Joining a fraternity or sorority can be one of the best ways to find your “home away from home” at Chapman University and make a large campus feel much smaller. There are 17 chapters on campus that are members in one of two different communities: the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council (PHC). There are also 12 honor societies on campus, with Greek lettering, that are unrelated to the traditional Greek chapters, along with 4 professional fraternities. Chapman University firmly believes there is a place for every student in our diverse community of over 2,000 students. Fraternities and sororities have a rich history at Chapman and have been on campus for over 60 years. Membership in a fraternity or sorority not only allows you to get more involved at Chapman but also encourages involvement within the local Orange community. Studies show that students who are engaged with student organizations, like fraternities and sororities, are more successful academically and are more likely to graduate. College is a time to build memories and gain friends that will last a lifetime. We know that college is full of choices, and we are glad you’ve made the choice to get to know our chapters. We urge you to get to know everyone of our organizations for yourself in order to make the most educated decision about which group to join. If you’re still not sure if ‘going Greek’ is right for you, we encourage you to learn more about these organizations by checking out the fall recruitment/membership intake processes. Once again, welcome to Greek Life at Chapman University.
SCHOLARSHIP: Fraternities and sororities at Chapman strive for academic excellence. Each chapter has specific grade requirements for students to achieve in order to maintain active membership and provides every member with resources to promote academic success. Fraternity and sorority membership covers many avenues to assist new members in the difficult academic transition from high school to college, including educational programs and workshops, study hours, tutoring programs, and more. As a result, the All-Greek GPA is consistently at or above the All-Undergraduate average.

LEADERSHIP: Developing leadership skills in all members is a fundamental goal of every organization. Fraternities and sororities offer a variety of leadership positions within their chapters and opportunities also exist in the Fraternity/Sorority Community at large.

INCLUSIVITY: United by a common bond, the Chapman Greek community is a diverse community that strives for inclusivity of all people regardless of race, culture, identity, gender, or sexual orientation. We strive to promote a welcoming environment for all students on campus where all members and guests feel supported and accepted.

PHILANTHROPY: Fraternities and sororities sponsor a variety of philanthropic fundraisers that raise over $100,000 annually to support local and national nonprofit organizations. These fundraisers include athletic tournaments, silent auctions, dances, and more.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: In conjunction with philanthropy, each fraternity and sorority participates in numerous community service events each year to engage with the Orange and surrounding communities. Commitment to civic engagement encourages growth as servant leaders and allows members to help others in the world around us.

FRIENDSHIP: With new experiences at Chapman, it is easy for new students to be overwhelmed with life on campus. Fraternity and sorority membership eases the transition and enriches the college experience by encouraging the development of sincere relationships within a tight-knit community of over 2,000 students. The lifelong bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood made in fraternities and sororities are unmatched by any other student organization.
The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is the governing body for the 8 traditional fraternities at Chapman. Fraternities affiliated with IFC participate in a formal fall recruitment process in addition to informal recruitment practices year round. IFC will host a fall recruitment process at the beginning of both fall and spring terms. There are several events that are hosted by the IFC to start the formal recruitment period, after which individual chapters plan and host their own open invitation events.

**FALL RUSH DATES TO KNOW:**

**September**
- 9th: Fall Rush Kickoff
- 13th-14th: Rush
- 17th-19th: Rush
- 24th-26th: Rush
- 27th: Bid Day

**October**
- 2nd-6th: Greek Week
- 6th-8th: Homecoming Weekend
- 21st: Airbands
Alpha Delta Phi
Nickname: Adelphos
Colors: Green, Black, and Yellow
Philanthropic Focus: Stop Soldier Suicide
Founding: 1832 at Hamilton College
Members: 13

Alpha Epsilon Pi
Nickname: AEPi
Colors: Blue and Gold
Philanthropic Focus: AEPi Gives Back
Founding: 1913 and New York University
Members: 45

Beta Theta Pi
Nickname: Beta
Colors: Blue and Silver
Philanthropic Focus: Animal Assistance League of Orange County
Founding: 1839 at Miami University
Members: 55

Delta Sigma Pi
(Coming Spring 2018)
Nickname: Delta Sig
Colors: Green and White
Philanthropic Focus: TBD
Founding: 1899 at City College of New York

Delta Tau Delta
Nickname: The Delts
Colors: Purple and Yellow
Philanthropic Focus: JDRF
Founding: 1858 at Bethany College
Members: 65

Phi Delta Theta
Nickname: Phi Delt
Colors: Light Blue and Silver
Philanthropic Focus: ALS Association
Founding: 1848 at Miami University
Members: 99

Phi Gamma Delta
Nickname: FIJI
Colors: Purple and Yellow
Philanthropic Focus: USO, Red Cross, Make a Wish
Founding: 1848 at Jefferson College
Members: 109

