC 265, October 10 & 24

More Information

Wu’s Big Event

October 3: 12 – 5 p.m.

October 4: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

Let’s make a difference in the Wichita Community. Our goal is to complete 1,895 service hours in two days during Wu’s Big Event. Students, Faculty and Staff are encouraged to pitch in and help us reach one hour of service to mark each of Wichita State’s history!

Shocktoberfest

It’s time to get “Jammin” with Shocktoberfest 2014! The Student Activities Council has worked diligently to host an array of events including breakfast with Dr. Bardo, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and traditional favorites such as the banner competition, door decorations and Songfest. To see the time, dates and information for all events, please visit: wichita.edu/shocktoberfestevents.

Do More. Be More. Go Greek!