

# THE OLYMPIAN

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S OFFICIAL GREEK LIFE NEWSLETTER



## Greek Life Welcomes ΑΟΠ, ΚΑ Order, and ΛΘΦ to SHSU

Greek Life became a part of Sam Houston student life in 1959. Fifty-four years later, we our Greek Life is expanding and improving year by year. This semester, we welcome the women of Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity of the Panhellenic Association, the gentlemen of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. of the Multicultural Greek Council, and we *welcome back* the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Order of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

### Alpha Omicron Pi

**Founding:** January 2, 1897 at Barnard College of Columbia University – New York  
**Motto:** "Exceed the Expectation"  
**Color:** Cardinal  
**National Philanthropy:** Arthritis research and the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization



Alpha Omicron Pi



Lambda Theta Phi

### Lambda Theta Phi

**Founding:** December 1, 1975  
**Motto:** "Chivalry above Self"  
**Color:** Brown and White  
**National Philanthropy:** American Heart Association

### Kappa Alpha Order

**Founding:** December 21, 1865 at Washington and Lee University - Virginia  
**Motto:** "Excellence is Our Aim"  
**Color:** Crimson and Old Gold  
**National Philanthropy:** Muscular Dystrophy Association



Kappa Alpha Order

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### Greek Accomplishments of 2013

- ❖ Over \$30,000 donated to various charities
- ❖ Over 10,000 hours of community service
- ❖ Four new chapters were added to SHSU Greek Life
- ❖ Almost 200 awards given at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pantheon Award Ceremony

# Greek Week Fall 2013

November started off with a kick as teams representing six different countries competed in various events throughout the week to become our 2013 Greek Week Champions. Events of this week incorporated the teams' knowledge of the different countries they represented, community service, collaboration, and agility.

One event held every year is the Greek Week Blood Drive and the Service Blitz. This year, 116 pints of blood were collected, saving a total of 348 lives! Also, over 200 hours of community service were carried out in one day during the Service Blitz where members of each team set out to local non-profit organizations to do their duty as servers of the Huntsville Community.

New to this year's Greek Week was



Team Brazil performs the theme song from the movie *Rio* to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Greek Sing competition



Winning Team France with the Greek Week trophy. Team France: Sigma Sigma, Lambda Theta Alpha, Delta Xi Nu, and Phi Delta Theta

Greek Sing. Greek Sing is a tradition in Greek life on many other campuses. Each team selected songs from their respective team countries and did a spectacular lip syncing performance

complete with traditional dances and all! This event was a tremendous success and we are hoping to continue the tradition in future years.

The Amazing Race and Greek Games also incorporated new, challenging tasks including 3-D puzzles, jalapeño eating, and the water drenching Fill the Bucket.

We also welcomed Donielle Miller and Kevin Collins from Student Activities as they presented an educational on diversity and leadership to our Greek community.

Kudos to this year's Greek Week Committee: Katie Lorton (MGC), Mariah Murphy (PA), Josh Griffin (IFC), and Taneshia Harmon (NPHC) for their successful efforts in making this year's Greek Week one to remember!

## RECRUITMENT AND EVENTS

### Inter-Fraternity Council

IFC Recruitment will take place February 4th-8th, 2014. 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 2.4 or higher to register. There is a \$20 fee; however, students who attend all rush events during the week will be refunded \$5. If you would like more information on IFC recruitment, please visit our website [samgreeks.com](http://samgreeks.com). Fraternities are organizations with strong values where life-long friendships are made. These organizations offer academic scholarships, leadership building opportunities, intramural sports, brotherhood socials, and professional networks for the future.



## Recruitment and Events continued...

### Panhellenic Association

Although our Panhellenic Association will not be conducting recruitment this semester, as last semester's recruitment was extremely successful – there will be many other events hosted by these extraordinary group of women. A few events to look out for are Greek 101 on the hill in February, Women's Month events in March, and recruitment tables in April for the fall semester. If you are interested in joining any of the Panhellenic sororities, we encourage you to reach out and meet the ladies on the hill this semester and sign up for recruitment Fall 2014! Panhellenic women are strong leaders on campus here at SHSU who build strong bonds and make memories that last a lifetime. These women are strong leaders on campus and in our communities. For more information on the Panhellenic Association and the sororities it encompasses, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.shsu.edu/~org\\_npc](http://www.shsu.edu/~org_npc)



### Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council will host its MGC Showcase on January 30, 2014 at 7pm in the LSC Ballroom. MGC Showcase gives student the opportunity to learn more about the council, as well as the opportunity to meet members of each organization, personally. MGC is the newest council to SHSU, and also the fastest growing. These organizations promote community service, academic excellence, and diversity. For any questions regarding the Multicultural Greek Council and its organizations, you will want to be sure to attend the MGC Showcase. Mark your calendars!

