

# PHA NEWSLETTER

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## Why this matters...

Panhellenic was founded in the Spring of 1905 with the purpose of providing a voice for the women involved in sorority life, bettering the relationships between each of the chapters, and to ensure that members and potential new members alike were respected and their well-being prioritized throughout the recruitment and initiation processes. KU currently is home to 11 recognized chapters, each striving for excellence in our four foundational pillars: Leadership, Scholarship, Friendship, and Service.

Panhellenic was created in a time where women were in need of a safe-space in the male-dominated sphere of higher education. This Newsletter serves as a glimpse into what we as Panhellenic leadership have been working on, and will also ensure that we be held accountable for our opportunity to enact meaningful and lasting change. We look forward to serving in these roles and to assist in turning Panhellenic away from its exclusive past into an equitable future.

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## PHA Updates

### 2021 Panhellenic Executive Council

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The 2021 PHA executive council was selected through an application & interview process in November, 2020 via a nomination committee composed of two members from each PHA chapter and voted on by each chapter delegate. The term extends until late November 2021.

### Continuous Open Recruitment

Ten chapters have been participating in Spring Continuous Open Recruitment (COR)! This has resulted in dozens of new members and an unprecedented Spring recruitment process. A huge shoutout to all the Directors of Recruitment in each chapter for everything they have done so far to make this opportunity so valuable for all the potential new members and active members of PHA's chapters! PHA hosted a COR event on Tuesday, February 23 at the Union with a Zoom option. Over 25 potential new members attended and both them and the chapters relayed that it was a very helpful and fun opportunity! COR has been a bright spot in the first month of the Spring semester and it is still ongoing. Anyone interested can find out more about COR through the chapters' social media or by reaching out to the Director of Recruitment Personnel, Katie Burns.

### Chapter-wide Food Drive

The Director of Philanthropy & Community Service, Jordan Wieck, coordinated a food drive on behalf of the First Baptist Church food pantry who has been faced with double their normal demand due to COVID-19 & harsh weather. The drive took place the last week of February and resulted in over 800 goods donated!

## CONTINUOUS EDUCATION EFFORTS

PHA has been actively engaged in pursuing increased training for its leadership and how to expand this into the greater PHA membership body. The first training will be Thursday, March 25 through the Sexuality and Gender Diversity Center at KU. We have been asked to provide feedback on the program in order to assist in the

development of a new Safe Zone I program at KU. This is the first step in an effort to create a foundation of ongoing education to better prepare our members for more proactive and cognizant leadership, as well as how to expand on what is learned by enacting meaningful and lasting change in the PHA community and beyond.

## PHA Updates Cont. Recruitment Counselor & Judicial Board Applications

Recruitment Counselor and Judicial Board applications closed Friday, February 26. Thank you to every member who applied! These are in the process of being reviewed, and applicants will be contacted in the coming weeks regarding the status of their applications.

### Diversity & Inclusion Committee

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee applications are due **Monday, March 1 by 11:59 PM**. Please encourage all women in PHA to apply, as this committee is an integral component of what will shape our organization for years to come! If you have any questions or would like an extension on your Diversity and Inclusion Committee application, please reach out to the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Annie Gill. You can find the application at [kupanhellenic.com/apply](http://kupanhellenic.com/apply). Keep an eye out for this month's Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter!

## Council Highlights Interfraternity Council

The 2021 Interfraternity Council Executive Board was installed in late November, 2020. Congratulations to all the new executive members!

Chapter Spotlight: Sigma Nu, Nu Chapter

- Founded In 1884 & was the first Sigma Nu chapter west of the Mississippi River
- Actor, Paul Rudd, was a member of the Nu Chapter while he attended KU!
- Keep up with Sigma Nu & follow them on Instagram [@kansassigmanu](https://www.instagram.com/kansassigmanu)

## Multicultural Greek Council

MGC week is this week, March 2-4! March 2nd is Trivia Tuesday, March 3 is Workout Wednesday, and March 4 is Theatre Thursday. All events start at 6 PM. Support our peer council and check into these amazing events! Zoom information: meeting ID 660 763 5634 Chapter Spotlight: *Sigma Psi Zeta, Sorority Inc. Alpha Mu Chapter*

- Sigma Psi Zeta held Spring intake from February 10-20
- The Alpha Mu chapter was established on March 26, 2016
- Support Sigma Psi Zeta & follow them on instagram [@kusigmapsizeta](https://www.instagram.com/kusigmapsizeta)

## National Pan-Hellenic Council

Chapter Spotlight: *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Delta Chapter*

- "AKA... is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by the African-American college-educated women." (est. 1908) (SILC profile, National Pan-Hellenic council)
- Chartered on February 15, 1915 & was the 8th sorority chartered at KU
- AKA's incorporation day is January 29, 1913
- Follow & support their ongoing initiatives [@deltachapteraka](https://www.instagram.com/deltachapteraka) on Instagram

# SORORITY & FRATERNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please continue to be safe and make smart choices. The safety of our SFL community and Lawrence community is impacted by our decisions each and every day. Encourage your members to utilize [unmasked.ku.edu](http://unmasked.ku.edu) to report violations so we can continue to hold our members and our community accountable!

# NPC FACT FOCUS - YOU & COVID-19

[HTTPS://WWW.NPCWOMEN.ORG/STOPTHEDROPS/](https://www.npcwomen.org/stopthedrops/)

**Young adults are much less likely to die,  
but they can get sick...**



~ 800,000+ 18-29 year olds In the U.S. have had COVID-19

~ 1 In 3 people aged 18-25 are medically vulnerable to severe COVID-19

~ 600+ people ages 18-29 have died

**Although young adults are less likely to be severely ill, they do spread it**

~ Young people are increasingly driving COVID-19's spread

~ approx. 14% of on campus cases at KU have been linked back to PHA & IFC, although we make up less than 10% of the student body



**COVID-19 spreads easily at group gatherings, even when asymptomatic**



~ 1 In 5 young adults testing positive In outbreak had no symptoms

~ 1 in 5 previously healthy adults age 18-34 weren't back to usual health 2-3 weeks after testing positive

We know this is **hard**. We know you didn't **ask** for this. **But now is when we must look to our values & lead as we know we should, with personal responsibility & the health of our community as our focus.**