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Sneak Peek @ Greek



As part of Sam Houston State University's Welcome Week activities, the Greek Life office will be hosting Sneak Peek at Greek. The event will take place on Sunday, August 23rd at the Lowman Student Center (LSC) Ballroom and will

begin at 3:00 p.m. The 6th annual Sneak Peek at Greek will give SHSU students the opportunity to meet and greet members of all sororities and fraternities. This includes over 20 organizations in four different councils.

This year, Greek Life will also be hosting a Stroll Off competition that will take place in the LSC Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. Following the Stroll Off, there will be an after party open to the entire SHSU community. Come out for good music and a good time!



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The Pantheon

Award Ceremony

On April 30th, the Iota Psi Chapter of Order of Omega at Sam Houston State University hosted the 4th Annual Pantheon, the official SHSU Greek Life



Awards Ceremony. At the Pantheon, outstanding Greek members and organizations are recognized for individual accomplishments. This year, awards were given to over 20 students in 13 different categories. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the top student leaders in the Greek Community. The recipients of this award were Mariah Murphey, Jessica Gomez, and Tyler Patek.

The Pantheon also recognizes the success of exceptional chapters. In 2015, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Phi Gamma Delta received 5 Star awards due to their excellence in the S.T.A.R. Program.

Success Through Accountability and Recognition

In the past five years, SHSU Greeks have completed over 75, 000 hours of service and donated over \$275,000 to philanthropic organizations. Much of this is due to the S.T.A.R. Program. Success Through Accountability and Recognition is the Greek Life standards program at Sam Houston State University. The S.T.A.R. Program is based on common principles. The five success categories are scholarship, service, member programming, organization involvement & leadership development, and organization management & member development.

Since the S.T.A.R. Program was first implemented in 2010, SHSU Greek Life has made great advances. In five years, the Greek GPA has increased from 2.68 to 2.82. Organizational involvement has increased by 94%. Service hours have increased from 8,500 to 17,200 (100%). Philanthropic donations have also increased from 35,600 to 67,700 (81%). S.T.A.R. has served as a mechanism to hold Greek Life to a higher standard and has allowed students to meet their full potential.

Sapphire & Avery

Greek
SpotlightUniversity of Texas System
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Sapphire Middleton was born in Dallas, Texas and raised in Houston since the age of one. She is studying

Public Health and plans to attend nursing school to one day become a Registered Nurse (RN). After becoming a RN, She would like to work in the Houston Medical Center. In the future, Sapphire would like to earn her Masters in

Nursing and become a nurse practitioner. Sapphire enjoys going to church, spending time with her friends and family, as well as watching TV. During her time at SHSU, Sapphire has created life long memories. She has been a member of several organizations such as Student Nurses Association, NAACP, Women United, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, in which she has learned great work ethic and made life long friendships.



Avery Carrier is from Katy, Texas. She decided to get involved with Greek Life as a freshman and

joined Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Avery spends her time volunteering at the SAAFE House, promoting domestic violence awareness across campus and the community. In March, Avery was crowned Miss Sam Houston 2015 and in

June, she competed in the Miss Texas 2015 Pageant. On her free time, Avery enjoys writing, dancing, singing, and playing football. Her plans are to graduate with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Marketing. Avery hopes to someday go into corporate management or franchise ownership where her problem solving and communication skills are in demand.

Recruitment

NPHC & IFC

National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council at Sam Houston will host their annual Greek Assembly on September 9th in the LSC Ballroom. Each of the three NPHC organizations, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Phi Beta Sigma, will give a brief overview of their chapters. At the Greek Assembly, students learn about the organizations history, programs, membership requirements, and gain a better understanding of the NPHC Greek experience. Information is also presented on current university

policies regarding hazing. Following the program, students will have the chance to interact with members of each NPHC organization. Attendance at the NPHC Greek Assembly is required for all students interested in membership in a NPHC sorority or fraternity. Please be on time and dress in business attire as this is a professional event.



Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council at SHSU is composed of nine organizations: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. IFC upholds the core values of philanthropy, teamwork, organizational growth, accountability, and commitment.

This Fall, IFC Recruitment will take place September 7th through September 12th. Recruitment is open to any male student enrolled and in good

standing with the university with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

There is a \$20 dollar registration fee; however, students who attend all rush events will be refunded \$5. For more information about IFC recruitment and registration, please visit our website at shsu.edu/~org_ifc.



PHA & MGC

Recruitment

Panhellenic Association

The Panhellenic Association will host PHA Sorority Recruitment from August 25th through August 30th. PHA Sorority Recruitment is a collaboration by the five organizations in the council: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha. To be eligible for PHA Sorority Recruitment, a woman must be a regularly matriculated, full-time student (12 hours or more) in good standing with Sam Houston State University, with a 2.5 or better overall GPA. The Panhellenic

Association emphasizes the importance of academic excellence, community outreach, leadership, and sisterhood. To learn more about joining a sorority or registering for recruitment please visit our website at shsu.edu/org_npc.



Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council at SHSU is made up of eight organizations, Delta Xi Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Omega Delta Phi, Omega Phi Chi, Sigma Kappa Omega, and Sigma Lambda Beta. The Multicultural Greek Council serves as a governing body which creates and maintains high standards in the life of culturally-based fraternities and sororities.

On September 17, 2015, the Multicultural Greek Council will host the MGC Showcase in the LSC Ballroom where students will be able to learn about

the unique experience MGC has to offer. Each MGC organization will present background information in addition to a stroll, step, or salute. Following the presentation, interested students will have the opportunity to meet members from each organization and learn more about upcoming recruitment events and requirements for each organization.



No Excuses, No Hazing

Guest Speaker: Kim Novak



In September, Greek Life will be focusing on student awareness of feasible endangerment.. Kim Novak will be a guest speaker at this years S.A.F.E. Week on Thursday September 3rd at 4:00pm in the LSC Ballroom. Kim is recognized as national expert in student-focused risk management, engaging students in campus safety efforts and hazing prevention. She has presented at national conferences and on campuses around the country on a variety of topics including: effective accountability models, critical decision-making strategies, hazing prevention, current issues in higher education law and policy, campus safety efforts that engage students, as well as proactive risk management. Kim has served for the U.S. Department of Education Center for Alcohol Other Drugs and Violence Prevention, Association of Student Conduct Administration, Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors, Association of Fraternal Values and Leadership, Fraternal Executive Association, and National Collegiate Athletic Association. Last but not least, Kim is a proud member of Delta Gamma Fraternity.

Upcoming Events

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**