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Greens working at Wichita State University

A recent survey indicated there are 46 Greek Alumni working at Wichita State University.

Your lecturer for your Communications class, Sandy Sipes? She’s an Alpha Chi Omega and advisor to Beta Theta Pi. The Director of Upward Bound Math and Science, Kaye Monk-Morgan? She’s a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The Director of Development for the Foundation, Michael Rishell? He’s a proud member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. These and many, many others are continuing to represent what being Greek means at WSU.

Know a Greek alumni who works at WSU? Make sure they’ve completed the WSU Greek Alumni form found on our website: wichita.edu/involvement.

Back to School

Welcomefest Events have strong Greek Presence

The first two weeks of classes usually involve fighting for parking spots, gathering syllabi, finding short cuts through buildings and looking for friends in classes. Student Involvement strives to bring energy and fun to the chaos that can ensue on campus by hosting two weeks of Welcomefest Events.

Welcomefest kicked off with the Back to School Bash on August 17 at the Duerkson Ampitheater. Many Greeks decorated sidewalk advertisements, participated in the games and enjoyed the music provided by DJ TightPants. Greeks were also extremely helpful and visible while assisting with move-in for University Housing and Residence Life and at the Welcome Tables on the first two days of classes.

Many Greeks were also featured during the 2013 Convocation. All three student speakers, Darren Beckham, Brianna Kitchings and Andrew Longhofer are proud Greek members. The young WSU Alumna speaker, Brooke Amos, is also a proud WSU Greek Alumna. We hope to see the Greek community continuing to represent on campus and in the community throughout the rest of the Fall semester!
Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council is starting the Fall 2013 semester off strong!

Held on August 27, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes drew in over 100 walkers and approximately 200 participants as IFC presented a “Call to Action” to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence.

Already, the six IFC chapters have signed a combined total of 122 men and are still going strong with recruitment efforts.

Up next for IFC is their PR tent in the middle of campus on September 18. All members of the Greek community are encouraged to wear their letters to promote Greek life at WSU.

IFC is also working on helping to present the New Member Academy, an important component to starting a new members Greek experience off on the right foot, and presenting informational sessions throughout National Hazing Prevention week, September 15-21.

On November 5, IFC is excited to host their first ever St. Baldrick’s Event for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, funding research grants for childhood cancer. Get excited for this fun, head-shaving event, for a meaningful cause.

Do More. Be More. Go Greek!

Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council held their first ever Yard Show during the Student Involvement Fair on August 28. Participating organizations performed high energy, dynamic presentations to let the WSU community know just who the Multicultural Greeks are. To keep up to date with MGC, follow their hashtag on Twitter as they #TurnUpWSU

Women’s Panhellenic Association

Formal Recruitment is quickly approaching and the women of Panhellenic are ready! Chapters have been working hard practicing conversation, Rho Gamma’s are going above and beyond to help their potential new members prepare and the Recruitment Team is on top of it all! If you know someone interested in participating, please direct her to wichita.edu/panhellenicrecruitment
Retaining Chapter Membership

You’ve recruited new members, now how do you retain them? Check out these helpful tips for retention ideas not just for new members, but for all members!

#1: Get to know members on a personal level. “Say what? The chapter president wants to have lunch with me? Wow! They must really value my input, I can’t wait to meet with them!” Ok, so maybe the reaction won’t be that cheesy but it will be an excited and engaged one. The more you get to know someone on a personal level, the easier it is to work with them when they are going through a difficult time which could otherwise cause them to withdraw from membership. This also allows you to develop stronger relationships for your own sisterhood/brotherhood.

#2: Ask for opinions. This not only shows members that you care about what they have to say, you value their ideas because you have taken the time to seek them. This could give you creative ideas for future chapter meetings or events.

#3: Delegate. You may think you’re giving up control but you’re actually creating chapter ownership. Individuals are more likely to stay involved if they feel ownership within an organization or to an activity or event. This can also take some things off of your plate, giving you time to practice leadership skills instead of crafting skills!

