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SHSU GREEK LIFE

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SHSU GREEK LIFE MISSION, PURPOSE AND GOALS

The mission of SHSU's Greek Life program is to build an extensive Greek community that will assist the university in heightening the collegiate experience through its fraternal commitments to academic achievement, community service, leadership, and the formation of fraternal alliances.



The purpose of SHSU's Greek Life program is to serve as the liaison and as a resource to the collegiate chapters, alumni, parents, international organizations, and Sam Houston State University through providing educational programs, workshops, materials, and direction to members of the Greek community to uphold their fraternal principles.

The goal of SHSU's Greek Life program is to continually produce a distinguished Greek community that exalts academic excellence, leadership, and service which embodies the core values of Sam Houston State University.

MEET YOUR PRESIDENT'S!



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WELCOME NEW BEARKATS! Congratulations on your decision to attend Sam Houston State
University! We are very proud of our Greek community and all we have to offer. Our fraternities and sororities
provide one of the most comprehensive experiences of university life, focusing on achieving excellence in and
out of the classroom. Providing a vibrant and active environment, our organizations strive to live up to their
founding principles and ideals, which include scholarship, leadership, community service, fraternal bonds,
and rituals.

Going Greek means more than just wearing Greek letters, attending meetings, and going to parties. Being in a fraternity or sorority is about making friendships that will last far beyond your college years while enhancing your personal development by committing to ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service. It is being respected for your individuality while being part of a brotherhood or sisterhood with individuals who share the same goals and values. Your brothers and sisters are there to support you every step of the way, and help as you make the transition to college, one filled with choices, connections, and commitments. Greek Life at SHSU is multifaceted; there is something in it for everyone:

Fraternity and sorority members hold their commitment to education in high regard by scheduling study nights, providing local and national scholarships, maintaining files of information from classes, pairing you with study buddies, rewarding outstanding academic performance, and providing scholastic assistance when needed.

Philanthropy is another source of pride for all Greeks at SHSU. Each organization supports a national or local philanthropy by hosting large and small scale events as fundraisers or to spread awareness for a particular cause. They also encourage and reward volunteering on campus and in the local community. With 27 Greek organizations on campus, there are plenty of opportunities to donate, volunteer, and have fun for a good cause!

Leadership opportunities will also begin right away. In most chapters, new members are expected to serve on various committees or hold junior offices. New members are encouraged to pay attention during chapter meetings and activities, then decide which area interests them most as there are leadership positions in every chapter for nearly every interest. Remember, by assuming sorority or fraternity membership means you have already been recognized by other students as being a leader on campus.

It is our hope that you take the time to research all that our fraternities and sororities have to offer. With 27 national chapters to choose from, you have a wealth of choices. Remember that this is a lifetime commitment and not just an experience you will have for your undergraduate days here at SHSU. We hope to see you at our events and look forward to seeing you as a member in the immediate future.

Eat 'Em Up Kats! GO GREEK!

Fraternally yours,

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FOUR PILLARS of GREEK LIFE

The four pillars of Greek Life reflect the values members of the SHSU Greek community strive to uphold. Concentrating on these four important areas ensures that Greek members will be versatile individuals ready to successfully handle their world during and beyond their collegiate years.



* SCHOLARSHIP

Academic excellence is a vital aspect of Greek
Life membership at Sam Houston State University.
Scholastic standards are important for each
individual fraternity or sorority as well as the Greek
community as a whole. Programming, incentives,
recognition, and ongoing support are provided
to help the Greek community pursue academic
success. Academic achievement is the reason
students are at SHSU; fraternities and sororities are
constructed to help their members meet that goal.

LEADERSHIP

Developing leaders today for life after college is an essential part of Greek involvement. Greek members participate in a variety of programs that provide leadership advancement. There are many ways to be a leader in SHSU's Greek community, including chapter and/or council officer positions, national or regional leadership conferences, campus-based leadership opportunities, motivational guest speaker workshops, and committee involvement.



