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Congratulations on your admission to Bowling Green State University and welcome to campus. You will undoubtedly have numerous opportunities to participate in various extracurricular activities throughout your four years at BGSU. Your involvement on campus will allow you to develop new friendships, acquire new skills and abilities, and prepare you for life after college. Your experience at BGSU will be what you make of it. We challenge you to chart your own course and take advantage of the opportunities that excite you most.

As you are considering your options, we hope that you seriously consider membership in a fraternity or sorority. As members of Greek organizations, we can attest that it will be one of the best decisions you will ever make. These organizations are a great way to meet new people. The relationships you build will provide lifelong friendship, support, professional development, and memorable experiences. Furthermore, membership in a fraternity or sorority helps students excel in their academic efforts, engage in service opportunities throughout the community, and develop transferrable leadership skills.

Take some time in the coming days and weeks to meet current members of these organizations and be sure to ask how their affiliation has helped them become better versions of themselves. We know that their personal stories will resonate with you and inspire you to seek out membership. Each organization is unique and only you can decide where you would fit best.

Best of luck for your time at BGSU and please do not hesitate contacting the Office of Campus Activities at 419-372-2343 or greek@bgsu.edu if you have any questions.

Go Falcons, Go Greek,

Tiffany Dennett
Local Facts

- Bowling Green State University was founded in 1910.
- The first fraternity founded at BGSU was Pi Kappa Alpha in 1942.
- The first sororities founded at BGSU were: Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Gamma, and Gamma Phi Beta – all in 1943.
- Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority was founded at BGSU in 1967 and now has over 30 active chapters across the US.
- In the last 10 years (fall 2004 to fall 2014), BGSU Greeks have completed 446,744 community service hours.
- In the last 10 years (fall 2004 to fall 2014), BGSU Greeks have raised $1,015,132 for philanthropic causes.
- First-year students who join a fraternity or sorority are retained into their second year at a rate of 85%.

National Facts

- The first historically Black organizations, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. were founded in 1906 and 1908.
- The first Latino and Latina organizations, Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity Inc. and Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority Inc. were founded in 1978.
- The FIPG Risk Management Policy for Greek organizations was created in 1987.
- The first Gay and Allied organization, Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity was founded in 2003.
Panhellenic

Chapters
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Chi Omega
- Delta Gamma
- Delta Zeta
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Pi Beta Phi
- Sigma Kappa

Community Stats
- Over 828 women are affiliated with Panhellenic organizations.
- The Panhellenic community is made up of 11 organizations with an average chapter size of 69.
- The All-Panhellenic GPA is above the All-Undergraduate GPA.

Notable Achievements
- The “One Gray Dress Project” helped educate the Bowling Green community on the realities of human trafficking. Together the community raised $10,000 for the ARUNA Project, the Daughter Project, and Circle of Sisterhood.

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Facebook: BGSU Panhellenic Council
Community Stats

- Over 662 men are affiliated with IFC organizations.
- The Interfraternity Council is made of 17 social and special interest organizations with an average chapter size of 41.

Notable Achievements

- The Interfraternity Council has adopted Rally Cap Sports as their official philanthropy. Rally Cap at BGSU seeks to create positive sports environments fostering social integration, healthy living, and greater self-confidence for children and young adults with special needs.
- On average IFC chapters raise over $35,000 for local and national philanthropies. They also complete an outstanding 11,500 plus hours of community service.
- IFC partnered with the other governing councils to host the annual Opening Weekend event, Play Fair. This event creates opportunities for first year students to develop interpersonal relationships through a series of large icebreakers in the Stroh Center.

Chapters

- Alpha Sigma Phi
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Delta Chi
- Delta Tau Delta
- Kappa Sigma
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)
- Phi Kappa Psi
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Tau Kappa Epsilon

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National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Chapters
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Community Stats
- There are approximately 70 members with an average chapter size of 6.
- The BGSU National Pan-Hellenic Council is made up of 8 of the “Divine 9” Organizations
- In the Spring of 2015, NPHC members completed a total of 826 community service hours

Notable Achievements
- NPHC members and members of the larger BGSU community attended the Million Man March in Washington D.C. October 10th, 2015. It was the 20th anniversary of the march, which focuses on Black empowerment and issues within the Black community.
- The NPHC Annual Step Show held in February is a competition for all NPHC Chapters.

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Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Chapters

- Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.
- Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority

Community Stats

- Five chapters ranging in size from 3-60+ members
- Unite around values of multiculturalism, leadership, service, academic success, and strong bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood
- Diverse set of organizations, including Latino and Latina-founded, multicultural, progressive LGBT, and service organizations

Notable Achievements

- The entire council participated in Giving Tuesday 2015, a national day of philanthropy following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The day is a way to remember the spirit of the holiday season by donating to a favorite charity or organization.
- Fundraised for Heifer International, a nonprofit organization working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development.
- Recently completed a significant redevelopment of Constitution and Bylaws to better promote longevity.

