

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

**JOIN US TO ENHANCE
YOUR NO. 1
STUDENT EXPERIENCE**



Office of
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE
Division of Student Affairs



WELCOME TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING ACCEPTED TO ONE OF THE BEST INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD.

The time you spend at Clemson will be exciting and filled with new experiences, friends, knowledge and more. All aspects of your life can be enhanced if you set yourself up to make the most out of the time you have here.

Becoming a member of Clemson University's fraternity and sorority community is a fantastic way to make new friends, develop leadership skills, network with alumni, serve the community, get involved on campus and enhance your academic potential.



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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE MISSION

THE OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE (FSL) AIMS TO ENHANCE THE NO. 1 STUDENT EXPERIENCE BY PROVIDING RELATIONSHIP-FOCUSED COACHING AND MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO MEMBERS.

We strive to foster a membership experience that is committed to promoting Clemson's values where students thrive and reach their full potential in academics, brotherhood and sisterhood, social responsibility, leadership and engaged citizenship.



MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

JOINING A FRATERNITY AND SORORITY IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS, BUILD A NETWORK WITHIN THE LARGER CLEMSON COMMUNITY AND BECOME WELL-ROUNDED.

ACADEMICS

Grades are an important component for both seeking and maintaining membership in a fraternity or sorority. In Fall 2024, the all-FSL grade point average was 3.504, and 85.0% of all members achieved over 3.0. The six-year graduation rate is 94.9% (Fall 2018 cohort), and the



first-year/second-year retention rate is 96.7% (Fall 2023 cohort).

LEADERSHIP

Members of fraternities and sororities have opportunities to serve in elected officer positions and appointed committees within their chapters. The skills you learn in these roles like running meetings, teambuilding, event planning and budgeting greatly prepare you for life after college. Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) also provides a variety of leadership development programming for emerging leaders and chapter officers throughout the academic year.



SERVICE

Every fraternity and sorority has national and local service and philanthropic projects they support every year. FSL co-sponsors the annual Fall In Day of Service which members can participate. In the last calendar year, members raised \$1,382,884.78 and served 82,745.50 hours.

PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Members will participate in a wide variety of personal and professional development programs sponsored by their chapters, governing councils or Clemson departments. Program topics focus on five themes: academic engagement, well-being and safety, community building and leadership.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Our members are not only heavily involved in their chapters, but they are also actively engaged in many aspects of campus life. You can find fraternity and sorority members involved in organizations like the Undergraduate Student Government, Orientation Ambassadors, the Clemson University Guide Association, Intramurals, Academic Honor Societies, and many more. To learn more about groups you can get involved in, please visit clemson.campuslabs.com/engage for a full list of student organizations.

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FSL FEE

During the Spring 2016 semester, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life worked with the presidents of the fraternity and sorority governing councils and chapters to develop a long-term funding model that will be supported through a Fraternity and Sorority Life Fee. The purpose of this fee is to provide the fraternities and sororities with a sustainable advising and programming model to create a membership experience that is congruent with both the University's and the organizations' mission, purpose and values. This fee will be assessed to affiliated students each semester on their tuition bill throughout the duration of their membership in a fraternity or sorority at Clemson University.



The fee allows the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to be a self-funded department, and the money generated goes toward providing increased staffing, training and developmental programs for the community. The Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisory Board, comprised of alumni, advisers and students, assist the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life in making strategic budgetary decisions on programming initiatives from the money generated by the fee each year. The fee is \$70 per semester.



Returning members will be charged when bills are released in July and November. During the first semester of membership for students joining or transferring into an organization in the College Panhellenic Association or Interfraternity Council, the charge will be made on their tuition bills in late September and February. Students participating in the Membership Intake Process for the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council will be charged during their first full semester of membership due to the timing of Intake during the previous semester. The Financial Commitment table indicates the average cost of chapter dues within each council based on the new member semester and the initiated member semester. It is common for the costs to be higher during the new member semester due to one-time fees.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

	NEW MEMBER	INITIATED MEMBER
CPA DUES	\$810	\$510
IFC DUES	\$952	\$858
MGC DUES	\$650	\$215
NPHC DUES	\$1,700	\$190

CLEMSON SORORITIES

CLEMSON'S FOUR COUNCILS:

CPA

COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

IFC

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

MGC

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

NPHC

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

ALPHA DELTA PI

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ALPHA OMICRON PI*

ALPHA PHI

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DELTA PHI LAMBDA
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SORORITY, INC.

