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Plus...
A Closer Look at 2 of Greek Life’s Up-and-Coming Stars!

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2016 FALL RECRUITMENT
Panhellenic Association (PHA) & Interfratentiy Council (IFC)

The women of the Panhellenic Association will host PHA Recruitment from Tuesday, August 23rd until Sunday, August 28th. Recruitment is sponsored by SHSU’s five PHA organizations: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha. Eligibility to participate in the recruitment process is limited to those women who are:

- Currently enrolled in the university a full-time student 12 hours or more
- In good standing with Sam Houston State University with a 2.5 GPA 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/registering for recruitment, please visit our website at shsu.edu/org_npc. Registration for 2016 Fall Recruitment will open on June 6th and will remain open until August 21st at the latest. For all who fail to register prior to August 11th, an additional late fee of 20$ will be added.

Recruitment week for the men of the Interfraternity Council will begin on Tuesday, September 6th @5:00PM in the LSC Ballroom where they will meet & greet the nine chapters that SHSU has to offer: Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Theta Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Tau Delta. Students who are not in good standing with Sam Houston State University will not be allowed to participate in recruitment.

From the 6th until the 9th, prospective members will have an opportunity to speak personally with and interact with members of our active chapters to further determine which fraternity will be the best fit for them. Bid Day will be the culmination of the week which will take place on Saturday, September 10th @9:00AM in Old Main Pit where they will receive their bid cards and ultimately choose their choice of fraternal organization.

Registration can either be done online at the shsu.edu/org_ifc or at the first day of recruitment on September 6th. Whether you sign-up in person or online, a 20$ cash recruitment fee will be due the first day of recruitment.
2016 FALL RECRUITMENT
Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) & National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

The Multicultural Greek Council at SHSU is comprised of 9 organizations: Delta Xi Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Omega Delta Phi, Omega Phi Chi, Sigma Kappa Omega, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Sigma Lambda Gamma. The Multicultural Greek Council serves as a governing body which creates and maintains high standards in the life of culturally-based fraternities and sororities.

For those students interested in learning more about what each MGC chapter has to offer, the Multicultural Greek Council will be hosting the MGC Showcase on September 8th @ 6PM where each chapter 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.

The National PanHellenic Council at Sam Houston will host their annual 10th Annual Greek Assembly at 5:30 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.
GREEK SPOTLIGHT

Dulce & Sam detail their Greek experience thus far and offer advice for those looking to join

Dulce Parra is from San Antonio, Texas (Go Spurs!), and has been attending Sam Houston State since the fall of 2012, senior pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish. She was initiated into Kappa Delta Chi Sorority inc. in Spring 2014. Since her initiation, she has the positions of standards Officer and Vice President. Dulce is proud to announce that she will be holding the office of President for Kappa Delta Chi starting this fall. Outside of Kappa delta Chi, Dulce is also a member of Order of Omega, a Greek honor society. Upon graduation, Dulce hopes to become a Homicide Detective for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For those incoming freshmen looking to join become a SHSU Greek she says "Greek Life has been a great source of motivation for me and as they push forward on their journey through college and a successful career, it is imperative they take advantage of various programs and opportunities which in return will help mold them for the dream they often visualize."

Sam Puente hails from Houston, Texas and transferred to Sam Houston in the fall of 2015. As of Spring 2015, Sam is a fully initiated brother of Phi Gamma Delta, commonly known as FIJI. Since becoming a member, he has served as Intramural Chair and was recently elected to become the Athletic Chair of the Interfraternity Council, which is the governing body for all of the fraternities here on campus. Sam also works as a tour guide for the Visitor Center where he gladly shows perspective students and parents around the campus.

Incoming freshmen who have yet to decide whether or not a Greek organization is for them, Sam offers the advice that you should seek out a fraternity or sorority that will enhance their college, not deter it. "Joining FIJI was the best decision I’ve made in college thus far. FIJI has helped me reach my full potential as a man and a leader."
"GREAT PEOPLE MAKE GREAT ORGANIZATIONS"

Guest Speaker, Tom Healy, on the importance of Recruiting the "Right Guy"

Tom Healy is the CEO & Managing Partner of LaunchPoint, a consulting firm dedicated to helping fraternities and sororities thrive across the nation. Having delivered over 500 presentations, the focus of Tom’s message is for organizations to recruit and then maintain the best possible members that they can find.

The speech that Mr. Healy delivers this fall to the members of Sam Houston State’s Greek Life will center around the art of recruitment. Tom firmly believes that the task of searching for new members for each sorority or fraternity should not depend solely on just a few active members; instead, the entire chapter should be involved in "replacing themselves". Furthermore, Tom has devised a system in which Greek organizations will no longer just be searching for numbers to fill the beds of their respective houses, but will now be looking for the best candidates possible. Upon completion of his presentation, Tom hopes for the students to have a standardized criteria for selecting new members, methods to drive great potential new members to join their chapter and community, and a recruitment system that will engage all members of the chapter.

Tom will be at Sam Houston State on November 10th at 4:15PM in the LSC Ballroom. While his message is geared towards members of Greek Life, it will open to all SHSU students. At the conclusion of his program, Tom will be more than happy to speak with any student or student-groups who have any further questions or concerns.

Outside of speaking to sororities and fraternities, Tom offers coaching and consulting services to a number of Fortune 500 companies, the US Navy, and any other companies looking to recruit and retain top-notch talent. To date, he has delivered over 500 presentations in more than 30 different states. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Tom now resides in Scottsdale, Arizona where he spends his free time golfing, boxing, hiking, and traveling.
# Dates to Know

**Important Dates to Remember for Fall 2016**

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