Welcome to Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity will be joining the Greek Community at Wichita State University in October. The organization was invited to colonize at WSU in 2011 during the IFC Expansion process.

Pi Kappa Phi was founded in 1904 in Charleston, S.C. The organization strives to help those with disabilities through their program, Push America.

Patrick Smith, Coordinator of Expansion, stated, “Pi Kappa Phi is beyond excited to join the growing Greek community here at Wichita State University. We are looking forward to bringing a new generation of men into the folds of Greek Life while helping raise awareness and promote service for people with disabilities through our philanthropy, Push America.”

To learn more, visit www.pikapp.org

Greek Give

“Branding” Greek Philanthropy Events

The Greek community is known for hosting a variety of All Greek Philanthropy and Community Service events. Already this semester, a Change for Change drive was held for the Humane Society and men walked around campus in high heels for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. In order to better communicate these as Greek events, the tagline, “Greek Give” has been created.

WPA, IFC and MGC will be sponsoring 2-3 more Greek Give events throughout the academic year. Chapters may also request to use this design and tagline for their individual philanthropy events promotional materials.

Greek Give is also investigating a service abroad trip for the Summer 2014 semester. Space will be limited and attendees will be responsible for fundraising, attending pre-trip meetings and adhering to the developed curriculum for the program. Those interested in learning more about this opportunity should attend the informational meeting on October 8 at 6:00 pm in RSC 266. Gina Stewart, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, may also be reached for more information at gina.stewart@wichita.edu.
Women’s Panhellenic Association  
By: Allison Gettings  
WPA PR Chair

September was a busy month for Women’s Panhellenic Association! Sorority Formal Recruitment was a huge success with over 150 women participating in the process. A shout-out goes to Brianna Kitchings, Carson Claybrook and the recruitment team for all of their hard work putting it together. Chapters welcomed new sisters, and the Rho Gammas were reunited with their homes.

During Formal Recruitment, a Change for Change drive was held. Potential New Members nominated various charities and held a ballot vote, ultimately naming the Kansas Humane Society as the recipient of the $375.15 raised during Formal Recruitment. On September 25 Women’s Panhellenic Association partnered with Student Health Services and offered an All-Greek flu shot day at Delta Gamma.

Chapters are focusing on sisterhood, planning philanthropy events and preparing for Shocktoberfest activities – especially Songfest. This year’s theme is “ObSEUSSed with Shocktoberfest.” We are excited to see the creativity from all of the chapters!

Look for WPA’s PR tent on Oct. 16 on campus. Stop by to learn more about WPA – root beer will be provided.

Interfraternity Council  
By: Matthew Conklin  
IFC President

IFC was busy this September with various programing events for the WSU Greek community. We kicked off Hazing Prevention Week with a movie showing of Haze on Monday, September 16, to the entire Greek community. The turnout was impressive with over 240 attendees who signed the pledge against hazing sponsored by the Gordie Foundation.

We were excited to host the monthly Greek Life PR event on Wednesday, September 18th, where the IFC Executive Team handed out free donuts and orange juice in the morning to students heading to class. It was difficult to walk through Donut Alley (the sidewalk between Lindquist and the Hubbard lawn) without encountering a friendly IFC smile and offer of fresh pastries.

On September 15, IFC spoke at New Member Academy about the purpose of IFC and the relevance of governing councils to new Greek members.

We appreciate the support we have received from the Greek community for our various initiatives so far this semester and we look forward to what the next few months have in store!
New Member Greek Council

What to do with over 300 highly energetic new members in the Greek community? Create a new opportunity for them to get involved of course! The New Member Greek Council is for new members from the Spring and Fall 2013 classes from all chapters.

The objective of the council will be to plan a philanthropic event during the Spring semester for the entire Greek community and its supporters to participate in while promoting Greek unity.

Each Greek organization has been asked to elect up to two new members to serve on the council. Elected members will then have the opportunity to apply for the chair and co-chair positions. Committees will also be established by the council and will be chaired.

All members will be responsible for serving for an entire term, October 2013 – May 2014, and must attend the council meetings which will be held on Tuesday evenings.

The goal of the New Member Greek Council is to teach new members leadership and event planning skills while fostering Greek unity. It is the hope that these members will use the skills they learn to enhance their individual chapters, the IFC, MGC and WPA councils, and the entire Greek and WSU community.

The council will be responsible for determining the philanthropy event and the organization it will benefit.