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GAMMA PHI BETA

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IOTA ALPHA, INC.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO
SORORITY, INC.

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NATIONAL SORORITY, INC.

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CLEMSON FRATERNITIES

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA

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BETA UPSILON CHI

CHI PHI

CHI PSI

DELTA CHI

DELTA EPSILON PSI
FRATERNITY, INC.*

IOTA PHI THETA
FRATERNITY, INC.*

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER

KAPPA ALPHA PSI
FRATERNITY, INC.

KAPPA DELTA RHO

KAPPA SIGMA

LAMBDA THETA PHI LATIN
FRATERNITY, INC.

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FRATERNITY, INC.

PHI BETA SIGMA
FRATERNITY, INC.

PHI GAMMA DELTA

PHI IOTA ALPHA
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SIGMA NU

TAU KAPPA EPSILON

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COLLEGE PANGELENIC ASSOCIATION

The College Pangehellenic Association is the programming and governing body of the 14 National Pangehellenic Conference sororities at Clemson University. The Pangehellenic community is comprised of approximately 4,400 women with an average chapter size of 360. The council consists of one delegate from each chapter and ten executive officers. The Clemson Pangehellenic Council plans and oversees the execution of the primary recruitment process in the fall, hosts educational sessions and develops and implements Pangehellenic sisterhood events to enhance the unity between all chapters, and they actively support GirlUp GVL.

Every Fall semester, the Clemson Pangehellenic Association hosts a primary recruitment process for the 14 chapters it governs. To learn more about the process, please visit clemsonpangehellenic.com.

CPA MISSION STATEMENT:

To inspire, empower, and create women leaders by providing opportunities for both personal and professional development.

CPA MEMBER SORORITIES:

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

ALPHA DELTA PI

ALPHA OMICRON PI*

ALPHA PHI

CHI OMEGA

DELTA DELTA DELTA

DELTA GAMMA

DELTA ZETA

GAMMA PHI BETA

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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) serves as the governing body of the 24 IFC fraternities at Clemson University. Each chapter has an average of about 82 men.

Clemson University's IFC community is dedicated to building future leaders by providing numerous leadership opportunities within their chapters and across campus. IFC members are leaders in other student groups such as Undergraduate Student Government, Orientation Ambassadors, the Clemson University Guide Association, Intramurals, Academic Honor Societies, and many more.

The Interfraternity Council at Clemson University and its fraternities prioritize the academic success of each of its members, and members can expect minimum academic standards set by the council and chapters, peer tutoring, study hours, and other academic success programs. Similarly to the rest of the FSL community, the IFC consistently achieves a higher average GPA than its non-affiliated counterparts.

IFC hosts Recruitment or "Rush" in both the fall and spring. Registration and requirements to rush can be found online at clemsonifc.com.

IFC MISSION

The mission of the Interfraternity Council is to govern, serve, represent and promote, with the highest standard of integrity, its member fraternities. We exist as a resource to facilitate the growth and development of fraternity men in the areas of personal and fraternal responsibility, leadership, scholastic achievement, civic engagement and brotherhood.