Q: How many Greek chapters are at WSU?
A: 19, soon to be 20!

Wichita State hosts three councils: Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council and Women’s Panhellenic Association. IFC governs 6 chapters, with Pi Kappa Phi joining in October. MGC governs 8 chapters, 4 Sororities and 4 Fraternities. WPA governs 5 chapters with Gamma Epsilon transitioning out and Kappa Kappa Gamma joining in September.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

LaWanda Holt-Fields was named the Outstanding Regional Advisor at the Central Regional Luncheon during the 51st National Convention for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Washington D.C. Holt-Fields was also named the 2012 Greek Advisor of the Year at the Greek Awards program and is the Director of the McNair Program at WSU. The WSU Delta Sigma Theta Chapter was the recipient of The Social Action Award, also at the Central Regional Luncheon.

Delta Upsilon

Tony and Cathy Durano were named the Outstanding Chapter Advisor(s) at the 2013 Delta Upsilon Leadership Institute. The Outstanding Chapter Advisor is given to only one recipient internationally each year. The Durano’s have been advising the Delta Upsilon chapter at WSU for four years.

Phi Delta Theta

The Phi Delta Theta chapter was awarded the Founder’s Cup at the Kleburg Emerging Leaders Institute. The Founder’s Cup is given to the top chapter in the middle division. The award measures chapter success in the areas of academics, membership development and recruitment. This is the second time in three years the Kansas Delta chapter has received this award.
Develop Your Potential

*Student Involvement hosts a number of leadership development programs to help students develop to their full leadership potential. Encourage your members to get involved in some of the following programs to not just benefit themselves but also your chapter.*

**Evolving Leaders Program**

The Evolving Leaders Program is designed for returning students to WSU who are looking to expand upon their leadership skills and abilities. This is an eight week program that will focus on creating well balanced leaders. Each participant will receive a copy of *The Well-Balanced Leader* by Ron Roberts and each week will focus on a different chapter from the book. Sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00pm. Applications are due September 18. If you would like more information or to apply go to [www.wichita.edu/evolvingleaders](http://www.wichita.edu/evolvingleaders).

**Emerging Leaders Program**

Emerging Leaders is a unique opportunity for first year students to get on the fast-track to student leadership, campus, and community involvement. Students participating in the Emerging Leaders Program will receive an insider’s perspective on Student Involvement at WSU. Throughout the program, students will have an opportunity to develop their leadership abilities through workshops, activities and reflection in order to prepare them for future leadership experience at WSU and beyond. Emerging Leaders takes place during the spring semester and each participant will be paired up with an upperclassman mentor with the same major. Applications are due October 11. If you would like more information or to apply go to [www.wichita.edu/emergingleaders](http://www.wichita.edu/emergingleaders).

**Emerging Leaders Program Mentors**

Student Involvement is looking for upperclassmen who would like to serve as mentors to first year students. Emerging Leaders takes place during the spring semester. Each participant is paired up with a mentor, preferably with the same major. This is a great opportunity to help develop future student leaders here at WSU. Applications are due November 1. If you would like more information or to apply go to [www.wichita.edu/emergingleaders](http://www.wichita.edu/emergingleaders).

**Leadership To-Go**

Leadership To-Go is a leadership development program designed for any student looking to grow as a leader. The sessions are designed to fit in with and complement the busy schedule and lifestyle of students. Each session is no longer than 30 minutes, giving students valuable yet concise information which they can use immediately. The first session is September 19 from 12:30-1:00pm in 007 Rhatigan Student Center. During this session you'll have the opportunity to take the True Colors Personality Test which is a fun interactive assessment that will help you learn more about yourself. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Contact Nick Messing if you have any questions at nicholas.messing@wichita.edu.

**Man & Woman of the Year Scholarship**

The Man and Woman of the Year Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding male and female student who has shown exemplary leadership, involvement, and service to both the WSU and Wichita communities. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.
- Must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at Wichita State.
- Must have completed at least 60 hours with at least 30 hours from Wichita State.