SERVICE SERVICE

Service is the backbone of Greek Life involvement at SHSU. It is perhaps the most honorable of the pillars, as members are given opportunities to participate in hands-on volunteer work, as well as engage in philanthropic events to raise money for charitable organizations. These opportunities ensure that Greek members leave a positive lasting impression on their community and build continuous habits of giving back.



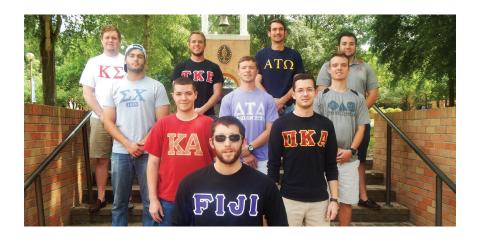
The Measure of a Life is its Service. SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY MOTTO



BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD

Joining a fraternity or sorority is about making lifelong relationships that carry-on beyond the boundaries of ordinary friendships. Bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood are created within an organization and provide SHSU Greeks with a home away from home, guidance, career networking, and a sense of community. Greek members enjoy lifelong bonds and connections with friends that can provide support in life's momentous occasions and celebration in life's accomplishments.





INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Interfratenity Council (IFC) is the self-governing student organization that provides guidelines and support to its member fraternities. The role of the IFC executive board is to create proper programming and protocol in order to ensure that their purpose as an organization comes to fruition. Each member organization of the IFC focuses on different aspects of fraternity life including, athletics, academics, campus involvement, leadership, and brotherhood. As an organization, they are very structured and have various documents that outline their policies. IFC has their Constitution that outlines the reason behind our existence as an organization and three main documents that are followed by all constitutions: the Judicial Board Bylaws, the Recruitment Policy, and the university's Risk Management Policy.

CHAPTERS

Alpha Tau Omega (AT Ω) Delta Tau Delta (Δ T Δ) Kappa Alpha (KA) Kappa Sigma (K Σ) Phi Delta Theta (Φ A Θ) Phi Gamma Delta (Φ F Δ) Pi Kappa Alpha (Π KA) Sigma Chi (Σ X) Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE)

HOW TO JOIN

Theta Chi (OX)

IFC recruitment week occurs 2-4 weeks into the semester. Recruitment is open to any male student attending SHSU that is in good standing with the university. All returning SHSU students as well as transfer students must have a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average. There is a \$20 registration fee, but students will be refunded \$5 if they attend all of the week's activities. For information on IFC Recruitment and to register visit: www.shsu.edu/~org_ifc/



Alpha Tau Omega

Nickname: ATOs

Founded: September 11, 1865 at Virginia Military Institute Founded at SHSU: 1960

Colors: Azure Blue and Old Blue Chapter Website: www.shsutaus.com National Website: www.ato.org

Philanthropy: Various





Delta Tau Delta

Nickname: Delts

Founded: 1858 at Bethany College

Founded at SHSU: 1960

Colors: Royal Purple, White, and Gold
Chapter Website: www.shsu.edu/~org_dtd

National Website: www.delts.org
Philanthropy: Adopt a School





Kappa Alpha Order

Nickname: KA

Founded: December 21, 1865
Founded at SHSU: March 5, 1960
Colors: Old Gold & Crimson

Flower: Crimson Rose and Magnolia

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Chapter Website: www.facebook.com/shsuka National Website: www.kappaalphaorder.org

Philanthropy: Muscular Dystrophy

Association





Kappa Sigma

Nickname: Kappa Sigs

Date Founded: December 10, 1869

at University of Virginia

Founded at SHSU: March 1, 2008

Colors: Emerald Green, Scarlet Red & White Chapter Website: www.shsu.edu/~org_ke National Website: www. kappasigma.org

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Philanthropy: Heroes Fallen





Phi Delta Theta

Nickname: Phi Delts

Founded: December 26, 1848

at Miami (OH) University

Founded at SHSU: January 17, 1992

Colors: Azure (Blue) and Argent (White)

Chapter Website: www.shsu.phideltatheta.org

National Website: www.phideltatheta.org

Philanthropy: ALS- Lou Gehrig Disease





Phi Gamma Delta

Nickname: FIJI or Phi Gam Founded: May 1, 1848

Founded at SHSU: March 2013

Colors: Royal Purple

Symbol: Black diamond with a white star in the middle Flower: Purple Clematis

Chapter Website: www.shsufiji.org National Website: www.phigam.org Philanthropy: American Red Cross