IFC MEMBER FRATERNITIES:

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| ALPHA SIGMA PHI | PI KAPPA ALPHA |
| ALPHA TAU OMEGA | PHI KAPPA PSI |
| BETA THETA PI | PI KAPPA PHI* |
| BETA UPSILON CHI | PSI UPSILON |
| CHI PHI | SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON |
| CHI PSI | SIGMA NU |
| DELTA CHI | TAU KAPPA EPSILON |
| DELTA TAU DELTA | THETA CHI |
| KAPPA ALPHA ORDER. | TRIANGLE |
| KAPPA DELTA RHO | ZETA PSI |
| KAPPA SIGMA | |
| PHI GAMMA DELTA | |
| PHI KAPPA TAU | |
| PHI SIGMA KAPPA | |

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MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC)

Multicultural Greek Council affiliated students seek to engage the Clemson community and educate them about the culture they bring. The MGC continues to promote unity by celebrating differences and connecting common goals from each organization through brotherhood/sisterhood.

Each MGC fraternity and sorority brings in new members at various times of the year and has different requirements for membership. The organizations will host an informational or interest meeting or rush events

in which the criteria for membership is explained. These organizations are permitted to host their new member process on the chapters' schedule and/or their need for growth. Some organizations host the new member process each semester; others only do so once a year. The current average chapter size is 13 members. In the fall the Council hosts their annual "Meet the MGC" which is an opportunity to get to know the chapters, their members and the council!

More information can be found at clemsonmgc.org.

MGC MISSION

The mission of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is to foster a unified multicultural community and to promote scholarship, service, respect, unity and cultural awareness.

MGC MEMBER FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES:

DELTA EPSILON PSI FRATERNITY, INC.
(SOUTH ASIAN INTEREST FRATERNITY)*

DELTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
(ASIAN INTEREST SORORITY)

HERMANDAD DE SIGMA IOTA ALPHA, INC.
(LATINA INTEREST SORORITY)

PHI IOTA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.
(LATIN INTEREST FRATERNITY)*

SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA NATIONAL SORORITY, INC.
(MULTICULTURAL INTEREST SORORITY)





NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) serves as the governing council for nine historically African American fraternities and sororities, nine of which are currently represented at Clemson University. The council fosters interaction and collaboration among its organizations through student development, social activities, community engagement and service initiatives.

Each NPHC fraternity and sorority brings in new members at various times of the year through a process called Membership Intake. These organizations are

permitted to conduct intake based on the chapters' schedule and/or their need for growth. Some organizations conduct intake each semester; others only do so once a year.

NPHC hosts an information session about its organization's requirements and expectations of membership at the beginning of each semester known as NPHC Orientation. Learn more at nphcclemson.com.

NPHC MISSION

The mission of NPHC is the unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities and to its member organizations.

NPHC MEMBER FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES:

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, INC.*

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

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FSL WELLNESS ADVOCATES



The mission of the Clemson Fraternity and Sorority Life Wellness Advocates is to provide an inclusive fraternity and sorority community where students can reflect and learn about safety and holistic health by providing resources as well as implementing year-long programming.

The FSL Wellness Advocates strive to host monthly events to educate the fraternity and sorority community. Events include topics regarding academic performance, challenging the fraternity/sorority stereotype, hazing prevention, alcohol awareness, healthy relationships,

nutrition/exercising/stress management, sexual assault awareness and more.

All FSL Wellness Advocates go through training at the beginning of their role and throughout the semester to ensure they are educated in health and wellness related topics before educating the community.

Contact FSL Wellness Advocates at greek@clemson.edu.



FSL INCLUSION AND BELONGING AMBASSADORS

The Clemson FSL Inclusion and Belonging Ambassadors or IBA's are an organization within Fraternity & Sorority Life composed of affiliated students who applied for the role. The IBA's exist to promote community building and belonging within the chapters, councils, and greater community through events, programs and opportunities for conversation. All FSL Inclusion and Belonging Ambassadors receive 10 hours of training in the beginning of the role.



For more information regarding the FSL Inclusion and Belonging Ambassadors, check out their Instagram ([@cufsl.ibambassadors](https://www.instagram.com/cufsl.ibambassadors)) or contact greek@clemsn.edu.



