On May 3rd, 2018 the Greek Life Office and the Iota Psi Chapter of Order of Omega at Sam Houston State University co-hosted the 8th Annual Pantheon, the official SHSU Greek Life Awards Ceremony. At the Pantheon, outstanding Greek members and organizations were 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 that have made an impact not only in their chapter, but in their council throughout their time as a member of Greek life. The recipients of the award this year were Jazmine Rivera, Darby Humphries, and Justin Whitaker.

The Pantheon also recognizes the success of exceptional chapters. In 2018, the second highest amount of 14 chapters earned 5 STAR awards due to their excellence in the S.T.A.R. Program. The following chapters received 5 STAR recognition: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Sigma Theta, FIJI, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Omega Delta Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Kappa Omega, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Theta Chi, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

In the past eight years, SHSU Greeks have completed over 165,000 hours of service and donated over $703,000 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 eight 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 32,000 (100%). Philanthropic donations have also increased from $35,600 to $120,000 (100%). 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.
The women of the Panhellenic Association will host PHA Recruitment from Wednesday, August 22nd until Sunday, August 26th. 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 as a full-time student with 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_pnc.

Registration for 2018 Fall Recruitment will open on June 1st and will remain open until August 21st at the latest. For all who fail to register prior to August 12th, an additional late fee of $20 will be added.

Recruitment week for the men of the Interfraternity Council will begin on Tuesday, September 4th where they will meet & greet the eleven chapters that SHSU has to offer: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi.

Students who are not in good standing with Sam Houston State University will not be allowed to participate in recruitment.

Until the September 8th, 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 8th in Old Main Pit where they will receive their bid cards and ultimately choose their choice of fraternal organization.

Registration can be done online at shsu.edu/org_ifc or the first day of recruitment on September 4th. Whether you sign-up in person or online, a $20 cash recruitment fee will be due the first day of recruitment.
The Multicultural Greek Council at SHSU is comprised of 8 organizations: Delta Xi Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Omega Delta Phi, and Sigma Kappa Omega.

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 a MGC Showcase on September 6th 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 Pan-Hellenic Council at Sam Houston will host their Fall Greek Assembly in the LSC Ballroom on September 12th. Each of the five NPHC organizations, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Omega Psi Phi 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.
The Greek Life Office would like to congratulate Sam Houston State defensive lineman P.J. Hall on becoming the university’s earliest NFL draftee in program history. PJ was a Fall 2016 initiate of the Theta Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. here at Sam Houston State University. Hall left SHSU as the all-time FCS leader in tackles for loss with 86.5. PJ was drafted in the second round as the 57th overall pick by the Oakland Raiders and was the first player drafted who did not perform at the NFL Combine. We wish PJ the best of luck in the NFL!
Greek Life Spotlight

-Cole Riley-

Cole Riley is originally from Sachse, TX and has lived there for most of his life. Cole chose to come to Sam Houston State University in fall 2016 for their degree in forensic chemistry, which involves a double minor in biology and criminal justice. Cole is currently a junior and plans to graduate in December 2020. In fall 2016 Cole rushed the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and held positions such as star packet chairman and vice president. Cole credits his position in life to the brothers of his Fraternity for always pushing him to better himself and strive in all ways to transmit the fraternity greater than it was transmitted to him. Cole's favorite memory of Greek life at Sam Houston State University is watching his little sister go Greek and excel in her sorority just like him.

For incoming freshman unsure about Greek life Cole says, "If you want to see a better version of yourself and learn to grow as a social member of society, give Greek life a chance they will become your best friends and will marry you and bury you" - Cole Riley

-Stephanie Escamilla-

Stephanie Escamilla is from Houston, Texas and has been attending Sam Houston State University since fall 2015 (Eat Em Up Kats!). She is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice B.S. with a minor in Forensic Science, in hopes of becoming a homicide detective for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She became a proud sister of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority Inc. – Zeta Chapter in the fall of 2016. Since she her initiation, she has held several positions such as: Academics, Risk Manager, Treasurer, and next year will hold Vice President. She does not stop there, she also has held positions on the Multicultural Greek Council including Academics, Vice President, and for the next academic year, she will be President. Stephanie is also a member of Order of Omega, a Greek honor society. Although, she has held several important positions, her number one priority is still her education. The number one thing that her parents have taught her is that no one can ever take her education away.

"The journey is never-ending. There’s always [going to] be growth, improvement, adversity; you just [got to] take it all in and do what’s right, continue to grow, continue to live in the moment.” I go by this quote because a person never knows what comes their way, so be open to new experiences and ideas. In a few years, this campus will be predominately Hispanic. I am proud to say that I am a minority and a woman that has made her mark here at Sam Houston State University.

I want to say thank you to Greek life, my sisters, and supporters for always recognizing my dedication and success.
Important Dates to Remember:

Want to go Greek?

Event Calendar

SHSU Greek Life Fall 2018

SNEAK PEAK @ GREEK
-August 19
- LSC Ballroom

PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT WEEK
-August 22-26

IFC FALL RECRUITMENT
-Sept. 4-8

MGC SHOWCASE
-Sept. 6
- LSC Ballroom

NPHC GREEK ASSEMBLY
-Sept. 12
- LSC Ballroom

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