On May 4th, 2017 the Greek Life Office and the Iota Psi Chapter of Order of Omega at Sam Houston State University co-hosted the 7th 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. The recipients of this award were Magda Gonzalez-Jimenez and Rubin Sandlin III.

The Pantheon also recognizes the success of exceptional chapters. In 2017, we had a record breaking of 15 chapters receiving 5 STAR awards due to their excellence in the S.T.A.R. Program. The following chapters received 5 STAR: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Omega Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa Omega, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Theta Chi, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

In the past seven 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 seven 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. §
The women of the Panhellenic Association will host PHA Recruitment from Wednesday, August 23rd until Sunday, August 27th. 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_npc.

Registration for 2017 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 5th @ 5:00PM in the LSC Ballroom 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 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 9th @9:00AM 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 5th. 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, Lambda Theta Phi, Omega Delta Phi, 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 a MGC Showcase on September 14th @7PM 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 11th Annual Greek Assembly at 5:30 in the LSC Ballroom on September 13th. Each of the four NPHC organizations, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, and Sigma Gamma Rho 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. §
Justin Jones-Fosu is a full-time husband and daddy who happens to be an international speaker, young-award winning entrepreneur, and author. He is the President/Chief Inspirational Officer of Justin Inspires International, LLC (www.justininspires.com) where he speaks 50-60 times a year for professionals, colleges, and youth internationally. He has spoken in 4 countries for over 250+ organizations, and given over 450+ presentations. Justin is also the founder of Respectivity (www.respectivity.com), a company helping workplaces to develop better cultures of respect. He is a CAMPUSPEAK speaker.

He is the author of two books, the most recent being “Finding Your Glasses: Revealing and Achieving Authentic Success,” which challenges the reader to live a life of success based on their core values. Justin obtained his MBA specializing in Leadership and Organizational Change. He has also gained valuable leadership experience with three Fortune 500 companies as well as by consulting with individuals and small business on strategy, leadership, diversity and organizational development. In 2008, Justin was named as one of EBONY Magazines “30 Young Leaders on the Rise” and was voted as a “HOT ACT” by Campus Activities Magazine in 2015. He has been featured in SMART CEO Magazine, the Baltimore Business Journal and other publications. Justin was a fraternity leader, president of 3 campus organizations, and on the SGA Executive Board (not all at the same time)!

Mr. Jones-Fosu will be talking to the SHSU Greek community on September 20, 2017 in the LSC Ballroom, at a time not yet determined, about collaborating more and working together in a more genuine way for the advancement of the entire community.
Christina Martin is from Houston, Texas, and has been attending Sam Houston State University since Fall of 2012. She is a senior pursuing a degree in Biology with a minor in Criminal Justice. In the Spring of 2014, she was initiated into the ZZZZealous Zeta Beta Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc. Since being initiated, she has held multiple positions in her chapter including Community Service Chair, Alumni Relations Chair, and Vice President of Program Development. She also served as the Rush and Expansion Chair for the Multicultural Greek Council Executive Board. For this upcoming academic year, Christina will be serving as the Vice President of Marketing for her chapter. If not at school or involved in sorority events, you can find her at her part time job in the footwear section of Academy Sports and Outdoors. Upon graduation, Christina hopes to find herself in a crime lab pursuing a career in forensic science.

For incoming freshmen deciding whether or not a Greek organization is for them, she says, "I was once in their shoes. Greek life is great way to enhance your college experience and meet awesome people who are driven and motivated. Being involved in these various organizations will definitely help guide you through this journey and help you in your future endeavors. Joining SLG helped me reach my full potential as a woman with confidence and becoming more of a voice amongst my peers." 

Caitlin Arrigali is originally from Allen, Texas but grew up in Pleasanton, California and has been attending Sam Houston State since the fall of 2015. Caitlin is a junior pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice with minors in Military Science and Forensic Anthropology. Since her first semester here she has been a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, where she has held the positions of Corresponding and Recording Secretary. In addition to being a proud member of the first and finest, Caitlin is also an active member in the SHSU ROTC Bearkat Battalion where she is a part of the Cannon Crew and will serve as second in command for the Battalion's Color guard this upcoming year. Caitlin is also a member of Order of Omega, a Greek honor society, and Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society and works for the Admissions Department here on campus.

For those looking into SHSU Greek Life her advice is to just go for it. "Even if you are having doubts or aren't sure if Greek Life is right for you, everyone should at least give it a shot. Joining Alpha Delta Pi has been one of the best decisions I’ve made in college. Without my amazing sisters and the support of the entire Greek Life community as a whole, I would not be close to the person I am today."
## Dates to Know:
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