AWARDS

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE AWARDS

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Ceremony (co-hosted by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Order of Omega) is hosted annually in April to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous calendar year. Many different categories of awards are presented to celebrate the successes of our chapters, members, and fraternity and sorority community. The awards consist of Order of Omega Individual Awards, Fraternity Sorority Housing Awards, Pillars of the Community, Programming Awards, Chapter Excellence Awards, Members of the Year and Chapters of the Year.

Congratulations to all of the winners listed below from the 2025 Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards:

PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY

Michael Brewington '81

Rae Ann Feldner Gruver '93

John N. (Nicky) McCarter Jr. '80

Xiomaira Mendez '16

CHAPTERS OF THE YEAR

Amanda H. Hays Cup (College Panhellenic Association):
Kappa Delta

Dr. Jerome V. Reel, Jr. Cup (Interfraternity Council):
Beta Upsilon Chi

Founders Cup (Multicultural Greek Council):
Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Altheia L. Richardson Cup (National Pan-Hellenic Council):
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

College Panhellenic Association:
Bella Wiggins, Alpha Chi Omega

Interfraternity Council:
Carter Foy, Phi Sigma Kappa

Multicultural Greek Council:
Mya Molina, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

National Pan-Hellenic Council:
Jalen White Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Mya Dawkins, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ORDER OF OMEGA AWARDS

Chapter Adviser of the Year:
Sara Gilliland, Chi Omega

John Robert Clinton Greek Unity Award:
Evan Ricks, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

New Members of the Year:
Gatsby Goode, Zeta Tau Alpha
Charlie McGee, Pi Kappa Alpha
Elaine Lin, Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Temarrian Davis, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Friends of the Greeks Award:
Bubba Britton, Clemson Alumni Association

Personal Academic Achievement Award:
Christian Butler, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Senior of the Year:
Ellie Macken, Alpha Delta Pi

All-In Tiger Award:
Salena Robinson, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Advocacy Award:
Arya Desai, Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

FSL UNIVERSITY HOUSING AWARDS

House Manager of the Year (co-recipients):
Hannah Heyburn, Zeta Tau Alpha
Andrew Pond, Pi Kappa Alpha

Chapter Housing Experience of the Year:
Sigma Kappa

FSL PROGRAMMING AWARDS

Health and Wellness Program of the Year:
Zeta Tau Alpha

Inclusion and Belonging Initiative of the Year:
Kappa Delta

CUSG Greek Affairs S.O.A.R. Award:
Sarah Beck, Kappa Delta



ORDER OF OMEGA



The Epsilon Kappa chapter of Order of Omega is the premier leadership honor society for the Clemson Fraternity and Sorority Community. Membership is reserved for the top 3% of leaders in the Fraternity and Sorority Community. Order of Omega recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in areas of scholarship, leadership and involvement within their community, their respective fraternities and sororities, and their councils. Among this group are chapter presidents, council exec members, tour guides, Calhoun Honors College students, volunteers, Orientation Ambassadors, tutors, 4.0 recipients, student government leaders and many more. Order of Omega

hosts various programming throughout the year for the entire fraternity and sorority community. A few of their signature programs include the Order of Omega Professional Development Summit, Greeks and Ghosts in conjunction with the City of Clemson, and the Order of Omega Individual Awards as part of the Annual Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. Contact Order of Omega at cuorderofomegamembership@clemson.edu.

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HOUSING



FRATERNITY SORORITY HOUSING

There is no traditional “Greek Village.”

Twenty groups currently have on-campus housing in the form of a residential area with designated floors/halls of a building in one of two areas.

Fraternity and Sorority Quad: 17 groups (IFC and CPA)
Bryan Mall (Smith and Barnett): three groups (all CPA)

Members typically live on the chapter hall during their second year of membership, housing contracts are typically signed around November.

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GET INVOLVED

CLEMSON GREEK EMERGING LEADERS

Clemson Greek Emerging Leaders is a program designed for members of the fraternity and sorority community within their first year of membership in their organization (although these students are primarily freshmen or sophomores, upperclassmen are welcome if they are new to fraternity and sorority life). Participants attend six sessions throughout the semester that focus on understanding the Clemson FSL community, their individual leadership styles, building relationships with peers and leading positive change within their community.



