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. The Greek community believes in many principles including: Friendship, Scholarship, Leadership, Inclusivity, Philanthropy and Service. Our members live these values each day and strive toward this vision in the events and programs they plan and in the unique membership experiences every chapter offers. 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. Please take time to browse through this publication and acquaint yourself with all that fraternity and sorority life has to offer. 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.
Chapman Greek Values

**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 offers 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 9 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.

**Important Fall Rush Dates**
- **Fall Rush Kickoff:** Sep. 8th
- **Rush Dates:** Sept. 11th-20th
- **Bid Day:** Sep. 21st
- **Greek Week:** Oct 2nd-6th
- **Homecoming Weekend:** Oct 6th-8th
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Colors: Light Blue and Silver
Philanthropic Focus: ALS Association
Founding: 1848 at Miami University
Members: 99 Total

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

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

Pi Kappa Alpha
Nickname: Pike
Colors: Red and Brown
Philanthropic Focus: Cycle for Life
Founding: 1868 at the University of Virginia
Members: 65 Total
The Panhellenic 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 Panhellenic 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 PHC chapters will be accepting new members.

Important Recruitment Dates:

- Greek Week: March 4th-8th
- Panhellenic Informal Recruitment Begins: September 8th (see Panhellenic website)
- Sorority Registration Begins: October 9th
- Sorority Registration Ends: December 16th
- Sorority Formal Recruitment: January 23rd-27th
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Colors: Pink and White
Philanthropic Focus: Camp del Corazon
Founding: 1874 at the University of Illinois
Members: 127 Total

Kappa Alpha Theta
Nickname: Theta
Colors: Light Red and White
Philanthropic Focus: CASA
Founding: 1870 at DePauw University
Members: 185 Total

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

Pi Beta Phi
Nickname: Pi Phi
Colors: Red and White
Philanthropic Focus: Read, Lead, Achieve
Founding: 1867 at Monmouth College
Members: 174 Total
**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 Potential 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 member organizations.

**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 and 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 fraternity or sorority 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 set up of a new member presentation consists of welcoming fellow Greeks, local and national chapter history, and revealing of the new member(s).

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: 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-letter organization, and will participate in intake or recruitment.

Rho Gamma: A neutral representative of a Panhellenic sorority who temporarily leaves her affiliation to guide and support PNM’s through recruitment.

Ritual: The traditional rites and ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority; these are almost always private and known only to initiated members of a fraternal organization.
Trystan is the Interfraternity Council President at Chapman and helps run the nine chapters that are on campus. He is a junior who is majoring in News and Documentary Studies with a Film and Public Relations Minor. He is a proud member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and an advocate for all chapters on campus. He strongly believes in the communal bonds that unite all of Greek Life and the friendships that come from that.

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Madi Murphy is the head Greek Life Assistant and the Panhellenic President at Chapman. She is a junior student double majoring in Political Science and Strategic Communications with a Leadership Studies Minor. As a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Madi knows the value of being supported by a like-minded community of people that value scholarship, philanthropy, and sisterhood. She strongly believes in empowering women to accomplish incredible things and strives to do that in all of her roles.

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Frequently Asked...

Q: What will I get from a fraternity or sorority that I would not get out of any other college organization?

A: Coming to college is one of the major life changes that you will go through. Joining a fraternity or sorority will help make the transition easier. Developing lifelong friendships with other chapter members helps make the campus seem smaller. For many members, these chapters become a home away from home. In addition to the brotherhood/sisterhood, every chapter is dedicated to enhancing leadership, scholarship, and philanthropy/community service.

Q: How do I find the right organization for me?

A: The best way to find your fit is to ask current members of the organization. Recruitment events are a great way to meet people and ask questions. At the end of the day, it matters most that you find a group that you connect with and that shares similar values with you.

Q: If I go through membership intake or recruitment, am I guaranteed an invitation to join a fraternity or sorority?

A: Just as you are looking for a perfect fit, these organizations are also looking for great individuals. Membership criteria can change from organization to organization, but all groups will have a minimum GPA requirement; some will be focusing on previous or other campus involvement, others more on community service, leadership experience, etc. The most important thing is to be your genuine self throughout the recruitment/membership intake process and the right organization for you will embrace you for who you are.

Q: If I am an international student, can I join a fraternity/sorority?

A: Yes, anyone who is enrolled at Chapman is allowed to pursue membership through recruitment or membership intake. We welcome and encourage international students to take part in Fraternity and Sorority Life.
Q: Do I have to go to all recruitment and membership events?

A: You may be thinking “What if I can’t make it to a recruitment or membership event?” The best way to find out if an organization is for you, it to attend as many of their events as possible. This will help you see if an organization is a good fit for you. However, it is up to you to attend or choose not to attend recruitment events. You should never skip class to attend recruitment events. Your education always comes first. It is a good idea let the recruitment chair know that you would like to attend an event, but that you have time conflicts with the event time.

Q: How much does it cost to join a fraternity or sorority?

A: It is important for potential members and parents to be as informed as possible regarding the costs associated with obtaining a college education. Understanding the financial obligations associated with fraternity and sorority membership is just as important. Each individual joining a fraternity or sorority should be aware of the dues, fees and other expenses that are involved and should consider these when making financial plans to attend college. During the recruitment or membership intake process, a potential member should ask members about the financial obligations and payment options. Each organization sets its own fees and payment schedules. The average cost for the first term of joining an organization is usually higher due to one-time expenses and fees. Specific membership fees and costs are shared during council-sponsored recruitment processes.

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