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Fraternity & Sorority Life Newsletter

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We Appreciate You!

By Will Takewell, Assistant Director

The month of April means a great deal to the fraternity and sorority community at the University of Kentucky. As a community April means:

- The semester is coming to an end—we have members preparing to graduate and make huge next steps in their lives, and there is the preparation and stress for finals;
- We recognize the outstanding, award winning work of our members and organizations with our awards ceremony
- We also take time in April to reflect on the work of some of our most significant contributors to the fraternal movement—our alumni advisors and chapter advisors.

Alumni of the fraternity and sorority community are an integral part of the fraternity and sorority experience. Whether serving in a formal role as an advisor or house corporation volunteer or visiting the chapter for homecoming and other celebrations, alumni provide guidance and advice that keep positive traditions alive for undergraduate members. Chapter advisors are one of the most vital assets to a chapter other than university support. The vision for chapter advisors is to offer professional leadership and management that offer continuity to the chapter's operations and long-term success.

Fraternity and sorority advisors provide ongoing support to their chapters through attendance at meetings, events, and activities. They also give continuity to each generation of student members that join their organization. Simply put, advisors provide guidance and support that make an impact on the chapter in the present and well into the future. The University of Kentucky's fraternity and sorority community could not exist without the amazing support of alumni advisors and chapter advisors. The month of April is nowhere near enough time to thank you for the countless hours and resources you pour into our chapters. We could not do it without you!

To continue our offices' development of alumni and chapter advisors, and work to maintain relationships with advisors, we will again host the annual Kentucky Fraternity & Sorority Advisors Conference. This year's conference takes place on Saturday, August 4th. Make sure to save the date and make plans to attend! The cost of the daylong conference is \$25 and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and all conference materials. The conference will focus on a variety of topics –volunteer engagement/management, recruitment and retention, helping skills for supporting members, and current trends in fraternity and sorority advising. We hope you will join us and take the opportunity to be developed in your role as an advisor. Thank you for all that you do for our students!

University Resource | Alumni Association

By Sara-Elizabeth Bush, Alumni Engagement Coordinator, UK Alumni Association

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association promotes a spirit of fellowship and loyalty among alumni, provides a continuous flow of information on the progress and needs of the university and encourages united alumni support for the university's advancement. The association strives to keep UK alumni connected to each other and the university through various communications, programs and services.

Membership in the UK Alumni Association student organization Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) comes with an attractive slate of exclusive benefits including opportunities for students to build their professional network, fun social events and money saving discounts. Join today at www.ukalumni.net/join

There are many ways Fraternity and Sorority Life can get involved and engaged with the UK Alumni Association. From supporting service initiatives through STAT to promoting the good works of alumni within your organization.

Planning a reunion with your Greek alumni?

The UK Alumni Association is pleased to provide data and logistical support for alumni outreach. Get help with:

- Alumni mailing lists
- Alumni engagement event registration
- Reunion/event logistical support

Our mission is to be an essential, relevant and valuable resource to alumni, friends and the university. Let us know how we can be a valuable resource to your Greek Chapter!

Learn more at www.uklaumni.net or call 859-257-8905 for more information.

Online Platform Update | BBNvolved

BBNvolved OrgSync functioned as an online program that allowed University of Kentucky to manage all student organizations. Chapters utilized the resource to take attendance for events and meetings, collect information from chapter members, and as a mass communication tool. It also hosted forms and files vital to chapter function and assisted in risk reduction efforts through FSL's event request process. In summer of 2016, OrgSync was purchased by Campus Labs and in 2017, Campus Labs launched a new platform, Engage. Engage designs profiles specifically for universities, ours is launching as BBNvolved. All information currently housed in OrgSync will migrate to our new system as of April 18th. OrgSync will then be unavailable to students.

To assist our chapters in making this transition, we are hosting three training sessions where Presidents, Social Chairs, Secretaries, and any other officer can attend. They will be shown how to navigate the new platform and how its functions can support the needs of their organization.

Reminders | Important Dates

- We are looking forward to seeing you at our Fraternity & Sorority Life Awards ceremony! This Sunday, April 22nd, in UK's Jacobs Science Building from 3 to 5pm.
- Last round of required forms are due to the Fraternity & Sorority Life office April 27th. The deadline has been extended to compensate for BBNvolved
- Last day of class: Friday, April 27th
- University housing move-out date: Sunday, May 6th
- Save the date! Fraternity & Sorority Advisor Conference: Saturday, August 4th



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