DAYS OF SERVICE

At least once each semester the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life hosts/co-hosts a day of service. In the fall, Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement, and Clemson Home collaborate to host the Fall in Day of Service. The Fall In Day of Service is a campus-wide day of service. Students are able to work with local non-profits and community agencies. During the spring semester, Fraternity and Sorority Life collaborates with a local agency to specifically work with fraternity and sorority students. Previous collaborations have included working to clean up the shore line around Lake Hartwell by partnering with Lake Hartwell Partners for Clean Water.

HAZING POLICY

UNIVERSITY HAZING DEFINITION

- Hazing is prohibited by Clemson University and the state of South Carolina. In December 2024, the Stop Campus Hazing Act (federal statute) put requirements in place for institutions of higher education with regards to hazing education and prevention, policies, reporting and response. Visit clemson.edu/hazing to learn more.
- Clemson University prohibits all forms of hazing. Students, employees, and affiliates must not engage in, promote, assist with, or ignore hazing activities. This policy applies to all members of the University community –including students, employees, affiliates,

and any individual involved with a University organization.

- Hazing means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in a student organization; and that causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the University or the student organization, of physical or psychological injury. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct that:

- is reckless in nature; or
- harms or potentially harms physical safety/health and/or emotional well-being; or
- sleep deprivation; or
- forces consumption of food, liquid, alcohol, or other substances; or
- is abusive or degrading in nature; or
- is a form of personal servitude; or
- forces participation in activities that are illegal or violate University policy; or
- constitutes hazing under federal or state law.

Any member of the University community, including a victim, participant, or witness, with knowledge of hazing shall report the hazing to the Office of Community and Ethical Standards or Clemson University Police.

RESOURCES

WAYS TO REPORT

Anyone with knowledge of hazing should report the hazing to the Office of Community and Ethical Standards, Clemson University Police or Fraternity and Sorority Life at:

OCES: 864-656-9725

CUPD: 864-656-2222

FSL: 864-656-7578

Online reports can be submitted by completing an Incident Report form. To report online:
clemson.edu/studentaffairs/reports.html



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Anti-Hazing Hotline: fraternallaw.com/help-us-stop-hazing

HazingPrevention.org: hazingprevention.org

Stop Hazing: stophazing.org

Gordie's Call: gordie.studenthealth.virginia.edu

TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT

In compliance with the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, Clemson University's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life publicizes all violations of the Student Code of Conduct by student organizations. A listing of these violations is accessible via our website: clemson.edu/administration/hipps.

FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

Active: A fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

Alumna: A member of a women's fraternal organization who is no longer an undergraduate or active in her collegiate chapter.
Plural: Alumnae.

Alumnus: A member of a men's fraternal organization who is no longer an undergraduate. Plural: Alumni.

Associate Chapter: Known as a "trial period" for a new organization that is awaiting official Chapter Status recognition from their national to establish a letter chapter on their campus.

Associate Member: A person who has accepted a bid but is not yet initiated into a sorority or fraternity. See also "New Member."

Badge: A "pin" worn by fully initiated members of each fraternity or sorority that carries its official insignia.

Bid: An invitation to join a sorority or fraternity. It is also a formal invitation to be a potential/prospective new member for some culturally based organizations.

Bid Day: The last day of CPA and IFC Recruitment when PNMs receive bids to join chapters and become new members.

Big: Nickname for big sister or brother, a mentor assigned to a new member. Many organizations have special names for these pairings.

Brother: An active or alumni member of a fraternity.

Brotherhood: The common term for the bond between members of the same fraternity.

Call: A sound used by members of culturally based organizations or NPHC used to acknowledge or gain the attention of others.

Chapter: A local member group of a national organization.

Charter: The official document drafted by an Inter/National fraternity or sorority that allows for the creation of a local chapter that is affiliated with a college or university campus.

Class or “New Member Class:” A term used to name new members of a Panhellenic Council or Interfraternity Council organization who all joined during the same semester.

