Leadership Summit

Welcome Back Kats!

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The 2017 Leadership Summit took place on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Bearkat Camp. Sixty plus students participated in the event and attended workshops on communication tactics, marketing and public relations, dealing with burnout, diversity, teamwork and skill management. This was a great opportunity many Greek student leaders to interact with others in the Greek community from all four Greek councils and possibly plan future collaborative events together. Presenters at the summit included university staff, Greek advisors, as well as SHSU Greek alumni.
The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity will be recolonizing at SHS this Spring 2017 semester, thus joining the IFC council and SHSU Greek community. In an effort to assist potential new members financially, the fraternity is marketing their scholarship, which will go to three deserving SHSU students. Below is the advertisement for their scholarship.

Welcome back to school! My name is Tom Godlewski and I am the 2017 Sam Houston State SigEp Balance Man Scholarship Chair. This year we are awarding one $1,000 scholarship and two $500 scholarships to men who exemplify Sound Mind and Sound Body, as we believe these two ideals essential to living a balanced life. I’m reaching out to you because we think you would make a great candidate for this year’s scholarship. The application takes about 15 minutes to complete and can be found at sigep.org/shsu. SigEp is a leadership organization whose mission is Building Balanced Men. Since 1990, the Balanced Man Scholarship has rewarded students who live their lives by the principles of Sound Mind and Sound Body. This year, we are coming back to campus to start a new kind of fraternity based on these principles.

To qualify for the Balanced Man Scholarship, you must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 (high school or undergraduate), submit an application by Feb. 20, and be a full time student at Sam Houston State University for the spring 2017 semester. Apply now at sigep.org/shsu. Applicants have no obligation to join or affiliate with SigEp to be eligible for the scholarship. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Godlewski at (804) 971-6009 or tom.godlewski@sigep.net.

The Kappa Mu chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is currently reactivating at SHSU. They are looking for potential new members to further the organization’s mission while impacting the student body at the same time. The Greek Life office and NPHC is happy the organization is currently reactivating at SHSU and look forward to assisting them to be successful going forward.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. was organized Nov. 12 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven schoolteachers. The founders, who sought to create a network of black female educators, brought into being Sigma Gamma Rho at Butler University, a predominately white institution. These black women formed a lifetime bond and an organization based on high principles, good moral judgment, high scholastic attainment and community service.

Quick Facts:
Colors: Royal Blue and Antique Gold
Flower: Yellow Tea Rose
Mascot: French Toy Poodle
Official Slogan: “Greater Service, Greater Progress.”
Greek Life Spotlight

Homecoming King and Queen: Georgiana Reefer and Lawrence Jones, Jr.

The Greek Life Office is proud that once again, members from the SHSU Greek community won Homecoming King and Queen during the 2016 fall semester. Eight of the last ten homecoming courts have had members of the Greek community winning, which is a great accomplishment! It is always great to have our student leaders receive positive recognition and represent themselves, their families, and organizations in monumental ways. We are able to get statements from the winners about why they ran for king and queen and what winning meant to them.

“I chose to run for Homecoming King because I am passionate about my campus and everything that goes on here at SHSU. SHSU helped transform me into a better student, leader, and person and I appreciate everything it has shown me. Hearing my name announced as the 106 Homecoming King was an incredible experience. The chance to showcase my fraternity, Theta Chi, while representing my alma mater at the same time was amazing. Eat Em’ up Kats!”

- Lawrence Jones, Jr.

“My reasons for running for Homecoming Queen, was not only to take a big risk and exhibit Bearkat spirit, but to also show the students of SHSU that anyone can do it. I wanted to show that anyone could be involved and jump into, as well as conquer the risk of just putting yourself out there. With no risk, there is no reward; that is what the entire Homecoming experience has taught me. Being able to leave my mark on this campus was not only astonishing, but also humbling and has, hopefully, inspired others to leave their mark, in any way they see fit. The experience on the field of my name being called was surreal. I was in a state of true disbelief and was honored to continue a legacy of Kappa Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Homecoming Queens. I was so proud of both my running mate and I receiving the title as Homecoming King and Queen. With being Homecoming Queen, I hope that others can look to me and see themselves, and understand no desire is unattainable if you believe in yourself. What I plan to do as Homecoming queen is to continue to exhibit the leadership skills instilled in me throughout my upbringing, Delta Sigma Theta, my SHSU experience, and help service my Bearkat family to my best abilities”

- Georgianna Reefer
UPCOMING GREEK EVENTS

Panhellenic Association

The Panhellenic Association will host “Passport to Panhellenic” on January 19, 2017 @ 6pm in the LSC Ballroom. This event is collaboration by the 5 organizations in the council: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha. The Panhellenic Association emphasizes the importance of academic excellence, community outreach, leadership, and sisterhood. To learn more about joining a sorority please visit our website at shsu.edu/org_npc

National Pan-Hellenic Council

NPHC will host their Bi-annual Greek Assembly on February 1st at 5:30PM. Each of the four NPHC organizations will give a brief overview. At the Greek Assembly, you will 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, the back of the Ballroom will be designated for refreshments and 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.
On February 2, 2017, the Multicultural Greek Council will host MGC Showcase in the LSC Ballroom. At Showcase, students will be able to learn about the unique experience the multicultural Greek life. The Multicultural Greek council at SHSU is made up of 8 chapters, Delta Xi Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Omega Delta Phi, Sigma Kappa Omega, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Sigma Lambda Gamma. Each MGC organization will present background information along with 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.

The Interfraternity Council at SHSU is composed of 9 organizations: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi. IFC upholds the core values of philanthropy, teamwork, organizational growth, accountability, and commitment. This spring, informal IFC Bid day will take place February 4th. Recruitment is open to any male student enrolled and in good standing with the university. All returning students and transfers must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher to join and IFC fraternity. For more information about IFC recruitment and registration, please visit our website at shsu.edu/~org_ifc/
Dates To Know

“Passport to PAN” – January 19, 2017 – 6PM
NPHC Greek Assembly – February 1, 2017 – 5:30PM
MGC Show Case – February 2, 2017 6PM
IFC Spring Bid Day – February 4, 2017
Greek Week – March 27 – 30, 2017
Pantheon Greek Awards – May 4, 2017 – 6PM