Pi Kappa Alpha

Nickname: Pikes

Founded: March 1, 1868 (1868-03-01)

at University of Viraginia

Founded at SHSU: 2007

Colors: Garnet and Gold

Chapter Website: www.shsupikes.com

National Website: www.pikes.org

Philanthropy: Huntsville Fire Department





Sigma Chi

Nickname: Sigs

Founded: June 28, 1855 (1855-06-28)

at Miami (OH) University Founded at SHSU: 1961 Colors: Blue and Old Gold

Chapter Website: www.samsigs.com

National Website: web.sigmachi.org/wps/portal

Philanthropy: Child Protective Services





Tau Kappa Epsilon

Nickname: Tekes

Founded: January 10, 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan University Founded at SHSU: 1987

Colors: Cherry Red and Grey Chapter Website: www.rhorho.org National Website: www.tke.org

Philanthropy: St. Judes





Theta Chi

Nickname: Theta Chis Founded: April 10, 1856 at Norwich University

Founded at SHSU: May 13, 1989 Colors: Military Red and White Chapter Website: thetachishsu.com National Website: www.thetachi.org

Philanthropy: Various





MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Multicultural Greek Council serves as a governing body, creates and maintains high standards in the life of culturally-based fraternities and sororities. The Council addresses, manages and creates strategic programming to unify organizations involved in MGC. The Multicultural Greek Council upholds higher education, provides community services, improves leadership, and encourage a positive relationship between MGC members, other Greek Councils, and the university student body and administration, thus improving campus life.

CHAPTERS

Delta Xi Nu (Δ \equiv N) Kappa Delta Chi ($K\Delta$ X) Lambda Theta Alpha (Λ Θ A) Lambda Theta Phi (Λ Θ Φ) Omega Delta Phi (Ω Δ Φ) Omega Phi Chi (Ω Δ X) Sigma Kappa Omega (Σ K Ω) Sigma Lambda Beta (Σ Λ B)

HOW TO JOIN

These organizations conduct intake at different times throughout the year so it is best to contact them directly for further information about how to join. Students must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average to join a fraternity or sorority in MGC. Attending their "Greek Showcase" along with the individual chapter's functions is a great way to meet and get to know members of the organizations. For more information visit: shsumgc.weebly.com



Delta Xi Nu Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

Nickname: Honeys

Founded: October 7, 1997

Founded at SHSU: April 19, 2008

Colors: Red & Silver Flower: Red Tulip Symbol: Butterfly

Chapter Website: shsuxihoneys.com National Website: www.deltaxinu.org Philanthropy: Violence Against Women





Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

Nickname: KDChi

Founded: April 6, 1987

Founded at SHSU: November 15, 1992

Colors: Pink and Maroon

Flower: Pink Rose Mascot: Penguin Chapter Website:

info.theginsystem.com/websites/kdchi_shsu National Website: www.kappadeltachi.org Philanthropy: American Cancer Society





Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

Nickname: Lambda Ladies Founded: December 1975

Founded at SHSU: June 8, 2003

Colors: Burgundy & Grey

Chapter Website:

www.wix.com/GammaXi/SHSULambdaLadies National Website: www.lambdalady.org

Philanthropy: Adopt a Family





Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.

Nickname: Lambdas

Founded: December 1, 1975

Founded at SHSU: March 26, 2014

Colors: Brown & White
Symbol: Conquistador
Flower: White Carnations

Chapter Website:www.facebook.com/temp.temp.756

National Website: www.lambda1975.org Philanthropy: American Heart Association





Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc.