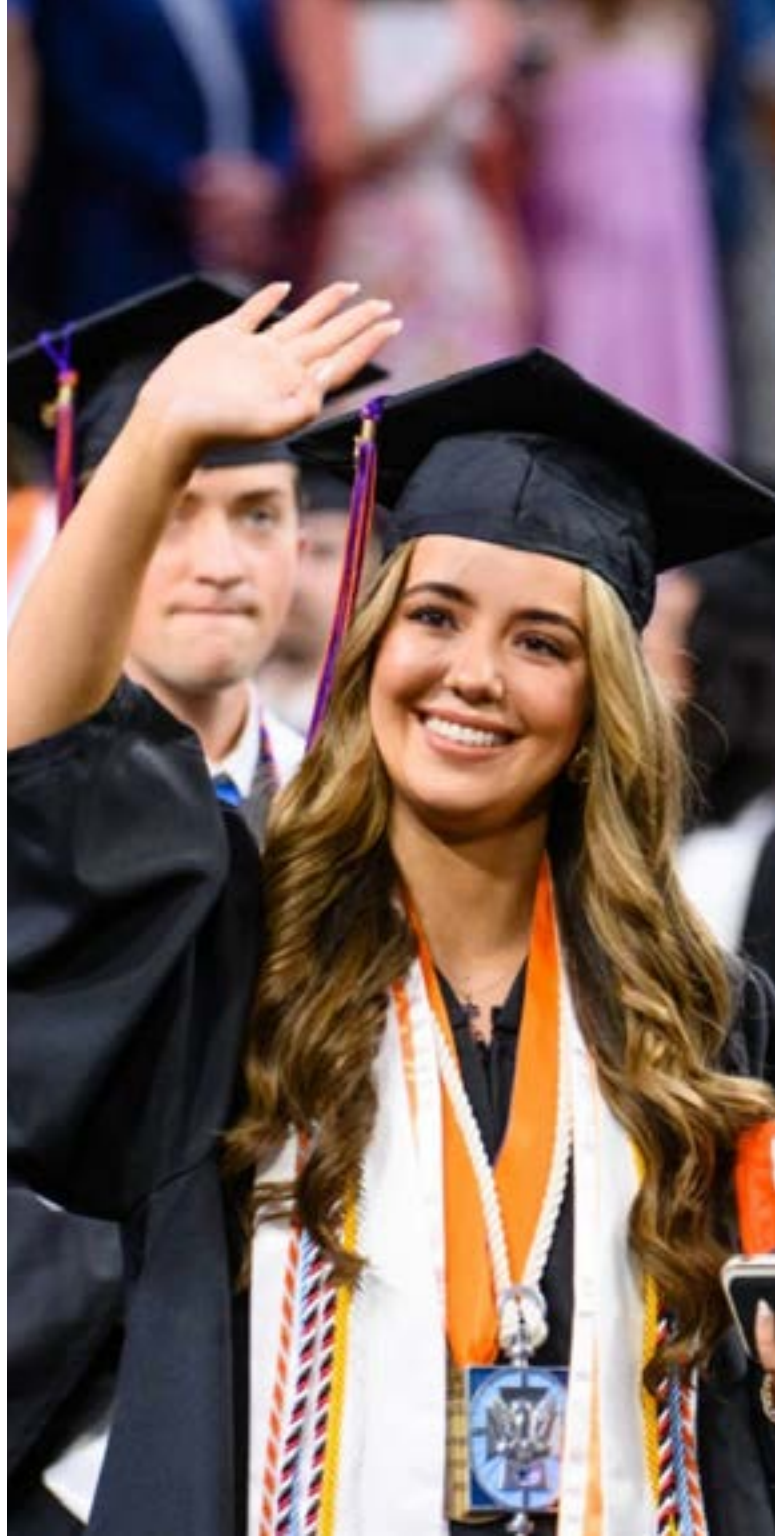
College Panhellenic Association (CPA): The governing body of the 14 CPA sororities. These sororities were founded as historically white women’s sororities at Clemson. CPA sororities are open to all women interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a woman will receive an offer to join. Everyone who joins a Panhellenic sorority automatically becomes a member of the Panhellenic community. CPA strives to provide communication between the organizations and connects them to the local and university community.

