

Experience the Sisterhood



Panhellenic Recruitment 2009

Dear students:

Let me be the first to thank you for your interest in sororities at Creighton University. Since 1921, Greek chapters have played an active role on campus, and continue to provide a wealth of personal development opportunities for students. Our Greek community is incredibly dynamic, and as you proceed with your exploration of sororities, I am certain that you will find a group of intelligent, diverse, and fascinating women.

Beginning Wednesday, January 14th, 2009, you have the possible opportunity of joining some of these women as their sister in one of five social sororities: Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Phi Alpha, Kappa Kappa Gamma, or Pi Beta Phi. All five sororities are unique and offer a variety of scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship opportunities. Throughout the recruitment process, you will have an opportunity to visit with women from each organization, ask questions, and listen to what the women you meet have to say about their own experiences within their sorority. From there, let us help you determine which chapter will best allow you to burgeon as a chapter member and individual.

Greek organizations, much like Jesuit institutions, emphasize care of the individual, creating strong bonds of friendship, serving the less fortunate, and developing future citizen leaders. In these regards, sororities can serve as a wonderful compliment to your learning at Creighton. Again, thank you for your interest. I encourage you engage in the recruitment process, which could be the start of a journey in sisterhood that will last a lifetime.

If you have any questions or concerns about the recruitment process or sorority life in general, please contact me at any time.

My very best,
Eric Immel

Assistant Director for Student Activities-Greek Life



Welcome . . .

To Women's Formal Recruitment

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Panhellenic Council and Recruitment Mentors, I would like to welcome you to a very exciting time in your life. Choosing to experience Greek Life is a wise decision that will benefit many aspects of your college experience as well as provide you with memories you will cherish for years to come. I am sure that right now you may have many questions and we are ready to answer them with great enthusiasm. This booklet is designed to inform you of some basic facts about each of Creighton's five sororities and to give you a general overview of Greek Life here at Creighton.

Individual experiences will vary, but it is important to understand the many different facets of being Greek. Friendship, scholarship, service, and sisterhood are just a few of the qualities you will experience as a member of a Greek organization. Your college experience is just four short years, but the sisterhood you enter in to will last a lifetime. If you have any questions regarding Recruitment, please feel free to contact myself or Eric Immel, the Greek Advisor. We look forward to seeing you in January!

Sincerely,

Molly Hayes

Vice President of Membership for Panhellenic Council

Recruitment Schedule 2009

Wednesday, January 14th: Informational Meeting,
9:00p.m.. Harper Center Theater.

Thursday, January 15th: General Information Day

Potential New Members meet 5:00 p.m.,

Harper Center Theater

Party 1 5:30-5:55

2 6:10-6:35

3 6:50-7:15

4 7:30-7:55

5 8:10-8:35

6 8:50-9:15

7 9:30-9:55

Friday, January 16th: Philanthropy Day

Potential New Members meet 5:00 p.m.,

Harper Center Theater

Party 1 5:30-5:55

2 6:10-6:35

3 6:50-7:15

4 7:30-7:55

5 8:10-8:35

6 8:50-9:15

7 9:30-9:55*

Recruitment Schedule 2009

Saturday, January 17th: Skit Day

Potential New Members meet 1:30 p.m.,
Harper Center Theater

Party 1	2:00-2:40
2	2:55-3:35
3	3:50-4:30
4	4:45-5:35*

Sunday, January 18th: Preference Parties

Potential New Members meet 12:30 p.m.,
Harper Center Theater

Party 1	1:00-1:50
2	2:05-2:55
3	3:10-4:00*

*At the end of the last party, Potential New Members will be required to stay an additional 2-3 hours for voting on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Monday, January 19th: Bid Day

Potential New Members sign bids at 8:00p.m.,
location TBA

Recruitment is a mutual selection process by which both you and the sororities will determine the right place for you. Recruitment is an opportunity for you to visit all the chapters on campus and determine if Greek Life is for you.

General Information Night

This is the time for you to meet the women of each sorority, learn about their various programs, ask questions, explore Greek Life, and find out why Greek women are so enthusiastic about their organizations.

Philanthropy Night

During the second evening of Recruitment, the sorority women will assist you in a service project to benefit their national or local philanthropies. This is a rewarding way to experience true Greek Life at Creighton.

