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Dear first-year student,

We hope this email finds you well and settling into our Creighton community. With Skutt Shutdown occurring this past week, you have been presented with a myriad of new involvement opportunities on campus. As a new student, we also want you to be aware of potential recruitment efforts by unauthorized organizations on our campus.

As you consider joining any registered student organization, we feel that it is important for you to know that the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has been banned from all activity at Creighton through January 2025, after the fraternity was suspended for multiple violations of University policies. The fraternity's charter was also revoked by the National Phi Psi Fraternity during the spring 2017 semester.

Membership in Registered Organizations vs. Unregistered Groups

It is important for students and parents to understand the differences between University "registered" organizations, and groups that are not in good standing.

A University "registered" fraternity or sorority is one that is in good standing with the University. Registered fraternities and sororities are monitored for performance related to University policies and standards, including the anti-hazing and the alcohol policies. Fraternity and Sorority Life staff advise these chapters, and help chapters continue to improve and excel. A list of all registered organizations can be found on the [Fraternity and Sorority Life](#) page.

All registered fraternities and sororities have worked diligently with the [Student Leadership and Involvement Center](#) and the [Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing](#) to maintain their chapter in good standing. These organizations have the privilege of using University facilities and equipment, holding meetings and programs on campus, inducting new members that will be known by the University, and participating in Fraternity and Sorority Life-sponsored leadership retreats and workshops, community programming, and other events.

During the Spring 2018 semester, freshmen are eligible to join registered fraternal organizations through the formal recruitment process. Benefits of joining a University registered organization

- Students who choose to become members of unrecognized groups may not obtain all the benefits available to those who join a registered fraternity or sorority. Benefits of joining a registered fraternity or sorority include:
- Interaction with the other members of the Creighton University fraternity and sorority community, consisting of nearly 1400 students and 14 university registered chapters;
- Use of Creighton University facilities for meetings and events;
- Programming and leadership development training and materials from the Student Leadership and Involvement and the Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing

- Involvement in the [Interfraternity Council](#) (IFC) or the [Panhellenic Council](#) (PHC)
- Involvement in FSL community-wide events and programming sponsored by the [Greek Standards Board](#) or the governing councils;
- Eligibility to be considered for Greek Awards; and other programs and events associated with FSL life.
- Support from the [Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life](#).

Creighton University is currently investigating multiple alleged incidents of possible violations of University policies occurring since the start of the 2017 fall semester, and possibly involving former members of Phi Kappa Psi. We strongly discourage any affiliation with this “underground” organization out of our concern for students’ safety and wellbeing. Because Phi Kappa Psi is no longer a registered student organization in good standing, students should be aware that if they choose to affiliate themselves with this group, they may subject themselves to non-academic misconduct disciplinary procedures for any violation of University policies.

Thank you,

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