Continuous Open Bidding (COB): The period in which a CPA sorority not at Campus Total is able to recruit members. The COB process is less formal, and not all chapters will participate in COB.

Crest: Insignia used by sorority and fraternity members. Most Greek organizations reserve the crest for initiated members only. Each crest has hidden, secret meanings behind it. Also known as a coat of arms, shield or armorial bearings.

Crossing: Ceremony during which new members of culturally based and NPHC organizations become active, lifelong members of their organization.

Crossing Date/Year: A term for initiating into a culturally based Greek organization or NPHC organization. Usually used to refer to when a member joined their organization — the term and year they joined.



Dues: The monetary costs of membership in a fraternity or sorority. These fees are used to cover the costs of operation, formal events, social activities and other events, depending on the organization.

Expansion: When an organization is looking to expand and open a new establishment of a Greek-letter organization at a college or university.

Founder's Day: An event celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and celebrate its history. It's not necessarily held on the day the organization was founded.

Fraternity: The name applied to Greek organizations, including both men's and women's organizations. There are several types of fraternities at Clemson, including social fraternities, service fraternities, professional fraternities and honorary fraternities. Clemson Fraternity and Sorority Life works with social fraternities and governing bodies directly: Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), College Panhellenic Association (CPA) and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC).

Formal Recruitment: A designated recruitment period during which a series of organized events are held by each NPC sorority or IFC fraternity. At Clemson this is organized and implemented by the CPA or IFC.

Governing Council: Also known as an umbrella council, generally supports and acts as a voice for organizations within

it, including being the official sponsored student organization and liaison between the university and the members of the member organizations.

Greeks: Members of a fraternity or sorority. The term "Greek" is used because a majority of fraternities and sororities use Greek letters to distinguish themselves.

Hand Signs: Signs that only a member of an organization can "throw up." Most signs have a deep meaning to a organization or ritualistic symbol.

Hazing: Hazing means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in a student organization; and that causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the University or the student organization, of physical or psychological injury.

IFC Informal Recruitment/Rush: A period of time after formal rush where IFC organizations can hold events to recruit new members. It is called informal because potential members need not follow a designated schedule.

Initiation: A ceremony during which new members receive lifelong membership privileges into the organization of which they have chosen to be a part.

Intake: Term for the process by which Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council members are selected to become new members of an organization. This is generally much more secretive than recruitment or rush for CPA or IFC members, but generally includes an application and an interview process followed by an educational program done at the regional level conducted by alumni and then an initiation (generally known as “crossing”).

Interest: A way to refer to someone who is interested in joining a FSL organization.

Interest Group: A group of individuals on campus in the first stage of the process leading to installation as a FSL organization.

Interfraternity Council (IFC): The governing body for the 24 IFC Fraternities. These fraternities were founded as historically white men’s fraternities at Clemson. IFC fraternities are open to all men interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a man will receive an offer to join. IFC strives to provide communication between the fraternal organizations and connects organizations to the local and university community.

Legacy: Each organization has its own definition of a “legacy.” It is generally defined as an immediate family member of an initiated member, such as a sister/brother or daughter/son. Some sororities also recognize extended family members as legacies as well.



Line: A term used by culturally based and NPHC organizations to name a group of new members who all joined during the same term, semester or pledge class. They are the potential new members of the organization. Lines are often given names.

Line name/number: The name given to a prospective/new member that represents them as a person, usually a noun, adjective or acronym. Culturally based organizations and NPHC organizations also assign a line number to their new members (such as ace, duece, tre, etc.)

Little: Short for “little brother/sister” — a new member who is being mentored by an older member of their organization.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): The governing council at Clemson for fraternities and sororities with a cultural or ethnic interest. MGC fraternities and sororities are open to all men and women interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a person will receive an offer to join. MGC strives to connect the organizations and the local Clemson community through academic, social and service events.