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FAQ’s

How do I join a Greek organization at BGSU?
For Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic organizations, you have the opportunity to go through formal or informal recruitment each semester. See their websites for more details. For National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council organizations you should start by attending an informational session for the organization you would like to join.

Am I going to be hazed?
Hazing is a criminal act in the state of Ohio, punishable by jail time. Hazing is inconsistent with the values of the BGSU fraternity and sorority community. Each organization has a strict zero tolerance policy on hazing. Any and all allegations of hazing are investigated and can remain anonymous.

How much does it cost to join a fraternity or sorority?
Each member is required to pay dues each semester to their respective organization. While amounts are different for each chapter, they generally pay for similar things such as insurance, council dues, national fees, etc. Additionally, many of our chapters are flexible in how you pay and payment plans are very common. Some organizations offer scholarships to cover dues.

Aren’t I just buying my friends?
No, this stereotype is entirely false. You are not buying your friends. Almost every organization or club at BGSU is going to have some form of dues that cover operating costs. These organizations do not offer as much as a Greek organization. Therefore, it makes sense that our dues are slightly higher. In addition, paying your dues does not make you a member. It is the experiences, memories, and bonds that you form.

What is the typical time commitment?
Simple answer: As much time as you want it to be. All of our chapters are willing to work with your schedule and are never going to put you in a situation where you have to choose between the organization and something else that is important to you. Some members dedicate several hours to their organization and some are heavily involved outside of the community. In short, you are going to get out of your fraternity/sorority experience what you put into it.

What are the benefits of joining a Greek organization?
Joining a Greek organization offers many benefits. These include leadership opportunities, professional development, social skills, lifelong connections, and various support systems throughout the college experience.
**ACTIVE:** An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

**ALUMNUS/ALUMNAE:** An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority who is no longer in college.

**BID:** An invitation to become a member of a fraternity or sorority.

**BIG:** This is short for “Big Brother or Sister.” This is an active who serves in a mentor role for a new member.

**BROTHER/SISTER:** Terms used by members of a fraternity/sorority use when referring to one another.

**CHAPTER:** A term used to describe the local collegiate group of a fraternity/sorority.

**DRY RECRUITMENT:** The prohibition of alcohol at any chapter event where rushes are or may be potentially present.

**DUES:** Cost of membership

**FORMAL RECRUITMENT:** The predetermined time span for recruitment in which majority of new members join each year for the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic organizations.

**FOUNDERS DAY:** The anniversary date when an organization was founded.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Formal organizations that provide governance over Greek organizations.

**GREEK:** Members of a fraternity or sorority

**INFORMAL RECRUITMENT:** A period where organizations can openly recruit members after the formal recruitment process.

**INFORMATIONAL:** A event or meeting where potential new members can learn more about a specific Greek organization.

**INITIATION:** The formal process where new members are entrusted with the “Ritual” of their organization.

**INDUCTION:** A formal ceremony for NPHC and MGC organizations where new members receive all the rights and responsibilities associated with membership.

**INTAKE:** The recruitment process conducted by NPHC and MGC organizations.

**LEGACY:** A potential new member who is related to an alumnus of a specific fraternity or sorority (son, daughter, brother, sister, etc).

**LITTLE:** This is short for “Little brother or sister.” In some organizations, a new member becomes a mentee to an older member of their organization.

**LINE:** This is a term used to describe the new member classes within MGC and NPHC organizations.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION/HEADQUARTERS:** These are the entities that provide governance and support to all chapters of each fraternity and sorority.

**NEOPHYTE (NEOS):** This is a term for new members within NPHC and some MGC organizations.

**NEW/ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** Potential new members who accept a bid to a Greek organization.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** The group of new members who join within the same semester.

**PHILANTHROPY:** A specific organization that fraternities and sororities officially sponsor and partner with. Each organization selects its own philanthropy. These can be both local and national in nature.

**POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER:** Any unaffiliated student at BGSU

**PROPHYTE:** This is a term for full members within NPHC organizations.

**RITUAL:** Secret and inspirational ceremonies that are used to sponsor and educate members on the importance of their organizations.

**UNAFFILIATED:** A student not in a fraternity or sorority.
New Member Orientation is an orientation program for new members of the fraternity and sorority community. These individuals are required to attend one session in order to receive information about the BGSU fraternity and sorority community; be educated on concerns related to hazing, consent, and alcohol consumption; and discuss how members will use their fraternity/sorority experience to achieve their ideal collegiate experience. Participants also have the opportunity to discuss the historical roots of the fraternal movement.