Any student meeting the above criteria may apply. Nominations are not required.

Applications are due September 20. If you would like more information or to apply go to [www.wichita.edu/manandwoman](http://www.wichita.edu/manandwoman).
Welcomefest 2013
**Finding An Agent That’s Right For You**

**September 2:** WSU Closed! Happy Labor Day!

**September 4:** All Greek Lunch, hosted by the Multicultural Greek Council. 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Bring or buy your lunch and meet on the first floor of the RSC for lunch as a Greek community. All Greeks are invited to attend.

**September 4 & 18:** All Greek Study Hall, hosted by the Multicultural Greek Council. 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. Bring your books and study with other members of the Greek community on the 2nd Floor of Ablah Library.

**September 4-9:** Women’s Panhellenic Association Formal Recruitment. Visit wichita.edu/panhellenicrecruitment for more information.

**September 12:** Sigma Lambda Beta $2 Dinner Burrito Sale. Pre-order from chapter president, Fidel Serrano. fxserrano@wichita.edu

**September 13:** Nuts and Bolts Conference. Please see side bar for additional information.

**September 14:** Mud Events! 11:15 am check-in, start time at 12:00 pm at the Metroplex. Teams must register by September 11. Registration can be found under “Download Forms” at wichita.edu/sac

**September 15:** New Member Academy. Please see side bar for additional information.

**September 15:** Greeks Gettin’ Twisted. 7:45 pm. Please see side bar for additional information.

**September 16:** Hazing Prevention Event hosted by Interfraternity Council, 7:00 pm, CAC Theater. Contact IFC VP Austin Coyan, alcoyan@wichita.edu, for details.

**September 18:** Greek Life PR event, hosted by Interfraternity Council. Find the Greek Life tent on campus for a fun treat from the Interfraternity Council. This is also a Wear Your Letters Wednesday! Get caught wearing your letters by Gina Stewart, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life and receive a free drink coupon to QuikTrip.

**September 23:** Multicultural Greek Council Night at The Alley. Members of MGC and those interested in learning more about their organizations are invited to this social night of bowling at The Alley. Contact MGC President Cree Enna for more information, cree_enna@yahoo.com

**September 26:** All Greek President’s Meeting. 6:00—8:00 pm RSC 007. Regular meeting for chapter presidents of all Greek organizations.

**September 30:** RSO Advisor Training, 2:00—4:00 pm RSC 007. Open to all advisors. Must register online at wichita.edu/involvement

**Full Council Meetings:**
- *Multicultural Greek Council:* 3:30 pm
  - September 9 and 23 in HH 230
- *Interfraternity Council:* 6:00 pm
  - September 3 and 17 in RSC 266
- *Women’s Panhellenic Association:* 3:30 pm
  - September 6 and 20 in RSC 007

**Sigma Lambda Beta Rush Week:** September 2-7. Meet the men of Sigma Lambda Beta! If you are interested in participating in these events, please contact Eric Torres, (316)641-0556, ericjtor05@gmail.com

**Additional Information >>**

**Nuts and Bolts Conference**
- **September 13**
  - 2:00–4:00 pm
  - CAC Theater

The Nuts & Bolts Conference is designed to introduce the resources available through Student Involvement and WSU, connect organizations to SGA and update organization on the new university policies and procedures regarding student organizations. This event is required for organization renewal each year. Two members of the organizations executive board are expected to attend. Register online at wichita.edu/involvement

**New Member Academy**
- **September 15**
  - 5:30–7:30 pm
  - Hubbard Hall 211

The New Member Academy is required for all new members (those who joined after the Fall 2012 academy-present) to the Greek community. Check-in will start at 5:30 pm in the Hubbard Hall lobby. New Members are required to attend as a component of the Rhatigan Standards for Fraternal Excellence. Immediately following the Academy will be the first Greek Unity event of the year: Greeks Gettin’ Twisted. Held on Omega Court, free t-shirts and dinner will go to all new members followed by current members until supplies run out.