National Panhellenic Conference (NPC): Founded in 1902, NPC provides support and guidance for its 26 member inter/national sororities/women’s fraternities and serves as the national voice on contemporary issues of sorority life. NPC serves as the umbrella organization for CPA. Clemson has 14 NPC-affiliated sororities.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC): A national council composed of nine historically black, Greek-letter organizations at both the college and alumni level. NPHC fraternities and sororities are open to all men and women interested in joining provided they meet the membership requirements of the organization; however, interest alone does not guarantee a person will receive an offer to join. Clemson has nine, four sororities and five fraternities, of the nine represented on campus. NPHC is also commonly referred to as “The Divine Nine.”

Nationals: Fraternity and sorority members often refer to their national/international headquarters or offices as “Nationals.” These offices are responsible for making policies for the individual organizations at all of the colleges and universities where their organization recruits members.

Neo or Neophyte: A new member of a culturally based organization or an NPHC organization.

North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC): A national organization comprised of 58 fraternal organizations (mostly for men), each of which is autonomous as a social, Greek letter society of college men.

New Member: A person who has accepted a bid but is not yet initiated to a sorority or fraternity.

New Member Educator: The liaison between the new members and the chapter. They are responsible for implementing and monitoring the new member program and preparing the new members for initiation.

New Member Presentation: A presentation that celebrates and welcomes new members in the Multicultural Greek community or NPHC Community. See “probate.”

New Member Program: The time period where the new member learns about their new sorority or fraternity before initiation. This time frame lasts from Bid Day until Initiation. Formerly called pledge period (and still called this in some fraternities).

Officers: Initiated members who currently hold positions within their Greek organization or governing body.

Philanthropy: This is an event hosted by a fraternity or sorority to raise money for a national or local nonprofit organization.

Pi Chi: Also known as a recruitment counselor, a CPA sorority member who is disassociated from her chapter during Primary Recruitment to assist PNMs through the process. Each PNM is assigned a Pi Chi.

Potential New Member (PNM): A person who is interested in joining a Greek-letter organization and will participate in rush, intake or recruitment; often abbreviated to PNM. PNM is most commonly used in the Panhellenic recruitment process.

Probate: An official public presentation of initiation used by culturally based and NPHC organizations. The presentation may consist of knowledge learned, skills gained and values understood. This is a proud moment of historical significance for new members of these organizations. In most cases, this is



the first time when newly initiated members of each fraternity/sorority are revealed to the rest of campus. The official term for a probate has changed to New Member Presentation.

Prophyte or “Old Head”: A term used to refer to an older brother/sister from a culturally based organization.

Recharter/Reestablishment: A process where a fraternity or a sorority that was previously on campus receives another charter to recruit members on the same campus. Recolonization can happen because a chapter died out due to low numbers or had their charter revoked.

Recruitment: The process through which sororities and fraternities get new members.

Ritual: The traditional rites and ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority; these are usually private and known only to initiated members of a fraternal organization.

Saluting: Saluting is a tradition common to many Latino-Greek Organizations. Salute/Saluting is a unique art of reciting information in a line formation. Put quite simply, it’s “poetry in motion.” Involves a line of members performing intense, in-sync and sharp hand and body movements with greetings attributed to others, honoring past and current accomplishments or cherishing the cultural history, heritage and traditions of the entire organization.

Sister: An active member of a sorority.

Sisterhood: The common term for the bond between members of the same sorority.

Stroll: A synchronized dance, normally done in a line of members, that displays pride and knowledge of their organization and its values. Organizations usually have national strolls and local strolls that incorporate a variety of different moves and hand signs that are unique for that organization.

Stepping: Stepping is a performance tradition where members synchronize their moves without music. In stepping the members will clap, stomp with their feet, jump, chant (not to be confused with saluting) and create their own beat by doing so. Stepping is traditionally done by NPHC organizations, but some multicultural organizations participate as well.



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