



Panhellenic Association at the University of Kansas

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September Newsletter

PHA Highlights

- Welcome to the first Panhellenic Association Monthly Newsletter!

Welcome to the first Panhellenic Newsletter created by the Panhellenic Executive Board! These newsletters will be released monthly to share insight on the activity of and provide updates to the Panhellenic community. We hope these newsletters will contribute toward strengthening the relationships between the eleven Panhellenic chapters and share updates on our peer Greek councils (Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and National Pan-Hellenic Council).

- Relationship with Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

The Panhellenic Executive Board acknowledges the statement that was shared by the KU Multicultural Greek Council; the statement can be found on their Instagram profile (@kumgc). After the video that included insensitive language toward individuals of the Asian community and those who share identities was shared, the council has chosen to pause all current efforts of collaboration with the Panhellenic Association until positive changes are made within our community.

The Panhellenic Executive Board remains committed to supporting our peer councils in any way that they are comfortable with. Panhellenic leadership will continue to extend collaborative invitations to IFC, MGC, and NPHC; however, we respect that we cannot force participation. In the future, we hope that the relationship can be re-established after the Panhellenic community undergoes educational training and effective changes have been made.

- Membership Education and Policy Change
 - Bylaw Revisions

On September 1st, the Panhellenic Executive Board proposed an amendment to the Panhellenic Association Bylaws: Article XIII, Section 2B. This amendment was proposed to eleven chapter delegates

at the General Assembly (GA) meeting. Given the installation of the amendment, each chapter will coordinate two community service events in lieu of requiring ten hours of community service for the FA20 semester. This temporary amendment would ensure the Panhellenic community is upholding the pillar of service while keeping members safe from the spread of COVID-19. Such events may be virtual. The proposed amendment was unanimously approved by the chapter delegates on September 15th at the GA meeting. For more information contact Grace Moloney, phacommservice@gmail.com

The Panhellenic Executive Board is in the exploration and research phase of bylaw amendment proposals. Language surrounding non-discrimination, eliminating exclusive terminology, corrections to existing policies, etc. are the center of our work. For more information contact Karly Ridder, kuphajudicial@gmail.com

- **Diversity & Inclusion Committee**

The Panhellenic Association Diversity & Inclusion Committee is operating through weekly meetings conducted by the Director of Diversity & Inclusion. This committee is charged with: relaying given educational material to their respective chapter, identifying programs and resources for our leadership and members, keeping our community up to date on current events, discussing and brainstorming action plans that relate to topics that could be improved upon. For more information contact Rylee McClave, kuphadiversity@gmail.com

- **Recruitment**

The Panhellenic Association conducted Fall Formal Recruitment 2020 (FFR20) virtually in August! The recruitment process had its bumps, but overall it was a fantastic week of recruiting via Zoom. On August 1st, 820 Potential New Members were registered to participate in virtual FFR20. After the recruitment week, 673 New Members were extended Membership Invitations on Bid Day! As of August 23rd, FA20 total is 237 members, and the Panhellenic community total is 2,520.

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

- **Connecting with various KU communities**

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

- **COVID-19 and Social Gatherings**

As stated in the Protect KU Pledge, all individual members of the KU community are responsible for protecting the health and safety of ourselves and others around us. We, as students, are guests to the Lawrence community, and it is important to comply with all safety guidelines: wearing a mask when in public spaces, social distancing, and limiting the size of social gatherings. Douglas County released an

Emergency Public Health Order on September 4, 2020 which includes the prohibition of mass gatherings over 45 individuals. *Panhellenic leadership does not condone the irresponsible choice to attend large social events as it is the Lawrence and vulnerable community members that are greatly impacted in a negative way.* For more information visit protect.ku.edu

- Community GPA

The Spring 2020 semester came with its challenges, but Sorority & Fraternity Life (SFL) community members proved their dedication to scholarship as the SFL average was a 3.36 and the PHA average was a 3.70! Here's to another great academic term.

Council Highlights

- Interfraternity Council (IFC)

On August 21st, 2020, the Interfraternity Council implemented a temporary moratorium on all social activities; this directive is in effect until further review and upon counsel from health officials, appropriate staff, respective chapter presidents and advisors.

- Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

The Multicultural Greek Council hosted a successful MGC Week the week of September 7. Virtual activities included Zumba, movie night, and game night!

- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is hosting NPHC Week the week of September 28. Activities are TBA!

SFL Announcements

University of Kansas Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) is now an independent office! Historically, SFL has been affiliated with the University's Student Involvement and Leadership Center (SILC), but this is the first semester that we are operating under the SFL Office.

Please welcome the new Director of Sorority and Fraternity Life: Ethan Stubbs!

Grade Release form is coming soon! All members will be asked to fill out this form in order to authorize your organization to receive your grade report each semester.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

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

National Hazing Prevention Week September 20th-25th. Visit hazingprevention.org for more information on hazing prevention resources.

KU Homecoming Week September 28th- October 3rd. Visit homecoming.ku.edu for more information.

Chapter Spotlight

The Chapter Spotlight of the Month is *Delta Gamma*! The Beta Kappa chapter at the University of Kansas is fostering member growth through open dialogue surrounding topics such as eating disorders in college, microaggressions, and more. Chapter members have taken time to acknowledge and discuss the sorority's history; the National organization also created a section in [the Anchora](#) (Delta Gamma's magazine) that explores racism, prejudice, and bigotry within the sorority.

Delta Gamma is keeping members' spirits high by continuing "Jayhawk Walks" around campus with chapter sisters (while wearing masks, of course), live-in members are having a movie night, and the seniors are being celebrated via Senior Sunrise on the Hill!