Phi Kappa Tau
Nickname: Phi Tau
Colors: Red and Yellow
Philanthropic Focus: Serious Fun Childrens Network
Founding: 1906 at Miami University
Members: 59

Pi Kappa Alpha
Nickname: Pike
Colors: Red and Brown
Philanthropic Focus: Cycle for Life
Founding: 1868 at the University of Virginia
Members: 65
The Panhellic Council (PHC) is the governing body for the 8 traditional sororities at Chapman. The council consists of 8 chapters that are members of the National Panellenic Conference (NPC,) which include over 1,200 sorority sisters on Chapman’s campus. The Panhellenic Council will host its annual spring formal recruitment process at the beginning of spring term 2018. This is the only time throughout the school year where all the PHC chapters will be accepting new members.

For more information regarding sorority recruitment visit: http://www.chapmanpanhellenic.com
Alpha Gamma Delta
Nickname: Alpha Gam
Colors: Red, Buff, and Green
Philanthropic Focus: Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation
Founding: 1904 at Syracuse University
Members: 122

Delta Gamma
Nickname: Delta Gamma
Colors: Blue and White
Philanthropic Focus: Service for Sight
Founding: 1873 at University of Mississippi
Members: 183

Gamma Phi Beta
Nickname: Gamma Phi
Colors: Pink and White
Philanthropic Focus: Camp del Corazon
Founding: 1874 at University of Illinois
Members: 127

Kappa Kappa Gamma
Nickname: Kappa
Colors: Blue and Silver
Philanthropic Focus: FLEURISH
Founding: 1870 at Monmouth College
Members: 140

Alpha Phi
Nickname: Aphi
Colors: Red and White
Philanthropic Focus: Alpha Phi Foundation
Founding: 1872 at Syracuse University
Members: 201

Delta Delta Delta
Nickname: Tri Delt
Colors: Blue and Yellow
Philanthropic Focus: St. Jude's Children Hospital
Founding: 1888 at Boston University
Members: 156

Kappa Alpha Theta
Nickname: Theta
Colors: Black and Gold
Philanthropic Focus: CASA
Founding: 1870 at Depauw University
Members: 185

Pi Beta Phi
Nickname: Pi Phi
Colors: Red and White
Philanthropic Focus: Read, Lead, Achieve
Founding: 1867 at Monmouth College
Members: 174
GREEK SPEAK

**ACTIVE:** A fully initiated undergraduate member of a fraternity or sorority.

**ALUMNUS/ALUMNA:** A member of a fraternity or sorority who has graduated from college.

**BID:** A formal invitation to membership in a fraternity or sorority.

**BIG:** An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority who serves as a mentor to a new member, guiding them through the new member program and initiation.

**CHANT:** A call used by members of chapters to acknowledge or gain the attention of others; some organizations have more than one chant.

**CHAPTER:** The local collegiate membership unit of a national or international fraternity or sorority.

**DUES:** The monetary costs of membership in a fraternity or sorority that are used to fund the costs of operations, events, and other activities.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Peer elected executive board from the member groups within one community. Generally supports and acts as a voice for organizations within it, including being the official liaison between the university and the members of the organization.

**HAZING:** Unethical mental or physical abuse and activities that are prohibited by Chapman, the local and state government, and all Chapman Greek councils and organizations.

**INDEPENDENT CHAPTER:** Fraternities or sororities that are not affiliated with a governing council.

**INITIATION:** A traditional ritual or formal ceremony that brings a new member into full Greek membership.

**INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC):** Peer-elected governing council for traditionally housed fraternities that currently supports 8 men’s chapters at Chapman.
**LEGACY:** An immediate relative of an initiated member of a fraternity or sorority, defined slightly differently by each individual organization.

**NEW MEMBER:** An individual who has accepted a bid to join a sorority or fraternity but who has not yet been initiated; also called an associate member.

**NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION:** A presentation that celebrates and welcomes new members into the Greek Community. A general setup of a new member presentation consists of welcoming fellow Greeks, local and national chapter history, and revealing of the new members.

**ORDER OF OMEGA:** A national honor society for fraternity and sorority members who maintain a GPA above the All-Greek average, have distinguished themselves as leaders in the Chapman Greek community, have exemplary character, and hold either junior or senior academic standing.

**PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (PHC):** Peer-elected governing council for traditional sororities that currently supports 8 women’s chapters at Chapman.

**PHILANTHROPY:** A fundraising event hosted to raise money for a charitable organization with which the chapter or community has a relationship.

**POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM):** A person who is interested in joining a Greek-lettered organization, and will participate in intake or recruitment.

**RECRUITMENT GUIDE (RHO GAMMA):** A neutral representative of a Panhellenic sorority who temporarily leaves her affiliation to guide and support PNMs through recruitment.

