



Panhellenic Association at the University of Kansas

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October Newsletter

PHA Highlights

- Membership Education and Policy Change
 - Bylaw revisions

On October 13th, the Panhellenic Executive Board proposed multiple amendments to the Panhellenic Association Bylaws and Recruitment Policies. Bylaw changes range from updating outdated verbiage, realigning and reallocating Panhellenic Officer position duties, adding descriptions and responsibilities to each standing committee, and creating new standing rules. As stated in the PHA September 2020 Newsletter, the Panhellenic Executive Board committed to exploring language that surrounded non-discrimination, eliminating exclusive terminology, and correcting existing policies. The proposed standing rule surrounds non-discrimination; this includes NPC and University policy relating to discrimination and recommendations to address such acts made by Panhellenic chapter members. Recruitment Policy changes range from budget and accountability expectations, social media behavior by Panhellenic chapter members, and clarifying the process of Continuous Open Recruitment (COR). These amendments were proposed to eleven chapter delegates at the General Assembly (GA) meeting. The vote to approve or deny the amendment proposals will take place on October 27th. For more information contact Karly Ridder, kuphajudicial@gmail.com

- Panhellenic Association sponsored lecture on November 5, 2020

The Panhellenic Association Executive Board is hosting Lawrence Ross, best selling author and lecturer, virtually on November 5th at 6 PM CST to present a lecture to the University of Kansas SFL organizations. Ross will be presenting his lecture *Blackballed: The Black & White Politics of Race on America's Campuses*. Blackballed explores the present and historical issues of racism on college campuses and how it ties into today's current state/events. Please visit <https://thelawrenceross.com/> for more information about the guest lecturer.

Panhellenic chapters must have at least 70% of its members attend; please refer to chapter leadership for information on how to check in. Further instructions about lecture format/platform will be distributed in the following weeks. For more information contact Madisen Hane, pharelations.ku@gmail.com

- Diversity & Inclusion Committee

The Panhellenic Association Diversity & Inclusion Committee shall operate through weekly meetings conducted by the Director of Diversity & Inclusion until the installation of the 2021 Panhellenic Association Executive Board. Members of the 2021 Diversity & Inclusion committee will be selected at the beginning of the Spring '21 semester.

On October 1st, the first Diversity & Inclusion Monthly Newsletter was sent to all Panhellenic chapter members' KU email addresses. If you are unable to locate this email or are not a member of the Panhellenic community, the newsletter can be found on the Panhellenic Association website under the 'Resources' tab > '[Monthly Newsletters](#)'. For more information or feedback contact Rylee McClave, kuphadiversity@gmail.com

- Recruitment
 - Continuous Open Recruitment

The Continuous Open Recruitment (COR) process is still in full swing! We are actively promoting this recruitment process to Potential New Members. For more information contact Katie Carter, ku.pha.cor@gmail.com

- Applications for 2021 Panhellenic Association Executive Board

Interested in being an Executive Officer for the Panhellenic Association? Applications are currently open and will close on Friday, October 23. The application includes prompts based on each position, submission of a verification form (signed by Chapter President and Advisor), submission of a Degree Progress Report (DPR), and an optional submission of a resume. Further instructions can be found on the Panhellenic Association website under the 'Resources' tab > '[Apply](#)'. For more information contact your chapter Panhellenic Delegate or Brenne Ernst, phapresident.ku@gmail.com

- Connecting with various KU communities/resources

Panhellenic leadership has connected with University staff to explore member education surrounding topics under social justice and active bystander intervention. For more information contact Madisen Hane, pharelations.ku@gmail.com

Council Highlights

- Interfraternity Council (IFC)
 - To learn more about the Interfraternity Council (IFC) organizations at the University of Kansas, please visit <http://kuifc.org/>
 - Applications for the 2021 Interfraternity Council Executive Board are now open and can be found on the organization's Rock Chalk Central page.
- Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

- To learn more about the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) organizations at the University of Kansas, please visit <https://silc.ku.edu/mgc>.
- Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. is closing up a week of events and fundraisers to raise awareness of domestic violence. Fundraisers included t-shirt sales, percentage nights, virtual Pie-A-Greek activity, and donations to the Willow Domestic Violence Shelter in Lawrence, KS. The organization is also hosting a guest speaker, Allison Lundeen with RAINN, on Wednesday, October 21. More information can be found on the organization's Instagram account (@kusigmapsizeta).
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. had great success with a recent fundraiser; donations went to various racial justice funds (e.g. Black Lives Matter, Black Trans Travel Fund, Femme Empowerment Fund, and more). The organization also hosted a percentage night at Chipotle on 23rd St in Lawrence. Keep up with the current events of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority Inc. through Instagram (@ku_kdchi)!
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
 - To learn more about the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organizations at the University of Kansas, please visit <http://silc.ku.edu/greeklife/nphc>.
 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is hosting a Skee Week. This week consists of virtual events that range from healthy eating to personal finance to reducing one's carbon footprint! More information can be found on the organization's Instagram account (@deltachapteraka).

SFL Announcements

- The Anti-Hazing Acknowledgement and Grade Release Form needs to be filled out by every chapter member in order to release your grades to your organization. This form can be found on the SFL Rock Chalk Central page.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

Applications for the 2021 Panhellenic Association Executive Board are currently open and will close on **Friday, October 23**. The application can be found on the Panhellenic Association website under the 'Resources' tab > [Apply](#).

Applications for new members of the Panhellenic community who are enrolled in/completed Leadership Studies (LDST) 301 in the SP20 or FA20 semesters are open. The application can be found on the Panhellenic Association website under the 'Resources' tab > [Scholarship](#). All submissions are due **Saturday, October 31**. For more information contact Madisen Hane, pharelations.ku@gmail.com

Panhellenic Scholar of the Month for September is open until **Monday, November 2**! The application can be found on Rock Chalk Central > Panhellenic Association > Forms > October Scholar of the Month. For more information contact Anna Roderman, kuphascholarship@gmail.com

Active Member Scholarship applications are currently open and will close on **Friday, November 13**. This scholarship is open to all University of Kansas active, initiated members of Panhellenic chapters. Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours during the time of their submission. Only one entry will be allowed per person; duplicate entries will result in disqualification. Scholarships will be awarded and accepted through KU Enroll & Pay. Winners will be notified by email and their names will be posted on kupanhellenic.com. Recipients of this scholarship will be awarded an amount of \$500. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. The application can be found on the

Panhellenic Association website under the 'Resources' tab > [Scholarship](#)'. For more information contact Anna Roderman, kuphascholarship@gmail.com

Need-Based Scholarship applications are currently open and will close on **Friday, November 13**. All restrictions, instructions, and location of application of the Active Member Scholarship apply to the Need-Based Scholarship.

Chapter Spotlight

The Chapter Spotlight of the Month is *Gamma Phi Beta*! The Sigma chapter at the University of Kansas has recently installed a Diversity and Inclusion Chair to the Executive Board; this member has been working to organize group discussions surrounding current events. Chapter leadership have been recognizing their members' academic achievements as the organization reached a personal record Grade Point Average in the Spring 2020 semester. Alumni and other resources have been utilized to educate and increase awareness of COVID-19 safety within the chapter.