Nickname: O D Phi

Founded: November 25, 1987

Founded at SHSU: 2008

Colors: Scarlet & Silver

Flower: Silver Rose

Mascot: Knight

Chapter Website:

www.shsu.edu/~org_odp/index.html

National Website: www.omegadeltaphi.com

Philanthropy: CASA-

Court Appointed Special Advocates





Omega Phi Chi Sorority, Inc. Multicultural

Nickname: OPC

Founded: November 9, 1988

Founded at SHSU: August 24, 2012

Colors: Pink and Black

Symbol: Black Panther Flower: Lady's Pink Slipper

National Website: www.omegaphichi.org

Philanthropy: OPC C.A.R.E.S





Sigma Kappa Omega

Nickname: SKO's

Founded: November 12, 2001 Founded at SHSU: March 31, 2006

Colors: Purple& Silver

Flower: Purple & Sterling Rose

Symbol: Star

Mascot: Butterfly

Chapter Website: sigmakappaomegashsu.webs.com **Philanthropy:** American Cancer Society- Relay For Life





Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

Nickname: Lambda Betas (Betas)

Founded: April 4, 1986

Founded at SHSU: February 23, 2002

Colors: Purple & White **Flower:** Red Carnation

Mascot: White Stallion Mustang

Chapter Website: www.shsu.edu/~org_slb
National Website: www.sigmalambdabeta.com

Philanthropy: Various





NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) at the Sam Houston State University is made up of the members of six historically black fraternities and sororities on the campus. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions. Along with NPHC programming, each individual chapter provides creative, innovative, and educational programs for the campus throughout the year. Chapters also provide social activities and events unique to their organization.

CHAPTERS

Alpha Phi Alpha (A Φ A) Delta Sigma Theta ($\Delta\Sigma\Theta$) Phi Beta Sigma (Φ B Σ)

HOW TO JOIN

Unlike the other councils, NPHC chapters conduct their membership selection or "membership intake process" independently and at different times. Chapters usually conduct interest meetings that are relatively formal in nature. Prior to membership, students must usually provide transcripts and letters of recommendation. Attending the individual chapter's functions is a great way to meet and get to know members of the organizations as well as their "Greek Assembly" program which all interested students are required to attend before joining a NPHC organization. For more information visit: www.shsu.edu/~org_nphc



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Nickname: Alphas

Founded: December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Founded at SHSU:

Colors: Black and Old Gold Flower: Yellow Rose

Symbol: Great Sphinx of Giza

Chapter Website: www.alphasthetamu.bravehost.com

National Website: www.alpha-phi-alpha.com
Philanthropy: Go-To-High School, Go-To-College





Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Nickname: Sigmas

Founded: January 9, 1914

at Howard University, Washington, DC

Founded at SHSU: April 15, 1977 Colors: Royal Blue & Pure White

Flower: White Carnation

Symbol: Dove

Chapter Website: www.shsu.edu/~org_pbs National Website: www.pbs1914.org Philanthropy: Bigger and Better Business





Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Nickname: Deltas, DST Founded: January 13, 1913

at Howard University

Founded at SHSU: 1973

Colors: Crimson & Cream

Symbol: Fortitude Flower: African Violet

National Website: www.deltasigmatheta.org

Philanthropy: various





PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

The Panhellenic Association exists to promote the values of and to serve as an advocate for its member groups in collaboration with those members, campuses and communities. Each member group is autonomous as a social, Greek-letter society of college women and alumnae. Each member organization of the Panhellenic Association focuses on different aspects of sorority life including athletics, academics, campus involvement, leadership, and sisterhood. The Panhellenic Association provides a way for member organizations to work together and achieve a greater level of success.

CHAPTERS

Alpha Chi Omega ($AX\Omega$) Alpha Delta Pi ($A\Delta\Pi$) Alpha Omicron Pi ($AO\Pi$) Sigma Sigma Sigma ($\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma$) Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA)

HOW TO JOIN

Sorority recruitment is a formal process for prospective sorority members to meet women of the 5 Panhellenic Association chapters at SHSU and for the chapter women to meet the potential new members as well as learn what it means to be a member of the Panhellenic Association and SHSU Greek community. This is the time to learn about the principles, standards, traditions, and programming of each individual sorority. Recruitment is a mutual selection process that takes place over a period of several days. Formal recruitment occurs during each fall. Some chapters may also recruit after the formal recruitment period during a period called Continuous Open Bidding (COB) or informal recruitment (which takes place after formal recruitment or during the spring semester). The process during informal recruitment varies from chapter to chapter. For information on Panhellenic Recruitment and to register visit: www.shsu.edu/~org_npc



