WHO ARE WE?
EXPLORING THE ORGS
OF THE "DIVINE 9"

I'M INTERESTED,
NOW WHAT?
NEXT STEPS
AND MORE

SIGNATURE EVENTS

THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL
AT BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
FALL 2019
BGSU Official Hazing Policy

In keeping with its commitment to a positive academic environment, the BGSU community is unconditionally opposed to any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Respect and cooperation among peers within registered student organizations is a guaranteed right that all students possess, regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, color, national origin, ancestry, genetic information, pregnancy, religion, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. Hazing is a Code of Student Conduct violation and a crime in Ohio.

Hazing encompasses any action or activity which has the purpose or effect of inflicting physical or mental harm, embarrassment, or anxiety or which is a violation of law. Hazing can also include any action or situation that intentionally or unintentionally endangers a student in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in any organization, club, team or activity that is affiliated with the University. It is no defense to a violation of this Policy that an individual consented to the alleged hazing activity or that the alleged hazing activity occurred off University premises.

To anonymously report an allegation of hazing, please call 419-372-HAZE(4293).

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# Terminology

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<td><strong>Active Member</strong></td>
<td>A member who has paid dues, maintains their CPA, and is on the active roster for the chapter</td>
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<td><strong>Alumna/Alumnus</strong></td>
<td>A member who is no longer a member of a collegiate chapter</td>
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<td><strong>Calls</strong></td>
<td>A chapter-specific expression; repeating or mimicking a chapter's call is considered disrespectful</td>
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<td><strong>Chapter</strong></td>
<td>A local unit of an organization's membership</td>
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<td><strong>Crossing</strong></td>
<td>A term used by cultural Greek organizations to indicate a new member has been initiated into their group</td>
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<td><strong>Informational</strong></td>
<td>A forum for individuals interested in obtaining more information about an organization</td>
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<td><strong>Intake</strong></td>
<td>The term groups use to describe their new member education process</td>
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<td><strong>Initiation</strong></td>
<td>A chapter's unique ceremony that brings a new member into full membership</td>
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<td><strong>Legacy</strong></td>
<td>A person whose family member is or was an active member in a specific organization</td>
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<td><strong>Line</strong></td>
<td>A group of individuals who complete their new member education process together</td>
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<td><strong>Neophyte</strong></td>
<td>A new member of an organization</td>
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<td><strong>Prophyte</strong></td>
<td>A member who has been in the organization for a year or more or has initiated new members</td>
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<td>The term used to refer to those who were initiated in the same term, regardless of organization</td>
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<td><strong>Sign</strong></td>
<td>A unique hand gesture for an organization; imitating or mimicking a sign is considered disrespectful</td>
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<td><strong>Strolling</strong></td>
<td>An arrangement of movements unique and cherished by an organization, usually in a line; imitating, cutting in, or joining is considered disrespectful</td>
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<td><strong>Step</strong></td>
<td>Similar to strolling, a unique arrangement of more stationary movements commonly to tell a story; imitating cutting in, or joining is considered disrespectful</td>
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<td><strong>Yard</strong></td>
<td>A term used to indicate which organizations are considered active in the area (i.e. on the campus)</td>
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The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an umbrella organization for nine historically black, international Greek-lettered organizations that evolved during a period when African-Americans were being denied essential rights and privileges afforded to other college students.

NPHC is currently composed of nine (9) International Black Greek fraternities and sororities:

- 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.
- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Today, the primary purpose and focus of member organizations remains community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities. The individual member is also expected to align with a graduate alumni chapter, following graduation from college to perpetuate the purpose of the council.

"Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."
At Bowling Green State University, the National Pan-Hellenic Council is comprised of six (6) of the nine organizations.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Epsilon Theta Chapter
Established May 15, 1959; Active Status

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Iota Iota Chapter
Established March 15, 1975; Dormant Status

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Epsilon Omicron Chapter
Established March 20, 1965; Active Status

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. - Epsilon Phi Chapter
Established April 8, 1973; Active Status

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Psi Epsilon Chapter
Established May 25, 1974; Active Status

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Alpha Chapter
Established March 31, 1973; Active Status

Together, these organizations work to educate the population of BGSU in cultural, societal, and community-based information.
Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity in the United States established for men of African descent. The founders of Alpha Phi Alpha recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood between African-Americans and the need for more Black unity on Cornell's predominantly white campus. Today, Alpha Phi Alpha has evolved into an organization that takes pride in attempting to right many wrongs society has bestowed upon Black people. Alpha's constant efforts of increasing the educational, economic, and social well-being of Black people in the United States are unparalleled. They can be seen in members' participation in causes relating to civil rights, housing for the less advantaged, and equality of education for our youth.

