



WILDCAT CHAT

Fraternity & Sorority Life Newsletter

“Safety Begins with You!”

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Fire Safety is one highest concerns in fraternity and sorority homes, so we partner with Fire Marshal, Greg Williamson, to conduct three inspections per house through the year. Williamson and his team ensure all houses are within codes and students are educated on how to prevent fires and how to respond in emergencies.

Regardless of guidelines, the majority of incidents happen while students are cooking, using open flames and unapproved electrical devices. To avoid a crisis, follow the guidelines and do not leave the kitchen while cooking, only use flameless and battery operated candles, and use a surge protector, instead of overloading electrical outlets or connecting extension cords.

Remember, safety stems from being aware of your surroundings and always having an emergency response plan. A fire can happen at anytime and if an alarm sounds, leave the building immediately. Most importantly, always respond to every alarm as a true emergency.

United Greek Council

A University of Kentucky chartered council, UGC, formed in 2014 to join special-interest and culturally based fraternities and sororities and is this week's Council Spotlight! As we continue growing and breaking barriers on campus, UGC works to promote Greek unity by hosting inclusive and educational events. The current member organizations of UGC are Beta Upsilon Chi - Brothers Under Christ, a Christian fraternity, Kappa Beta Gamma, a social sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. a Latino fraternity, Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc. a Latina Sorority, and Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.



Kappa Kappa Gamma



Our Chapter Spotlight this week, Kappa Kappa Gamma, is celebrating 147 years! Amanda Randall, Kappa's UK chapter president, lives by their motto, “Aspire To Be”. She believes “this motto is open ended because each chapter, collegiate member, or alumnae can finish the sentence however she sees fit in her life. She can *Aspire To Be* successful after graduation, *Aspire To Be* a leader on campus, *Aspire*

To Be brave in times of weakness and so, so much more. It means that we are always working towards the future.”

Kappa works through their philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental (RIF), to inspire their motto in others. RIF encourages children to read and to further themselves through books. Randall notes that each spring the UK chapter hosts Kappa Bowl, a bubble bowl soccer tournament, then pair with local elementary schools donating books through the proceeds of Kappa Bowl!

Aside from their yearly philanthropic accomplishments, they have an exciting announcement! Their campus housing reconstruction is underway! The new house will be a place to comfortably host meeting, seat everyone for dinner and nearly sleep an entire pledge class (70+ members)! It is projected to be finished August 2018.

Rob Smith

The FSL staff currently employs three house directors, with Rob leading Sigma Alpha Epsilon and featured as this week's Staff Spotlight! He is beginning his fifth year with UK and works tirelessly to maintain relationships with the men. Rob stated: “I am with FSL because I want to see students succeed, to be educated, to live their values, and to help create a sense of community. I believe it starts with us.”

As a house director, he ensures the overall safety and security of the building and it's residents, as well as identifying needs of the chapter and acting as a conduct officer. Outside of his responsibilities, he enjoys giving back to the Greek community by advising Beta Upsilon Chi on campus and regionally with his brotherhood, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

When asked as to what advice he would give other house directors, replied “Our relationship with students give us the unique opportunity to guide, support, and challenge them. That being said, do not forget to take time for yourself, for to be able to pour into others we must be full ourselves”.



University Resource

Fire Marshal office strives to educate fire prevention and training, fire suppression systems, fire extinguisher inspection and maintenance, life safety audits, emergency evacuation planning, and building code compliance. The office can be reached at 252 East Maxwell Street in Lexington or by phone, 859. 257.6326. Their website has a full log of campus fires and drill reports, to keep the community up to date on safety successes at ehs.uky.edu/fire/



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