Alpha Chi Omega Women's Fraternity

Nickname: Alpha Chi or A-Chi-O Founded: October 15, 1885

Founded at SHSU: September 26, 1959 Colors: Scarlet Red and Olive Green

Flower: Red Carnation

Symbol: Lyre

Chapter Website: www.shsuachio.com
National Website: www.alphachiomega.org
Philanthropy: Domestic Violence Awareness





Alpha Delta Pi Sorority

Nickname: A-D-Pi

Founded: May 15, 1851
Founded at SHSU: April of 1959

Colors: Azure Blue and White

Flower: Single Purple Woodland Violet

Mascot: Lion

Symbol: Black Diamond

Chapter Website: www.alphadeltapi.org/shsu National Website: www.alphadeltapi.org

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House Charities





Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority

Nickname: AOII

Founded: January 2, 1897

Founded at SHSU: November, 2013

Colors: Cardinal Red Symbol: Panda Bear

Flower: Jacqueminot Red Rose
Chapter Website: www.aoiishsu.com

National Website: www.alphaomicronpi.org

Philanthropy: Arthritis Research





Sigma Sigma Sorority

Nickname: Tri Sigma or Sigma
Founded: April 20, 1898
Founded at SHSU: 2002

Colors: Royal Purple and White

Symbol: Sailboat **Flower:** Purple Violet

Chapter Website: www.shsutrisigma.org National Website: www.sigmasigmasigma.org Philanthropy: Robbie Page Memorial Fund





Zeta Tau Alpha Women's Fraternity

Nickname: Zeta

Founded: October 15, 1898

Founded at SHSU: May 16, 1959

Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Grey

Flower: White Violet
Mascot: Bunny

Symbol: Five Point Crown

Chapter Website: www.shsuzetataualpha.com National Website: www.zetataualpha.org

Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Education and Awareness



WANT TO REPORT HAZING ANONYMOUSLY?

CALL THE DEAN OF STUDENTS HAZING HOTLINE AT 936-294-1785.



HAZING POLICY

Sam Houston State University strongly believes in a brilliant learning environment where all students learn, grow, and develop to their fullest potential in a safe atmosphere. As such, SHSU strongly prohibits any actions, including hazing, that detract from such an environment. Below is SHSU's hazing policy and how you can report hazing anonymously.

No organization may participate in the activity of hazing. Hazing is any activity undertaken by a group or organization or a member of that group or organization in which members or prospective members are subjected to activities that harass, intimidate, physically exhaust, impart pain, cause undue mental fatigue or mental distress, or which cause mutilation or alteration of the body or parts of the body. Such activities include but are not limited to, tests of endurance, submission of members or prospective members to potentially dangerous or hazardous circumstances, activities which have a foreseeable potential for resulting in personal injury, or any activity which by its nature is so profound that it would have a potential to cause severe mental anxiety, mental distress, panic, degradation, or public embarrassment. Registered organizations and groups shall be permitted certain initiation ceremonies and activities, which when examined by the ordinary university student, would seem reasonable under the circumstances and justified in view of the purpose for which they are conducted. It shall not constitute a defense to the charge of hazing that the participants took part voluntarily, that they voluntarily assumed the risks or hardship of the activity, or that no injury in fact was suffered.



TOP 5 REASONS TO GO GREEK!

- 1. The SHSU Greek community considers academics a top priority.
- 2. The SHSU Greek community are leaders on campus.
- 3. The SHSU Greek community lends a helping hand.
- 4. The SHSU Greek community is connected to alums.
- 5. The SHSU Greek community creates lifelong memories.

FALL 2015 GREEK CALENDAR:

August 23	Sneak Peek at Greek
August 25-30	PHA Sorority Recruitment
August 31-September 3	S.A.F.E. Week
September 9	NPHC Greek Assembly
September 7-12	IFC Fraternity Recruitment
September 17	MGC Showcase