

WILDCAT CHAT

Fraternity & Sorority Life Newsletter

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Elections are Here!

Most chapter positions run calendar year, so it is the time to have a fresh leadership team! We want this process to be as seamless as possible and have a simple checklist for Presidents:

- Set up a meeting with FSL
- Update your OrgSync Portal
- Make the new president administrator on OrgSync
- Give new officers access to features on OrgSync
- Update approved officers for reserving rooms
- Register for a President Orientation

We actively pursue informational sessions with the presidents and encourage any officer that wants one-on-one education, to touch base with us. In January, we will be continuing our Chapter Officer Training Series. These are great one hour long opportunities for new officers to learn the ins and outs of their positions and what FSL expects from them. The schedule for these trainings can be found on our OrgSync portal under Fraternity and Sorority Life, then under events, and are included in our weekly President Email that is distributed every Monday. Our most popular classes are, risk reduction, chapter growth and member development, and campus resources to connect with campus partners. Overall, we are so proud of the successes each chapter has experienced and cannot wait to see how our community continues to grow with our new officer teams!

Staff Spotlight | Jenna Lyons



Jenna joined the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff in January of 2016, as an Assistant Director. Jenna is a native of South Carolina and a graduate from Newberry College with a B.A. in Philosophy. She graduated from University of Louisville with a Masters' of Education in College Student Personnel, but don't worry, she's a Cats fan! Prior to attending UofL, she was employed as a Leadership Consultant for Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority for two years where she assisted in the establishment of new chapters at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Missouri State University, and Grand Valley State University, as well as traveled to more than 30 college campuses in the United States. Jenna currently volunteers for Tri Sigma as the Extension Coordinator and as the chapter advisor for the Gamma Psi chapter at

Morehead State University. Within our office, Jenna advises National Pan-Hellenic Council, United Greek Council, new colonies and chapters in all councils and brings such positivity and encouragement with her everyday! She also works with chapters to enhance and solidify their recruitment and retention, as well as grow their philanthropy efforts and event planning. Jenna leads our staff marketing and communications and directs our social media intern program. Her skills and personality make her such a blessing to our team! In her free time, Jenna enjoys traveling, being a foodie, reading, binge watching tv, and exploring Lexington with her fiancé Dave!

Chapter Feature | Omega Psi Phi



"Friendship is essential to the soul" is the motto Omega Psi Phi, a National Pan-Hellenic Council organization, chose to create a foundational understanding of the value of brotherhood to its founders and to its future members. Rho Lambda chapter was founded on University of Kentucky's campus April 26th, 1980, but the organization was formed on November 17th, 1911 and incorporated in 1914. Since forming, they have grown to over 700 chapters throughout the United States and internationally, making them the fourth largest NPHC organization with twelve chapters in Kentucky alone. Their widespread impact is particularly noticed through

college endowment funding with UNCF, the United Negro College Fund, an American philanthropic organization that funds scholarships for black students and general scholarship funds for 37 private historically black colleges and universities. Each year, the fraternity gives at least \$50,000 to provide their philanthropic support to further young adults. To support their communities, chapters are often involved in social action programs, health initiatives, and local philanthropic efforts to make the most of their resources. Ultimately, we are looking forward to all the Rho Lambda has to offer in 2018!

Council Focus | Panhellenic Council

by Margot Ford, Panhellenic Publicity Chair



The Panhellenic Association is the second largest student organization at the University of Kentucky, with over 3,500 members. All sororities on campus are members of the Panhellenic Association, which exists to provide a support system for all chapters on campus, and help them work together to better serve the campus and community. Through service, development of character, and deep friendship, Panhellenic women, strive to bring the best out in themselves as well as other women in our community. The University of Kentucky Panhellenic Council is the most award-winning Panhellenic Council in the country, with 18 awards since 1995, as of this fall when we received the Panhellenic Excellence Award. This honor was awarded to us based on seven criteria: recruitment, Panhellenic structure, communication with NPC area advisor, judicial procedures, Panhellenic programming, academics, and Panhellenic community impact and relations. Kentucky Panhellenic is honored to be one of 20 Panhellenic Council's to have received this award in 2017, and we hope to continue to serve our community through service, respect, friendship and scholarship.

Thanksgiving Hours

Just a reminder that most fraternity and sorority houses will be closing Wednesday November 22nd and reopen on Sunday November 26th. Classes will only be held Monday and Tuesday and the University will be closed Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving Week.