Emerging Leaders Institute has been redesigned into a six-week leadership development course open to any initiated members in the FSL community looking to build their leadership skills and work with other members of the community. It is organized around the Social Change Model, which approaches change from the individual, community, and society level to make chapter and community change more achievable. The experience culminates in developing a Chapter Action Plan to leave leaders with tangible methods to enact the change they wish to see in their chapter and their community.

Greek Development Day is an interactive conference style event created in alignment with our four community pillars: Academic Excellence, Civic Engagement, Leadership, and Positive Relationships. Members of the Greek community are invited to attend various sessions to develop skills and strategies that promote professional development, chapter success, and community involvement.
PhotoVoice is a creative way to give voice to issues within our community. Participants use photos to tell a story. The purpose is to create awareness and dialogue around an issue of importance.

**Signature Programs**

**PhotoVoice**

Chapter Presidents Academy is an immersive experience that prepares chapter presidents to lead their organizations to success. Through a series of interactive presentations and engaging group discussions, chapter presidents are challenged to confront the realities of their positions, create sustainable change within their chapter, and develop a personal leadership style.

**Radiate**

Council Leaders Academy is a retreat that prepares council leaders within our community to confront the issues facing our community. Council leaders are challenged to develop personal strategies to manage the demands of their positions. Through a series of activities and workshops participants develop an understanding of organizational dynamics, recognize their role in the community, and develop action plans to create sustainable change.
To foster the positive growth and success of the fraternal community at BGSU, chapters are expected to provide enrichment to the collegiate experience and campus community. Thus, the purpose of Bowling Green State University’s Greek Community Standards of Excellence is to help chapters uphold the values for which they were founded by defining shared community standards in the areas of:

- **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**
- **LEADERSHIP**
- **POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**

These standards define both expectations and foundations of success for fraternities and sororities within our community. Additionally, these standards will further the efforts of headquarters staff related to chapter support initiatives. Ultimately, it is the hope that with these standards in place, the BGSU Greek community will be one of values congruence and will foster the pursuit of excellence that is in line with the University’s mission:

The mission of Bowling Green State University’s fraternity/sorority community is to develop responsible citizens who are dedicated to lifelong membership and community involvement through our commitment to academic excellence, positive relationships, civic engagement, and leadership.

Greek Standards of Excellence is a process that helps students evaluate the progress their chapter has made throughout the year, and how they hope to elevate their members’ experience. Each chapter participated in four, 25-minute separate interviews; one for Academic & Intellectual Development, Civic Engagement, Leadership, and Positive Relationships. Chapters are evaluated by a team of two evaluators per standard; in total, 40 different staff and graduate students at BGSU served as evaluators this year. After all evaluator feedback was submitted, staff members organized each chapter’s feedback into one document that was shared with chapter presidents and advisors. From there, chapter presidents met with their Fraternity & Sorority Life chapter support advisor to discuss feedback received, and how they would share it with the entire chapter, and how it could be used to create goals for the future. Moving forward, the Greek Standards Process is moving to a goal submission review, where chapters will set goals around all four standards and then be evaluated against their own progress. This process helps move our community and chapters in a positive direction, and elevates them to higher standards each year.
Greek Sing is a lip syncing and dancing competition for the BGSU Community. Chapters form teams with other chapters, and each team performs in front of a panel of judges to display their ability, creativity, and passion. Each year, countless community members and alumni travel to campus to experience this timeless tradition.
Ladder of Risk
The Ladder of Risk educates chapter members on the basics of BGSU Fraternity and Sorority Life’s Risk Management Policy and creates a conversation about planning safe social events. Through the Ladder of Risk, members learn how to plan safe social events while reducing their risk as a chapter. It is the community’s goal that every member will know and understand Risk Management Policy, and the chapters will implement safe procedures at events.

Sober Monitor Training
Members of the fraternity and sorority life community are trained in order to serve as Sober Monitors for their chapters at BYOB and/or Third Party Vendor events. Members learn the basics of how alcohol works in their bodies, the dangers of binge drinking, review the Event Management Policy guidelines, and become equipped with strategies to confront scenarios they might run into as an Event Monitor.
Community Facts

Interfraternity Council (IFC)
Average Chapter size = 79
- 9,018 Service Hours
- $31,235 Total Philanthropy Dollars Raised in the Year

Panhellenic Council (PHC)
Average Chapter size = 9
- 10,265 Service Hours
- $36,207 Total Philanthropy Dollars Raised in the Year
National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Average Chapter size = 9

- 620 Service Hours
- $2,777 Total Philanthropy Dollars Raised in the Year

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Average Chapter size = 19

- 1,376 Service Hours
- $2,223 Total Philanthropy Dollars Raised in the Year
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