**RITUAL:** The traditional ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority; these are almost always private and known only to initiated members of a fraternal organization.
How does my student get involved in a fraternity or sorority?
Your student should receive information throughout the school year regarding both fraternity and sorority recruitment from the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils. Fraternity recruitment generally takes place the third and fourth week of each semester while Formal Sorority Recruitment takes place in January, the week before the spring semester begins. The Greek Life office holds information sessions before primary recruitment periods for any interested student to learn more. Please have your student stop into Student Engagement in Argyros Forum 303 or contact greeklife@chapman.edu to learn more.

What is being involved in a fraternity or sorority all about?
Membership in a Greek organization is one of the best ways to become involved at Chapman with around 34% of the undergraduate student body involved in a fraternity or sorority. Many of the Student Government leaders and officers of numerous other clubs and organizations are also members of Greek Life. Not only can members participate in campus-wide activities, but also in many other leadership opportunities within each chapter and the respective Greek councils. Research has shown that involved college students are more likely to graduate and report greater satisfaction with their overall college experience. All Greek organizations are working examples of a democracy in action. This is often the first time that members are responsible for their own activities and living within their means. At Chapman University, membership in a fraternity or sorority offers a community of friends away from home. As a lifelong member of a fraternity or sorority, students are offered the opportunity to develop as leaders, serve the local community, and focus on academics as well as their careers, by connecting with local alumni.

What is my role as a parent? What questions should I ask before my student joins a fraternity or sorority?
Take the time to find out more about the fraternity and sorority community at Chapman University. As a parent, you should be involved in helping your student make the most appropriate and informed decision. Ask the following questions to your son or daughter as they look for their organization:

What is expected of a student in your fraternity or sorority?

What type of a member is your chapter looking for?

What leadership opportunities will you have as both a new member and active member?

What specific social opportunities will you have by being a member of your organization?

What community service and philanthropy opportunities will you participate in?

What does your chapter do to make sure your grades stay a priority?

What are the annual or semester dues for your organization?

What values does your organization promote?

Is your organization officially recognized by Chapman? If not, why?
FAQS CONTINUED

If I want more information about an organization or the fraternity or sorority community, where should I go?
There are a couple of different resources for you as a parent. First and foremost, please continue searching the Chapman Website. Individual chapters’ websites are listed under their chapter bio in the Chapters section of this site. Here are a few other websites to visit for more information:
www.nicindy.org
www.npcwomen.org

Will my student’s academics be compromised if they join a chapter?
Academics are a priority in the fraternity and sorority community. When students join, they become part of a larger group of students who value their academic goals at Chapman. Each chapter on campus has a scholarship officer who initiates programs within the chapter to encourage high academic standards. On average, the GPA among Greek men and women at Chapman University has been higher than the all-campus average.

What does it cost to be a member of a fraternity or sorority?
The fraternity and sorority experience is an investment. The leadership skills, academic assistance, and friendships will benefit your student well beyond their college years. Membership fees go toward a variety of programming that positively impacts your student and his or her education. Each chapter has a different financial structure which is presented to them before or during the recruitment process. Please encourage your student to ask questions about chapter finances before deciding to join. Fraternities and sororities do not have official chapter housing at Chapman, and therefore, cost of membership does not require the often expensive rent for upkeep of a chapter house.

How will joining a fraternity or sorority at Chapman benefit my student after college?
The lifelong friendships that your son or daughter creates from their membership in a fraternity or sorority can last well into their post-college years. Many alumni often say that their best friends are brothers or sisters that they had while in college. Chances are, wherever your student ends up after college he or she will be able to find a network of alumni or members of their chapter in the area. Fraternities and sororities have a network of alumni throughout the world that can be of assistance in job searching, acquiring internships or acclimating to a new area of the world.

How much time does involvement in a fraternity or sorority take up?
The commitment varies from chapter to chapter but the first semester in the organization is often the most time intensive as a new member learns about their new fraternity or sorority while balancing the rest of their personal and academic calendar. The time spent during the first semester will provide a framework upon which to build leadership and time management skills, learn more about the history of their organization, develop friendships and allow them to become involved with other organizations. After your student’s initiation into the chapter, their involvement level will vary. Opportunities for expanded leadership, community service and philanthropy, academic programming, and social activities are a few of the time commitments that your student will face throughout the semester. Each week chapters have meetings that your student is expected to attend where the organization makes decisions and discuss upcoming programs, services and events.

What about hazing?
Hazing is strictly prohibited by the State of California, Chapman University, all Inter/National Greek organizations recognized at Chapman and the Greek Governing Councils at Chapman. Please review Chapman’s full student conduct policy on hazing here. New member education should be informative and fun and all student are encouraged to report any concerns or information about hazing to the Program Coordinator for Greek Life or the Dean of Students Office. Chapters are reminded of these policies each semester.