Those interested in serving on the council should speak to their chapter president about getting involved. The first council meeting will be held on October 22 at 6:00 pm in RSC 266.

ask the experts >>>

Q: What was the first Fraternity to form?
A: Phi Beta Kappa

Founded in 1776 at the College of William & Mary, Phi Beta Kappa was the first college honor society to use Greek initials and have a secret Greek motto, handshake and insignia. Phi Beta Kappa eventually expanded to Yale and Harvard. The second Fraternity, Chi Delta Theta, was not established until 1821, also at Yale.

Have a question you’d like to ask? Tweet @wsu_greeks to submit!

Kappa Kappa Gamma officially colonized at Wichita State!

On September 29, the Eta Upsilon colony of Kappa Kappa Gamma pinned their charter class of colonizing members. Congratulations to all the new members of the Greek community!

Susi Algrim
Maria Ines Figueroa Arrivillaga
Megan Babick
Shelby Basu
Jessica Betzen
Tamira Borecky
Jessica Terrell Calhoun
Sommer Camp
Christine Carter
Joanna Cho
Ricki Clark
Czarina Cutaran
Linday Ann Dickmeyer
Phoung Duong
Lindsey Gallagher
Kathryn Henke
Cassie Hurst
Emily James
Chieraqui Kemmerly
Margaret Ketcherside
Brittany Lance
Whitney McBayde
Rachael Miller
Lindsay Mills
Allison Molitor
Katy Niedens
Gabrielle Owens
Courtney Phillips
Disha Reshmi Ramdenee
Kiara Reed
Mineka Rose
Terra Rumback
Jackie Shipman
Autumn Slater
Christina Smith
Mariah Smith
Cassie Standley
Brenda Tucker
Maria Vo
Kathryn Zimmer
Finding An Agent That’s Right For You

October 1: Names due for Greek Retreat. Participants must register at wichita.edu/GreekRetreat

October 1: Stop Hunger Now. 1:00 pm—4:00 pm. Location TBA. This come and go event is available for students to swing by and help prepare meals for school children across Asia, Africa and Central and South America to help combat hunger.

October 1: Omega Gazette interest meeting. 6:00 pm, Student Involvement, RSC 262. Interested in editing, writing or photography for the Omega Gazette? Come to this meeting to learn how to get involved.

October 2: All Greek Lunch hosted by the Multicultural Greek Council on the 1st floor of the RSC 11:00 am—1:00 pm

October 2 & 16: 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

October 3: Domestic Violence Awareness Speaker. 7:00 pm, 103 Devlin Hall. Hosted by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

October 8: Information Meeting for Greek Service Trip. 6:00 pm, RSC 266

October 9 & 10: Delta Upsilon Teeterathon

October 11: Multicultural Greek Visit Day. 10:00 am—2:00 pm wichita.edu/MGCVisitDay for more information

October 11: Pink Carpet Fashion Show. 7:00 pm CAC Theater, cost is $5.00 in advance, $7.00 at the door. Hosted by the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Attend a night of fashion to honor women in the community who have survived breast cancer. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a breast cancer awareness or research center. If interested in modeling (there’s a Greek portion!) contact cree_enna@yahoo.com

October 11 & 18: WSU Senior Day. Remember to wear your letters on campus!

October 14 & 15: Fall Break!

October 19: Anchor Splash and Anchor Bash. Contact Delta Gamma president Sarah Thompson for more information: sarah.christine.thompson@wichita.edu

October 21-28: Shocktoberfest! Please see side bar for more information.

October 25: RSO Advisor Training, 10:00 am—12:00 pm, RSC 266. Open to all advisors. Must register online at wichita.edu/involvement

Full Council Meetings:
Multicultural Greek Council: 3:30 pm October 7 and 21 in HH 230
Interfraternity Council: 6:00 pm October 1 in RSC 266 and October 22 in HH 230
Women’s Panhellenic Association: 3:30 pm September 4 in HH 220 and October 18 in RSC 007

Make a Difference Day

October 4, 12:00—5:00 pm
Student Involvement is excited to bring Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good, to WSU in the form of Shocker Helping Hands with the goal to complete 2,500 hours of service in two days. Interested students can register to volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, The Opportunity Project, Union Mission, The Humane Society and at the Fairmount Back to the Park Festival. Those interested must register at wichita.edu/shockerhelpinghandssignup

Shocktoberfest

October 21-28
It’s time to get “ObSeussed” with Shocktoberfest 2013! The Student Activities Council has worked diligently to host an array of Dr. Suess themed Shocktoberfest events including Green Eggs and Ham with Dr. Bardo, an all campus Capture the Flag game and comedian Barry Rothbart. Shock-SOBERfest will be held to highlight National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and traditional favorites such as the banner competition, door decorations and Songfest will also be held. To see the time, dates and information for all events, please visit wichita.edu/shocktoberfestevents