go greek!

women's formal recruitment 2010

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creighton welcome

Hello! 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 13th, 2010, you have the possible opportunity of joining some of these women as their sister in one of six social sororities: Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Phi Alpha, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and our newest chapter (which will first come to campus this spring), Delta Delta Delta. All six 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, Creighton University

panhellenic welcome

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. In choosing to become a member of Greek Life, you will find one of the most rewarding and enriching experiences of your life that you will cherish for years to come. You have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and become a part of something larger than yourself. Greek Life has greatly impacted my life in so many ways, and I would not be who I am today without my sisters. I am sure you may have many questions and I know the Council and I are willing to answer them with utmost enthusiasm. This booklet is designed to inform you of some basic facts about each of Creighton’s sororities and to give you a general overview of Greek Life as well as the Formal Recruitment Process that will take place in January.

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. Formal Recruitment is my favorite time of year and I hope you will have the most positive experience possible. I look forward to working with you in January!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Matis
Vice President of Membership for the Panhellenic Council
meet the panhellenic council executives

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President

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**Sara Schretenthaler**
VP Judicial Affairs

**Emily Thibault**
President-Elect

**Mara Clements**
VP Programming and Scholarship

**Sarah Zingerman**
VP Administration

**Sally Breining**
VP Finance

**Briana Zuroske**
VP Public Relations

**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.

what is panhellenic?

In joining a sorority, you become part of Creighton’s Panhellenic community, which is currently comprised of five sororities (soon to be six!). Each sorority is affiliated with a national or internationally based organization, and is a part of the National Panhellenic Conference, which includes 26 women’s fraternities and sororities.

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 six 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 Council 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 PHC. The Panhellenic Council plans and supervises formal recruitment and coordinates other Greek-related events on campus in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council.

recruitment schedule

**Wednesday, January 13th:** Informational Meeting, 9:00pm in the Harper Center Theater

**Thursday, January 14th:** Info Day
Potential New Members meet 5:00 p.m., Harper Center Theater

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**Friday, January 15th:** Philanthropy Day
Potential New Members meet 5:00 p.m., Harper Center Theater

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**Saturday, January 16th:** Skit Day
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**Sunday, January 17th:** Preference Parties
Potential New Members meet 12:30 p.m., Harper Center Theater

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*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 18th:** Bid Day!
Potential New Members sign bids at 8:00p.m., location TBA
General Information Night: Day 1
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: Day 2
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: Day 3
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: Day 4
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.

Day 1—Thursday, January 14
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 pair of jeans, slacks, skirt, or casual dress is preferred.

Day 2—Friday, January 15
Potential New Members will be doing six service projects with each of the sororities that may involve crafts or sitting on the floor. Nice jeans or slacks are appropriate for this day.

Day 3—Saturday, January 16
Potential New Members will attend a maximum of three parties on Day 3, at which you will be watching longer skits. Nice pants or a longer skirt would be appropriate, as you will be sitting on the floor.

Day 4—Sunday, January 17
On this day, Potential New Members will attend no more than two preference parties, at which the mood will be more serious and reflective. This day is a ritual for every sorority. A nice skirt or dress you would wear to the theater or a nice dinner is appropriate. Preferably no black dresses, please.

the recruitment mentors (rho mu)!

Sally Breining  
Diana Bruguera  
Mallory Cato  
Mara Clements  
Aurora Driscoll  
Rosie Diamant  
Elizabeth Fairbairn  
Diane Ferry  
Molly Foley  
Sarah Giesler  
Jenny Jarrin  
Sibley Jeneson  
Rachel Johnson  
Erin Kinsella  
Molly McAuliffe  
Molly Millea  
Alicia Muhleisen  
Mai Nguyen  
Emily Nolz  
Jess Schiefen  
Emily Schultz  
Lacey Sether  
Sarah Tampke  
Emily Thibault  
Courtney Tietjen  
Carin Van Dyke  
Hilary Wething  
Laura Wilmes  
Sarah Zingerman  
Briana Zuroske

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 unbiased. 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.

rho mu = totally awesome.
the potential new member bill of 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 positive, safe and enriching recruitment and new member experiences.**

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the creighton anti-hazing statement

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 forseeably 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 forseeably 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.

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the 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 $30 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.

A Potential New Member shall go to the Student Activities Office or Harper Center room 3053 (during recruitment) 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**

**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

**Colors:** Pink and Green

**Mascots:** Turtle, Lamp

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**gamma phi beta**

**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

**Colors:** Brown and Mode

**Mascots:** Gator, Crescent Moon
kappa kappa gamma

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 un understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

Founding Date: October 13, 1870

Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental

Colors: Light blue and Dark blue

Mascots: Fleur-de-Lis, Owl, Key

pi beta 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

Colors: Wine and Silver Blue

Mascots: Angel, Arrow
theta phi alpha

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: Glenmary Lay Missioners and the House that Theta Phi Alpha Built

Colors: Silver, Gold, Blue

Mascots: Compass, Penguin

delta delta delta

Mission Statement: The mission of Delta Delta Delta is to establish a perpetual bond of friendship among its members, to develop a stronger and more womanly character, to broaden the moral and intellectual life, and to assist its members in every possible way.

Founding Date: November 27, 1888

Philanthropy: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Colors: Silver, Gold, Cerulean Blue

Mascots: Dolphin, Pine Tree, Pansy

Important and exciting note: because Tri Delta will be establishing a new chapter on Creighton’s campus this spring, they will be participating in the first two days of formal recruitment. After that, they will wait until the week of January 18th to begin their major recruitment efforts. If you have any questions about Delta Delta Delta, please ask your Rho Mu, any member of the Panhellenic Council, or Eric Immel, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life.
Financial Information: The average new members fees for a Creighton Sorority are $465. These fees typically include your sorority badge, initiation fee, chapter dues, and active dues. The average semester dues after the first semester are $275.

Registration Information: Registration opened on November 30th, 2009 and closes on January 13th, 2010 at 12:00 NOON. If you are not registered by this time, you will be ineligible to participate in the recruitment process. There is a $30 non-refundable fee for registration before January 1st. On January 1st, the fee increases to $32. To register, you must go to: http://www.creighton.edu/studentservices/studentactivitiesoffice/fraternityandsororitylife/gogreek/index.php

Contact Information: If there is anything you need before or during the formal recruitment process, please don’t hesitate to contact:

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Melissa Murphy, President of the Panhellenic Council mellisamu@creighton.edu, 913.481.7054

Eric Immel, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life ericimmel@creighton.edu, 402.280.1715

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