### National Pan-Hellenic Council

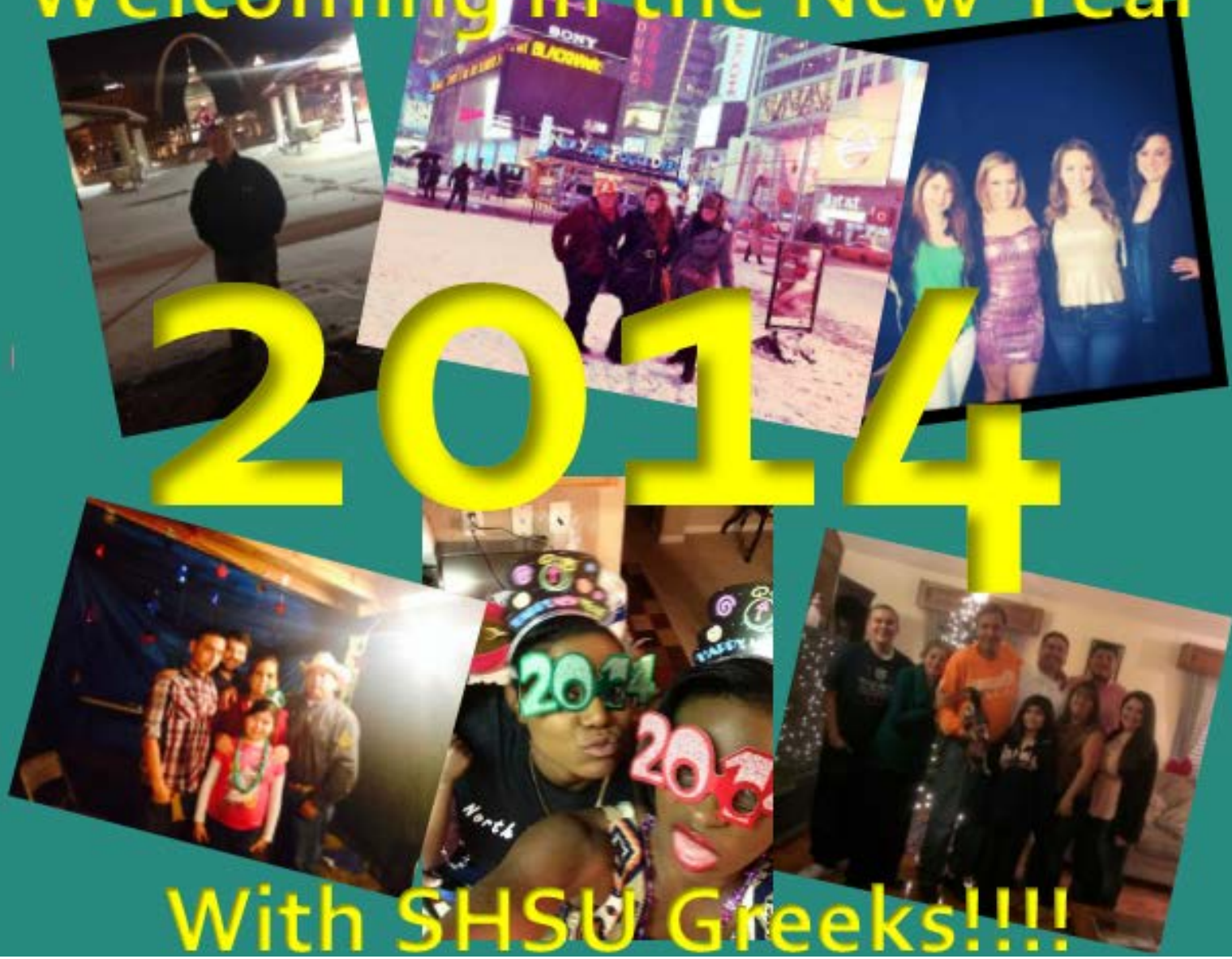
The National Pan-Hellenic Council will be hosting its informational session called NPHC Greek Assembly on January 27, 2014 in the LSC Ballroom at 5PM. At the assembly, each organization will provide information on their history, programs, and membership requirements. Attendees will also gain a better understanding of the NPHC experience and have an opportunity to mingle with NPHC members. Any student who is interested in joining an NPHC organization is required to attend Greek Assembly in order to be considered for membership into an NPHC organization. If you have any questions, this is definitely not a program to miss. Attendees must be on time and dress in business attire as the program is a professional event.



# Welcoming in the New Year

# 2014

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