Skit Day

Each sorority will perform skits, or present programs to illustrate what Greek Life is all about. This is one of the most memorable days of the week.

Preference Parties

Perhaps the most meaningful and formal day of Recruitment, this day is a quiet time when sorority women get a chance to show you what sorority life means to them.

What to Wear

Day 1– Thursday

Potential New Members will attend a party given by each sorority. It is important to dress comfortably but appropriately. Keep in mind that you may be sitting on the floor to watch a short video. A nice skirt, slacks, or casual dress is fine.

Day 2— Friday

Potential New Members will be doing five service projects that may involve crafts or sitting on the floor. Nice jeans or slacks are appropriate for this day.

Day 3— Saturday

Potential New Members will attend a maximum of three parties on Day 3, at which you will be watching skits. Nice pants or a long skirt would be appropriate, as you will be sitting on the floor.

Day 4– Sunday

On this day, Potential New Members will attend no more than two preference parties, at which the mood will be more serious and reflective. A nice skirt or dress you would wear to the theater or a nice dinner is appropriate. Preferably no black dresses, please.

Notable Sorority Women

Kate Capshaw, Actress

Kristin Chenoweth, Actress

Katie Couric, News Anchor

Kate Spade, Designer

Jennifer Garner, Actress

Betsey Johnson, Fashion Designer

Ashley Judd, Actress

Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of State

Nancy Goodman Brinker, Founder, Susan G. Komen
Foundation

Bette Midler, Actress, Singer

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

Georgia O'Keeffe, Artist

Laura Welch Bush, First Lady, U.S.

Carrie Underwood, Singer

Lucy Liu, Actress

What is a Rho Mu?

A Recruitment Mentor, or Rho Mu, is a member of one of the Panhellenic women's fraternities who temporarily disaffiliates herself with that sorority in order to be a Recruitment Mentor and guide you, the potential new member, through recruitment.

The Panhellenic Council selects Rho Mus based upon enthusiasm for sorority life, objectivity, and dependability. These women have experience with Greek Life and the Greek Community. They know about the many benefits that come with being Greek.

Many questions will arise throughout the recruitment process and these women are here to help you so feel free to ask them anything. Since she is unaffiliated, her answers to your questions will be truthful and not biased. The Rho Mu's job during recruitment is to help you and to make the week easier for you in whatever way she is able.

What is Panhellenic?

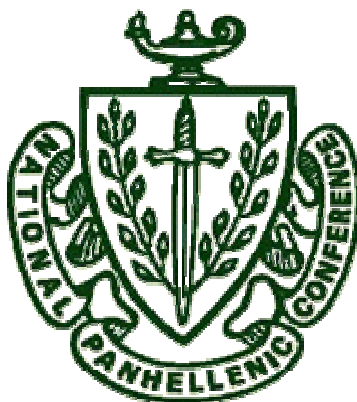
In joining a sorority, you become part of Creighton's Panhellenic community, which is comprised of five sororities. Each sorority is (inter)nationally affiliated and is a part of the National Panhellenic Conference, which includes 26 women's fraternities.

As a potential sorority member, you will benefit to think of the recruitment process as a way of becoming a member of the Panhellenic community rather than a member of one sorority. This encourages you to look at the five sororities with an open mind, and learn about each sorority and what it has to offer. Panhellenic is a reminder that we all share a common bond of sisterhood. Creighton's Panhellenic Association is governed by eight executive officers and a council made up of two delegates from each sorority who serve as a liaison between her chapter and PHA. The Panhellenic Council plans and supervises formal recruitment and coordinates other Greek-related events on campus in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council.

The Panhellenic Creed

We, as Undergraduate Members of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.



Potential New Member's Rights

You have the right to be treated as an individual

You have a right to be fully informed about the recruitment process and about the binding agreement implicit in the preference card signing

You have the right to ask questions and receive true and objective answers from Recruitment Mentors and Members

You have the right to be treated as a capable and mature person without being patronized

You have the right to have inviolable confidentiality when sharing information with Recruitment Mentors

You have the right to make informed choices without undue pressure from others

You have the right to make your own decisions and accept full responsibility for the results of those decisions

You have the right to have a positive, safe and enriching recruitment and new member experience