"First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All!"

As a chapter, we will be hosting various events per semester such as:

- Pie an Alpha
- Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant
- Alpha Week
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Epsilon Theta Chapter

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Iota Iota Chapter
Dormant Status

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated had its humble beginnings as the vision of nine college students on the campus of Howard University in 1908. Since then, the sorority has flourished into a globally-impactful organization of nearly 300,000 college-trained members, bound by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant-leadership that is both domestic and international in its scope.

As Alpha Kappa Alpha has grown, it has maintained its focus in two key arenas: the lifelong personal and professional development of each of its members; and galvanizing its membership into an organization of respected power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that results in equality and equity for all citizens of the world.

"By Culture and By Merit"
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Epsilon Omicron Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was founded on January 13th, 1913 on the campus of Howard University.

The Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta was chartered on the campus of Bowling Green State University on March 20th, 1965.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

"Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom!"

As a chapter, we will be hosting various events per semester such as:

- Delta Week
- World Aids Day
- Jabberwock
- Meet the Greeks
- And More!
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Epsilon Omicron Chapter

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Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Epsilon Phi Chapter

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits, rather than his family background or affluence... without regard to race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we”.

"Culture For Service and Service For Humanity!"

As a chapter, we will be hosting various events per semester such as:
  Blue and White Week
  Miss Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship Pageant
  Project Clean Head
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Epsilon Phi Chapter

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Psi Epsilon Chapter

About The Chapter
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Psi Epsilon Chapter has served on Bowling Green State University campus since May 25th 1974, exemplifying Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood. Every year we work to serve our community on and off BGSU campus by having community service projects, hosting Z-HOPES every month, and putting on 23 Dayz of service every February. Along with our service we host many other events throughout the year, but there are some signature events that you can look forward to. The first week of school we host Blu and White Week with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. every year. We also put on Mr. Blu Magic pageant and Finer Womanhood week which is held in February.

What are we looking for?
When it comes to selecting members we strive to choose people who we believe can uphold our principles and would be a good attribute to our organization. Our first principle is Scholarship, so GPA is an important factor when choosing new members, we require at least a 2.75. We strive for people interested to not just meet our requirements, but to exceed them.

"A community-conscious, action-oriented organization"
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Psi Epsilon Chapter

We are always around campus, so when you see us don't be afraid to say Hi! We love meeting new faces!

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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Alpha Chapter

Established: November 12, 1922, at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Sorority Flower: The yellow tea rose.
Sorority Mascot: The Poodle.
Sorority Colors: Royal blue and gold.

It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.

"Greater Service, Greater Progress"

As a chapter, we will be hosting various events per semester such as:
Operation Big Book Bag
Trap Spelling Bee
SGRho Week
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How to Join!

Chapters within the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) conduct membership intake. At the beginning of each semester, NPHC hosts "Meet the Greeks" which is an open forum for interested individuals to acquire information about the different NPHC fraternities and sororities represented at BGSU. Once interested individuals have decided which organization they would like to join they should acquire information about the specific membership intake process of that organization because each process varies. Most NPHC chapters have designated weeks throughout the year where educational and social programming occur that falls in line with their organization's principles. Students interested in joining a NPHC group are encouraged to attend these events to learn about the chapters.
NPHC 101:
What You Should Expect

Top 5 Things You Can Do to Show Interest in an NPHC Chapter:

1. Attend chapter programs and events.
2. Attend an Interest Meeting or Informational for that chapter.
3. Get to know the members of the organization.
4. Research information on the internet about the group you are interested in.
5. Show your own involvement on campus (i.e. get involved in clubs, community service, etc.)

NPHC chapters embrace a lifetime commitment philosophy and aim to assure the continuance of academic achievement, political awareness, and community service. We strongly encourage those interested in the Membership Intake Process to contact the respective NPHC organizations for more information.

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