Creighton University's Policy on Hazing

Creighton University strictly prohibits hazing—in any form, at any time—including hazing in connection with training, indoctrination, qualification for membership, functions or activities, or initiations conducted or sponsored by any student organization. “Hazing” includes any action taken or situation created, whether on or off campus, intended to produce or which may foreseeably produce unusual or unnecessary mental or physical discomfort or pain, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule or risk of physical, mental or emotional harm or injury. “Hazing” also includes any action or situation which is intended to be or which may foreseeably be morally, physically, emotionally or mentally degrading to any individual, or which unnecessarily exposes any individual to any risk of physical, mental or emotional harm, injury or distress beyond the risks encountered in ordinary daily life, or which is intended to intimidate or has the effect of intimidating any individual to unwillingly or reluctantly engage in any activity, or which unreasonably interferes with scholastic activities or pursuits of any individual.

Potential New Member Agreement

A woman is eligible for participation if she is a regularly matriculated student at Creighton University, must be enrolled in at least 12 credits and have a cumulative QPA of 2.5 or better.

A Potential New Member shall not be, or ever have been, an initiated member of an NPC group
(If in doubt, consult Panhellenic Council or the Greek Advisor).

A woman is ineligible for Recruitment if she has been a pledge of any NPC fraternity on this campus within the same calendar year.

A \$28 registration fee must be paid in full to participate in Recruitment before January 1, 2009. After January 1st, a \$32 registration fee is implemented.

A Potential New Member shall attend orientation and all parties to which she has accepted invitations. A Potential New Member will be removed from recruitment if she does not attend the maximum number of parties possible. In the event of illness or other emergency, she shall notify Panhellenic and or her Recruitment Mentor if she cannot attend.

Potential New Member Agreement (Continued)

A Potential New Member shall go to the Student Activities Office before withdrawing from Recruitment. In such an event, the Potential New Member shall fill out an official withdrawal form.

No Women's Fraternity Member may buy anything for a Potential New member and no Potential New Member may buy anything for a women's fraternity member during the formal recruitment period.

A Potential New Member shall not promise, verbally or written, to join a certain fraternity before Panhellenic issues formal bids.

A Potential New Member shall fill out the Preferential Bid Form directly after the last party she attends. Once a form has been sent, no changes may be made. Sending of the preference card means that the Potential New Member will accept an invitation to join any sorority she indicates.

Any Potential New Member attending Recruitment events under the influence of non-prescription drugs or alcohol may be removed from the recruitment process and may not be invited to join a sorority.

It will be up to the discretion of Panhellenic Council and Greek Advisor to make this decision.

Delta Zeta

Nickname: "DZ"

Mission Statement: The purpose of this sorority shall be to unite its members in the bonds of sincere and lasting friendship, to stimulate one another in the pursuit of knowledge, to promote the moral and social culture of its members, and to develop plans for guidance and unity in action; objects worthy of the highest aim and purpose of associated effort. The purpose of this sorority shall be advanced through the National Convention, the National Council and the college and alumnae chapters.

Founding Date: October 24, 1902

Philanthropy: Speech and Hearing Impaired



Gamma Phi Beta

Nickname: "Gamma Phi"

Mission Statement: Our mission is to foster a nurturing environment that provides women the opportunity to achieve their potential through life-long commitment to intellectual growth, individual worth and service to humanity.

Founding Date: November 11, 1874

Philanthropy: Campfire USA



Kappa Kappa Gamma

Nickname: "Kappa"

Mission Statement: Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks to for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self growth, respect for intellectual development and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

Founding Date: October 13, 1870

Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental



Pi Beta Phi

Nickname: "Pi Phi"

Mission Statement: The mission of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women is to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich the lives of members and their communities.

Founding Date: April 28, 1867

Philanthropy: Links to Literacy,
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts



Theta Phi Alpha

Nickname: "Theta Phi"

Mission Statement: The mission of Theta Phi Alpha is...to create close comradeship, to advance educational, social and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship.

Founding Date: August 30, 1912

Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Awareness



Sorority Financial Information

Average new member fees:

\$465

Average semester fees:

\$275

New Member fees typically include: sorority badge, initiation fee, chapter dues, active dues, and house funding fees.

Register Today!:

<http://www2.creighton.edu/studentactivitiesoffice/fraternitiessororities/index.php>

There is a \$28 non-refundable registration fee. If you register after January 1, 2009 the registration fee is \$32.

**Deadline for registration is Wednesday,
January 14, 2009 at noon.**

Need more information?

Please contact us!

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